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Retired Newport Fire Chief

We regret to announce the passing of Retired Newport Chief John 'Jack' Marcotte, who passed away in the early hours of September 19th. Chief Marcotte, a second-generation firefighter, followed in his father's footsteps and joined the Newport Fire Department in 1960. He rose through the ranks from Lieutenant to Captain and eventually became Chief in 1990. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, including his son, Retired Deputy Chief Chris Marcotte. Calling hours will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Newton Bartlett Funeral Home on October 12th.



NH Realtor of the Year

Veteran Real Estate instructor Ben Cushing, the Career Development Director at Coldwell Banker Lifestyles in New London, has been selected by the NH Association of Realtors as its 65th Realtor of the Year. Cushing, a 27-year Realtor who lives in New London with his wife, Amy and two sons, was honored by his peers for his exemplary service as a real estate professional.



This week in history

September 28, 48 BC

Pompey the Great is assassinated

September 29, 1901

Car registration laws introduced in France

September 30, 1960

The Flintstones premieres

October 1, 1971

Walt Disney World opens

October 2, 2002

Beltway sniper attacks begin in Maryland

October 3, 1965

The Immigration & Nationality Act signed

October 4, 2017

Police departments across the country host Coffee with a Cop events



Linda Lorden, President of The Merrimack, marks the grand opening of the bank's 9th branch at 262 Maple Street in Henniker.

Grand Opening of new Henniker Bank

Merrimack County Savings Bank opens its 9th Branch

Merrimack County Savings Bank (The Merrimack) is now serving the Henniker community with the grand opening of its 9th branch at 262 Maple Street.

Conveniently located right off Route 114, The Merrimack features a 24-hour ATM, drive-up banking and a night drop for business customers.

"We've been overwhelmed with the warm welcome we received around town," said Linda Lorden, President of The Merrimack. "Opening a branch in Henniker felt right, it's a great fit for us and what The Merrimack stands for – community."

The Merrimack provides a wide-spectrum of banking and lending services by a knowledgeable team with local roots, including Hillary

Madore, Branch Services Manager, Tyler Cardos, Branch Services Supervisor and Michelle Olivier, Regional Vice President for The Merrimack's Western Region locations.

"We appreciate the community's support along the journey," said Madore. "I'm excited to provide the exceptional service The Merrimack is known for, as well as give back to the community I call home."

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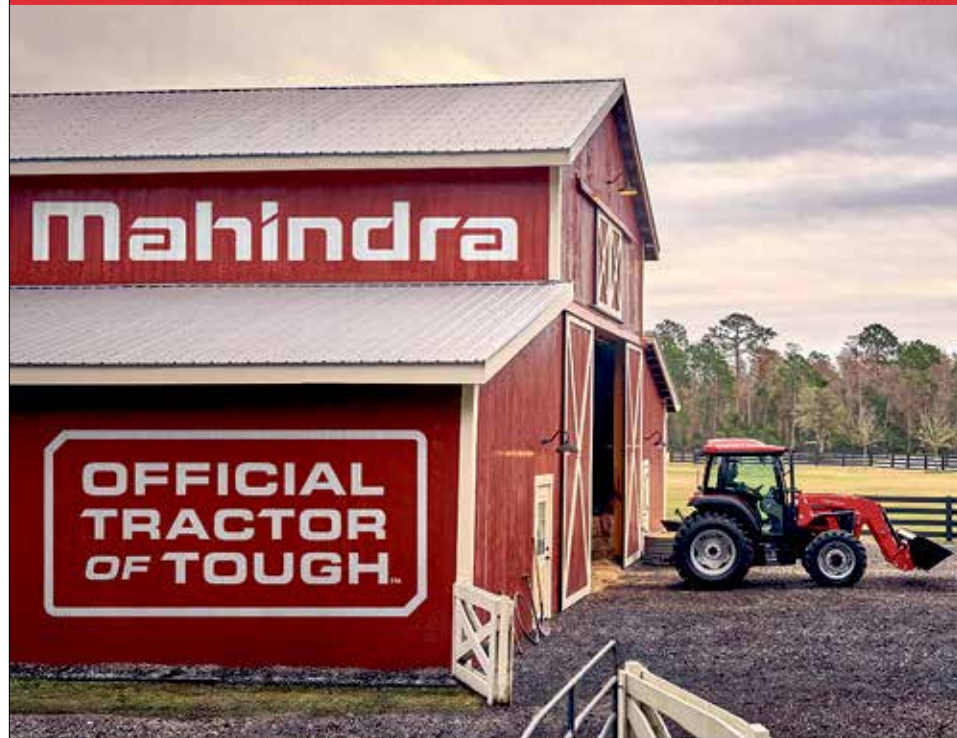
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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

September 29, 2023

New Boston approves new Fire Station
Former NEC President Michele Perkins is suing the school
Hopkinton's Houston Barn restoration project on time & on budget
Newbury names Diane Riccardelli as Town Administrator

September 30, 2022

Former Hancock Police Chief indicted
Masons honor David Tille with Community Builders Award
Henniker Department Heads say "Show me the money"
Antrim/Bennington Lions Club hosts Candidates' Night

October 1, 2021

Antrim mourns the death of Mike Beauchamp
Henniker Select Board reviews overnight parking
New London Select Board critical of Eversource pole project
Hillsborough sidewalk project delayed 'til 2025

October 2, 2020

Antrim teenager indicted
\$3.3 million to convert Buker to Police Station
Bennington Inn being converted to Rehab Facility
Two accidents and a DWI in Frankestown

October 4, 2019

Suicide of Antrim 8th grader at Great Brook School
Goffstown teacher indicted for murder
SAU #34 schools equipped with Stop The Bleed kits
Colby-Sawyer raises record \$106 million

October 5, 2018

Hillsboro teen arrested with firearm and drugs
Testerman defeats Zink by a single vote
Goffstown Scout to construct a bench on Rail Trail
New London Board asks feedback on Buker Building

October 6, 2017

Trovato pressures Pike to falsify report
Weare officer presented Commendation
Developers seek 7th ext. for townhouse project
Bennington couple indicted for defrauding elderly

September 30, 2016

New plan & timetable for Bradford Town Hall
Hillsborough Center Church offered to town
Indigo Blues faces Purple Purse Challenge
Northfield man homeless after Sunday morning fire

October 2, 2015

Who plows the New Boston School?
Five Bow business burglaries in one night
Franklin City Council amends Ethics Policy
Weare Selectmen seek comments on noise ordinance

October 3, 2014

Monier wants better first impressions for Goffstown
Franklin fire ravages convenience store
Deering couple arrested for kidnapping & assault
Grand Jury indicts Antrim man

Good Samaritan from Windsor killed in Weare explosion

When a motorcyclist was pinned under the wreckage of a crash Saturday night, Zachary Spooner of Windsor didn't hesitate, friends said. He ran toward the scene to help the man, who later died.

But by Wednesday afternoon, Spooner, a 27-year-old husband and the father of a 1-year-old, was also gone, the victim of an explosion where he worked — Haynes Mulch in Weare. Neighbors and his church pastor said the community is crushed by grief.

"This is one of the world's nicest guys. The world has a huge hole in it today, no question," said Laurie Hunt, one of Spooner's neighbors. "He's a young father, but also one of the most generous, giving and wise people I've met."

Spoooner suffered fatal injuries from blunt-force trauma in an explosion around 2 p.m. inside Haynes Mulch. The state Medical Examiner's Office has not released the official cause of

death. Police and the State Fire Marshal's Office are investigating the cause of the explosion.

Pastor Bill Stockhaus at Weare Christian Church said he has known Spooner for 22 years. Spooner was married in his church seven years ago.

"I loved him very much. He and my youngest son were very close growing up," Stockhaus said Thursday afternoon. "The church is reeling. The church is really devastated."

Stockhaus said Spooner had "a servant's heart" and the community could always place its trust in him to help others.

"He was a hard-working kid. He always made time beyond his regular work to help others," Stockhaus said.

Hunt said in the tiny town of Windsor — population less than 300 — Spooner was a doting father of her "grand-neighbor," and an excellent mechanic, who just this weekend helped her husband with some work on his van.



Zachary Spooner, his wife and daughter.

Spoooner and his wife were family, as far as she's concerned.

"He and his wife have been in love since they were 13 years old," Hunt said. "They have the most beautiful young family."

Spoooner was raised in Weare and had worked at Haynes Mulch

only a short time, she said. He had previously worked as a mechanic in Hillsborough.

Hunt and Stockhaus both said Spooner was a spiritual young man who was always there for others.

"Always so full of encourage-

ment no matter what, and we've lost a dear, dear friend," Hunt said.

"It's just a shock and a sadness that we don't get to have an entire lifetime with him," Stockhaus said.

See his obituary on page 18.



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HOME FIRE SAFETY



By: Joyce Bosse

Families have just two minutes to escape a home fire — which is the nation's most frequent disaster. On average:

- 7 people die every day from a home fire, most impacting children and the elderly
- More than 30 people suffer injuries from home fires every day

- More than \$7 billion in property damage occurs from home fires every year

Prevention Tips

- Keep all potential sources of fuel like paper, clothing, bedding or rugs at least three feet away from space heaters, stoves, or fireplaces.
- Portable heaters and fireplaces should never be left unattended. Turn off space heaters and make sure any embers in the fireplace are extinguished before going to bed or leaving home.
- If you must use a space heater, place it on a level, hard and non flammable surface (such as ceramic tile floor), not on rugs or carpets or near bedding or drapes. Keep children and pets away from space heaters.
- When buying a space heater, look for models that shut off automatically if the heater falls over as another safety measure.
- Never use a cooking range or oven to heat your home.
- Keep fire in your fireplace by using a glass or metal fire screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs.
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Avenue A's favorite days of the year is any day that Mike and Ellen visit us! We are so grateful to the Steven W. Crowe Foundation for bringing us a HUGE delivery of snacks, as part of their "Pete's Treats" initiative, in memory of their past president Peter D. Fontaine.



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Antrim teen killed, two others injured in Dublin crash

On Friday, September 20th, at approximately 12:30 p.m., Dublin Police and Fire personnel responded to a report of a single-vehicle crash on Perry Pasture Road. The reporting party stated the vehicle was off the road into a tree, and two subjects in the vehicle were trapped and unconscious.

When police arrived, the reporting party and passenger, a 16-year-old female from Peterborough, was out and walking

around.

Police observed two other juveniles in the heavily damaged vehicle, the operator, 17-year-old Damien Cronan from Antrim, who was determined to be deceased, and a 16-year-old male from Antrim, who was injured but was extricated from the vehicle by fire personnel.

Both of the passengers were transported from the scene by the Peterborough Ambulance.

Police confirmed the people

involved in the crash are students at ConVal Regional High School, which released the following statement: "Our thoughts are with everyone impacted by this tragedy," said Interim Superin-

tendent Dr. Ann Forrest. "This is a profound moment for our school community, and it's essential that we come together to support one another in the days ahead." While speed appears to

be a contributing factor, the crash remains under investigation.

A GoFundMe in support of Cronan's family has exceeded \$10,000, raising a total of \$12,501 by Sunday.

Acts of Kindness in memory of Zach Spooner



Many of us want to help his young family through this tragic time. If you are moved

to make even a small donation to warm his family's hearts as well as home, the amount will be doubled.

Dave & Laurie Hunt, of Hunt's Honey Fields in Windsor, have offered to match up to \$1,000 in donations made to the Spooner Family Account at Vaillancourt Fuels.

You can make a donation in person at the Vaillancourt office or mail it to Vaillancourt Fuels LLC, The Spooner Family Account, 3 Henniker Street, Hillsboro, NH 03244.



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Around Our Towns



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The residents of the Pleasant Lake Estates, the 33-home park on Pleasant Lake in Warner, have purchased the property for \$2.3 million from long-time park owners, Peter and Terri Wyman, who purchased the park and adjacent campsite 23 years ago. The park became New Hampshire's 151st resident-owned community.

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Young Francestown man killed when his car hits a tree

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The crash was reported by a passerby who was unable to assist in rendering aid as the vehicle caught fire following the collision.

The preliminary investigation has determined that a 2023 Subaru Crosstrek, driven by Nolan Trottier, 21, of Francestown, left the road and collided head-on with a tree. Trottier succumbed

to injuries sustained in the crash and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Trottier was the sole occupant of the vehicle.

Route 136 was closed in the area of the crash for approximately two hours while emergency personnel conducted the investigation. Members of the New Boston Police Department and the Francestown Fire Department also responded to the scene and provided assistance to the State Police.

All aspects of the crash remain under investigation. Anyone who witnessed the crash

or who has further information that may assist the investiga-

tion is asked to contact Trooper Alexander Guilbeault at Alexan-

der.R.Guilbeault@dos.nh.gov or (603) 223-4381.

Francestown Police issue a scam warning

A resident of Francestown brought in a piece of mail requesting donations to Francestown Area Police Officers under Citizens Behind the Badge, to a Merrifield, VA address.

This is a scam. This police agency would NEVER solicit monetary donations EVER.

If you receive a piece of mail requesting donations for Citizens Behind the Badge, Francestown Area Police Officers DO NOT reply or send donations.

To protect your identity, never provide your personal information to anyone whether by mail, phone, emails, etc.



The Hillsborough Area Republican Committee held a well attended fundraiser at Bob & Pat Nash's lake-side home on Sunday featuring GOP candidate for Governor Kelly Ayotte, Congressional candidate Lily Tang-Williams, Speaker of the NH House Sherm Packard and GOP State Chairman Chris Ager.



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BY SARAH CHAPIN

A large proportion of patients who start taking attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) medication, especially young adults, stop within the first year. However, people who use ADHD medicine for a long time and in higher-than-average doses seem to have a higher risk of some cardiovascular diseases, according to two new studies published in *The Lancet Psychiatry* and *JAMA Psychiatry*. ADHD is a common neuropsychiatric diagnosis that affects some five per cent of children and 2.5 per cent of adults. Treatment can comprise a combination of medication and behavioral therapy. The use of ADHD medication has increased sharply over the past two decades. However, it has been unclear to what extent persons with ADHD continue to take their medicine and how safe long-term use is in terms of cardiovascular diseases.

A new study published in *Neurology*, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology, has found that certain migraine medications like triptans, ergots and anti-emetics may be two to five times more effective than ibuprofen for treating migraine attacks. Migraine attacks are characterized by intense throbbing head pain, sensitivity to light and sound, nausea or vomiting. Previous research has shown migraine can also be associated with cognitive issues. All of these symptoms may impact a person's quality of life and productivity. The study found that the top three individual medications were eletriptan, which was six times more effective than ibuprofen, zolmitriptan, which was five and a half times more effective, and sumatriptan, which was five times more effective. Participants found eletriptan helpful 78% of the time. Zolmitriptan was helpful 74% of the time and sumatriptan was helpful 72% of the time. Ibuprofen was helpful 42% of the time. Participants found ketorolac helpful 62% of the time, indomethacin was helpful 57% of the time, and diclofenac was helpful 56% of the time. Acetaminophen was helpful 37% of the time.

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TOOTHBRUSHING TIED TO LOWER RATES OF PNEUMONIA AMONG HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS



Dr. Esin Narli

Researchers have found an inexpensive tool that may help reduce rates of pneumonia for hospitalized patients – and it comes with bristles on one end. A new study examined whether daily toothbrushing among hospitalized patients is associated with lower rates of hospital-acquired pneumonia and other outcomes. The team combined the results of 15 randomized clinical trials that included more than 2,700 patients and found that hospital-acquired pneumonia rates were lower among patients who brushed daily compared to those who did not. The results were especially compelling among patients on mechanical ventilation.

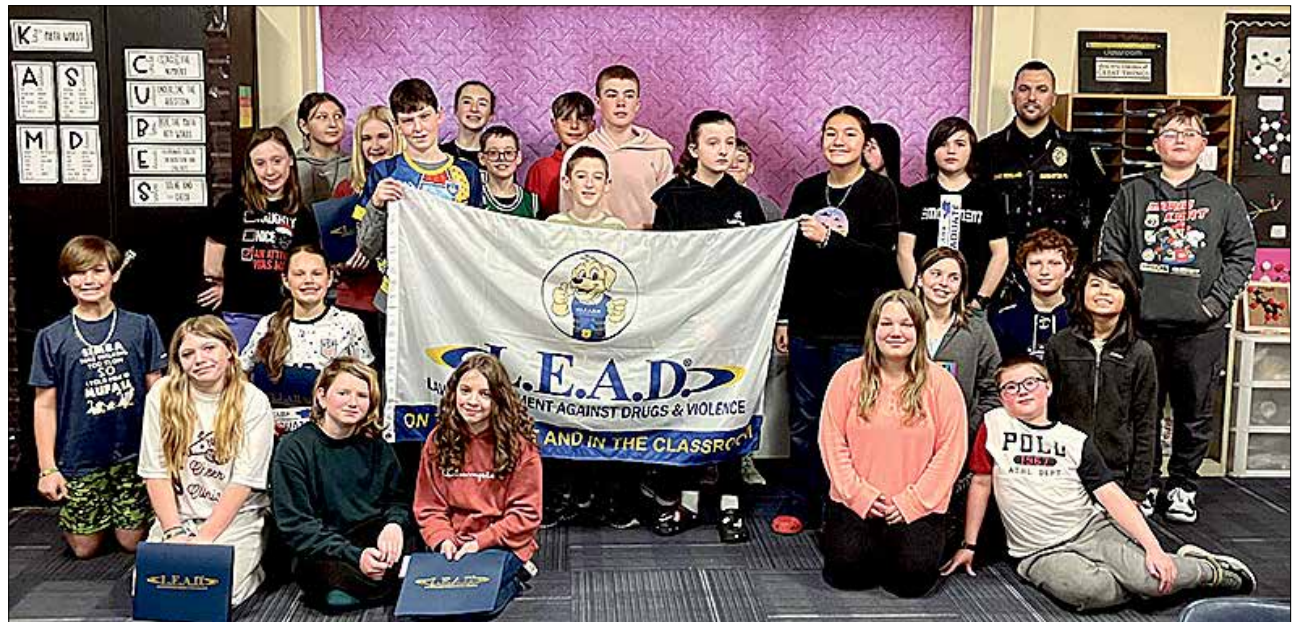
Hospital-acquired pneumonia occurs when bacteria in the mouth enter a patient's airways and infect their lungs. Patients experiencing frailty or patients with a weakened immune system are particularly susceptible to developing hospital-acquired pneumonia during their hospital stay. However, adopting a daily toothbrushing regimen can decrease the amount of bacteria in the mouth, potentially lowering the risk of hospital-acquired pneumonia from occurring.

The team's analysis found that daily toothbrushing was associated with a significantly lower risk for hospital-acquired pneumonia and ICU mortality. In addition, the investigators identified that toothbrushing for patients in the ICU was associated with fewer days of mechanical ventilation and a shorter length of stay in the ICU. Most of the studies in the team's review explored the role of a teeth-cleaning regimen in adults in the ICU. Only two of the 15 studies included in the authors' analysis evaluated the impact of toothbrushing in non-ventilated patients. The researchers are hopeful that the protective effect of toothbrushing will extend to non-ICU patients but additional studies focusing on this population are needed to clarify if in fact this is the case.

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One person dies in New London rear-end collision

On September 9, 2024, at approximately 6:18 a.m., the New London Police Department responded to a report of a crash with serious injuries on King Hill Road near Oxbow Road in New London.

The investigation has determined that a gray 2018 Honda Civic, driven by Anders Wickstrom, 33, of New London, was traveling westbound on King Hill Road at a high rate of speed and struck a vehicle from behind that was travelling in the same direction.

The vehicle struck by Wickstrom was a white 2013 BMW X5, driven by Debra Mitchell,

67, of New London. After the collision, both vehicles crossed the double yellow line and struck the guardrail on the east-bound side of King Hill Road. Both vehicles sustained major damage in the crash.

Mitchell was extricated from her vehicle by the New London Fire Department and New London Hospital Ambulance, and was transported to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center for treatment of her injuries. Life-saving measures were performed on Wickstrom, but he succumbed to his injuries on the scene. Neither drugs nor alcohol are suspected in this crash, but

speed was a primary factor.

The New London Police Department was assisted by the New London Fire Department,

New London Hospital Ambulance, New London Department of Public Works, Sunapee Police Department, and Newbury

Police Department. King Hill Road remained closed for approximately four hours while the scene was processed.



The New Hampshire Food Bank recently received a much-needed donation from Belletetes building supplies. Four trucks loaded with food and a \$10,000 donation arrived to help meet the growing demand driven by rising grocery prices.

Car crashes into Goffstown pool

One person was taken to the hospital after a Jeep crashed into an above-ground pool in Goffstown.

Goffstown Fire Chief Shawn Murray told News 9 that they were dispatched Saturday af-

ternoon for a car that went into a pool off Saint Anslem Drive. When they arrived, they found out it was an above-ground pool, and a Jeep had left the road and hit the pool, authorities said.

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Profiles In Courage

John F. Kennedy's book by that title has been given new meaning recently. On page 14, you will read the story of several Bow parents of the girls' soccer team who were ejected from the game by police and given a No Trespass Order for future games. Their egregious offense - they wore pink armbands with XX, the symbol of a female's DNA on the sleeve.

No shouting, no marching, no demonstration, simply sitting there in protest to the fact that Bow school officials decided to defy a recently signed state law prohibiting males from participating in girls sports.

Next Tuesday, the Hillsboro-Deering girls soccer team is scheduled to play a game at Kearsarge, where one of the players on the Kearsarge team, Maele Jacques, is a biological boy playing on the girls' team. He is the same boy who beat a NHIAA Girls' High Jump record during spring track last season. He plays in goal for half the game and then at midfield the other half.

However, early indications are that there may NOT be a game because as many as 10 of the 17 H-D Girls are refusing to play. The coaches have already spoken to the AD and let him know there are a large number of girls not willing to open themselves up to injury and who feel the most effective way to keep Women's Sports Female, is to refuse to compete.

It seems it is Kearsarge's policy that allows for Maele Jacques to be considered a "girl" and placed on the girls' soccer team. The school may actually currently be in violation of the preexisting state law if the court ordered injunction only applies to the soccer player from Plymouth HS and the track team member

from the other school.

Indications are that the HD Girls are looking to manage this situation better than the Bow players did and are actually refusing to compete against a biological boy rather than just having their supporters show up in XX wrist bands. Refusing to compete is the only way to ensure women's sports remain female.

At the moment, the H-D players' plan is to wear 'XX' and 'Keep Women's Sports Female' attire to school next Tuesday, and go to the Kearsarge Boys' home game on 10/1/24 to support biological boys playing against other biological boys rather than competing against a biological boy playing for the Kearsarge Girls' team. Riley Gaines would be proud of these girls, and so am I.

Before the flood of letters accusing me, these girls and the Bow parents of hatred and bigotry starts arriving, let one thing be said from the beginning, LGBTQ+ people, be they adults or children, are ENTITLED to the same rights as any and all Americans. Beyond that they should be treated with empathy, compassion and respect. There can be no more of an internal turmoil than to have every fibre of your existence being in conflict with the reality of your birth. Having said that, boys are boys and girls are girls. That is fact, that is reality, not opinion, and while we all have the same rights, no one is granted special privileges.

The girls are demonstrating maturity and courage beyond their years. Let's hope their H-D coaches, administrators and school board has the courage to back them up.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

My wife and I moved to Hillsboro four and a half years ago to be closer to family. Before that, we farmed for 40 years in southeast Minnesota. Our certified organic farm is in the Congressional district that was represented by Tim Walz for 12 years.

In the early 2000's, I served on the USDA National Organic Standards Board, under the George W. Bush administration. As a leader in the organic community, I met with Tim Walz on several occasions. Rep. Walz didn't ask me which party I belonged to or who I had voted for. He always listened attentively and directed staff

to follow through. And they did.

Later, when Tim Walz was elected Governor of Minnesota, I served on the state's organic advisory board. Gov. Walz took our recommendations seriously, which is one reason that Minnesota is a leader in regenerative, organic agriculture.

I am so pleased that Kamala Harris selected Tim Walz as her running mate. He's the real deal. He genuinely cares about people, and has lived his life to help improve the lives of others. It will be my honor to vote for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz this November.

Jim Ridd, Hillsboro



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Sports



The winners of the Antrim/Bennington Lions Club Cornhole Tournament held during the Home & Harvest Festival were: 1st Place, Matt and Brian Alejandro, (L); 2nd Place, Jim Creighton and Rich O'Connell (both Lions!), (C); 3rd Place, Rick and Andrew Edmunds, (R). Consolation Winners: Cooper and TJ Connor. Honorable Mention: Barry and Mike Frosch, Ray Ardine and Chris Eaves.

Parents protesting transgender players ejected

When their daughters' soccer team was forced to compete against a team with a biological male on the roster, some Bow High School parents complained to the school's athletic director, Mike Desilets, but were told there was nothing that could be done in the wake of a federal judge's ruling that the term "girl" includes males who identify as female.

But when several parents showed up to watch Tuesday night's soccer game between Bow and Plymouth Regional High School wearing pink armbands as symbols of support for girls-only sports, those same officials sprang

into action. They stopped the game, demanded the pink armbands be removed, and issued police-enforced "No Trespassing" orders against at least two parents.

"My daughter's playing in the homecoming game this weekend, and I'm banned until the 23rd," said Anthony Foote of Bow, NH. "I can't watch her play in homecoming — which is ridiculous."

The No Trespass order reads: "You are hereby prohibited from entering the buildings, grounds and property of the Bow School District." The order continues, "You are also prohibited from attending any Bow School District athletic or extra-curricular [sic]

event, on or off school grounds."

"Nothing was being said. Nothing. The ref came over and stopped the game and said, 'Take off those wristbands,'" said parent Lindsay Ashooh. She said the disruption came after the game was stopped by a referee, adding that she believes that the parents had every right to wear the bands, and should be allowed to watch the games. "They are pink wristbands, and it's supporting female sports. It's not protesting," Ashooh said.

During the following Tuesday's match against Milford, a large group of parents gathered in pink t-shirts adorned with xx to protest the suspensions.



A proud mother, Jessica Lynn, posted this on Facebook: "Shout out to the HDHS Football team and coaches for making my son feel like he is not different than anyone else! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents of these boys for raising them to be such amazing young men. The picture doesn't even come close to how happy he was. As his mom, it brought tears to my eyes to see my son enjoying the time with his team."

Sports

FOOTBALL

Hillsboro-Deering 20 Franklin 14: Robert King had a huge day with 202 rushing yards and two touchdowns (both in the second half), and also had two interceptions and a team-high 10 tackles on defense, to lead Hillsboro-Deering (2-0) to a 20-14 victory over Franklin (1-1) in their first ever home game as a solo program and their first ever game played on their campus. The Hillcats have two more home games on their schedule, their homecoming matchup against Bishop Brady on Oct. 5 and their season finale against Raymond, the only other remaining 2-0 team in Division IV, on Nov. 2.

Bow 19, Kingswood 7: Caleb Schumacher scored his touchdown in the first quarter, Brady Lover connected with Kody McCranie for a TD in the second and Lover scored on a long run in the third to close out the scoring in Bow's homecoming victory.

Souhegan 45, John Stark 14: The Generals fell to an undefeated Sabers team at home in Weare on Friday night. Both of John Stark's losses have been to undefeated teams so far, but have a more favorable schedule moving forward.

BOYS SOCCER

Bow 3, Oyster River 2: After Carter Weiss opened the scoring in the 21st minute, Oyster River equalized within a minute. Luke Hartshorn played Weiss through on goal for the third and decisive goal, handing the first-place Bobcats their first loss of the season.

Hopkinton 3, Fall Mountain 0: Evan Gregory scored his first varsity goal just before the final whistle on yet another tough shot from distance.

Hopkinton 4, Newfound 1: Sawyer Zipke scored his first varsity goal, heading home a throw-in from Noah Aframe in the 31st minute to give the Hawks a 2-0 half-time lead, and outside back Shane Smith contributed stout defense that shut down most Newfound attacks.

GIRLS SOCCER

Bow 8, Oyster River 0: Seven different players scored and five more had assists to lift Bow to a commanding homecoming victory.

John Stark 9, Pelham 0: Jaycee St. Denis scored her

first two career goals.

Bishop Brady 2, Hillsboro-Deering 1: Emma Davis scored the Hillcats lone goal. Alexis LaPorte made 27 saves.

Hopkinton 6, Newfound 0: Hopkinton spread the wealth of goals against Newfound in a 6-0 win over the Bears (1-6-0) on Monday to remain undefeated on the season in Division III girls' soccer.

Hopkinton 3, Fall Mountain 1: The Hawks were up 2-0 at halftime and scored a third before the Wildcats got one back off of a Hawks own goal.

Kearsarge 1, Stevens 0: Both defenses controlled their end of the field turning back anything that came in, but Joleigh Root scored in the 15th minute off a rebound for the game-winning goal.

Kearsarge 2, Inter-Lakes 1: Ryley Anderson put the Lakers on the board first just four minutes into the match and kept the pressure up for the next 15 minutes, but the Kearsarge Cougars finally flipped the switch. Inter-Lakes led 1-0 at halftime, but Carly Grant knotted things up in the 57th minute and scored the game-winning goal on a chip shot in the 74th.

FIELD HOCKEY

Kearsarge 5, Sanborn 1: Ryley Grace scored her first varsity goal as a fullback and Stella Syvertsen recorded a hat trick to lead the Cougars over the Indians.

Stevens 6, Kearsarge 1: Adellia Monnatt was the first to get on the board with a goal in the first 10 minutes of the game, but the Cardinals ran away with it after that.

Bow 1, Hollis-Brookline 0: Ella Gray (goal) Highlights: Ella Gray scored the only goal of the match with 1:38 left in the first quarter as the Falcons picked up a huge homecoming victory.

Bow 2, Kennett 1: The Falcons trailed 1-0 at halftime, but Ella Gray's goal (assisted by Shire Kelley) early in the third quarter tied the game and Elise Jacques scored the game-winning goal with 1:21 remaining in the fourth.

John Stark 1, Souhegan 0: The Generals defeated the Sabers on Saturday in a rematch of last year's semifinal.

Hopkinton 6, Littleton 0: The Hawks earned their second consecutive shutout victory on the road at Littleton.



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She was walking off-trail near the Mallard Lake Trailhead with her husband and her leashed dog when she broke through the crust, suffering second- and third-degree burns to her leg. Her husband and dog were not injured.

The couple went to a park medical clinic, and she was later transported in a helicopter to Eastern Idaho Regional National Park Service officials are investigating the incident. It's the first known thermal injury in Yellowstone in 2024.



Old Faithful at Yellowstone.

Henniker Police issue a public traffic safety warning

The Henniker Police Department would like to remind all individuals dropping and picking up students not to stop or unload children on Western Avenue, this has specifically been an issue in the mornings. The traffic has backed up in both directions, making it very difficult for emergency vehicles to pass, if need be.

Aside from the need for emergency vehicle response, the previous stated traffic has backed up to Route 114. This increases the probability of a motor vehicle collision in an intersection that is known for collisions.

Furthermore, the traffic interferes with individuals leaving parking areas and with the buses coming and

going from behind the library.

Stopping in the roadway in this manner is a violation of New Hampshire, RSA 265:37B and RSA 265:69 and are subject to a \$50 dollar fine.

Police are aware of the difficulty of dropping off children and have made an exception and allowed individuals to stop and queue up on Gould Street.

They will try to have an officer there to assist with traffic control; however, this has been in place for some time and the school has sent out emails regarding this.

Let's all work together to make drop off/pick up run smoothly while keeping our community safe and avoiding the need for written warnings or tickets.

Buy-A-Brick fundraiser supports New Boston Fire

The New Boston Fire Department is hosting a brick fundraiser to help offset soft costs associated with the new fire station. This campaign allows community members to purchase engraved bricks that will be used to pave both a memorial area, and an American flag area at the new fire station. It's a wonderful way to contribute to the department while leaving a lasting mark in the community.

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Town of Bow seeking Boston Post Cane nominees

A tradition that began out of Boston in 1909 is still being carried out today in Bow, New Hampshire as the Selectmen seek nominees for the oldest resident in town.

Nominations will be accepted through October 31, 2024, and the only requirement is that the person must be a resident of Bow for the previous 12 consecutive

years. Please nominate a neighbor, loved one, or even yourself.

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Bradford Boston Post Cane presentation October 12th

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Conservation Commission's Orchard Management Day

On Saturday, September 14th, TACF (The American Chestnut Foundation) VT/NH held its first ever joint Orchard Management Day with the New London, NH Conservation Commission (NLCC). The NLCC is a proud chapter member and previously planted, and is now managing, eighty chestnut trees at three sites in New London; the Esther Currier Wildlife Management Area at Low Plain, Clark Lookout, and Shaker Street.

The project for the day was to plant an additional 22 seedlings at the site on Shaker Street and to redo the tree cages and mulch at both the Shaker Street location and at the planting area at the Clark Lookout trail. 18 volunteers from the NLCC, TACF and Elkins Fish & Game Club worked on the project, splitting up into two groups to complete the work at both sites.

TACF VT/NH generously provided all the metal posts, fencing, and plant matting for the project and the New London DPW provided the soil and bark mulch. Following the work, TACF also provided a BBQ lunch for all the volunteers, which was held at Elkins Beach on Pleasant Lake.

The American Chestnut, which once dominated the forests of the eastern United States, was decimated by a deadly Asian blight starting in the last 1800s. Within 50 years the tree population was almost totally wiped out and the Chestnut became functionally extinct. Through scientific research and breeding, TACF is working to develop a blight-resistant American Chestnut Tree. Planting sites, like the ones in New London, help with this valuable research.

Fleeing Hillsborough fugitive is captured in Georgia



On August 8th Maurice Morissette was arrested and charged with possessing and manufacturing child sexual abuse images. After appearing before the court, he was released pending trial with the condition that he not leave the state.

It was discovered that Morissette fled the state on September

13th, which prompted warrants issued for his arrest with nationwide extradition.

With the assistance of Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, NESPIN, and Commonwealth Fusion Center, Morissette was captured by the Georgia State Patrol on I-95 in Chatham County Georgia on September 19th. Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office will be transporting Morissette back to NH to face additional charges.

Bow domestic violence incident ends in man's suicide

On September 22nd, Bow Police Officers responded to a residence on Hooksett Turnpike following reports of a domestic dispute involving gunfire. Upon arrival, it became known that a woman and her two children safely evacuated the home, and a gunshot was heard during their exit.

At the time of the officers' arrival, the front door was found open, and the vehicle remained in the driveway. Given the uncertainty, officers established a perimeter and requested support from surrounding agencies.

Officers from the New Hampshire State Police,

Hooksett Police Department, Hopkinton Police Department, Dunbarton Police Department, Concord Police Department, Merrimack County Sheriff's Department, Henniker Police Department, and the Bow Fire Department assisted in the response. The Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit was also called upon to help in securing the residence.

During this operation, a shelter-in-place order was issued for nearby residents due to the ongoing situation. The individual involved was found deceased in the residence, with what appears to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.



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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

James A. McGuire Jr.

HILLSBORO - James A. McGuire Jr., (Jim) 80, son of James A. McGuire Sr. and Lillian H. (Whitney) Titcomb, passed away peacefully on September 17, 2024, at Concord Hospital surrounded by his family. Jim was born on April 1, 1944, in Concord, NH. He is survived by his wife, Ellen McGuire. He and Ellen met in high school at one of his basketball games. They recently celebrated a 60-year wedding anniversary. Jim and Ellen enjoyed traveling to Moncton, New Brunswick where they met Mike and Christine, the inkeepers, and developed a lasting friendship and would visit them annually. Jim retired from Monadnock Paper Mills after 41 years as a Machine Tender with crews that looked up to him for his work ethic and knowledge. During his years at Monadnock, he got to experience working with his sons and other relatives before retiring in June of 2007. He was a devoted golfer at Angus Lee Golf Course. You could find him there almost every day. His last golf game was one of his best games, when he won the round and shot a 39. When he wasn't on the golf course, he was in a bowling league in Keene, NH. He also enjoyed watching all sports. Jim and Ellen had VIP Tickets at Fenway Park, which included access to the field and being able to watch the Red Sox batting practice from the Green Monster seats in April 2023. His love of baseball began in little League and continued throughout high school where he played against Red Sox legend, Carlton Fisk. He loved attending his grandchildren's sporting events as it reminded him of when he used to play in high school as well. Jim was a family man first and foremost, he is survived by his Uncle David Whitney; brothers, Keith McGuire and Fred Titcomb, and sister, Kim Macneil; four children, Lis Picard (Matt), Chris McGuire (Michelle), Shannon Greene (Wendell), and Jamie McGuire (Ali); four grandchildren, Andrew (Felicia), Lexi, Joe, and Owen; and three great grandchildren, Henry, Theo, and Liam; along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was an avid jokester (hence the April Fool's birthday) and enjoyed making all of his grandchildren and great grandchildren smile. His focus later in life was to make sure they knew how much he loved them. He and Ellen would take the kids to



many family-oriented places. He loved teaching them new things like games, woodworking, sports, and painting. Per Jim's wishes, in lieu of flowers please send donations to the Hillsborough Rescue Squad, PO Box 350, Hillsborough, NH 03244. Bumpa will be greatly missed by all.

Zachary Thomas Spooner

WINDSOR - Zachary Thomas Spooner, 27, of Windsor, NH, died Wednesday, September 18, 2024, as the result of an industrial accident. Zach will be dearly missed by his wife, Kaitlyn, and their daughter, Millie; parents, Porter and Cindy Spooner of Weare, NH; sisters, Brittney and Sarah Spooner of Dover, NH. He is also survived by grandparents, Sandra J. Grant of Weare, NH; Richard A. and Linda M. Ducharme of Manchester, NH. He also leaves behind his in-laws, David and Teresa Baker and brother-in-law, Michael Baker, all of Weare. He was predeceased by his grandfather, Bourne W. Spooner of Candia, NH. A Celebration of Life is planned for Zachary on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024 at 10 a.m. at the Weare Christian Church Ministry Building, 325 N. Stark Highway (Rt. 114) in Weare, NH. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Millie Spooner Fund TD Bank c/o Porter Spooner, PO Box 301, Weare, NH 03281



Paul Joseph Bryand

DEERING - Paul Joseph Bryand, 66, of Deering, NH, passed away Monday September 16, 2024 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born December 9, 1957 in Lowell, MA to the late Robert J. & Alma (Provencher) Bryand. Also predeceased by a brother, Frank Bryand. Survived by his wife of 25 years, Gloria Jean (Berthiaume) Bryand; 1 son, Paul Thibodeau of NH; 1 daughter, Lisa Small and her 3 children, Damien, Tyler and Angelina of MA; 2 brothers, Ronald J. Bryand of AZ, David J. Bryand of NC; 2 sisters, Theresa Bryand of SC and Susan M. Kennedy of NH; and 3 stepchildren, Earle, Wayne and Tina; and 12 great grandchildren. There are no services.



Robert (Bob) Allen Gould

CONTOOCOOK - Robert (Bob) Allen Gould peacefully and



unexpectedly passed on September 20, 2024, at the age of 75. He was the son of the late Allen and Mary Morse Gould, and was pre-deceased by his younger brother, William (Bill) Paul Gould. He is survived by his wife, Donna Jean (Collins) Gould, whom he was married to for 50 years. Bob is survived by two sons, Brian Gould and his wife, Anna and their two children, Serenity and Bobby and Jason Gould; and a daughter, Sarah (Gould) Sanborn, her husband, Jody and their son, Payne. He is also survived by his brother, Edward (Scot) Gould and wife, Anne; brother, John Mark Gould; and sister, Patricia (Patty) Carter. Celebration of Life will be on Sunday, September 29, 2024. Visitation from 1:00 to 3:00 with a prayer services starting at 3 pm in the Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home at 32 School Street, Hillsboro NH and a reception to follow at the American Legion Post No. 81 at 169 Bound Tree Road, Contoocook, NH from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Bob will be laid to rest in the Contoocook Village Cemetery in the days to follow.

Madeline A. (Hayes) Stumpf

MILFORD - Madeline A. (Hayes) Stumpf, 91, died on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at The Elms Center in



Milford, NH with her family at her side. She was born on October 7, 1932 in Waltham, MA, daughter of the late Thomas J. and Mary (Riley) Hayes. Along with her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her daughter, Stacy E. Stumpf. She is survived by three children, William O. Stumpf, Jr.

and wife, Janet of Nashua, James Stumpf and wife, Kimberly of Washington, NH, Thomas Stumpf and wife, Lorraine of Merrimack; ten grandchildren, Courtney Peterson, Maxwell Calise, Brandon, Kerrie, Benjamin and Amber Stumpf, Amanda Jackson, Lindsey Jackson, Gillian Day, and Timothy Stumpf; as well as nine great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends, Ee-u-Wee-u. In lieu of flowers, donations in Madeline's name may be made to The Elms Center, 71 Elm Street, Milford, NH 03055 or Home Health & Hospice at <https://www.hhhc.org/how-to-help/memorial-gifts/>

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Events: Community Bulletin Board

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29

HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL: The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, at 18 Highlawn Road in Warner is holding a family-friendly event from 10:00-4:00pm. Harvest Moon Festival is a Native American celebration of the harvest, the end of one cycle and the beginning of another. Harvest Moon is about more than just crops and food, it is a celebration of a season's worth of hard work throughout the community. Visitors will learn how to make dolls from corn husks, weave dreamcatchers, try their hand at beading, and enjoy sensory-friendly activities and games. Dramatic stories about the harvest will be told. Join in on a scavenger hunt throughout the Medicine Woods trail to discover how plants

would be traditionally used.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 1

FULLER PUBLIC LIBRARY: How To's Day at 1:00pm or 6:00pm, Diamond Art Bookmark, come learn the newest craze! Call to register.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2

COFFEE WITH A COP: 10:00am-8:00pm. Conversations with Chief Moore and other Wear Officers at the Safety Complex.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 3

MEMORY CAFE: A new monthly Memory Café, Time Together Thursdays, at the fully accessible Smith Memorial Congregational Church, UCC and will be on the first Thursday of each month. We will meet from 1-2:30. For more information, or to register for Time Together Thursdays, please contact: Rev. Donna Vuilleumier, pastor@smithmemorialucc.org 603-464-3529

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5

BOOK SALE: The Deering Library is having a book sale, from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Stop in for refreshments and register for a door prize. This is the last day that the schoolhouse library building will be open until next May. The library will operate out of the Town Hall atrium through the cooler months.

HILLCAT FOOTBALL: V. Bishop Brady, 1:00pm, (Homecoming). Admission \$3,00 General, \$2/Seniors, \$1/Students.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Deering Fire & Rescue at Town Hall. Two seatings 4:30 & 6:00pm \$10/person, under 12/\$5. Tickets at Town Hall.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

SHIZUE SANO: at 2:00pm at Deering Community Church Sanctuary. Back by popular demand, the Classical Concert Pianist is performing at DCC.

SCARECROW CONTEST: Henniker's Third Annual Scarecrows in the Parks Contest is coming soon. Sign in on Sunday, October 6th at 2:00pm at the Community Park Gazebo. The contest goes through October 27th. Entries will be placed on benches throughout town. Check flyers posted around town for more information.

DEERING CONCERT: Shizue Sano, 2:00pm. By popular demand, the classical concert pianist is performing for the fifth time at the Deering Community Church. Bring your own chair or blanket. 763 Deering Center Road, Deering, NH. Events held at the Deering Town Pavilion.

MONDAY OCTOBER 7


ACTIVE ATTACK RESPONSE: The Newbury Police Department will be providing a class on Civilian Reponse to Active Attack Events at 6:00pm at the Newbury Town Office. This class is open to the public and no registration is needed. If you have any questions please contact Officer Fisher by email: jfisher@newburypd.org.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 8


FULLER PUBLIC LIBRARY: Black Bear Happenings in NH, a NH Fish & Game program, will be at Fuller Public Library at 6pm. Learn about the natural history of this intriguing animal, its habitat needs, and ways to avoid potential costly conflicts. Please call the library to register, 603-464-3595.



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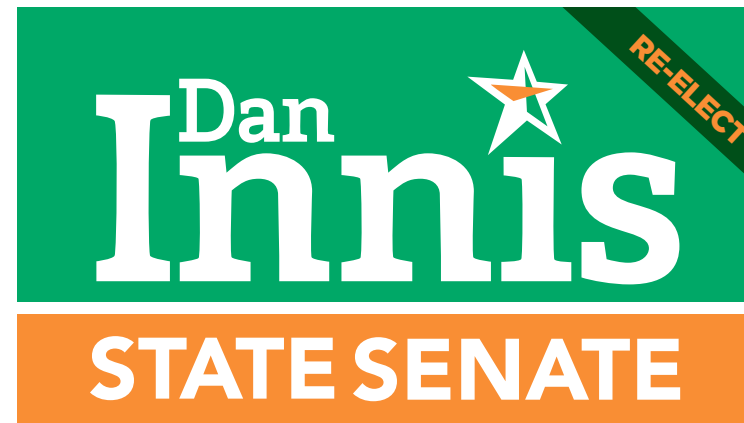




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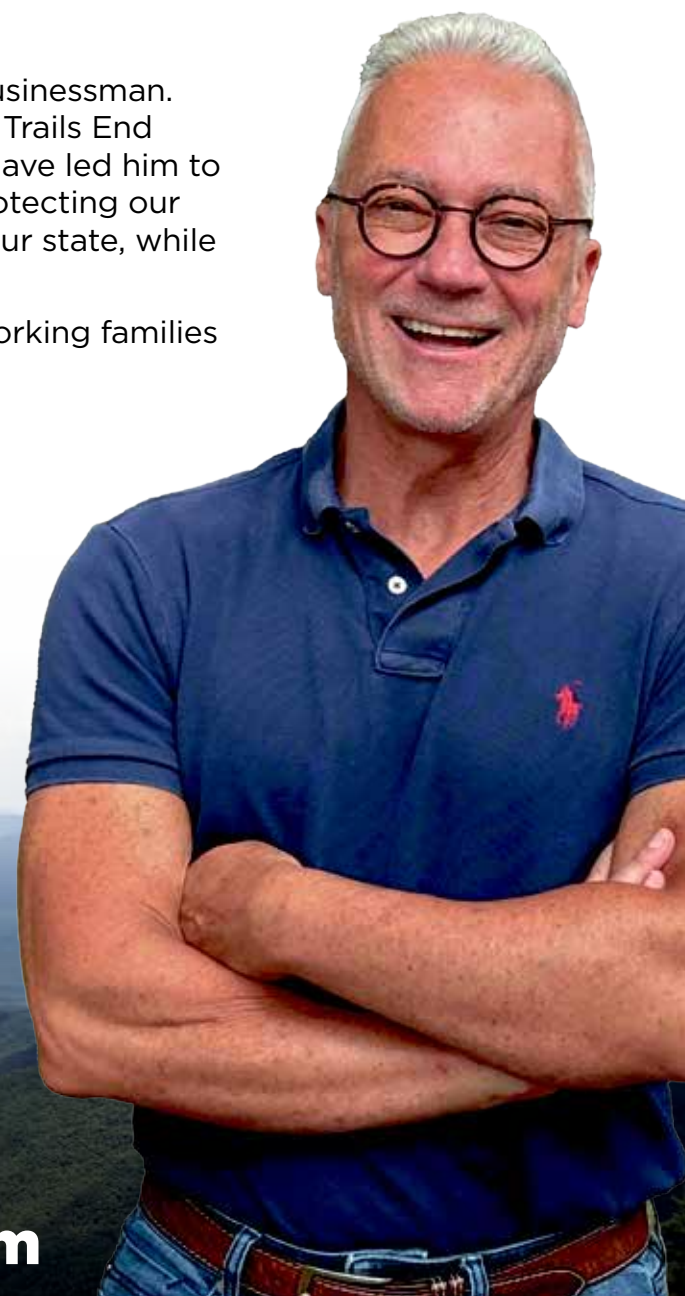
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