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## ‘The Character of This Country Is on the Ballot’

### ***Biden Emphasizes Experience, Legislative Victories***

By Eric Zengota  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The moral authority of the United States has been shot, according to former Vice President Joe Biden.

At a town hall in Claremont on Jan. 24, the Democratic presidential candidate declared, “Our traditional adversaries, like China and Russia, have found out that they can ignore or even bamboozle us.” What else, Biden pondered, could explain why President Trump dismisses the findings of U.S. intelligence agencies and instead takes sides with Vladimir Putin and writes “love letters” to Kim Jong-un?

Meanwhile, the nation’s traditional allies — the Western European democracies, most notably — “have given up on our providing any sort of guidance. They used to look to us for not only the power of example but also examples of power. Now they’re moving on without us.”

Trump denigrates American citizens who displease or confront him, coming up with bullying nicknames. “I’m sure most of you have read the stories,” said Biden, “about how the president called senior military officials losers, dopes and babies — right to their faces. What’s worse, he insulted Sen. John McCain and his military service, even after McCain’s passing.”

**Presidential candidate Joe Biden held a town hall in Claremont on Friday, drawing a full house at the Common Man (Eric Zengota photo).**

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## Placements CMI, CDPQ and the Fonds de solidarité FTQ acquire the Canadian operations of Canam Group

ST. GEORGES, QUEBEC—Placements CMI (Marcel Dutil family), Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ) and Fonds de solidarité FTQ (the Fonds) have signed a definitive agreement with the American Industrial Partners (AIP) equity firm to acquire all of

Canam Group’s Canadian operations, as well as certain assets in the United States and overseas.

The transaction is expected to close in the coming weeks and will total more than C\$840 million. The transaction is subject to customary

regulatory approvals. Under the terms of the agreement, the new company will now be owned equally by this group of Québec investors.

“With the support of CDPQ and the Fonds,  
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# Pellet Stove Cause of Fire on Monday

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Fire Department responded to a second fire in recent days, on Monday, Jan. 20. The department responded to 69 Chestnut Street a single-family residence for a structure fire.

Claremont Safety Services Dispatch Center received the call and dispatched the fire department at 7:39 a.m. First arriving fire units were on scene at 7:41 a.m. and reported smoke emitting from the front entrance of the residence but no fire showing. According to Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr, Once fire crews were able to make entry, they encountered heavy charring of the wood flooring and smoke conditions on all levels of the story and a half home. They also found that the fire burned a large hole in the floor of the living room near the front of a pellet stove. The fire was under control at 7:48 a.m. The home sustained moderate smoke damage and significant structural damage to the floor and floor support members.

The fire was deemed accidental. The home was reported to be insured, said Burr. Crews stayed on scene until 9:01 a.m.

# Pedestrian-Motor Vehicle Accident Reported in Parking Lot

CLAREMONT, NH—On Monday, Jan. 20, at about 1:40 in the afternoon, Claremont Safety Services were dispatched to Pleasant Street in the area of Rite Aid for a report of a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian. It was originally reported that the driver of the vehicle had left the scene without stopping to render aid or provide the statutorily required information; however, the driver was soon located in a nearby parking lot.

The pedestrian was taken to Valley Regional Hospital where she was treated with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the vehicle was identified as a minor. The 17-year-old driver and her parents have both been cooperative with law enforcement during this investigation, said police.

The circumstances surrounding the crash remain under investigation, but it is believed that neither speed nor impairment were factors. With the driver's permission, Claremont Police Detectives are conducting a forensic examination of her mobile electronic device to determine whether or not it contributed to her inattention from the roadway.

Following the initial release of information, the Claremont Police Department later identified the victim as Irene Gray, 91, of Ascutney, VT. According to the police, prior to the crash, Gray was seated in a wheelchair and being

family friend in the Rite Aid parking lot. At press time Gray remained at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center where she's receiving treatment for her injuries.

Anyone with further information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Colby Casey at (603) 542-7010.

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# Commentary

## NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

### House Approves “Red Flag Law; Goes to Senate



Another controversial gun safety measure was approved by New Hampshire’s House of Representatives earlier this month after much review and debate.

On Jan. 8 by a 213-162 roll call vote, the House adopted an amended version of House Bill 687, which would establish a procedure for using Extreme Risk Protection Orders or “ERPOs.” for short. ERPOs also known as “Red Flag Laws,” are presently legal in 17 other states and the District of Columbia, and are designed to temporarily limit an individual’s access to firearms, if such individuals pose a serious risk of using the firearms to harm themselves or others. The bill was adopted after fierce debate on the House floor. The House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, which had been examining the legislation for nearly a year sent the bill to the floor with no recommendation because the committee had become deadlocked on successive tie votes on whether to issue a positive “Ought to Pass with Amendment” recommendation, or a negative recommendation of “Inexpedient to Legislate.” Consequently, two separate written committee reports—one supporting the positive recommendation, while the other defending a negative recommendation—were inserted into the Dec. 20, 2019 House Calendar. But under House rules, the positive committee recommendation was the one voted on first, despite the tie vote.

Supporting House Bill 687’s Ought to Pass as Amended recommendation, Rep. Nancy Murphy, a Democrat, wrote that the bill’s ERPOS are designed to “temporarily limit an individual’s access, if they pose “a serious risk of using them to harm themselves or others.” Rep. Murphy said that the bill and its amendment were drafted with input from a “broad coalition of stakeholders around the state.” These stakeholders included concerned legislators, the New Hampshire Branch of NAMI (National Association for Mental Illness), as well as the NH Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence. She added that stakeholders also included “parents of young adults who had exhibited warning signs that they posed a significant risk of causing personal injury to themselves or others, and for when those parents and local law enforcement found themselves powerless to do anything to prevent the young adults’ suicide.”

Rep. Murphy then stated that under the bill as amended, law enforcement officers and family as well as household members who “recognize warning signs of danger could enlist the help of a court by filing a petition asking the court to issue an ERPO.” Then she explained that the procedure for seeking an ERPO is “closely modeled after New Hampshire’s existing domestic violence protection order which is RSA

(Revised Statutes Annotated) 173-B, but it is different in that it is a civil, not a criminal court order”, an order that “focuses solely on limiting a person’s access to firearms.” In other words, “ERPOS are meant to provide a tool for law enforcement and family members to address dangerous situations where gaps in current law prevent them from doing so.”

However, House Bill 687 opponents such as Bradford Rep. Beth Rodd, another Democrat, wrote in her Inexpedient to Legislate recommendation that at “its heart it is gun confiscation bill.” Rep. Rodd stated that the bill even as amended lacks due process, and “may be false used to accuse a person of being a danger to themselves or others.” She added that opponents and proponents “were unable to reach a satisfactory compromise that would protect Second Amendment rights, and also protect people from harming themselves or others.” Furthermore, another Goffstown Rep. John Burt, a Republican, took to the House floor and strongly claimed that the bill as amended was unconstitutional in that it not only violated many of the United States Constitution’s first ten amendments, also known as the Bill of Rights, but as well as several articles in the New Hampshire Constitution’s Bill of Rights.

House Bill 687 as amended now goes to the New Hampshire Senate for continued scrutiny. The bill is sponsored by a group of 11 Democratic legislators led by Stratham Rep. Debra Altschiller, and including Hanover Sen. Martha Hennessey, who is the state senator for four Sullivan County municipalities—Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish, and Plainfield. Under the bill’s currently amended version, most of its provisions would take effect on Sept. 20, 2020, if it becomes law.

For readers’ information, I voted for House Bill 687 as amended, after carefully reading the legislation, the committee amendment, and listening to the floor debate. It was a difficult vote because some of my constituents are strongly opposed to it. But this proposed “Red Flag Law”, which is based on similar laws in 17 other states and the District of Columbia, has so far have survived constitutional challenges in those states. Furthermore, it is modeled on New Hampshire’s domestic violence protection law. Also, I believe it is a small step forward in greater protection for our most vulnerable citizens—especially victims of domestic violence and those contemplating suicide. In fact, individuals committing suicide usually choose firearms over most other methods to kill themselves in New Hampshire according to my information. Finally, members of the “gun lobby” often claim that “people kill people,” rather than firearms themselves. Then logically, I believe they should be supporting “Red Flag Laws,” like House Bill 687 because they are aimed at dealing with evil or mentally-distressed individuals having firearms, not law-abiding and mentally-competent individuals who own firearms.

In other political news not directly related to my duties as a state representative, I recently endorsed former Vice President Joe Biden for the Democratic nomination in New Hampshire’s Feb. 11 Presidential Primary. I have been helping Biden’s campaign by door knocking in Claremont, making phone calls, and contributing a small amount of my own funds, among other tasks. First, I was pleased that he came to

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## **Rep. Cloutier, from A4**

Claremont to meet many Claremont area residents on Jan. 24 at the Common Man Restaurant. Second, I am glad that the campaign has opened up a headquarters at 27 Pleasant St. in Claremont for interested voters to get more information, or volunteer to help out in the Primary’s closing days. Finally on Jan. 25, I travelled to Concord along with Claremont’s Bethany Yurek and Phashanna Sangrouli to compete at a caucus for three of eight delegate slots in our state’s Second Congressional District pledged to vote for Biden at July’s Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The competition included personal campaigning and brief speeches by all three of us. I am happy to report that Bethany, Phashanna, and I won three of the eight slots, beating some better-known Democrats. But in order for Biden to get even one delegate, he will have to garner at least 15 percent of the vote in our congressional district. Consequently, I estimate that for all three of us to go to Milwaukee, Biden will have to win a very high percentage of the vote Feb. 11. Just another incentive for all three of us to work even harder for the former Vice President. **Email: [jocloutier@comcast.net](mailto:jocloutier@comcast.net).**

## **Shaheen Reintroduces Legislation to Prevent Opioid Misuse Among Students and Student Athletes**

WASHINGTON, DC—Last week, U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) reintroduced legislation that would help prevent opioid misuse among students and student athletes. The Student and Student Athlete Opioid Misuse Prevention Act would allow schools, communities and youth athletic associations in New Hampshire and around the country to provide prevention programs to reduce the risk of opioid misuse among students and student athletes. Research shows that students, and student athletes in particular, are at risk of developing a dependency due to opioid pain treatment following injuries. Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Joe Manchin (D-WV) are cosponsors of the legislation.

The Student and Student Athlete Opioid Misuse Prevention Act would authorize the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use to provide \$10 million annually to support programs for students and student athletes, as well as training for teachers, administrators, athletic trainers, coaches and athletic directors specifically targeted at mitigating the risk of opioid misuse and overdose.

Studies have shown that students and student athletes are at risk for substance misuse. According to statistics provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), approximately 769,000 adolescents between the ages of 12 and 17 reported misusing opioids in 2017. This figure more than tripled when applied to those between the ages of 18 and 25, accounting for about 7.3 percent of young adults.

## **Shaheen, Hassan Introduce Legislation to Protect Community TV**

WASHINGTON, DC—Last week, U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) introduced the Protecting Community Television Act with Senator Ed Markey (D-MA), legislation to ensure that community television operations continue to receive the resources they need to educate and inform viewers in the cities and towns where they operate.

Currently, local governments are permitted to require as part of cable franchise agreements that cable companies meet demonstrated community needs by providing in-kind contributions that benefit schools, public safety buildings and public, educational, and government (PEG) channels, also known as community television stations. However, in August 2019, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to permit cable companies to assign a value to these contributions and then subtract that amount from the franchise fees the cable operator pays the local community. As a result, local governments will have to decide between supporting PEG stations in cable franchise agreements or supporting other important services for critical community institutions like schools and libraries. The Protecting Community Television Act clarifies that the franchise fees that cable companies provide local governments only include monetary assessments, not in-kind contributions.

## Biden, from A1

Biden addressed the 250-plus SRO audience at the Common Man Inn in a calm, measured tone. He maintained that the country needs a president who can unite the party and the nation. “Democracy depends on consensus,” he said, while recognizing that no group can ever attain 100% agreement. “I put my record on the line,” he went on, listing “consequential Democratic victories” in which he played an instrumental role as U.S. Senator and Vice President.

Among the achievements are the original Brady Bill, the first ban on assault weapons, the Violence Against Women Act, the Iran nuclear deal, the Paris Agreement on climate and the environment, and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) which, more commonly known as Obamacare, protects 100 million people who previously had limited or no access to health care.

Biden noted his long history of reaching out across the aisle. “After the 2016 general election, we in the Obama administration were told that nothing could be achieved legislatively between then and the inauguration of the new president. Instead, we achieved bipartisan support for the 21st Century Cures Act, which appropriates \$6.3 billion in funding for medical research. I’m proud to say that a portion of the act relating to cancer research was named the ‘Beau Biden Cancer Moonshot’ initiative after my son.” The younger Biden had died from brain cancer in May 2015.

In contrast, Biden noted, the president has been making noises in the last few days about cutting not only Social Security but also Medicare benefits. Biden pledges to improve ACA “to ensure that health care is not a privilege but a right.”

The president has also been obsessed with thwarting Biden’s political prospects. “Have you ever seen anyone who spends so much time trying to stop me from being the Democratic candidate?” Biden asked the audience. “Why do you think that is?” The complexities of the false “Ukraine-really-hacked-the-2016-elections-it-wasn’t-Russia-and-why-not-investigate-Hunter-Biden” theory, which tried to pull focus from Trump to Biden’s son, led to the president’s impeachment and trial.

“The president vilified my family. But this election isn’t about me and my family,” said Biden. “A president can’t afford to hold

grudges. He has to move forward and fight for everyone.”

The next president will inherit a world in disarray. But, said Biden, that is exactly why “there can be no training period, no starting to learn the ropes on January 20, 2021. The country needs a president who is ready to lead on day one.”

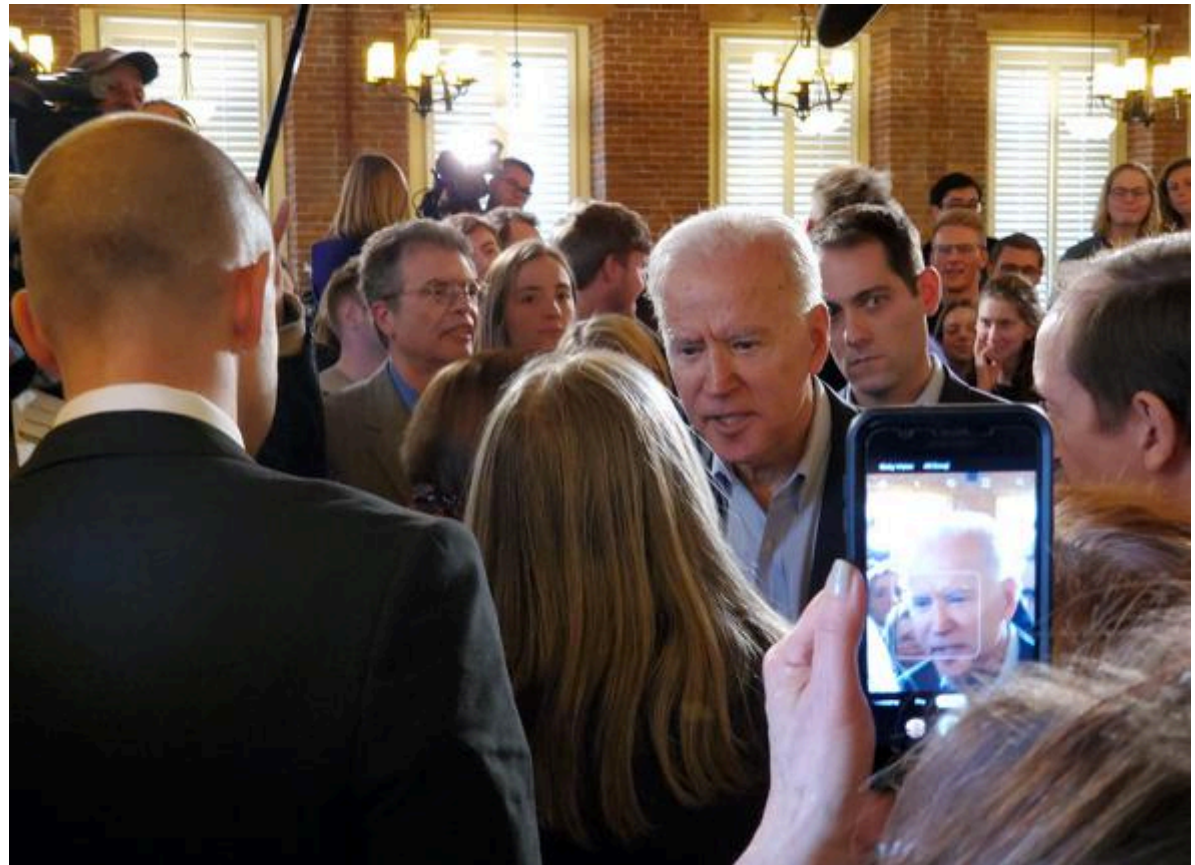
Biden’s vision is “to restore and fully extend the promise of this country.” That means, among other things, that: Health care should be made affordable and available to everyone.

Refugees and people seeking asylum — “who, for the first time in history, are being forced to live in degrading conditions outside the country while seeking asylum” — will have the appropriate, traditional channels at their disposal.

There will be no more so-called Muslim ban, which is “a betrayal of our history and which has been in effect a three-year assault on religious freedom.”

The United States will stand up to — not cave in to — dictators.

Biden noted that during the 2018



**Presidential candidate Joe Biden took his time meeting with attendees of his town hall on Friday in Claremont (Eric Zengota photo).**

election cycle, he campaigned for 67 state and local Democratic candidates; 41 victories, some in red or purple states, resulted in the party’s majority in the U.S. House of Representatives. This year, he believes, winning back the U.S. Senate is crucial to any progress.

He assured the crowd that “we can do this if we remember who the devil we Americans really are.”



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# School District Puts Plan for Restructuring on Hold

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—A public hearing Tuesday night to discuss the proposed '20-'21 school budget and a restructuring plan for the three elementary schools in town ended up primarily focusing on the latter. Residents filled the studio at the Tech Center and many came prepared to ask questions about the district's plan that would designate Maple Avenue Elementary as pre-K and grade 1; Disnard, grades 2 and 3; and Bluff, grades 4 and 5. At a recent school board meeting, Superintendent Mike Tempesta said each student would attend each school, maintaining "equity", amongst other benefits. However, once the plan was made public, many in the community raised questions and concerns, especially in terms of how transportation would be provided and what the impact would be for parents who have multiple children in the school system who would be going to different schools. Due to the high number of concerns conveyed to the administration, Tempesta said Tuesday night that the project has been put on hold, "based on a lot of feedback from the community and staff; [there's] a lot going on, and we're definitely pushing it off till next year." He added that at no time was "there a link between that plan and the budget." He added, "We want to take the time to do it well or not at all."

Concerns by some attending the meeting also focused on what the impact would be for children with special needs and how they might react to having to change schools so frequently. Others asked how a single parent was suppose to deal with getting more than one child to the proper school and still manage a job. The administration acknowledged that there were still a lot of logistics to work out as one attendee suggested that the problems would outweigh the benefits. Another said that it was beneficial for younger students to go to school with older ones as they often see them as role models, a concept that would be lost if the grades were separated as the plan calls for.

Another asked if the public would get to vote on the issue; Claremont School Board member Jason Benware said that he would support such a vote by the public; vice chair Rebecca Zullo agreed with Benware, and board member Carolyn Towle also said she would support the public having a vote on the matter, sayin that the issue "is going to require more public forums."

Also Tuesday night, the board approved sending the proposed \$38.2 million budget—with a \$34.7 million operating budget—to the deliberative session scheduled for Feb. 5., 6:30 p.m., in the high school auditorium. Also approved were the accompanying warrant articles, two of which seek \$500,000 each, for bus repair and maintenance and building maintenance. Board member Heather Whitney wondered if the amounts were too high and asking too much of Claremont taxpayers. Business and Finance Director Richard Seaman said that by setting up the funds now, the district will not have to ask for additional monies for these

purposes for the next several years and they will allow the district to keep ahead of needed replacement items and repairs. Her motion of dropping the numbers to \$350,000 for the School Bus Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund and \$150,000 for the Building Repair and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund failed to pass.

The Deliberative Session on Wednesday, Feb. 5 is the first session of the Annual School District Meeting; the Second Session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, when voting is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the three polling places in Claremont. The first session "shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the...warrant articles. Warrant articles whose wording is not prescribed by law may be amended but not finally voted upon at the first session...The final vote on all Warrant Articles shall be conducted by official ballot at the second session."

There are seven articles total on this year's warrant.

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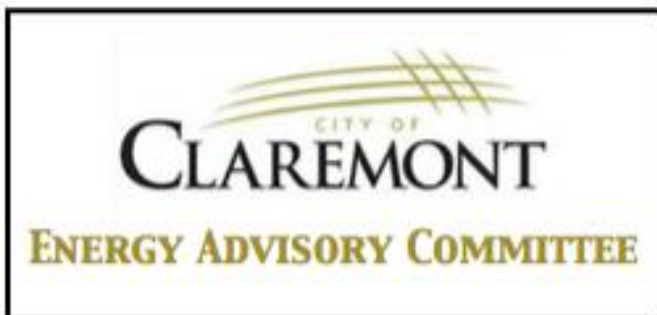
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## The Claremont Energy Advisory Committee's Task

One of the responsibilities of Claremont's Energy Advisory Committee is to create policies to adapt to and mitigate climate change. It is part of our Vision Statement as detailed in the Energy Chapter of the city's 2017 Master Plan.

With that as our goal, we are working towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the use of renewable and low carbon dioxide emitting sources of energy. Our contribution to the creation of the city's new Solar Ordinance outlines our commitment to solar as one of the best ways for renewables to help our community become less dependent on fossil fuels.

We are working towards maximizing energy efficiency in buildings through our "Button Up" workshop and in educating our residents about energy efficiency through our news articles.

We must see, as our most important charge, that we address existing and potential climate change impacts. We support the state of New Hampshire's Climate Action Plan of reaching its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions below 1990 levels by 80% by 2050 and will continue to create and implement comprehensive, sustainable, and regenerative energy policies for all.

## 12th Live Chocolate Auction Feb. 9 in Hartland

The 12th Live Chocolate Auction in Hartland takes place on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 11:15 a.m., five days before Valentine's Day, a wonderful opportunity to purchase a chocolate dessert for your loved one or any chocolate. In previous years, they have had 40-50 items to auction off and expect a similar amount this year. All items have chocolate in them and are homemade, as well as from the

following establishments: Skunk Hollow Tavern, The Barn Café, Uptown Bakery and Upper Valley Food Coop. Some examples have been: fudgy chocolate layer cake, dark chocolate raspberry brownies, rum truffles, edible dirt plant, triple layer M&M cake, fudge whoopie pies, chocolate raspberry ganache torte, etc. There will also be items for only children to bid. Come at 11:00 am to view the

chocolate desserts and obtain a bidder number. There will also be a raffle featuring a \$100 gift certificate to Skunk Hollow Tavern in Hartland. It all takes place at First Universalist Society in Hartland, 8 Brownsville Road, Hartland Four Corners, corner of Rte. 12, VT.

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## Farewell, Earth Pig — Hail, Metal Rat

### Taiko Drums, Pipa, Lion Dance Usher in Lunar New Year

CLAREMONT, NH—According to the traditional Chinese calendar, a new 12-year lunar cycle began on Saturday, Jan. 25. The zodiacal animal kicking off the cycle is the Rat. The website [thechinesezodiac.org](http://thechinesezodiac.org) describes the Rat as representing diligence, kindness and generosity, and predicts that the year will be a strong, prosperous and lucky one.

To welcome the new year — and ensure that the Rat is busy for the next twelve months — performing artists held a celebration at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center. They brought Asian sounds and sights to the audience. Kids and adults as well were invited to pound, beat and tap out rhythms on large taiko drums. Everyone took home gift bags plus high spirits to carry them through the year.

This was the latest Hop Stop, a collaboration between the Hopkins Center for the Arts at Dartmouth and the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts. Upcoming free HopStop shows:

Feb. 29, Kids Dance Party with DJ  
March 14, Storytelling



April 4, Carlo Colla & Sons Marionette Company  
Start time: 3pm.  
Where: Claremont Savings Bank Community Center.

Noah Patullo (front left) and Stuart Paton of the Burlington Taiko Group were joined by the Claremont Taiko Ensemble in a performance of Japanese drumming.; each gift bag held a rat figurine and a red money envelope with a gold coin. Red symbolizes good luck and prosperity; Dartmouth College student Xin Ran played four solo pieces on the pipa, a traditional stringed instrument from China.

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# Classified Ads

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 27, 2020 5:30 PM  
Visitor Center, 14 North Street

The Planning Board will be holding a workshop meeting to discuss:  
Feature-based zoning  
Cottage Courts

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 27, 2020 7:00 PM  
Council Chambers, City Hall

Presentation of Sullivan County  
40-bed Sober Housing Facility  
to be located  
at 19 Sullivan Street

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### The City of Claremont, Zoning Board of Adjustment

will meet on

Monday, February 3, 2020  
Council Chambers, City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held concerning the following application:

(ZO 2019-00017) Leanna LeBarron, 124 Washington Street – Application for a variance from sections 22-562(b)(1)(a) & (b) of the City of Claremont Zoning Ordinance to permit sale of sexually oriented products in the CB2 zoning district and within 200 feet of property used for single or multifamily residence at 124 Washington Street. Tax map 108, Lot 111. Zoning District: CB2 (Cont. from 1/6/2020)

Interested parties may review this application at the City of Claremont Planning and Development Department, 14 North Street during normal business hours.

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One Credit Union is currently seeking an experienced Part-Time Teller to join our Chester, VT team, located at 569 Rte. 103 South, Chester, VT.

**The ideal candidate will have:**

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- Ability to work branch hours
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# County Holds Q & A Forum on Sober Housing Project

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—A question and answer forum was held Thursday night regarding opening a sober housing facility at 19 Sullivan Street in Claremont, also identified as the former Eagle Publications building. The focus of the meeting was to allay any continuing concerns by the public about the project. About 10 people from the public attended, with the rest of those attending being family members of those recovering from substance abuse, those who work in the field and county officials. The hearing was live-streamed on the Facebook page, What's Up Claremont, and also carried on CCTV.

The facility would house up to 30 former inmates who have successfully completed the county's TRAILS program at the jail and who have committed only nonviolent offenses. County Commission Chair Jeff Barrette describe the housing as "the missing piece of the puzzle". After a proposal to locate the facility in the former JSL Building failed due to public objections, Barrette said they came back with a different site, and "re-tooled" the project, adding that it will "have a positive county impact."

Speakers supporting the project included Tyler Barry, a TRAILS grad who currently is on work release and said he was lucky due to the family support he has. He said that others are not as lucky. Sober housing is seen as one way to help cut down on homelessness. "When you have no housing, you have no hope, and when you have no hope, you relapse," he said.

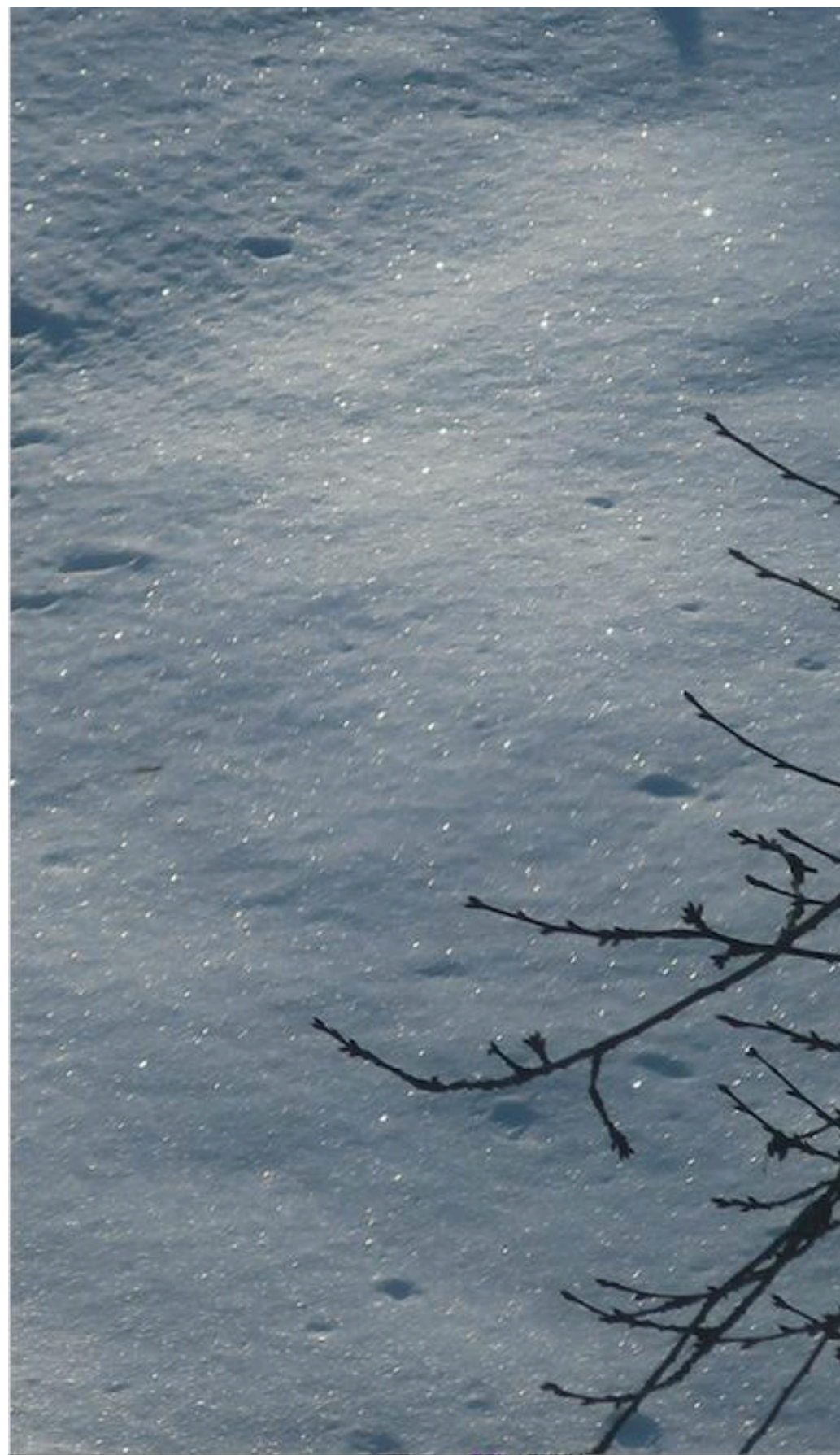
Claremont resident Michele Pierce spoke at length about her daughter who has battled back from addiction, saying that she feared she would be burying her at some point. Thanks to sobering housing that she was able to secure in Portland, ME, Pierce said her daughter is now clean, working and once again has custody of her son. "She is doing phenomenal," she said.

According to experts in the field, the first 48 hours of release from jail or support programs is when people are most at risk of relapsing because they have nowhere to go. Sober housing fills in that gap, helping to greatly improve the rate of lasting recovery.

Claremont State Rep Walter Stapleton spoke in favor of the project, and County Commissioner Ben Nelson said that "those people" to whom the public often refers are really people "from the community" who need help.

The facility appears to remain on track for moving forward but will need approval from the county delegation which will likely take action on it in February. The county will present plans to the Claremont Planning Board on Monday, Jan. 27, although it does not need the Board's approval for the site plan but is required to have a "non-binding consultation" per state law. Funding for the project will come from a variety of grant and loan sources.

County Manager Derek Ferland said the possible timeline includes completing the purchase of the building in April and starting construction in May. County officials also said they would initiate a PILOT—Payment in Lieu of Taxes—to offset the impact of lost property tax revenue from the sale of the property to the county.



**When the snow glitters like diamonds...**

**Photo by  
Phyllis A. Muzeroll**

# e-Ticker Business News

## Canam, from A1

Canam will continue to grow with the same standards of quality and reliability that have made its reputation,” said Marcel Dutil, Chairman of the Board of Canam Group. “We would like to thank AIP for its support and look forward to continuing our partnership in the United States.”

“This transaction will repatriate control of the company to Québec and allow it to continue expanding, guided by its strong entrepreneurial culture,” stated

Charles Émond, Executive Vice-President, Québec, Private Equity and Strategic Planning at CDPQ. “We are delighted to continue working with the Dutil family and support Groupe Canam, a partner of over 25 years.”

“With this transaction, Canam Group becomes a wholly Quebec-owned company once again,” said Janie Béique, Executive Vice-President, Investment, Fonds de solidarité FTQ. We are proud to renew our partnership with the Dutil family so that the great adventure of this Québec manufacturing flagship can continue.”

The new company will bring together the Canam Buildings plants located in St. Gédéon-de-Beauce, Boucherville, Mississauga and Calgary, and the Canam Bridges plants located in Quebec City, Laval and Shawinigan (TecFab). The engineering and drafting offices in Brasov, Romania and Kolkata, India, Stonebridge’s erection operations in South Plainfield, New Jersey, as well as Canam Bridges US’s assets located in **Claremont**, will also be part of the new company.

The operations of US subsidiaries Canam Steel Corporation and FabSouth are not affected by this transaction and remain jointly owned by AIP and the Quebec investor group,

under the terms of the transaction completed in 2017.

Canam Group specializes in designing integrated solutions and fabricating customized products for the North American construction industry. The Company takes part in an average of more than 10,000 projects in the fields

of buildings and infrastructure. Canam Group operates 25 plants in Canada and the United States, as well as engineering offices in Romania and India. The company has more than 4,900 employees, including

just over 2,000 in Canada, 2,400 in the United States, 360 in Romania and 110 in India.

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### About the Fonds de solidarité FTQ

The Fonds de solidarité FTQ is a development capital fund that channels the savings of Quebecers into investments. As at November 30, 2019, the organization had \$16.7 billion in net assets, and through its current portfolio of investments has helped create and protect over 215,000 jobs. The Fonds is a partner in more than 3,100 companies and has nearly 700,000 shareholder-savers.

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## Claremont Financial Services Welcomes Financial Advisor Ashleigh McFarlin, CFP

CLAREMONT, NH—Ashleigh McFarlin has joined Claremont Financial Services, located in Claremont, NH.

“We are excited to welcome Ashleigh to our team,” said Reggie Greene, President and CEO of Claremont Savings Bank. “Ashleigh’s commitment to client service and objective, personalized financial advice aligns with our values. We look forward to her contributions, allowing us to expand the depth of services that we can provide to our clients.”

As a Certified Financial Planner, McFarlin brings years of financial services experience to Claremont Financial Services, said Greene. McFarlin graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies. She moved to New Hampshire with her husband, Tim, and their two dogs in 2019.

According to 2017/2018 Kehler Bielan TPM Survey and based on Financial Institution Market Share, LPL Financial is the nation’s “leading provider of third-party investment services to banks and credit unions, offering insurance and investment services to over 800 banks and credit unions nationwide. LPL provides personalized support, a robust, integrated technology platform, investment solutions and practice management resources that enable the delivery of objective financial advice.”

LPL Financial and Claremont Financial Services are separate entities.



Claremont, NH plant (File photo).



Ashleigh McFarlin

# e-Ticker Business News

## Vital Communities Invites Proposals for Round Two of The Local Crowd Upper Valley

### Projects with Community Benefit Welcome to Apply for Local Crowdfunding Pilot

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT— Vital Communities invites emerging and established social enterprises to submit project proposals to The Local Crowd (TLC) Upper Valley, a new community-based crowdfunding program. The call for proposals follows a successful pilot round of TLC Upper Valley in which five community-based projects collectively raised nearly \$50,000 from more than 300 contributors during the last two months of 2019.

“We were thrilled with the success of the TLC Upper Valley campaigns last year and are excited to welcome more organizations and projects into the program in round two. Empowering the community to invest in the social enterprises that keep our economy strong and our communities vital is more important than ever,” said Nancy LaRowe, coordinator of TLC Upper Valley, part of Vital Communities’ Local First program.

Proposals for round two must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2020. For this proposal cycle, TLC Upper Valley seeks Upper Valley-based projects that support the local community and economy, generate excitement and have a budget of \$10,000 or less. All for-profit businesses, nonprofits and community initiatives meeting campaign guidelines within Vital Communities’ 69-town service area are welcome to apply. More information and the request for proposals are available online at [vitalcommunities.org/tlc](http://vitalcommunities.org/tlc).

TLC Upper Valley will select up to six projects to participate in this crowdfunding cohort, based on the potential of each project to positively impact their local economy and community. With guidance and assistance from TLC Upper Valley advisors, accepted proposals will launch their campaigns to coin-

cide with Vital Communities’ 19th annual Flavors of the Valley local food expo on April 19 in Hartford.

All five campaigns in TLC Upper Valley round one are using their TLC proceeds to grow their local businesses or community building projects:

- Whaleback Mountain in Enfield raised \$21,180 for base lodge energy-efficiency upgrades.
- Friends of Mascoma in Canaan raised \$13,970 to help cover the costs of owning and operating a vehicle to serve its multiple food pantries.
- Willow Tree Community Compost in Wilder raised \$4,080 to help build its composting service and a partnership with Sunrise Farm in Hartford, which raised \$4,555 to support its on-farm composting operation and partnership with Willow Tree.
- The Growing Peace Project in Topsham raised \$5,725 to support its free food teaching garden and youth activism program.

Vital Communities is one of five sites nationwide selected to participate in the National Science Foundation grant-funded project with Wyoming-based company The Local Crowd. TLC combines a

world-class rewards-based crowdfunding platform with business and campaign technical support for the emerging fourth sector of the economy—social enterprise. This initiative is designed to uncover the best ways to support social enterprises—mission-driven organizations that use business principles to make their communities and the world a better place.

TLC Upper Valley partners include Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation, Space on Main, Cohase Chamber of Com-  
**(Continued on page A17)**

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## Vital, from A16

merce, Vermont Small Business Development Center, BALE (Build A Local Economy), Upper Valley Business Alliance and SCORE.

For more information, visit [vitalcommunities.org/tlc](http://vitalcommunities.org/tlc) or contact Nancy LaRowe at 802-291-9100.

## Road To Independence Receives NH Charitable Foundation Grant

NEWPORT, NH—Road To Independence has announced that it is the recipient of a Community Grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The grant award is for \$10,000 through the generous support of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. This grant is made possible by gifts from the following funds: Charles B McLane Family Fund, G Lawton and Louise G. Johnson Fund, and Keane Family Fund.

Road To Independence offers empowering opportunities to individuals with mental and physical challenges through our non-riding equine therapy, horticultural, bakery and community outreach programs. RTI operates its' farm program from Goshen, NH and the bakery program at Aurora Bakery, 29 Main Street, Newport, NH. Through our various program options, participants learn and improve life skills, gain self-confidence and self-esteem, and are active and productive members of our communities.

Road To Independence is excited to use the grant award from New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to further develop our farm and bakery programs as well as board development, said Margaret Coulter, Executive Director.

For more information about Road To Independence and Aurora Bakery, visit our website, [rti-aurora.org](http://rti-aurora.org).

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is New Hampshire's statewide community foundation, founded in 1962 by and for the people of New Hampshire. The Foundation

manages a growing collection of nearly 2,000 funds created by generous individuals, families and businesses, and awards nearly \$40 million in grants and more than \$6 million in scholarships every year. The Foundation works with generous and visionary citizens to maximize the power of their giving, supports great work happening in our communities and leads and collaborates on high-impact initiatives.

## Farm, Forest & Garden Expo Coming in February

The Farm, Forest & Garden Expo in Manchester will be held on Friday, Feb. 14, and Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Doubletree by Hilton hotel. The Expo -- renamed this year to include gardens and gardening -- is a great opportunity to find out what's going on in agriculture in the Granite State, including forestry and logging. More info at <https://www.nhfarmandforestexpo.org>.



Community service through the Greater Claremont Board of Realtors was able to raise \$1,200 with an auction at their annual holiday party. Cathy Sullivan, from Lost My Way (left in left photo), and Laurie Waterman (right, in right photo), for the Sullivan County Humane Society, each received \$600. Also shown: Ashley Bergeron of Bergeron's Houses to Homes; Cindy Haynes, Haynes Real Estate; and Ellen Usery, Century 21 Highview Realty (Courtesy photos).

# Sullivan County Grand Jury Indictments Released

NEWPORT, NH—The Sullivan County Grand Jury released the following indictments on Thursday:

Jennifer Dadah, 36, Fitchburg, MA, indicted for Bail Jumping, Jan. 6, 2020.

James Perry, 32, Claremont, NH, indicted for Bail Jumping - On Release, Nov. 14, 2019.

Jacob Valley, 26, Boscawen, NH, indicted for First Degree Assault - Offense Committed while on Release (striking another about the head and/or facial area with a certain firearm, Oct. 29, 2019; Second Degree Assault - Offense Committed while on Release, Oct. 29, 2019; Felonious Use of a Firearm (commits or attempts to commit any felony while armed with a pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun or any other firearm), Oct. 29, 2019; Convicted Felons, Felon in Possession (a pistol, revolver or other firearm, to wit: a certain black handgun); Oct. 29, 2019.

John Simpson, 33, Claremont, NH, indicted for Possession, controlled drug, fentanyl, March 13, 2019; Possession, controlled drug, heroin, March 13, 2019; Bail Jumping, March 13, 2019.

Teague Hartwell, 28, Newport, NH, indicted for Possession, controlled drug, methamphetamine, Subsequent Offense, Oct. 10, 2019; Bail Jumping, Oct. 10, 2019.

Corey Quimby, 40, Claremont, NH, indicted for Habitual Offender, Oct. 13, 2019; Possession, controlled drug, methamphetamine, Oct. 13, 2019.

Theresa A. Helie A.K.A. Theresa A. Longo, 52, Claremont, NH, indicted for Operation after

certification as a Habitual Offender, June 28, 2019; Theft by Unauthorized Taking (certain property belonging to Dollar General), June 28, 2019.

Justin Gunnip, 33, County Farm Road, Unity, NH, indicted for Conspiracy to Commit Assault by Prisoner, Aug. 17, 2019.

James T. Dumont, 52, Claremont, NH, indicted for Operation after Certification as a Habitual Offender, Dec. 21, 2019.

Tyler Anstruther, 26, Bridgewater, VT, indicted for Bail Jumping, Jan. 6, 2020.

Kevin M. Costa, 56, Claremont, NH, indicted for Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, Pattern, DV, between July 30, 2014 and July 29, 2017; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, Incest, between July 30, 2017 and July 29, 2019; Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault, Pattern-DV, between July 30, 2014 and July 29, 2017.

Justin M Lamontagne, 32, Claremont, NH, indicted for Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images, Aug. 4, 2019; Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images, Aug. 4, 2019.

Jonathan W. Baldwin, 35, Newport, NH, indicted for Operation after Certification as a Habitual Offender, Jan. 11, 2020; Reckless Conduct (With a Deadly Weapon, motor vehicle), Jan. 11, 2020.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6  
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The Friends of the Meriden Library

present an event to raise money for the Meriden Library building project, 5-8p.m., at Salt Hill Pub, Lebanon.

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## Are You a Mindful Investor?

Recently, we've seen an increased interest in mindfulness, although the concept itself is thousands of years old. Essentially, being mindful means you are living very much in the present, highly conscious of your thoughts and feelings. However, being mindful doesn't mean acting on those thoughts and feelings – it's just the opposite. With mindfulness, your decision-making is based on cognitive skills and a rational perspective, rather than emotions. As such, mindfulness can be quite valuable as you make investment decisions.

Two of the most common emotions or tendencies associated with investing are fear and greed. Let's see how they can affect investors' behavior.

- *When investors are fearful ...* Investors' biggest fear is losing money. So, how did many of them respond during the steep market decline from late 2007 through early 2009? They began selling off their stocks and stock-based mutual funds and fled for "safer" investments, such as Treasury bills and certificates of deposit. But mindful investors witnessed the same situation and saw something else: a great buying opportunity. By looking past the fear of losing money, they recognized the chance to buy quality investments at bargain prices. And they were rewarded for their patience, long-term perspective and refusal to let fear govern their decisions, because 10 years after the market bottomed out in March 2009 (as measured by the Dow Jones Industrial Average), it had risen about 300 percent.

- *When investors are greedy ...* We only have to go back a few years before the 2007-09 bear market to see a classic example of greed in the investment world. From 1995 to early 2000, investors chased after almost any company that had "dot com" in its name, even companies with no business plans, no assets and, in some cases, no products. Yet, the rising stock prices of these companies led more and more investors to buy shares in them, causing a greed-driven vicious circle – more demand led to higher prices, which led to more demand. But the bubble burst in March 2000, and by October 2002, the technology-dominated Nasdaq stock index had fallen more than 75%. And since some of these companies not only lost value, but went out of business, many investors never recouped their investments.

To avoid the dangers of fear and greed, take these steps:

- **Know your investments.** Make sure you understand what you're investing in. Know the fundamentals, such as the quality of the product or service, the skill of the management team, the state of the industry, whether the stock is priced fairly or overvalued, and so on. The better informed you are, the less likely you'll be to chase after "hot" investments or to bail out on good ones.

- **Rebalance when necessary.** If you've decided your portfolio should contain certain percentages of stocks, bonds and other vehicles, stick to those percentages and rebalance when necessary.

- **Keep investing.** Ups and downs are a normal feature of the investment landscape. By continuing to invest over time, rather than stopping and starting, you can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio.

It's not always easy to be a mindful investor and to avoid letting emotions drive your decisions – but it's well worth the effort.

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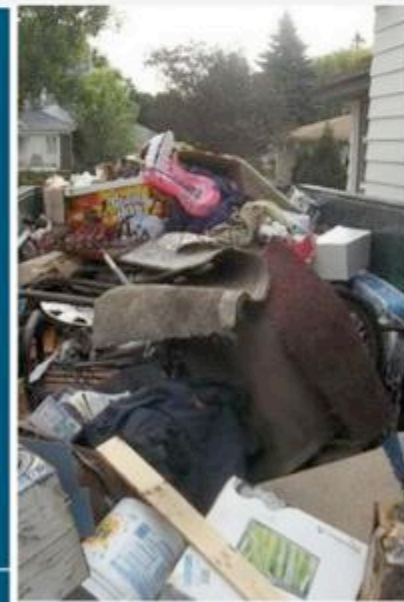
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## Sullivan County Fugitive of the Week

NICHOLAS SANTANA  
DOB: 05/31/1990

LKA: 29 Chellis St.,  
Claremont, NH

Description: white  
male, height: 6'2",  
weight: 250 lbs., eyes:  
hazel, hair: black  
Reason: Failure to Ap-  
pear

Original charge: Pos-  
session of the Con-  
trolled Drug Heroin -  
Subsequent Offense,  
Class A  
Felony.

On Oct. 23, 2019, Nicholas Santana was arrested by the Claremont Police Department for possession of the controlled drug heroin- subsequent offense. Santana was bailed and released on an unsecured appearance bond of \$5000.00. As part of his conditions of bail, Santana was ordered to appear in Sullivan County Superior Court on Dec. 12, 2019.

On Dec. 12, 2019, the Sullivan County Superior Court ordered that Santana appear in court for a dispositional conference on Dec, 17, 2019.

On Dec. 17, 2019, Santana failed to appear for the dispositional conference and as a result, the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for the arrest of Santana for failure to appear.

*The Fugitive of the Week is provided by Sheriff John P. Simonds of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. if you have any information regarding the whereabouts of this fugitive, please contact either the Sheriff's Office at 603-863-4200 or your local police department.*

**Friday, February 7**

**OPENING RECEPTION**

**Art Exhibit Now On Display at Philip Read Memorial Library**

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**You may have less than two  
minutes to escape from a home fire**

Over the past week, New Hampshire has experienced at least three residential structural fires where smoke alarms were either tampered with and not working, or not present at all. Fires in Lebanon, Hooksett, and Plymouth all occurred after dark while residents were sleeping. The fires in all of these instances were significant enough to cause the families living in these dwelling units to be displaced. As a state we are fortunate that none of these fires resulted in serious injury or death. However, we consider them to be red-flag warnings that we need more public education about smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

New Hampshire State Fire Marshal Paul J. Parisi wants to remind citizens that smoke alarms are critical to protecting your family's life during a fire event. "Most people think a fire won't happen to them. While we truly hope it doesn't, we regularly see the devastating effects a fire can have on a family." Parisi continued, "When there IS a fire, smoke alarms are the biggest factor when it comes to giving people time to get out alive."

The National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) recommends installing smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. In New Hampshire, it's the law.

Over the last 5 years, New Hampshire has seen 43 deaths from unintentional residential fires. In over half of those cases the residents did not have working smoke alarms. Nationally, about 40% of unintentional residential home fire deaths had no working smoke alarms (source: NFPA). Comparatively speaking, over the last five years New Hampshire has fared worse than the national average concerning smoke alarms in unintentional residential fire fatalities.

If you need smoke alarms for your house, residents are urged to contact their local Fire Department, as many NH departments have free smoke alarm programs. Also, the Ameri-

can Red Cross, through its Home Fire Campaign, can provide you with FREE smoke alarms. People can sign up for alarms, installation, and a home safety check by calling (800) 464-6692 or going online to SoundTheAlarm.org/NHVT.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
**SNOWBOWL & ICE SKATE 2020**  
1-3pm

Cory Taber Park, behind the Plainfield Community Church

Will will host our own "snowbowl & skate" before the Super Bowl. BYO ice skates & bonfire treats. We will play without snow or a suitable ice rink, unless it rains or wind chill predicts below 10F.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
**UPPER VALLEY TRAILS ALLIANCE SKATE-A-THON**

10-3PM, Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT  
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## Exercise Caution on the Ice This Winter

CONCORD, NH – New Hampshire Fish and Game Department officials urge outdoor enthusiasts to exercise caution when enjoying winter activities near the ice, especially after this season's fluctuating temperatures.

"Caution is in order for those going out onto any ice, especially following the recent record-setting warmth," said Fish and Game Col. Kevin Jordan. "With erratic temperatures, some areas of ice may look safe, but may not be. We are urging people to check the ice thickness before going out onto any frozen waterbody."

Because of changeable ice conditions, it is never advisable to drive vehicles onto the ice, Jordan said. Those on foot should carefully assess ice safety before venturing out by using an ice chisel or auger to determine ice thickness and condition. Continue to do this as you get further out on to the ice because the thickness of the ice will not be uniform over the entire waterbody. Snow-covered ice can be de-

ceiving and should always be inspected carefully.

Though all ice is potentially dangerous, the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research & Engineering Laboratory in Hanover, NH, offers this advice on ice thickness: There should be a minimum of 6 inches of hard ice before individual foot travel, and 8–10 inches of hard ice for snow machine or Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle travel.

Keep in mind that thick ice does not always mean safe ice. It is possible for ice to be thick, but not strong, because of varying weather conditions. Weak ice forms when warming trends break down the ice, then the surface refreezes. Be especially careful of areas with current, such as inlets, outlets, and spring holes, where the ice can be dangerously thin. Tips for staying safe on the ice include:

- Don't venture onto any ice during thaws.
- Stay off the ice along the shoreline if it is cracked or squishy. Docks, rocks, and downed

trees absorb the sun's heat and can cause the ice around them to be thin.

- Watch out for thin, clear, or honeycombed ice. Dark snow and ice may also indicate weak spots.
- Small bodies of water tend to freeze thicker. Rivers and lakes are more prone to wind, currents, and wave action that weaken ice.
- Never gather in large groups on less than 8–10 inches of hard ice.
- Always bring along a rescue rope, ice picks, and a personal flotation device such as a float coat or life preserver.
- If you do break through the ice, stay calm. Move or swim back to where you fell in, where you know the ice was solid. Lay both arms on the unbroken ice and kick hard. This will help lift your body onto the ice. A set of ice picks can help you pull yourself out; wear them around your neck or put them in an easily accessible pocket. Once out of the water, roll away from the hole until you reach solid ice.

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## Progression, Legislation and Vaccination

At the onset of a new year, there is usually a renewed energy directed towards making progress. Whether that is in the realm of economics, policy or health, this January appears to be no different. The State Administration is focused on economic growth, the legislature is in full swing, and organizations across New Hampshire are committed to improving population health.

On January 13, Commissioner Caswell of the Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) Agency hosted a mayoral roundtable. I and the Director of Planning and Development, Nancy Merrill, attended. The purpose of the roundtable was to collaborate on various topics, including economic issues facing the state and municipalities, partnership development, and leveraging state tourism and marketing efforts at the local level.

Discussion highlighted critical issues such as workforce development and housing. The Commissioner shared videos and NH's brand of "live free", marketing tools developed by the agency to attract people to the state. He also shared statistics regarding housing vacancy and provided an overview of a couple of legislative bills that may help resolve the shortage. Given NH's statewide vacancy rate is 0.75 percent and a vacancy rate of 3-5% is considered healthy, there can be no doubt that all municipalities are being affected by the lack of housing. The roundtable concluded with a desire to continue the exchange of information and develop more effective partnerships.

Now that the State Legislature is in session, both the House and Senate Committees will hear numerous bills. Many of these bills will have a direct impact, either favorably or negatively, on municipalities. Ensuring that we effectively advocate for Claremont is the Council and Administration's focus throughout the legislative session.

On January 15, City Manager Morris and I

traveled to Concord to attend the hearing on HB1539, a bill relative to the relocation of children with elevated blood lead levels. My testimony focused on the amendment to this bill (2020-0029h) which outlines relocation options for landlords and tenants should the Department of Health and Human Services issue an environmental order when a child is poisoned by lead in the home. Given the testimony at the Judiciary Committee hearing, the bill will now go to a subcommittee for further consideration on January 30 at 1pm.

Multiple organizations at the state, county and local level are committed to the health and well-being of its population. The impact of their work is readily apparent during an infectious disease response such as last year's Hepatitis A outbreak. Prior to the outbreak, the average number of cases was 7 per year. When I first spoke about this in August of 2019, the state had 174 documented cases since the previous November. Of those, 101 resulted in hospitalization and one in death. Two of the cases were in Sullivan County.

Because vaccinations for Hepatitis A are the best way to protect oneself from this highly contagious liver infection, the state's Public Health Networks have organized free vaccination clinics, many of which have been held in Claremont since last summer. The next free vaccination clinic to be offered in Claremont is on January 29 from 3:45 to 5:15pm at the Claremont Soup Kitchen. To those who have already been vaccinated, thank you. Your actions have helped slow down the spread of Hepatitis A. As of January 14, there are 312 cases statewide, but only three confirmed cases in Sullivan County. Through our actions, we can continue to be the county with one of the lowest number of cases in NH.

*Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at [clovett.ccc@gmail.com](mailto:clovett.ccc@gmail.com).*

Correction: In my previous article, I mentioned that, on January 8, the City Council reviewed a list of goals provided by the previous Council and wrote "The new Council reviewed the list and agreed with the content." It should have read "The new Council is reviewing the list and will discuss the finalization of it at our next meeting."

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## THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 JOBS WITH NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SESSION

Join us for a free public session on applying for jobs with the National Park Service, with a special focus on Laborer jobs that will be announced soon for a May-October 2020 work season at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Woodstock, VT or Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park in Cornish, NH.

What: How to Apply for Seasonal Jobs in the National Park Service

When: Thursday, January 30, 6pm-7pm

Where: Kilton Public Library, 80 S Main St, West Lebanon, NH 03784

Are you interested in a job with the National Park Service? We are hiring for summer of 2020, and will be taking applications soon for folks with skills in carpentry, general labor, custodial work, and grounds & garden maintenance.

Join us on Thursday, January 30th from 6-7pm at the at Kilton Public Library in Lebanon, NH for a workshop on how to apply to seasonal positions with the National Park Service!

Meet the Facility Manager for the two parks. Learn the difference between a private sector resume and a federal resume. See how to navigate USAJobs.gov, the ONLY place federal employment applications are accepted. Get to know the two National Parks in the Upper Valley and consider joining our team at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park or Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park.

The National Park Service preserves America's natural and cultural resources for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. You can make a difference by bringing your experience, background, and perspective to our work.

Learn more about the parks at <https://www.nps.gov/mabi/index.htm> and <https://www.nps.gov/saga/index.htm> or email [kelly\\_sczomak@nps.gov](mailto:kelly_sczomak@nps.gov).

## Monday, January 27, 6:45 pm

### Book Group

Philip Read Memorial Library

Discussing The Circle by Dave Eggers.

Copies of the book are available at the library for anyone who would like to join the discussion.