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## Sullivan County's Sober Housing Project Back on Track

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Sullivan County's effort to provide a sober housing facility is back on track, thanks to additional funding support from New Hampshire Housing and the Community Loan Fund. On October 7, the Board of Commissioners had decided to step back from the planned project at 19 Sullivan Street in Claremont because construction cost estimates exceeded the budget.

While notifying the project's funders of this decision, County Manager Derek Ferland learned of the possibility of additional funding to close the gap. "We needed an additional \$800,000 based on the current construction estimate and were able to source those funds from New Hampshire Housing and the Community Loan Fund contingent on the project being approved for Community Development Block Grant funding," he said. That approval was obtained by unanimous vote Thursday by the Community Development Finance Authority Advisory Committee.

The decision to put the plan on hold was driven by the overall project cost, Ferland recently told the *e-Ticker News*. "Our initial budget of \$2.5M was based on our architect's estimate which was comprised of \$2M for renovation, \$325K to purchase the building; and \$175K for equipment and other 'soft' costs': additional design work, preparation of solicitation documents, fees associated with purchase of property, etc.

"We engaged the services of a construction management firm to validate the initial esti-

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## The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up

(Not to Mention Shipwrecks, Sword Fights and Singing Mermaids)
Stevens High School presents 'Peter and the Starcatcher'

## By Eric Zengota e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—
We all know Peter Pan.
He's that forever-young
character who flies
around Neverland, battles Captain Hook and
depends on Wendy to
help save his gang of
Lost Boys.

That, at least, is the Peter Pan we know from our childhoods. But if you've ever wondered how Peter became Peter, then "Peter and the Starcatcher" is the play for you.

You're in luck. The Advanced Theater class at Stevens High School will present three performances of the play this weekend.

Peter actually starts his adventure with no name. He and two other orphan boys are in the bilge of the Neverland, which is



Black Stache (Nicholas Bailey, left) crosses swords with Bill Slank (Lucas Bellimer). Smee (Hannah Lavalette) cheers on Black Stache (Eric Zengota photo).

sailing to the kingdom of Rundoon, where its dastardly king will serve them to his snakes. No wonder the Boy hates grownups! To work on the character, Alison Friend (in the tradition of Peter being played by a girl), says, "I kept in mind that he has no mother, is friendless and suffers from anxiety. And I drew from similar experiences in my life to get at his anger."

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mate, and their numbers were close to the architect's budget. The CM estimate came in at about \$2.3M (compared to \$2M), but then we had to factor in a 5% CM fee plus 10% for construction contingency. These are standard planning factors that were not reflected in the architect's estimate. Adding those in pushed the total renovation estimate to approximately \$2.75M. We also re-evaluated and revised the equipment/soft costs, and when you add those in, plus the purchase price of the property, the new 'all-in' budget estimate is \$3.3M."

Ferland emphasized Thursday that the current estimate is a "worst-case number" and as the design progresses, the cost is likely to come down. "We don't have a fully developed design yet but will be working with the project team to finalize those details. As we do, assumptions and unknowns will become known and we'll have greater confidence in the final project cost."

Sullivan County's Department of Corrections Superintendent Dave Berry stated, "We are relieved to be back on track. The lack of a stable and alcohol/drug free living environment

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can be a serious obstacle to sustained recovery. Destructive living environments can derail recovery for even highly motivated individuals."

In addition to completing the renovation design, next steps include consultation with the Planning Board as well as public meetings if requested. Ferland continued, "Superintendent Berry and I are happy to speak with anybody who wants to learn more about the program."

The building that once housed Eagle Publications and Thermacut has been identified

as the site for the

sober housing facility (File photo).

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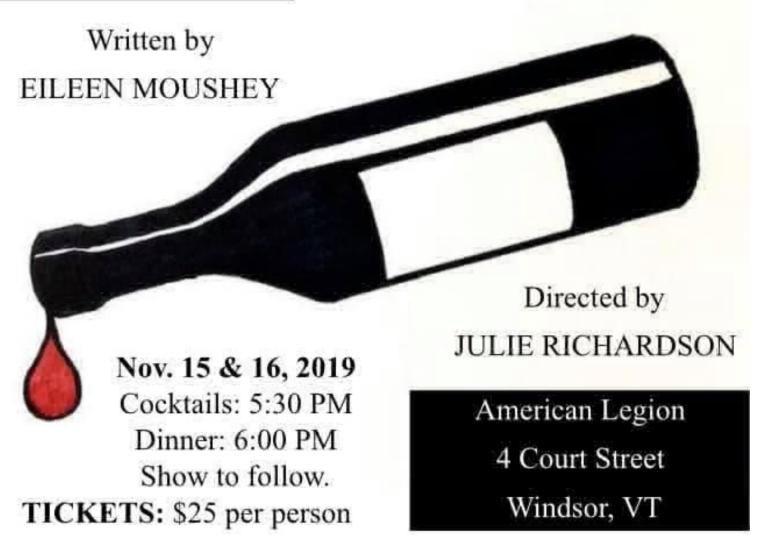


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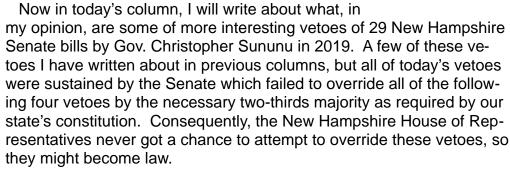
## Commentary

## **NH House Happenings**

By Rep. John Cloutier

### **Some Interesting Vetoes**

First, I encourage readers to take a few minutes out of their busy schedules today to remember the service and sacrifices of our nation's veterans on this Veterans' Day, service and sacrifices which helped make us the free nation we are now.



Among the 29 vetoed Senate bills, about which I have not earlier written, was Senate Bill 2 that was relative to funding for job training programs by New Hampshire's Dept. of Business & Economic Affairs. This is a newly-created department—within the last two years—that used to be a part of the former Dept. of Resources & Economic Development or "DRED" for short. Under this bill, insurance rates on employers for Unemployment Compensation for laid-off employees would have been reduced in late 2019. Additionally, starting on Jan. 1, 2020 up to \$6 million annually would have been deposited into New Hampshire's Job Training Program Fund, a \$4 million increase for a public-private partnership first established in 2007 to recruit, train, and re-hire employees for new jobs. The bill was sponsored by all 14 Democratic state senators led by Manchester's Kevin Cavanaugh, and including Hanover's Martha Hennessey, who is Claremont's state senator.

Senate Bill 2 was adopted with an amendment by the full Senate Jan. 31 on a 14-10 roll call vote along political party lines, with all the Democratic senators voting for it, and the Republicans voting against, after the Senate Commerce Committee had recommended the amended version. The bill was then twice approved by the by the full House on two separate roll call votes, after the House Labor, Industrial & Rehabilitative Services Committee first recommended its own amended version. Preliminary approval came on a 216-146 roll call vote May 8. The measure was then referred to the House Finance Committee, which also recommended it as amended by the Labor Committee. Final approval then happened June 5 on a 207-140 roll call. The Senate concurred with the House's amendment June 13 by the same 14-10 roll call that had occurred earlier. Next, Gov. Sununu vetoed the bill Aug. 13.

In his veto message, the Governor declared, "Senate Bill 2 irresponsibly diverts millions of dollars from the Unemployment Trust Fund, triggering additional taxes for our citizens. Raiding the unemployment system for this purpose is shortsighted, risky, and financially irresponsible."



sible. I strongly support workforce programs, and have put forward several proposals to address the State's workforce issues, including a \$16 million per year student debt assistance and worker retention program and a \$24 million investment into Nursing and STEM programs across the University System. Rather than move forward with these innovative proposals, the legislature has once again put aside sound financial management, and opted for tax increases. I cannot support that approach." The veto was sustained by the same 14-10 vote.

Gov. Sununu vetoed several Senate bills promoting renewable energy. Among them was Senate Bill 72, which was relative to issuance of renewable energy certificates. This bill would have repealed the requirement that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission estimate and give credit for the yearly production of renewable energy for customer-sited sources that are not net-metered, and for which Class I or II Renewable Energy Certificates are not issued. The legislation was sponsored by a group of four Democratic lawmakers led by Portsmouth's Martha Fuller-Clark.

Senate Bill 72 was adopted March 27 by the full Senate on a simple voice vote, after the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee unanimously recommended the measure. The bill was then approved by the full House May 8 on a 199-123 roll call vote after a majority of the House Science, Technology, & Energy Committee had recommended it. The Governor vetoed it June 25.

In his veto message, Gov. Sununu wrote, "This bill will increase costs to electric ratepayers related to Renewable Portfolio Standard compliance. The Public Utilities Commission voiced concerns about this bill during each of its hearings. These concerns were never addressed by an amendment. Our focus should be to fix the credit mechanism in the law, not repeal it at the expense of New Hampshire ratepayers, many of whom already struggle to pay electricity rates that are among the highest in the nation." The veto was sustained Sept. 19 on a 14-10 roll call.

Another vetoed Senate bill that would have helped laid-off workers was Senate Bill 146. The bill would have eliminated the current one-week waiting period before becoming eligible to receive unemployment benefits in New Hampshire enacted several years ago in response to the 2008 Great Recession which had greatly depleted the state's Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. The bill was sponsored by all 14 Democratic state senators, including Sen. Hennessey.

Senate Bill 146 was passed by the full Senate Feb. 14 on a 13-10 roll call vote after being recommended by both the Senate Commerce as well as Energy & Natural Resources Committee. The legislation was next approved by the House May 8 on a 201-137 roll call, after a majority of the House Labor, Industrial, & Rehabilitative Services Committee had recommended it. It was vetoed by the Governor June 25.

In his veto message, Gov. Sununu stated, "This bill would negatively impact the balance of the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. New Hampshire currently has a healthy fund balance, and among the lowest unemployment rates in the nation. However, in a down economy, we need to be able to provide necessary services. Additionally, 44 other states and Territories have a waiting week for unemployment

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## **Guest Commentary**

## On Veterans Day, Reaffirming Our Commitment to All Who Serve and Have Served

#### By Senator Maggie Hassan

Last month, I traveled to Afghanistan where I had the opportunity to visit with service members who bravely sacrifice every day to keep our country safe, secure, and free.

In the face of threats from ISIS's affiliate in Afghanistan, which has designs on attacking the United States, these service members are doing vital work training Afghanistan's Army and Special Forces to combat terrorist organizations.

Many of these American men and women have served multiple tours away from their families, including one service member I met who was on his fourth deployment.

I am incredibly grateful for the work of all the U.S. service members I met in Afghanistan — and others around the world — who serve our country with distinction in the face of significant daily challenges and personal sacrifices.

On Veterans Day – and every day – we must honor and thank all who serve, and have ever served, for all that they have done for each of us – and all of us – simply because we are Americans.

I am awed by how much veterans have sacrificed to defend the freedoms that are at the very core of our nation. And my reverence for these service members only deepens when I see example after example of veterans who continue to serve in their communities, even after their time in uniform concludes.

Examples like that of Jerry Lachance of Sandown, a 70-year-old Vietnam War veteran who biked more than 2,000 miles from Florida to New Hampshire to support fellow veterans. Jerry's efforts raised funds to support veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

And Jim Alty of Dover, an 85-year-old Air Force veteran who served in Vietnam and who fought tirelessly to bring a new VA outpatient clinic to Somersworth. That new clinic opened last month, and those of us who attended the ribbon-cutting were thrilled at the recognition he received – but never sought.

Veterans are doing inspiring work to support one another and to support their communities. But it should not be veterans' responsibility alone to carry on that work. It falls upon all Americans to ensure that veterans and their families have the support that they need and have earned.

Far too many veterans experience significant challenges when transitioning to civilian life, and we must continue working together to solve these challenges. Veterans Day is an important time to reaffirm those efforts. And despite the partisanship that stalls progress on too many pressing challenges in Washington, I am proud that members of both parties routinely set aside their differences to find common ground on issues critical to veterans.

As part of those efforts, we have come together on legislation to improve veterans' health care, tackle mental health challenges, and ease the transition into civilian life. I will continue working across party lines with anyone who is serious about improving care for veterans and helping them thrive in civilian life. This includes continuing to press for the full passage of the Deborah Sampson Act to support women veterans, so that all women who have served know how much we value their patriotism and that they will have the support that they need.

We must continue working to ensure that our country is ever-worthy of the service that veterans have given to protect all Americans. This Veterans Day, I encourage all Granite Staters to reflect on – and recommit to – the values that veterans throughout our history have fought for, the values that put country and liberty first. And that gave rise to our cherished state motto, "Live Free or Die."

#### Rep. Cloutier, from A4

compensation. This bill would make New Hampshire inconsistent with best practices from across the country. Finally, while well-intentioned, this bill adds costs that make the system less sustainable and less able to respond in times of need." The veto was sustained by a 14-10 roll call Sept. 19.

Yet another vetoed Senate bill that could have helped workers was Senate Bill 271, which would have required prevailing wages on state-funded public works projects. According to what I have learned from informed sources, New Hampshire actually had a "prevailing wage law" up until the mid-1980s when the law was repealed by a Republican legislature with encouragement from then Gov. John Sununu, our present governor's father. Also I have learned that repeal of this law has resulted in some unscrupulous construction companies not properly training their employees as well as hiring undocumented immigrants, who work for less wages.

In response, Senate Bill 271 was filed by a bipartisan group of 11 legislators led by Concord Sen. Dan Feltes, and again including Sen. Hennessey. The bill was adopted by the full Senate on a 14-10 roll call March 14 after the Senate Commerce Committee had recommended it. Next, it was approved by the House May 8 on a 213-140 roll call after a majority of the House Labor Committee had given their blessing. It was vetoed by the Governor July 19.

The Senate sustained the veto Sept. 19 by a 14-10 roll call.

Finally, in my next column I plan to conclude writing about the Governor's vetoes by discussing what I believe were the most controversial vetoes of House bills. **Email:** jocloutier@comcast.net

## Mix of Old, New Faces for Next City Council

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Voters in Claremont went to the polls on Tuesday to select its next slate of City councilors. Mayor Charlene Lovett, Assistant Mayor Allen Damren, Ward 1 Councilor Andrew O'Hearne and Ward 3 Councilor Jonathan Stone all ran unopposed and garnered the following votes respectively: 1190, 1225, 322 and 313. In Ward 2, Jim Contois beat out David Pacetti, 377-202. In the At-Large race, where voters were asked to choose four out of the seven running, the winners were incumbents Nick Koloski and Abigail Kier, 984 and 708; also elected were Deb Matteau and Erica Sweetser, 908 and 700. The remaining candidates were Patrick Lozito who received 493 votes; Chris Fazio, 547; and Bill Kennedy, 473.

The ballot question, "Should we allow the operation of sports book retail locations within the City of Claremont?" passed, 777-536. Claremont is now one of several communities to approve sports betting. Also voting in favor were Berlin, Laconia, Somersworth and Manchester; Franklin also approved the measure in October. Ten sports betting locations will be allowed throughout the state under the law passed this year. Although details remain to be worked out, "Physical locations could be up and running by March, when the NCAA basketball tournament gets underway," New Hampshire Public Radio reported. However, "...Gamblers will be able to place bets online, as long as they are physically inside the state's borders."

The NH Lottery Commission is forecasting \$10 million in profits for the state in its first full year of operations. Proceeds will go to help fund education in the state.

Voter turnout on Tuesday in Claremont was 24%. Total voters on the checklist—6179; total ballots cast—1524; same day registrations, 56.

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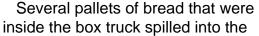




Campaigning on election day were Chris Fazio, left, and Abigail Kier, Bill Kennedy and Deb Matteau (Eric Zengota photos).

## Icy Roads Lead to Commercial Motor Vehicle Rollover in Enfield

ENFIELD, NH—On Nov. 8 at approximately 12:43 A.M., the New Hampshire State Police, Troop D received a 911 call of a Commercial Motor Vehicle roll over with entrapment on Interstate 89 south in Enfield, NH. The weather was a mix of rain and sleet. The road conditions were icy. The box truck drove off the roadway into the median and overturned. The operator was identified as Roy El Chidiac, 50, Saint-Laurent, Quebec; he was the sole occupant of the vehicle. El Chidiac was pinned under the dash of the driver's seat when fire and rescue personnel arrived on scene. Lebanon Fire was able to extricate him from the vehicle safely. He was transported to Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital with what was identified as minor injuries.





Several pallets of bread that were inside the box truck spilled into the median (Courtesy photo).

median. The removal of the box truck and spillage of materials caused the left lane to be closed for several hours.

Lebanon Fire and Rescue, the NH DOT and Corey Patten's Auto & Truck Works assisted the State Police at the scene. Trooper First Class Abbott Presby of Troop G also responded to the scene to conduct a Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspection Report. The crash was still under investigation at press time. Anyone who witnessed the crash is encouraged to contact Trooper Kenneth McGrath of the New Hampshire State Police, Troop D at 603-227-0088.

# Mayoral Notes by Charlene Lovett



helped shape our identity. We are a community that has and continues to proudly serve our nation. We honor this each time we gather in observance of Veteran's Day or participate in any activity that supports veterans.

Please consider how you might support veterans. There are many veteran organizations that would welcome someone new. To those

who are already engaged in supporting veterans, thank you for your contributions.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and a 22-year Army veteran. She welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at clovett.ccc@gmail.com.

### **Veterans Shape Our Identity**

Veteran's Day offers us an opportunity to reflect upon those who have served our country and what their service has meant to us. For some, it is a very personal experi-

ence. For others, it is a chance to show support. Whatever the reason, it is a time for communities to unite in remembrance and in recognition that our military history is an integral part of our identity.



Since its inception in

1764, Claremont citizens have served the country in times of peace and in war. Our cemeteries are the final resting place for thousands of veterans dating as far back as the Revolutionary War. Our monuments are reminders of those who left for war and made the ultimate sacrifice. While they are the visual reminders of our military history, they cannot tell us much beyond what is written on the stone.

Who were they? How did the community rally behind them? These and other questions are answered in the pages of history books and captured in stories handed down from one generation to another. When returning to Claremont in 2008, I wanted to learn more about the names I read on the headstones and monuments. What I discovered, gave me a deeper pride for my community. Throughout the centuries, Claremont always answered the call of duty and the community supported those who served in numerous ways.

Today, we continue building upon our rich military heritage. Claremont men and women are actively serving, some in harm's way. Many who are no longer in the military are now investing their energy in supporting veterans or serving in other ways. Community members support their efforts, giving their time and resources.

These actions, past and present, have

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## And the Winner is...

The annual Turkey Raffle, sponsored by the Claremont Firefighters' Association, was held Thursday evening at the Claremont Fire Station. It was another full house as those attending hoped to win a prize or two. There were door prizes and bonus rounds to add to the main raffle. "It's a local traditional event that I have chaired for the last three years," said Nick Koloski. "We are very happy to keep the tradition alive. We see families bring kids in and those parents used to be kids attending with parents. We thank all of the donors and attendees as without them the tradition would die." (Eric Zengota photo).

# Special School District Meeting, Vote Set for Nov. 21

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont School District will hold a Special School District Meeting and vote on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the SHS Auditorium. This comes on the heel of the school board having to hold a public hearing prior to its regular meeting Wednesday night, to address the fact that part of the money coming from the State of NH, recently announced, will be part of this year's money and in order to use any of those dollars other than all of it going back to the community for taxes, the district has to encumber part of the money through the public hearing process, said Board Chair Frank Sprague. The board has to decide how to spend the money by December; it is looking to use half of the \$1.3 M to expand alternative education programming that would help keep students, who are presently going out of district, in district, saving money over the long-term and possibly creating a revenue stream if it brings in students from other communities.

The article on the Nov. 21st warrant asks,"Shall the Claremont School District vote to establish a Special Education Expendable Trust Fund...for the purpose of funding special education costs and to raise and appropriate the sum of...(\$650,000) to be added to the fund, such sum to come from increases in the District's Adequate Education Grants received from the State..."

The PRIDE program at the elementary school level has been successful, said Superintendent Mike Tempesta, and the district would like to build on this and other alternative programs using this money. More in next week's issue.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll





#### Peter Pan, from A1

Fortunately for the Boy, Molly Aster (played by Sarah Wood) is also sailing on the Neverland. In an amulet on her necklace, she carries a bit of "starstuff" in case she ever needs help and inspiration. Such stuff, she tells the disheartened Boy, is so magical that it enables her to fly. This revelation starts his transformation into Peter. "This is the most realistic part I've played," says Sarah. "Many of Molly's traits are defined in the dialogue, so I had a lot of ideas to work from."

Sailing on another ship, the Wasp, is Molly's father, Lord Leonard Aster (Will Greco). "This is my first role as a father and with an English accent," he says. "Mr. Toman gave me some tapes to listen to for the accent. Oh, and I also play a mermaid and a mollusk." (Most cast members double or triple in the up-front style of story theater.)

As in every myth, the hero needs an evil counterpart. Trying his best to be dastardly is Black Stache (Nicholas Bailey), a pirate captain who kidnaps Lord Leonard and pursues a steamer trunk filled with Queen Victoria's treasure. Alas, that trunk keeps getting switched with an identical one filled with sand, which continually frustrates the would-be villain. Still, Black Stache needs a worthy opponent. In an ironic twist, it's he who gives Peter his name, foreshadowing the duo who will later morph into Peter Pan and Captain Hook.

Holding all this together is Victor Toman, SHS's new theater arts teacher, who pulls triple duty here. Not only is he the director, he also teaches acting in the class rehearsals. Plus he provides music and sound effects, from the crashing drums of a storm at sea to the evocative metallic tones of the starstuff. Toman noted that "this play — which, by the way, is among the top 10 produced in the last few years — offers a lot of challenges that my students have been happy to rise up to."

So there you have all the elements of a rollicking, swashbuckling adventure. A wicked if bumbling pirate captain, a feisty young heroine, a savage fighting prawn, a greedy ship's captain, magical starstuff ... and of course that boy who will have to decide if he will ever grow up.

What: "Peter and the Starcatcher"
Where: Stevens High School auditorium
When: Thurs. Nov. 15 and Fri. Nov. 16 at 7pm;
Sun. Nov. 17 at 2pm

How much: adults \$7; students \$5; 5 and under free. Tickets at the door.



Victor Toman, theater arts teacher — and the director of "Peter" — provides the music and sound effects for the play.

Molly Aster (Sarah Wood, left) tells Peter (Alison Friend) that the magical "starstuff" must be used wisely and for the right reasons.

(Eric Zengota photos)



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#### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 Managing Forests with Climate Change in Mind** 7 pm

#### Free Public Talk, Cornish Town Offices

Dode Gladders, UNH Cooperative Extension Forester in Sullivan County, will review the basics of forest ecology with an emphasis on the importance of diversity in resilient forests. Impacts and management tools for invasive species will be addressed, and the presentation will touch on some other forestry topics of local interest in the Cornish area. Dode holds a Master's Degree in Silviculture and managed the forest health program for the state of Delaware for nine years before moving to New Hampshire in 2013.

Programmed by the Cornish Conservation Commission.

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- Demonstrated organizational skills while managing multiple tasks.
- Well organized individual with time management and prioritization skills.
- Processes consumer loan applications which will include: application input, understanding credit, income and evaluation analysis, product and regulatory knowledge as well as loan closing
- Underwrite and approve loans based on lending authority
- Have supervisor authority which may include policy exception, staff supervisor, and system override capability. Typically the Sr. MSR's authority would supersede that of a Senior Teller in a branch that had both. All authority will be given at the Branch Manager's discretion.

#### **Requirements:**

- High School Diploma or equivalent. Associates or B.S. in Business or related field desired
- Wages commensurate with experience and skillsets.
- Benefits offered:
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- Ability to work branch hours.
- Strong TEAM player.
- Demonstrated organizational skills while managing multiple tasks.
- Well organized individual with time management and prioritization skills.
- Will be responsible for meeting individual sales and service goals
- Processes consumer loan applications which may include: application input, understanding credit, income and evaluation analysis, product and regulatory knowledge as well as loan closing
- Advises members on how our products and services can meet their financial needs

#### Requirements:

- High School Diploma or equivalent. Associates or B.S. in Business or related field desired
- Wages commensurate with experience and skillsets.
- Benefits offered:
   Health Care, HRA, FSA, Dental, Vision, Life & Disability, 401k plan, Holidays (10), Paid Time Off (PTO)

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## e-Ticker Business News

# Sullivan County Celebrates 3rd Annual Employee Service Awards & 2019 Community Partner Award Banquet

CLAREMONT, NH—Sullivan County recently held its 3rd annual awards banquet to recognize employees who reached milestone anniversaries. The County Board of Commissioners also presented the 2019 Outstanding Community Partner Award to the Claremont Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center.

Representing SAU 6 to accept the award was Superintendent Mike Tempesta, Tech Center Director, Dr. Alex Herzog, and the Construction/Building Trades Instructor, Mike Bennett.

According to Jeff Barrette, Chair of the

Board of Commissioners, the decision to name the Tech Center was an easy one. "Alex and his team went above and beyond this year to partner with the County on several important projects. They enthusiastically supported the night school program for our Department of Corrections TRAILS participants which led to the construction of a wonderful gazebo at the county complex in Unity. In addition to that, Alex has been a key member of our workforce development task force. That group developed a plan to launch some adult education classes at the Tech Centers in Claremont and Newport later this year and the County provided the seed funding. We are excited to see if this pilot project can help our local businesses meet their workforce needs."

The rest of the night was focused on Sullivan County's employees. Certificates were presented to those achieving 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25-year milestones. All employees with over 20 years of service were recognized as well. The longest tenured team member is Melissa Dube, who celebrated her 47th year with Sullivan County!

The full list of award recipients is shown below:

5 years: Melinda Chase, Nursing Supervisor, Frederick Estevez, Sergeant, Donna Magee, Program Director, Joe Lacasse, Cook,



Pamela Thorp, Nurse, Brenda Wright, Nurse, Sandra Stubbs, Nurse, Jamie Wilson, Chief Deputy, Michael Nelson, Chief Bailiff, Doris Warner, LNA, Sherry Pardy, Medical Services Coordinator

10 years: Candice Jason, Nurse, Donna Odell, Clinical Reimbursement Coordinator, Suzanne Howe-Fraser, Nurse, Linda Noll, LNA, Laureen Whitcomb, LNA, Eddie Rodriguez, LNA, Karyn Luther, LNA, Heather Shea-Clark, Administrative Assistant

15 years: Joe Brookens, Captain

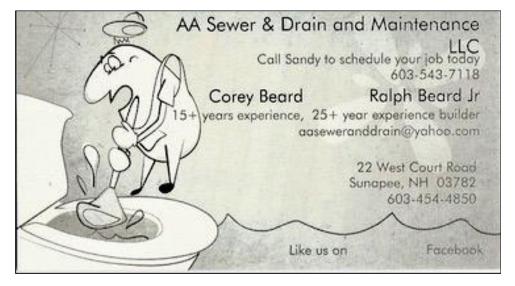
20 years: Lisa Skowfoe, LNA

25 years: Clint Schultz,

Food Service Worker, Douglass Roberts, Assistant Superintendent

30 years: Ann Leclair, Nurse

Photo: Group shot from the awards banquet (Courtesy photo).



## e-Ticker Business News

# Community Initiatives Launch Crowdfunding Campaigns through The Local Crowd Upper Valley

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT— New community initiatives will launch crowdfunding campaigns in November through a new community-based crowdfunding program, The Local Crowd (TLC) Upper Valley, hosted by Vital Communities. The campaigns run through December 20 to reach funding goals for projects that build community and economy in the Upper Valley.

Community members can get details on all the projects and how to contribute to their crowdfunding campaigns at vitalcommunities.org/tlc. Campaigns launch/ed November 4 through November 20 and run about 30 days each, with the final campaign ending December 20. Campaign goals range from \$5,000-\$12,000 for specific projects that strengthen our communities.

The six projects seeking crowdfunding in November and December are:

- Friends of Mascoma Foundation, Canaan

   to expand its Friends Feeding Friends program, combatting food insecurity in the Mascoma Valley Regional School District
- Whaleback Mountain, Enfield to invest in energy efficiency improvements in the base lodge
- Puppy Junction, White River Junction to create an adoption, volunteer, and education center
- Willow Tree Community Compost, Wilder
   to help grow its community compost operation and a partnership with Sunrise Farm
- Sunrise Farm, White River Junction to build the physical infrastructure needed to compost food scraps from the community to build healthy soil on the farm, divert food waste from the landfill, and strengthen the connections between the farm and community
- The Growing Peace Project, Topsham to improve infrastructure in their free-food teaching garden and increase transportation capacity to get food to community members

who need it

"We're so excited about the range of projects that are part of this pilot crowdfunding effort," said Nancy LaRowe, who coordinates local economy initiatives at Vital Communities. "Each project contributes to the health

of our communities and economy in unique ways. TLC gives Upper Valley residents the chance to learn about innovative things happening in their backyard AND the ability to invest in the projects that build community!"

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. This initiative is designed to uncover the best ways to support social enterprises—mission-driven organizations that use business princi-



ples to make their communities and the world a better place.

Crowdfunding is the process by which an entrepreneur, business, or organization asks a large number of people (usually through the Internet) to contribute a certain amount of money for a specific project. By leveraging the power of crowdfunding, TLC Upper Valley's fundraising platform offers an innovative way for community members to support the businesses and organizations they care about right here in our region. Learn more at vitalcommunities.org/tlc.



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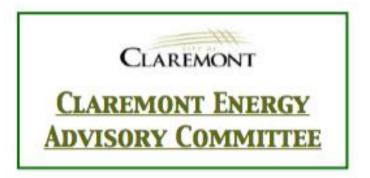
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## **Measuring Your Energy Use**

The "Button Up" workshop recently held in Claremont, sponsored by the Claremont Energy Committee (EAC), is available on the CCTV website for all residents who missed the September meeting. It can be seen on the CCTV's website and on the channel 10 option by entering in the search bar, "NH Saves 2019 Button Up" or by going to this link: http://50.241.100.254/CablecastPublicSite/show/10546?channel=2

Based on this informative workshop, we recently published an article on how to save energy and money in household lighting bulbs. This article will reveal the potential for energy savings in appliances.

The potential for electric appliance energy savings in the home includes, but is not limited to, water heaters, refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, dishwashers and clothes washers and dryers. The Fiske Free Library has a "Kill a Watt" Energy Detector Kit for loan which provides the power usage of your appliances as it monitors watts, time, and kilowatt-hours. This plug-in device will monitor:

**Fixed Loads** where the wattage does not vary while operating, such as with lamps, tele-

visions, toasters, computers, and pool and sump pumps.

**Variable Loads** where the wattage cycles on and off during operation such as refrigerators, washing machines, electric space heaters, and power tools.

Phantom Loads, where the device uses energy when plugged in but not in use and turned off. Such devices include anything with a clock, a remote, a light, battery chargers for laptop and cell phones, and cable/satellite boxes. These appliances have a standby mode that uses several watts of power even when powered off but still plugged in. Phantom load devices should be plugged into a "Smart" power strip where they can quickly be shut off when not in use.

Some energy conservation tips include:

- Shut electric items off when not in use
- Turn the water heater temperature to 120 degrees at the tap
  - Set dehumidifiers to 70% max humidity
  - · Wash clothes in cold water
  - Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes
- Hang clothes outside or on dryer racks inside, if possible
- Air dry dishes instead of using dishwasher drying cycle
- Use Energy Star labeled appliances and electronics
- Install low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators and take short showers
- Turn down the heat when you are not in a room or in the house
  - Install programmable or smart thermostats
  - Remove window A/C units in winter
  - Latch closed windows
- Energy Star Appliance rebates include: room air conditioners; room air purifiers; pool

pumps; clothes dryers; dehumidifiers; washing machines; refrigerators at www.NHSaves.com/nh-rebates.

- NH Saves will haul away an old functional refrigerator for free plus give you an \$30 incentive check for participation
- Appliance energy lists can be found at www.energystar.gov

Why are utilities and NH Saves giving all these rebates and encouraging energy conservation if they are in the business of selling electricity? The benefit is that consumer conservation helps to minimize peak demands on electricity, thereby reducing the need to purchase additional power at higher rates. In addition, the need to build more transmission lines and power plants is reduced or eliminated resulting in savings to all residents and a win-win for consumers and providers.

Watch for the EAC's next article - Staying warm in your home: Building Science and Energy Efficiency.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 TURKEY DINNER IN CLAREMONT

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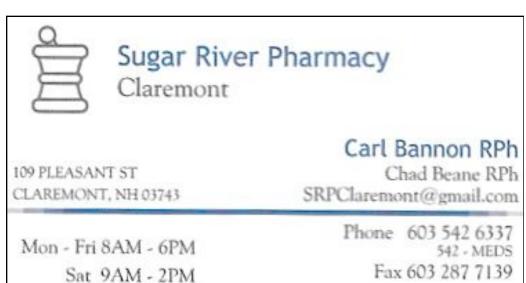
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# Senators Hassan, Young Introduce Bipartisan Fast Track To and Through College Act

Bill Backed by Community College System of New Hampshire; Would Help Expand Early College Programs, Such as Running Start, Which Operates in Nearly 100 NH High Schools

WASHINGTON, DC—Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Todd Young (R-IN) have introduced the bipartisan Fast Track To and Through College Act, which would create a grant program aimed at helping more students earn college credits while still in high school.

New Hampshire has extensive dual-enrollment programs in place, with almost 100 high schools in the state offering the Running Start program in partnership with the Community College System of New Hampshire. These types of early college programs provide academically-prepared high school students the opportunity to receive college credit while they are still in high school.

In this area, Stevens High School/Sugar River Valley Technical Center have a Running Start program that allows students to take college classes through the Community College System of New Hampshire. In addition, River Valley Community College has accepted credits that students received through the Running Start program.

"New Hampshire high schools are leading the country in enabling high schoolers to earn college credits – which challenges them academically, better prepares them for college, and can even save them on future tuition costs," said Senator Hassan. "I'm glad to work across the aisle to help expand and support high-quality early college programs, so that even more high school students can have access to them and ensure that their hard work will count for credit once they start college."

"Early college programs help families avoid college debt while preparing students for post-secondary education. In Indiana, we have seen great success from programs like these," said Senator Young. "Our bill aims to provide resources so states can create a fast track pathway for students that includes access to advanced coursework, dual credits, and professional support."

"The Community College System of New Hampshire was an early leader in dual and concurrent enrollment opportunities for high school students, and these programs have supported student achievement and success across the Granite State," said Ross Gittell, Chancellor of the Community College System of New Hampshire. "We appreciate and support the bipartisan efforts of Sen. Hassan and her colleagues to build an even stronger continuum of learning between secondary and postsecondary education in the United States."

The bipartisan Fast Track To and Through College Act would create a grant program to help more high schoolers receive college credit toward their future postsecondary degree. The bill supports early college programs like the ones in New Hampshire by:

- Allowing students enrolled in early college programs to take as much as a full year of early college courses toward their postsecondary degree or credential
- Ensuring that students receive credit for the classes that they take by requiring public colleges and universities to accept credit from early college programs
- Expanding access to the programs by allowing Pell Grants to cover dual-enrollment costs for low-income, Pell-eligible students in states receiving a fast-track grant.

# Community Welcomes Claremont Boy Back Following Kidney Transplant

It was a special day last Monday for a young Claremont boy who returned home following a kidney transplant in late October. Nine-year-old Nymen Koch, who had been diagnosed with FSGS kidney disease, had both of his kidneys removed several months ago and was having to travel to Boston several times a week for dialysis and care. He had been on a transplant list awaiting a new kidney. With good news that the new kidney was working well, Nymen was discharged from the Boston Children's Hospital last Monday, coming home in style in a limousine with his mom, Debra Chapman.

Many in the community, and Newport as well, stood outside with welcome home signs, and businesses posted greetings, too, for them to see as they made their way home. He also had a police and fire escort into Claremont to his house. Nymen will continue to have a variety of checkups for the next year as he continues his healing from transplant surgery (Courtesy photos).





## Intro to Watercolor: Painting the Winter Landscape

CLAREMONT, NH—Painting the beautiful New England winter landscape in watercolor will be explored in this one-day workshop at Maker-Space. Glazing techniques and layering of the subtle tints of snow will be introduced. Value, composition and painting light and shadow will be emphasized. Students will work from photo reference and learn to create a finished painting from a favorite winter subject. The instructor will demonstrate his approach and will provide hands-on guidance to each student. A critique will be held at the end of the session.

The cost of registration does not include supplies. For a list of supplies please email <u>brendan@claremontmakerspace.org</u>.

Registration closes December 5th.

Instructor Robert O'Brien; members, \$110; non-members, \$120. Dec. 7, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information, <a href="https://claremont-makerspace.org/events/#!event/2019/12/7/intro-to-watercolor-painting-the-winter-landscape">https://claremont-makerspace.org/events/#!event/2019/12/7/intro-to-watercolor-painting-the-winter-landscape</a>.





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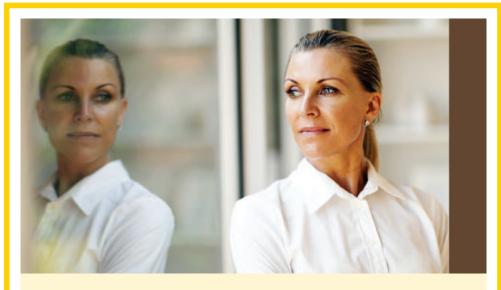
## What Can Investors Learn from Veterans?

Each year, Veterans Day allows us to show our respect for the sacrifices that military veterans have made for our country. But have you ever stopped to think about what lessons our veterans can teach us about how we conduct various aspects of our lives? For example, consider the following traits and how they might apply to your actions as an investor:

- **Perseverance** Even veterans who have not served in armed combat have had to persevere in challenging situations. The military life is not an easy one, as it often involves frequent moves, living in foreign countries, time away from loved ones, and so on. As an investor, in what ways do you need to show perseverance? For one thing, you'll need to stick it out even in the face of volatile markets and short-term losses. And you'll need the discipline to make investing a top priority throughout your life, even with all the other financial demands you face.
- **Willingness to learn and adapt** During the course of their service, military veterans frequently need to learn new skills for their deployments. Furthermore, living as they often do in foreign countries, they must adapt to new cultures and customs. When you invest, you're learning new things, not only about changes in the economic environment and new investment opportunities, but also about yourself your risk tolerance, your investment preferences, and your views about your ideal retirement lifestyle. Your ability to learn new investment behaviors and to adapt to changing circumstances can help determine your long-term success.
- Awareness of the "big picture" All members of the military know that their individual duties, while perhaps highly specific, are nonetheless part of a much bigger picture the security of their country. When you make an investment decision, it might seem relatively minor, but each move you make should contribute to your larger goals college for your children (or grand-children), a comfortable retirement, a legacy for your family or any other objective. And if you can keep in mind that your actions are all designed to help you meet these types of goals, you will find it easier to stay focused on your long-term investment strategy and not overreact to negative events, such as market downturns.
- Sense of duty It goes without saying that veterans and military personnel have felt, and still feel, a sense of duty. As an investor, you are trying to meet some personal goals, such as an enjoyable retirement lifestyle, but you, too, are acting with a sense of duty in some ways, because you're also investing to help your family. There are the obvious goals, like sending children to college or helping them start a business, but you're also making their lives easier by maintaining your financial independence throughout your life, freeing them of potential financial burdens. This can be seen quite clearly when you take steps, such as purchasing long-term care insurance, to protect yourself from the potentially catastrophic costs of an extended nursing home stay.

Military veterans have a lot to teach us in many activities of life – and investing is one of them. So, on Veterans Day, do what you can to honor our veterans and follow their behaviors as you chart your own financial future.

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Library Arts Center Gallery,

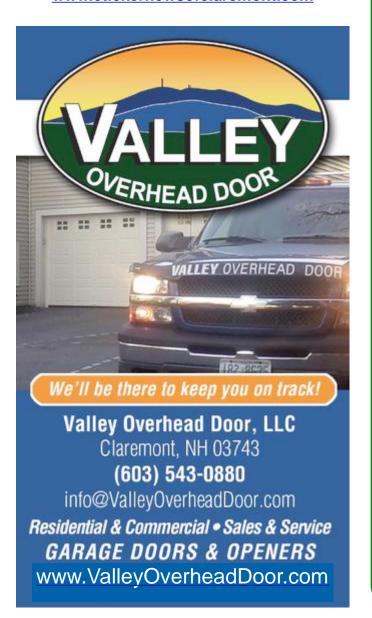
58 N. Main St. Newport, NH Admission is free.

The Library Arts Center presents its famous annual holiday exhibit of handmade crafts—Gallery of Gifts. The event is a great way to find unique, locally handmade gifts for holiday giving, while supporting local artisans.

The juried show features unique and carefully curated handmade crafts and art pieces from more than 100 local artisans, and is also an important fundraiser for the Library Arts Center.

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## **It's About Food**

#### By Johnny Navillus



## **Turkey Stuff(ing)**

One of the better parts of the Thanksgiving menu is stuffing. This is something that just begs to be played with. Every family has their traditional recipes. Oyster stuffing, chestnut stuffing, whatever. Personally, I like traditional herb dressing with my own additions. You can add whatever you like.

I start with a bag, actually two bags, and go from there. I do two because one is enough to stuff the turkey but there doesn't ever seem to be enough for leftovers, especially with a big crowd. So I do a batch outside of the bird.

For the liquid component, I use half water and half apple cider. Sometimes more cider, depending on my mood. The sauted onions and celery, of course. I use chunks of red apples, raisins, chopped walnuts, dried cranberries and dried blueberries if I have them. Maple syrup goes well in stuffing. Maple syrup goes well with a car bumper. I also throw in some more thyme and sage if the mood strikes me. This gives me plenty for the meal and the next day.



One year I found two different presentations for that extra stuffing. One has the stuffing put in a muffin pan and cooked up as stuffing muffins. The picture was really neat. The other one that really caught my eye was to put the stuffing in a bundt pan and bake that up. A bundt cake of stuffing! Genius! Where do these creative folks come up with these ideas?

As for the turkey. Those of you who are new to roasting turkey, just a few hints that may or may not have been passed down to you. Some of our elders were so concerned with turkey hygiene that they scrubbed the skin almost off. The place that you most need to be concerned with as far as cleanliness goes is the interior. Wash the skin by all means but don't go crazy with the vegetable brush. It should not take two hours to wash a store-bought turkey. Salt the exterior the night before. This tightens up the skin and keeps moisture in. Speaking of moisture, lift the skin and push in as much butter as you can. You won't reach all the way but slip in as many pats of butter as you can. This ensures a moist turkey.

When you season the turkey, rub your herbs and spices around gently. The butter under the skin will make it lumpy, so going gently will avoid ripping the skin.

I again use half water and half apple cider to roast the turkey. Keep basting about every hour and if you start to get low on liquid, add more cider. A little maple syrup never hurt any one.

The very last thing is to stuff the bird. Pack the stuffing loosely. You want the heat to circulate to prevent the growth of bacteria.

If you have layered your cards right, you are done for the day. Everyone else is doing the sides and they can have your kitchen. Assign someone to baste the turkey hourly and because it was so much work, you can take a nap. Poor you. Up since the crack of dawn doing the hard part. You deserve at least a couple of hours off.

As for carving, there are plenty of instructions online and it really is simple. If it seems daunting, give the "honors" to the male parent you trust the most. Hug a Vet. They deserve it.

Play with your food. All the best chefs do.

Write to Johnny at etickernews@gmail.com.



## Sullivan County Fugitive of the Week

CODY D. ROWAN DOB: 09/08/1996

LKA: 304 Hemlock Road, Langdon, NH

Description: White male, height: 6'5", weight: 265 lbs., eyes: hazel, hair: brown

Reason: Violation of Probation Original Charge: Burglary, Class B Felony



On Jan. 24, 2018, the Sullivan County Grand Jury indicted Cody D. Rowan on one count of burglary.

On March 12, 2018, Rowan pled guilty to the burglary charge in Sullivan County Superior Court. As part of Rowan's sentence, he was placed on probation with the NH Department of Corrections.

On Sept. 24, 2019, the NH Department of Corrections filed a violation of probation report with the Sullivan County Superior Court. It was alleged that Rowan had violated the terms and conditions of his probation.

On Oct. 9, 2019, the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for the arrest of rowan for violation of probation.

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.

## **AARP Meeting Nov. 14**

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Area AARP Chapter will meet Thursday, Nov. 14, at 1 P.M. at the Earl Bourdon Center at 67 Maple Ave. Tom Simmons, Specialist with U.S. Census Bureau, will speak about the mandated upcoming census and how it affects everyone. Dues for 2020-21 are \$5 and should be paid at this meeting. Non-perishable food in unbreak-

able containers will be collected for the weekend backpack program hosted through Trinity Episcopal Church.

New members are always welcome.

## **Third Monday Drawing Club**

CLAREMONT, NH—Come join instructor Lissa Malloy in a once a month drawing club. Each class will feature a new still life with an opportunity to learn value scales, how to draw from sight in several methods, and even different art styles (realism, futurism, cubism, impressionism, modernism, illustrative). Participants will learn to use charcoal, conte, and graphite. Please bring your own supplies (sketch book, drawing board, large drawing pad, pencils, charcoal, conte crayons). If you have questions of where best to acquire supplies, we will connect you with the instructor. This class is open to ages 12 & up.

Malloy is a local artist. She is a graduate of Plymouth State in drawing and graphic design. A lover of the natural world, that's where most of the inspiration comes from. She has been a freelance artist since beginning high school, and has been an apprenticed and licensed tattoo artist since 2013.

Members, free; non-members, \$10.

Claremont MakerSpace, 46 Main St.; Monday, Nov. 18, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

To register, please go here:

https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#!event/2019/10/21/third-monday-drawing-club.

## **Suspect Faces Seven Counts** in Active Shooter Case

NEWPORT, NH—The Valley News reported Friday that Michael Burns of Claremont, arrested in connection with the active shooter incident in Claremont in August of this year, pled not guilty on Thursday "to charges he shot at police and neighbors during a ninehour standoff this summer." Burns, 55, was indicted on seven charges on Oct. 23, of Reckless Conduct with a Deadly Weapon (firearm). According to court documents, said the Valley News, Burns allegedly fired hundreds of rounds during the incident, "hitting buildings, trees and cars." He is alleged to have fired at neighbors, officers and the upstairs apartment. The results of a competency evaluation have not been made public, and a competency hearing has been scheduled for Dec. 5.

—Phyllis A. Muzeroll

#### NOV 29 - DEC 1ST WALPOLE ARTISAN EVENT

Welcome to the 17th Annual Walpole Artisans Tour! This special event is a great way to find locally handmade gifts for that special someone, or even yourself. Held Thanksgiving weekend, Friday thru Sunday, November 29th, 30th & December 1st, and housed at three locations. The tour features original juried artwork, fine crafts, and many special and unique items created by over 20 artisans from the region.

Perfect for the gift-giving season, items for sale represent a wide variety of mediums, including wool and silk scarves, hand-forged jewelry, blown-glass vases and paperweights, cloth and leather handbags, wood and leather candle holders, wooden bowls and pens, etched and carved glass, metal garden sculptures, all-natural skin care products, wooden harps, etched black onyx jewelry, original paintings, holiday ornaments, as well as beautiful and charming note cards. You'll have the opportunity to meet the artisans and talk about their process or their goals.

Visit us at all three locations:

\*The Walpole Artisans gift shop at 52 Main Street, Walpole, NH

(Fri - Sat 10 to 5, Sun. 10-3)

\*The Walpole Town Hall, 34 Elm Street, Walpole, NH

(Fri.- Sat. 10 to 5, Sun. 10 to 3)

\*Sherwin Art Glass, 33 Bridge Street, Bellows Falls, VT

(Fri.- Sun. 10 to 5)

To pick up a tour postcard and for more information, call 603-756-3020 or visit us on Facebook.

## **Sunapee Food Pantry Seeks Donations**

SUNAPEE, NH—The Sunapee Food Pantry is seeking the following items:

Fruit – Individual and family size containers.

Juice - Individual and family size containers.

Crackers

Gluten free foods

Spaghetti O's, etc.

Crackers

Inedible items in need include:

Paper towels

Toilet paper

Shaving cream

Laundry detergent

## Claremont Visits...

Jill Biden, representing Team Joe for the Joe Biden for President campaign, held at Claremont Canvass Kickoff on Saturday at the home of David and Kyle Messier. The former Vice President is seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, and supporters gathered on Saturday to meet with Jill Biden and hear more about Biden's 2020 campaign. Following her Claremont stop, Jill Biden was also scheduled to hold a similar event in Lebanon. The former VP was also busy on Saturday, with events in Concord and New London. Presidential candidate Pete **Buttigieg was in Claremont on Sunday,** also kicking off a canvass event; while in New Hampshire, Buttigieg touched on a variety of issues, including healthcare and the climate crisis. On Saturday, Nov. 16, from 5-6 p.m., there will be a Claremont Meet and Greet with presidential candidate Michael Bennet at Ramunto's Brick Oven Pizza (Courtesy photo).



## WCCMA seeks Holiday Choir Singers and Section Leaders

CLAREMONT, NH—The West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts is pleased to announce the beginning of their 2019 Holiday Choir program and offers an invitation for interested participant to join. This season participants may join the pick-up choir for the Claremont Park Lighting only, or participate in the rehearsal choir for the full season. This year the rehearsal choir will transition to a student and community program with professional section leaders so that music students and community singers may learn from professional singers in their voice types, providing a richly rewarding musical and educational experience. Members of the choir will be auditioned with the expectation that anyone interested in musical growth and enrichment will be welcomed.

WCCMA has open paid positions for all Section Leaders (SATB) as well as open sign ups for the choir going on now, visit http://www.wcc-ma.org/jobs. Deadlines for applications to the Section Leader roles have been extended to November 14th, and we encourage choir participants to sign up by November 12th. An honorarium of a minimum of \$50 for perfect attendance will be offered to all participating music students and youth.

Dates for the 2019 Season includes:

Friday, November 29th, 5:45pm, Community Caroling as a pick up choir at Park Lighting, in collaboration with Claremont Parks and Recreation Thursday December 19th, 6:30pm Sing a Joyful Christmas Sing Along event, in collaboration with New England Classical Academy Tuesday, December 24th, 7pm Christmas Eve Community Service, in collaboration with Union Church Sunday, December 29th, 10am Service of Lessons and Carols in collaboration with Union Church

The WCCMA's Holiday Choir program began in 2017 as a pick-up and low-rehearsal choir to increase opportunities for community singing in the Claremont, southern Upper Valley NH/VT region. WCCMA collaborates with Claremont Parks and Recreation, New England Classical Academy, and Union - St. Luke's Church in Claremont. Repertoire consists of secular and sacred music of the season, and is led by WCCMA's Executive and Artistic Director Melissa Richmond. This program may expand during 2020, and will be significantly shaped based on the input of this seasons participants.

The West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts is a non-profit located in Claremont NH and serving the larger NH/VT Upper Valley region. Their mission is to bring professional music and arts experiences, diverse musicians, and educational opportunity to the underserved and low-income community of Claremont NH, and wider Upper Valley region. We are committed to offering performances and workshops without charge, enabling everyone in the community to access the arts and their benefits. For more information about WCCMA and their programs visit wcc-ma.org.

## Claremont Marks Veterans Day with Indoor Ceremony at American Legion Post

The planned Veterans Day ceremony in Claremont, usually held in Broad St. Park, was moved to the American Legion Post 29 building across the street. Members of the public joined the Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars NH 808 and Rolling Thunder Chapter 2. Two members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion placed a wreath at the memorial in the park across the street. Following the ceremony, the Ladies Auxiliary hosted a free lunch at the Post. A bell was rung by Michael Richmond of the Post 11 times at 11:00 a.m. to mark the hour, and two students, Rachel and Kaylee, from the Unity Elementary School, spoke about the meaning of Veterans Day. Post Commander Moe Ferland said that the public should honor vets, for without their service we would not be the land of freedom. He urged those attending to volunteer to help causes that support veterans and acknowledged the service of Mayor Charlene Lovett who is a 22-year Army veteran. Girl Scout Troop #30261 handed out homemade cards to veterans attending the event. Among those attending was Marine Sgt. Steven Heiser, formerly of Claremont now living in Newport; he was



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