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New Boston girl honored

The Office of the Provost at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) is pleased to announce Adrienne Saucier, of New Boston, class of 2025, majoring in Architectural Engineering was named as Honorable Mention for the prestigious Kranich Prize, awarded annually to the WPI student who best exemplifies excellence in the humanities and arts and its full integration into his/her undergraduate experiences.

This week in history

MAY 17, 1973

Televised Watergate hearings begin

MAY 18, 1920

Pope John II is born

MAY 19, 1780

New England's Dark Day sends animals and citizens into a panic

MAY 20, 1873

Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis receive patents for blue jeans

MAY 21, 2017

Last show for Ringling Brothers & Barnum & Bailey Circus

MAY 22, 2002

Government intern Chandra Levy's remains are found

MAY 23, 1934

Police kill outlaws Bonnie & Clyde



THANK YOU & FAREWELL: The Town of Hopkinton hosted a reception in honor Neal Cass's 15 years of service as Town Administrator. Cass is leaving to become the Business Administrator of the ConVal School District.

New London's new police facility put on hold

Town withdraws support in light of major DPW building needs

The New London Select Board recently met with members of the Budget Committee and Police Facilities Advisory Committee to address recently discovered structural deficiencies at the Public Works (DPW) office/garage and to discuss the Selectmen's previously announced support of Warrant Article 3 for the purchase of the Garvey property on Seamans Road for a new police station. Chair Casey reviewed the Board's decision that was made at a prior meeting to vacate and plan for demolition of the DPW office/garage and explained that the Selectmen would like to hear from the boards about whether members feel that the Selectmen should continue to support the Garvey site at the Town Meeting on May 14th, in light of the financial needs of the Public Works Department. She stressed that the Selectmen strongly support the need for a new police station, and they continue to believe the Garvey site is a viable site to meet the needs of the police department for many years. She concluded by noting that her preference would be to do both projects, however she is mindful that it might be too much to ask of taxpayers at this time. Ashley Seybold, speaking as an individual member of the Police

Facilities Advisory Committee, shared that she is struggling to continue supporting Article 3, citing the need for a coordinated longterm plan.

Jeff Hollinger, Police Facilities Advisory Committee, stated that he does not feel he can support Article 3 based on the recent findings. However, he would like to consider co-locating the Police Station and the Department of Public Works in perhaps one large building that would serve both, in order to take advantage of any cost savings. Mr. Hollinger also pointed out that he does not believe Article 3 would pass based on this new information. Phil Sherman, of the Police Facilities Advisory Committee noted that he would not vote for Article 3.

Selectman Kidder recommended passing over Article 3, though she does agree with Mr. Parsons. She cited the overall costs of addressing the public works building issues and the need to rent temporary trailers as her reasoning for the need to pass over the article. After more discussion it was moved to pass over Article 3 when it came up at Town Meeting on May 14th, which was unanimously approved.

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

May 17, 2024

Washington woman faces DWI charge after New Hampton crash
Fleeing driver fails to elude Peterborough Police
Troop 529 honors three new Eagle Scouts
Two H-D students receive DECA's "Emerging leader Awards"

May 19, 2023

1 dead, 1 injured in Franklin crash
Newport voters reelect one selectman, oust the other
John Stark senior violated civil rights writing racist graffiti
Newbury exploring options to become an Aggregate Power Community

May 20, 2022

H-D Board wants to retain most of \$2 million surplus
New England College promotes Dr. Wayne Lesperance
Hancock & Greenfield form "Powder Mill Republicans"
Moving tribute to officer Rory Bohanan

May 21, 2021

Exodus of Bennington officials continues
Chamber opposes proposed Noise Ordinance
New London Select Board rescinds Mask Mandate
Controversial Peterborough Town Clerk reelected

May 22, 2020

Six Hopkinton Budgets presented - All six defeated
Weare Select Board rescinds reprimand to Town Clerk
Hillsborough Police respond to three accidents
Hillsboro-Deering planning a traditional graduation

May 24, 2019

Plan NH charrette cite increased downtown parking
Henniker approves new Fire/Rescue workers
H-D's Alex Ager Artistic Director at Kearsarge Chorale
Man charged with New Boston hit & run

May 25, 2018

Deering Fire Dept upset over Selectmen's minutes
Andover man dies in Alexandria accident
Stoddard crash after 2nd DWI in 2 days
DAR honors ConVal students and faculty

May 26, 2017

Officer involved shooting in Hopkinton
Hobby Lobby to occupy former Tilton Shaw's
Sunapee Police Chief to lead Training Council
DOT wants improvements to intersection in Antrim

May 20, 2016

Goffstown can not collect from Dunbarton
1971 Franklin murder receives another look
ConVal student faces sex assault charges in 3 towns
Bow drinking water quality study released

May 22, 2015

Franklin for a Lifetime findings presented to Council
Newport Selectmen to study Parlin Field finances
New Boston to add two policemen
Weare Selectmen determined to hire part-time police

Colby-Sawyer College holds its 187th Commencement Exercises

Colby-Sawyer College conferred 268 degrees at its 187th Commencement Saturday, May 10, including 11 to the institution's first doctoral candidates.

College Interim President Laura A. Sykes '98 called the awarding of doctoral degrees a milestone - for both the Doctor of Nursing Practice cohort and the institution founded in 1837. Colby-Sawyer also awarded 42 master's degrees, 202 bachelor's degrees and 13 associate degrees to the Class of 2025 inside the Dan and Kathleen Hogan Sports Center.

Sykes told the graduates that the Colby-Sawyer community would continue to cheer for and support them long after they marched across the stage to receive their diplomas. "We will always be interested in knowing where your journey takes you from this launch pad," she said. "Colby-Sawyer will always be your home."

During the 90-minute morn-

ing ceremony, Colby-Sawyer recognized faculty and students for academic excellence, and community members for outstanding contributions to the college, state and beyond.

Colby-Sawyer bestowed attorney and former U.S. Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster with an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree for her exceptional leadership, dedication to public service and commitment to improving the lives of New Hampshire families.

The college also presented Pamela Stanley Bright '61, a dedicated alumna and former member of Colby-Sawyer's Board of Trustees, with its highest honor, the Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service.

Assistant Professor David Lutz, winner of the Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching, offered advice to graduates about navigating life. He encouraged the Class of



2025 to always be sympathetic, always be selfless and always be savoring.

Destiny Cruz '25, a forensic psychology major and business and legal studies minor from Fall River, Massachusetts, was presented with the Colby-Sawyer Award. Faculty members select-

ed her because of her personal dignity, intellectual growth, contribution to campus life and constructive influence on other students.

Joshua Warner earned the David H. Winton Baccalaureate Award for ranking highest in scholarship in the Class of 2025.

The biology major and chemistry minor from Barrington, New Hampshire graduated in three years with a 4.0 grade-point average.

As the ceremony concluded, graduates walked through an honor corridor of cheering trustees, faculty and staff.



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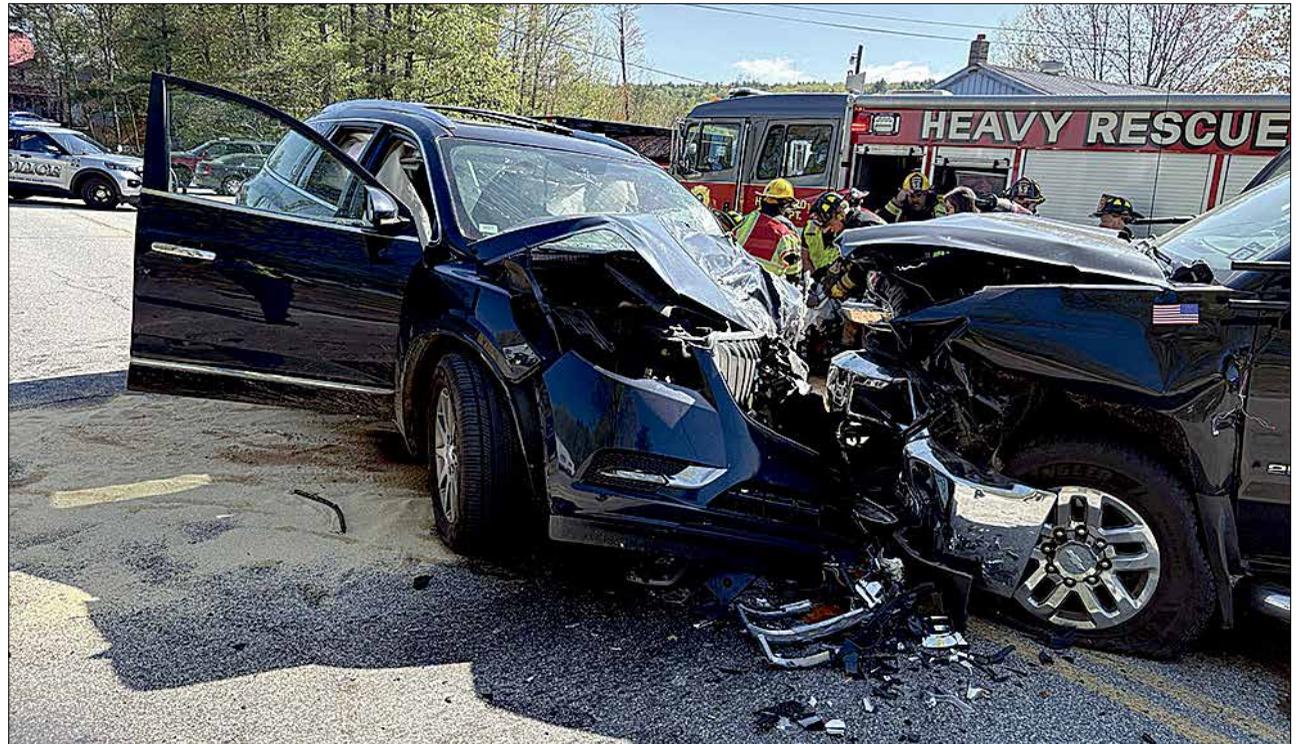
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Head-on crash on Hillsborough's Henniker Street

At approximately 8:59 a.m., the Hillsboro Police and Fire Departments responded to a head-on collision in the vicinity of 123 Henniker Street. Preliminary investigations indicate that an SUV traveling westbound crossed the center line and collided with an eastbound pick-up truck.

One driver required extrication using the Jaws of

Life, and both drivers were transported to Concord Hospital with potentially serious but non-life-threatening injuries. The incident remains under investigation. Individuals who witnessed the collision or have information pertinent to this investigation are requested to contact Officer Cody Lacombe of the Hillsboro Police Department at (603) 464-5512.



On Monday May 12th at 3:28pm Antrim Fire, Ambulance and Police were dispatched to Rt 9 in the area of mile marker 39.2 for a school bus off the road. 2C1 arrived on scene to find a school bus had gone off the roadway, struck a rock and was able to come to a stop in the breakdown lane. The bus had 20 students and several adults on board. Fortunately, there were no injuries. 2A1 and 2A2 assessed the students for signoffs since they were under 18 years of age. The bus was not drivable so the students were transported to Antrim PD to wait for another bus to arrive.

New Boston Moderator was wrong to deny amendments to tax cap warrant

New Boston officials were wrong to quash any amendments to a petitioned March ballot question calling for a 2% town budget tax cap during their February deliberative session, where voters traditionally are able to debate and change warrant article wording and amounts, a superior court judge said.

During the town's deliberative session on Feb. 3, Town Moderator Lee Nyquist, on the advice of attorney Michael Courtney, told voters that, according to state law, Proposed Warrant Article 31 could not be changed and had to go to the ballot as-is. Nyquist and Courtney told voters they couldn't even amend the proposed percentage for the tax cap.

They were wrong, Hillsborough County Superior Court Associate Justice David Anderson wrote in his judgment: Voters can change wording and amounts in tax cap articles, just not the required legal language provided by the state.

"The Court finds that the Town Moderator erred in his determination to disallow amendments," Anderson wrote in a 10-page ruling. "Because the Town Moderator's decision had the effect of disallowing discussion, debate, and the voters' opportunity to amend, the Court concludes that the Town Moderator's decision resulted in a procedural defect."

Keith Prive, one of the voters who sued the town, and Select Board Chairman Bill McFadden, the first defendant listed in the complaint, both said Monday they were happy to get clarification about the law and get the issue behind them.

McFadden said several towns have recently voted on warrant articles calling for tax caps, but depending on each town's interpretation of the law, the process could be entirely different. And he wasn't quite sure the town's attorney was correct.

Neither was Prive, who along

with 62 other registered voters, petitioned the Select Board on Feb. 8 to hold a special town meeting and to schedule a full public hearing for the tax cap ballot question.

On Feb. 14, the Select Board scheduled a special town meeting for Feb. 19 to give voters the chance to amend the article in time to get changes on the printed ballots for March 11.

However, the original petitioner behind the tax cap warrant article, state Rep. Keith Ammon, filed an emergency complaint in court on Feb. 17 to stop the special town meeting. The next day, the Select Board canceled the special town meeting.

McFadden said the Select Board canceled the special town meeting to avoid fighting two different lawsuits because neither would be resolved in the three weeks leading up to the election.

"I was frustrated because I know some communities couldn't do it, some communities did do

it, and it was all over the place. I was like, let the judge read the law and interpret the law so that we can do this correctly moving forward," McFadden said.

The tax cap article then proceeded directly to the March ballot without the recommendation of the Select Board. On March 11, voters rejected it with 830 voting against it and 710 voting for it. The warrant article required 60% to vote yes to pass.

Prive said voters across the state are the clear winners for a couple of reasons: First, New Boston residents were able to mobilize and dispute the misstep in the democratic process, bringing accountability to town government, and second, they helped clear up any confusion for boards and voters in other towns. "Regardless of where people fell in New Boston on the tax cap, to me, the issue was just the way the process unfolded," he said.

Anderson took a couple of months to review state law before

issuing his judgment.

"I think one of the things that came out during the February hearing with Judge Anderson was there did seem to be some ambiguity. What does it mean when the Legislature puts forth language in an RSA, but then leaves, as they did in this one, this blank space with the instruction to enter a dollar amount or percentage. How should municipal attorneys be interpreting that?" Prive said.

That ambiguity should no longer exist, both Prive and McFadden said. Anderson's opinion included a worst-case scenario for towns and school districts with Senate Bill 2 (or SB 2) governments at town and school district election season: If you can't amend a tax cap ballot question at all, ballots could theoretically have dozens of warrant articles with different percentages proposed for tax caps, and voters would have to parse the differences in much longer ballots.

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Three injured in Antrim head-on collision

Antrim Ambulance, Fire, and Police Departments were dispatched at 13:19 hours to Route 9 (Keene Rd) in the area of Salmon Brook Road for a motor vehicle crash head on with entrapment and one vehicle smoking.

With initial reports, they requested additional resources from Hillsborough Fire for a 2nd ambulance and Heavy Rescue.

Upon arrival, a Toyota Tacoma and Chevrolet Tahoe had hit head on at highway speed and both suffered significant front end damage. Both vehicles had 2 feet of intrusion into the occupant compartment. The male patient in the Tacoma was able to self extricate and a female passenger in the Tahoe was entrapped with the

dashboard pinning her legs.

The Antrim Engine company with assistance from Hillsborough heavy rescue crew used hydraulic rescue tools to perform a dash roll to extricate the female patient from the Tahoe. There were a total of three patients, with two patients suffering multi system trauma with serious injuries. Hillsborough Ambulance transported the Tacoma patient and Antrim Ambulance transported the Tahoe patient. The driver of the Tahoe suffered minor bruises and refused transport.

Both patients were transported to Concord hospital with a trauma alert. Route 9 was shut down for approximately one hour and Mike's Towing recovered both vehicles.



On April 1, Henniker Police received a report of drugs and related paraphernalia being discovered in a home in town. At that time, the room was seized pending issuance of a search warrant. Upon receipt of the search warrant, Lt. Dandeneau, Sgt. Mitchell, Officer Ramsdell, and Officer Minahan conducted a search, logging items and placing them into evidence bags. In addition, two firearms were discovered and seized.

Hillsborough Select Board critical of Water & Sewer Commissioners

Chad Branon from Fieldstone Engineering representing Avarru Development met with the Hillsborough Select Board to discuss the phase II development north of the existing work force housing.

Fieldstone designed the entire site and made a submission to the Planning Board for 80-unit senior housing, 24 units for condos on the east side, 30 units for condos on the west side and an area for a community center and single-family lots on the remainder.

Fieldstone received a letter from the water & sewer commission that outlined a fee schedule that was substantially different from what was experienced from the first phase. Fieldstone has been working on negotiating those fees with the commissioners and was unsuccessful.

The alternative is a septic system that will eliminate the 20-unit condo project because of its size and the required nitrate

setback, which a portion of that setback extends over town owned property. An easement would be needed for the nitrate setback of about 2.5 acres.

Currently, the plan is 80-unit elderly housing, single family lots and the community center.

Selectman Pelletier asked if the community center would still happen if this plan goes through. Mr. Branon said the commission basically said to use that land for the community center for the septic fields. The project dynamics have been changed because of the commission. The commission is not willing to negotiate.

Riché Colcombe said the water commission is killing the community center because it's dependent on the transfer of the property from the current owners to the developer.

The developer would be donating the land for the center. Selectman Pelletier said it seems like the water commission is nickel and diming everything

they can because of the infrastructure issues we have with sewer, and they don't really care

about new development. He said the commission has come to the town to help them with

the Whittemore project and the town has received nothing in return.



Heavy rains caused major flooding at Newbury Harbor.



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The Elkins Fish & Game Club provides scholarships to children so they can attend the Barry Conservation Camp summer programs at the camp's site in the White Mountain National Forest at the NH Fish & Game Fish Hatchery in Berlin, NH. This year the club is sponsoring 16 children, who will be attending the Fish Camp, North Country Adventure, Junior Conservation Officer, and Shooting Sports sessions. Pictured, left to right, are Carla Marshall, EFGC Barry Scholarship Coordinator, Conservation Officer Jim Cyrs, and 13 of this year's scholarship recipients.



Large crowds attended Henniker's Annual Handmade and Homegrown Festival over the weekend.



CWES Kindergarten teacher Missy Descoteau puts the finishing touches on a puzzle display about belonging at CWES. CWES second graders take in the mural.

Center Woods Elementary School builds “Belonging” Mural

Center Woods Elementary School staff and students designed pieces of a giant puzzle meant to show how everyone belongs in the school’s community.

Kindergarten teacher Missy Descoteau, who also serves as a member of the SAU 24 Coalition for Safety and Belonging, said the project kickstarts an effort to consciously foster a sense of belonging at Center Woods, and to have discussions to build an understanding of what belonging means.

Teachers read their classes “Where Oliver Fits,” a story about the highs and lows of learning to be yourself, and all staff and students were invited to decorate a puzzle piece showing what belonging means to them. Descoteau received around 400 colorful, individual pieces to display in a mural style in the CWES cafeteria.

It will carry a title: “Everyone fits in the Center Woods Family. You belong here.”



HOMEOWNERSHIP HAS DIFFERENT PATHS; HERE’S HOW TO GET STARTED: PART II



By: Joyce Bosse

If you’re a first-time homebuyer, you have access to down payment assistance and flexible loan qualification requirements. Who qualifies as a first-time homebuyer? Someone purchasing their very first home, sure, but also someone who has not owned a principal residence in the past three years, as well as certain other groups.

First-time homebuyers may be able to get a Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loan. The FHA loan is the most popular government-backed home loan in the country. These low down payment loans are made by qualified lenders and guaranteed by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA).

FHA loans require just a 3.5% down payment for borrowers with a 580 credit score or higher. For homebuyers with less-than-perfect credit, FHA loans offer additional significant benefits. The government backing means average FHA interest rates are typically lower than average rates for conventional mortgages.

Borrowers with credit scores as low as 500 can qualify for an FHA loan with a 10% down payment. Guidelines and policies will vary by lender.

Veterans, active military service members, National Guard and reservists, and surviving spouses also have flexible benefits when purchasing a home. If you fall into this category, then you can take out a VA loan that is backed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and offered by private lenders. Because the VA guarantees a portion of the home loan, people in this category can qualify for perks like lower-interest rates, lower closing costs, no mortgage insurance, and no down payment requirement. Make sure your lender offers a VA loan if you decide to pursue this great benefit.

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OVER 1/3 OF PARENTS SAY THEIR CHILD HAS EXPERIENCED DENTAL PROBLEMS THAT REFLECT ORAL HYGIENE HABITS: PART II



Dr. Esin Narli

Regular oral health maintenance prevents plaque buildup and keeps gums healthy by preventing inflammation, bleeding, and infection. Teaching kids the importance of a comprehensive oral hygiene routine sets the foundation for lifelong oral health.

Neglecting oral health habits is not only harmful for overall health but can increase the risk of discolored teeth and bad breath, which can be embarrassing for children and cause low self-esteem. Over a third of parents in a recent poll have noticed that their child has bad breath, which was more common among children who only followed one or less oral hygiene practices all or most days. To improve oral hygiene parents need to ensure that all family members have enough time in the morning and evening while also making sure children are brushing and flossing correctly.

Most parents polled say their child’s most recent dentist visit was within the past year, but 7% said it was one to two years ago and 4% said it’s been more than two years. Parents reporting their child follows 0-1 oral hygiene recommendations all or most days are also more likely to say their child has not had a dental visit in over a year. The American Dental Association recommends a dental visit every six months to discover early signs of decay, monitor the growth of teeth, and educate children and families on oral hygiene.

Each child’s oral health needs are unique. Dentists can provide tailored recommendations; for example, some children will benefit from sealants or fluoride varnish to protect the teeth from sources of decay.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Levothyroxine, the second most commonly prescribed medication among older adults in the U.S., may be associated with bone loss, according to a study being presented at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America. Levothyroxine, marketed under multiple brand names including Synthroid, is a synthetic version of a hormone called thyroxine and is commonly prescribed to treat the condition hypothyroidism, or underactive thyroid. In people with hypothyroidism, the thyroid gland does not produce enough thyroxine on its own, often resulting in fatigue, weight gain, hair loss and other symptoms. If left untreated, hypothyroidism can lead to serious and potentially fatal complications. Approximately 23 million Americans — about 7% of the U.S. population — take levothyroxine daily. Sometimes, patients have been taking levothyroxine for many years, but it is not clear why it was initially prescribed or if it is still required. Though there are some variables, a normal reference range for thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) is typically around 0.4 – 5.0 microunits per milliliter. Excess thyroid hormone has been associated with increased bone fracture risk.

As the hunt for effective cancer therapies intensifies, some scientists are turning back to look at old drugs in a new light. The anti-malarial hydroxychloroquine is one such drug that has been “repurposed” to fight cancer. Despite its effectiveness at blocking the resupply of needed resources to cancer cells, clinical trial results have been disappointing, in part because cancer cells eventually become resistant to the drug, according to a report in *Cell Cycle*. Repurposing old drugs for new treatments is not a new concept. Aspirin was originally used as a painkiller, but after the discovery of its anti-coagulant properties, it was repurposed as a blood thinner to treat heart disease. Thalidomide, the infamous anti-nausea medication, has been recently repurposed as a treatment for certain types of cancer and even leprosy.

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HCS students on a guided tour of the Freedom Trail in Boston.

Henniker Community School students tour Boston

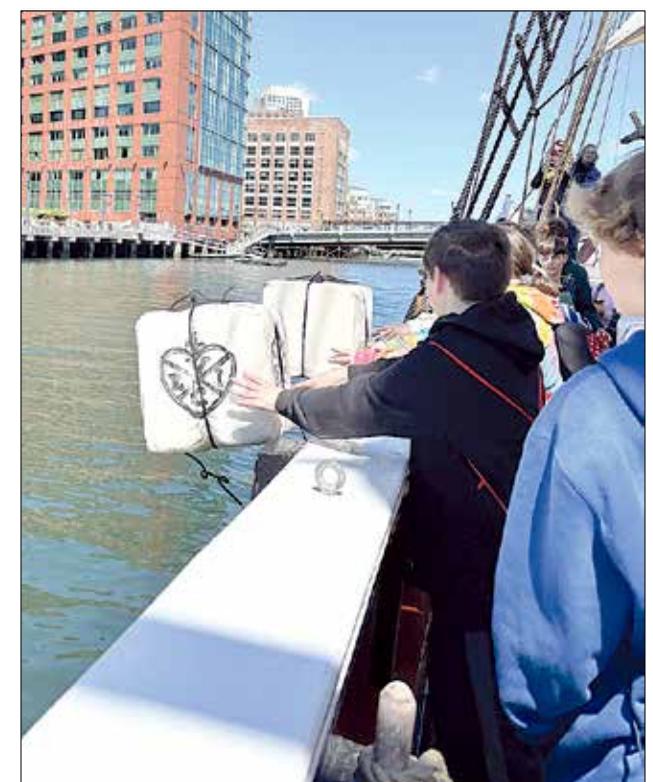
Henniker Community School students visited historic places in Boston on a recent field trip courtesy of a grant awarded to an HCS teacher. In April, some 39 seventh and eighth graders toured the Freedom Trail and the Boston Tea Party Museum, said social studies teacher Erin Gagliardi, adding that students were welcome to reenact the historic event by tossing tea into Boston Harbor. “Students were able to put themselves in the footsteps of America’s earliest revolutionaries, which was especially fun as the 250 anniversary of the start of the Revolution was the next day!” Gagliardi said.

Gagliardi is a member of the American Battlefield Trust, a land preservation organization that protects and restores American battlefields, and has donated a large amount of land to the National Park system at no expense to the taxpayer. Gagliardi was awarded a \$3,000 grant through the Trust’s “History Field Trip Grant Program.” She said the trip aligns with a civics goal of understanding the founding principles of democracy.

“These kids get a chance to go to where history was made, where our country was created and defined,” said Trust President David Duncan in a press release. “Battlefields are outdoor classrooms that will teach future Americans about our democratic republic.”

According to the release, the nonprofit American Battlefield Trust is the “largest battlefield land preservation organization in the country, having saved more than 58,000 acres of hallowed ground across 24 states,” and which is associated with the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War. The trust “aims to provide a foundation of good citizenship for the leaders of tomorrow...and strives to produce excellent educational resources in a variety of formats for both educators and

the public alike, ensuring that Americans never forget how their country was forged.” Every year, the Trust receives applications from classrooms across the country to participate in the History Field Trip Grant Program. During the 2022-2023 school year, more than 10,000 students from 33 states took part. More can be learned at www.battlefields.org.



Students dump “tea” into Boston Harbor.



Congratulations to the John Stark Regional High School students who participated in the school's third annual Signing Day. They are Kira Linstad (University of Mount Saint Vincent, softball); Jillian Fredette (Colby College, field hockey); Emily Fredette (Colby College, field hockey); Kaycie Rhodes (Rivier University, lacrosse); Ryan Mucci (Husson University, lacrosse); Adison Bolduc (Endicott College, field hockey); Joey Dykstra (Franklin Pierce University, football); Joel Douzanis (Colgate University, track & field); Alexis Boudreau (University of New England, soccer); Chase Philibotte (Franklin Pierce University, baseball); Ryder Brown (Framingham State University, baseball); and Noah Redman (New England College, football).

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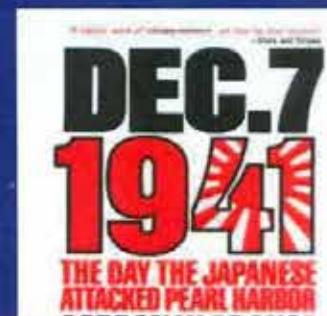
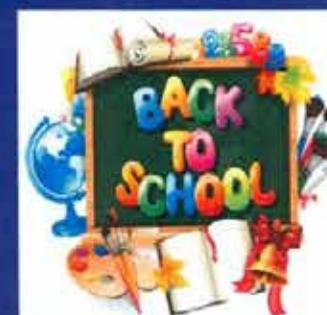
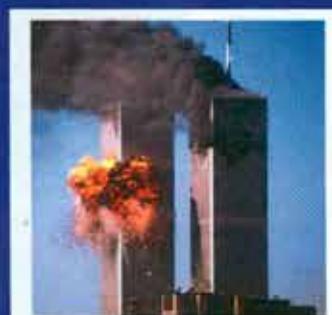
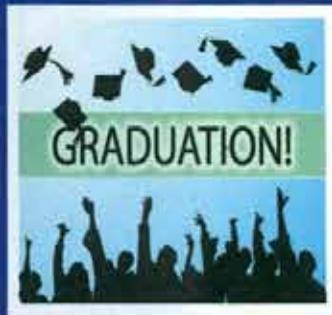
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Former New England College assistant men's basketball coach Shannon Sciria has been appointed to lead his alma mater's men's basketball team at Colby-Sawyer, where he played during the 2008-09 season.

SOFTBALL

Bishop Brady 10, Hillsboro-Deering 7: Brady was able to get four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning and keep the lead the rest of the game.

Bishop Brady 18, Kearsarge 4: Rose hit an inside-the-park home run in the fifth, and added a triple and double.

Hopkinton 4, Trinity 3: Paige Boudette scored the game-winning run in the sixth, and she, Salce and Archambault made big plays in the field over the final two innings to keep the Pioneers off the board the rest of the way.

Hopkinton 12, Mascoma 0, 5 inn: Ella-Mai Johnson gave up Mascoma's only hit of the game in the fourth inning and the Hawk bats locked up the victory for Hopkinton in the fifth.

St. Thomas 13, Hopkinton 0: A short handed Hawks team couldn't score.

BASEBALL

Hopkinton 5, Mascoma 2: Hopkinton trailed 2-1 entering the bottom of the fifth when Jack Bennett led off the frame getting hit by a pitch. He scored on Windhurst's RBI single to tie the game. The Hawks tacked on two insur-

ance runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Bishop Brady 14, Hopkinton 0, 5 inn: The Giants scored seven runs in the bottom of the first inning and Thornton pitched a four-hit shutout in Sunday's victory. Brady added five runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Bishop Brady 16, Kearsarge 5: Brady scored five runs in the top of the first, but Kearsarge charged back in the bottom of the second, scoring four times to tie things up, 5-5. Brady answered back with four of its own in the top of the third, and never looked back.

Bow 11, ConVal 0: The Falcons scored two runs in the first inning and scored five in the fifth to put the game away.

Bow 5, Pembroke 0, 5 inn: Connor Curtis opened the scoring in the second inning with a two-run single and scored on a fielder's choice to give Bow an early 3-0 lead.

St. Thomas 8, John Stark 2: The Saints only recorded three hits and struck out 15 times, but managed to take advantage of John Stark miscues to hand the Generals their first loss of the season.

BOYS LACROSSE

Hopkinton 26, Stevens 1: The Hawks came out shooting, taking an 11-0 lead after the first quarter and 19-0 ▶

Sports

lead at halftime. Stevens fought tough throughout and netted a nice fast break goal.

Hopkinton 18, John Stark 4: The Generals tied it 1-1 early and kept it close at the start of the game, but the Hawks got their offense going and consistently found the net to seal the victory on Wednesday night at New England College. Both defenses played clean, hard-nosed lacrosse.

John Stark 9, Milford 1: Charlie Pierce controlled the game from the faceoff circle to help the Generals pick up their second win of the season.

Hopkinton 11, Kearsarge 3: The Hawks jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead and the Cougars tallied one in response to make it 2-1 after the first. Hopkinton kept the pressure on and went up 6-1 at half and 8-1 to end the third.

Kearsarge 4, Campbell 2: Kearsarge defeated defending Division III champions Campbell, a big win as the Cougars head into Wednesday's game against undefeated Coe-Brown.

Bow 11, Trinity 3: The Falcons never trailed despite a great effort from a fast and tough Trinity team.

Campbell 6, Bow 3: Bow jumped out to a two-goal lead before Campbell responded with one of its own and took control of the game in the fourth quarter, stretching its lead to three.

Bishop Brady 8, ConVal 7, 2OT: Bishop Brady's Joey Richardson scored in the second overtime to lift the Giants over the Cougars.

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Hopkinton 23, Trinity 11: The Hawks got out to an early lead, but could not get the defensive stops they needed to extend their lead. Near the end of the second half, Hopkinton was able to take advantage of two overlapping Trinity yellow cards and built a 15-8 lead at halftime.

Hopkinton 21, Bishop Brady 6: The Hawks flew out to a 7-3 lead after the first quarter and extended their lead throughout the game.

Kearsarge 9, Concord Christian 8: The Cougars won the first ever game between Kearsarge and Concord Christian.

Bow 15, Kearsarge 3: Bow controlled the first quarter, opening a big lead, but Kearsarge slowed the Falcons down in the second quarter in a game cut short due to a thunderstorm at the end of the third.

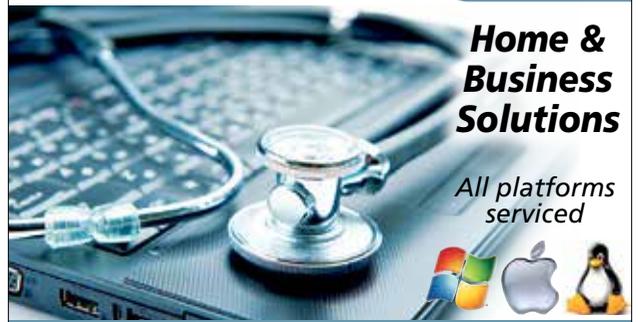
Trinity 23, Kearsarge 20: Trinity had four yellow cards midway through the third quarter, but the Pioneers hung on to win a high-scoring, back-and-forth game.

John Stark 20, Trinity 8: Rowin Ledy had six saves and made some great clears out of Stark's defensive end, while the Generals' draw team competed really well for those 50/50 balls in the midfield.

Gilford 13, Kearsarge 2: Kearsarge came out a bit sluggish in the first quarter and picked up intensity for the remaining three quarters on Friday night, especially on defense.

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The Elkins Fish and Game Club sponsored an Introduction to Amateur Radio class at the Tracy Memorial Library. Dave Coulter, of the Twin State Radio Club, gave the presentation, giving participants an overview of the hobby. The class covered what HAM Radio is, how people can get started and get a license, and the types of equipment and antennas that are available.

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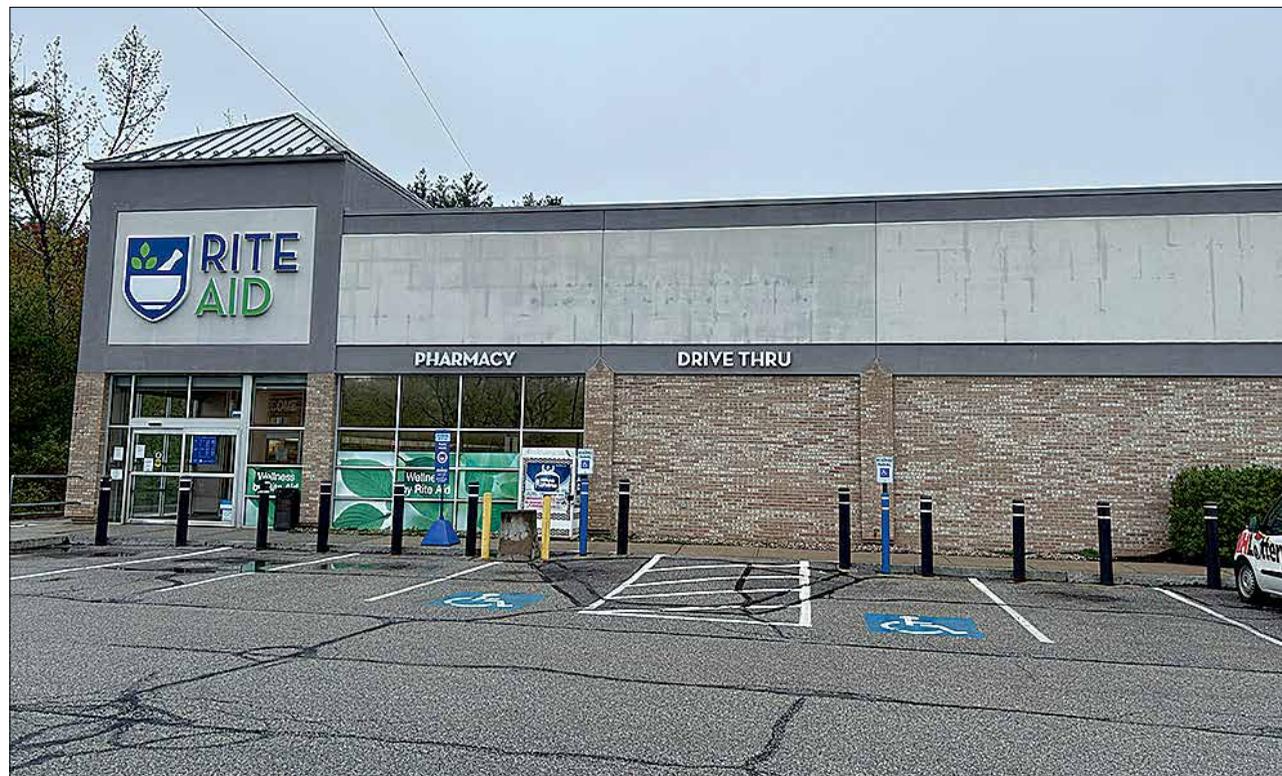
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Hillsborough’s Rite Aid.

Rite Aid to close stores in Hillsborough, Peterborough & Franklin

Rite Aid has filed for bankruptcy for the second time in less than two years after a previous restructuring lessened the pharmacy chain’s debt but still left it on unsound financial footing.

The company listed liabilities from \$1 billion to \$10 billion in a Chapter 11 petition filed in New Jersey bankruptcy court. The Philadelphia-based drugstore chain also announced it is seeking a buyer, and said that re-filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection will speed that process.

Rite Aid said most stores would remain open for a few months. All locations, including area stores in Hillsborough, Peterborough and Franklin, will eventually close or be sold to a new owner.

The company plans to sell customer prescription files, inventory and other assets as it closes distribution centers and unloads store locations. Stores will remain open, but the company isn’t buying new inventory, so bare shelves will likely become more common.

Rite Aid announced on May 6 it will stop issuing customer rewards points for purchases. Starting next month, it will also no longer honor gift cards or accept returns or exchanges. Rite Aid is the nation’s third-largest pharmacy chain behind CVS and Walgreens. All three have suffered financial difficulties and shuttered hundreds of stores in recent years. Rite Aid had been closing stores and struggling with losses for years before its first bankruptcy filing in 2023.

Negligent Homicide charged in Newport pedestrian’s death

On May 7, 2025, at approximately 12:40 p.m., Newport Police and Fire Departments responded to the intersection of Central Street and Sunapee Street for a reported motor vehicle collision involving a dump truck and a pedestrian.

Upon arrival, emergency responders attempted emergency life saving measures to the pedestrian and transported him to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, where he was pronounced deceased. The pedestrian was later identified as Zackary Shepard, 34, of Newport.

The dump truck was identified as a 2016 Westerner Dump Truck, owned by Barton Excavating and operated by Charles Deraway, 38, of Grantham.

Investigation at the scene revealed that the dump truck operated by Deraway was driving eastbound on Central Street preparing to make a right turn onto Sunapee Street, while the pedestrian, Shepard, was walking westbound on Sunapee Street crossing Cen-

tral Street at a designated crosswalk. The dump truck failed to come to a complete stop at the stop sign, and failed to yield to the pedestrian in the crosswalk.

The dump truck struck the pedestrian in the crosswalk, causing multiple blunt force traumas resulting in Shepard’s death.

Investigators at the scene interviewed multiple witnesses and reviewed all available surveillance video in the vicinity. The New Hampshire State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Unit assisted by documenting the scene and completing a reconstruction of the events of the collision. New Hampshire State Police Troop G assisted by performing a full motor carrier inspection on the dump truck.

On May 12, 2025, Deraway was arrested by the Newport Police Department and charged with Negligent Homicide and Second Degree Assault, both Class B felonies. He was arraigned in the 5th Circuit Court – District Division.



White Birch General Store.

Bennington landmark celebrates its First Anniversary

White Birch General Store was excited to celebrate its one-year anniversary with a fun-filled day of live music, delicious tastings, and incredible deals for the community.

Since opening its doors, White Birch has become a beloved gathering place, and this milestone was a chance to thank the community for its support.

The celebration took place on Sunday, May 4, and featured live music from Tyler Allgood, creating a lively atmosphere for a day of festivities. Guests enjoyed a variety of tastings from local favorites, including:

- Panini samples from White Birch's own kitchen
- Wine tasting from Stone Fence Beverages & Crush
- Craft beer from Henniker Brewing
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- Treats from Diana's Baked Goods
- Homemade fudge from Huffleshire Homestead

To make the day even more special, White Birch General Store offered exclusive \$1 deals on some of its best-loved items, including breakfast sandwich sliders, coffee, and meatball sliders.

"We are beyond grateful for the incredible support from our customers over the past year," said April Apple, Director of Operations at White Birch General Store. "This event was our way of giving back, celebrating with our community, and sharing some of our favorite flavors and experiences. It was a special day of fun, great food, and fantastic company!"

Hillsborough professor uses local history in education



Dr. Jessica Morris.

Dr. Jessica Morris, Associate Professor of Education at New England College, recently presented her upcoming sabbatical project at Pace University's Research Conference: Innovative Solutions to Contemporary Challenges – Scholarly Creativity in the Service of Humanity, held on the NYC campus.

Her poster session, "Bridging Past and Present: Community-Engaged History and Place-Based Learning in Rural Schools," explores the power of local history in education. Using over 100 WWII letters and personal narratives from rural New Hampshire, Dr. Morris is developing a curriculum that helps students see history as something lived—right in their own towns. The project also equips future educators with place-based strategies that connect classrooms to communities and inspire historical preservation and civic engagement.

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Kenneth E. Miner

Bennington - Kenneth E. Miner, age 86, of Bennington, NH passed away peacefully on May 4, 2025 after a brief illness, surrounded by his loving family. Ken was born on March 15, 1939 at Monadnock Community Hospital to the late Harold and Dora (Wingate) Miner of Antrim, NH. Ken is survived by 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; brother and sister-in-law William and Sandra Cleary of Bennington, NH and many nieces and nephews from both sides. Ken is predeceased by his loving wife of 60 years, Joyce L. Miner who passed just 15 days prior. He was also predeceased by sisters, Marilyn Avery of Orlando, FL, Jeanette Rinehart of Middletown, IN, and Shirley McCallister of Pembroke, NH. Visitation will be held Friday, May 16, 2025 from 4-6 p.m. at Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home at 32 School Street, Hillsborough NH 03244. A funeral service will be held on Saturday May 17, 2025 at 11 a.m. at the Bennington Congregational Church, with Pastor Melissa Lawless officiating. Interment will be held privately. A luncheon will immediately follow the ceremony. Ken requested that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to the Bennington Congregational Church, P.O. Box 19, Bennington, NH 03442, Bennington Fire Department Association, 8 School St., Bennington, NH 03442, or an animal rescue or shelter of your choosing.



Diane Vignola

Weare - Diane Vignola, 78, of Weare, passed peacefully at her home on April 24. Diane was born to Virginia and Jeremiah (Joseph) Haley on March 25, 1947. She is survived by her two sons, Gregory and Joseph, along with their children and grand-



child. Greg's family includes wife, Tammy, and daughter, Mia. Joe's family includes wife, Allyson; children, Zachary, Emma and Molly; and Diane's first great-grandchild, Elle Renee Bradshaw (daughter to Emma). She is also survived by her siblings, Bill and Linda, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins. Calling hours for both Diane and her recently passed husband, Arthur, will be held May 31, 2025, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at French and Rising Funeral Home in Goffstown, NH.

Richard "Rick" Griffing

Greenfield - Richard "Rick" Griffing, born February 2nd, 1963 passed away peacefully on May 7th, 2025, at the age of 62, with his wife by his side. Born Richard M. Dockx to Richard Dockx and Judith Anne Dockx (Phillips). In 1975 his mother remarried to John Griffing and Rick later took his last name on his 18th birthday. Rick is predeceased by his mother, Judith Griffing and his father, John Griffing, his



father-in-law, Warner Baker and mother-in-law, Patricia Baker and brother-in-law, Gordon Baker. Rick is survived by his wife of 38 years, Linda, his two daughters, Ashley and Rachel, all of Greenfield; Rick's biological father, Richard Dockx of Manchester, NH; his sister, Bonney Kinney of North Port, FL and her two children, Miley Kinney and her daughter Zayla and his niece, Amanda Kinney and her children; his sister-in-law Bonnie McInnis and Daniel of Pocasett, MA; his sister-in-law Maryann Green and her husband Charlie of Weare, NH; his sister-in-law Patti (AKA Lizzie) and brother-in-law Jack Pickard of Brookline, NH; and many nieces and nephews that meant the world to him.

A Celebration of Life to be held Sunday, June 22nd, 2025 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at Brady's Bar & Grill in Peterborough, NH. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to your local animal shelter or animal rescue.



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Celebrating the life of Richard Brown



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member in good standing with The American Legion Young & Richardson Post 59 with a valid membership card for 2025 on their person.

THURSDAY MAY 22

WOLVES: Legends & Truths of New England Wolves at Fuller Public Library, 6pm - please register 603-464-3595. Discover how this wild canine survived, what forces lead to its extinction from the New England landscape, and how the stories and myths we tell about this creature continue to influence our perception of it today.

SATURDAY MAY 24

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CHURCH YARD SALE: The 33rd Annual KCPC Yard Sale, May 24, from 8:00 am-1:00 pm, at Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church, 82 King Hill Rd (Route 11), NL. Rooms will have furniture, rugs, electronics, lots of kids/adult clothing, flat-screen TVs, toys and a Bake Sale. The sanctuary filled with china, pottery, housewares, and jewelry. Plus tents with tools, yard + garden equipment, sporting goods. All proceeds go to charitable donations.

FLY FISHING ON THE COMMON: The Elkins Fish & Game Club is holding its 13th Annual "Fly Fishing on the Common" event. This is an introductory class on fly fishing, to be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Town Common

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MAY 24, 25, 26

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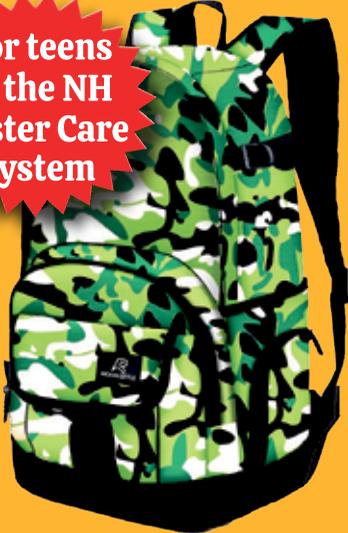
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Homeless woman faces multiple felony charges in Weare & Dunbarton

A homeless woman now located in Concord is facing felony charges after two incidents in nearby towns and being accused of possessing drugs and almost driving into a man last month.

Ashley-Ann Elaine Mullen-Sherrard, 34, was arrested on April 18 on reckless conduct-deadly weapon, vehicular assault, and possession of a controlled drug, all felonies, as well as transport drugs in a motor vehicle and reckless operation charges.

Around 4 p.m. on April 18, Weare police put out a BOLO (be-on-the-lookout) call requesting a "stop and ID" on a 2018 Dodge 2500 pickup truck. The driver, a woman, was accused of being involved in a road rage incident and tried to run over someone in that community. Mullen-Sherrard, according to an affidavit filed by Dunbarton police, was the registered owner of the pickup.

According to court documents, the victim in the case was a man in his early 20s, who was placed in danger of serious bodily injury

after Mullen-Sherrard accelerated and drove her pickup truck at a high rate of speed at the man in the area of Brownie's Sand & Gravel in Weare. The man was approaching the truck at the time, but the acceleration caused him to jump out of the way to avoid being struck on George Moody Road in Weare, documents said.

In the area of Pages Corner in Dunbarton, an officer saw the vehicle and pulled it over on Clinton Street. Mullen-Sherrard, the officer said, was the only person in the pickup truck. She also had a no-bail warrant out of Merrimack County connected to "violation of bail conditions" for "methamphetamine-related crimes" issued three days before. A sergeant confirmed the warrant was active.

An officer and sergeant from Weare arrived in Dunbarton to take possession of Mullen-Sherrard, while the Dunbarton police prepared her truck to be towed. The affidavit said a glass pipe with a white crystallized substance, believed to be meth, were found

inside a purse in the front of the truck. When asked if she wanted her purse, she said, "Yes," but then, "clarified that she only wanted her cell phone and wallet," the affidavit stated.

Police reported finding four cell phones, a small safe, butane lighters, laundry pods, and dryer sheets, noting the latter two are often used to "mask the odor of illicit drugs during a K-9 sniff," the report stated. A search warrant was requested for the truck and

on April 22, police found a small baggie with white residue behind the driver's seat and 2.4 grams of white powder in a small multi-colored baggie. Mullen-Sherrard was arraigned via video on April 24 on the drug charges and held on preventative detention. A probable cause hearing was waived, she was held, and the case was sent to the Merrimack County Superior Court on May 2. She is due in superior court on May 22 for a status conference. Mullen-Sher-

rard is due in Concord District Court on May 27 for arraignment on the Weare charges. Back in February 2024, Mullen-Sherrard was arrested on a driving after revocation or suspension charge and a failure to display plates violation in Franklin. She was accused of driving on Central Street in a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado, despite her operating privileges being suspended a few weeks prior. A month and a half later, the charges were nolle prossed.



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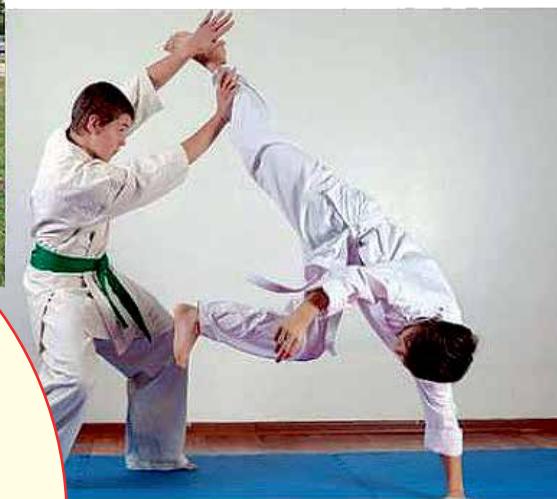
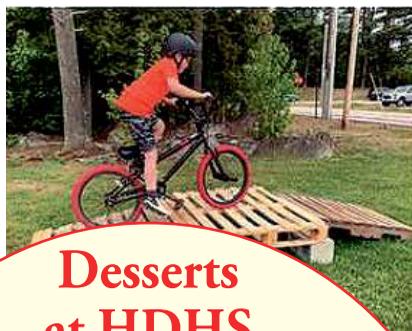
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