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Tasty Treats for a Summer Evening

Lollipop Carnival draws Hundreds, King and Queen 'crowned'

**By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News**

CLAREMONT, NH—Families streamed into Barnes Park in Claremont on Friday evening to enjoy the delights of the annual Lollipop Carnival. Buying bags of lollipops that were used as tickets let kids test their beanbag-tossing skills, get their faces painted, carry around or better yet wear clown-created balloon art, make a bucket of water splash down on a good-natured adult, and — in a sweet loop — win even more lollipops.

Rowan Kier and Makayla Perry's names were drawn from the evening's submissions, entitling them to ascend as King and Queen to the thrones of Lollipopdom.

Also on hand were classic funny cars to admire, as well as a police cruiser, ambulance and fire truck to explore. Winners of a cake walk musical game took home a voucher for a free cake. After the sun set, the movie "Incredibles 2" was projected on a huge, inflatable screen to the delight of film fans.

The Claremont Parks & Recreation Department coordinated the annual event. Staff and volunteers welcomed the greater Claremont community, who had fun at the games and got to know the City's first responders. "It's a great crowd, as always," observed Justin Martin, Parks & Rec superintendent of recreation programs. "We're busy for hours making kids happy, which is the whole point!"

Makayla Perry, 15, and Rowan Kier, 4, were chosen (via a drawing) as the 2019 Lollipop Queen and King. In addition to their crowns, they took home extra-large, extra-sweet lollipops. More photos on page A6 (Eric Zengota photo).



AG Releases Report Regarding Alleged Hate Crime in City in August of 2017

**By Phyllis A. Muzeroll
e-Ticker News**

CLAREMONT, NH—On Wednesday, the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office released the "Attorney General's Report Regarding the Investigation into the Hate Crime and Civil Rights Violation Alleged to Have Been Committed in Claremont on August 28, 2017", the Supreme Court's November 6, 2018 confi-

dentiality notice and the Supreme Court's August 6, 2019 opinion. The 25-page report concludes that "The evidence does not, therefore, establish probable cause to warrant the belief that Boy 1 was motivated to assault the victim because the victim was biracial. In the absence of that quantum of evidence, the State could not sustain either a hate-crime prosecution or civil rights action against Boy 1."

The opinion by the NH Supreme Court re-

garding releasing details of the report included the statement by the circuit court that "...[i]f no information is released to the public, the false narrative that currently exists will continue to be the only information that the public has access to" and because that "false narrative continues to haunt the juvenile in this case," a release of information "may, in fact, help in [the

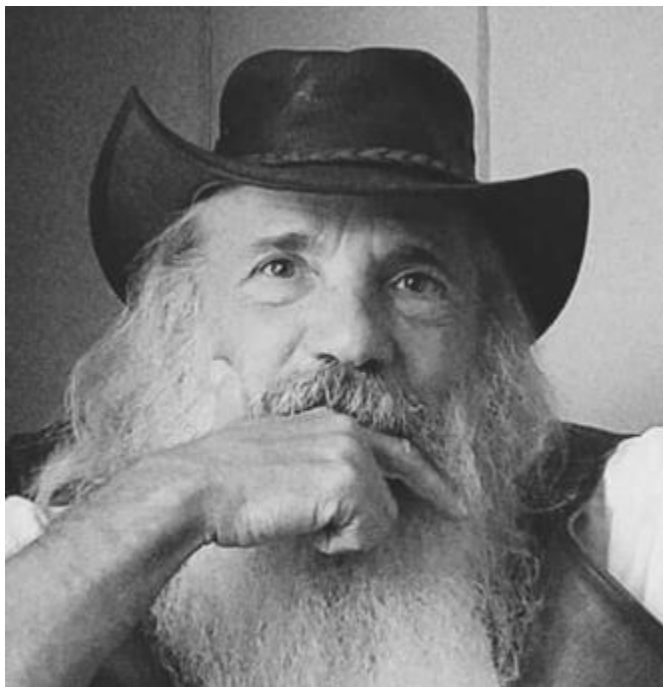
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Stories at Claremont MakerSpace

CLAREMONT, NH—On Monday, Aug. 12, Stories in the Loft will be held between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. at the Claremont MakerSpace, 26 Main Street, Claremont, NH. Papa Joe Gaudet, New Hampshire's Itinerant Storyteller, is the featured teller, bringing his unique blend of stories and music to the evening. The event is free and open to the public, from youth to seniors. Donations will be gratefully accepted to support the featured teller, who is an NHSA volunteer.

Papa Joe's Traveling Storytelling Show makes its way around New Hampshire, New England and beyond, collecting tales and inviting folks of all ages to "step into a story." Reviving the tradition of the itinerant storyteller, Papa Joe is passionate about continuing oral traditions that have been passed down over many generations. He is an internationally recognized master of interactive folk story-

telling, having given over 6,000 performances and hundreds of workshops.



Papa Joe, Storyteller (Photo by Simon Brooks).

Those who were young parents or children themselves 30 years ago may remember hearing his stories at the Fiske Free Library. The colorfully decorated van parked outside the library alerted everyone that Papa Joe was in town and they wouldn't want to miss his show!

More information can be found at <https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/> or by calling Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 8th Annual Claremont Senior Center Car show. 9AM-2 PM.

People choice trophies, door prizes, raffles, DJ, T-shirts and unbelievable food. Admission \$5. Show Car Registration-\$10.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Energy Advisory Committee
Monday, August 19, 2019 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Visitor Center, 14 North Street

PUBLIC NOTICE

Claremont Development Authority
Full Board Meeting
Thursday, August 22, 2019 7:30 AM
Visitor Center, 14 North Street
Claremont, NH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 BBQ IN CLAREMONT

Bring the family and enjoy a Chicken BBQ on August 24th at First United Methodist Church, 38 Summer Street in Claremont. Serving ½ chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, homemade cookie or brownies for \$10.00. Serving from 11am until sold out.

All meals ready for takeout.

Any questions, please give us a call.
Deb Snelling, First United Methodist Church,
603-542-5783.

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Located in the Brown Block.



Douglas Cygan, NH Invasive Species Coordinator, will provide an in-depth look at upland invasive plant species of New Hampshire. Attendees will learn about the various issues, New Hampshire rules and regulations, characteristics, identifying features and control measures of some of the most aggressive non-native plants here in the Granite State.

- The public is invited to attend -

August 15, 2019

6:00 PM

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NH Senate Condemns Governor Sununu’s Veto of Three Gun Violence Prevention Bills

CONCORD, NH—Friday, Governor Chris Sununu vetoed three gun violence prevention bills: HB 109, closing background check loopholes; HB 514, creating a waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a firearm; and HB 564, clarifying statewide gun free schools.

Following the vetoes, Senate President Donna Soucy (D-Manchester) and Senate Judiciary Chair Martha Hennessey (D-Hanover) released the following statements:

“Since there have been more mass shootings than days this year, our thoughts and prayers are empty gestures without the courage and conviction to act to prevent future tragedies. That’s why it is so deeply disappointing that in the midst of a national crisis and in the wake of two mass shootings, Governor Sununu is holding New Hampshire back from making progress on gun violence prevention with his vetoes of three common sense public safety bills, including background checks—which 90% of Americans support,” said Senate President Donna Soucy (D-Manchester). “Senate Democrats continue to stand with the majority of Granite Staters who are calling for common sense gun violence prevention. Together, we will make a difference.”

Senate Judiciary Chair Martha Hennessey (D-Hanover) stated, “The House and Senate worked hard this session to put forward common sense approaches to curb gun violence before tragedy strikes in our state. Unfortunately, Governor Sununu is once again standing with the NRA to the detriment of public safety. Just days before a visit from President Trump, whose racist rhetoric is spurring violent action, Governor Sununu refused to take action to prevent gun violence but chose instead to scapegoat people who experience mental illness and downplay the common denominator in these mass shootings—easy access to firearms—to appease corporate lobbyists and campaign donors. New Hampshire deserves better.”

Sununu stated that “These three bills would not solve one national issues nor would they prevent evil individuals from doing harm, but they would further restrict the constitutional rights of law abiding New Hampshire citizens.”

NH Delegation Announces Over \$4 Million Headed to NH to Combat Foreign and Domestic Terrorist Threats

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) today announced with Representatives Annie Kuster (NH-02) and Chris Pappas (NH-01) that the Department of Homeland Security has awarded \$4,077,500 to the State of New Hampshire through the State Homeland Security Program and \$150,000 to seven New Hampshire religious institutions through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program. Hassan serves as the Ranking Member of the Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management Subcommittee of the Senate Homeland Security Committee and Shaheen is a senior member of the Senate Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee.

Funds from the State Homeland Security Program support terrorism prevention and preparedness at the state and local level, including ensuring that law enforcement has the equipment and training necessary to prevent terrorist attacks and save lives if attacks do occur.

This is the first time that New Hampshire institutions are receiving assistance through the Nonprofit Security Grant Program. This year, seven places of worship will receive funding to strengthen their buildings’ physical security. The grants are going to:

- Bedford Presbyterian Church
- Bethany Congregational Christian Church in Greenland
- First Congregational Church in Littleton
- Chabad of New Hampshire in Manchester
- Temple Adath Yeshurun in Manchester
- Temple Beth Abraham of Nashua
- The Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry

Garage, 2 Vehicles Lost in Claremont Fire

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Fire Department responded to a reported garage fire at a home located at the address of 40 Bowker Street Thursday afternoon. The call was dispatched by Claremont Safety Services Dispatch Center at 1:39 p.m. According to Claremont Fire Chief Bryan Burr, the first arriving engine was on scene at 1:43 p.m. along with Car One. Car One reported heavy fire from all openings of the garage.

“A General Alarm Box 100 was struck, requesting all personnel to respond to the scene,” said Burr. Automatic mutual aid was requested from Newport, Ascutney and Cornish Fire Departments. The initial responding crew worked to contain the fire to the structure. The owners were home at the time of the fire. “The home, which was located about 25 feet from the garage, sustained moderately melted siding. No injuries were reported. Golden Cross stood by attending to the occupants until the fire was deemed under control allowing them to return to their home.”

The department’s Cause and Origin Investigator Captain Chris Pixley determined the cause to be combustibles stored too close to a stove that had been in use earlier in the day.

The garage and the two vehicles stored inside are a total loss; all are insured, said Burr.

Fatal Accident in Alstead Takes Life of FL Woman

ALSTEAD, NH—At approximately 7:52 a.m. on August 10, Troopers from the New Hampshire State Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Comstock Road in Alstead at the intersection Darby Brook Road. According to the NHSP, the preliminary investigation revealed that Jacqueline LaChapelle, age 24, of Oviedo, FL, was operating a 2014 Ford Fusion west on Comstock Road when she left the roadway near the bridge over Darby Brook. LaChapelle’s vehicle came to final rest on its roof and partially submerged in the brook. LaChapelle died as a result of injuries sustained during the crash, said the NHSP Saturday afternoon in a statement.

The New Hampshire State Police were assisted on scene by personnel from the Alstead, Langdon, and Swanzey fire departments.



A two-car garage and its contents in Claremont were destroyed Thursday afternoon. Heat from the fire caused moderate damage to some of the siding on the house (Phyllis A. Muzeroll photo).

The crash remained under investigation at this time.

Anyone with information regarding the crash is urged to contact Trooper First Class John Lucero or Sergeant Daniel Brow at Troop C in Keene at 603-358-3333.

No further information regarding this investigation will be released at this time, said NHSP.

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 18
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Show tunes and
the Great American
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and photos

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17
POTLUCK IN MERIDEN, 6:00p.m.**

There will be a Welcoming and Caring Potluck Supper at the Meriden Congregational Church Parish Hall. Two main dishes will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. This gathering is open to the community and to all who are interested in the stone church on the hill in Meriden, New Hampshire (5 Mitchell Drive).

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Fun at the Lollipop Carnival—clockwise: Fierce tiger cub? Cheeks dotted with flowers? The choice is yours; “At least 40 times already,” replied this soaking-wet volunteer, when asked about how the “hit the splash me button and the bucket will tip over” game was going; somehow, hands-off pie eating is so much more delicious than the fork-and-napkin method; good aim + good toss = rings that win tickets for prizes (Eric Zengota photos).



Beginning Woodworking for Women

CLAREMONT, NH—This class is designed for women who have not had much (or any at all) experience working with wood or tools. Participants will have a chance to explore their creative and practical, problem solving sides, and learn about safety, design, wood, power tools and some hand tools in a supportive learning environment. Machines such as the joiner, planer, table saw, drill press, miter saw, and band saw will be covered as well as drills, routers, and sanders. Each participant will design and build a small project of individual choice. Classes are limited to five participants.

Wear closed toe shoes. Bring something to drink, a pencil with an eraser, and a tape measure if you have one.

Eight-week course:

Thursdays 6:30 - 9 PM.

September 19 - November 7, 2019

Location: Claremont Makerspace

To register, please go here:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2019/9/19/beginning-woodworking-for-women>.

100 Years of Newport Memories

NEWPORT, NH—The Newport Historical Society presents "100 Years of Newport Memories" on Tuesday, Aug. 13, in the dining room of Summercrest Senior Living Commu-



This postcard photo is of June Brill, at about 10 years old, near the Newport Train Station, where her father was the Station Master. Trains were a large part of life in Newport, before autos and trucks took over most of our transportation needs.

nity, 169 Summer Street, Newport. We are delighted to have June Brill Lieberman, age 100, sharing memories of her life in Newport, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Those of us who have known June, know what a lively, intelligent, lovely lady she is.

Her talk should be quite interesting! Light refreshments will be served.

Intro to Sewing: Make A Recycled Bag

CLAREMONT, NH—Want to help solidify your basic sewing skills while making a tough (yet pretty!) grocery tote? Using grain feed bags we will up-cycle these to reusable grocery totes! Choice of pictures and colors available. Do you love Horses? Pigs? Dogs? Purple? Pink? Many choices! And environmentally friendly. This is a great project to help you learn to sew, or practice your basic skills!

August 13, 6 - 8 PM

Claremont Makerspace

To register, please go here:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2019/8/13/intro-to-sewing-make-a-recycled-bag>.

Intro To CNC Routing

CLAREMONT, NH—Computer numerical controlled (CNC) routers rock. They're cutting machines used for cutting various hard materi-

als (wood, aluminum, foam, plastics, etc) and are useful for a huge variety of creative applications. Need to cut (or carve) a complex or unique shape? Lots of them? This machine will be your friend!

Intro to CNC Routing will provide an overview of CNC routing with a ShopBot CNC machine – covering safety procedures and basic setup and operation of the ShopBot CNC system, as well as the software used to run this tool. We will walk through the process of cutting out a pre-programmed design and end with parts ready to assemble!

Participants of this workshop will have the opportunity to sign up for a follow certification session. Upon successfully passing this certification test, these Members will be allowed to use the ShopBot on their own.

August 13, 6 - 9 PM

Claremont Makerspace

To register, please go here:

<https://claremontmakerspace.org/events/#/event/2019/8/13/intro-to-cnc-routing>.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14

LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING IN CORNISH

The trustees of the George H. Stowell will hold a trustee meeting on Wednesday, August 14 at the library. The meeting will start at 6:00pm and is open to the public. The agenda is posted at the library and on the Cornish Library page on the Town of Cornish website under Local Organizations.

Jenkins Dance & Gymnastics Center

8 Tremont Street Claremont



Open House and Registration Days

Monday Aug 19 & Tuesday Aug 20 from 10am - 12noon & 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Backpacks Packed — All 600 of Them

Claremont School District Prepares for 2019-2020 School Year

By Eric Zengota
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Pencils and pencil cases, rulers and erasers and 3-ring binders, plus the essential backpack to carry them in — having all these items goes a long way to making what Courtney Porter hopes is a promising first day back to school.

“I want all the students to know that they can ask themselves, ‘Can I be successful?’ and answer, ‘Yes!’”

Porter has a lot of experience in helping youngsters feel excited about their school years. This year is the seventh in a row that she is organizing the Back to School Festival, which will take place on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in Barnes Park. The festival itself has a 15-year history, and has always aimed to make the switch from summer to fall an exciting one.

The rain-or-shine event will feature children’s activities, free ice water and popsicles, and Dylan Tenney’s magic show. Members of Riverstone Church will be giving free haircuts.

Members of the Claremont police and fire departments will be on hand so that, as Porter

said, “the kids can get to know our first responders in a way that’s not threatening or scary.” Students, especially those who may be taking their first ride in September, will also have the chance to get used to a school bus.

Most importantly, students and families will be able to meet their principals, teachers and other school staff from the Preschool Center and all three elementary schools, as well as Claremont Middle School and Stevens High School.

In a change from previous years, Porter noted, students will first have to check in at their school’s table. After meeting school representatives, they’ll get a card to pick up their backpack.

“We know success happens by building relationships,” said Porter. “Many of our graduates have become productive members of our community. They are agents of change and that change begins with education.”

For Porter, the festival is also an excellent opportunity to meet or re-meet children and families in need. The School Social Worker for all grade levels in Claremont, she has master’s degrees in both education and social work. She is also the District McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison.

“My purpose is to remove barriers so that everyone has access to education. The barriers may be homelessness or food insecurity or lack of family support for a child’s studies. I help families connect with social services agencies and other community resources to break down those barriers. We want the school system to be an influence outside the walls and hours. We



want to build trust and be a visible presence in the community.”

The Back to School Festival would not be possible without the many sponsors and community members who have contributed time, money, products and services.

“I’m incredibly excited and grateful to have National Field Representatives as one of our major sponsors,” said Porter. “NFR collaborated with Whelen Engineering Company to donate the 600 backpacks. Of course we didn’t want to hand out empty packs. Becca Benoit of NFR has taken the lead in filling them with school supplies.”

Additional donors include the Karl Collise Memorial Fund, Kiwanis of Claremont and the Claremont Police Association. “Day-of” collaborators number about 30. Among them are Turning Points, Claremont Savings Bank, Elks, Valley Regional Hospital, John Paul II Academy and the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center.

All in all, said Porter, “the festival will make a feel-good day for our community.”

And, she added, anyone who misses the event for some reason is welcome to email her afterwards at cporter@sau6.org.

The Back-to-School Festival in Claremont is a much anticipated event now (File, courtesy photos).



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PUBLIC NOTICE
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 12, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall

Richard Wahrlich, Chair

PUBLIC NOTICE
Conservation Commission
PUBLIC MEETING

Special Presentation on Invasive Species
By Douglas Cygan

Thursday, August 15, 2019, 6:00 PM
Ahern Building
Sullivan County Complex
95 County Farm Road
Unity, NH
Gary Dickerman, Chair

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13
MEDICARE WORKSHOP

Medicare can be confusing. Becky Rostron, the SHIP Counselor at Sullivan County ServiceLink Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), can help you understand your Medicare options.

"Welcome to Medicare" workshops are designed to help new Medicare enrollees make more informed choices about their Medicare benefits. Workshop dates are as follows: Tuesday, August 13th and Tuesday, September 24th. The workshops are scheduled from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Attendees only need to attend one of the dates. All workshops will be held at 224 Elm Street, Claremont NH 03743.

Rostron will cover: Part A Hospital insurance, Part B Medical insurance, prescription drug coverage, Medicare Supplement plans, and strategies on how to protect yourself from Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse.

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Mayoral Notes by Charlene Lovett



Goddard Block Construction Project on Schedule for December Completion

The Goddard Block, located in Claremont's historic city center, is undergoing a complete transformation that will result in 36 new apartments at a time when affordable housing is in high demand. The \$11M construction project represents the biggest investment of the decade in the revitalization of the historic district. It is on schedule to be finished in December, following the completion of a multi-million dollar infrastructure investment of nearby Main Street earlier this summer.

The construction project is a mixed use, mixed income project. It will have both commercial and residential space, and apartments available to people of varying income levels. Approximately 10,000 square feet on the first floor, adjacent to Pleasant Street, will be reserved for commercial enterprise. The space can be divided to accommodate multiple businesses or remain intact for a single entity.

While the quality of the apartments will not differ from one unit to another, the number of apartments available to renters of varying income levels will. Nine of the 36 apartments will be rented at market rates, while the majority will be rented according to a percentage of the area median income (AMI) as defined by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Sullivan County.

Nineteen of the apartments will be reserved for renters who earn 60% of the AMI. For one person this equates to \$34,320 and increases by approximately 4K for each additional person. Another four apartments will be available to renters

who earn 50% of the AMI. For one person, this is \$28,600 and also increases about 4K for each additional person. The remaining four apartments will be set aside for individuals with disabilities.

Given the Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau cites the per capita income for Claremont as \$24,227, this project will deliver quality housing at affordable prices. Because the inside of this historic building has been entirely gutted and reconstructed, environmental concerns such as lead-based paint will not be a concern. The location provides people of all ages the opportunity to live within walking distance of shops, restaurants, cultural art events and the MakerSpace.

It is anticipated that demand for these apartments will be high. New construction is always a draw, and discussions with the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center have already taken place regarding apartment availability. The completion of this project coupled with other revitalization projects taking place in the city center represents a huge investment in the heart of Claremont. Building on this momentum will be critical in achieving our goal to be a vibrant city in which to live, work and play.

Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your questions, comments and concerns. Please email her at clovet-t.ccc@gmail.com.

Next Boating Education Class is August 24th

SUNAPEE, NH—The next NH Boating Education Class will be offered at the Sunapee Safety Services Building on Saturday, Aug. 24th. The class will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On the day of the class,

you must bring a valid I.D. and your lunch. You will earn your boating education certificate on the day of the class. Seating for this class is limited to 18 (the 2 classes already held this summer in Sunapee were filled quickly). You must pre-register on-line by going to: <https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/fob/marine-patrol/boating-education/>. Approximately halfway down the webpage, you will see the link "Search and register for boating education class". Click on the link and scroll until you see the August 24th class in Sunapee and complete the information as requested.

For any questions, contact Nancy Levesque, NH Boating Education at 603-227-2124.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 DelphiTrio - 14th Annual Rosamond Edmondson Memorial Concert

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Claremont Elks Lodge 879 has sponsored a playroom for Claremont Teen Transitional Housing at 169 Main Street, with lodge members remodeling the room. Members painted, installed flooring, and purchased items for the playroom. Left to right: Carrie Torney, Tina Bergeron, Cathy Pellerin, Board Member, and Trinity Early, Treasurer (Courtesy photos).



August 14 Dartmouth-Hitchcock Panel: How to Meet Mental Health and Substance Use Challenges with a Strong Community Mental Health System

LEBANON, NH –New Hampshire's 10 nonprofit community mental health centers provide care for more than 10,000 children, adults and families across the state. Making sure this system is strong, and ensuring access to care, are key goals of the state's new 10-Year Mental Health Plan and topic of discussion at the next program of the 99 Faces Project series at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC).

On August 14 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in Auditorium H at DHMC, a panel of mental health professionals will explore how community mental health providers are working to meet the needs of New Hampshire families with speakers from the NH Department of Health & Human Services, the NH Community Behavioral Health Association, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) NH.

"Psychiatric illnesses are common, painful, often disabling and sometimes deadly – but these illnesses are also very treatable," said event moderator Will Torrey, MD, Vice Chair for Clinical Services in Psychiatry at Dartmouth-Hitchcock and a Professor at Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine. "How can our society turn directly towards this challenge to relieve suffering, promote recovery, and save lives? The community mental health system plays a crucial role. We invite the community to join us at this event to discuss the path forward."

The event will open with a viewing of the "99 Faces Project: Portraits Without Labels." The exhibit, designed by Boston-based visual artist Lynda Michaud Cutrell, is a six-month art installation at DHMC, and aims to break down the stigma associated with mental illness by using unlabeled photographs, videos, paintings and sculptures of people who experience mental health challenges and their loved ones.

"When we don't know the cause or the cure of a condition, we fear it," said event panelist Dr. Diane Roston, Clinical Medical Director of West Central Behavioral Health, based in Lebanon. "When we gain understanding and improve treatments, we no longer hide these individuals away and they no longer feel as ashamed and stigmatized. We can continue to reduce stigma with more research, more services, more resources, more sharing of experience, not to mention more compassion and acceptance of the full range of human experience, including mental illness." Opening remarks will be made by John Broderick, Senior Director of External Affairs for Dartmouth-Hitchcock and former Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Commissioner Jeffrey Meyers of the NH Department of Health & Human Services will be a featured speaker, along with other panelists including Rob Aitcheson, peer support specialist, former client, and development associate at Lakes Region Mental Health Center in Laconia; Peter Evers, President NH Community Behavioral Health Association; Angela Montano, client, staff, and board of directors of West Central Behavioral Health; and Susan Stearns, Deputy Director of NAMI-NH.

Light refreshments will be served. There is no cost to attend, but registration is requested by visiting go.d-h.org/99faces or call (603) 302-1633.

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Mascoma Donations Help Equip New Urgent Care Facility in Charlestown

CHARLESTOWN, NH—On July 31, Valley Regional Hospital (VRH) held an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony to introduce its newest facility in Charlestown, NH, which includes Urgent Care, Radiology, Lab Services, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy. Being 30 miles from Keene and 12 miles from Claremont, residents of Charlestown and nearby communities like Walpole were used to traveling to meet their healthcare needs. Valley will now bridge that gap for the town's 5,000+ residents and the surrounding area.

Mascoma Bank and the Mascoma Bank Foundation's generous donations totaling \$7,500 will help provide new medical equipment and supplies for VRH's new Charlestown location.

"Mascoma Bank and the Mascoma Bank Foundation are happy to be able to support the Valley Regional Healthcare Urgent Care Center in Charlestown," said Samantha Pause, Chief Marketing Officer at Mascoma Bank. "Providing access to healthcare for the local community with an urgent care center is addressing a vital need for the wellbeing of its citizens. Having Valley Regional at the forefront of this project ensures that the quality of care will be exceptional."

"Valley Regional partners with local organizations to improve and expand healthcare options in our community. Mascoma Bank and the Mascoma Bank Foundation have played a vital role in making this happen, and we remain incredibly grateful for their ongoing dedication to our patients, friends, and neighbors" said Robin Caissie, Senior Director of Development and Community Engagement at VRH.

Valley Regional in Charlestown is slated to open soon.

Local Mustard Sales Help St. Jude Children's Hospital

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Ruth's Mustard LLC



Left-right: Robin Caissie, Senior Director of Development and Community Engagement, Valley Regional Healthcare; Dan McGee, Trustee, Mascoma Bank Foundation; Liza McSwain, Branch Manager, Mascoma Bank; Jean Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, Valley Regional Healthcare (Courtesy photo).

has joined with Brimstone in creating and selling #SlatherSome Brimstone Ground Maple Habanero Mustard with 100% of the profits to be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Ruth' Mustard LLC is owned and operated by Laurel and Ed Smith of Charlestown, NH. They produce their products as local makers out of the commercial shared use kitchen, Genuine Local, in Meredith, NH. Ruth's Mustard LLC was a 2018 SCORE (Service Corp of Retired Executives) Small Business American Champion from the state of New Hampshire. They have nine flavors, ranging from their Sweet Grillin' Glaze which they refer to as their "Mustard Candy", to the Jalapeño with the "Wait for the Heat" description. The Raspberry is "Sweet like a Jam" and the Cranberry is "Fruity with a kick". They produce five other mustards, including an Original Hot & Sweet, Cracked Black Pepper, Garlic, Horseradish, and Maple. The Maple is of course, made with Maple Syrup from 3 Generations Sugar House



in Walpole, NH. There is a taste for every palate. The Ruth's Mustard LLC was started when the owners were over the age of 50. They met Brimstone at the Reno, NV SCORE Champion Award Ceremony. Their combined efforts resulted in the creation of #Slather

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Some the Limited Edition one-of-a-kind Maple Habanero Mustard.

Brimstone is a renown radio personality from Long Island, said the Smiths. His titles have also included professional wrestler, actor, voice actor, author, musician, philanthropist, food critic, horror model, and comic book/animated/children's book/video game hero. He is a celebrity spokesperson for the Stan Lee Foundation, Jaime Issac Foundation, RADD (Rockers Actors and Athletes against Driving Drunk) and the annual speaker for LILTA's Men's Conferences aimed at paving educational paths for young men. He recently won the titles of "Best Long Island Personality 2018 & 2019" along with his winning radio station, The Grindhouse Radio. GHR was also named a 2018 SCORE National Grand Champion.

To learn about Ruth's Mustard LLC, Brimstone, please visit www.ruthsmustard.com.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Opens New Tele-Intensive Care Unit Hub

New service helps rural hospitals provide care to critically ill patients

LEBANON, NH—Patients at hospitals throughout New England who are in need of intensive care can now benefit from the Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) Center for Connected Care's Tele-Intensive Care Unit (TeleICU) Program. Located in a newly renovated, technologically innovative and dedicated space at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) in Lebanon, the D-H TeleICU hub is staffed with board-certified

intensivists (physicians who have undergone advanced training in providing care for critically ill patients) and critical care nurses. The TeleICU team collaborates with bedside clinicians in rural hospitals to provide real-time care, support, monitoring and clinical consultations, allowing even the most critical-

ly ill patients to receive care close to home. The clinicians communicate using state-of-the-art, two-way, interactive audiovisual technology.

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In addition to serving partner facilities, such as Cheshire Medical Center, a member of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health, in Keene, NH, and Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington, VT, DHMC has wired its own Medical, Surgical and Neurological Intensive Care Units into the system.

“We’ve incorporated TeleICU in our own Medical Center because we recognize its ability to support our physician and nursing staff, mitigate burnout and improve satisfaction, while at the same time reinforcing the culture of safety and our commitment to quality patient care,” said Stephen Surgenor, MD, MS, medical director for D-H TeleICU.

Through bedside support, standardization of care and early intervention, TeleICU improves patient outcomes, including reduced mortality rates, fewer complications and reduced lengths of stay, both in the ICU and in the hospital after discharge from the ICU. TeleICU also enhances the patient and family experience while decreasing the risks and costs of hospital transfer.

“The D-H TeleICU hub complements the robust breadth of telehealth services we provide to patients and their care teams,” said Kevin Curtis, MD, MS, medical director of Dartmouth-Hitchcock’s Center for Telehealth. “Our critical care clinicians work in tandem with the out-

standing care teams at rural partner hospitals, reducing the number of patients requiring transfers to high-acuity hospitals, such as Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center – this is beneficial not only to patients, but also to their loved ones.”

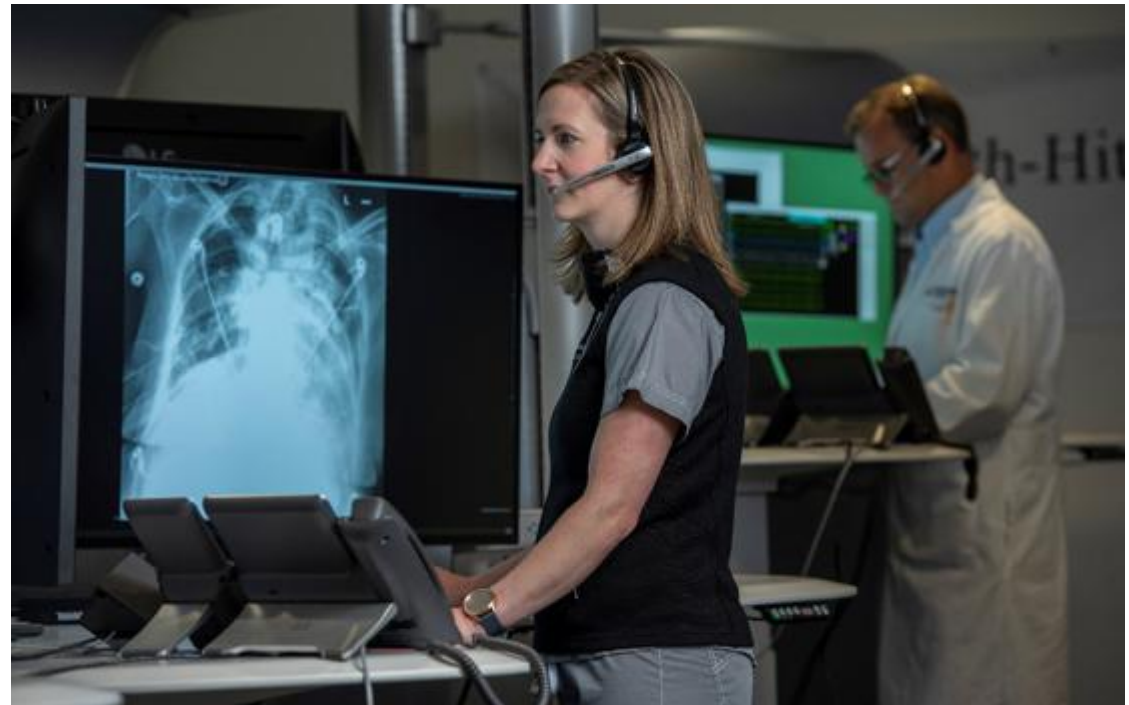
Hospitals and health systems across the country are facing increased pressures – from lack of beds and overcrowding, to changing reimbursement models and declining numbers of specialists. In rural communities, the shortage is especially acute. TeleICU can help hospitals in-

crease access to evidence-based care by providing their in-house clinical teams with expert support, as well as 24/7 monitoring of critically ill patients through advanced predictive analytics software. At D-H, software called ‘eCareManager’ allows the TeleICU team to monitor patient conditions minute-to-minute and detect clinical issues before they become more serious events.

With nearly two mil-

lion people residing in rural communities across northern New England, telemedicine will play an increasingly vital role in providing patients with access to the care they need within their own communities.

“D-H TeleICU facilitates excellent care for patients at ICUs across the region, and allows us to ensure that DHMC’s ICU beds are available for the most critically ill patients who require a level of care and access to specialists and other resources that can only be provided here,” Surgenor said. “This stewardship of all resources in the region makes sense for our patients and their respective communities.” **DHMC clinicians demonstrate the technology used to collaborate with bedside clinicians at partner hospital locations (Courtesy photo).**



Dartmouth-Hitchcock (D-H) recently opened its new Tele-Intensive Care Unit hub (TeleICU) at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) in Lebanon, NH. Located in a newly renovated, technologically innovative and dedicated space at DHMC, the D-H TeleICU hub is staffed with board-certified intensivists (physicians who have undergone advanced training in providing care for critically ill patients) and critical care nurses. Shown in photo: Mariel Day, TeleICU Nurse Manager, and Stephen Surgenor, MD, TeleICU Medical Director, communicate from D-H’s new TeleICU hub with bedside clinicians located at a partner hospital (Courtesy photo).



Interview Tips from WorkReadyNH

CLAREMONT, NH—Applying for a job can be confusing and frustrating, so knowing techniques that will make the process go more smoothly can help. The tuition-free WorkReadyNH program at River Valley Community College offers a three week course that prepares you for the workforce whether you have no experience or many years of work experience, little education or are at a graduate level, a young or mature worker. Included in the program is 60 hours of professional soft skills training that includes communication, problem solving, critical thinking, and team building as well as workplace reading, math, and graphic literacy skills. Also addressed are resumes and interviews taught by an experienced trainer and includes professionals from the community who come in and offer valuable advice.

Daynia Langlois, Regional VP of Leddy Group Staffing Agency, offers her professional expertise and does mock interviews with participants. Langlois said, "Employers are impressed when they see WorkReadyNH on a resume and want to interview graduates. They understand the value of soft skills training and appreciate a well-written resume and strong interview skills." She added, "When you go for an interview, be sure to dress for success by wearing clean clothes that are appropriate for the position and avoid shorts, tank tops, jeans, and sneakers. Make a good first impression by arriving five minutes early, shake hands with the interviewer, smile, speak clearly, and have good eye contact. Be prepared by having extra resumes with you and a notebook and ask questions about the job. Do your research on the company before going to the interview and practice standard interview questions. Always reach out to your professional references before applying for the job and ask them if they are okay with you using them and always understand what job you are interviewing for. Know your strengths and weaknesses and be prepared to talk about them."

To learn more about WorkReadyNH or to join the tuition-free class in Claremont that will be held August 26th – September 16th, Monday – Friday, from 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., contact WorkReadyNH by going to www.rivervalley.edu, workreadyrvcc@ccsnh.edu or 603-543-4585.

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The tuition-free WorkReadyNH program at River Valley Community College offers a course that prepares you for the workforce, regardless of experience or level of education; shown-Daynia Langlois with participant Brenda (Courtesy photo).



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Business Owners: You Need Your Own Retirement Plan

As a business owner, you can't afford to ignore your competition. You can't afford to miss out on the trends affecting your industry. You can't afford to alienate customers. And here's one more item to add to the list: You can't afford not to create a retirement plan for yourself.

Of course, you might think that, one day, you'll simply sell your business and live off the proceeds. But selling a business isn't always simple, and there's no guarantee you'll receive enough to pay for a comfortable retirement – which is why you should strongly consider creating a retirement plan now.

Here are some of the most widely used plans:

SEP-IRA: You can contribute up to 25 percent of your compensation — as much as \$56,000 in 2019 — to a SEP-IRA. Your contributions are tax deductible and your earnings grow tax-deferred until withdrawn. This plan offers you significant flexibility in making contributions for yourself and your employees. Plus, as an employer, you can generally deduct, as business expenses, any contributions you make on behalf of your plan participants.

SIMPLE IRA: In 2019, you can put in up to \$13,000 — or \$16,000 if you're 50 or older — to a SIMPLE IRA. As is the case with the SEP-IRA, your earnings grow tax deferred. You can match your employees' contributions dollar for dollar, up to 3 percent of compensation. If you work for yourself, you can combine employee and employer contributions, so if you use the 3 percent matching rule, and you earn enough to fully match employee contributions, you can put in up to \$26,000 per year (or \$32,000 if you're 50 or older). Alternatively, you could contribute 2 percent of each eligible employee's compensation each year, up to a maximum of \$5,600, regardless of whether the employee contributes. Contributions to your employees are tax deductible.

"Owner-only" 401(k) plan: If you have no employees other than your spouse, you can establish an "owner-only" 401(k) plan, which functions similarly to a 401(k) plan offered by a large employer. Between salary deferral and profit sharing, you can contribute up to \$56,000, in pre-tax dollars, to your owner-only 401(k), or \$62,000 if you're 50 or older. Like a SEP-IRA and SIMPLE IRA, a 401(k) provides the potential to accumulate tax-deferred earnings. However, you could choose to open a Roth 401(k), which can be funded with after-tax dollars. With a Roth 401(k), your earnings can grow tax-free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least 59-1/2.

Which plan is right for you? The answer depends on several factors, such as whether you have any employees and how much money you can contribute each year. But all the plans mentioned above are generally easy to establish, and the administrative costs are usually minimal. Most important, any one of them can help you build some of the resources you'll need to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. To select an appropriate plan, you may want to consult with your tax and financial advisors.

In any case, don't wait too long. Time goes by quickly, and when you reach that day when you're a "former" business owner, you'll want to be prepared.

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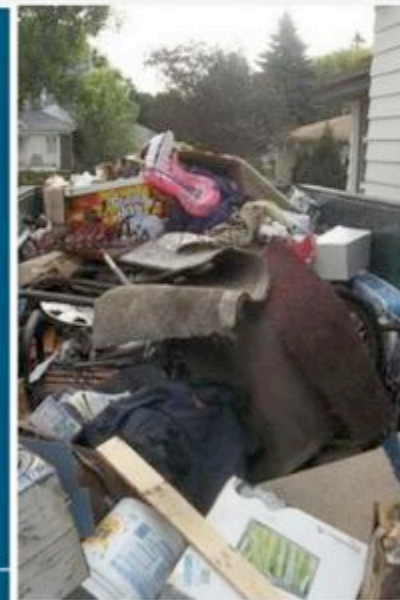
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It's About Food

By Johnny Navillus



Best Pot Roast

Once I was presented with a page torn out of some magazine. Slow cooker Beef Stroganoff Pot Roast. I read it through and thought that this didn't seem quite right. It looked like someone had skipped a step or two. Looking at the pictures showed that it was correct as written. I really had misgivings but figured that there was always Drive-through just in case.

When you read the recipe you'll notice that the roast gets floured but not browned. Also, there is no liquid put in the cooker, not even enough to coat the bottom to prevent sticking. Here it is:

Beef Stroganoff Pot Roast

3 tbsp flour
2 tsp Instant Beef Bouillon Granules
1 boneless beef chuck roast
2 tsp chopped fresh thyme divided
3/4 lbs mushrooms, steamed, sliced (or a can of mushrooms)
1 jar prepared mushroom gravy
1 16 oz pkg egg noodles, uncooked
3/4 cup sour cream

Combine flour and bouillon, rub on all sides of the roast.
Place in slow cooker.
Sprinkle with 1 tsp thyme.
Cover and cook on low 8 to 9 hours
At the end of cooking time add mushrooms to cooker, covering roast. Pour gravy over mushrooms.
Cover and cook on HIGH for 30 minutes
Remove and transfer to cutting board.
Leave gravy in cooker.
Meanwhile cook noodles.
Let the roast stand about 10 minutes.
Plate the noodles. Slice the roast and place on noodles. Top with gravy and a dollop of sour cream.
Sprinkle with remaining thyme.
This is the most tender pot roast I have ever had. Got great reviews, and it was so easy to put together. I cheated a bit and use some fresh chopped dill with the thyme. Really. I had all that dill still hanging around from last week.
The next time I do this I'm going to add the sour cream to the gravy for a more traditional Stroganoff.
Play with your food. All the best people do.

Write to Johnny at etickernews@gmail.com.

Sullivan County Fugitive of the Week

SABRINA PRATT
DOB: 04/05/1978

Description:
White female,
height: 5'2",
weight: 170
lbs., hair:
blonde,
eyes: brown



Reason:
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Felony
Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card, Class A
Misdemeanor

On May 24, 2017, Pratt was indicted by the Sullivan County Grand Jury on one count of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card, Felony B.

On June 1, 2017, Pratt was indicted by the Sullivan County Grand Jury on one count of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card, Misdemeanor A.

On Dec. 20, 2017, Pratt was indicted by the Sullivan County Grand Jury on one count of Bail jumping, Felony B.

On Feb. 8, 2018, Pratt pled guilty to all charges in Sullivan County Superior Court. Pratt was placed on probation as part of her sentence.

On June 17, 2019, the NH Department of Corrections filed a Violation of Probation with the Sullivan County Superior Court. It was alleged that Pratt had violated the terms and conditions of her probation.

On July 1, 2019, the Sullivan County Superior Court issued a warrant for the arrest of Pratt 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.

Upper Valley Land Trust to Plant American Chestnut Trees in Charlestown

The Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) plans on planting four American Chestnut trees at their Up on the Hill Conservation Area in Charlestown, NH, on August 14th.

The American Chestnut seedlings were given to UVLT by Doug McLane, a member of the American Chestnut Foundation in New Hampshire. McLane grows chestnut seedlings at his home in Plymouth from seeds collected at

outings throughout New England, and generously offered the seedlings to UVLT after finding out about their 'Chestnut Challenge' at Smith Pond Shaker Forest in Enfield, NH, last fall.

"The site has all the necessary components to be good habitat for American Chestnut's" said UVLT's Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Stewardship John Roe. "American Chestnuts need full sun, so chestnut orchards
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have traditionally been created in old pastures. Our approach is to plant them in a recently harvested area with the hope that the mycorrhizal fungi found in healthy hardwood forest soil will help the chestnuts grow strongly. The fungi are symbiotic with the tree roots to help increase the tree's ability to get water and nutrients."

UVLT plans to plant all four trees in this area at Up on the Hill and surround the seedlings with wire mesh to protect them from deer browse. Data will be collected regularly to track survival and any deer browsing.

UVLT invites the public to join us for the tree planting. The group will meet at the parking lot at Up on the Hill off Richardson Road at 2:00 p.m. From there it is an easy, half mile walk to the planting location.

ABOUT THE UPPER VALLEY LAND TRUST
 UVLT is a non-profit land conservancy that works in 45 Vermont and New Hampshire towns in the Connecticut River watershed, providing conservation leadership, tools and expertise. The lands UVLT protects are places where people of all ages can participate in the stewardship of natural resources, learn about forests and farming and enjoy being in nature. Founded by Upper Valley residents in 1985, UVLT has conserved more than 50,000 acres of land including working

forested ridges, wildlife habitat, water resources, trails and scenic landscapes. Most of the conserved land remains in private ownership, protected by permanent deeds known as conservation easements. UVLT also helps towns buy and conserve public land, owns 12 conservation areas, and promotes 49 conserved trails and 9 paddler's campsites. More information is available at www.UVLT.org.

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juvenile's] rehabilitation." The investigative records in the case totaled some 400 pages and included transcripts of interviews conducted by the child advocacy center, the AGO, and the Claremont Police Department; Claremont Police Department documents; and medical records.

According to the report, "On August 28, 2017, an eight-year-old biracial boy suffered injuries to his neck in the course of an incident in Claremont, New Hampshire, involving several older children. The Attorney General's Office (AGO) commenced an investigation in this matter to determine whether there was credible evidence that the one or more of the older children involved was substantially motivated to commit a crime against the victim because of hostility toward that child's race. See RSA 651:6, I (f) (the hate-crime sentence enhancement statute). In addition, the Attorney General conducted the investigation to determine whether there was credible evidence to bring an action against one or more of the older children under the New Hampshire Civil Rights Act, RSA 354-B."

Names of the minors involved were not released in the report.

"As discussed in detail below, the evidence obtained during this extensive investigation does not support either criminal charges under the hate crime statute or a civil rights violation. Accordingly, the Attorney General has not taken and will not take action under those statutes. Because the evidence supported the filing of delinquency petitions,¹ however, the Sullivan County Attorney was authorized to proceed with a prosecution under the Juvenile Delinquency Code (RSA 169-B).

"All the primary witnesses involved in the events of August 28, 2017 are children. At the conclusion of the AGO's investigation, the Sullivan County Attorney charged a 13-year-old, identified in this report as Boy 1, in the 5th Circuit – Family Division – Claremont with three delinquencies which, if committed by an adult, would have constituted the crimes of misdemeanor simple assault, felony second degree assault, and misdemeanor reckless conduct. Given the children's ages and the strict confidentiality directives of RSA 169-B, at the conclusion of its investigation the AGO sought judicial authorization to publish a public report in this matter. Having obtained that authorization from the Circuit Court – Family Division, the Attorney General now releases the details the

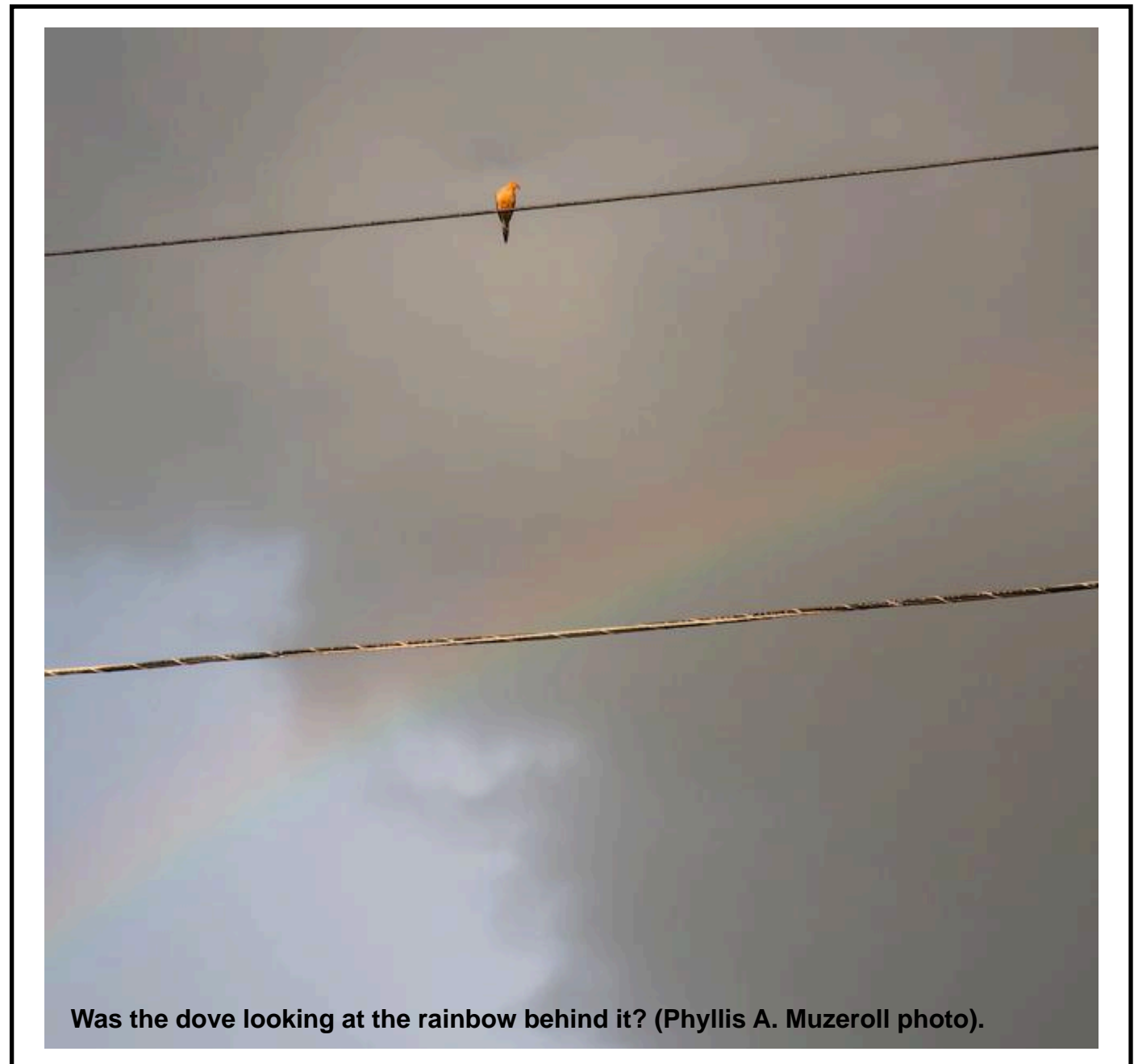
AGO's findings and conclusions with regard to the investigation of this incident.

"The credible evidence establishes that on August 28, 2017, the victim and his 11 year-old sister spent several hours around the area of Barnes Park in Claremont with four children who were 13 and 14 years old. The children described two significant events which took place during the day, [the latter], which involved a tree-swing rope.

"With regard to the later incident—the primary focus of the investigation—the credible evidence establishes that Boy 1 and Boy 2 tied the tree-swing rope, which was suspended from a tree branch, around their necks, jumped off a picnic table, and landed on the ground uninjured. As the other boys had done to themselves, the victim put the rope around his own neck and stood on the picnic table. The victim was facing away from Boy 1, who was sitting on the picnic table close by. Boy 1 used

his hands to push the backs of the victim's legs, causing him to fall off the table. The victim hung by his neck because his feet could not touch the ground. The rope either slid off the victim's neck or he untied it. The rope caused significant abrasions and contusions. As relevant here, the hate crime and civil rights statutes require proof that the perpetrator's motive in assaulting the victim was the result of racial animus. While the evidence makes clear that Boy 1 did assault the victim, causing the injuries to his neck, the evidence does not establish why he did so. Because Boy 1's motives cannot be established, he cannot be charged either with a hate crime or a violation of the Civil Rights Act."

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