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Stuart Trachy Selected

Stuart Trachy of Franklin has been confirmed by New Hampshire's Executive Council to become the newest member of the state's Lottery Commission. Trachy, a Merrimack County Commissioner and former mayor of Franklin, will serve a three-year term as one of the commission's three members. With years of experience in both state and local government as well as private business, this is the right next step in his career.



Remembering D-Day

D-Day, June 6, 1944, the Allied invasion of Normandy, France, during World War II. This marked the largest sea-borne invasion in history, with nearly 160,000 Allied troops landing on the beaches of Normandy to fight against German forces.



This week in history

JUNE 14, 1777

Continental Congress chooses national flag

JUNE 15, 1300

Dante Alighieri named prior of Florence

JUNE 16, 1958

Leader of Hungarian uprising is executed

JUNE 17, 1885

Statue of Liberty arrives in New York

JUNE 18, 1942

Film critic Roger Ebert is born

JUNE 19, 1856

1st Republican national convention ends

JUNE 12, 1975

The movie Jaws is released



Law enforcement officers and students from Hillsboro-Deering, Weare and Hopkinton schools kicked off the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Torch Run at the Hillsboro Police Station, making their way to Concord. This year's flame traveled an impressive 700-plus miles. Jeffrey Hastings photo.

Deering native serves with U.S. Naval Aviation Warfighters



Pfc. Kaleb Cooper, a native of Deering, is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps assigned to Aviation Enlisted Aircrew Training School amongst sailors and Marines who are developing the skills needed to be combat-ready aviation professionals. Cooper is a 2024 graduate of Hillsboro-Deering High School. Cooper joined the Marine Corps less than a year ago. Today, Cooper is a student learning the skills necessary to be a naval aircrewman. "I joined the Marine Corps to serve my country," Cooper said. "I also wanted to travel and see the world."

The skills and values needed to succeed in the military are similar to those found in Deering. "My hometown taught me to keep growing, to branch out and experience life," Cooper said. "Staying stagnant only leads to wasting your life away."

Located at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, AEATS provides training to enlisted aircrew and rescue swimmer candidates. The training is physically demanding and involves instruction on topics such as aircrew duties and assignments, survival, first aid and water rescue procedures. With these skills, enlisted aviation personnel from the Navy and Marine Corps will eventually be assigned to fleet squadrons as naval aircrewmen. With 90% of global commerce traveling by sea

and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber optic cables, military officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented people from across the rich fabric of America.

Cooper serves a Navy and Marine Corps that operates far forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the nation's prosperity and security.

Cooper has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service. "My proudest accomplishment is making it through boot camp at Parris Island," Cooper said. "I'm looking forward to finishing my training at aircrew school." Cooper can take pride in serving America through military service.

"Serving in the Marine Corps means fighting alongside my brothers and sisters," Cooper said. "I wanted to be a part of keeping our country safe. My dad served as a gunnery sergeant in the Marine Corps, and I wanted to follow in his footsteps."

Cooper is grateful to others for helping make a military career possible. "I would like to thank my father, Matthew Cooper," Cooper added. "My dad was open with me about everything I might experience along the way. I also want to thank my mother, Bethany Cooper, and my grandmother for always supporting me."

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

June 14, 2024

Select Board denies petition to forgive Antrim church taxes
H-D graduates told "Its not just the destination, its the journey"
Hopkinton graduates challenged - Find passion in life
ConVal graduates urged to take joy in the process

June 16, 2023

Slain woman's ex-husband warned of killer's violent tendencies
Land Conservation Trust acquires 71.66 Bradford acres
Hopkinton's 67 graduates include 5 sets of twins
Sunapee Harbor reopened after major oil spill

June 17, 2022

Bradford wins Preservation Alliance Award
Vote on revised H-D Teacher's Contract July 12th
H-D graduates told "Live with profound love"
ConVal "Do what you love - love what you do"

June 18, 2021

Peter Flynn leaves New Boston for Hooksett
Bradford celebrates reopening of Bement Bridge
Newbury Fire Station to be dedicated in August
New London Hospital to open Walk-In Clinic

June 19, 2020

Henniker man charged with driving over 100 mph
New London Select Board reviews its options
Only minor injuries in Weare ATV crash
Schoodacs Cafe available for a new owner

June 21, 2019

105 abused dogs in Bradford
Hopkinton graduates "On the road to somewhere"
Stark graduates urged to "Take a deep breath"
Kearsarge graduates urged to "Share your talents"

June 22, 2018

Rotary sponsors "Flags Over Hopkinton"
Franklin Mayor vows to veto efforts to raise tax cap
New Boston officials ponder \$1.3 million surplus
H-D Board considers Performing Arts Center

June 23, 2017

Cancer survivor thanks school & community
John Stark voters reject teachers' contract again
Bow's K-9 Officer receives a hero's sendoff
Henniker sued for wrongful termination

June 17, 2016

Antrim woman rescued from Mount Washington
Sunapee speed stop results in felony drug bust
Renovations on Mary Haddad Bandstand completed
Conservation Easement prevents Corvus acquisition

June 19, 2015

Grassmere Town Hall lease under review
H-D's Heidi Welch named "unsung hero"
Bow developer fined \$12,000 by Attorney General
Weare Police investigating 2nd vandalism spree

Hillsboro-Deering graduates receive \$1,000,000 in scholarships & awards

Gavin Ford
Elmira College Key Award

Noah Harrington
Clarkson University Award
University of Rochester: Xerox

Colin McGinn
Sage College Award

Gavin Miller
Rensselaer Medal Award

Valerie Rife
St. Michael's Book Award
Society of Women Engineers

Liana Swirl
Brown University Book Award

Ariana Ambrose
Director's Award for Band

Cameron Anderson
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Lake Ashuelot Estates Memorial
Hillsboro Trust - Gertrude
Manahan
Hillsborough Thrift Scholarship

Jacob Audette
US Marine Corps Scholastic
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Henry G. Martin-Lions Club
Lila Murphy Scholarship
Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard

Peter Beane
Kelzenberg Award
Semper Fidelis Award for Music
Young Business Professional
Award

Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Henry G. Martin-Lions Club
William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben
Ethel Brockway Manahan

Joel Belanger
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Henry G. Martin-Lions Club

Christopher Carvallo
William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Eleanor Campbell Charitable
H-D Support Staff Scholarship
Lila Murphy Scholarship
Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard
William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben
Hillsboro Trust - EM Barnes

Hillsboro Trust - EA Butler
Contoocook Valley Brd of Realtors
H-D Business Department
Hillsborough Thrift Scholarship
Henniker Rotary Vocational
Osram Sylvania Engineering

Dylan Czyzewski
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship

Emma Davis
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Eleanor Campbell Charitable
Chamberlin-Olson
Lila Murphy Scholarship

Morgan Dean
US Marine Corps Scholastic
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Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard
William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben
Women of the Moose Book Grant
Hillsborough Thrift Scholarship

Abrial Gathercode
Semper Fidelis Award for Music
Rihosque Guzman Cedeno
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard
H-D Business Department
Ernest Gould Good Citizenship
Chamber of Commerce
Scholarship

Lexi Harris
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Lawrence Brothers Scholarship
Lake Ashuelot Estates Memorial
Chamberlin-Olson
Henry G. Martin-Lions Club
Lila Murphy Scholarship

Logan Lane
John Philip Sousa Band Award
Tim Henson Vocational
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Henry G. Martin-Lions Club
Lila Murphy Scholarship
Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard
Hillsboro Trust - Henson

Joseph LaValley

Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Chamberlin-Olson
Lila Murphy Scholarship

Grant Ladoux
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Eleanor Campbell Foundation
Chamberlin-Olson
Hillsboro Trust - Peaslee,
Hillsboro Trust - George Haslet
H-D Business Department

Kolton Lefabvre
Marine Corps Distinguished
Athlete

Logan Luciaano
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Eleanor Campbell Foundation
Chamberlin-Olson
Lila Murphy Scholarship
Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard
H-D Business Department
Hillsborough Thrift Scholarship
Chamber of Commerce
Scholarship

Morgan Munroe
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Henry G. Martin-Lions Club
Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard
Hillsboro Trust - Manahan

Rylan Nagy

Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Benjamin Perria
HDHS Senior Athlete Award
Henry J. Auclair Award

Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
H-D Federation of Teachers
Lila Murphy Scholarship
William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben
Hillsborough Thrift Scholarship
Henniker Rotary H-D Scholarship

Tyler Pollard
Ray Hodgkins Memorial Award
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship

Sophia Shuler
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Henry G. Martin-Lions Club
Lila Murphy Scholarship
Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard

Evan Smith
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship

Emellia Smith
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Chamberlin-Olson
Lila Murphy Scholarship
Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard
William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben

Jane Stevens
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Lila Murphy Scholarship

Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard
Katheryn Thyng
Hannah & Clarence Tingley Award
Marine Corps Distinguished
Athlete

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Hillsboro Trust - Tingley

Makayla Vincent
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Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard
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Heather Wagner
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Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard
Hillsboro Trust - S & G Smith

Sophia Weilbrenner
Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship
Eleanor Campbell Charitable
Henry G. Martin-Lions Club
Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard
Julia T Pingree Scholarship



The Class of 2025 wrapped up their senior trip last week with stops in NYC, the Jersey Shore, and Six Flags. It was a great long weekend filled with memorable moments and time together outside the walls of HDHS.

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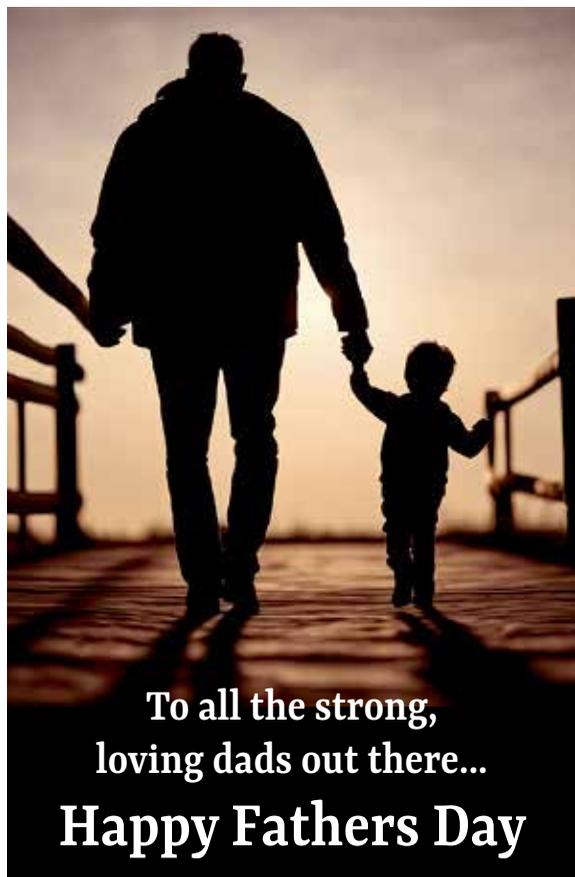
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The New London Rotary Club hosted a Scholarship Breakfast at Colby Sawyer College's Wheeler Hall, for over 100 people. The event featured the award of over \$60,000 in scholarships.



Principal Gary Dempsey welcomed all to the John Stark High School Scholarship Awards Night where 52 scholarships were presented to the 2025 graduates.

Hopkinton and Warner crews rescue injured hiker on Mount Monadnock

A woman from Concord was carried off Mount Kearsarge after a leg injury on Sunday, according to the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department.

Around 8:30 a.m., a hiker sustained a lower leg injury while hiking down the mountain. The hiker, Lee Lewis, 54, of Concord, summited the moun-

tain with her family and suffered the injury while trekking down Barlow Trail. Conservation Officer William Boudreau of Fish & Game said her family called 911 after she could not continue.

“Firefighters from the Hopkinton Fire Department and Warner Fire and Rescue De-

partment responded and began carrying Lee down the mountain in a litter,” he said. “Several conservation officers also

responded to help carry Lewis the three-fourths of a mile back to the trailhead on Kearsarge Mountain Road.”

He said Lewis was taken to Concord Hospital by the Hopkinton Fire Department Ambulance.



A woman is in critical condition after lightning hit the trees she was standing next to. The strike happened during the thunderstorms on Friday afternoon at David Tilley's home on Route 114 in Henniker. Tilley's cousin Tracey had been visiting and was packing to leave to go visit her mother in Vermont when the lightning struck. Firefighters who rushed to the scene said they were able to get the woman breathing on the way to a hospital, where she remains in critical condition.



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Gofftown High School students, from left, senior Kathryn Sindoni, senior Mackenzie Oliver, junior Maddy Rossi, senior Rory Daniels and senior Laney Garretson took first place at the New Hampshire Envirothon, earning a spot at the championships later next month.

Committee to study Deering withdrawal from H-D School District begins its work

The SAU #34 Committee to study the possible withdrawal of Deering from the Hillsboro-Deering School District held its initial meeting last week.

The committee consists of Chris Bober, Deering School Board member, Katherine McGinn, Hillsboro School Board member, Rich Pelletier,

Hillsboro Selectman and Roy Watson, Deering Selectman.

Bober was elected as Chairman, Pellitier as Vice-Chairman and McGinn as Secretary.

District Attorney Matt Upton briefed the members on the process and their duties, stressing that it has 180 days to recommend either withdrawal

or no withdrawal. Their recommendation then would require a District arch vote. Passage requires either majority approval in both Hillsboro and Deering or 3/5 in Deering.

Upton said the committee must decide on what the alternatives are and what cost structure would be required if Deering were to withdraw.

The committee will soon

hold a public hearing for input as to any complaints from Deering residents, who signed the withdrawal petition, as to exactly what they are requesting.



Newbury Old Home Day is July 12th and that will also be the grand opening of the Newbury Firefighters Museum. The museum, which was totally funded by donations from the public, houses Newbury Engine 1, a 1942 Chevrolet pumper and other Newbury Fire Department memorabilia. The museum will be open to the public 9:00-1:00 on Old Home Day. As in the past, Newbury firefighters will be serving breakfast sandwiches at the fire station that morning. Come down, have breakfast and visit the museum before enjoying other Old Home Day activities.



Some New Hampshire communities are cleaning up and assessing damage after Friday's storms caused flooding. Heniker Highway and Road Management said their crews have been doing road repairs. Part of Route 9 in Hillsborough was closed for several hours on Friday because of flooding. Antrim police and highway departments were dealing with a huge washout on Mountainside Drive that involved a house and vehicles. WMUR photo.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Tirzepatide, a new injectable weight-loss drug with the trade name Zepbound, reduced the risk of diabetes in patients with obesity and prediabetes by more than 90% over a three-year period, compared with placebo, according to the results of a new study published last fall in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. The results show that after 176 weeks of treatment, only 1.3% of patients who were both obese and prediabetic, and who took the drug in any of three doses, progressed to type 2 diabetes, compared with 13.3% of patients taking a placebo.

Children whose mothers took extra vitamin D during pregnancy continue to have stronger bones at age seven, according to new research published in *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*. Bone density scans revealed that children born to mothers who were given vitamin D supplements during pregnancy have greater bone mineral density in mid-childhood. Their bones contain more calcium and other minerals, making them stronger and less likely to break. Researchers say the findings reinforce the importance of vitamin D supplementation in pregnancy as a public health strategy.

Fampridine is currently used to improve walking ability in multiple sclerosis. A new study shows that it could also help individuals with reduced working memory, as seen in mental health conditions like schizophrenia or depression. Remembering a code for long enough to type it in; holding a conversation and reacting appropriately to what is being said — in everyday situations like these, we use our working memory. It allows a memory to be actively retained for a few seconds. Certain conditions, such as schizophrenia or depression, as well as ADHD, impair working memory. Those affected lose track in conversations and struggle to organize their thoughts. Fampridine is a drug that could help in such cases, according to research published in the journal *Molecular Psychiatry*.

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Get a soft-bristled brush, put a pea-sized dab of fluoride toothpaste on it (It's okay to experiment with toothpastes to find one your child likes) and demonstrate how to brush both the fronts and backs of teeth. Fluoride is important because it strengthens tooth enamel.

When children are old enough to understand about plaque, it's time for parents, along with their dentists, to explain the importance of removing it. Ask your dentist about "disclosing" tablets, which contain a harmless red vegetable dye that will show the plaque on a tooth. Let your child see the plaque and successfully brush it away. As children get more independent, they'll want to brush their teeth by themselves. If you've shown them the right way, they'll be just fine. Parents should talk with their dentists about other techniques to get children off on the right foot when it comes to taking care of their teeth.

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Community comes together for third annual Blindfolded Boat Race

Laughter, cheers, and the splash of paddles filled the air at Norway Pond on Sunday evening as 28 teams competed in Avenue A's third annual Blindfolded Boat Race. The quirky, high-energy event drew a large crowd of supporters and spectators, all rallying behind a shared mission—to support local youth.

The race, held June 9, brought together paddlers, volunteers, and families from across the region. With one blindfolded paddler and one navigator per canoe, teams made their way through a loop course, guided only by shouted directions and sheer determination.

"The wet weather didn't dampen the energy of our racers," said Jacqueline Roland, Director of Teen Programs at The Grapevine. "We had such a joyful mix of returning racers and new teams—everyone showed up with enthusiasm, creativity, and a heart for local

teens." The evening included fierce competition for the coveted Golden Paddle awards, with teams like The Foecking Paddlers, The Mad Dockers, and The Wise Quackers delivering spirited performances. The Bennington VFW Brown Knights took home the title of Paddle-Off Winners. The wildly popular Best Costume/Boat Décor category saw everything from hobbit to duck-themed ensembles. Spectators enjoyed delicious food from the Hancock Congregational Church cookout and sweet treats provided by Avenue A parents.

The event kicked off Avenue A's NH Gives campaign, aiming to raise \$20,000 to support its year-round programs for rural youth. As of Monday night, the race raised over \$8,000.

Local support made the boat race shine, with team sponsorships from Monadnock Community Hospital, Flag Leaf Bakery, and community groups



including the Antrim Police Department, Renew Church, All Saints' Church, and Edmund's Ace Hardware. Teens from Avenue A also raced, proudly representing the programs they help shape. "This event reminds us how powerful community

can be," said Roland. "When we come together like this—with humor, generosity, and care—we're not just raising money, we're raising each other up."

Avenue A is a program of The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center in An-

trim. The Teen Center partners with youth ages 11–19 across the region, offering free enrichment programs that build resilience, foster leadership, and create lasting connections. Over 300 teens from 18 towns participate in Avenue A programs annually.



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Publisher's Perspective

Questions For Our Educators

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board has joined with ConVal and several other school districts pleading for increased state funding for schools. Before rushing into adopting a state Sales or Income Tax let me lay out a few facts and ask a couple of questions.

FACT 1: Despite our property taxes, NH residents have one of the lowest overall tax burdens in the country.

FACT 2: Despite that, NH students rank in the highest echelons of national rankings.

FACT 3: Since Jimmy Carter created the U.S. Department of Education, student achievement has dropped dramatically from 1st to the bottom of international rankings.

FACT 4: Locally and nationally 70% of our students can not read, or do math and science proficiently.

FACT 5: In the last decade, student enrollment had dropped significantly.

Fact 6: During that time, support staff levels have steadily increased.

FACT 7: During that time, administrative staffing levels have gone thru the roof.

FACT 8: A recent national study found that currently only 47% of dollars spent on education goes directly for students.

Questions: If you had that additional funding, what

would you do with it?

Would you add more teachers? Why?

Class sizes are not too high.

Would you pay teachers more? Why? Hillsboro-Deering teachers are among the best compensated of all area districts.

Several years ago the H-D School District hired independent consultants who reported that the district had "too many ineffective teachers." I then filed a Right-To Know Request asking how many of those teachers had their contracts "Non-renewed for lack of performance." The answer - 0.

The key to a quality education is the classroom teacher. Their importance can not be overstated. As such, we should provide compensation that attracts the best and the brightest of them.

But, we must also demand the highest standards, measured by the performance of their students. In the private sector, if you fail to perform, you are fired - educators must be held to the same standards.

We are failing our students, not because of a lack of funding, but because of a lack of focus and lax standards.

Please, educators, stop complaining and do something differently, DEMAND EXCELLENCE.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Did you read what the Hillsborough-Deering School Board is claiming? 'We didn't do anything wrong, we were mislead, we were open and transparent, it's not our fault.' Messenger 6/6/2025. The public repeatedly asked for information and questioned the infamous 'Green House' only to be stonewalled, put off, and dodged, at times, by the H/D School Board.

Hiding this capital expense as a repair and maintenance cost is fraudulent behavior. Furthermore, the School Board try's to shift blame to the NH State Education Department for providing bad accounting information. Spare me the lies. Neophyte book keepers and

wet-behind-the-ears accounting majors clearly know a capital expense. The school board continues to misinform and deflect responsibility for violating accounting practice.

No member of the School Board thought differently? No member of the School Board questioned the decision(s)? A unified deception? Fraud is fraud plain and simple. Small money fraud? Big money fraud? Where is the integrity? Meanwhile, the 'Green House' remains empty, unused, and proving to have no value. Good going H/D School Board. Keep insulting the voters with your "transparency."

Stephen Pierce, Bradford



Following a tradition established in 2020, H-D Graduates signs are displayed at the High School.



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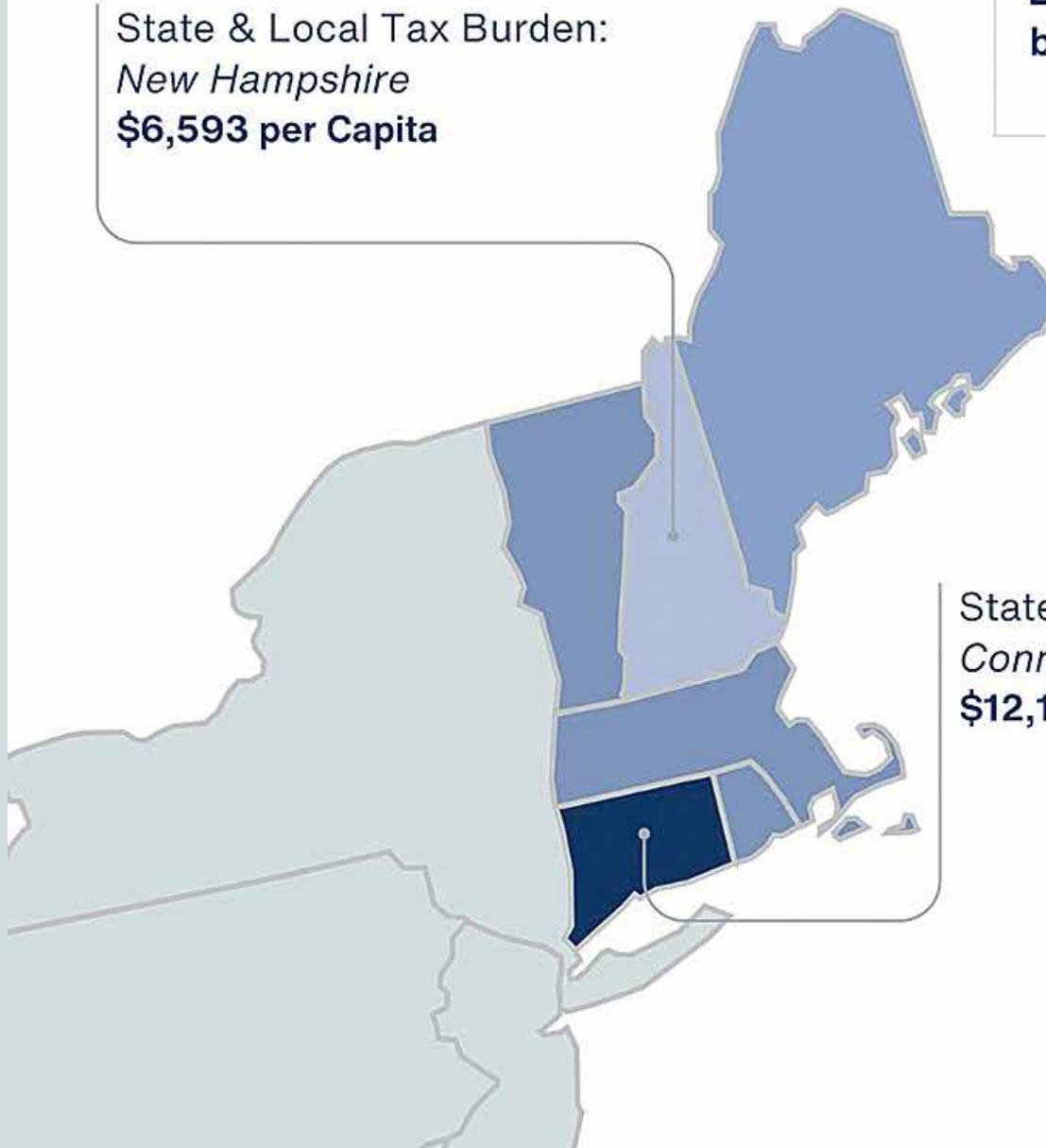
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Sports



Congratulations to the KRHS Boys Tennis Team - they won the Division III Championship against Bishop Brady 9-0! Go Cougars!

DIVISION II SOFTBALL

No. 8 Bow 1, No. 9 Lebanon 0: The Falcons shut out the Raiders and did just enough offensively to secure a victory in the first round of the Division II playoffs. Bow will play at No. 1 Coe-Brown (14-2) in Saturday's quarterfinal.

No. 1 Coe-Brown 4, No. 8 Bow 2: Addison Coffin blasted a two-run homer over the centerfield fence in the ninth inning for the walkoff.

No. 5 Merrimack Valley 3, No. 4 ConVal 2: In the top of the seventh, Kayla Smith hit a double off the outfield fence, bringing some Monaghan and Cadence Allberg to give MV a 3-2 lead, and Gabi Jones made a great catch at the outfield fence to help lock up the quarterfinal victory. MV will play No. 1 Coe-Brown in Wednesday's semifinal.

DIVISION III SOFTBALL

No. 8 Raymond 9, No. 9 Hopkinton 8: The Hawks had a chance to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh, but couldn't get the last timely hit they needed, ending Hopkinton's season in the Division III prelims.

DIVISION IV SOFTBALL

No. 7 Franklin 2, No. 10 Colebrook 0: Lily Cornell struck out 15 batters in a one-hit shutout in the first round of the Division IV post-season tournament.

No. 2 Pittsburg-Canaan 4, No. 7 Franklin 0: The Golden Tornadoes trailed 3-0 through three innings. They locked down defensively over the second half of the game, but couldn't muster any offense, ending their season in the Division IV quarterfinals.

DIVISION III BOYS LACROSSE

No. 6 Campbell 8, No. 3 Bow 7, 3OT: The Falcons led with 10 seconds remaining in the game, but the Cougars scored in the closing seconds of regulation to force overtime.

Campbell found the back of the net to punch its ticket to the D-III semifinals.

DIVISION III GIRLS LACROSSE

No. 5 Bow 16, No. 4 John Stark 8: Bow played a man down the entire fourth quarter due to four yellow cards, but the Falcons locked down defensively and still outscored the Generals to punch their tickets to the Division III semifinals. Bow led 5-4 at the end of the first quarter, 8-6 at halftime and 13-8 heading into the fourth.

No. 3 Hopkinton 10, No. 6 Derryfield 8: The Hawks flew out to a 6-2 lead in the first quarter, making their possessions count. The Cougars clawed back into the game in the second quarter, to be down 9-6 at the half. The second half was a battle of clears and rides, defense and goaltending as Hopkinton held on to win and advance to the semi-finals on Saturday.

No. 1 Gilford 18, No. 3 Hopkinton 2: The relatively young No. 3 Hopkinton Hawks (14-3) fell in the Division III semifinal to Gilford, 18-2. By halftime, the Hawks were down 8-1 to Gilford, and the strain of an uphill battle was layered with a thick coat of rain on the players, the field and the fans.

DIVISION II BASEBALL

No. 6 Hanover 6, No. 3 Bow 5: The Bears took a 6-3 lead with three runs in the top of the sixth. Bow scored twice in the bottom of the sixth, but the comeback fell short and Hanover upset the Falcons on their home field in Sunday's quarterfinal.

No. 2 John Stark 10, No. 7 Oyster River 4: Aidan Williams had an RBI double in the first inning and a three-run triple in the second to give the Generals a 5-1 lead. Oyster River scored three runs in the sixth inning to cut Stark's lead to 6-4, but Aiden Harris blasted a three-run homer over Franklin Pierce University's left center field fence in the bottom half of the frame to secure John Stark's victory.



John Stark senior Chase Philibotte has been named the Division II Baseball Player of the Year, while Bow senior Nate Kiah was named Division II Pitcher of the Year.



ConVal's William Simard won the state championship in the 1,600 meters with a time of 4 minutes, 29.7 seconds, and Ross Stephens broke his own school record in the 400-meter dash to win the state title in 49.21 seconds during the Division 2 state championship meet.

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Erin Cammarota, Biology major of Goffstown, NH
Annileah Coubrough, Environmental Science & Policy major of Henniker, NH
Camden Dezotell, Sports Management major of Newbury, NH
Julia Donovan, Physical Education major of Antrim, NH
Andrew Edmunds, Management major of Antrim, NH
Gabrielle Gardiner, Allied Health Sciences major of New Boston, NH
Jacob Garside, Meteorology major of Henniker, NH
Olivia Griffin, Psychology major of New London, NH
Owen Hannah, Art and Design major of Peterborough, NH
Ethan Hansen, Business Administration major of Goffstown, NH
Kelsey Kane, Environmental Science & Policy major of Warner, NH
Terra LeBlanc, Exercise and Sport Physiology major of Warner, NH
Abigail McKee, Psychology major of New Boston, NH
Jessica Nitzschke, Environmental Science & Policy major of Henniker, NH
Avery Opland, Political Science major of Antrim, NH
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Kaitlyn Stone, Art and Design major of Peterborough, NH

Norwich University Dean’s List

Wyatt King, Andover
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Britney Leclair of New Boston
Averie Morgan of New Boston
Izzy Romein of Goffstown
Chloe Tworek of Contoocook

Champlain College Dean’s List

Brigham Boice of Peterborough, NH
Barb Brien of Deering, NH
Avery Kelly of Deering, NH
Riley Momenee of Frankestown, NH
Jessica Richardson of Hillsborough, NH

Salve Regina University Graduates

Ty Gallagher of Goffstown was awarded a BA in American History degree.
Margaret Hansen of Goffstown was awarded a BS in Business Administration degree.

Emmanuel College Dean’s List

Aida Davis of Peterborough (03458), who is majoring in Communication and Media Studies.
Lillian Owen of Hopkinton (03229), who is majoring in Double Major; History; Secondary Education.
Emily Pirone of Warner (03278), who is majoring in Double Major; Liberal Studies; Elementary Education.
Joshua Luedke of New Boston (03070), who is majoring in Political Science - American Government.

Springfield College Dean’s List

Springfield College has named Sarah Austin from New Boston, NH to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2025 spring semester. Austin has a primary major of Business Management.
Springfield College has named Malachi Page from Peterborough, NH to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2025 spring semester. Page has a primary major of History.
Springfield College has named Gracie Pierce from Goffstown, NH to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2025 spring semester. Pierce has a primary major of Movement & Sport Studies.

Dean’s List Students

Cody Potvin from Goffstown, New Hampshire, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, class of 2025, completed a project titled “Designing Active Aerodynamic Components for Automotive.”
Olivia Cava from New Boston, New Hampshire, majoring in Data Science, class of 2025, completed a project titled “Neural Imaging Classification and Feature Importance.”

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Lisa Vickery from New Boston, New Hampshire, majoring in Biomedical Engineering, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Cardiomyocyte Development through Substrate Design." Adrienne Saucier from New Boston, New Hampshire, majoring in Architectural Engineering, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Impact of Architectural Design on Human Behavior and Emotion." Jamie Baines from Goffstown, New Hampshire, majoring in Biomedical Engineering, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Resistance-Based Colonoscopy Probe." Kyle Dinwoodie from Goffstown, New Hampshire, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering, class of 2025, completed a project titled "Undersea Deployment of an Encapsulated Aerial Vehicle." Henry Wright from New Boston, New Hampshire, class of 2026, majoring in Aerospace Engineering, completed a project titled "Improving data management for Land Covenantors Victoria." Elizabeth Scharpf from New London, New Hampshire, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science and Interactive Media and Game Development - Technology, completed a project titled "Facilitating Communication and Access to Materials at CERES." Maeve McInnis from Peterborough, New Hampshire, class of 2026, majoring in Chemical Engineering, completed a project titled "Responsible Solid Waste Management Plan for Cerrito School." Ian Tschida from Goffstown, New Hampshire, class of 2027, majoring in Interactive Media and Game Development, completed a project titled "Project Adsense."

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Chancellor's/ Dean's List

Sofia Douglas of Goffstown
Adam Ventola of Warner

Other Colleges & Universities

Brady Proctor of Antrim was recently named to the Spring 2025 President's List at Georgia State University. Assumption University has announced that Isabelle Boyd, of Hillsboro, Class of 2025, has been named to the University's Dean's List. Lee University congratulates Analiese Blasingame of Warner, NH, on earning Dean's List honors. Nazareth University is proud to announce that Juliana Stevens of Goffstown, NH has been named to the dean's list. American International College softball player Morgan Belmont of Peterborough has earned College Sports Communicators Academic All-District honors. Leah Boisvert '26 of Dunbarton, a student in Hofstra University participated in the AmPav Worldwide Student Program at the 78th Annual Cannes International Film Festival. University of Alabama student Elizabeth Clarner of Hopkinton, NH, is participating in UA's Cooperative Education Program during the summer 2025 semester. Clarner is working for BASF. Brady Proctor of Antrim graduated from Georgia State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, with a concentration in Legal Studies and a minor in Spanish. Daniel Sperry of Goffstown, received the following degree(s) from The University of Alabama: Bachelor of Science. Kyra Defosses from New Boston was recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary.

Sunapee High School Class of 2025 Future Plans

Hennisee Buchanan-Perrone, Lakes Region Community College; Lucas Clark, New England College; Mallory Clifford; Anna Filippov, River Valley Community College; Arianna Garceau, Keene State College; Summer Gosselin, Wentworth Institute of Technology; Adrianna Kangas, Keene State College; Brock Kangas, Colby Sawyer College; Devon Kangas, workforce; Lillian Kelleher, Colby Sawyer College; Hannah Laflamme, Plymouth State University; Ryan Mauzy, Colby Sawyer College;

Malik Nasir, Northeastern University; Jonah O'Brian, Plymouth State University; Robert Page, workforce; Kaya Parker, Fordham University; Emma Reed, Emmanuel College; Jordan Roosevelt, Brown University; Stephen Roosevelt, Franklin Pierce University; Alexandria Soto, University of New Hampshire; Brianna Stephenson, River Valley Community College; Clare Tuohy, Plymouth State University; Ian Warkentien, Champlain College; Sawyer Willis, Southern New Hampshire University.



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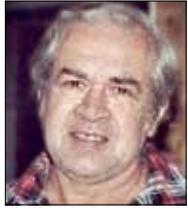
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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

James Frank Champagne

 Bennington - James Frank Champagne, 89, of Bennington, NH, passed peacefully after a brief decline of health surrounded by the love of his family on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at Pheasant Wood Center in Peterborough. He was born a son to the late Charles J. Champagne and Myra (Cole) on August 24, 1935 in Chazy, NY. James is survived by his children, Jay Champagne of Antrim, Scott Champagne of Antrim and Tracy Champagne of Antrim; his grandchildren, Jennifer Champagne of Antrim, Erin Champagne of Antrim and Hayley Champagne of Keene. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Mitchell, Michael Mitchell and Emily Mitchell; as well as his sister, Beverly Belmore of Greenfield, NH. He is predeceased by his wife, Nancy and his siblings, William Champagne, Charles Champagne and Elizabeth Foote. A graveside service was held Sunday, June 8, 2025 in #3 Cemetery, Francestown.

Maureen Kane Wheeler

Greenfield - Maureen Kane Wheeler, age 76, died peacefully at home in Greenfield, NH, on May 10, 2025, after a long and valiant battle with cancer. A proud-to-be Vermont farm girl, she was born on August 25, 1948, in Burlington, the first child of



George and Rolande (Moreau) Kane of Sheldon. She is survived by her devoted husband of almost 47 years; sons, Barton (Mei Yuki) and Samuel (Allyson Glazier); her beloved granddaughters, Iris Maple Glazier Wheeler and Opal Delphine Glazier Wheeler; and her five sisters, Margaret "Peggy" Brown (Parker), Paula Kane (Greg Pierce), Janet Kane (Ben Brungraber), Celeste Kane-Stebbins (Greg Stebbins), and Brenda Hammond (David). She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and an aunt; and by nine international exchange student "children" who became a part of her extended family, one year at a time while attending Mount Mansfield Union High School: Berit Indset (Norway), Maarten Swets (Netherlands), Alina Rodriguez-Velasco (Ecuador), Bruno Bartoletti (Italy), Rasmus Henriksson (Sweden), Danielle Pedrana (Australia), Vibor Travaš (Croatia), Rahel Seiler (Switzerland), and Kyong-Sae Min (South Korea); many of whom she enjoyed visiting later in their own home countries. She is predeceased by her infant son, Simon; her parents; her brothers, Michael, James "Jimmy," and Marc; and brother-in-law, Jim Farrell. Donations in Maureen's name can be made to the Red Cross, either American or International. A celebration of her life-so-well-

lived will be held Sunday, June 22 at the Dairy Center (Stonebrook Room) in Enosburg Falls, VT from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Charles Willis Brown Jr.

 Weare - Charles W. Brown Jr., 91, of Weare, passed away peacefully at his home in Weare on May 15, 2025. Born in Concord, NH, on September 8, 1933, the fourth child of Charles Sr. and Barbara (Eddy) Brown. Charles was predeceased by his loving wife of 69 years, Sylvia. He

is survived by his five children, daughters Jan-Robin Brown; Jean Chapman (of FL); Jill (Peter) Rice; sons Jeffrey (Ann) Brown; James Brown - all of Weare; nine grandchildren Gregory, Jeremy, Josh Chapman; Kristi Martin and Kelly Holden; Amy Castro-Brown; Courtney Rice, Devon Philibert, Morgan Rice and 19 great grandchildren. He is survived by six of his nine siblings: Shirley Elliot, Doris Brown, Gordon (Paula) Brown and Burton Brown, Jane (Bob) Munro, Barbara (Frank) Farmer, his in-laws: Tessie Kennedy, Carolyn Reid, and Eleanor (Robert) Gordon and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by siblings baby Edith, Susan (Bill) Miller and Bruce Brown, several family members and many dear friends. A private service will be planned in his honor.



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By: Joyce Bosse

Fire pits are more popular than ever, and for good reason. Not only do they look beautiful, but they provide real warmth, and their flickering flames entice friends and family to gather for storytelling, making s'mores and having a great time together.

If you're considering adding a fire pit to enhance your yard, here are some things you'll want to think about before you begin.

Determine your top reasons for building a fire pit

Knowing why you want a fire pit and how you primarily plan to use it can help you make a number of other decisions, such as where to put it, the materials to use, plus what size and shape you want it to be.

For example, are you primarily interested in its decorative value? A well-constructed, attractive fire pit adds visual interest to your outdoor space as well as increasing the value of your home. Do you mostly want to create a warm place to gather, extending the use of your yard into the evening and beyond the warm-weather months? Would you like to grill or cook food on it (beyond the obligatory s'mores, of course!), and do you see it as another way to help keep pests at bay? Fire pits can provide all these benefits, and more.

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Events: Community Bulletin Board

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.

MEET & GREET: Local Author Meet & Greet at Fuller Public Library, 10am-12pm. Stop by to enter free raffles of items donated by the authors, free refreshments, readings from each author and book signings. Rain or shine!

FERNS: Plants from the Age of the Dinosaurs: At the Deering Library at 10:30 AM, presented by resident Gary Samuels. Come and hear about these abundant and ancient plants.

SUNDAY JUNE 15

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 17

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

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Join the New London Conservation Commission celebrating our 60th anniversary. There will be a Bird Walk at the Philbrick-Cricenti Bog -447 Newport Rd. from 7-8am. At 9:30am-10:45 at the Tracy Memorial Library - 304 Main St - there will be presentations about the hiking trails, the "Natural World in New London" and a multi-media presentation about the Philbrick-Cricenti Bog. The Open House at the Philbrick-Cricenti Bog will follow from 11-3pm and the "Ruth White Commemorative Botany Walk guided by botanist John Walsh, from Noon-1:30.

MASK PAINTING: At the Deering Library at 10:30am, with crafty resident Anne Cavagnaro. Come and show your creative side! All supplies will be provided. Ages 6 to adult.

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

HENNIKER CONCERT: Scott Kirby with Gary Green will be performing at the gazebo in Henniker from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. For over 35 years, internationally acclaimed artist, Scott Kirby has been playing laid-back Jimmy Buffett type songs. Sponsor: Davis and Towle Insurance. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Community Center.

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

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

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

LISTEN & LUNCH: Folk Soul Duo. The Listen & Lunch outdoor music series from noon to 1pm in Depot Park, 1 Grove Street in Peterborough. Event is free and open to the public.

HILLSBORO CONCERT: Kick-Off Summer with a concert in Butler Park, Hillsborough, sponsored by Fuller Public Library. In Clover will perform from 6-7pm, BYO chairs and dancing shoes! Rain will move the concert to the library. Butler Park Summer Concert Series is every Thursday through the summer.

HANCOCK CONCERT: Susie Burke and Kent Allyn. The concerts run from 6:00 to 7:30 at the Gazebo, and are free to the public.

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

SATURDAY JUNE 28

COLD BLOODED CREATURES: at 2pm, at the Deering Town Hall. Please join us for a family program titled What might you see? Lizards? Frogs? Maybe some bugs? This program is presented by the Wildlife Encounters Ecology & Wellness Center and is hosted by the Deering Library and Deering Association.

SUNDAY JUNE 29

SOLSTICE SING & PIE SOCIAL: at Henniker Quaker Meetinghouse, 529 Quaker St. 4:00pm. Join voices in song with friends and neighbors, enjoy the historic ambiance of 1799 Meetinghouse, and indulge in homemade pies, both savory and sweet. Come sing with us!!! Free. All ages are invited and welcome. For more information call 603-995-4311.

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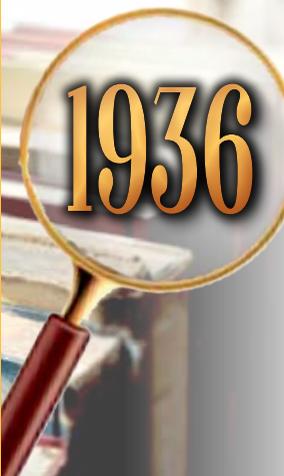
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