

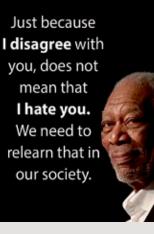
Peterborough Police Intern

Welcome to the newest Peterborough



Police Intern, McKenzie Rich for the spring semester from Franklin Pierce University! Originally from Rochester, Minnesota, McK-

enzie studies Criminal Justice and plays Center for the Ravens Women's ice hockey team. After McKenzie completes school, her goal is to play professional hockey in Europe and eventually work for the FBI.



This week in history

February 22, 1980 U. S. Hockey Team wins "Miracle On Ice" February 23, 1997 Schindler's List airs uncut on network television

February 24, 1841 Former president defends the Amistad case February 25, 1964

Muhammad Ali defeats Sonny Liston February 26, 1993

Terrorists bomb the World Trade Center February 27, 1827

New Orleans celebrates 1st Mardi Gras February 28, 1994

First NATO military action occurs



H-D young DECA Team shines

Hillsboro-Deering sent 36 to Career Development Conference including 24 "rookies"

A young Hillsboro-Deering DECA team had good success at the recent New Hampshire DECA 68th Annual Career Development Conference at the Hilton Doubletree in Manchester. Thirty-six team members attended this year's competition, of which twenty-four were rookies. The team included: Grayson Ainslie, Skyla Auger, Jadelyn Baez, Maddie Barrick, Peter Beane, Owen Bober, Penelope Bows, Addison Brown, Eva Contreras, Jayden Covel, Emma Davis, Autumn Eastman, Megan Ferguson, Katelyn Franklin, Ashton Fredette, Ryan Garfagna, Jack Harrington, Noah Harrington, Jack Hebert, Akennah Henry, Annekah Henry, Julianne LaBier, Tommy Lloyd, Chloe Macey, Liam Malandrino, Ben Perrin, Christopher Perrin, Brie Proulx, Lenny Seymour, Alyssia Spencer, Liam Stewart, Liana Swirko, Isaiah Thayer, Connor Thompson, Kylie Urban, and Noah Welch.

The team earned two chapter awards, six medals and five plaques. Considering

the number of first-timers that attended, the young Hillsboro-Deering team did well. Combined with the chapter's successful Virtual Business season and School Based Enterprise, a total of eighteen students will be competing at the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida, in late April.

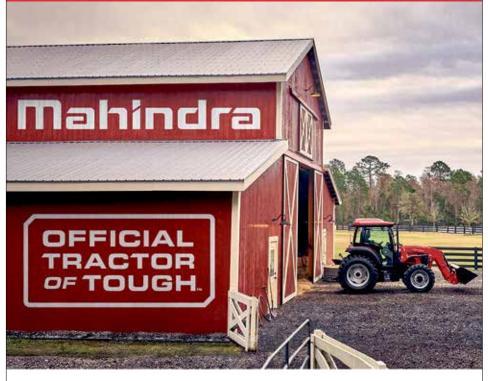
Students won accolades in several events including: Christopher Perrin -Second place in Principles of Marketing Case Study, Eva Contreras - Third place in Marketing Communications Case Study, Owen Bober - Third place in Sports and Entertainment Case Study, Noah Harrington and Lenny Seymour - Second place in Sports and Entertainment Team Case Study, Jack Hebert - Third place Retail Management Exam, First place Retail Management Case Study, and First Place Overall Retail Management, Tommy Lloyd - Third place overall Business Solutions Project, Penelope Bows and Megan Ferguson - Second place overall Financial

Literacy Project, Skyla Auger - Second place overall Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling, and Katelyn Franklin, Kylie Urban, and Alyssia Spencer - First place overall for the Franchise Business Plan. Additionally, Chapter President Ben Perrin accepted the plaque recognizing the chapter reaching the Thrive level of accomplishment by DECA Inc. and Liana Swirko was elected as a NH DECA State Officer.

"This is a very new-to-DECA team. Many of them had no idea what to expect from competition, but now are motivated for the future, and that is exciting!" said Mr. Marc Payeur, H-D DECA advisor.

HD DECA is currently selling Little Caesar's Pizza as a fundraiser to assist in getting to Orlando, and will be holding their Treasure Chest Fundraiser again. If you want to find out more about DECA or want to help these students make it to the world finals, contact Mr. Payeur at 464-1205 or email mpayeur@hdsd.org.

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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

February 23, 2014

Major fires at Hopkinton farmhouse & Dunbarton mansion K-9 Ragnar apprehends fleeing Goffstown man in Bow Weare woman injured in snowmobile accident New London's proposed \$12.9 million budget is up 7.1%

February 24, 2023

Two accidents on same night in Hopkinton Weare father given 18 months to 5 years for child's death Kearsarge High celebrates first Licensed Nursing Assistant Graduates Antrim Select Board approves water line & bridge replacement projects

February 25, 2022

Masks now optional at HD Schools Hillsborough sidewalk expansion set for 2023 Planning Board to review new used car dealership Hopkinton Girls claim Nordic Ski Title

February 26, 2021

Hillsborough woman survives snowmobile crash Hillsborough considering a noise ordinance Weare Troops 24 & 529 win Klondike Derby Awards Multiple vehicles off the road in Francestown

February 28, 2020

Death Valley improvements coming Hopkinton man arrested for shooting from car New Boston man arrested after snowmobile accident State Police say Warner gunfight continued along I-89

March 1, 2019

Antrim Vet's remains identified 75 years after death DECA Team wins 2 trophies, 24 medals, 14 plaques Henniker committee asking \$730,000 for road repairs Witness tip leads to Deering woman's DWI arrest

March 2, 2018

Court orders Weare default budget defaulted Three arrested for Hillsborough vehicle break-ins Warner man arrested for witness tampering New Principals named at Kearsarge Schools

March 3, 2017

Epsom man guilty of Federal firearm charges Unlucky Loudon resident backs into police cruiser Tilton man indicted for trying to steal an ambulance Franklin sex offender arrested in Bow

February 26, 2016

Weare crash leads to negligent homicide charge A dozen towns assist at Goffstown fire Colby-Sawyer works with Franklin's Perma City Life Area police & school superintendents discuss opioids

February 27, 2015

Villa Augustina sold Four running for two Bow Selectman seats Franklin couple indicted for sex trafficking New Boston Farmers Market expanding

Deering Town Administrator resigns - won't work with Michelle Johnson

Jodi Pinard, Deering's Town Administrator has submitted her letter of resignation, citing the potential election of former member Michelle Johnson to the Select Board.

In her letter, she says, "After some serious consideration I have decided to submit my resignation as Town Administrator. With the negativity that continues to be shared by certain BAC members towards myself and Town Hall staff it just makes for an unhappy work environment.

Although you never know the



Another controversy at Deering Town Hall.

out-come of elections, I can say with certainty that the individual that is running against the incumbent is not someone I would want to work with even for a day.

My last day will be February 20, 2025.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity that you have afforded me. I truly wished this had turned out differently.

Thank you, Jodi Pinard" Deering hired Jodi Pinard on December 17th, 2024. She started her public sector career with the Raymond School District as a Special Education Office Coordinator in 2000.

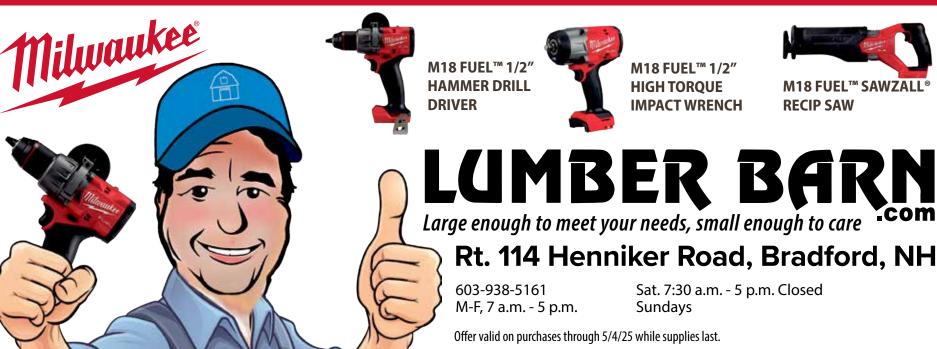
At her reception, she said that she looked forward to continuing her career in Deering.

During her last term on the Board in 2013, then Town Administrator Craig Ohlson and fellow Select Board member Krista Coutuerier resigned, citing a long list of complaints against Johnson, including her micro-managing of town affairs.

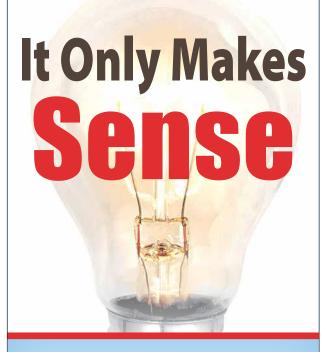


Michelle Johnson.

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Troop 529 B and G welcomed two Arrow of Light Scouts (Grayson and Ellie) into their Troop at the Pack 24 crossover Monday, February 17. They look forward to having them in their unit. If anyone would like information on joining Troop 529 B or G visit beascout.org and search Troop 529 Weare NH or email communityscoutingnh@gmail.com



A group of scouts had the exciting opportunity to tour Franklin's Police Department, getting a first hand look at the vehicles, equipment, and daily operations. The scouts enjoyed learning about law enforcement and the tools they use to keep the community safe. A big thank you to Sgt Walker, Sgt Drouin, Officer Sica, and Officer Franklin, who took the time to provide an informative and engaging tour, helping to inspire the next generation!

Heavy winds trap 125 people on stalled Pats Peak chairlift

Officials say powerful wind gusts Monday were responsible for a problem with a stuck chairlift at Pats Peak in Henniker that led to more than 100 people being rescued. The state fire marshal's office said its investigation has determined the incident was caused by wind gusts and was not mechanical.

Pats Peak officials said there were about 125 people on the Peak triple chairlift when it stopped at 1:45 p.m. They said the rope that runs the lift up the mountain derailed from the cable, causing the lift to stop.

It took about 90 minutes to get everyone down safely. The resort's marketing director said workers check the mechanics on every lift every day. "We do site inspections. We look at them. They log them," said marketing director Lori Rowell. "They are very, very thorough about making sure our lifts are in the best shape possible."

The incident came at the start

of what is typically a busy stretch for New Hampshire ski areas with the start of vacation week for many Massachusetts schools.

The New Hampshire State Fire

Marshal's Office and the Passenger Tramway Safety Board announce a joint investigation is underway after a chairlift malfunction. The State Fire Marshal's Office is grateful for the collaborative efforts of members of Pats Peak Ski Patrol and Henniker Fire and Rescue, who worked together to safely evacuate all passengers.





Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the Coffee with a Franklin Cop event! Your support and engagement mean a lot to us, and we look forward to more conversations in the future. A big thank you to Brothers Donuts for hosting our event.



TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



New evidence comparing weight gain under eight different first-line antidepressants finds that bupropion users are 15-20% less likely to gain a clinically significant amount of weight than users of sertraline, the most common medication. The findings are published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Antidepressants are among the most commonly prescribed medications in the U.S., with 14% of U.S. adults

reporting using an antidepressant. Weight gain is a common side effect, which could affect patients' long-term metabolic health and cause some to stop taking their prescribed treatment, leading to poor clinical outcomes. Although anti depressants overall are associated with weight gain, specific antidepressant medications may affect weight differently. Results also showed a large percentage of patients were taking a medication that led to greater weight gain than alternatives that are commonly available in the same class or subclass. For example, sertraline, escitalopram, and paroxetine are all selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI), the most common type of antidepressant, but escitalopram and paroxetine were each associated with an approximate 15% higher risk of gaining a clinically significant amount of weight than sertraline in the first 6 months.

In a study published in *Nature Medicine*, a new tablet form of ketamine has shown promise in treating severe depression, offering a potential alternative to existing clinic-based treatments that can be expensive and lacking in convenience for some patients. Unlike the injectable and nasal spray alternatives that require clinicians to monitor patients for two hours while side effects subside, the slow-release tablet form can be taken safely at home without medical supervision and with negligible side effects.

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Indirect restorations are made at a dental laboratory to conform with an impression of the tooth made by your dentist at a visit and provided to the lab. So an indirect restoration is going to require at least two visits. Indirect restorations include inlays, crowns, veneers, onlays and bridges. These may be made with gold, base metal alloys, ceramics and composites.

There are lots of options so it is important to talk with your dentist about which is right for you. Among the factors the dentist will consider is the role of the tooth that needs repair. How much pressure does it bear chewing? Or is the work being done more for cosmetic purposes? As with any interaction with your dentist, don't hesitate to ask questions and be clear on the costs.

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Franklin Animal Shelter announces it is closing

The Franklin Animal Shelter will cease operations and dissolve the charitable organization known as Granite State Animal League, President Jennifer Ach said. While she's not normally an emotional person, this is a tough time for her and the members of the board. She appreciates all the help the shelter has received from the community for over 20 years.

"Franklin Animal Shelter would like to note, at this time, the utmost gratitude to the community for its historic and unprecedented kindness and generosity, not only to the animals of Franklin and surrounding communities, but to each other and the community as a whole," Ach said. "This is a very sad time."

The closure of the shelter is related to financial constraints. Before operations cease permanently, the shelter is attempting to place all remaining animals with families. There is no specific closing date at this time.

The shelter has waived all fees on adoptions. They will promote the animals on social media and at franklinanimalshelter.com. Two dogs, a bluetick coonhound mix named Merlin, and Koda, a terrier and American pitbull mix, are ready to join a home. The shelter is still assessing the needs of other animals, and volunteers plan to post their information soon. The shelter is currently open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. The shelter has arranged with the New Hampshire Humane Society in Laconia, which will take any animals not adopted by the time the shelter closes.

"The animal shelter will cease operations when the remaining animals have the most reasonable disposition, meaning that they have a place to go, or the appropriate outcome is found for them," she said.

Ach also ensured anyone interested in adopting a pet must go through the same vetting process as before, to ensure a pet's safety and make sure they end up in the right home.

The N.H. Humane Society is assisting the Franklin Animal Shelter as they finish the final steps toward closure. N.H. Humane Society Executive Director Charles Stanton explained his organization offers the same services as the Franklin Animal Shelter, and more, to 19 other municipalities. They are one of the closest shelters to Franklin, which is why the Franklin shelter



reached out for their assistance.

"The agreement, as of right now, is that we will help in what ways we can. We just don't know what that looks like just yet, because this has just happened," Stanton said. "I have been in touch with the chief of police in Franklin, and he and I are working on a short-term plan to make sure that the community gets what it needs."

The closure of the Franklin shelter came as a surprise for many in the city, including Mayor Desiree McLaughlin. She attended the most recent board meeting on Jan. 23 and said there wasn't anything that indicated financial distress. She laid out, based on the notes she took, how the meeting went.

First were elections, and Ach was elected president. The financial report was approved despite comments on significant vet bills, and there were even discussions on expanding their kennels.

"There wasn't even a discussion or a motion saying they may need more funds," McLaughlin said. "Perhaps that was after the meeting."

McLaughlin said the shelter has a memorandum of understanding with the city as a private-public partnership. But she said she had recently formed an ad-hoc committee to update the MOUs the city is engaged in and to create policy that keeps partner organizations reporting their circumstances to the city.

"I went to that meeting, and there was zero indication that this was going to happen. Who knows if there was a catastrophic event, but nobody's reporting to us," McLaughlin said. "But if we had a policy that said, 'If you suffer a catastrophic event, please notify us immediately before dissolution; let's have a conversation,' that's all it is. I'm trying to open up some policy for communication."

At this time, there is no indication the Franklin Animal Shelter will reopen, or if another local group will take its place. After the dissolution of the shelter, the N.H. Humane Society intends to add Franklin into its coverage area.

They offer services like low- or no-cost microchip and vaccine clinics, low- or no-cost spay and neuter programs, a free community pet pantry with food and supplies courtesy of chewy.com and Humane Society of the United States, as well as numerous educational and community programs. N.H. Humane Society also provides temporary housing and care for lost and abandoned pets in partnership with police departments. Stanton said his organization will be there for the Franklin residents during the transition.

"We may be the permanent solution, but we at least want to make sure that the community has what it needs in the meantime, whether we're the long-term solution or not," he said.

"Hopefully the folks with Franklin Animal Shelter, they're proud of the work that they've done. The board has done very good work, particularly in the last couple of years, at building the organization," he said. "They've partnered with the community in showing that Franklin is a city that loves its animals, and so that's very positive, whether the shelter is physically there or not. That is part of the culture."

Still no closure for Bradford couple whose daughter died in 2019

For five years, Steve and Renee Patten have been struggling to learn what exactly happened the night their daughter died.

The couple from Bradford said their daughter, Morgan Patten, had big plans for a beautiful life, and nothing about her death makes any sense.

"She was ready to take on the world," Steve Patten said.

"Her style, her personality, her smile, her way with people and determination," Renee Patten added.

On Nov. 8, 2019, Morgan Patten, 24, traveled to Jacksonville, North Carolina, to visit her fiance, Phil Brandon, a Marine who was training at Camp Geiger.

While having dinner at Applebee's next to her hotel, she sent a text at 9:45 p.m. to her mother saying that she was eating and then that she was going to sleep. At 10:51 p.m., Morgan Patten was killed 13 miles away from that Applebee's in a crash that remains impossible for the Pattens to comprehend.

"Another day that we won't see Morgan or hear from Morgan, and we still don't know the totality of what happened to her," Steve Patten said.

The Pattens would later learn that their daughter met 20-year-old Charles Cornwall and 21-yearold Hunter Wells, both Marines at Camp Lejeune. They struck up a conversation with Morgan Patten just before she somehow ended up in Wells' truck, speeding at 80 mph down a dark road.

"We all knew where she was going to be and what the plans were," her mother said.

Cornwall was also seriously injured in the high-speed crash. Wells was charged with death by motor vehicle and DWI. The Pattens have hired



private investigators and lawyers and filed dozens of freedom of information requests for police reports to try to figure out why Morgan Patten was in that truck, where it was going and why it was removed from the scene without a full crash reconstruction, which appears to run contrary to the 2019 North Carolina State Highway Patrol's policy manual for fatal crashes. It's something former Lebanon Police Chief Rich Mello calls a missed opportunity.

"They brought it to a tow yard where it was not secured," Mello said. "It was subject to people being able to access the truck, subject to items being throw away. That's not best practice."

In November 2023, Wells accepted a plea deal and was sentenced to a maximum of six years in prison without explaining why Morgan Patten was

in his truck that night. She was away from home and about to meet her fiance, and her journal entries reveal a deep and committed love.

"It was all so I could find you and love you for the rest of my life," said her father, reading from her journal. The Pattens say the support they have received provides comfort, as do lines from Morgan Patten's favorite poem, "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," by Robert Frost.

They said it represents what her life should have been, with many more miles to go, just like the foundation they started in their daughter's name to give more children a chance to shine.

"People should understand what it is that we're trying to do, which is to provide opportunities for youth and young adults," said Steve Patten, describing the mission of the Morgans Miles to Go Foundation.

They say they will never stop looking for the answers about what happened to their daughter. The Pattens hope new leads continue to come in, and they're working to make it easier for families to access information about investigations and prosecutions of crimes in North Carolina.



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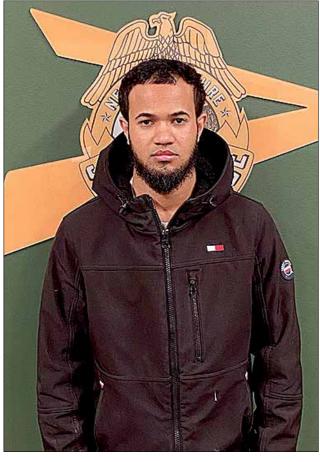
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Newport & Claremont Police seize 1,260 grams of fentanyl

In November 2024, the Newport Police, Claremont Police and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office announced the arrest of twenty individuals in the greater Newport and Claremont area for felony level drug offenses.

These arrests were the result of investigations funded by the New Hampshire Department of Safety's Substance Abuse Reduction Initiative (also known as Operation Granite Shield).

From these arrests, investigators developed new evidence related to large quantities of Fentanyl and other dangerous drugs being trafficked into the greater Newport and Claremont area from Lawrence, MA.

On February 12, 2025, investigators from the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, along with their law enforcement partners in the New Hampshire State Police, the Newport Police Department and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, surveilled two suspects as they traveled from Lawrence, MA, to Sullivan County with a purpose to deliver a large quantity of Fentanyl to be distributed throughout the area. The two suspects were ultimately stopped by New Hampshire State Police Troopers on Interstate 89

and arrested.

After obtaining a search warrant for the vehicle, investigators discovered approximately 1,260 grams of suspected Fentanyl hidden inside. The arrested suspects were identified as:

Ricardo Antonio Lara Guerrero, 28, Lawrence, MA and Jason Checo Szeverino, 24, Lawrence, MA.

Both subjects were charged with Possession of Fentanyl with Intent to Deliver, Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Deliver, and Falsifying Physical Evidence. They were detained at the Merrimack County House of Corrections without bail pending arraignment in court.

New Boston Select Board sued over Deliberative Session

Over the weekend, the New Boston Select Board received a lawsuit from Petitioner Keith Ammon, filed in Hillsborough County Superior Court (see attached) seeking to block the petitioned Deliberative Session scheduled for February 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

During the original Deliberative Session, there was a question of interpretation between the town attorney and residents whether the petition article could be amended. There was also a question on how petition warrant articles automatically appear on the warrant even if the Deliberative Session was not in favor of the article. This confusion resulted in a petition verified on February 10, 2025, requesting a Special Town Meeting to correct a procedural defect.

The Select Board decided to err on the side of additional voter participation in this process and granted the petitioners' request for a special Deliberative Session.

After reviewing this lawsuit with

legal counsel, the Select Board cancelled the Special Deliberative Session scheduled for February 19, 2025, to avoid unnecessary expense to the Town litigating this matter.

A public hearing is scheduled for February 24th, at 6:45 p.m. at the Whipple Free Library to discuss this petition tax cap article in more detail (as required by law). They recommend that everyone who is concerned about the long-term impact of Petition Article 31 attend this hearing.



Weare Middle School hosts a visit from Senator Hassan

Senator Maggie Hassan visited Weare Middle School last week ahead of the springtime eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. "This may be the only time for many of us, students and adults alike, that we have an opportunity to meet and have a conversation with a U.S. Senator," said eighth grade social studies teacher Holly Wilson, who helped organize Hassan's invitation to the school. "She was simply inspirational." Wilson said her own goal has been to boost activities, guest appearances and materials related to the government buildings and historic monuments students will see in Washington.

With that in mind, Wilson said, she and Philip Mansour – parent of an eighth grade student – invited both Sens. Hassan and Goodlander to WMS. During Hassan's visit, she traced her political history, encouraged students to get involved and find their passion, and urged them to ask for help when they don't understand something, Wilson said. Hassan asked students to contemplate a key question: "As you move through life, always ask yourself 'What am I doing for freedom?'' Hassan also toured the school and answered student questions, Wilson said, which sparked a discussion about perceptions in political advertising, among other exchanges. Students can expect another guest visit in April, Wilson said, when she expects Professor Tom White from Keene State College's Cohen Institute for Holocaust Studies. Photo: New Hampshire U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan speaks to Weare Middle School students on Feb. 14.

Antrim Select Board opposes Grapevine and Home and Harvest petitioned Warrant Articles

At a recent meeting of the Antrim Select Board, members unanimously agreed that faced with a double digit budget increase, they could only support a variety of non-profit funding requests, 50% of the requested amounts.

In light of that decision, The Grapevine and the Home and Harvest committee have petitioned for warrant articles to restore that funding.

At last week's meeting, the Select Board voted to not support those two petition warrant articles. Chair Michael Ott reported that the town's proposed operating budget is approximately \$5.3 million, an 11% budget increase of which 7% of that is totally out of the board's control.

Petition Warrant Article 3 would have appropriated \$10,000 in funds for The Grapevine to compensate for the cuts in the budget.

Ott commented that The Grapevine has multiple funding sources and can increase private fundraising to support their programming.

The Select Board voted 2-1 to not

support the article, with John Robertson and Michael Ott voting against the article, and Bob Edwards voting in favor.

Crista Salamy spoke in favor of petition Warrant Article 4, which asked for \$15,000 to support the town's annual Home and Harvest celebration, saying that, "Last year, Home and Harvest cost \$17,000, and we were only able to raise \$9,000, so we are not covering our costs."

The Select Board voted unanimously against the article.



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🌠 Guest Editorial

By Grant Bosse

February 6th would have been Ronald Reagan's birthday. When I first wrote about Reagan's legacy over in 1987, conventional wisdom held that the Gipper was an affable and charming leader; the Great Communicator, who used his skills as an actor to guide America through the upbeat 80's. I argued at the time that Reagan's legacy had more to do with his substance than his style; more to do with his ideas and conviction than with his warmth and humor. Now, more than twenty years removed from Reagan's time in office, history has taken note of his greatness.

I'm gratified that Ronald Wilson Reagan's place in history has grown over the years, because I'm a bit biased. I've been a Reagan fan since I was seven. I got the afternoon off from school to go see the former Governor of California at a campaign stop in downtown Hillsboro.

Growing up around the First in the Nation Primary has its perks. I remember shaking the hand of the man who would be one of America's greatest Presidents. In fact, the campaign poster he signed for me that day has followed me from job to job over the years, slightly faded over the years, but still inspiring.

My admiration for the man grew as I grew to

🌠 Letters to the Editor

To whom it may concern:

I am a Warner resident, and I'm very concerned that your paper has published a false, unfounded comment attributed to Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren. Please see the top left corner of your most current issue for reference.

After looking exhaustively online and at numerous fact checking websites, friends and I have not found these words spoken or written by Senator Warren. In fact, fact checking websites have called this quote patently false. It appears that this misrepresentation of the senator was politically motivated, and therefore holds no place at all in your publication.

I demand that you publish openly and clearly in your next issue that this was in fact published in error. We expect the news and information that you publish and distribute to our neighbors to be fair, non partisan, and fact checked. Personal grievances against political figures do not belong here.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. I appreciate your attention to this serious matter.

Emily Karmen,Warner

I must admit that I did not fact-check that post, and if it is inaccurate, I sincerely apologize. I try to hold myself to a higher standard. That post does not, however, misrepresent her hypocrisy, as evidenced by the following quote from a much younger, pre DOGE Elizabeth Warren. "When that much money disappears it's

Reflections on Reaganism

understand the ideas Reagan promoted. He spoke of freedom not as a cliché, but as a basic right of all people and a guiding principle for government. He stood up to an Evil Empire, and challenged it to tear down the wall that trapped millions in tyranny. He renewed America's faith in itself, and was never ashamed about the economic, political, and military strength that we possess.

He always saw America as a shining city on a hill. And he relied on this strength to win the Cold War, as he knew that the Soviet Union could not hope to match our combination of freedom, democracy, and capitalism.

As we mark Reagan's birthday, remember the anecdotes; asking the doctors removing an assassin's bullet if they were all Republicans, and later telling Nancy that he forgot to duck; promising Walter Mondale not to use his opponent's youth and inexperience against him; and reminding Nashua Telegraph Editor Jon Breen that "I paid for this microphone."

Remember Reagan's charm. Remember Reagan's humor. But please, remember the core values that Ronald Reagan promoted, and the strength of character he showed by sticking to them.

Happy Birthday, Mr. President.

usually because somebody broke the law, somewhere. But, if we don't look, don't ask, don't uncover and make it all public, we'll never find out."

LDB

Letter to the Editor :

GULF OF WHAT? AP News has taken the first hit from the White House for refusing to call the Gulf west of Florida the Gulf of America. News media arrogance? Or New media ignorance? Lets go back in time. The Spanish were an early European country to explore the American Continent. Other European countries followed during the century after 1492. Central America was the focal point for Spain. Florida was actually Spanish way before 1776. Spain greatly influenced this region being call the Gulf of Mexico. Fast forward to 2008. We citizens of the USA have a penchant to refer to ourselves as Americans. It stems from our official country title - United States of America. At a business meeting in Ontario Canada, I discussed our business approach and how we did things in America. Did I open a can of worms. All six Canadians went silent, glared at me for a moment, and in unison shouted 'We're Americans Too!' My 'aha' moment is not forgotten. I endured some ridicule and I deserved it. Trump isn't owning it for the USA; he's owning it for all countries on the continent of America. Everyone living on the North or South American Continent is 'American.' This is the Continent of America. Rewriting the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America makes sense – common sense. It isn't going 🕨

Main and the Editor continued

to sink in quickly; it is a significant change that needs discussion. Put aside who broached the name change and open your thinking to why it makes sense. We're all Americans on the American Continent and this gulf unites North and South America. Gulf of what? Gulf of America.

Stephen Pierce, Bradford

Dear Editor:

I had the privilege of working with Michelle Johnson for six years at Let's Dance, and I can confidently say she is one of the most talented and inspiring bosses I've encountered in my career. Michelle possesses a unique ability to combine strategic vision with day-to-day operations, always keeping the staff focused and motivated while fostering a collaborative and supportive work environment. Her leadership style is rooted in integrity, empathy, and a true passion for developing others. Michelle has an incredible knack for identifying strengths within each staff member as well as dance students and guiding them to achieve their fullest potential. Whether it's handling complex challenges or celebrating wins, she consistently approaches every situation with professionalism, foresight, and a positive attitude. Above all, Michelle genuinely cares about people and wants to help them achieve success, and that is what makes her such an exceptional leader. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked under her guidance, and I know her

future endeavors will be met with continued success.

Jennifer Anne Gordon/Parker, Deering

I am writing to urge Deering voters to come out and support Michelle Johnson for selectwoman this March. Michelle has lived in Deering for decades and has given years of service to our town, having served on seven different committees, including four terms on our board of selectmen in the past. She is committed to bringing a positive and helpful attitude to our board, and has exhibited a sincere dedication to the people and culture of our town. I cannot express more disappointment in Jill Smith's tenure here, which has been short and disastrous; with accusations, litigation, an extremely high turnover rate of town employees, constant overstepping of her role and interference in other departments, FIVE different town administrators, and an endless stream of red tape and bureaucracy. Jill is an outsider who only lived here for a couple of months before campaigning, and she clearly did not take the time to get to know her town or the people in it. It is disheartening to watch our board meetings, seeing townspeople repeatedly being ignored while the board focuses on spreadsheets and computer screens. Michelle is a major supporter of civic engagement and she has the experience to ask the right questions and make the right decisions. I would like to see us return to a practical, down-to-earth, and

people-oriented approach to town government, and I believe we can start to build that back with Michelle Johnson on board.

Jaclyn King, Deering

To Deering Neighbors and Residents:

As a Deering resident for over 45 years, I've had many opportunities to appreciate the good work of Michelle Johnson (and her husband Keith, a former Planning Board Chair) in serving and contributing to the Deering Community. She has announced her willingness to serve again as a member of our Board of Selectmen and folks who understand and care about what makes Deering a place we all love to vote for her.

Michelle knows Deering, its culture and its history, having been a 4-term member of our BOS and Chair of the Historical Association. She comes to the job knowing the responsibilities and having the experience it takes to make good decisions, select and retain able employees, appreciate and welcome the contributions our volunteers make, and reflect the values and way of life that we treasure. The strength of having lived here for decades, knowing so many of us personally, and learning what works and what doesn't from on-the-job experience is what we need at this time. Please give her your vote,

Katharine Hanson, Deering





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Congratulations to the KRHS Boys Alpine Ski Team. They took home the NHIAA Division III State Championship with five athletes moving on to the "Meet of Champions." Special shoutout to Sutton, Wilmot, and New London Police and Fire Departments for the escort back to the school.



Congratulations to the Hopkinton Boys who took 2nd place in the Division III Alpine Tournament. L-to-R: Nolan Staples-Roy, Jamie Stone, Chet Behner, Merrick Chapin, Coley Wells, Edward Blagrif, Ryan Dermody, Sawyer Zipke, Carson Dunlap.



Congratulations to the Hopkinton Girls who took 2nd place in the Division III Alpine Tournament. L-to-R: Maddie Dwyer, Lauryn Vetter, Veronica Nylund, Avery Loew, Lia Chapin, Marcella Guadagno, Rose Afflerbach, Anne Pearce, Lucy Beardmore.

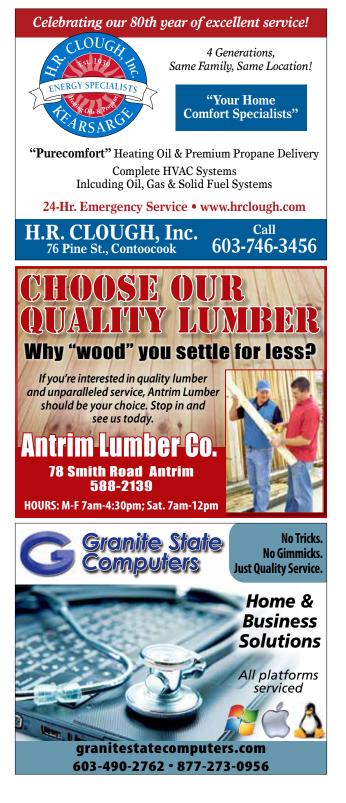
🜠 Sports



The Kearsarge Middle School Alpine Team won the Red Parka Pub Junior High Championship.



Kearsarge High School set a new school record in indoor track. The girls 4x200 team made up of Lexi Shaughnessy, Riley Raynes, Javiera Eliessetch, and Juliet Faria with a time of 1.57.53.



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5 TIPS FOR SAFE, STUNNING OUTDOOR LIGHTING: PART I



According to a recent survey, one in 12 U.S. homeowners surveyed do not have outdoor lighting for their house. Adding or upgrading outdoor lighting can help homeowners live their best outdoor life 24/7/365 with perfect visibility and comfort.

By: Joyce Bosse However, outdoor lighting also presents a few hazards, some of which could utterly ruin your al fresco free time. To keep things safe and beautiful, here are five simple tips you can follow this fall.

Leverage your lighting for security and visibility

Well-planned outdoor lighting accomplishes two things. First, it safely and comfortably extends your usable living space. Second, it deters intruders from prowling your property. To pull off this double duty, pay special attention to ensuring all pathways, social spaces and entrances are illuminated.

Also, instead of motion-activated lighting, consider an always-on approach. This can be a better deterrent before a ne'er-do-well enters your yard. And thanks to LED bulbs, leaving a few outdoor lights on doesn't have to cost a lot or create a lot of heat.

Ensure everything is outdoor-rated

Only use bulbs, fixtures, cords and outlets specifically rated for outdoor use. Fortunately, with the near-infinite range of outdoor lighting styles on the market, you'll never have to sacrifice on aesthetics. Choosing correctly rated equipment lets you enhance the appeal of your property, highlighting architectural features and landscaping focal points, without risking failure, fire or other calamities.

More tips next week!

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🌠 Sports

ALPINE SKIING

The Kearsarge boys' Alpine ski team didn't have anyone crack the top three, but the Cougars' depth stacked the top of the standings.

Three Cougars qualified for the Meet of Champions, all four scorers finished in the top 19 of the giant slalom and in the top 13 of the slalom to claim the NHIAA Division III Alpine title on Tuesday at Gunstock.

Kearsarge (729 points) edged Hopkinton (721) for the title. Hopkinton senior Merrick Chapin defended his slalom title to lead the Hawks.

The Hopkinton High girls' ski team knew that defending its Division III Alpine state title wouldn't be easy and that Gilford was going to be the team to beat. The Hawks skied well, but in the end, the Eagles were just a little better.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Hillsboro-Deering, 58 Monadnock 36: The Hillcats took an early lead and had some good contributions off the bench later in the game as H-D picked up its second win of the season, avenging a 58-43 loss to Monadnock from Dec. 19. Bow 48, Pelham 24: The Falcons held a Pelham team averaging 61 points per game to just 24 to get the win. Bow 56, Oyster River 51: The Falcons trailed by nine

points heading into the fourth quarter but outscored the Bobcats 21-7 over the final eight minutes to secure the win. **Bow 66, Kennett 36:** Kennett was held to 18 points in each half which allowed the Falcons to pull away.

Kennett 67, John Stark 57: Kennett stormed out to an 18-point halftime lead. The Generals cut their deficit to five, but Kennett held on.

Kearsarge 67, Derryfield 46: Kearsarge took an early lead on senior night, leading 21-11 after the first quarter and 36-

19 at halftime.

Pembroke 74, ConVal 38: Pembroke continued its offensive onslaught, scoring more than 70 points for the fourth time in its last five games.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Kearsarge 57, Hillsboro-Deering 21: Kearsarge led 15-5 after the first quarter, 32-14 at halftime and 50-17 after the third quarter.

Bow 68, Pelham 58: The Falcons bounced back from a tough loss earlier in the week with a win over the Pythons, one that will be key for Bow's tournament seeding. **Hopkinton 39, Stevens 33:** The Hawks took a 17-16 lead into halftime before opening up the lead in the second half behind a strong fast break and multiple 3-point shots by

Johnson in Hopkinton's regular-season finale. **Kearsarge 39, Gilford 31:** Gilford led 14-9 after the first quarter, 21-11 at the half and 28-25 after three quarters, but Kearsarge outscored the Eagles 14-3 in the fourth to close out the regular season with a win.

Franklin 52, Moultonborough 42: The Tornadoes held the Panthers to just five points in the first half and hung on in the second to bounce back from a big loss to Holy Family earlier in the week.

Hillsboro-Deering spring sports signups

HDHS Spring Sports sign ups are now posted on the HDSD website. If you are planning on playing a spring sport you will need to go onto hdsd.org, click on HDHS, click on Athletics and click on the tab that says Spring Sports Sign Ups. All fall and winter athletes will fill out the form for Returning Athletes. All students who have not played a sport so far in 2024-2025 will fill out the form for Students Who have NOT played a sport.



From left to right: Jim Riddle, HCC member and project supervisor; Shawna Crosby, intern and map technician; and Richard Head, HCC chair.

New intern at Hillsborough Conservation Commission

The Hillsborough Conservation Commission is pleased to announce that Shawna Crosby of Hillsborough has been hired as an intern to help map the conservation area trails in Hillsborough. The project, "Hillsboro Hikes," is funded by a grant from the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions. Shawna is pursuing a Masters in Environmental Studies from Antioch University.

Through the end of May, Shawna will work with HCC members to map the hiking trails on conservation areas in Hillsborough to produce online and printable maps of the Town's many unique and interesting conservation areas and trails.

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Raymond Daniels

Deering - At almost 92, Raymond Daniels passed away



on February 11, 2025, just 4 days after his wife, Kathleen. Ray and Kay had married on Valentine's Day 1959, so they made it one week shy of 66 years. They were blessed with 3 children, David, Rob and Kathy. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to

the Deering EMS, 762 Deering Center Rd., Deering, NH 03244 or Hillsboro EMS Rescue Squad, PO Box 7, Hillsborough, NH 03244. Ray and Kay Daniels died within days of each other. For this reason, a joint Celebration of Their Lives will take place at Deering Community Church, 763 Deering Center Rd., Rte. 149, Deering, NH on Sunday, February 23 at 1;00 p.m., you are welcome.

Kathleen "Kay" Daniels



Deering - Kathleen "Kay" Daniels passed away February 7, 2025. You are welcome at her Celebration of Life service at her beloved Deering Community Church, 763 Deering Center Road, Route 149, Deering, NH on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Ann Haggett

Peterborough - Ann Haggett (née Kirk), 85, passed away Tuesday February 11, 2025 at Scott-Farrar in Peterborough. She was born on June 28, 1939 in Brooklyn, NY to Edward and Margaret Kirk. Ann leaves behind her two daughters, Marybeth Fenton of Lebanon, NH (Patric) and Laura Stafford of Naples, FL; two grandsons, Samuel Fenton of Dover, NH (Kylee) and Cooper Fenton of Kittery, ME and a great granddaughter, Samantha Fenton who brought her great joy in her final months. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. If you would like honor her memory, we suggest making a donation to either the James A. Tuttle Library (45 Main St., Antrim, NH 03440) or the Antrim-Bennington Food Pantry (Antrim Baptist.org/P.O. Box 206, Antrim, NH 03440).

Annie J. (Rayno) Gagnon

North Sutton - Annie J. (Rayno) Gagnon, 89, of Gile Road, North Sutton, died Sunday, February 16, 2025 at her home. She was born in New London, NH on July 7, 1935, the daughter of Homer E. and Hazel M. (Seavey) Rayno. Annie was predeceased by her parents, a brother, Howard Rayno, her husband, Robert Gagnon and her son, Gerald Gagnon. She is survived by a daughter, Beverly Gagnon and a daughter-in-law, Cheryl Gagnon, both of Sutton, NH; a granddaughter, Adaeze Okpoebo; nieces and nephews. Friends may call at the Chadwick Funeral Home, 235 Main Street, New London, NH on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Bradford Community Church, Bradford, NH. Burial will be in North Sutton Cemetery



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Leigh and Joyce Bosse

in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sutton Rescue Squad, 2 North Road, North Sutton, NH 03260.

Barbara M. Gagnon

New Boston - Barbara M. (Allard) Gagnon, 84, of New Bos-



ton, NH passed peacefully on Sunday, February 9, 2025. Mrs. Gagnon was born on April 17, 1940, in Lebanon, NH, the daughter of the late Edward and Viola (Powell) Allard. Members of her family include; two brothers, Edward Allard and Brian Allard and his wife,

Sandi, both of Florida; a sister, Joan Howard and her husband, Chuck, of California; a son-in law, Demetrios Dongas of New Boston; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Roger Gagnon and by her sons, Robert Jackson and Jeffrey Jackson and one daughter, Lori-Ann Dongas.

> Please send your Obituaries to: PO Box 1190, Hills borough, NH or email leighb@tds.net

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14

HOPKINTON FOOD PANTRY: The Hopkinton Food Pantry has been a vital resource for Hopkinton residents for many years. As the Pantry enters a period of transition, we are seeking volunteers to join the Board of Directors. This re-constitution of the Board is essential in preparing for the well-deserved retirement of the long-time coordinator, who has dedicated decades of service. The Food Pantry is a 501(c)(3) independent organization located at the Slusser Center.

The Town of Hopkinton provides support through its Human Service Coordinator and is assisting with the recruitment of new Board members. The Board will play a key role in setting policy for the Pantry and in overseeing the transition of leadership. If you are interested in serving on the Board or would like to help with the transition, please contact Town Administrator Neal Cass at townadmin@ hopkinton-nh.gov or (603) 746-8242.

A meeting for all interested volunteers will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Greenfield Firefighters Association is seeking new members to support the town's fire department. The association provides food and water to firefighters during extended emergencies and raises money to purchase equipment not covered in the annual budget. Volunteers also help with town events, including birthday trains, Fire & Ice and Guns & Hoses. Membership has decreased in recent years due to aging or relocation,

limiting the group's activities. New members are needed to assist with tasks such as cooking, staffing booths and decorating. Those interested can contact Louise Gryval at 603-391-1674 or ljslle@yahoo.com or attend a meeting held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Greenville fire station, 38 Main Street.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26

ANTRIM GRANGE: will host the annual Meet the Candidates Night on Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00pm at the Antrim Town Hall. Antrim voters are invited to come and hear candidates running for local office share their message, in person, at one convenient time and place. For newer voters, it is an opportunity to learn about the various positions up for election and to put a face to names that will be on the ballot at town voting day on March 11th. Refreshments will be served by the Grange members.

SENIORS' BREAKFAST AT HANNA'S: Hillsbor-

ough, Thursday, February 27th at 9:00am. We will enjoy our own tables, delicious food, and lots of old and new friends. Come for the French toast --- stay for the schmoozing.

HENNIKER CONCERT SERIES: is hosting "Henniker Dance Night." This is an intro to learning how Salsa. The event is at the new White Birch building in downtown Henniker from 7:00pm to 8:00pm on February 28th. This event is free. Sign up is on the Henniker Concert Series

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The Hillsborough Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on **Saturday, March1, 2025** at 10:00-10:30 a.m. for the purpose of adding to, deleting, and making corrections to the Checklist at the Hillsborough Town Office, 27 School St., Hillsborough, NH.

If you live in Hillsborough, including the ELVD, and you are not registered, please bring a photo ID, proof of residency, and proof of citizenship.

TOWN OF WINDSOR Supervisor of the Checklist

Notice of Session at Windsor Town Hall Windsor, New Hampshire

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Correction of Checklist



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TOWN OF HENNIKER

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST NOTICE

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting March 1st at the Henniker Town Hall at 11:00 a.m. To register to vote you MUST bring a birth certificate or passport, and proof of residency, (vehicle registration, utility bill). If you do not have these items you will not be registered. We will also be making any corrections to the checklist.

LEGAL NOTICE AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Maine Department of Health & Human Services

MAINE DISTRICT COURT

IN RE: Maddox Campbell

Doc. No.: BID-PC-24-52, FM-2024-806

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO Ashley Campbell and Matthew Maynard, whereabouts unknown: Pursuant to 22 M.R.S. §4001 et seq., the Maine Department of Health & Human Services (hereafter, "DHHS") has petitioned the Court for a Child Protection Order which has been consolidated with a Petition for Appointment of Guardian concerning the child: Maddox Campbell d/o/b: 22/8/2016 born in Nashua, NH. The mother is Ashley Campbell, and the father is Matthew Maynard. DHHS has met the requirements of M.R. Civ. P. Rule 4(g)(1)(A)-(C). Hearing on the pending Petitions will be held on May 6, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at York Judicial Center, 515 Elm Street, Biddeford, ME 04005. Failure to appear at this hearing may result in the issuance of a child protection order, appointment of a Guardian and/or any other order permissible under 22 M.R.S. §4001 et seq and 18-C M.R.S. §5-201 et seq. Mr. Maynard's court-appointed counsel is: Kathy McKechnie, Esq., P.O. Box 307, Saco, ME 04072. Tel.: (207) 956-3321. Ms. Campbell's court-appointed counsel is Amanda Ramirez, Esq., PO Box 78, Newfield, ME 04056. Tel.: (207) 608-3916.Contact the court at the above address or 207-283-6000. To obtain a copy of the Petition(s), contact the court or DHHS at 207-286-2400, 457 Alfred Street, Biddeford, Maine. DHHS is represented by the Maine Office of the Attorney General, 125 Presumpscot St. Ste. 26, Portland, ME 04103.

Dated:01/27/2025

<u>Michael Duddy</u> Judge, Maine District Court

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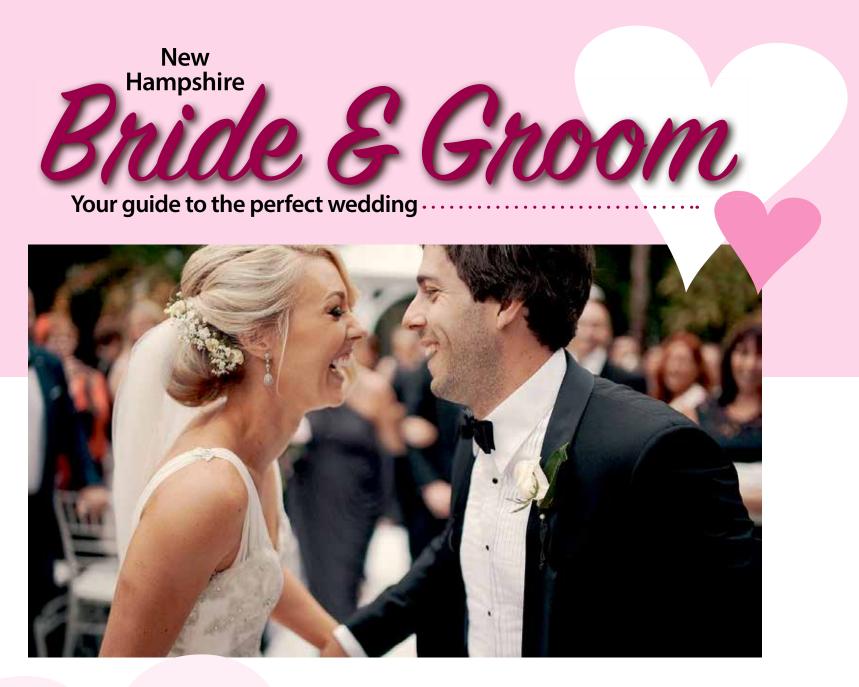
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