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ConVal hosting a forum on bell-to-bell phone ban

The ConVal School District invites families, students, staff and community members to a public forum on the upcoming implementation of a bell-to-bell ban on personal communication devices in all ConVal schools.

This new policy, mandated by recently passed state legislation, will prohibit the use of cell phones and similar devices during instructional hours. The forum will provide an opportunity to learn more about the rationale behind the policy, how it will be implemented across grade levels, and what supports will be in place to help students adjust to this change.

The forum will be held on Wednesday, August 13th at 7 p.m. in the Lucy Hurlin Theatre at ConVal High School. For those unable to attend, the event will be live-streamed on the ConVal Events YouTube Channel. Community members are encouraged to submit questions in advance or during the event by emailing forum@conval.edu. We hope you will join us for this important conversation about how we can best support student learning and well-being in a distraction-free environment.

This week in history

AUGUST 16, 1841

Protesters burn effigy of John Tyler outside White House

AUGUST 17, 1945

Indonesia declares independence from Dutch rule

AUGUST 18, 1590

John White finds Roanoke colony deserted

AUGUST 19, 1812

Old Ironside urns its nickname

AUGUST 20, 1989

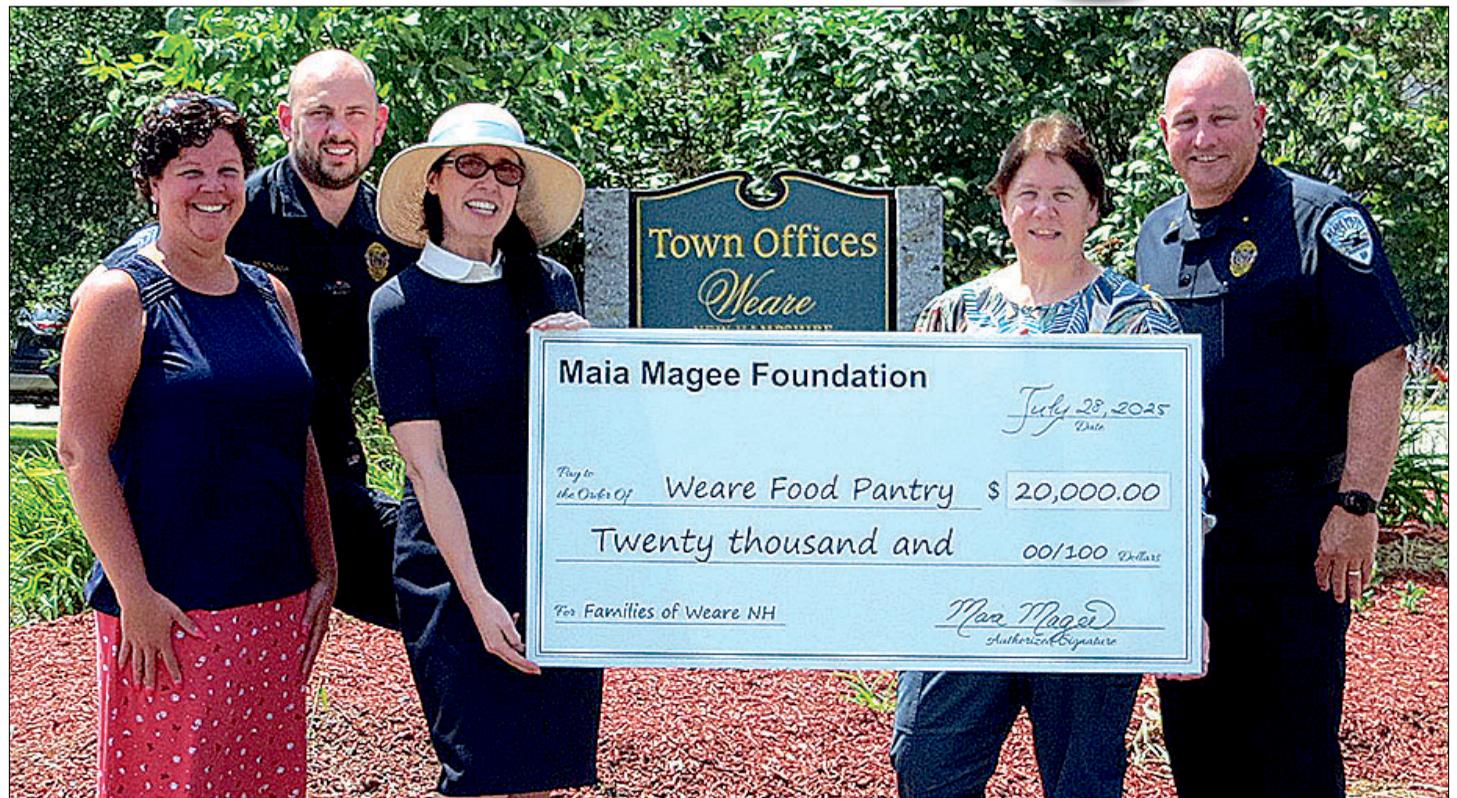
Menendez brothers murder their parents

AUGUST 21, 1961

James Kenyatta freed from house arrest

AUGUST 22, 1485

King Richard III defeated at Bosworth Field



The Weare Police Department would like to extend their gratitude to the Maia Magee Foundation and Dalmatia Fig Spread for their overwhelmingly generous donation of \$20,000 to the Weare Food Pantry. This donation stems from Chief Moore's "Lock Up the Chief" event during the 2025 Patriotic Celebration.

Hillsboro woman dies in motorcycle accident

On August 10, 2025, at 6:21 pm, Hillsboro Police, Hillsboro Fire and Rescue responded to Old Henniker Road for a report of a head-on collision between a vehicle and a motorcycle.

Life-saving measures were attempted

with the female motorcycle operator. Regrettably, she succumbed to the injuries.

The investigation revealed that the motorcycle crossed the center line, striking the sedan traveling in the opposite

direction.

The operator of the sedan was treated for non-life-threatening injuries. The operator of the motorcycle has been identified as 38-year-old Ashley Sargent of Hillsboro.

Fate of New Boston's old fire station uncertain

Select Board considering option for Bunting Station when new station opens

The New Boston Select Board continued its discussion of the disposition of Bunting Station and Funding Options. Bill McFadden noted that he and others have had issues parking in the center of town. Parking is essential and needed for the town.

Rehabilitation of the existing building is not a financially reasonable option. He

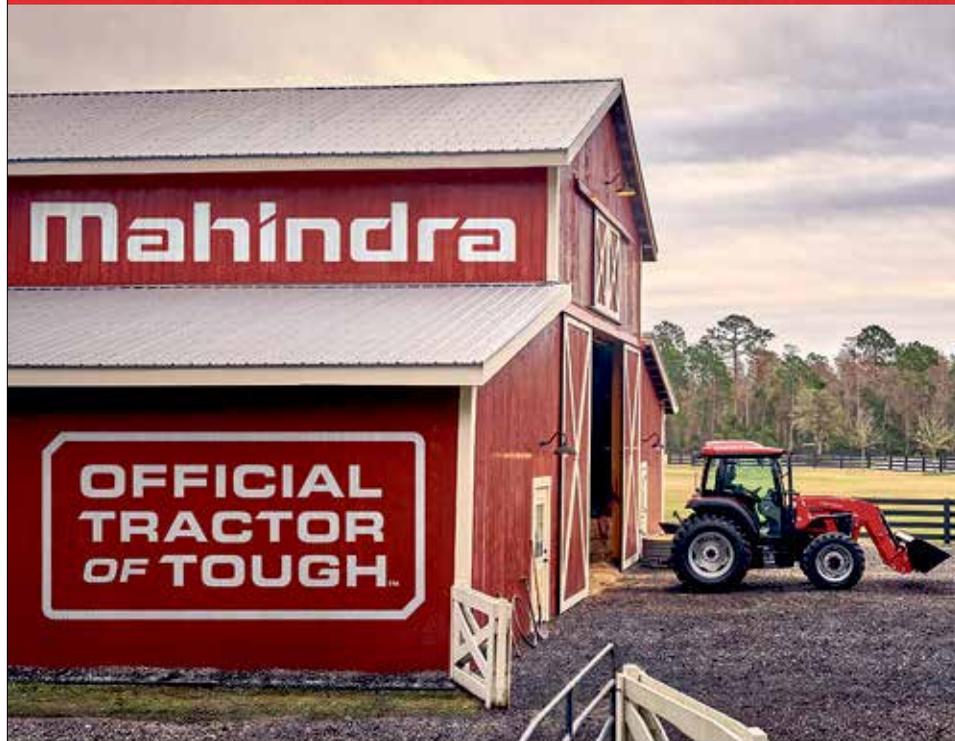
is in favor of using the lot for parking/green space. Kevin Collimore asked who makes a final decision on this item, and McFadden stated that this would be done by vote of the Board.

Kary Jencks stated that the lot could be designated as parking/green space in a way that protects the tranquility of Mill Street while allowing for additional parking when needed. Kevin Collimore stated that the Board received a number of responses from the survey.

A main theme seemed to be that residents do not want to be hit with taxes on whatever is done with the lot. Bringing additional business downtown would be difficult, as the building would have to be leased from the Town.

Parking on this lot would need to protect the neighbors. This could be done using landscaping, buffering, and downlit lighting. The Board agreed to consider the options and discuss this further at its next meeting.

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

August 16, 2024

Two accidents tree Sunapee First Responders
Hillsborough Planning Board approves Aroma Joes and cell tower
Deering & Hillsboro men charged with possession of child abuse images
Andover Select Board approves repairs for Cilleyville Bridge

August 18, 2023

Hillsborough Select Board grants developer two major concessions
Town of Antrim hosts celebration for retiring Police Chief Brian Lord
Dunbarton repeat offender arrested on multiple charges
Bow parents upset at early release of son's killer

August 19, 2022

New Boston Space Force fatal shooting ruled justified
Weare Select Board delays improvements to police comm. system
Henniker Town Hall computers hacked
Deering delays completion of Town Hall residing

August 20, 2021

6-year-old Contoocook girl dies in head-on crash
Weare School Board censures Rochelle Kelley
80-90 MPH chase ends in Hopkinton ditch
New London Select Board approves Fireworks draft

August 21, 2020

Weare considers Police & Fire upgrades
New Boston studies LED streetlight conversion
Deering OK's new fire truck & station modifications
Weare teacher in a Huey Lewis and the News video

August 23, 2019

Injured Weare officer grateful for community support
Board fires Peterborough Recreation Director
Hancock man injured in Dublin accident
Unoccupied Frankestown home lost to fire

August 24, 2018

Consultants recommend demolition of Baker Building
John Stark installs new wood chip furnace
Franklin Bank awards over \$30,000 to 9 non-profits
Sunapee man injured in Vermont crash

August 25, 2017

Hillsboro-Deering invests in 525 new Chromebooks
Governor urged to reconsider his Wild Goose decision
Hopkinton given preview of school renovations
Husband runs down wife, claims he's not perfect

August 19, 2016

HD Board resurrects Alternative School plan
Board cheers repairs to Pleasant Lake Dam
Ground broken for Warner's Exit 9 Roundabout
Antrim man charged with California murder

August 21, 2015

Daring bank robbery in Franklin
Goffstown Police investigating 13 recent burglaries
Drunk driver causes multi-car accident in Antrim
Missing Greenfield teenager found safe

Audit Committee presents its recommendations to Warner Select Board

The Warner Select Board met to hear the report of its Auditor Selection Committee, which was empowered to find a new auditing firm after the town's previous auditor quit amid "A hostile working environment at town hall."

The overflow crowd was so large that it necessitated moving the meeting to the main auditorium when Town Meeting is held.

The committee presented five recommendations to the Board:

1. The Select Board should work to improve the town hall environment.
2. Allow Deputy Tax Collector and committee member James Sherman to examine all the town's financial records.
3. Hire an independant CPA
4. Complete and file the delinquent state tax forms.

5. Outsource the town's payroll function.

A lengthy discussion/debate ensued between Board members, Committee member and several members of the public.

Once the Board began its

deliberation, Chair Harry Siegel immediately passed over recommendation #1, not wishing to discuss the turmoil at town hall.

The Board finally approved recommendation # 3. It approved #2, provided town coun-

cil approved after meeting with the Board. #4 was approved with James Sherman to assist and review the process.

Recommendation #5 was tabled for further study and debate.



The Washington Fire Department hosted a Fun Day at Camp Morgan.



A large crowd filled Town Hall.

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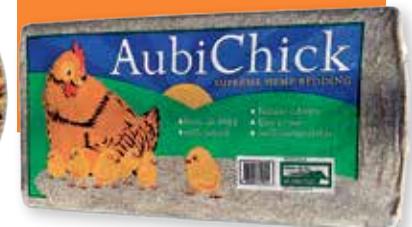
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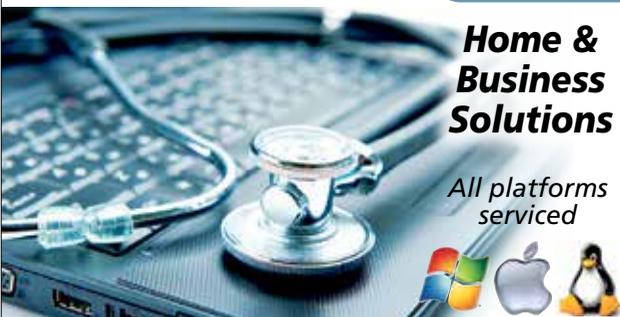
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Hometown heroes



Bow Police Chief Kenneth Miller (L) and Town Manager David Stack (R) welcome the Department's newest officer, Maria Bibaud (C).



Peterborough participated in National Night Out.



Franklin Police joined the festivities at Nationl Night Out.

Hopkinton Select Board and Trustees at odds over their respective authority

Gayle Kimball, one of three Trustees of the Trust Funds, met with the Hopkinton Select Board to present Discover Contoocook's request for a contribution, from the Merle Dustin Trust, to help fund the Annual Fall Concert Series. This year, the five concerts will cost \$5,100.00, and a prolonged discussion ensued over who had the authority to decide

on whether to fund the concerts or not and how much should be contributed.

Kimball believes that the trustees should make those decisions, while Board members felt the authority resides with them.

In 2017, the heirs of Merle Dustin donated \$25,000 to the town's Trustee of the Trust Fund stating that both principal

and accrued interest could be dispersed. The Select Board, however, had adopted a policy that only accrued interest could be expended and had voted to authorize those contributions in past years.

The language in the trust,

which now contains over \$27,500.00, states: "The Town Trustees shall hold, manage and invest the principal and distribution on a yearly basis, both income and principal, in the sole discretion of the Trustees for the purpose of providing sum-

mer band concerts in the Town of Hopkinton. The Select Board may request monies annually from the said trustees, to achieve Grantor's intent."

The Select Board has decided to seek a legal opinion before voting on the matter.



During Tuesday's concert in Community Park, L to R Dave Currier, Peter Leonard, John Coburn, David Tille and fellow American Legion Post 78 members commemorated Henniker officially becoming a "Purple Heart Community," honoring those military service members who have been wounded or killed while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces in direct or indirect enemy action.



Trustee Gayle Kimball addresses the Hopkinton Select Board.

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Around Our Towns



Edmunds ACE Hardware held its annual Classic Car Show on Sunday.



The Hillsboro-Deering Class of 1975 held its 50th Reunion on Saturday.



Democratic U.S. Rep. Maggie Goodlander discussed issues that included campaign finance reform and fighting corporate monopolies during an appearance in Hancock July 31st.

Town of Hillsborough's sidewalk project being put out to bid

The Town of Hillsborough, NH, is seeking Statements of Qualifications from NH DOT pre-qualified firms for construction engineering and inspection services to administer construction on the soon to be constructed West Main Street Sidewalk Project in Hillsborough, NH.

Statements of Qualifications will be accepted until Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. The project will expand the existing sidewalks along the south side of W. Main Street and run to the area of Shaw's Market.

The Town has received federal funds through the Highway Safety Improvement Program

for this project administered by the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) using the LPA process. The current estimate for the sidewalk construction

is \$1.96M.

The Town of Hillsborough reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive technical or legal deficiencies,

and to accept any proposals that are deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. Proposal specifications may be obtained from the town's website.

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- 2) You ate today.
- 3) You have a good heart.
- 4) You wish good for others.
- 5) You have clean water.
- 6) Someone cares for you.
- 7) You strive to be better.
- 8) You have clean clothes.
- 9) You have a dream.
- 10) You're breathing.



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Henniker Rotary's Past President Joyce Bosse presents Hillsboro Shaws Manager Derick Longren with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of the company's repeated support of the Club's Stuff-A-Truck events benefiting the Hillsboro and Henniker Food Pantries.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, in 2023, 712,000 adolescents and young adults aged 12 to 25 years reported an opioid use disorder in the past year. Buprenorphine is the only U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved medication for opioid use disorder for adolescents aged 16 years or older. Despite recommendations for buprenorphine use among adolescents and young adults, a new study published in *JAMA Network* found that the rate of buprenorphine dispensing to youths aged 19 years or younger decreased 25% from 2015 to 2020. Since then, increased buprenorphine prescribing flexibilities, including telehealth prescriptions and elimination of the waiver requirement, have aimed to improve access. The study examined trends in buprenorphine dispensing from retail pharmacies to adolescents and young adults in the U.S. from 2020 to 2023.

A recent study published in *JAMA Network Open* of over one million infants found that prenatal exposure to systemic glucocorticoids was associated with higher risk of some mental disorders. Glucocorticoids are one of those medications that are regularly prescribed in both inpatient and outpatient departments. Their anti-inflammatory activity is generally used in treating various conditions such as allergy, asthma, arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, and cancer metastasis or exacerbation. However, they have numerous side effects, such as fluid retention, weight gain, and hyperglycemia. With the long-term usage of glucocorticoids, especially long-term high-dose applications, a series of adverse events would appear. These adverse events include osteoporosis, hyperglycemia, insulin resistance, hypertension, muscle atrophy, severe infection, Cushing-like syndrome, peptic ulcers, and neuropsychiatric disorders. The commonly used glucocorticoids are prednisone, prednisolone, triamcinolone, methylprednisolone, dexamethasone, and others.

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Dr. Esin Narli

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Certainly when you're packing, don't forget your dental equipment: toothbrush, floss, toothpaste and whatever other items you may use regularly. Remember that in these days of the TSA and heightened security, you may not be able to bring toothpaste or mouthwash on a flight in your carry-on. And don't be tempted to rinse your mouth with tap water from the plane's rest room. Everyone's situation, of course, is different. If you're planning an overseas trip, talk with your dentist about what you, specifically, should have with you and what you should do if an emergency arises.

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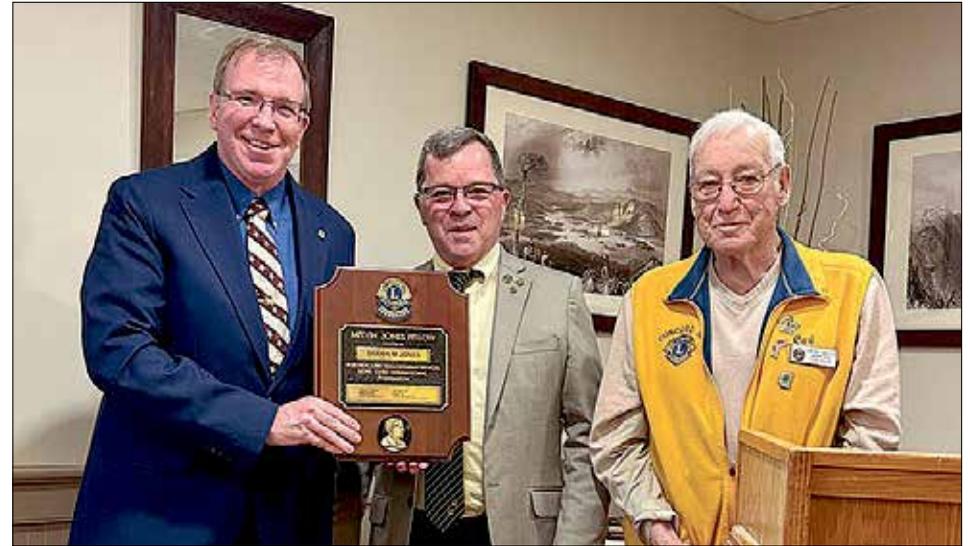
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Melissa Howard and Julie Stone from the Granite VNA spoke to the Hopkinton Rotary Club (top photo) and The Henniker Area Rotary Club (bottom photo) about the help they provide to those near end of life. Truly amazing work.



Henniker Area Rotary President Dr. Ed Carignan presented Joyce Bosse with a Paul Harris +2 pin in recognition of her being immediate past President to the Club. This was Joyce's 2nd term as President.



Shawn Jones (IL) is shown with International Director, Steve Middlemiss (C) and Concord Lion Carl Nolin who presented him with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award in recognition of his dedicated service to Lions Clubs International since 2013 and a proud member of the Concord Lions since 2019.

Hopkinton Housing Committee releases its survey results

Acting as part of a recent Housing Opportunity Grant, the Town of Hopkinton's Housing Committee sent out a survey asking residents their opinions on expanding the housing supply with more diverse and affordable options.

385 people responded, with 43%

saying they were concerned about housing prices, rising taxes and the types of homes available. 10% spoke of the challenge that the cost of living and housing presents to the seniors. While another 10% complained that there were not enough options for downsizing.

A previous audit found that close to 90% of Hopkinton homes are single-family residences, with only 350 units classified as other housing types, and about 150 rental units. Additionally, the New Hampshire Association of Realtors found that the current average price

of a single-family home in Hopkinton was \$669,891, built on two to three acre lots. Amending local zoning ordinances to allow for higher-density housing, making it possible to build more homes on a given plot of land, could alleviate the problem.

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Publisher's Perspective

Giving Credit Where Credit Is Due

We have received several compliments from people who enjoy reading The Messenger. Joyce and I are pleased and honored that so many of you appreciate our efforts,

However, if truth be told, the success of The Messenger relates directly the work of two remarkable women.

Christi Carlson is one of the most talented graphic designers in the state. She joined us 35 years ago as a telemarketer and grew into a self-taught graphic designer. I am constantly amazed at the ads she produces from the hand-written scibbles I give her to work with.

Gail Stratos came to us as an award winning graphic designer, having worked for the former Salem Observer, and the Union Leader, Neighborhood News. She is our "newbie", having been on the Messenger staff for only 15 years. In addition, Gail is responsible for the design and layout of the entire paper and managing our web site.

To call them employees is a disservice. Their talent, loyalty and dedication makes them valued co-workers, and yes, friends.

Joyce and I are eternally grateful that God blessed us with these two.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

When I was on the HDSB School Board I made it known that I objected to the inappropriate sexual content of books on the SORA App which were mostly gay oriented.

I was challenged by a couple of Board members whose lame argument for supporting the filthy prose was basically 'freedom of speech'. My biggest regret while serving on the School Board was not forcing the issue further.

However, Betsy Harrington to her credit has been the staunchest parental advocate for eliminating age-inappropriate sexual content on SORA.

In my opinion, she is the 'Joan of Arc' defender of children and should be applauded for her perseverance

by the community at large.

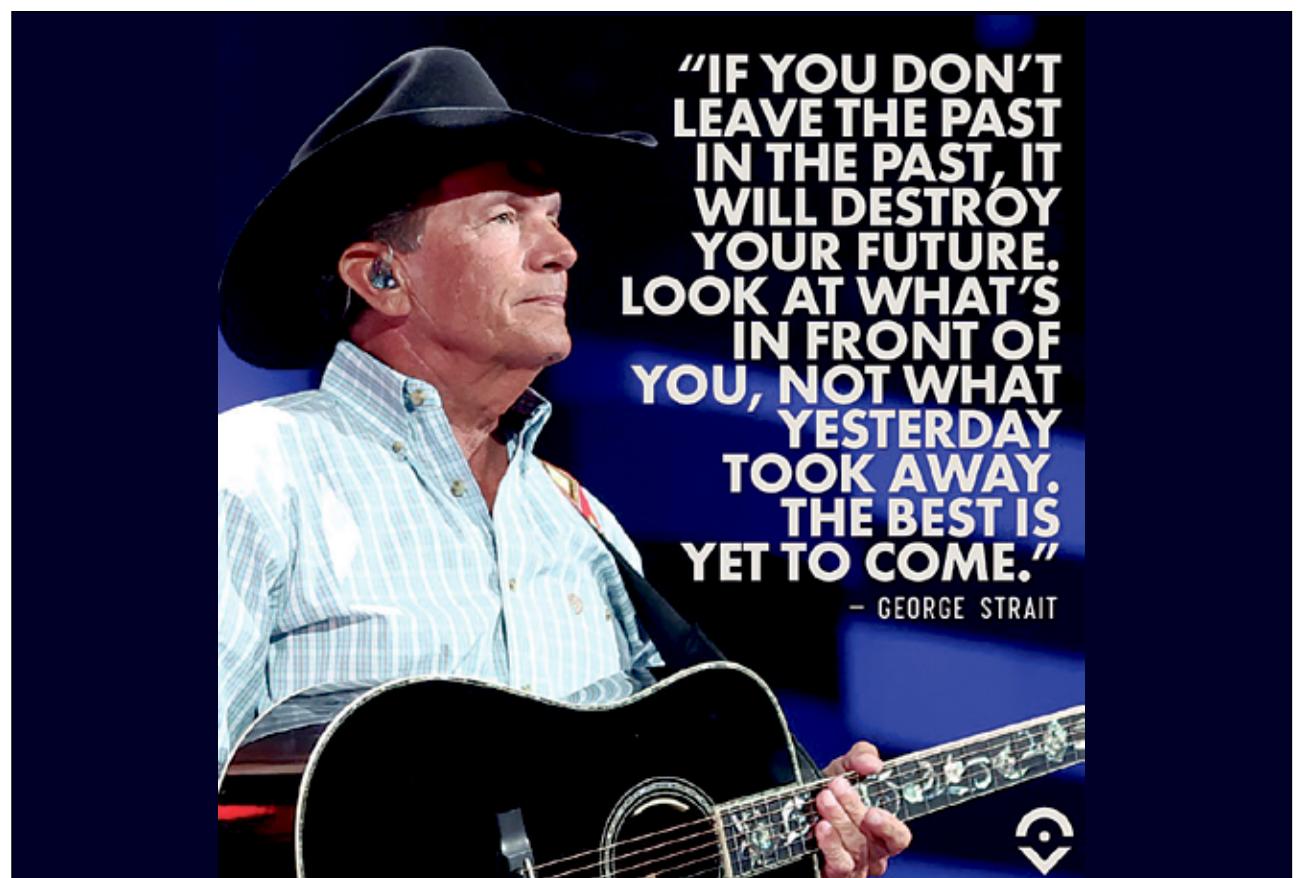
The two prevalent teacher unions, National Educational Association (NEA) and American Federation of Teachers (AFT) which HDSB faculty belong are curiously silent on this issue.

So, as a professional educator and licensed Chaplain Minister, I have a message for the current School Board and HDSB Administration.

It's well past time that you decide to protect children from the onslaught of sexual deviant literature prevalent in today's primary grade environment.

If you cannot, there is a remedy for inaction. It's removal from office, not by the vote but by voter referendum and possibly litigation!

Prof. Michael F. Kenney, Hillsborough





The Greenfield Fire Department hosted a successful Touch-A-Truck event last week.

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New London Rec. Commission moving ahead with Elkins Beach Playground

The NL Recreation Commission met on Monday, August 4th and voted unanimously to proceed with the Elkins Beach swing set replacement. Jackie Christensen, Cara Leone and Putnam Kidder met with Chris Martin from UltiPlay on Tuesday, July 15. They did playground site visits at both Elkins and Bucklin, and also had a follow-up call on Monday, July 28th to further discuss the project requirements and budget.

Chris has sent a design and budget for the Elkins swing set replacement. Given the usage area available, they can fit 2 belt swings and a toddler bucket swing in the space. The invoice also includes pricing for making the surface area ADA compliant to both Federal and NH standards.

UltiPlay will install timbers around the swing set, fill in the engineered wood fiber and handle the installation of the swing set. ADA compliant mats will also be installed by UltiPlay. Total cost for equipment, surfacing and install: \$11,160. Install Timeline:

Fall 2025 Next Steps: • Putnam will sign the invoice the week of 8/4/25 to get the equipment ordered and the swing set install scheduled with UltiPlay.

• Putnam will submit a Shoreland Permit by Notification (PBN) application to DES. No impervious surfaces are being added and no trees are being removed.

• Putnam will coordinate with the Department of Public Works to remove the old swing set as soon as their schedule permits.

• The Commission also voted unanimously to spend up to \$2000 to have the Ultiplay architect complete a landscape plan that will help them better understand the cost of installing an accessible pathway from the Elkins parking lot to the playground. This \$2000 is coming out of the \$14,400 approved to be drawn down from the Capital Reserve Fund. \$1,240 remains from those funds after the Swing Set replacement and landscape plan.

• Putnam will schedule the

landscape plan work to occur before the winter.

• We know from existing measurements of the Elkins play area, that if we remove the arch, monkey bars and parallel bars in the future, we can fit additional ADA compliant play equipment. Additional equipment being

discussed include an inclusive basket swing and a climbing structure and/or slide.

• The Rec. Commission will work with UltiPlay to set up a fundraising page that will help educate the community on plans beyond the replacement swing set and to accept donations for

the project. Future funding will be discussed during the town Budget cycle. Chris Martin from UltiPlay estimates that the Bucklin play structure has around 10 years left before it needs to be replaced. He did make some maintenance recommendations that Putnam is pursuing.



Harmony Lodge Master Stephen Fogelson (L) and Chaplain Jay Crowley (R) joined Henniker Liberians Erin Longan and Lynn Piotrowiz in presenting new bicycles and helmets to Abby (L) and Jade (R), winners of the Mason's Bikes For Books incentive at Tucker Free Library's Summer Reading program.

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Torrey Pines Condominiums.

Francestown Select Board may appeal ZBA's decision

The Francestown Select Board may appeal the ZBA's decision allowing long-term rental at the Torrey Pines condos because the decision failed to include a condition of site plan approval from the Planning Board.

The ZBA's decision removed language which restricted timeshare occupants from becoming permanent residents of Francestown.

The ZBA's amended the notice resulted from the

advice of town counsel, and that of Patricia Panciocco, the attorney representing TAK Real Estate Holdings, the current owners of the condos, that the language of the Decision was unlawful and could not be enforced.

Panciocco put it bluntly: "You cannot dictate who lives in your town. It is exclusionary," she said.

If the Select Board decides to appeal, it must do so by August 15th.

Franklin Mayor applies to become its City Manager

Mayor McLaughlin advised Franklin City Council that she has applied for the open position for the Franklin City Manager. She discussed that this would be a conflict of interest as the contact person for MRI going forward and that she would need to recuse herself from all processes related to hiring of the City Manager.

Further Discussion ensued, to include the processes that MRI uses to filter qualified candidates, and who should be the contact person for all communication with MRI going forward for the City Council. The Council then agreed to appoint Acting City Manager Clarenbach to be the contact for MRI during the process.

Goffstown man charged with assaulting dispatchers

A Goffstown man allegedly assaulted two police dispatchers Saturday after forcibly entering the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in Goffstown.

Cory Nickerson, 50, of Goffstown, was arrested the next day in connection with the assaults.

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office reported that Nickerson followed a dispatcher into the building around 3:45 p.m. Saturday. He then forced entry through a secure door and physically assaulted the dispatcher and a colleague, the sheriff's office said.

The suspect fled the scene immediately after threatening the two dispatchers.

Goffstown Police officers used a drone to spot the suspect entering a vehicle. A Goffstown Police officer tried to stop the vehicle leading to a brief pursuit.

After following the vehicle for a few minutes, the officer terminated the pursuit for safety reasons.

Following this incident, Nickerson was arrested Sunday on charges of disobeying a police officer — a Class A misdemeanor — and criminal threatening, false imprisonment, two counts of simple assault, and criminal mischief — all Class B misdemeanors.

Nickerson was held on preventative detention and scheduled to appear for arraignment in the 9th Circuit Court in Goffstown on Monday.

Because the dispatchers were Hillsborough County employees, the investigation was turned over to the Goffstown Police Department to promote impartiality and avoiding any conflict of interest, said the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.



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Alwrekat named Bow Town Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Adila Alwrekat on being named Outstanding Employee of the Month for August. Adila is an account clerk in the Finance Office. Her demeanor is always pleasant, and she greets every-one with a welcoming smile. Adila will typically stop what she is doing to help anyone with questions or seeking information.

She has demonstrated excellent customer service by assisting customers in areas that may not be familiar to her. She will listen to their requests, take down information, search files and reach out to co-workers to get the answers for the person so that they don't need to come

back in unnecessarily.

Adila is a consummate team player. She will often assist co-workers when help is needed without being asked. She has offered to work additional hours and take on extra tasks when work needs to be done during busy times such as the annual audit and the preparation of the annual budget. During the department's recent transition, Adila took on additional responsibilities to help the team stay on schedule and complete required functions. Adila's contributions undoubtedly make her a valuable asset to the team and a deserving recipient of this recognition.

New Boston Select Board approves paving Flaghole Road

The New Boston Select Board opened the bids for the Flaghole Road paving project. One bid was provided by R&D Paving. The RFP listed the measurements in 2 sections, section A being 3,200 ft and B being 2,000 ft. The RFB lists 2 quotes, one per the measurements on the RFP and the other as measured by R&D. As measured part A is 3,200 ft and will cost approximately \$238,000 and part B is 3,050 ft and will cost approximately \$128,000. Currently there is approximately \$270,000 in the budget for this year.

The paving will be completed in two parts, one part in 2025 and the other in 2026, and each part will be billed separately. The RFB includes grinding, paving, and

correcting any impacts to driveways. Selectman Carter inquired on potential costs associated with shoulder work for this project. Selectman Fenton believes that the town highway department should have the resources to take care of that work as they have already been working on some of the prep work for this project.

Janet Moore asked about the completion of the work on Maple St and Elbow Pond Rd. Selectman Fenton responded that they are working on getting a proposal out for the work on Elbow Pond Rd. and the upper part of Maple St. will need to be discussed next year. The Board unanimously approved part A from R&D paving to pave Flaghole Road.

Antrim Conservation Commission acquires 134+ acres

The Antrim Conservation Commission is happy to report that the purchase of a 134 +/- acres of working forest land which abuts town owned Campbell Pond properties has been completed and that the Monadnock Conservancy has accepted the donation of a conservation easement to permanently protect and conserve this land.

This forest addition creates nearly 445 acres of contiguous protected open space. This recent project

would not have been possible without funding from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Programs (LCHIP), Moose Plate, Fields Pond Foundation and Hurlin Fund grants. It is anticipated that this land along with the other Campbell Pond property will support a future network of trails and be available to the public for passive recreation. Conserved and connected pieces of land such as this vital is for local wildlife.

Monadnock Community Hospital hosts Cancer Seminar

Monadnock Community Hospital will host a free seminar, "Advances in Oncology: Understanding Cancer Related Health Issues," Thursday, Aug. 14, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Bond Wellness Center, 458 Old Street Road, Peterborough.

Dr. Eric M. Bonnem of the MCH Oncology and Infusion Therapy Center will discuss new cancer care developments, including early detection, personalized medicine, immunotherapy and targeted therapies.

Register at mch.eventbrite.com.

Goffstown Air nation Guardsman promoted to major

Air Force Major General Michael Bank, the Commander of the New York Air National Guard, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Air National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

George Abbiati from Goffstown, assigned to the 224th

Air Defense Group, received a promotion July 23, 2025 to the rank of major.

Air National Guard promotions are based on a Airman's overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential.

Warner Historical Society ongoing events scheduled

The Barn will continue to be open Tuesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, and Saturdays, 9 am to noon. The 1/2 price sale is on the final day of the season, October 18. All proceeds support the Warner Historical Society.

The Ralph Farman Pratt (1878 - 1961) exhibit continues at the Upton Chandler House Museum.

Ralph captured Warner's natural, social, and business

history for decades. His images are used in their publications, programs, and exhibits. The exhibit features over one hundred framed images from the collection and loans from Tom Greenlaw and John and Nancy Eastman.

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Insurers have started carving these perils out of policies or imposing damage caps, meaning you'll have to shop a la carte. "You used to be able to get one policy to cover all the perils and now it takes two policies to cover the same thing," said Joyce Feldman, who owns Twin Valley Insurance Services in the fire-prone foothills of California's Sierra Nevada range. "And people's premiums are probably triple what they used to be."

Most insurance policies come in three flavors. "Open peril" coverage encompasses damage from all disasters that are not explicitly excluded; "named peril" policies cover specific hazards; and hybrid policies ("HO-3") offer different coverage for your house, personal belongings and personal liability. Make sure the one you choose addresses your area's hazards: In regions prone to flooding, wind, hail and wildfire, standard homeowner policies often limit or even exclude coverage for those risks.

Get full replacement cost coverage if you can. Be wary of "functional" replacement coverage (instead of original materials, you may get cheaper substitutes). And "actual cash value" policies, which are also less expensive, won't pay an item's original price but its current value based on age, wear and tear, and other factors.

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Crime Watch

Hillsboro woman Assault, Resisting Arrest

A law enforcement officer was dispatched to a domestic disturbance incident. Witnesses at the scene reported that a female individual was causing a public disturbance, shouting obscenities, and behaving in a disorderly manner. Upon arrival, the officer observed the female party physically grabbing the arm of a male party. While taking Alexix Rodrigues into custody, she resisted and physically assaulted the officer. She was subsequently taken into custody, booked, and released on bail with a scheduled court appearance.

Unlawful Passing in Hillsborough

Ethan Dix was observed driving a motorcycle while unlawfully passing another vehicle on Route 9. An Officer on an Office of Highway Safety grant patrol conducted a motor vehicle stop and determined his driver's license was suspended in Vermont for DUI and in New Hampshire for default payment. The defendant also had a bench warrant from the Keene District Court. He was arrested, bailed and released with future court dates.

Hit & Run Accident in Hillsborough

A patrol officer was approached by a bicyclist who reported being struck by a vehicle that fled the scene, resulting in injuries. As the officer conversed with the bicyclist, the suspect vehicle returned to the area. Upon interacting with the driver, officers observed signs of intoxication. When questioned about the incident, the driver, Richard Smog, was uncooperative and refused to provide identification. He was subsequently arrested and taken to the police station, where he was booked and held pending arraignment.

Hillsborough woman arrested for Assault



A disturbance at Beard Brook park prompted officers to respond to the scene, where they intervened to separate two individuals involved in an altercation. Upon investigation, officers observed visible injuries on the victim's neck and determined that

Charity Joyner had committed an assault by grabbing the victim's neck. As a result, she was taken into custody and transported to the Hillsboro Police Department for booking. Following booking, Joyner was transferred to the Hillsborough County House of Corrections, where they will be held pending arraignment.

Man arrested for use of Controlled Drugs



An officer was traveling Northbound on Henniker Street when a vehicle with a defective plate light was observed traveling Southbound on Henniker Street. The officer conducted a U-Turn and followed the vehicle before activating emergency lights. However,

upon doing so, the vehicle significantly increased speed and entered the Route 202/9 on-ramp towards Henniker. The officer conducted a traffic stop after entering the highway. Upon conducting the stop, the behavior of the operator and passenger appeared to be that of an individual using controlled substances. The passenger was subsequently arrested for possession of controlled drugs after a glass pipe and cut plastic straw

with residue were observed in the vehicle. Further drug paraphernalia was located on Dakota Lyman during the search incident to arrest. It was later discovered that the pair had thrown a lockbox containing drug paraphernalia out of the vehicle window while driving on the on-ramp. The defendant was booked, processed, and bailed with a future court date at the Hillsboro District Court.

Hillsborough man for Domestic Assault

Officers were dispatched to a residence for a reported domestic disturbance with assault. Officers spoke with all parties involved and determined that Bardwell assaulted his nephew and mother. While attempting to take Christine Bardwell into custody, Bardwell resisted by pulling away from officers, but he was quickly taken into custody. He was transported to the police department and was booked, before being taken to Hillsborough County House of Corrections pending his arraignment.

Hillsborough man arrested for Trespass

Michael Wajda standing on the property in defiance of an order from the tenants to leave. The officer later learned that the Defendant had already been told not to show up there prior to his arrival, but he did so anyway in defiance. He was detained, issued a summons to appear for the violation as well as an official trespass order, and was released with a future court date.

Woman arrested with Open Container

Jasmine Chavis was stopped after her vehicle was determined to have an expired registration. During the investigation, the Officer observed alcoholic beverages in the vehicle. Both the defendant and her passenger were taken into custody. They were issued summons.

Intoxication & Unlawful Possession

William Jordan was a passenger in a vehicle stopped for an expired registration, and during the investigation, the Officer observed alcoholic beverages in the vehicle. The defendant and the operator were taken into custody, issued summonses to appear in court, and released.

Arrested for Speeding and DWI

An Officer working an Office of Highway Safety DUI Enforcement grant patrol stopped a vehicle for speeding on Route 9. During the roadside investigation, it was determined Collin Houghton was impaired. He was arrested, bailed and released with a future court date.

Man arrested for Transporting Drugs



A police officer was driving on Henniker Street when they noticed a vehicle with a faulty license plate light. The officer turned around and followed the vehicle, then turned on their emergency lights. However, the vehicle suddenly sped up and got onto the Route

202/9 on-ramp towards Henniker. The officer pulled the vehicle over once they were on the highway. Toby Sanville was arrested for possessing controlled substances and transporting drugs in a vehicle after a glass pipe and a cut plastic straw with residue were found in the vehicle. It was later discovered that the pair had thrown a lockbox containing drug paraphernalia out of the window while driving on the on-ramp. The suspect was taken into custody, processed, and released on bail with

Crime Watch

a future court date at the Hillsboro District Court.

Woman violates a Restraining Order

Violation of a Protective Order & Stalking; DV Order. We took a report of a person violating a Domestic Violence Order of Protection. An investigation was conducted and the suspect was located in Manchester. Manchester Police arrested Susan Nutt, 43, Port St. Lucie, FL. We responded to MPD. Nutt was ineligible for bail and held without bail at the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections. Nutt had an arraignment within 24 hours at Goffstown District Court.

Driving with no headlights or license

Kevin Susanto was stopped for traveling on West Main Street without any headlights activated. During the investigation, it was determined he did not possess a New Hampshire driver's license and has not had a license in any other state. He was issued a summons to appear in court at a later date and picked up by a valid driver.

Hillsborough woman, Multiple Charges



Angela Moran was observed leaving a location in Hillsboro. Officers knew the Defendant's driver's license was suspended and observed her driving away from the location. She was stopped and placed under arrest for the new charge of driving after suspension, at which point she was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected Methamphetamine. The Defendant was processed, booked, and released with a future court date.

Weare man arrested for Domestic Assault

Weare Police responded to Lufkin Road for a report of a domestic assault. Officers arrived and conducted an investigation. Noah Huard, 22, Weare, NH, was arrested on the aforementioned criminal charges and transported to our Police Department. Huard was released on personal recognizance bail with an arraignment date for Goffstown District Court.

Weare man Assaults Police Officer

Weare Police responded to a reported motor vehicle crash on Mountain Road. While responding, officers were advised the operator had vacated the vehicle and was walking away from the crash scene. A responding officer observed the male walking onto Peacock Hill Road. Police made contact with William Freyler, 43, Weare, NH. Freyler resisted detention and assaulted an officer. With the assistance of our mutual aid partners: Dunbarton Police, Henniker Police and Mont Vernon Police, Freyler was arrested. Freyler was transported to Concord Hospital. Freyler was released on personal recognizance bail with an arraignment date for Goffstown District Court. Freyler was released to Concord Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Weare woman for Domestic Assault

Weare Police responded to Lawrence Road for a report of a domestic assault. Officers arrived and conducted an investigation. Stacia Bacon, 34, Weare, NH, was arrested and transported to our Police Department. Bacon was released on personal recognizance bail with an arraignment date for Goffstown District Court.



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Media Consultant Terence MacCorvin (L) and Messenger Publisher Leigh Bosse (R) hold the ribbon while Co-Owners Cassandra Old, Lewis Old and Justin Martineau assist 10 year-old Cyanne Old to cut the ribbon to officially open Hillsboro Health and Fitness in the former Wyman showroom. Come and meet the team and see the new space at their Open House on Saturday, August 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Sunapee & New London crews respond for a medical emergency

On Tuesday, August 12th at 23:37, Sunapee Fire and New London Ambulance were called to an address on Great Island on Lake Sunapee for a person suffering from a medical emergency.

Sunapee Fire responded with Boat 1,

while New London Ambulance staged in Sunapee Harbor. Sunapee Boat 1 arrived on the scene. Medical personnel from Sunapee Fire helped the patient get on Boat 1 and then started assessing the patient and providing medical care.

Sunapee Boat 1 transported the patient back to Sunapee Harbor, where the patient was then transferred to New London Ambulance, who then brought the patient to Dartmouth Hitchcock.

Calls like this show how Sunapee Fire

must be prepared to respond to any type of incident, anywhere in town, on land or water. Special shoutout to Captain Marshall, Lieutenant Hampson, and FF/EMT White for handling this complex late-night emergency.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Sandra J. Bancroft

Goffstown - Sandra J. Bancroft, affectionately known as Sandy, passed away peacefully on Aug. 1, 2025, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. She was 78. Born on March 16, 1947, to Phyllis May and Charles Gordon Bancroft, Sandy was a devoted daughter and sister. She is predeceased by her parents and her brother, Gordon Bancroft. She is survived by her brother, Robert Wilson Bancroft and his wife, Rachel Conizo Bancroft. Donations can be made online at granitevna.org/donate or mailed to 30 Pillsbury St., Concord, NH 03301.

Charles Mansfield Cobb

Peterborough - Charles Mansfield Cobb, 85, passed away peacefully at Monadnock Community Hospital from a long battle with cancer on Thursday, August 7, 2025, surrounded by his loving family, as he would refer to them as "Charlie's Angels." Charlie was born in Glen Cove, Long Island, New York, and raised just outside of New York



City in Short Hills and Ridgewood, New Jersey. Charlie is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dudley, his daughter, Lara, and son-in-law Randy Lowenberg, his two beloved granddaughters, Ella Lowenberg and Kyra Murphy, along with her husband, Keith. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Monadnock Community Hospital (<https://monadnockcommunityhospital.com/giving-mch/donate-online/>) in Charlie's name.

Nancy Frost

Dunbarton - Nancy Frost was born in Concord, N.H., on Feb. 21, 1934. Nancy passed away peacefully on Aug. 9, 2025, after a period of declining health. She was the daughter of John Edgar Bunten and Mary Barnard Bunten (both deceased). She is predeceased by her husband, Charles Sr. She leaves her three sons, Charles E. Frost Jr. and wife, Annette, James B. Frost and wife, Diane, and William H. Frost and partner, Laura. She had five grandchildren, Joshua, Ryan, Derek, Spencer



and Paige, and three step-grandchildren, Tarek, Danette and Jullian. She leaves six great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her six siblings, William Bunten, John Bunten, Mary Engel, Forrest Bunten, Sarah Siegler and Elizabeth Bunten. She leaves several nieces and nephews.

Julianne Lundin Rain

Bow - Julianne Rain passed peacefully and surrounded by her family on July 30th 2025. Julianne was born November 12th 1943 in South Berwick, Maine. She was born to Dr. Arvid R. Lundin and Sheila F. Lundin. She is predeceased by her loving sisters Suzanne Lundin and Arvlynne "Bud" Ferrelli. A private service and celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Julianne asked that donation be made in her memory to Pope Memorial SPCA at www.pmspc.org.



George H. King

Peterborough - George H. King passed away peacefully on July 23, 2025, in Spring Village at Summerhill



Assisted Living in Peterborough, NH. Born on November 12, 1927, near Penny Hill in Wilmington, DE. George was predeceased by his wife Louise, brother John, and sisters Elizabeth and Margery. He is survived by sons David, William, and Donald, as well as a daughter, Susan, 10 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews and their children. Services are to be held on October 4, 2025 at 10:00 am at All Saints Episcopal Church, 51 Concord Street, Peterborough, NH. In lieu of flowers please feel free to donate to <https://www.peterboroughplayers.org/>

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Events: Community Bulletin Board

FRIDAY AUGUST 15

NEW LONDON CONCERT: Kearsarge Community Band 6:30-8:00pm at Mary D. Haddard Bandstand.

SATURDAY AUGUST 16

SUMMER SING: The Area Choir announces a return of their Summer Sing from 9:30-11:30am at South Congregational Church, 20 Church Street, Newport NH. There is no fee or audition and Summer Sing is open to everyone. It is made possible by a donation from The Choral Arts Foundation of The Upper Valley. You can register by emailing us with your contact information at TheAreaChoir@gmail.com or call Karen Little at 603 863-4007.

WARNER CONCERT: Manning & McBrain 6-8pm at The Mainstream Warner Stage. Free, donations accepted.

COMMUNITY FAIR AND RAFFLE: The Deering Community Fair will be held at 763 Deering Center Road, Deering, from 10am on August 16. In addition to vendors, games, music and an ice cream social, the DCC Women's Guild will raffle a hand knit lap blanket. Raffle proceeds benefit community nonprofits.

SATURDAY AUGUST 16-17

HISTORY ALIVE: Re-enactors from various eras are "storming the castle" for the weekend to show their battle skills, horse-riding/training, and cooking and living. WWII, Civil War, Revolutionary War, French and Indian War, Vikings, and more! Discounted tickets available on the website. Children are free.

SUNDAY AUGUST 17

NEWPORT CONCERT: Party Crashers. FREE. 6:00-7:00pm on The Common. Bring your family, friends & lawn chairs.

TUESDAY AUGUST 19

HENNIKER CONCERT: Dwayne Haggins Band will be performing at the gazebo in Henniker from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Get ready for blues and soul singing rising star, Dwayne Haggins! Sponsor: New England College. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Community Center.

NEW BOSTON CONCERT: Endless Skies Band 6:00-7:30pm. New Boston Common. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a summer evening of music, friends, and fun!

THURSDAY AUGUST 21

HILLSBOROUGH CONCERT: Skip Philbrick Blues Band 6:00-7:00pm at Butler Park.

SATURDAY AUGUST 23

THE 27TH ANNUAL NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND MILITARY RETIREE ACTIVITY DAY: will be held from 8:00am until 1:00pm at the New Hampshire National Guard, Army Aviation Support Facility, 26 Regional Drive, Concord, NH.

DEERING CONCERT: The Jazz Sanctuary House Band. 6:00pm at the Town pavilion. Bring your own chair or blanket.

PAINTING FOR ADULTS: At the Deering Library at 10am. Artist and popular instructor, Betsy Holmes, returns to lead a class in acrylic painting. All supplies will be provided, so just bring your creativity!

SUNDAY AUGUST 24

NEWPORT CONCERT: The Flames. FREE. 6:00-7:00pm on The Common. Bring your family, friends & lawn chairs.

OPEN HOUSE: Church service at Lower Warner Meeting House 232 East Main Street (NH 103) in Warner, New Hampshire. Our annual church service with the United Church of Warner will be held beginning at 10:00 am, followed by an Open House until 1:00 pm. Built in 1844-1845, check out the original weathervane, pump organ, the wide pews, the balcony, the history of the building, and the surrounding houses owned by the George family.

TUESDAY AUGUST 26

HENNIKER CONCERT: The Macrotones will be performing at the gazebo in Henniker from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The Macrotones are a 10-piece band steeped in offbeat funk and soul rhythms from across the globe. Sponsor: Dunkin 89. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Community Center.

THURSDAY AUGUST 28

HILLSBOROUGH CONCERT: Sheep Dip 6:00-7:00pm at Butler Park.

SATURDAY AUGUST 30

NEWPORT CONCERT: Sirsy. FREE. 6:00-7:00pm on The Common. Bring your family, friends & lawn chairs.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2

HENNIKER CONCERT: Nick's Other Band will be performing at the gazebo in Henniker from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This band covers rock and soul legends.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11

TASTY THURSDAY: the free community dinner, returns at Smith Memorial Church (30 West Main St, Hillsboro) at 5pm. Our menu includes casserole, salad, and apple crisp.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13

4TH ANNUAL ATV POKER RUN: Firemen's Recreation and Training Grounds, Contoocook Falls Rd, Hillsboro, 12:00pm – 3:00pm. Participants will stir up the dust (or mud) on a local ATV trail and will visit checkpoints to build their poker hands to win prizes. Hillsboro Fire Department will have BBQ food items for sale. Buy tickets at hccnh.org/atv

"A QUILTER'S DREAM" EXHIBIT: presented by the Library Arts Center and Soo-Nipi Quilters Guild of Newport, New Hampshire. The show opens at the Library Arts Center in Newport and runs through October 11th. Members of the Guild will be on hand to answer questions about the display. Children are welcome to attend the quilt show and take part in an "I Spy" activity, finding images of objects in the quilts.

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Man injured in Bow rollover accident after high-speed chase

A Hooksett man was seriously injured in a rollover crash after a pursuit on Interstate 93.

At 2:47 a.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, Trooper Noah Gooch of the Troop D barracks conducted a traffic stop on I-93 southbound in Bow. After a brief interaction, the driver of a 2014 Volkswagen Jetta suddenly drove off from the traffic stop at a high rate of speed. A subsequent pursuit was initiated.

Just south of the Hooksett tolls, Troopers deployed tire deflation devices, successfully deflating one of the Volkswagen's tires. While traveling through a work zone in Hooksett, the Volkswagen nearly struck a construction worker. The driver then used a restricted access crossover to turn around and continued northbound. The

pursuit then entered Northfield at a high rate of speed. Upon entering Northfield, the driver veered off the road to the right, struck an embankment, and the Volkswagen rolled over.

The driver of the Volkswagen was then taken into custody and identified as Aaron C. Thurber, 21, of Hooksett. Thurber has pending charges of reckless conduct with a deadly weapon, disobeying a police officer, and reckless operation.

Thurber was transported to a local hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Members of Troop D were assisted by additional Troopers assigned to the Troop B barracks, as well as officers from the Northfield Police Department and members of the Tilton-Northfield Fire Department.



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