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Henniker officer retires

A large crowd, including officers from neighboring towns turned out for a reception at the Community Center, honoring Henniker Officer Amy Bossi on her retirement after 28 years in law enforcement.



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Opening Day
Friday, May 9th
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This week in history

MAY 3, 1937

Gone With the Wind wins Pulitzer Prize

MAY 4, 1970

National Guardsmen shoot protesters at Kent State

MAY 5, 1821

Napoleon dies in exile

MAY 6, 1954

First four-minute mile is run

MAY 7, 1915

Germans sink the RMS Lusitania

MAY 8, 1973

AIM ends its occupation of Wounded Knee

MAY 9, 1671

Captain Blood tries to steal English crown jewels



Sunapee Fire and New London Ambulance responded to this mail-truck rollover on Route 103. The driver was transported to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center with moderate injuries.

New London woman appeals 3rd DWI conviction



Jessica Fitzgerald, 41, of New London, arrested in Concord in August 2024 on a third drunken driving charge and found guilty in February, is appealing her third conviction in Merrimack County Superior Court.

Fitzgerald was arrested at 1:41 a.m. on Aug. 29, 2024, on driving under the influence-third offense. Twice before, according to a complaint, Fitzgerald was convicted in Newport District Court in May 2017 for aggravated driving under the influence and in February 2018 for DUI.

A trial was held on Feb. 25, and she was

found guilty of DUI-3rd offense. She was fined \$930, given a 180-day jail sentence with 150 days suspended for two years. Fitzgerald was also referred to an impaired driver care management program and her license was revoked for five years.

After the sentence is served, she is required to have an alcohol interlock device on her vehicle for two years. Fitzgerald, however, filed an appeal of the conviction with the Merrimack County Superior Court on March 5, seeking to reverse the decision.

Hikers discover body of suicide victim in Bradford woods

On Wednesday April 23rd two hikers discovered a deceased male subject in the wooded area of Tall Pines Natural Area in Bradford. An autopsy was performed and it was determined that the male subject died of a self inflicted gunshot wound.

The identity of the male subject has been confirmed and family have been notified.

The Bradford Police Department expresses their sincere

condolences to the family and friends.

If you, or someone you know, are in mental crisis please call 988 for the 24 hr suicide and mental crisis hotline. It's okay to not be okay.

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

May 3, 2024

Former New London Financial Advisor pays \$1 million costs & penalties
Bradford's Historic Town Hall to reopen on June 1st
Warner Select Board reviews process for appointments to boards & committees
Elevated mold count found at Bow's Community Building

May 5, 2023

H-D DECA shines at International Conference
Man denied bail after admitting making bombs that exploded in Weare
Henniker couple seriously hurt in Aggravated DWI crash
Dunkin-Jenkins Trust funds Big Top Circus in Washington

May 6, 2022

Henniker Community School rated #1 K-8
H-D School Board announces two new principals
New London Inn nominated for Business For Arts Award
Huston Barn added to NH Register of Historic Places

May 7, 2021

New London to continue mask mandate
Bennington & Hancock discuss Police Dept merger
Hillsborough cemetery on Historic Register
Hopkinton voters reject SB2

May 8, 2020

OSRAM issues 4-6 week furloughs
No injuries reported in Antrim garage fire
Henniker Select Board considers sidewalk dining
Warner Fire Department has building problems

May 10, 2019

New London Recreation outlines 5-year plan
John Stark features the only Esport team in NH
HD's Marc Payeur named Running Start Champion
Antrim man's drowning death ruled accidental

May 11, 2018

New Boston approves purchase of recreation van
Newport voters approve state's largest solar project
H-D schools award six grants to improve security
Guard demonstrates robot for Stark Robotics Team

May 11, 2017

AG investigating voter fraud at Emerald Lake
Dunbarton woman charged with aggravated DWI
Drunken wrong-way driver causes Tilton crash
Springfield College honors two H-D graduates

May 6, 2016

Great Brook named Spotlight School
Matt French sworn in as Henniker Police Chief
Doug Mumford retires as Hopkinton Fire Chief
Gary Nichols retires after 22 years as Selectman

May 8, 2015

Bow named "High School of Excellence"
Goffstown Police arrest two for robbery
H-D DECA Teams placed 8th in Internationals
Thefts continue at Weare Transfer Station

New England College adds Goffstown grads to its reduced tuition program

New England College (NEC) is expanding its commitment to college affordability by adding additional schools to its High School Partnership Program.

This initiative, which provides a significantly reduced tuition rate for eligible students, now includes Bishop Brady High School, Concord High School, and Goffstown High School, increasing the total number of participating schools from 10 to 13.

“We are committed to breaking down financial barriers and making higher education accessible for more students,” said Dr. Wayne F. Lesperance, Jr., President of New England College. “By expanding this program, we are ensuring that more high school graduates have the opportunity to pursue a college degree without the burden of overwhelming costs.”

Through this program, eligible students for fall 2025 and beyond from partner high

schools can attend NEC full time at a locked-in tuition rate of \$10,000 per year (\$5,000 per semester) plus required fees.

Commuting students will pay \$11,900 per year for tuition and fees, while those choosing to live on campus will have additional room and board charges. This reduced tuition rate is guaranteed for up to four years for any full-time, on-campus program, except the College’s three-year cooperative Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

“Our goal is to provide a high-quality, student-centered education at a price that families can afford,” said Brad Poznanski, Vice President of Enrollment Management.

“By expanding this program to more schools, we are giving students and families confidence in their ability to pursue a degree while receiving personalized support from our faculty and staff.”

In addition to the three



newly added schools, the High School Partnership Program already includes students from Contoocook Valley Regional High School, Hillsboro-Deering High School, Hopkinton High School, John Stark Regional High School, Kearsarge Regional High School, Manchester Central High School, Manchester Memorial High School, Man-

chester School of Technology, Manchester West High School, and Trinity High School. Interested students must apply via the NEC application or Common Application and submit the FAFSA annually to maintain eligibility.

While students in this program will not receive additional institutional scholarships from

NEC, they remain eligible for federal grants and loans to further support their education.

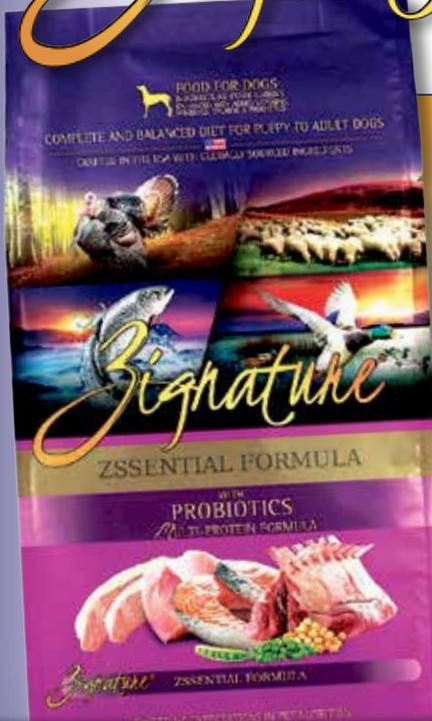
The application deadline for fall 2025 enrollment is June 1, 2025.

For more information about the New England College High School Partnership Program, visit www.nec.edu/high-school-partnerships.

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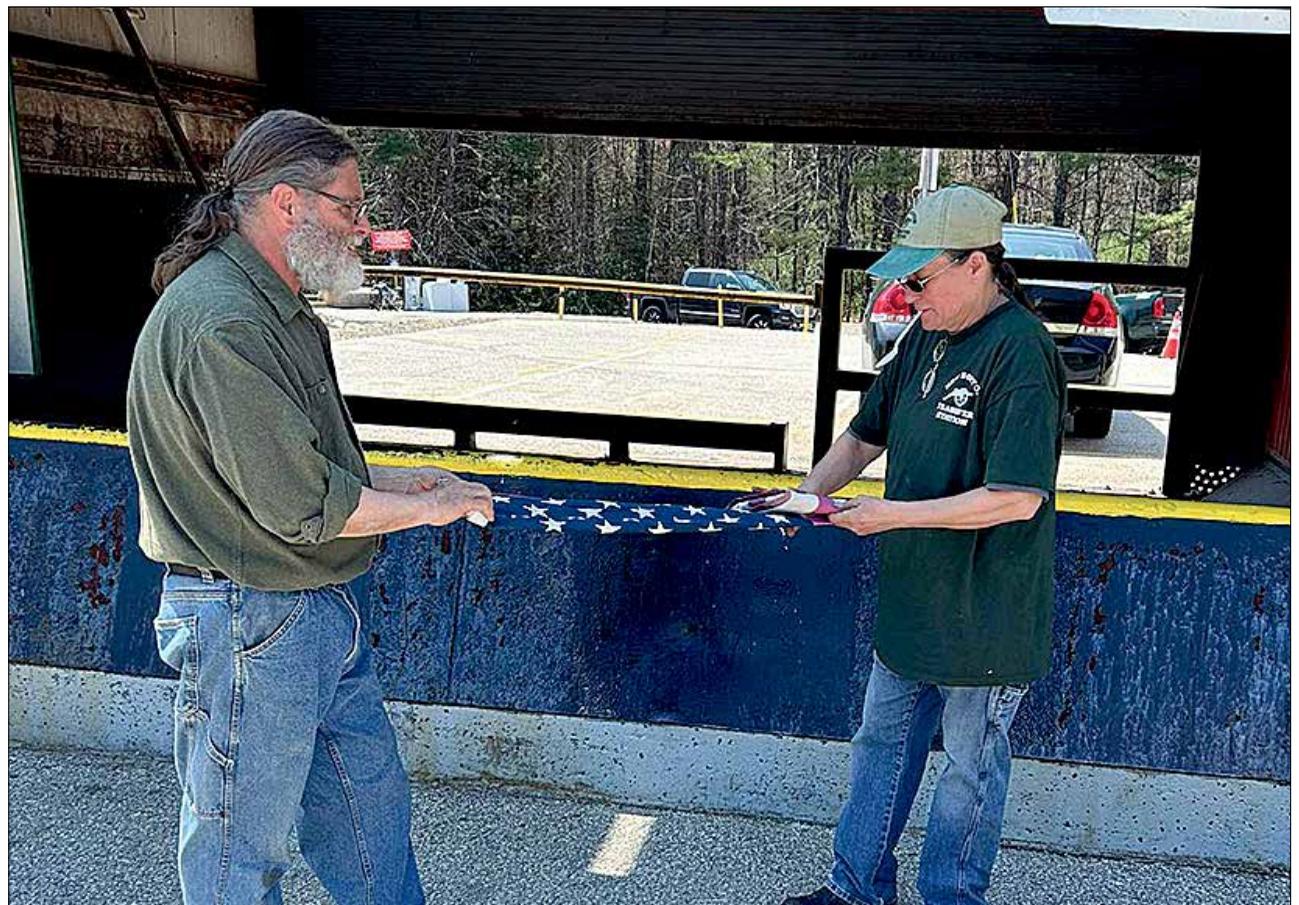
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What's yours?

Around Our Towns



Past District Governor Don Ager (L) sponsored the Hillsboro Lions Club's newest member, Bill McGraw (R).



Shout out to the New Boston transfer station crew! A citizen attempted to throw away an American flag. These two took it upon themselves to fold the flag properly and store it for proper disposal with one of the many civic organizations that burn the flag with honor. Well done!

Developer says previously approved Antrim Mills project “Not financially feasible”

Developer Zander Kempf had previously applied for a mixed-use development at the Antrim Mills site. He briefed the Antrim Planning Board that due to structural problems discovered at the building, his financing fell through and the project had been canceled.

Kempf and his partner, Mitchell Rasor, outlined their new proposal for an assisted-living facility with around 35 residential units, including commercial space for small businesses in the historic brick building fronting Main Street.

“We are here to get feedback from you all before we go too far with the project, because we know this is a centerpiece of the town,” Kempf said.

Rasor said the site plan would not change from the previous project, and that the DEA permits, including for shoreline construction on Great Brook, were still valid.

“Only the use would

change,” Rasor said.

The main building of the assisted-living facility would be built behind the Main Street mill building, on the site of the old warehouses along Great Brook. The main door and parking would be in the rear of the building.

A second four-story building across the brook is also part of the complex, which Kempf said could possibly be developed into apartments.

The plan also includes a pedestrian bridge across Great Brook. Kempf said they were now planning to build assisted living instead of multifamily housing as previously proposed, as they “had to make the numbers work.”

“Building straight multifamily was not feasible,” Kempf said. “Assisted living generates more revenue per unit than regular housing. We are trying to design a project that can get financing.”



A “major sticking point” was the height of the roof, which would require a variance. “Our fire truck ladder is 35 feet high, and your roof is 40 feet,” Planning Board member John Anderson said.

Kempf explained that they are planning a four-story facility, which would require the additional five feet.

“The request for the additional story is to get the square

footage to where it will make sense. Kempf said that these facilities have to be a certain scale for it to make sense financially. He added that most assisted living facilities are between 60,000 and 70,000 square feet.

Anderson questioned the impact of an assisted living facility on the Town’s emergency services. “My biggest concern is the liability to the town and how it would affect our volun-

teer rescue squad, which we are trying to keep all-volunteer,” Anderson said. “Who would pay for the ambulance calls?”

Anderson also asked if the assisted-living facility would be for-profit or nonprofit.

“We would like to keep the building on the tax rolls, and we would like to clarify that it will be for-profit and you will pay property taxes to the town,” Anderson said.

Kempf confirmed that the business will be for-profit, and that his company would partner with an experienced operator of assisted-living facilities or rent the facility out to an operator.

“Most likely, we would maintain control of the property and have a partnership,” Rasor said.

Kempf said they would meet with Fire Chief Marshall Gale to address concerns about fire codes, access for emergency equipment, parking, and traffic before they return to the board with their application.

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Dr. Esin Narli

More than a dozen bacterial species among the hundreds that live in people's mouths have been linked to a collective 50% increased chance of developing head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC), a new study shows. Some of these microbes had previously been shown to contribute to periodontal disease, serious gum infections that can eat away at the jawbone and the soft tissues that surround teeth.

Experts have long observed that those with poor oral health are statistically more vulnerable than those with healthier mouths to HNSCC, a group that includes the most common cancers of the mouth and throat. While small studies have tied some bacteria in these regions (the oral microbiome) to the cancers, the exact bacterial types most involved had until now remained unclear.

The new analyses looked at the genetic makeup of oral microbes collected from healthy men and women. Of the hundreds of different bacteria that are routinely found in the mouth, 13 species were shown to either raise or lower risk of HNSCC. Overall, this group was linked to a 30% greater likelihood of developing the cancers. In combination with five other species that are often seen in gum disease, the overall risk was increased by 50%.

For the research, the team analyzed data from three ongoing investigations tracking 159,840 Americans from across the country to better understand how diet, lifestyle, medical history, and many other factors are involved in cancer.

Shortly after enrolling, participants rinsed with mouthwash, providing saliva samples that preserved the numbers and species of microbes for testing. Researchers then followed up for roughly 10 to 15 years to record any presence of tumors.

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TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

According to a new study published in *The Annals of Family Medicine*, over 93% of the patients surveyed expected antibiotics for at least one of the five common symptoms. Public clinic patients were nearly twice as likely to expect antibiotics for sore throat, diarrhea, and cold/flu compared to those in private clinics. Higher expectations for receiving antibiotics for diarrhea and cold/flu symptoms was linked to lack of knowledge about the potential risks of antibiotics. Patients with lower education levels and inadequate health literacy were more likely to expect antibiotics for diarrhea.

The safety and effectiveness of donanemab — an Alzheimer's drug recently approved by the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) — is called into question in an investigation published recently by *The BMJ*. The investigation raises concerns about excess deaths, missing safety data, questionable effectiveness, and financial ties among expert advisors. Seven of the eight doctors on the review panel received direct payments from drug companies. Three had financial ties to Lilly, the drug's developer. Two had ties to Roche, Lilly's development partner in creating a new blood test for Alzheimer's disease. In January 2023, the FDA had denied approval of donanemab, citing a "high rate" of missing data and questioning the drug's long term safety. The agency noted a higher rate of treatment discontinuation due to adverse events (frequently brain hemorrhage and swelling) among patients on donanemab compared with placebo, and an "imbalance" in overall deaths. And despite results failing to show a clinically meaningful difference between patients on the drug and placebo, Lilly stated that donanemab slowed progression of Alzheimer's by 22%. The company has also promoted donanemab as "slowing decline by 35%. That's a relative difference that transforms a very tiny absolute difference into a number that seems impressive.

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Hometown Heroes



Congratulations to Hillsborough Officer Jason Patten (center) for completing the Law Enforcement Control Tactics Instructor Training Program (LECTITP) - 1st Class in New Hampshire to do so! This elite 10-day program trains law enforcement in advanced arrest and defense tactics.



Bruce Maxwell and Duane Reese were recognized by Bow Fire Chief Dennis Comeau for rescuing the driver of the overturned propane truck on Tuesday, April 15. Tonia Linquist / Courtesy

Was State Rep fired for criticizing allowing a transgender boy in the girls' bathroom?

State Representative Lisa Mazur (R-Goffstown) believes that she was fired from her job at The Gardens at Uncannon Mountain, the morning after she criticized the Weare School District's decision to allow a transgender boy at the district's middle school to use the girls' bathroom. "Ironically, I just spoke up at a [school board meeting] last night about a biological boy using the girls' bathrooms in a middle school," Mazur said.

But Nettie Rynearson, the owner of the Goffstown business where Mazur had worked, said that the termination was "entirely and unequivocally unrelated to politics or any recent local events."

"The company has been aware of her political activism for years," Rynearson told the Concord Monitor. "The reason for her termination was an internal reorganization of responsibilities, strictly a business

decision."

Rynearson said that Mazur had worked full-time at the company since 2021.

Mazur doubts that it was a coincidence. "The timing raises serious questions," she wrote in a statement. "Ending the employment of a valued staff member in such a cold and abrupt manner doesn't pass the smell test—it sure feels political to me."

"Coincidence? I highly doubt it," Mazur said.

Mazur, a second-term lawmaker who represents a district that includes Weare and Goffstown, has been outspoken on transgender issues, sponsoring bills this session that would ban puberty blockers and gender-affirming surgeries for minors.

During a meeting in which several people criticized existing state law and the district's policies, Mazur asked the board to allow the transgender

student to use "a private or staff bathroom" instead of the girls'

bathroom.

"Little girls shouldn't have

to be afraid to use the bathroom and hold it all day," she said.



State Rep. Lisa Mazur.

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By: Joyce Bosse

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Gather and Preserve Evidence. Collect and preserve any evidence related to the incident, such as surveillance footage, photographs of the accident scene, and maintenance records as soon as possible. Witness statements can also be invaluable.

Notify Your Insurance Company. Inform your insurance carrier promptly about any claim. They will guide you through the claims process and provide coverage based on your policy.

Work With Your Attorneys and Adjusters. Assist in any investigations conducted by your insurance company or legal representatives. Provide all requested information and documentation promptly.

Review Safety Procedures. Evaluate your current safety protocols and procedures to identify any areas that need improvement. Implement necessary changes to prevent future incidents.

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School Days



The Hillcat Football Team's Earth Day celebration demonstrated teamwork and community spirit as they dedicated their time to cleaning up the downtown area.



Members of the Colby-Sawyer College soccer team offered their time and muscle to help the New London Conservation Commission perform spring clean-up tasks at the Esther Currier Wildlife Management Area at Low Plain.



CWES Theatre Club students prepared to present “Where the Wild Things Are” on April 24.

Weare Center School Theatre Club performed “Where the Wild Things Are”

The Center Woods stage was transformed into a mysterious jungle on April 24 when the school’s Theatre Club presented *Where the Wild Things Are*. Based on the 1963 classic story of a young boy named “Max” and his nighttime adventures, *Where the Wild Things Are* featured a cast of 18 third graders, who collaborated with another 16 CWES Art Club members to design costumes, props

and set pieces.

Where the Wild Things Are was selected as the CWES play because it provides opportunities for different storytelling styles such as music and puppetry, said Director Molly Brennan. Plus, it leaves room for a cast of any size. “I wanted everyone who wanted to be in the show to be able to have a fun role to play and with this story there are infinite possibilities,”

Brennan said. Brennan, who is a CWES custodian, was a longtime professional stage actor and circus performer in Chicago.

Over her 30-year career, her favorite roles included “Bottom” from *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, “Harpo Marx” in *Animal Crackers*, “Hal” in *Picnic*, and the “Red Queen” in a circus production of *Alice in Wonderland*. After landing at

CWES, Brennan was approached by Principal Jess Potter to start a Theatre Club; the two were high school classmates and both in drama. Beyond onstage skills such as character development, vocal delivery and physical awareness, Brennan said, her goal is to introduce students to collaborative theatre making, working as a team, recognizing there are no “stars;” every role is important.

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The Henniker Area Rotary Club's Rabies Clinic was a great success. Pet owners from 22 towns brought 127 dogs, 37 cats, 2 cows, 4 horses and 2 goats to be vaccinated, and the Club made \$3,800 which will be donated to Monadnock Kitty Rescue & Adoption.



The Francestown Zoning Board approved a variance which will enable the owner of the multi-family units on Torrey Pines Road adjacent to the Crocheted Mountain Golf Course to convert the buildings from short-term rentals to long-term rentals.



Sutton Central School's annual spring concert, this year titled "Stand by Me," was a rousing success. Students were joined by the East Bay Jazz Ensemble for a medley of hits from "Leaving on a Jet Plane" to "Stand by Me."

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The Hopkinton girls' track team poses with the championship plaque after winning the inaugural Campbell Cougar Invitational on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Courtesy Photo.

BOYS LACROSSE

Bow 7, Lebanon 2: The Falcons improved to 4-0 behind good goaltending and good team defense.

Bow 13, John Stark 1: The Falcons led 3-1 at halftime and came out strong in the third quarter with a few quick goals to pull away thanks to strong transition offense, tough defense and consistent play from the faceoff unit.

Kearsarge 19, Stevens 2: Kearsarge's defense played especially well, limiting Stevens to just two scoring opportunities. The Cardinals only allowed three goals in the first quarter thanks to some impressive goaltending.

Hopkinton 22, Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough 2: The Hawks led 6-0 after the first quarter and 14-1 at halftime thanks to a strong offensive performance from their attackmen and midfielders. ILMA played tough defense, sliding hard and pressuring the ball well.

GIRLS LACROSSE

John Stark 18, Campbell 1: Hannah Perkins had seven ground ball controls, and Lauren Williams had her first varsity save in goal.

St. Thomas 20, Kearsarge 3: The Cougars had a tough day against the defending Division III champions.

Coe-Brown 15, Kearsarge 3: Kearsarge dominated the first quarter, but Coe-Brown took over the middle two quarters to pull ahead.

Hopkinton 16, Milford 1: Hopkinton won draw controls and put its speed, skill and lacrosse IQ on display on the way to a 14-1 lead at halftime.

Hopkinton 18, Concord Christian 4: The Hawks were able to control the draw from the start of the game and the offense made good use of the possession to extend their lead throughout the game, and the defense and goaltending held the Kingsmen to a single goal in each quarter.

BASEBALL

Hopkinton 8, Hillsboro-Deering 1: Hopkinton led 2-1 but exploded for some big hits in the top of the sixth inning to add some insurance goals.

Hopkinton 18, Concord Christian 4: The Hawks were able to control the draw from the start of the game and the offense made good use of the possession to extend their lead throughout the game, and the defense and goaltending held the Kingsmen to a single goal in each quarter.

Mascoma 10, Hopkinton 8: The Hawks plated two runs in the fourth and one in the fifth when freshman Jack Bennett led off the inning with his first varsity hit and came home on an RBI single by Buelte.

John Stark 9, Kennett 1: In his first career varsity appearance on the mound, Aidan Williams spun a gem for the Generals, who got strong defense and timely hitting to remain undefeated.

John Stark 11, Plymouth 2: The Generals scored runs in the first three innings and five over the final two to put the game away. Chase Philibotte led the way on the mound and at the plate for Stark.

St. Thomas 3, Bow 1: The Saints went up 2-0 in the second inning and kept the Falcons off the board until the seventh.

John Stark 9, Hanover 0: The Generals came out on top in a battle between two undefeated Division II teams and Chase Philibotte outpitched Hanover's ace, a duel between two of the best pitchers in D-II.

Bow 6, Oyster River 4: The visiting Falcons scored two runs in the seventh inning to hand the Bobcats their first loss of the season.

SOFTBALL

Hopkinton 9, Hillsboro-Deering 6: The Hawks played well overall, but some mid-game errors let the Hillcats get

Sports

back into the game. Ella-Maii Johnson only allowed two hits over the last three innings.

Hopkinton 17, Mascoma 0, 5 inn: The Hawks had 19 hits to put away the Royals in five innings.

Bow 13, Campbell 0: The Falcons won their third straight game heading into April break.

Bow 16, Hanover 4: Stella Wantuck went 3-for-4, with

3 RBI.

Bow 15, Pembroke 3: The Falcons bounced back from a 13-0 shutout loss to MV with their highest run total of the season in a commanding victory over the Spartans.

John Stark 13, Kennett 1, 6 inn: The center field fence in the third inning, and the Generals scored nine runs in the sixth inning to put the game away.



Congratulations to KRHS senior Noah Whipple who has been named Kearsarge Regional High School's student-athlete of the month for April! Whipple is a dual-sport athlete, participating in varsity basketball and lacrosse. "Noah has been an individual who is fully committed to being a student athlete at the highest level in multiple sports over his four years. He is a caring multi-sport athlete who looks for every opportunity to support his peers."



James Faulkner Elementary School students spent a recent day outdoors honoring Earth Day and capping off an extensive "Trout in the Classroom" unit of study with a fish release. Principal Jill Pinard shared that after cleaning up the school garden, picking up litter, gathering branches, investigating macroinvertebrates in a local watershed and creating Earth Day-themed art, second graders posted their trout habitat mural and fifth graders shared their research showing that Fisher Brook is a healthy environment into which the trout fry could be released. Students also presented their original public service announcement on the importance of maintaining a healthy watershed. Later, at Fisher Brook, Pinard said pairs of students found a spot to release their trout and conducted a final scavenger hunt to determine if their selected spot had cool water, clear water, and connected water—all characteristics of a healthy habitat for brook trout. Pinard thanked teachers Tina Minard and Maggie Forrestall for all of their work on "Trout in the Classroom."

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The Kearsarge Chorale at rehearsal.

Kearsarge Chorale presents “Hope for the World”

The spring half of the Kearsarge Chorale’s sixteenth season offers “Hope for the World” in a concert that includes a piece of that name by Jacob Narverud. On Sunday, May 25 at 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in New London, the Chorale will present a concert of eclectic and inspiring music including pieces by John Rutter and Ola Gjeilo as well as two songs arranged by Joe Henderson, the Chorale’s collaborative pianist.

In addition, Henderson and Nicole Densmore will perform a flute/piano work by Francis Poulenc. Other instrumentalists for the program include a bass player and percussionist.

Weekly evening rehearsals began in mid-February under the direction of Artistic Director Alex Ager, and many of the nearly 40 choristers also met in early April for a “Super Saturday” all-day rehearsal to learn and prepare the 16 different musical offerings.

Ager, who joined the Chorale in the fall of 2017 as a singer in the bass section, has been Artistic Director since 2019. He holds a Master of Music in Music Education from Boston University and a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Plymouth State University. A classically-trained musician, he is the K-12 music teacher for the Sunapee School District where he teaches elementary general music and middle and high school band and choir.

Previously he was the K-8. Follow the Chorale on their website and on Facebook, and join your neighbors on Sunday, May 25 at First Baptist Church in New London. Tickets are on sale May 1 and may be purchased at Tatewell Gallery and Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London, online at www.kearsargechorale.org (\$15.00 each) or at the door (\$20.00 each). The student price is \$5.00.

AARP NH sponsors Tuttle Library’s mobile hotspots

James A. Tuttle Library is proud to announce that AARP New Hampshire has generously sponsored our mobile hotspot program for 2025. Thanks to their support, we’re able to continue offering free, reliable internet access to our community — anytime, anywhere.

“AARP NH is honored to sponsor the James A. Tuttle Library mobile hot spots in 2025. For many, learning to use digital tools can open a whole new world of opportunities, from finding part-time work to joining online communities that share their interests,” says AARP NH State Director Christina FitzPatrick. “It helps combat feelings of isolation by keeping people connected and engaged with the world around them.”

“AARP New Hampshire’s sponsorship makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our patrons,” said

Cindy Jewett, Library Director. “Access to the internet is no longer a luxury — it’s a necessity. Thanks to AARP’s commitment to digital inclusion, more patrons in our community can stay connected.”

Mobile hotspots are one of the most popular and heavily circulated items at the library helping bridge the digital divide for patrons who need internet for school, work, telehealth, legal, staying in touch with loved ones, and more.

AARP New Hampshire shares the library’s mission to empower people of all ages to thrive — especially older adults who may face barriers to internet access. By supporting the mobile hotspot program, they are helping ensure that essential online services and resources are within reach for everyone.

Kearsarge Chamber presents “Spring Into Warner”

On May 17, from 9am to 3pm, the town of Warner is hosting the 17th Annual Spring Into Warner, a celebration of the arts and local community.

There will be over 30 vendor booths that include artists, crafters, farms, and bakers from Warner Town Hall to NH Telephone Museum on Main Street.

Activities for attendees include sunflower station, face painting, balloon animals, craft swap, and pixie houses.

Nonprofits include Darbster Rescue, Friends of Concord to Sunapee Rail Trail, Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners, Dobro New England Ukrainian, Gear Up, and Warner Democrats plant and gardening fund raiser.

LOCAL BUSINESSES PARTICIPATING:

- Café One East with four booths on their lawn include Pumpkin Blossom Lavender Farm and musicians from 1pm to 3pm.
- Warner Area Farmer’s Market on Town Hall Lawn with music at 11:00am.
- MainStreet Lodge having a book sale to support their college scholarship.
- MainStreet Bookends hosting local author Matt Forrest Esenwine at 1:00pm along with illustrator Jamie Christof for a coloring activity.



parking lot at NH Telephone/NH Firefighter Museum.

- Pillsbury Free Library hosting a craft swap and pixie houses.
- Warner Public Market hosting NOK Vineyard and Sap House Meadery tasting.
- Kearsarge Performing Arts dance recital from 10:00am to 12:30pm.
- Candle Soy Candles on Pillsbury Free Library lawn.
- Brown Family Realty wood working and vendors on lawn.
- Velvet Moose Ice Cream open and hosting musician.
- Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum open on Kearsarge Mountain Road.
- Yankee Farmer Market open on Route 103.
- Warner Youth Sports Association 5K Color Fun Run at Riverside Park at 9:00am.
- Sponsored by Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce.

- Main-Street Bookends Gallery hosting song-writers duo at 7:30pm.
- Warner Historical Society Barn Sale open from 10:00am-1:00pm.
- NH Telephone Museum cake on the porch at 12:00pm and vendor booths.
- Fun with Ponies in the

John Stark performing arts students hit Broadway

John Stark Regional High School performing arts students hit the Big Apple earlier this month to get a taste of what a real Broadway audition entails.

About 40 students from the school’s music and theatre programs made the trip, during which they rehearsed “One Short Day” – from the musical Wicked – with Broadway actors, directors, choreographers and musicians, said Dan Williams, instrumental music director at JSRHS.

During the rehearsal, they received valuable tips about the process of auditioning, what casting directors look for, and a glimpse into the life of a performer. The experience connects to a core competency of studying the role of performing arts in broader culture.

After the workshop, students then took in a performance of Wicked at the Gershwin Theatre. “Learning just a small snippet of the actual music and choreography from one number and then getting to see professionals perform those same steps and songs on Broadway is always incredibly moving for the kids,” Williams said.

Students also received a backstage tour of Radio City Music Hall – complete with meeting a Rockette – and they toured the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. “We feel these trips are important because they help to give students a better picture of the many and varied performing arts related vocations that are out there, as well as giving them an opportunity to visit places that they may not have otherwise,” Williams said.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Elizabeth "Beth" N. Kelly

Deering - Elizabeth N. Kelly, 76, of Deering, NH, passed peacefully at home surrounded by the love of her family. She was born in Concord MA to Sylvia Little and Malcolm Noyes. Beth is predeceased by her husband Paul M Kelly and her daughter Katie Kelly Descheneau. Beth leaves behind her son Craig M. Kelly and wife Hannah Kelly, her daughter Paula Coombs and husband Justin Coombs, her son Ryan Kelly and his significant other Bryce Couture and her son in law Jeremy Descheneau. She also leaves behind her 8 grandchildren Paul M Kelly II, Owen Coombs, Zack Coombs, Wyatt Descheneau, Avery Kelly, Gavin Coombs, Ryder Descheneau and Quinn Coombs. Beth also leaves behind her siblings Jean Garland of Deering NH, Marcia Brothers of Tamworth, Paul Noyes of Deering NH and Ruth Johnson of Norton VT. Donations can be made to The Grapevine Family and Community Resource.



Joyce Lillian Miner

Bennington - Joyce Lillian Miner (Cleary) age 85 of Bennington, NH passed away peacefully on April 19, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Joyce was born on January 1, 1940, in Concord, NH, the daughter of Marion (Griswold) Cleary and Walter Cleary of Bennington NH. Joyce is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Kenneth Miner; two daughters, MaryLou (Miner) Cassidy and her husband Nevan of Hancock, NH and Rhonda (Miner) Bliss and her partner Paul Paquette of Loudon, NH six grandchildren: Joshua Moreen and his wife Nicole (Whitney) Moreen, William Moreen, Elizabeth Moreen, Ashlee Bliss, Aaron Bliss, and Ben Bliss; two great grandchildren: Colter and Walker Moreen; and many nieces and nephews from both sides. Preceding Joyce in death are her parents, Marion (Griswold) and James Cleary, and brother James Cleary who passed as an infant. Interment will be held privately.



Paul H. Wunderlich

Contoocook - Paul H. Wunderlich, 87, of Contoocook,



NH, passed peacefully on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at Epsom Health-care Center. Paul was born on February 22, 1937, to the late Frank H. Wunderlich and Evelyn V. (Chelles). Paul is survived by many loving family members and friends. He is pre-deceased by his wife, Rita V. (Chase) who passed on February 1, 2005. There will be a graveside service for Paul on May 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Henniker New Cemetery, Old Concord Road, Henniker, NH. Following the service, all are welcome to join the family for a celebration of life from 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post #81, 169 Bound Tree Road Contoocook, NH 03229.

Sandra L. Winslow

Weare - Sandra L. Winslow, 71, of Weare, N.H., passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loved ones, on April 20, 2025. Born in Concord, N.H. to John H. Winslow and Jeweline (Roye Winslow) Colburn. She was the sixth of 14 children. She was predeceased by her brothers, John Winslow, Roger Winslow and David Winslow, and her sister, Dorothy Kirlis. She is survived by siblings, Linda Demers and her husband, David, Christian Winslow, Nora Eaton, Joel Winslow, Sharlee Redman and her husband, Dennis, Lisa Gay and her husband, Greg, Ellen Tenpenny-Womack, Jewelee Nichols and Charles Colburn; great-uncles, Floyd (Tunk) Colburn and Stanley Colburn; sisters-in-law, Mona Winslow and Virginia Winslow; and many nieces and nephews.



Laura May (Wilson) Carlson

Henniker - Laura May (Wilson) Carlson, 96, of Henniker NH, passed away peacefully, surrounded by loving family members, on February 10, 2024. Laura was born in Berlin, NH on October 23, 1928. The family moved from that area to Henniker where Laura was introduced to dairy farming and her twin brothers Lee and Leon. She leaves behind her four children Sharon Ellis of Lake Worth FL, T. Brent Carl-



son and his wife Roberta of Contoocook NH, Lynil Frink of Henniker NH, and Carlene Lapiere and her husband Randy of Farmington NH; brothers Lee A. Wilson and Leon O. Wilson; eight grandchildren Stephanie (Colby) Manevitch of Boca Raton FL, Mia (Colby) Johnson of Loveland CO, Jill Frink of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Garrett Frink of Concord NH, Laith Frink of Concord NH, Brian George of Contoocook NH, Brooke Carlson of Contoocook NH, Corin Cutter of Farmington NH, and Carroll Cutter Jr of Farmington NH; 12 great grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and, many loving nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her son Carl Lindberg Carlson Jr.; husband Carl L. Carlson; grandson Robert Frink; and her three sons-in-law Joseph Ellis, Norman Frink, and Carroll Cutter. Calling hours will be held at Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home, 32 School Street, Hillsboro NH, on Friday, May 9, 2025 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. A church service will be held at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 158 Old W. Hopkinton Road Henniker, on Saturday, May 10th at 11:00, followed by a graveside service at Henniker New Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at the American Legion in Contoocook, 169 Bound Tree Road Contoocook.

Marral (Crossett) Hudson

A graveside service for Marral (Crossett) Hudson, who passed away peacefully in her sleep on November 4, 2024, will be held on Sunday, May 11, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Sunny Plain Cemetery, Bradford, NH. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be made to the American Cancer Society, the Maury Regional Health Foundation's Maura Lipp, MD Palliative Care Fund or a local palliative care organization of your choice.

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Memorial service for George Arvanetaki

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Events: Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY MAY 3

ANNUAL MEETING: and Tabling Event: of the Unitarian Universalist Action New Hampshire "Our Interconnected Web of Social Justice" 12:00-3:00pm, Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Main Street. 18 NH organizations will be there. Come and learn about the important social justice work they are doing. Light refreshments will be served.

DEERING ROADSIDE CLEANUP: from 8:00am. A truck will be stationed at Town Hall to receive material until Monday morning, May 5. Bags will be available at Town Hall. Wearing gloves is recommended. Residents are invited to pick up accumulated trash along the roadside near their homes and either bring it back to a waiting truck at Town Hall or let Conservation Commission members know where they can retrieve it. Residents wishing to venture away from their home turf might want to consider cleaning along following roads: Clement Hill/ North Road, 2nd NH Turnpike, Longwoods Road, Farrell Hill Road, Old County Road especially between Wilkins Cemetery and Deering Center Road, Sky Farm Road, Camp Road, Glenn Road, Driscoll Hill, Dickey Hill, Fisher Road.

FISHING DERBY: Antrim's youth fishing derby is at Mill Pond, and is open to participants 15 years old and under. Registration will be held from 7:00 to 7:45am, followed by lines in the water at 8:00 a.m. The prize distribution ceremony will commence at 9:30 a.m. The event will be held regardless of weather conditions.

THURSDAY MAY 8

NEW BOSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY: invites you to "Tangled Lives: Native People and English Settlers in Colonial New England" at 7:00pm in the Community Church of New Boston, 2 Meetinghouse Hill Rd. Storyteller/historian Jo Radner juxtaposes Native American oral traditions and stories told by her New England ancestors. Sponsored by NH Humanities Council. For more info contact Lisa Rothman at 487-3867 onewbostonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

COMMUNITY FAREWELL: Celebrate Neal Cass for his 15 years serving Hopkinton from 3:00-5:00pm at Hopkinton Town Hall.

BLOOD DRIVE: Antrim Fire & Ambulance annual spring blood drive is coming up, schedule your appointment today. If time allows walk in donations will be accepted. 1:00pm-6:00pm. Antrim Central Fire Station, 82 Clinton Rd. <https://www.redcrossblood.org> 1-800-733-2767.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Greenfield Select Board is seeking residents to serve on the Police Regionalization Study Committee, approved at Town Meeting. The committee will examine the potential for regionalizing police services with the Town of Hancock, including community input on benefits, drawbacks and concerns. Residents interested in joining are invited to meet with the Select Board at 6:00pm at the Town Office Meeting Room. All are welcome to participate.

SATURDAY MAY 17

TELL ME LIES - THE FLEETWOOD MAC EXPERIENCE: 8:00pm, 58 Opera House Square, Claremont, NH. The Fleetwood Mac Experience performs the iconic music of Fleetwood Mac while paying tribute to legendary band members Stevie Nicks, Christine McVie, Lindsey Buckingham, Mick Fleetwood, and John McVie. Tell Me Lies performs all the band's hits spanning six decades, as well as Stevie Nicks solo work. \$30-\$35 plus fees. 603-542-4433.

MONDAY MAY 19

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TUESDAY MAY 20

LEGION BYLAWS: 7:00pm. The American Legion Young & Richardson Post 59 located at 538 West Main Street Hillsborough will be having a vote on proposed bylaw/constitution amendments. To attend this meeting the person must be a member in good standing with The American Legion Young & Richardson Post 59 with a valid membership card for 2025 on their person.

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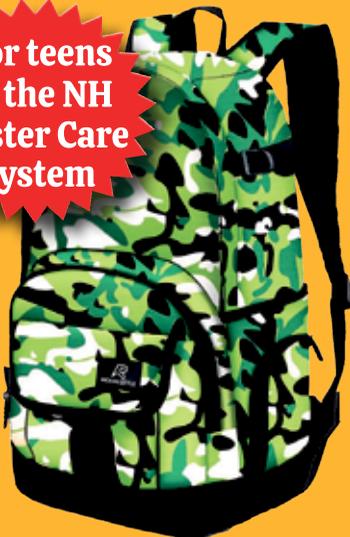
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