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Newest Sunapee EMT



The Sunapee Fire Department would like to congratulate Firefighter Jake Galloway on successfully completing an EMT class,

passing the NREMT, which makes him a nationally registered EMT.

Davis & Towle promotions



Davis & Towle Insurance Group is proud to welcome former NH Insurance Commissioner Christopher (Chris) Nicolopoulos as

the agency's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). With Chris's addition, Jeffrey Towle, previously the agency's President has moved to the position of Chairman of the Board, while his son, Ryan Towle, previously Vice President has assumed the role of President.

This week in history

JUNE 7, 2017

Scientists discover oldest Homo sapiens bones

JUNE 8, 1968

Robert Kennedy is buried

JUNE 9, 2017

Asian nations pledge to fight plastic pollution

JUNE 10, 1714

Female pirate Anne Bonny makes her mark

JUNE 11, 1982

E.T. The Extraterrestrial is released

JUNE 12, 2016

Italian Coast Guard rescues 1,230 refugees

JUNE 13, 1971

New York Times published the Pentagon Papers



A Mercedes-Benz failed to stop coming off of Butler Street onto West Main. The van, driven by Tony Riccio, traveling west on West Main was struck, causing it to roll on its side. No injuries were reported.

Traffic stop leads to Deering drug bust

Charges include manufacture, sales & possession of Fentanyl, Cocaine, and Marijuana



On May 29th, at approximately 1:05 p.m., Hillsborough Police Officers Ethan Vaillancourt and John Gallant, who were working a grant funded NH Highway Safety patrol, made a motor vehicle stop for failure to use a required turn signal. During the roadside investigation, K-9 Dice alerted to the vehicle having drugs inside. The car stop and further information led to an arrest warrant for Daniel Kramer, 37, of Deering. Additionally, a search warrant was issued for his residence. Hillsboro Police, with the help of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Antrim Police Department, Henniker Police Department and Newbury Police Department, were able to conduct a high-risk motor vehicle stop on Kramer later in the evening.

Kramer and two other occupants were taken into custo-

dy without further incident. The search warrant was then executed at his residence in the Town of Deering. During the execution of the search warrant, evidence of manufacturing, sales and possession of controlled substances, to include suspected Fentanyl, Crack Cocaine, and Marijuana were found, along with hundreds of assorted prescription pills, street pressed pills, multiple firearms, tools and parts to manufacture firearms. Kramer was charged with various felonies to include, the sale of controlled drugs, possession of controlled drugs, possession of firearms by a convicted felon, and common nuisance. This investigation led to the arrest of seven people on various drug related and warrant charges. Kramer was arraigned recently in the 6th Circuit Court - Hillsborough, where he was ordered held at the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections on preventative detention pending future court hearings.

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

June 7, 2024

Bradford Town Hall repaired, restored, reopened
Non-life threatening injuries in Bennington ATV accident
Henniker Rotary, Select Board & Governor honor Joe Clement
One confirmed dead in Weare house fire

June 9, 2023

Double homicide & suicide in Franklin
Henniker woman's body found in I-89 breakdown lane
Merger of Newport Golf Club & Eastman Golf Links = Newman Cup
Antrim man survives lightning strike - refuses hospital

June 10, 2022

Warner's Sean Toomey receives prestigious Ethics Award
Antrim man suing over Antrim Wind sound levels
Washington icon Jim Gaskell dies
Reckless driving leads to three Bradford accidents

June 11, 2021

Hillsborough Selectmen Stoher & Rogers both resign
Sparks fly as Henniker ZBA & Planning Board clash
ConVal & Kearsarge Administrators receive "EDies"
Weare Police recognize life-saving efforts

June 12, 2020

No contracts for Hopkinton support staff
ConVal principal resigns, Great Brook principal retires
Economic Development Committee promoting Warner
Greenfield man charged with DWI on an ATV

June 14, 2019

Crews from 6 towns battle Bennington Paper Mill fire
Henniker dedicates Azalea Park Riverfront Walk
Hopkinton celebrates reopening Library after fire

June 16, 2018

Hopkinton explores solar array at closed landfill
Fire Rescue donates equipment to Dominican
Franklin parent demands Council "Raise my taxes"
Falling tree ravages Hillsborough house

June 16, 2017

New Boston crash leads to DWI charge
Northfield man indicted on gun & drug charges
Hancock man's body recovered from river
Weare and Tilton men indicted on drug charges

June 10, 2016

Franklin crowd urges City Council to restore cuts
Dollar General hearing draws smaller, less vocal crowd
Pair of Peterborough women charged with cocaine
Selectmen deny nighttime use of Goffstown Rail Trail

June 12, 2015

Four uninjured in Sunapee boat sinking
Dunbarton wrong way driver faces multiple charges
Franklin to install 500 LED Street Lights
Chad Howe resigns as Newport bus boss

Bank awards \$10,000 grant to White Birch Community Center

White Birch Center Receives \$10,000 Grant from Merrimack County Savings Bank to Support Summer Camp Transportation Henniker, NH – White Birch Center is proud to announce it has received a generous \$10,000 grant from Merrimack County Savings Bank to support transportation for its 2025 summer camp programs.

This funding will enable school-age children to participate in enriching field trips—experiences many may not have access to outside of camp. The grant will help White Birch Center secure services from a local transportation bus company, expanding the capacity for group outings during the summer months. Currently, the Center’s buses can only accommodate up to 14 passengers, limiting the number of children who can participate in off-site activities. With this new support, more campers will be able to explore new environments,

connect with peers, and engage in learning experiences beyond the classroom. White Birch Center’s summer camp field trips take children to a wide variety of exciting and educational destinations across the region. Campers enjoy visits to several State Parks, a Fisher Cats baseball game, the Boston Children’s Museum, Polar Caves, and many more fun and engaging locations that offer memorable experiences and opportunities for discovery.

“We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our community, especially from local partners like Merrimack County Savings Bank,” said Leanna Lorden, Chief Operating Officer at White Birch Center. “They truly understand and believe in our vision to enrich lives and strengthen community. This funding will have a direct and meaningful impact on the children we serve.” Merrimack County Savings Bank’s

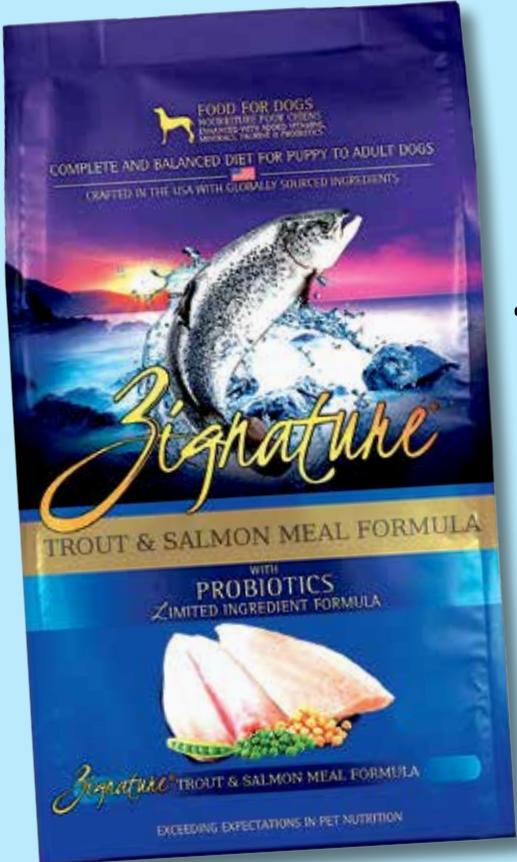


Henniker’s White Birch Community Center.

contribution reflects their commitment to supporting local programs that enhance opportunities for youth and families. Their partnership helps en-

sure that all children—regardless of financial background—have access to memorable and developmental experiences through summer camp. For

more information about White Birch Center’s summer camp programs or how to support community initiatives, visit www.whitebirchcc.org.



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School Days



Hillsboro-Deering School Board Chair Chris Bober (R) presented retiring Middle School Principal Marc Peterson (L) with a token of appreciation for his 11 years of dedicated service to the school.

H-D School Board recognizes its dedicated staff

Clarence Clark, 18 years; Michael Silverman, 16 years; Loraine Poutre, 22 years; Carolyn Lischke, 28 years; Marc Peterson, 11 years; Rich Chapin, 23 years; Jill Cover, 25 years; and Margaret Jones, 8 years.



What an afternoon and evening to kick off Reunion 2025! Starting with a ground breaking ceremony for Proctor's new Health and Wellness Center and followed by cocktails and dinner honoring the Class of 1975 (and 1970).

Senator Ward & Reps Creighton, Colcombe and Fedolfi host Listening Session

State Sen. Ruth Ward and State Reps. Jim Creighton, Riché Colcombe and Jim Fedolfi recently hosted a Listening Session in Antrim to meet with and receive feedback from their constituents. Many of the questions and comments centered around school funding and New Hampshire's Education Freedom Accounts.

Jackie Stetser of Hillsborough, a public school teacher, said, "I am very concerned about the money being taken away from our public schools."

Rep. Colcombe replied that "The school districts still get 100% of the funding allotted from property taxes."

Rep. Creighton agreed, saying, "Let's assume I pay \$10,000 a year in taxes, and I have a kid in the school and I'm not happy. So I pull the kid out, and now I pay for that kid to go to a private school. I'm still paying the \$10,000, but that money is not going to pay



Senator Ward

for my kid – it's going to pay for someone else's kid. So I'm paying double, and I don't think that's fair. I think that if I'm not happy with the school, I should be able to get assistance to send my kid somewhere else."

He went on to say that EFAs currently make up about 1% of the state budget at about



Rep. Jim Fedolfi

\$25 million.

Other residents asked about HB 115, which will remove all income limits for people applying for EFAs by 2026-2027, and SB 295, which would remove income limits but cap the program at 12,250 students.

Former Rep. Marjorie Porter of Hillsborough raised



Rep. Riche Colcombe

concerns about the EFAs being unregulated, saying that people are taking these funds and going to Disney World; they are paying for ballet lessons.

Colcombe agreed, "I struggle with the transparency with our numbers, not only at the local level but at the state level, and that has been a question that I have pushed," she said.



Rep. Jim Creighton

All four officials agreed that EFAs should be audited with full transparency about how the tax dollars are being spent.

The event was organized by the Peterborough Plus Chapter of the League of Women Voters of New Hampshire, a non-partisan organization which advocates for voting rights and informed voting.



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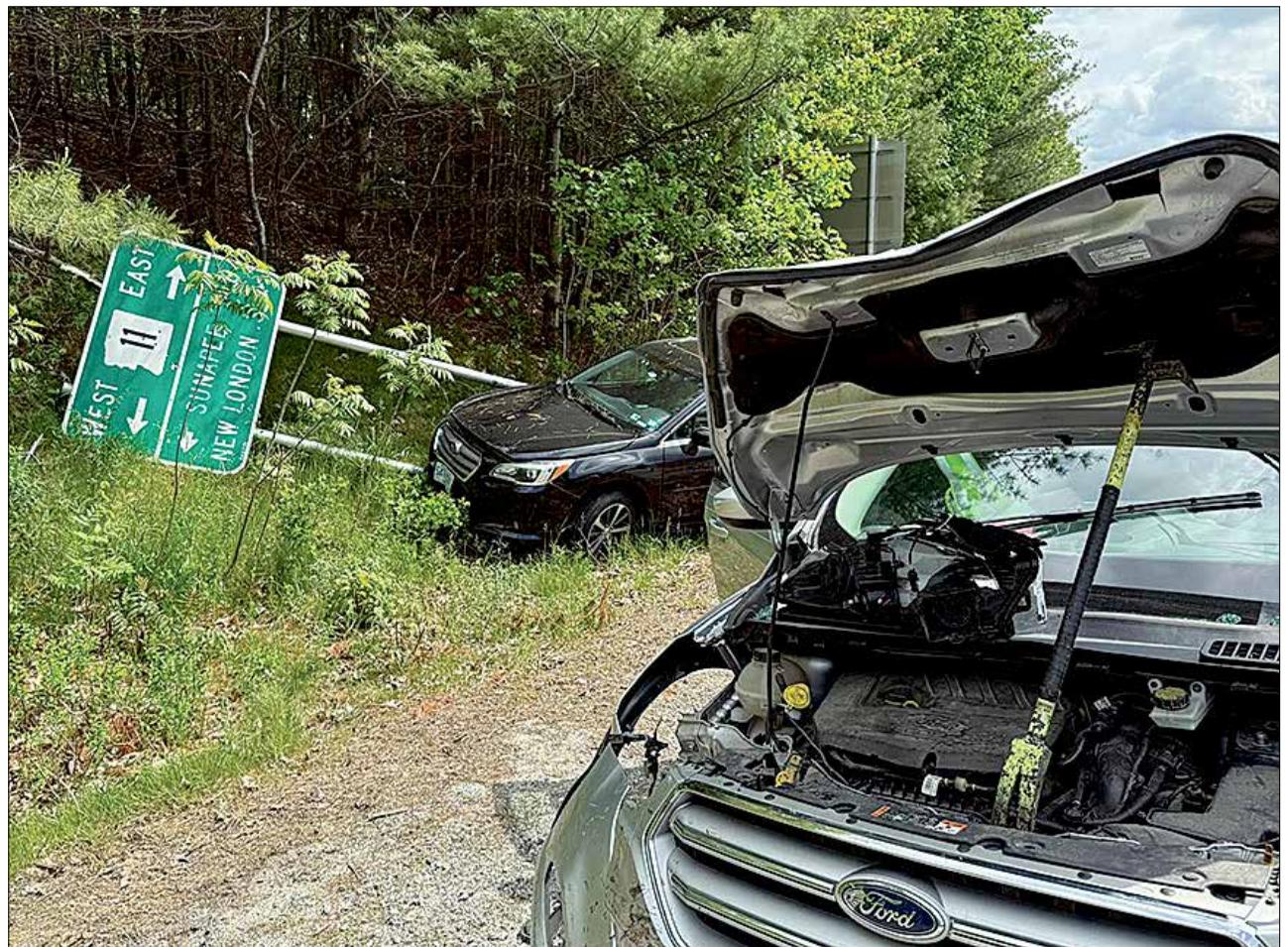
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Drive Safely



New London Firefighters responded to the intersection of Route 11 and Route 103A for a two car crash. Upon arrival on the scene, two vehicles were observed with significant damage and airbag deployment. One occupant was transported with minor injuries by New London Hospital EMS.



New London Firefighters responded to the area of 82 Newport Road for a motor vehicle collision with unknown injury. Upon arrival on the scene, two vehicles were found with moderate damage and airbag deployment. One occupant was transported by New London Hospital EMS with minor injuries.

Driver uninjured in Antrim single-car accident

On Tuesday, June 3rd at 5:35 p.m. Antrim Ambulance, Fire, and Police were dispatched to a single vehicle accident on 202 near Milk Road.

Upon arrival on scene, it was found that a single vehicle had left the roadway and traveled for approximately 50 feet before striking an oak tree.

The driver had self-extri-

cated with assistance from a good Samaritan. The vehicle had suffered significant front end damage. The driver was assessed by Antrim ambulance and had suffered some abrasions, but refused transport to the hospital.

Police want to emphasize that when you come across first responders working on the

roadway at an accident scene to please slow down, move over, and obey personnel that are directing traffic. While operating on the scene they had traffic stopped in the southbound lane, an impatient driver that was back in the line of traffic pulled out and went around them at a high rate of speed, endangering personnel.



The Newport High School administration and staff hosted a dinner for top seniors and their families Tuesday evening to celebrate the many accomplishments of these students. Ms. Martin announced the top three: class essayist, Lela Trott, salutatorian, Taylor Fellows, and valedictorian, Kylie Janicke. Top seniors L to R: Bree Robertson, Peyton Blackinton, Cassie Sanborn, Quynh Pham, Lela Trott, Maddox Lovely, Taylor Fellows, Lexi Durgin, Emily Peckham and Kylie Janicke.



A good samaritan helped the driver get out of the vehicle.

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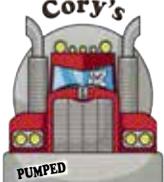
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Around Our Towns



Kim Opperman recently met with the Hillsborough Select Board to request its support for a Community Development Block Grant in order to convert the loft of his Hillsborough mill building into four 1 bedroom apartments with a balcony overlooking the river. The Board took the request under advisement.



The East Andover Fortnightly members preparing flowers for the bridge and the post office.

Two people were taken into custody in Franklin following a pursuit on Interstate 93

At 10:59 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025, State Troopers assigned to the Troop D barracks were notified to be on

the lookout for a vehicle whose driver fled from a Hooksett police officer who attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The vehi-

cle, a 2015 white Ford Escape, was reported to be traveling northbound on I-93 from the Hooksett Welcome Center at speeds over 100 mph and with no tail lights.

Soon after, Trooper Benjamin Olmstead spotted the Ford traveling northbound near Exit 12 in Concord at high speed and still with no tail lights. He attempted to conduct a traffic stop but the driver failed to pull over and a pursuit ensued. Ahead, Trooper Kelsey Scott deployed spike strips, which deflated one of the Ford's front tires, however the driver continued north and then got off the interstate at Exit 17. The pursuit continued onto Route 4, through Boscawen and Salisbury, where the driver eventually turned onto Route 127.

After entering Franklin, the driver turned onto a small dirt road and about half a mile later stopped in front of a mobile home. The male driver then got



Phillip Bryson



Roxanne Quaile

out of the Ford and fled into the home. Meanwhile, a female passenger, identified as Roxanne Quaile, 38, of Franklin, was taken into custody on an unrelated arrest warrant. Troopers and officers from the Franklin Police Department set up a perimeter. After a period of negotiations, the male driver eventually came out of the home and was taken into custody, at which point he

was identified as Phillip Bryson, 53, of Somersworth.

Bryson was charged with operating as a habitual offender, disobeying an officer, resisting arrest, reckless conduct and reckless operation. He was held at the Merrimack County Jail pending an arraignment that was scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, 2025, in Franklin District Court.



Weare Police completed one of their two yearly pistol qualifications. Thank you to our firearms instructors Sgt. Frisbie and Ofc. Burner.

FOUR WAYS TO SAVE MONEY ON ANY HOME'S HEAT AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC): PART II



By: Joyce Bosse

Here are additional strategies to help minimize expenses with an existing HVAC system:

2. Regulate the home's humidity levels: Effectively managing the humidity within the home contributes to maintaining optimal comfort and reducing costs. During the winter, introducing humidity into the living space prevents dryness and also enhances comfort at lower temperatures. In the summer, maintaining lower humidity levels promotes comfort even at higher indoor temperatures. In both scenarios, controlling home humidity lessens the operational duration of the HVAC system required to sustain a comfortable environment.

3. Implement energy-efficient practices: Incorporate energy-conscious practices as part of a daily routine to optimize the efficiency of your HVAC system and achieve substantial long-term savings on home energy bills. Begin by ensuring that doors and windows are closed when the HVAC system is in operation, preventing the unnecessary loss of conditioned air and ensuring that the home maintains a consistent and comfortable temperature. Utilize ceiling fans strategically to enhance air circulation, promoting even distribution throughout the living space. These straightforward yet impactful habits collectively contribute to heightened energy efficiency, translating into tangible and lasting reductions in overall energy expenses.

4. Keep current with routine maintenance inspections: Scheduled service checks guarantee the optimal and efficient operation of any HVAC system, simultaneously averting potential major issues that could jeopardize both efficiency and the overall health of the system. It is advisable to conduct maintenance checks at least bi-annually, ideally before the onset of significant heating and cooling seasons during the winter and summer.

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In addition to brushing and flossing regularly, experts advise brushing the back of the tongue, where odor-producing bacteria can collect. Dry mouth, meaning a shortage of saliva, can also cause bad breath because saliva is the mouth's natural cleansing agent, helping to wash away particles of food that can also contribute to bad breath.

Some highly pungent foods, like onion and garlic, will leave an odor on your breath until your body has eliminated them. Even certain diets, like a high-protein diet, can unfavorably impact your breath.

So the first step in avoiding the problem is to keep your mouth clean through brushing and flossing, and to visit your dentist regularly for examinations and cleanings. Try to brush, or at least rinse your mouth out, after every meal. Talk with your dentist about the best practices you can follow to keep your breath fresh and your mouth healthy.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Vitamin D supplements may lower blood pressure in older people with obesity and taking more than the Institutes of Medicine's (IOM) recommended daily dose does not provide additional health benefits, according to new research published in the *Journal of the Endocrine Society*. Vitamin D deficiency is common worldwide and has been associated with heart disease, immunological diseases, infections and cancer. Studies have also linked vitamin D deficiency to a higher risk of hypertension.

In addition to lowering your cholesterol, keeping your brain healthy and improving mental health, new research published in the *International Journal of Cancer* suggests omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids may help ward off a variety of cancers in younger participants, particularly women. Participants with higher levels of omega-3s had lower rates of colon, stomach and lung cancer, in addition to lower rates of other digestive tract cancers. High omega-6 levels led to lower rates of 14 different cancers, including brain, malignant melanoma, bladder and more. Some earlier research drew connections between levels of fatty acids and risk of developing cancer. Importantly, the benefits of high levels of fatty acids were not dependent on other risk factors like BMI, alcohol use or physical activity. Known as "healthy fats," omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids are essential for human health. They're present in fatty fish, nuts and even some plant oils such as canola oil. But most Americans probably aren't eating enough of these foods to reach the recommended amounts. That's why many individuals turn to fish oil supplements. They're one of the most popular dietary pills on the market and for good reason. Previous studies suggest omega-3 supplements can reduce the risk of developing high cholesterol and lower the risk of heart disease. But the decision to take the popular fish oil pills isn't one-size-fits-all. In the present study, for example, the researchers found that high omega-3 levels could be associated with a slightly higher risk of prostate cancer.

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The Grapevine's 2025 Annual Spring Walk raised \$17,175.93, easily exceeding the goal of \$10,000.



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Following the school board meeting on May 19th, where the annual financial audit was reviewed, the board felt it necessary to issue a statement for transparency. The greenhouse project, which has been a topic of significant discussion, was approved by the school board. It's important to clarify that the greenhouse funding was not included in the original audit as it was not deemed a "material amount," and the audit will not be reopened. The auditor did, however, send a letter to the school board, which is part of the public record. In that letter, the auditor stated that the greenhouse funding was categorized under the buildings and grounds function (code 430) rather than the capital outlay function (code 450).

The board acknowledges that this finding indicates a potential violation of New Hampshire RSA 32:10, but the auditor classified this as an isolated incident. According to the current handbook used by the business office, object code 450 is designated for major capital projects, while code 430 is for small and routine expenses. In light of the greenhouse's size and scope, the business administration considered it a small project. The business administrator performed due diligence by reaching out to the Department of Education (DOE) for clarification.

The DOE responded that "NHED relies on districts to apply their best professional judgment in coding according to the accounting handbook." It's significant to note that this was not documented in the original audit; however, it was only after a member of the public contacted the auditor that it was deemed necessary to address it publicly. At this time, no corrective action is required.

In email exchanges with the auditor and both the previous and current business administrators during the project, it was highlighted that the auditor felt the DOE did not provide clear direction regarding this matter. The auditor even noted that "the greenhouse was discussed openly at meetings and went to bid, so there was nothing deceitful occurring just that it was charged to an incorrect line item." While opponents of the greenhouse project may view this situation as a victory and evidence of financial misallocation by the schools and the board, it's essential to recognize that the business administrator applied best professional judgment and will use

this experience as a learning opportunity to improve accounting practices for future purchases. There was never any intention to deceive, and everyone involved sought to make the best possible decisions.

Hillsboro-Deering School Board

Dear Editor:

Research undertaken in the United States since the end of WW II made our country the world leader in scientific enquiry and innovation. Our National Character, our willingness to accept risk, and the unbounded imagination of American scientists is found nowhere else in the world. It has led to decades of innovation and economic growth. All of our lives are better, and many of us are alive, because of the discoveries made by American scientists working in universities and Federal laboratories.

Today our primacy in science is seriously threatened. The Federal budget, proposed by the President and just approved by Congress, will slash billions in funding from US research universities and Federal laboratories. Already more than 1,000 grants in areas such as autism, weather, cancer, Alzheimer's disease and HIV prevention have been terminated, and the list of cancellations is endless. The new budget defunds cooperative research between Federal laboratories and universities into wildfire prevention and response, 'explaining' that the study of climate change is part of "social agenda" research. Thousands of researchers and their support staff have been fired. Training future scientists, an integral part of research programs, will be curtailed. We may no longer be able to train Scientists from around the world in US laboratories. Their own genius contributes to scientific advances here in the USA and the resulting goodwill once they are back home is incalculable.

Once terminated, and scientists and their support staff are dispersed, reassembling the awesome collective institution that was US Science will be nearly impossible. Risk-adverse, profit driven Private Enterprise will not replace federal funding for the unfettered imagination of public research. The gutting of scientific research in the USA, and the global consequences of the demise of American science, will harm us and future generations and in ways that we cannot now imagine.

Gary Samuels, Deering



Hillsboro-Deering Middle School students toured the historic Hillsboro Center as part of the 2025 History Alive project.

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Sports

TRACK & FIELD

Girls Division III Champions: The Hawks knew that a title defense was possible, but it would take doubling, tripling, even quadrupling in events for them to get there. Hopkinton executed its plan to perfection. Sophomore Maddy Lane defended her titles in both the 1,600 (5 minutes, 5.95 seconds) and 3,200 meters (10:53.7), senior Shaylee Murdough won the 800 (2:22) and finished third in the 1,600, and the pair contributed to both the champion 4x800 and runner-up 4x400 relays as Hopkinton's distance runners carried the Hawks to another DGIRLS.

Boys Division III Champions: Kearsarge senior Daniel Dalbec won the 1,600 in 4:23.84 for the other local title in the D-III boys' meet. Dalbec led Kearsarge to 12th (12.4 points) with his victory and a fifth-place result in the 800. Ben Clough (fourth pole vault) and Jacob Dunn (tied fourth high jump) also scored for the Cougars. Brendan Goodwin was fourth in the 800 and ran the final leg of his team's fourth-place 4x400 with Colby Blackburn. Hopkinton was led by its runner-up 4x800 of Max Goupil (sixth 1,600), Will Shepard, Michael Crosby and Roman Finlayson, and Hunter Eckner-Naylor (sixth javelin). Braden Savoy (sixth 110 hurdles, sixth triple jump) scored for Hillsboro-Deering (tied 25th).

BASEBALL

Hillsboro-Deering 7, Hopkinton 6: Hopkinton scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to take a 6-2 lead, but the Hillcats tied the game in the top of the seventh inning and scored the game-winning run in the ninth. Jake McClure and Joel Belanger led the team at the plate with 7 hits. Adrien Cordeiro and Seth Dalphond stepped up to pitch and relief and earn the win in 9 innings.

John Stark 5, Merrimack Valley 1: The Pride scored first, scratching out a run in the third inning of a pitcher's duel, and held John Stark hitless until the fifth inning when Dykstra's RBI single to center scored Pond. Both teams squandered scoring opportunities in the sixth and seventh innings, but the Generals broke out in the eighth inning when Chase Philibotte walked with the bases loaded for the game-winning run and

Harris connecting on a booming ground-rule double to drive in three more. Williams held MV scoreless in the bottom of the eighth.

Hillsboro-Deering 11, Prospect Mountain 3: Ben Perrin pitched a complete-game 3-hitter to lift the Hillcats to a victory. McClure and Poland led the team at the plate.

Bow 3, Kingswood 1: In a crucial game for playoff seeding, Bow's senior pitcher Nate Kiah stood strong on the mound and delivered a full game with eight strikeouts to earn the Falcons a 3-1 win over Kingswood.

SOFTBALL

John Stark 19, Merrimack Valley 17: In a back and forth game that went into extra innings and the international rule was enforced, both teams combined for 33 hits.

St. Thomas 7, Hopkinton 2: The Hawks fell behind early, but played the Saints even the rest of the way. Hopkinton will be around the No. 9 seed for the Division III tournament.

Kearsarge 20, Mascoma 0: Alexis Shaughnessy, a freshman, pitched the final inning to complete the shutout on Wednesday to close out a game that was suspended after four innings due to thunder on May 16.

Kearsarge 16, Mascoma 4: The Cougars won their second game of the season in the second game of the day against the Royals.

Stevens 10, Kearsarge 3: The Cougars trailed 8-0 after two innings, but showed grit to play the Cardinals even the rest of the way.

BOYS LACROSSE

Hopkinton 20, Pelham 5: The Pythons struck first, but the Hawks were dominant the rest of the game, making it 5-1 after the first quarter, 14-3 at halftime and 20-3 after the third.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Hopkinton 9, Laconia 3: Hopkinton prevailed in a defensive battle against a fast Laconia team, leading 5-1 at halftime. Laconia got back into the game with a pair of goals in the third quarter, but the Hawks locked down defensively and were opportunistic offensively in the fourth to lock up the win.



JSRHS Track Athletes Win State Titles

Congratulations to John Stark Regional High School athletes who recently won titles in the Division II N.H. State Track and Field Championships held at Sanborn Regional High School: junior Grant Spooner in boys' discus; senior Rio Calle in boys' long jump; and senior Joel Douzanis, who defended his title in boys' shot put.

Photos starting at left and moving clockwise: Grant Spooner, Joel Douzanis and Rio Calle.

School Days



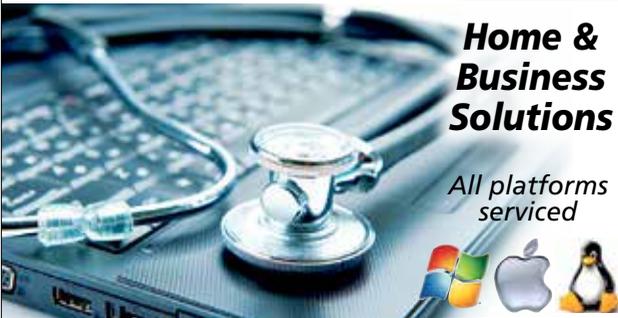
Preschoolers in Kearsarge 4 year old programs in New London and Bradford went to Beech Hill Farm last week to see the farm animals and get ice cream!



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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Mary-Ellen Cote

Henniker - Mary-Ellen Cote, aged 56, of Henniker passed away May 3rd at Concord Hospital unexpectedly. Born September 3rd 1968, Mary-Ellen is survived by her husband, Robert T. Ganley; daughters, Whitney Cote, Amelia Ganley, Gabrielle Ganley; son, Devin Ganley; sister, Michele Tillson; brother, Michael Cote; cousin, Amy Cote; and beloved pug, Daisy May. A small celebration of life will be held at a later date. Mary-Ellen's legacy of warmth, care and vibrant spirit will be deeply missed and forever cherished.



Francis A. Hardy

Franklin - Francis A. Hardy Jr., 93, passed in the comfort of his home surrounded by the love of his family in Franklin, NH on May 23, 2025. Born to the late Francis A. Hardy Sr. and Ruth Mae Cooper on October 10, 1931 in Hopkinton, NH. Francis is survived by his partner Norma Fitts, his sisters Vera English and Velma and her husband Floyd Skilling. He is also survived by his sons, Duane and his wife Darlene, Michael Hardy and wife Charlene and his daughter Donna Leach. He is also survived by his 9 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his wives Isabell Landry and Joan Schacht, his sisters Lucie Robertson and Betty Calkins, his son Timothy Hardy, his great-grandson Carson Hardy, as well as his brother-in-law David English. Honoring Francis's requests there will be no calling hours. Please join the family for a graveside service on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in Henniker New Cemetery.



Deborah Marie Blanchard

New Boston - Deborah Marie Blanchard, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on May 30, 2025, at age 69. Deborah was raised in Merrimack, NH by Gerard and Barbara Poirier, along with her siblings, Linda, Susie, Rene and Gerard. Debbie is remembered by her husband, Richard Blanchard; daughter, Kelsie Woodbury; son-in-law, Charles Woodbury; granddaughter, Liberty; and soon-to-be grandson, Cassidy. She is pre-deceased by her son, Tucker Blanchard. Debbie was a dedicated aunt to Elissa Powers, Deborah Ring, Katy and Ashley Poirier, Kevin, Michael and Allison Voisine, Catherine Ignagni, Trisha Fair and Mitchell Drapeau. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



Deborah (Wilkins) Leavitt

Francestown - It is with heavy hearts that we announce that Deborah (Wilkins) Leavitt, 74, of Francestown, New Hampshire has been called to Heaven by our Lord on May 30, 2025. Deb was born on Oc-



tober 19, 1950 to Beverly (Scott) Wilkins and George Edward Wilkins II (Ted) in Arlington, Massachusetts, the eldest of 5 children. She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Brian S Leavitt of Francestown NH, her four children, Andrew Bauer

and his wife Dawn of Alexandria NH, Julie Currier of Alexandria NH, B. Scott Leavitt II and his wife Lindsey of Antrim NH, and Stephen Leavitt and his wife Desiree of Francestown, NH. She is also survived by her three brothers, one sister, thirteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home, 32 School St. Hillsboro, NH. Please join the family for a graveside service on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in #3 Cemetery.

Robert Leo Perry

Robert Leo Perry, 89, passed away on May 29th, 2025 at Androscoggin Valley Hospital. Robert was born on April 3rd, 1936 in Berlin, NH, son of the late Euclide and Josephine (McShane) Perry. Robert is survived by his children, Beverly Tibbetts and husband William, David Perry and his wife Tammy, Ronald Perry and his wife Nedra, and Lynn Perry; brother, Donald Perry; grandchildren, Jenny, Curtis, Dylan, Daryl, Jessica, Travis, Sebastian, Damien, Jozie, Ace, Briana, and Brandon. He is also survived by his great grandchildren, Alexa, Tytan, Riley, Garrett, Rowan, Coralline, Juliet, and Derek. Robert is also survived by his beloved cat, Oreo. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday June 10th, 2025 at 12 p.m. at the Bryant Funeral Home, 180 Hillside Ave., Berlin with interment following at St. Kieran Cemetery. The family will receive relatives and friends from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. prior to the service on June 10th.



Roger Lincoln Sullivan

New London - Roger Lincoln Sullivan, 85, of Clover Lane, died Sunday, May 18, 2025 at his home. He was born in Bridgeport, CT on February 12, 1940, the son of Albert L. and Edith (Riley) Sullivan. His wife of 50 years, Judith (Weller) Sullivan, died in 2013. He is also predeceased by siblings, Ronald, Robert, Richard and Patricia. He is survived by three children, Carolyn (Thomas) Melewski of Alton, NH, Roger Sullivan of New London, NH and Thomas (Jennifer) Sullivan of Lebanon, NH; 11 grandchildren, Alex, Nicholas, Mallory, Jesse, Christian, Devin, Connor, Dylan, Colin, Riley and Liam; 9 great grandchildren, Savannah, Madison, Malcolm, Jack, Matthew, Ava, Marley, Baela, Elijah; nieces and nephews. A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, May 28. Memorial contributions may be made to Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association Hospice, P.O. Box 2209, New London, NH 03257.

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SATURDAY JUNE 7

TOUR DE FRANCESTOWN: will return on Saturday, June 7, hosted by the Francestown Old Meeting House. The event begins with sign-in from 8 to 9am in the center of Francestown, followed by a 9am start.

GARDEN DAY AT AUSBON SARGENT: at 10am – at 71 Pleasant Street, New London.

NEW BOSTON BLOCK PARTY: 1-4pm, Recreation Department Block Party! Let's celebrate with a fun-filled afternoon on the Town Hall ballfield! Enjoy a bouncy house, dunk tank, lawn games, DJ music, snacks, beverages, and more. This free, family-friendly event is open to all! Bonus: The Whipple Free Library's Touch-A-Truck event will take place just behind the New Boston Central School from 1-3pm, the perfect combo for a great Saturday out.

MEETING: Ashuelot Pond Dam Village District Ratification of Expansion Vote Camp Morgan Lodge, 10am.

MONDAY JUNE 8

TRAILS DAY CLEAN-UP: Crotched Mountain Accessible Trails – Greenfield, 9am-3pm (Join for any portion!) In partnership with the NH Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club, help us restore and maintain our award-winning fully accessible trail system. All tools provided! Just bring water, dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. We'll break for lunch around noon—light snacks provided. Come for the whole day or just a few hours—every bit helps!

TUESDAY JUNE 9

AA MEETING: 7:30pm St. Mary's Church, Hillsboro.

TUESDAY JUNE 10

HENNIKER CONCERT: Peabody's Coal Train will be performing at the gazebo in Henniker from 6pm-8pm. The band is a local N.H. acoustic, Americana 6 piece band featuring strings and shared vocal harmonies. The event is sponsored by the Henniker Lions. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Community Center.

THURSDAY JUNE 12

NEW BOSTON: Join us for our final lunch at NBCS. Starting Thursday, June 19, lunches will be held at the Recreation Office from 11:30am-12pm, followed by Bingo until 3pm. Note: There will be no Bingo on July 3.

LISTEN & LUNCH: Eyes of Age. The sixth annual Listen & Lunch outdoor music series from noon to 1pm in Depot Park, 1 Grove St. in Peterborough. The event is free and open to the public.

AA MEETING: 7:30pm Smith Memorial Church, Hillsboro.

FRIDAY JUNE 13

WARNER CONCERT: Mutha Hubbard, 5-7pm at The Mainstream Warner Stage. Free-donations accepted.

SATURDAY JUNE 14

BAZAAR: The Ladies Aid Society of the Union Chapel will hold our Annual Bazaar from 8am-1pm. Items available include housewares, glassware, pots & pans, books, linens, antiques, holiday decorations, puzzles, games and much more. All reasonable donations will be accepted. The Chapel is located at 220 Sawmill Road. All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the historic Union Chapel.

SUNDAY JUNE 15

RELIGION IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BROWN

BAG LUNCH: Charles Hambrick-Stowe Smith Memorial Church, UCC Noon---A Brown Bag Lunch and Learn Opportunity. How religious experience set the stage for the Revolution Participants will be encouraged to reflect on ways the issues confronting Christians in the Revolution are still with us in contemporary American society.

TUESDAY JUNE 16

AA MEETING: 7:30pm St. Mary's Church, Hillsboro.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 18

REEDS NORTH: sponsors night for The Warner Fish and Game Club. It will be from 5pm to 8pm. A portion of their sales will go directly to The Warner Fish and Game Club.

THURSDAY JUNE 19

LISTEN & LUNCH: Monadnock Music. The sixth annual Listen & Lunch outdoor music series from noon to 1pm in Depot Park, 1 Grove Street in Peterborough. The event is free and open to the public.

AA MEETING: 7:30pm Smith Memorial Church, Hillsboro.

SUNDAY JUNE 21

SUMMER THYME TEA: at Smith Memorial Church at 2pm. Seating is limited; reservations are highly encouraged. Admission is \$20 by reservation or \$25 at the door on that day. The event is accessible. Please contact Judy at 603-715-1414 or by e-mail at judy@hatco.com to make your reservation. A delicious, full three course menu of summer flavors will be served, and there will be an opportunity to shop at the Tea Emporium. Other surprises await.

SUNDAY JUNE 22

RELIGION IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: Charles Hambrick-Stowe Smith Memorial Church, UCC Noon - A Brown Bag Lunch and Learn Opportunity Why the war was spiritually and theologically complicated Participants will be encouraged to reflect on ways the issues confronting Christians in the Revolution are still with us in contemporary American society.

TUESDAY JUNE 23

AA MEETING: 7:30pm St. Mary's Church, Hillsboro.

WARNER CONCERT: Colin Nevins 4-6pm at The Mainstream Warner Stage. Free- Donations accepted.

TUESDAY JUNE 24

NEW BOSTON CONCERT: Freese Brothers Big Band 6-7:30pm. New Boston Common. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a summer evening of music, friends, and fun!

THURSDAY JUNE 26

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