

# The Messenger

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## Welcome Weare's newest EMT



Weare Fire/Rescue would like to welcome their new call force EMT Morgan, who has lived in town for 6 years and spent 2 of them working for the school district. She is certified and ready to start responding.

## The Merrimack's New VP



Merrimack County Savings Bank welcomes Maureen Meletis to its Commercial Lending Team as Senior Vice President of Credit and Administration. In this

strategic role, she will drive credit quality and risk management operations to support organizational growth. Meletis joins The Merrimack with an extensive and distinguished career in the banking industry. She brings more than 30 years of experience and a deep expertise in commercial lending administration, project management and process improvement.

## This week in history

### SEPTEMBER 6, 1915

First tank is produced

### SEPTEMBER 7, 1913

United States gains nickname Uncle Sam

### SEPTEMBER 8, 1965

The Delano Grape Strike

### SEPTEMBER 9, 1976

CCP Chairman Mao Zedong dies

### SEPTEMBER 10, 1931

Crime boss Salvatore Maranzano is murdered

### SEPTEMBER 1, 2001

Terrorists attack the United States

### SEPTEMBER 12, 1942

Germans sink the British ship Laconia



Gary, Bethany and Linda Brenner from Woodcrest Village accept the Community Award from Vivien McCurdy and Colby-Sawyer President Dean McCurdy. Photo by Stacy Hannings '14.

## Colby Sawyer College honors Woodcrest Village

### Presented with the College's 2025 Community Award

Woodcrest Village Assisted Living received Colby-Sawyer's 2025 Community Award on August 27th, at the end-of-summer Community Celebration at the Sawyer Center.

Each year, the college presents the award to a New London-area resident, organization or business that has demonstrated extraordinary involvement in, and made noteworthy contributions to, the college. Woodcrest Village, which Gary and Linda Brenner started nearly 40 years ago to care for aging family members, is now home to people from

the area, state and country for short-term respite, hospice, and memory care.

For years, Woodcrest has welcomed students for internships and about six years ago began partnering with the Colby-Sawyer Community Service Club.

Colby-Sawyer President Dean McCurdy said it's evident that the Brenner family and Woodcrest Village are guided by their stated mission that life for residents should be rich, meaningful and lived on their own terms.

This past year, Woodcrest was an outstanding collaborator with Colby-

Sawyer seniors in the Nursing Leadership Capstone course in which students developed, implemented and evaluated a quality improvement project.

Arianna Anton '11, '25 DNP, assistant professor and undergraduate traditional nursing program coordinator, said Woodcrest professionals were open to innovation and consistently provided thoughtful feedback and encouragement to students.

"The impact of this project extends beyond the classroom and will have lasting value for both the students and the residents of Woodcrest Village."

## Injured hiker rescued from Miller State Park

New Hampshire Fish and Game was notified by New Hampshire State Police Dispatch about a sick hiker at Miller State Park.

The victim, Chrystel Pit, 48, of Concord, MA was hiking with her husband when she became ill and could not go

any further. Members of the Peterborough Fire, Jaffrey Fire, Temple Fire, and a New Hampshire Fish & Game Conservation Officer found Pit a short 100 yards from the Auto Road but due to the rocky/steep terrain, additional personnel were requested. After being evaluated

and given fluids by Peterborough medical personnel, Pit was able to walk back down the trail to the Auto Road.

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**Yesteryear** *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

### **September 6, 2024**

New London Select Board considering Academy Bldg, Upgrades  
Weare teen killed in single-car crash in New Boston  
Morgan Summerton of Sunapee earns Girl Scout Gold Award  
Henniker Police make two drug seizures in July

### **September 8, 2023**

Boys who walked away from Camp Wediko found safe  
Former Colby-Sawyer coach given 20 years for producing child porn  
New Boston approves agreement between police & Space Force  
Andy Sanborn accused of Fraud - Wife resigns Gaming Commission

### **September 9, 2022**

Lesperance named Interim NEC President  
One woman killed, three others injured in Peterborough crash  
Fire Marshal believes ignited propane vapor caused Bradford fire  
Father & son lost while hiking Antrim's Bald Mountain

### **September 10, 2021**

Deering Board members criticize Patriotic Celebration  
H-D School Board changes policy - mandates masks  
Peterborough recovers \$594,000 from scam  
Warner Select Board waives Planning Board conditions

### **September 11, 2020**

Deceased Goffstown Firefighter remembered  
Weare family attacked by wasps in Antrim  
H-D schools order a lockdown as a precaution  
Warner Historical Society features program on barns

### **September 13, 2019**

Superintendent Lorraine Tacconi-Moore to retire  
Convicted Warner felon faces several new charges  
Plan NH Charrette recommendations released  
Colby-Sawyer ranked in top 10 of area colleges

### **September 14, 2018**

No injuries reported in Kearsarge school bus accident  
Personnel decisions dominate Henniker meeting  
Antrim-Bennington Lions Club hosts candidates  
Bradford Police capture escaped fugitive

### **September 15, 2017**

Hillsborough man killed, wife injured in Bow crash  
Bradford man injured in Dix's Grant UTV crash  
Driver killed in head-on at Antrim/Hillsborough line  
Historic mural saved at New London 1941 building

### **September 9, 2016**

Shane O'Keefe resigns as Newport Town Manager  
Wayward orange flamingos returned to Weare  
Tilton Selectmen delay purchase of police cruiser  
Man pursued from Northfield to Concord

### **September 11, 2015**

Franklin City Council reinstates curfew  
Skimmers hit Goffstown ATM at Shaws Plaza  
Bow Police seeking repeat offender  
Peace Pole dedicated in New Boston

# U.S. Congresswoman Maggie Goodlander comes to Hillsborough

A standing-room only crowd of more than 80 people warmly welcomed U.S. Congresswoman Maggie Goodlander to Hillsborough and Stonewall Farm Bed & Breakfast Barn Tuesday evening, August 26th.

The potluck event, hosted by the Hillsborough Democratic Committee, included attendees from Antrim, Bennington, Bradford, Deering, Hancock, Greenfield, Lyndeborough, Weare and Franconia.

For more than two hours, Congresswoman Goodlander spoke, listened, and responded to questions from her audience.

Congresswoman Goodlander, when asked what we can do to express our dissatisfaction with the current administra-

tion, identified several specific actions to take: register to vote and make sure your friends are registered; volunteer at the polls; write letters to the editor; and, most importantly, stay linked up and in communication. We must have conversations with those who disagree with us to understand their views and find common ground.

She stated that the cost crisis is keeping people out of the political process even at the town hall level where the cost of child care may be outweighed by the need to pay for food, housing, transportation, etc.

Goodlander added that she wants to hear from us, our stories, and how we are impacted by actions of this administra-

tion.

Stressing the vital importance of communication as we move forward to the mid-term elections and the next presidential elections, she emphasized

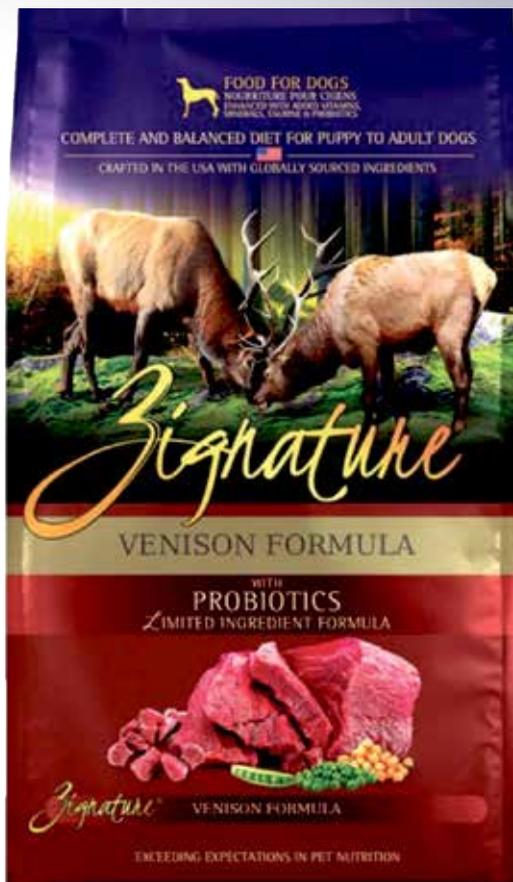
the importance of hearing directly from her constituents. She said there are over 300 lawsuits pending, each one beginning with a story of a person affected by the changes of gov-

ernment policies or programs. Her team wants to hear from us. She can be contacted through her office in Concord or her website and encouraged people to sign up for her newsletter.



US Congresswoman Maggie Goodlander.

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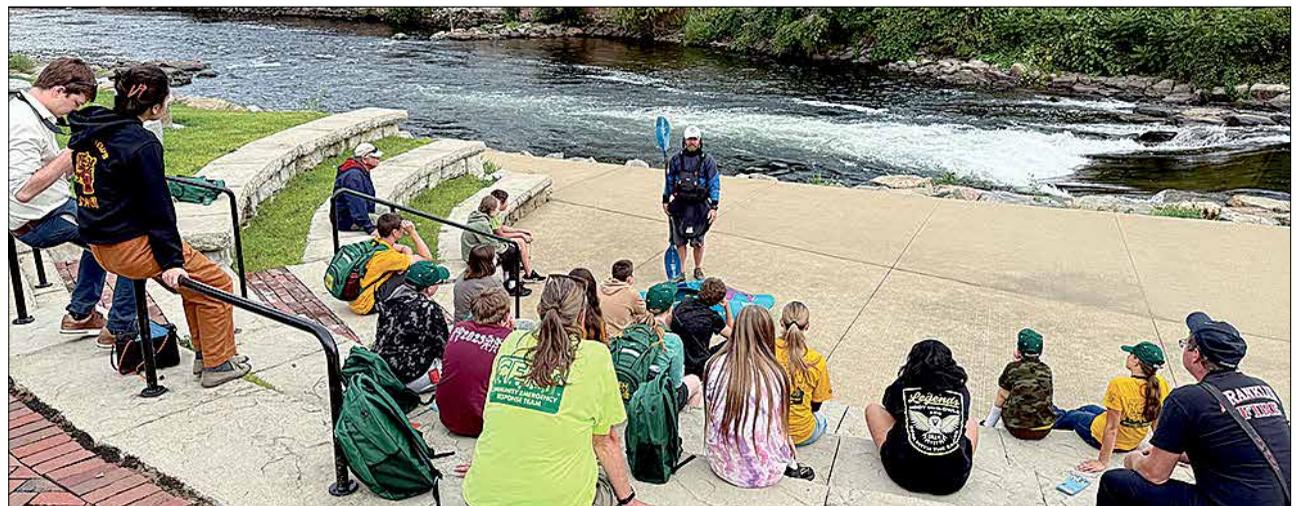
## Hometown Heroes



Antrim Ambulance would like to introduce their newest EMT Ann Gilbert. Ann completed EMT class and passed her State practical exam and NREMT Cognitive exam to obtain her NH EMS provider license. They welcome Ann to the crew and thank her for her commitment to serve the community.



Members of the Goffstown Police Department were honored to attend the graduation of their newest officers, Alex Bonenfant and Nathan Truesdale, from the 200th Police Academy. They look forward to their return, as they are eager to connect with the community.



Franklin Fire Department assisted with water safety and rescue training with the Lakes Region Community Emergency Response Team. There was a training on flotation devices, water safety and hazards, and simple rescue techniques.

# Kearsarge Elementary School Principal resigns after allegations of misconduct

A Kearsarge Elementary School Principal in New London is off the job following an internal investigation into allegations she had a staff member doing non-work-related tasks, sometimes during school hours.

Kelley Rollins, the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School-New London principal has resigned just weeks before the start of the new school year.

The investigation is not criminal. Collins was accused of having a staff member do her laundry at the school and, on at least one occasion, pick up the laundry at her home and clean her home, at times during school hours.

Collins was placed on paid administrative leave on June 11, according to a letter from the school district.

An email on that date between the district's director of human resources, assistant superintendent and another unnamed individual lays out some

of the claims against Collins. It says that the unnamed staff member who was doing tasks like laundry and house cleaning was "afraid of saying no." It also says, "Kelly often says, 'I'm the boss, I can do what I want,' and, 'Who's the boss?'"

The school district's law firm interviewed several people and reviewed payroll timecards during its internal investigation throughout June and July. Its findings state in part:

"Based on this investigation ... there was an expectation that evolved over the years that (the employee) would take care of the laundry that Ms. Collins would bring to school using equipment during school hours."

Regarding the allegation that Collins had the employee clean her house during school hours, the law firm memo goes on to say, "I do not find it credible that Ms. Collins did not know that (the employee) was missing (re-dacted) school time while clean-



ing for her, particularly when Ms. Collins suggested specific excuses." A friend of Collins told News 9 she is disappointed to see that Collins is no longer with the district.

"I understand she is traumatized and devastated, and I would be, too," said her friend, Lyndsay Lund. "And I am for her, too. But I do know that she loves those students and this district, and the

New London elementary school was every beat of her heart."

Collins resigned on Aug. 12. She sent News 9 a statement that says, in part: "I strongly deny any allegations of wrongdoing. I stand by my record of service and commitment to KRES-NL staff, students and school community, and I hope to move forward with integrity and respect for the process."

Collins' severance package includes more than \$42,000 in pay, more than \$3,000 in unused vacation time, \$3,000 toward her 401(k) and employee contributions for health insurance through December.

The district said it does not comment on personnel matters. An acting principal is now in place for the school year, which started earlier this week.

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A woman suffered minor injuries following a rollover crash in Stoddard. Rachel Huber, 26, of Stoddard, had been driving in a 2016 Subaru Forester when she failed to negotiate a curve, went off the roadway, and struck a tree, which caused the Subaru to roll several times. Huber was transported to Cheshire Medical Center in Keene for treatment of minor injuries. She was issued a summons for negligent driving.



Liana Fox, 18, of Bow, was traveling north on the highway in a silver Hyundai after she got on the southbound off-ramp at Exit 13. Soon after getting on the highway, Fox crossed into the high-speed lane where she collided with a black Chevrolet pickup truck driven by William Marie, 57, of Barrington.



Sunapee Fire, Sunapee Police, and New London Ambulance were called to Route 11 for a vehicle vs motorcycle with injuries. Sunapee Fire personnel located the motorcycle rider sitting in the ditch being assisted by good samaritans, conscious and alert, but suffering from serious but non-life-threatening injuries. A second serious medical call was dispatched. Utility 2 and its crew assisted the second New London Ambulance at the scene.

# Use caution - Construction of the Route 202 roundabout has begun

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has begun construction of a hybrid roundabout located at the intersection of US 202 (NH Route 9) and Route 127/Old Concord Road just East of the Henniker/Hopkinton town line, which started Monday, August 25, 2025. Weather permitting, work will be done between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This phase of the project includes clearing and road widening to shift traffic into temporary lanes in preparation for the new hybrid roundabout.

This project consists of the construction of a hybrid roundabout and the reconstruction of the approaches on US 202 (NH Route 9), NH Route 127 and Old Concord Road.

There will be new overhead signs, structures and drainage improvements incorporated into the 5-phase project.

Message boards, flaggers, uniformed officers, and traffic control devices will be used as needed to direct the travelling public.

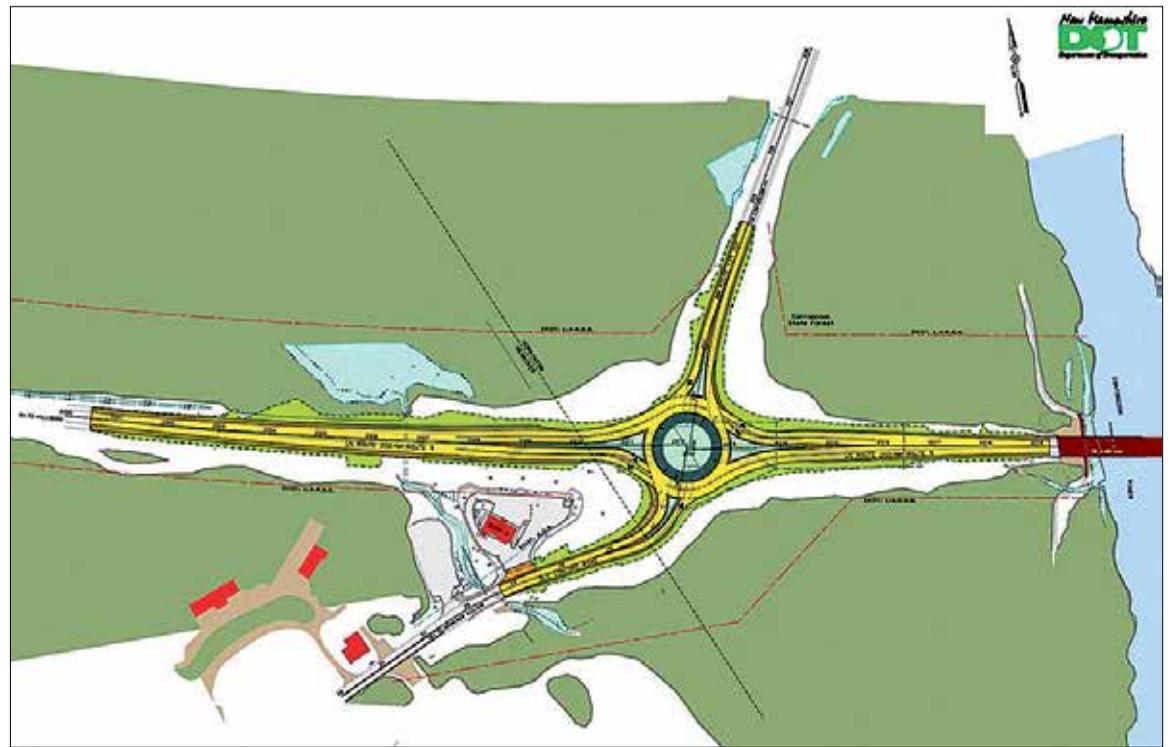
Motorists should remain alert while traveling through the construction zone and obey

all posted signs through the work zone.

A 10-mph speed reduction

during construction will also be implemented for road users' safety.

The project is expected to be completed late summer 2026.



The design for a roundabout at the intersection of Route 202 and Old Concord Road. Courtesy photo from: NH Department of Transportation.



Joe Whitten, founder and president of the for-profit Apparel Impact, which currently has a clothing collection bin at the Transfer Station, proposes three additional bins placed throughout town to provide more drop-off opportunities, not limited to the ARTS hours of operation. Following discussion, the Board asked that Mr. Whitten provide an MOU that can be reviewed before a decision is made.

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## TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

The prevalence of diagnosed disorders from recurrent use of sedative, hypnotic and anti-anxiety medications in adolescents and young adults has increased sharply since 2001, according to a new study published in *Addiction*. Sedative, hypnotic and anti-anxiety medications are used to treat a variety of conditions, including sleep and anxiety disorders. Consistent use of these drugs can lead to a higher tolerance for their effects, meaning patients require higher doses to achieve the intended effects. For some, a problematic pattern of use of these medications can lead to significant impairment and distress. When this happens, patients may be diagnosed with sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic use disorders, which are estimated to impact 2.2 million Americans, according to data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

People with COPD experience more falls and related injuries requiring medical care when using common fall-risk increasing drugs, according to a new study published in *Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases: Journal of the COPD Foundation*. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is an inflammatory lung disease, comprising several conditions, including chronic bronchitis and emphysema. Symptoms include breathlessness, fatigue and chronic cough. The disease affects more than 30 million Americans and is the fourth leading cause of death worldwide. Previous research has shown that people with COPD have a higher risk of falling due to increased frailty, impaired gait and the tripping hazard of oxygen tubing. They also commonly experience pain, anxiety, insomnia and other comorbidities, such as diabetes or hypertension. Opioids, benzodiazepines and other medications used to treat these comorbidities and symptoms can increase a person's risk of falling and fall-related injuries.

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## BRACES ARE NOT JUST FOR KIDS



Dr. Esin Narli

Q: Is it true that braces are effective only on children's teeth?

A: No, that's not true. More and more adults are turning to orthodontists, the dentists who specialize in braces, to correct irregularities in bite or appearance that went untreated through childhood, or that developed as life went on. Misaligned teeth in adults can lead to problems like uneven wearing, jaw pain and headaches. It's hard enough to keep teeth clean, and misaligned teeth can compound the difficulty and result in decay, infection and lost teeth.

Braces for adults pose more of a challenge because adults' jaws are no longer growing. Adults returning for orthodontic work are usually pleasantly surprised to see that the new generation of braces is considerably more streamlined than the apparatus they may recall from their youth. And for those who want to make a statement, brackets can be adorned with a variety of colorful bands. There's even a website for adults in braces – or considering them – called ArchWired.com. Of course the best place to get information about whether braces are right for you is your dentist's office. If there are any specific questions he can't answer, he'll refer you to an orthodontist.

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## Hometown Heroes



Antrim Officer Madison Jones responded to a report of an injured pigeon that had been in the same area for an extended period of time. Officer Jones was able to safely rescue the bird and transport it to Wings of the Dawn Wildlife Rehabilitation and Bird Sanctuary in Henniker.



Sending big kudos to Franklin PD's Officer Jagger Bell for all the great work he's doing during his deployment with the Air National Guard.



Newport Police unveiled the new design of the School Resource Officer's cruiser, which was created by students from the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center. It incorporates many of the components of the traditional Newport PD cruiser design, but with the distinctive flair of the Newport Middle High School Tigers.

# Goffstown Elementary School is “busting at the seams”

SAU 19 Superintendent Brian Balke said Maple Avenue Elementary School in Goffstown is practically “busting at the seams” as it tries to contain a larger-than-expected influx of first graders.

Maple Avenue had 132 first-grade students enrolled to start on Tuesday — the largest enrollment numbers at that grade level since 2005, according to New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE).

Assistant Superintendent Wendy Kohler said at an Aug. 25 School Board meeting that it was “significantly more students than we anticipated.”

“We thought we were going to have between 115 and 120 students, and we went way over that,” Kohler said.

The large number of first graders at Maple Avenue this year coincides with some new housing options in Goffstown, such as the Residences at Had-

ley Falls, a 91-unit apartment complex that opened in 2024.

However, Kohler said many of these students and their families aren’t coming from newly built homes or apartments.

“This is not just new students in some of our new developments. This has been from house sales (and) multi-generational families living in the same household. So, it’s not just because some of the new construction in town,” Kohler said.

While this year’s high enrollment numbers seem to be a statistical outlier, Balke is concerned that the housing developments expected in Goffstown could invite a student population that exceeds the district’s capacity.

Balke said Maple Avenue in particular doesn’t have the space to accommodate a larger student body.

For now, school administra-

tion has kept the same staff but reassigned an elementary school teacher at Maple Avenue from fourth grade to first grade.

Typically, there are six class sections per grade level at Maple Avenue, but this year, they will have seven first grade classes and five fourth grade classes.

While this keeps the student-teacher ratio for first grade in balance, there will be about 25-26 students per class section in fourth grade this year, which Kohler admitted was “very high.”

“Clearly, we don’t have space at Maple Avenue,” Kohler said. “We’re working with Maple Avenue administration. It was the best we could do with flipping those sections around.”

There was also an increase at Mountain View Middle School. Typically, they have 175-180 students enrolled in fifth grade. This school year, they have 206



fifth graders across eight class sections, for an average class size of about 25 students.

Kohler said she expects the student-teacher ratio to be more favorable at both schools when the fourth graders at Maple Avenue graduate to fifth grade at Mountain View and start their next academic year.

According to data from the state, Maple Avenue had an average first grade enrollment of about 111 students between 2010 and 2016, with as many as 129 first grade students enrolled in October 2014.

Enrollment numbers by grade are not available past that

point, but other public reports show that Maple Avenue continued to have an average first- and second-grade class size of about 18-21 students through last year.

The other elementary school in the district, Bartlett, usually has much lower enrollment numbers and average class sizes than Maple Avenue. That trend continued this school year.

Still, the overcrowding of Maple Avenue was one of the factors that prompted the Goffstown School Board to retain as much of last year’s unassigned general funds as possible under state law, to be saved in a contingency fund.

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## Letter to the Editor



**Dear Editor:**

Over the past five years, I've watched passengers carefully navigate the steep steps of our bus. It became clear that the height was a real challenge for some. I started thinking about how we could make boarding easier and safer, while still allowing people to reach the railings for support. That's when someone suggested I get in touch with Keith Wing, General Manager at Riverside Precision Sheet Metal, Inc., right here in Hillsborough.

Keith, who also serves with Hillsborough's Emergency Medical Services, immediately saw the concern. He pointed out that the bus steps are taller than the 7-3/4 inch riser height limit set by residential building codes. With that in mind, he quickly engineered a thoughtful solution. He built a set of portable steps designed to reduce the step height and make it easier for everyone to get on and off the bus. All that's left to do is add the nonslip tread tape!

GHSS extends a heartfelt thank you to Keith Wing and the Riverside Precision Sheet Metal team for their generous gift. Their contribution has made a meaningful difference in improving passenger safety and accessibility on our bus.

**Riché Colcomb, Hillsborough**

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**Letter to the Editor:**

Jerome Powell Admits He Was Wrong. The Four Horsemen of economic growth and price stability are: Tax Cuts. Deregulation. Strategic Energy Dominance. Fair Trade. These are the cornerstones of 'Trumpnomics.' Jerome Powell finally admits it will not cause inflation. The Federal Reserve met in Jackson Hole, WY on August 22, 2025. Jerome Powell admitted tariffs don't fuel inflation. The last six months of economic opportunity are lost. Long delayed interest rate cuts are holding back the economy because Jerome Powell, the Federal Reserve Chairman, shows pointedly how little he understands macro economics. His fear of tariff impacts were grossly wrong. He admitted as much at the Jackson Hole meeting. An interest rate reduction of 1/4 of a point several times over the last 6 months would help him prove his argument. If inflation rose up, Powell was right. It wasn't

done and hindsight won't change the lost economic opportunities of 2025. An energized time-bomb of growth benefiting Americans is about to happen.

**Stephen Pierce, Bradford**

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**Letter to Editor - Re "The Taxman"**

Do you remember the famous song written by George Harrison of the Beatles? The Taxman! "Let me tell you how it will be, There's one for you, nineteen for me, Cause I'm the taxman, Yeah, I'm the taxman", "Don't ask me what I want it for, cause if you do I'll take some more." Remember that?

Think about it, it's that time of year when schools and towns are starting their budgeting for 2026.

You will be receiving your tax bill in the mail. After the shock wears off, most people's first reaction is to complain about how much money the "Town" is spending. Cut the "Town" budget is their response.

What's the solution? First, take a look at your tax bill and see what it is based on. There is the tax calculation, (municipal, school, state school and county), assessed valuation (land, buildings, etc) and then based on this, the amount you must pay.

The Town Tax calculation (tax rate set by the State per \$1000 of evaluation) portion is a combination of local municipal (town/city tax - which funds local services like Police, Fire, Highway maintenance, etc.) Then there is local school tax, which funds local schools, ex. Kearsarge Regional School Dist. County tax which pays for county services court, jails, and finally State Education tax, which funds statewide education.

Now, if you look at the amounts assigned to Municipal, School, State School and County, note that School, State school and County are the Greatest portion of our tax burden. The taxpayer has little control over the State School and County taxes. But we do have a say and influence over the Municipal and School portion.

You can go to Town budget meetings, attend Selectboard meetings, attend annual Town Meetings, which is the purest form of government where residents may voice their thoughts over how local tax dollars are spent. When your tax bill arrives in the mail, and you are Shocked and say cut the Town Budget, think again. Look at the Education portion and consider cutting that.

So, what do you do? Become active, go to School budget meetings and school board meetings. Attend Town budget meetings and Selectboard meetings. Ask questions about how tax dollars are being spent. Express your concerns about reining in wasteful/unnecessary spending.

Many say, I don't have time. You can participate online via computer/tablet/iphone, right from the comfort of your living room.

So, as the famous George Harrison wrote, "Don't ask me what I want it for, if you don't want to pay some more".

Become active in your local school and town. Go to your town's website and see when budget and Selectboard meetings are scheduled. Attend in person or via computer. Ask Questions about how your tax dollars are being spent.

**Helen Wright, Newbury**

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The Washington Fire Department held its annual Labor Day Breakfast, with all proceeds to support Maggie Atkins' kidney donation fund. Last year's event set a record with 340 attendees. Sunday's 504 set a new record that will be hard to beat. The Messenger salutes "Atkins Strong."

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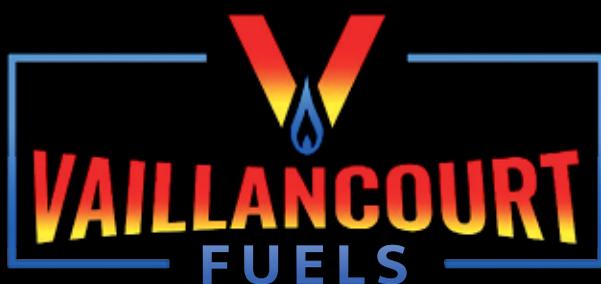
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Aerate your water. Most bathroom faucets come with an aerator today, but if yours doesn't have one, or if it's not working well, they are easy to install or replace yourself.

**3. Launder towels in cold water**  
Laundry detergents have come a long way, and most of them will work just as effectively in cold water today. According to the American Cleaning Institute, 90% of the energy used by a washing machine goes toward just heating up the water, so you can wash your washrags, bath and hand towels in cold water to help save a lot of energy. If you're concerned about sanitizing your towels sufficiently, consider adding laundry sanitizer to your loads.

**4. Warm up your floor**  
An increasingly popular way to reduce energy consumption is by installing in-floor radiant heating, which is very energy efficient as well as long-lasting. While it feels super luxurious to step out of the shower onto a heated floor, it's actually much more thrifty, because in-floor heating is far more efficient than forced-air heating.

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## Francestown Academy Coffeehouse's new season

The Francestown Academy Coffeehouse opens its doors for the new 2025-2026 season on Saturday, September 6. We are bringing back many of our most popular musicians and artists from last season, as well as some great new acts.

If you haven't been to one of our coffeehouses yet, you owe it to yourself to spend an evening with us. On the first Saturday of the month from September through June, we provide great musical entertainment from five different acts. We try to provide a variety of acoustic musical styles. You can enjoy our great professional sound system. We also have a display artist each month showing their art/craft, answering any questions, and offering items for sale. We provide coffee and other beverages, desserts and snack foods, and kazooos, all of which are included with our suggested donation of eight dollars per person. We usually have at least one song each evening where the audience is invited to kazoo along. Audience participation is encouraged.

Shows are held at the Francestown Town Hall. They begin at 7:00 p.m. and end by 9:30 p.m., with an intermission in between. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The new season starts with a bang, with the band Desperate Strings as our main act. Desperate Strings is a four piece acoustic band comprised of mandolin, cello,

ukulele, and cajon. They play popular songs arranged to fit their acoustic instruments. At last April's show, they brought the house down when they played their version of AC/DC's "Thunderstruck."

We are also excited to have many new faces as our pre-intermission acts. The Lion Sisters are two sisters from the New Hampshire seacoast area, playing fiddle and guitar. They play their original songs with beautiful harmonies. Erin Ash Sullivan is a folk singer/songwriter who has recorded two albums. Fortune's Favor is a Concord-based folk duo of Mike Bradley and Chris O'Connor, singing original songs in many styles. And Jonas Taub, from the band Off the Cuff, returns to play jazz tunes on his guitar.

Our featured display artist will be Paula Kerouac of Dancing Wind Studio. Paula does beautiful acrylic and watercolor paintings. She participated as one of the artists at our Francestown Labor Day juried arts and craft fair. For further information, please contact our website at francestowncoffeehouse.org.

So please come out for our season premiere on Saturday, September 6. We ask that you bring a dessert or snack food to share, the suggested eight dollar donation, and a kazoo if you have a favorite one. And come prepared for a great evening.

## New Boston approves equipment donation & furniture purchase

New Boston Fire Chief Brian Dubreuil met with the Select Board to discuss Acceptance of Rescue Taskforce Equipment Donation. He explained that the Department recently had a joint training session with the Police Department and the Space Force Base. The topic of the training was active shooter situations. While conducting this training, Department members were in reflective safety vests. The Space Force Base offered to purchase ten kits for the Department. The total cost for these kits is \$9,210.60. This equipment would be housed on the ambulances and engines.

Bill McFadden noted that, per the Town's Acceptance of Donation Policy, this non-cash item of over \$5,000 will

require a public hearing. The Board agreed, and a public hearing was held September 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Chief Dubreuil explained that the fire station project should be completed at the end of October or beginning of November. He has been looking into furniture to outfit the new station. Furniture, fixtures, and equipment are not allowed to be paid for by the grant. The proposal is for the furniture essentials to make this a fully functional fire station. He noted that, as of August 23rd, there was a 3% tariff increase, which he was trying to avoid. The Board approved the purchase of furniture for the new fire station through WB Mason for \$50,838.25.

## Hancock's Harris Center receives \$600,000 Grant

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced \$3.1 million in grants for organizations and local governments to purchase forest land, including \$600,000 for the Harris Center for Conservation Education in Hancock. Eric Masterson, land program manager for the nonprofit organization, said Tuesday the money is planned to be used to buy nearly 600 acres of land, called Sargent Camp.

The Harris Center is working on an agreement to purchase the land from its present owner, Boston University, which has owned it since the 1930s and once used it as a camp and a leadership retreat, he said in an interview.

There are more than 40 buildings on the property, including a lodge with a kitchen, classrooms and a dining area.

This 600-acre tract in Hancock and Peterborough is surrounded by a conservation area that is already part of the Harris Center's 36,000-acre SuperSanctuary, which also extends to Antrim, Dublin, Greenfield, Harrisville, Nelson and Stoddard.

The property the Harris Center is negotiating to buy would be kept open for public use such as hiking, biking,

boating and some hunting, according to Masterson. He said it would be protected in perpetuity as a resource for people and wildlife.

"One of the key hallmarks of the Harris Center is to create a network of protected lands that are contiguous to provide a refuge for wide-ranging animals like moose, bear and bobcats," Masterson said. "It's an important habitat."

The center has teacher-naturalists who bring educational programs to schools throughout southwestern New Hampshire. Students also take field trips to the center and participate in other programming there.

The USDA announced the grants Monday and said the money was meant to conserve 1,544 acres of private forest lands as community forests. Other conservation areas involved are in Maine, Ohio and New York.

Land already protected by the Harris Center includes 23 peaks over 1,500 feet in elevation, shorefront surrounding or abutting 18 lakes and ponds, 95 miles along rivers and streams, 21 miles of hiking trails, several scenic roads and more than 1,600 acres of diverse wetlands, according to its website.

## Henniker Police arrest man for child pornography

On August 24, 2025 at approximately 9:41 p.m., Officer Cole Bannister was patrolling Route 202&9, when a vehicle was observed traveling westbound.

The radar displayed the vehicle's speed to be 72 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Officer Bannister made a motor vehicle stop, and the operator of the vehicle was identified as 41-year-old Brandon Escano of Keene, NH.

Officer Bannister ran Escano's information through

Merrimack County Dispatch and learned he had a fully extraditable warrant out of Wisconsin for the possession of child pornography.

Escano was taken into custody without incident and taken back to the police department for processing. He was then transported to the Merrimack County House of Corrections to await extradition back to Wisconsin where he failed to appear for a sentencing hearing in July of 2020.

## Antrim Police Department now provides 24/7 coverage

The Antrim Police Department has announced that, for the first time in the town's history, its officers will be on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Beginning Sunday, August 31, 2025, at 6:00 a.m., the department officially transitioned to a new schedule that ensures an officer is always on shift, eliminating the previous on-call system, where an officer was on-call from their home between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.

This milestone was made possible with the approval of the Antrim Board of Selectmen and reflects their commitment to providing uninterrupted, proactive public safety services to the community.

This change is a historic step forward for both the residents of Antrim and the officers who serve them, improving response times, officer well-being, and overall service to the public.

## Antrim's 22nd Annual Home & Harvest Festival "Nothing Like It"

Antrim is bracing itself for the biggest event of the year. It keeps getting bigger and better every year. Friday night starting at 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Shea Ballfield a Nerf and Turf -Nerf competition covers the ballfield as kids of all ages team up. You can bring your own Nerf gun or we will provide one for you. There is also a FREE ice cream social, Games-2-Go for kids. And remember this, most all events are FREE. For the Corn Holers, there will be a tournament going on Friday. Call 588-2281 to sign up your twosome.

Everything shifts to Saturday, starting at 8:00 a.m., with crafters up and down Main Street, a food court next to Town Hall, and many other events going on. Free fun & games, highlighted by a giant climbing wall. The main

attraction is a parade, and this year we will have a Corvette Club as well as vintage antique cars in the parade, then they will be on display afterwards in the Trends of Fashion parking lot. Many other daytime events are listed on the poster. Saturday night we finish our celebration off at Tenny Farm. Antrim/Bennington Lions with its famous BBQ, starting at 5 p.m., with live entertainment by Endless Skies Band. Then we finish with a big bang with free fireworks by Pyrotecnico, formally called Atlas.

There will be a shuttle bus available from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., to pick-up at various locations.

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The City of Franklin Fire Department was dispatched to building fire at 39 Elkins Street. The Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS, and Sanborn-ton Fire Departments were also toned as automatic aid. A 3rd alarm was requested, bringing crews from as far away as Meredith and Gilmanton. It took several additional crews to get the fire under control. The building was a four unit, three story building and only one unit was occupied. The occupant was not home at the time of the fire. Neighbors outside at the time noticed the fire and called 911. No one was injured on the scene and one pet was rescued and reunited with its owner. Meanwhile, the Franklin Fire Department responded to another building fire. With limited available personnel, Franklin Fire's initial response to this second incident consisted of just one firefighter. Once again, mutual aid - especially the rapid response from Tilton-Northfield - was critical in bringing the situation under control.



New Boston Fire/Rescue's EMS Training was all hands on training. Splinting, Airway Techniques, Glucometers, and Cardiac Monitoring. They also reviewed C-Spine precautions. A rep from Stryker Medical Products was there to do in-service training on the new power cot.



Sunapee Fire was called to a residence on Winn Hill for an electrical issue. Sunapee Fire personnel investigated inside the house and located a minor electrical issue inside the residence, but it was determined that there was no immediate threat to the building or the people living inside.



# Newport Police arrest eight people in major drug bust

In July and August of 2025, the Newport Police Department conducted a long-term drug trafficking investigation focused on two residential addresses in the town of Newport: 54 Belknap Avenue and 30 Syndicate Street.

The investigation started from neighborhood tips and complaints. It involved extensive covert surveillance, intelligence gathering, and targeted traffic and pedestrian stops over an extended period

of time.

As a result of these efforts, investigators received three search warrants which were executed at the target locations on July 14th, July 16th and August 26th. Approximately 30 grams of suspected Fentanyl and 28 grams of suspected Crack Cocaine were seized. The following subjects were arrested:

- David Pardy, 44, Springfield, VT Possession with Intent to Sell (Fen-

tanyl), Possession with Intent to Sell (Crack Cocaine), Resisting Detention

- Jamie Long, 51, Bradford, NH Possession with Intent to Sell (Fentanyl)
- Cassandra Matthews, 50, Newport, NH Possession of Fentanyl, Maintaining a Common Nuisance

- Aaron Hess, 33, Croydon, NH Possession of Fentanyl
- Shaun Willey, 47, Newport, NH Violation of Probation

- Daniel Chick, 56, Newport, NH Violation of Probation
- Casey Fernal, 34, Newport, NH Violation of Probation
- Shannon Martin, 44, Newport, NH Arrest on a Warrant

The Newport Police Department was assisted in this investigation by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, New Hampshire State Police Troop C, and New Hampshire Probation and Parole.

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# Franklin Police & DEA arrest 27 seize \$100,000 in major drug bust

More than two dozen people were arrested in Franklin on August 26 and 27 by police and members of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. The effort was part of a three-month investigation into drug

trafficking, specifically fentanyl and methamphetamine, brought into New Hampshire by way of Lawrence, Massachusetts, and distributed around the state. Officials said the drugs were directly linked to the Sinaloa

Cartel.

Along with the arrest of 27 people, "significant seizures," such as drugs, about \$100,000 in cash, and one firearm, were also made during those 48 hours. "The DEA took the lead on this case, and we are proud to have supported their efforts," Franklin Police Chief Dan Poirier said. "By working together, we were able to remove a significant drug trafficking operation from our community."

The DEA reportedly de-

veloped intelligence about a trafficking network operating in Franklin. Detectives there, along with the DEA, gathered evidence, conducted surveillance, and built cases against suspects, officials said.

New Hampshire State Police, deputies from the Merrimack County Sheriff's Department, officers from Alexandria, Andover, Bristol, and Northfield, and the Salem Police Department's K-9 unit assisted in the enforcement effort last week.

"The Sinaloa Cartel in Mexico has a strong hold on drug distribution in New England, and this week's enforcement action attacked their street-level distribution network," DEA Special Agent in Charge Jarod Forget of the department's New England Field Division said. "This case is an excellent example of how federal leadership and local cooperation can come together to protect communities like Franklin from the dangers of drug trafficking."

## Newport men arrested on theft and forgery charges

The Newport Police Department, assisted by the Claremont Police Special Response Team and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office executed search and arrest warrants at 165 South Main Street in Newport related to an ongoing criminal investigation of organized check fraud at numerous bank branch locations in and around Newport. The total amount of the alleged fraud is still being determined, but is currently in excess of \$6,000.

The following two subjects were arrested without incident:

Dominic Johnson, 20, Newport, NH

Yanike Linganga, 20, Newport, NH

Johnson was charged with: Theft by Deception Class A Felony; Forgery Class B Felony; Issuing Bad Checks Class B Felony; Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor Class A

Misdemeanor.

He was held on preventative detention without bail pending arraignment in the 5th Circuit Court – District Division – Newport.

Linganga was charged with: Dealing In or Possessing Prescription Drugs Class A Misdemeanor.

He was released on personal recognizance bail pending a future arraignment in the 5th Circuit Court District Division – Newport.

The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and additional suspects who have been identified as participating in the alleged fraud ring are anticipated to face charges in the near future. Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact Detective Sergeant Alex Marvin at (603)863-3232 or amarvin@newportnh.gov.



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**Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered**

**Rosalie (Rosie) Mae Dufield**

Hillsboro - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Rosalie (Rosie) Mae Dufield, 63, of Hillsboro, NH on August 27, 2025 at Hospice House, Concord. Our Rosie was known throughout town as the Crossing Guard for the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School where she safely crossed generations of children. Rosie is deeply mourned by the love of her life and partner Oliver (Ollie) Burnham, her mother Dorothy (Dutton) Dufield, sisters Linda (Dufield) Goss of Hillsboro and Sheila Dufield of Phoenix, AZ and brother James Dufield and sister-in-law Cindy Dufield of N. Tewksbury, MA. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father James Dufield, Sr. and brother Robert (Bobby) Dufield. The family will hold a private service to honor Rosalie's life. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her memory to the Pink Revolution Breast Cancer Alliance of New Hampshire.



**Fred Geer**

Hancock - Fred Louis Geer, 91, of Hancock, passed away at home July 17, 2025, in the company of his family. Born October 31, 1933, in Pontiac, MI, to Fred C. and Mary (Strejovec) Geer, he is survived by his wife of fifty years, Donna Geer, and their sons, Alexander and Phillip. A memorial of Fred's life is planned for September 21, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Hancock Congregational Church, Hancock, NH. A reception in the Vestry next door will follow.



**Annaliese Goodwin**

Hancock - Annaliese Goodwin, known as Anna, passed away after a sudden illness at her home on August 14th, 2025. She was born in Peterborough on April 8, 1981. She was the daughter of Richard Goodwin and Corrine (Clark) Tometich. She is survived by her father and mother, her paternal grandmother, Tina Goodwin, her beloved Aunt Heidi, and Uncle Terry, as well as her cousins, Justin Flagg and Alicia Parenteau, and her Aunt Martha, and extended maternal family. In addition to her family, she is survived by her lifelong partner and best friend, Chad Lohmiller of Hancock. Anna is reunited with her big brother Ian, her dog Jedi, also her maternal grandparents Thatcher & Cora, as well as her paternal grandfather Richard, as well as many, many friends. A celebration of Annaliese's life will be announced soon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Anna's name to the Make-A-Wish Foundation (<https://wish.org/>)



**Shirley Ann Brown**

Contoocook - Shirley Ann Brown, 90, formerly of Contoocook, NH passed away the evening of August 12, 2025, in Norwood, MA. Shirley was the youngest of three children (Joanne and Edward), born to Mertie (Trinque) Croteau and Edward Croteay of Marlborough, NH on July 27, 1935. Shirley leaves behind her son Douglas Brown, Jr. and his husband Joseph DePonte, her other son Stephen



Brown, and many family members and friends. Calling hours will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, September 5 at Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home, 32 School St, Hillsborough, NH. A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 6 at Contoocook United Methodist Church, 24 Maple St., Hopkinton, NH; with burial to follow immediately after at Contoocook Village Cemetery, 743 Main St, Contoocook, NH. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Meals on Wheels/Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties P.O. Box 1016, Concord, NH 03302 (<https://capbm.org/Donation-Form-Program>).

**Herman A. Davison**

Bradford - Herman A. Davison, of Bradford, NH, passed away on August 24, 2025 surrounded by family after a three-year battle with cancer. He was the son of Dorothy E. (Westgate) Davison and Albert H. Davison. He was born April 22, 1947 in Concord, New Hampshire. He leaves behind his wife of 57 years, Fay E. (Russell) Davison; two daughters Rebecca Smith (Michael), and Katherine Graeme (Russell); six grandchildren, Courtney Barter-Colcord (Ben), Madison Smith, Kyle Graeme, Trevor Graeme, Braden Graeme and Olivia Graeme; and one great grandson, Leiton Barter-Colcord. He was predeceased by his parents and his son Scott A. Davison. Graveside services will be held on September 14, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Henniker New Cemetery, Henniker, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Herman's name to Conservation Officers Relief Association (CORA) <https://nh-cora.org/causes/>.



**James Michael Norris**

Hopkinton - James Michael Norris, age 70, of Autumn Ridge Road, Hopkinton, N.H., passed away peacefully in his home with his family by his side on Friday, Aug. 29th. Born in Denver, Colorado, the son of the late James F. Norris and Eileen H. Norris. He leaves two sons, Anthony Norris and his fiancé, Rachel of Manchester, N.H., Joseph Norris and his wife, Zoe of Concord, N.H.; sister, Kaeleen Buckingham and her husband, David of Colorado; mother-in-law, Esther Hagen; brother-in-law, John W. Hagen and wife, Jenny of Virginia, along with many nieces and nephews. In addition to his father, he was predeceased by his brother, Jay Norris, and father-in-law, Albert R. Hagen. A visiting hour will be held on Friday, Sept. 5, from 10-11 a.m. at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 158 Old West Hopkinton Road. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 a.m. at the church with a reception following the Mass at the Church. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Old Hopkinton Cemetery, adjacent to the Town Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the National Parks Conservation Association at Support.NPCA.org. Or, to Amedisys Hospice Care at 8 Commerce Drive, Suite 101, Bedford, NH 03110.



## Events: Community Bulletin Board

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5

**TEA & CONVERSATION:** Fuller Public Library 1:00pm.

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6

**TRADITIONAL RUG HOOKING:** At the Deering Library, starting at 10:00am - Resident Nancy Stauffer will demonstrate her technique in creating hooked rugs. Stop in at the library to watch Nancy work, and to talk to her about her methods.

**FOX AFTER HOURS:** 10:00-11:30 am Join Fox Program Forester Inge Seaboyer & George Caughey for A Late Summer Mushroom Ramble at Fox Forest. Come for a Saturday morning hike as we discover the fungi of Fox Forest. Meet at the Baldwin Center at Fox Forest - 309 Center Road, Hillsborough NH. Sturdy footwear and insect repellent are advised.

**COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT:** season begins at 7:00pm at the Francestown Town Hall. Great music with five acts, artists' display, food, \$8 suggested donation. See frances-towncoffeehouse.org.

**LINEC'S ANNUAL MEETING:** It will be held ofrom 10:00am to noon in the Sayce Lounge at the Simon Center, New England College (Henniker campus). We'll have refreshments, a program about Lifelong Learning in Patagonia, a short business meeting, and a discussion about the future. Plus... It's just great to spend time together!

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7

**DEDICATION:** The dedication of the Nex Trex Challenge benches and community thank you is at noon at Smith Memorial Church (30 West Main St, Hillsboro).

**FLOODING:** Please join the Greenfield Emergency Management Team and the American Red Cross for an informative discussion on flooding preparedness in Greenfield. Our speakers will be Rich Stancliff, Regional Community Disaster Program Manager and John Montes, Regional Disaster Officer for Northern New England. Door Prizes - Food. Everyone welcome, at 4pm at The Greenfield Fire Station. Please RSVP with Karen Day at [emergencymgmt@greenfield-nh.gov](mailto:emergencymgmt@greenfield-nh.gov)

### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8

**MILITARY HISTORY GROUP:** meets at Fuller Public Library 2:00pm.

### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9

**TELEPHONES THROUGH THE AGES:** presented by NH Telephone Museum, at the Fuller Public Library 6:00pm

### 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.

**FREE SQUARE DANCE:** Open House Trinity Bible Church Hall, 539 Rt. 114 South Sutton, 7:00-8:30pm. No experience needed. Come and check it out. Square Dancing is great exercise, very social, and a lot of fun. Many musical genres are included in this dance version of 'Simon Says'. Great for singles, couples, and families. Casual attire and footwear. Ages 12 and up are welcome. Bradford Country Squares, Info: [pjheffner@gmail.com](mailto:pjheffner@gmail.com), 908.217.3297 or [tinyurl.com/BradfordCountrySquares](http://tinyurl.com/BradfordCountrySquares)

### 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](http://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.

**ORIENTEERING:** (Map & Compass) - At the Deering Library at 10:30am - Resident Eric Stauffer will teach a class in orienteering. Learn or review how to use a compass and a map to navigate in the wild. Great for hikers, hunters, and all nature enthusiasts. Ages 10 and up recommended.

**CAR SHOW:** Goffstown Rotary's Annual Car Show presented by TMS Diesel will take place from 9:00am-2:00pm at Parson's Drive field in Goffstown. The show features classic cars and trucks in 16 classes with trophies awarded in each class plus Best of Show, and 3 other categories. The fee to enter a vehicle is \$20, spectators can enter at no cost. Over \$2000 in raffle prizes will be available as will be food trucks and vendor booths. Proceeds from the event benefit area non-profits serving the local area. For more information or to register, visit [www.goffstownrotary.org](http://www.goffstownrotary.org).

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18

**FREE SQUARE DANCE:** Open House Trinity Bible Church Hall, 539 Rt. 114 South Sutton, 7:00-8:30pm. No experience needed. Come and check it out. Square Dancing is great exercise, very social, and a lot of fun. Many musical genres are included in this dance version of 'Simon Says'. Great for singles, couples, and families. Casual attire and footwear. Ages 12 and up are welcome. Bradford Country Squares, Info: [pjheffner@gmail.com](mailto:pjheffner@gmail.com), 908.217.3297 or [tinyurl.com/BradfordCountrySquares](http://tinyurl.com/BradfordCountrySquares)

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27

**FOREST SOCIETY:** Please join in the fun at Colby-Sawyer College in New London for a day of connection, celebration, and inspiration. The day kicks off with optional morning field trips (8:30-11:30am) exploring the beauty and natural diversity, then a buffet lunch at noon. At 1:00pm, our business meeting, awards, and recognitions, and then enjoy our featured program, Formative Experiences: How Forest Society Internships Shape Career and Life Paths, starting at 2:00pm. Reserve your spot today! Registration is open until Sept. 15 - visit our website at <https://www.forestsociety.org/annual-meeting-2025> or contact Linda Dammann with questions: [ldamman@forestociety.org](mailto:ldamman@forestociety.org) or (603) 224-9945.

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The school districts of Hillsboro-Deering and Washington are required to notify the public of the availability of the AHERA Management Plan which identifies areas having asbestos-containing materials and how these materials are being maintained in a safe manner. A copy of the Management Plan is on file for review at School Administrative Unit #34, 78 School Street 3rd fl., Hillsboro, NH. Copies of the individual building inspection reports are on file in the Facilities Director's office in the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School, Hillsboro-Deering Middle School, Hillsboro-Deering High School and Washington Elementary School, being of recent construction, have been certified as containing no asbestos building materials.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE SAU #34

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It is the policy of School Administrative Unit #34 and the Hillsboro-Deering, Washington, and Windsor School Districts, that no person shall be excluded from, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in the District's public schools because of their age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, familial status, disability, religion or national origin. Discrimination, including harassment, against any student in the District's education programs, on the basis of any of the above classes, or a student's creed, is prohibited. Finally, there shall be no denial to any person of the benefits of educational programs or activities, on the basis of any of the above classes, or economic status.

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#### DISTRICT PERSONNEL:

##### Human Rights Officer

Name: Jennifer Crawford

Address: SAU #34, 78 School St. 3rd floor, Hillsboro, NH 03244

Telephone: 603-464-4466

Email Address: jrcrawford@hdsd.org

##### Title IX Coordinator

Name: Jeni Laliberte

Address: SAU #34, 78 School St. 3rd floor, Hillsboro, NH 03244

Telephone: 603-464-7703

Email Address: jlaliberte@hdsd.org

##### 504 Coordinator

Name: Stacey Vazquez

Address: SAU #34, 78 School St. 3rd floor, Hillsboro, NH 03244

Telephone: 603-464-7716

Email Address: svazquez@hdsd.org

#### OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education;

5 Post Office Square, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109-3921

Telephone - 617-289-0111;

Email - OCR.Boston@ed.gov

Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Dept of Agriculture;

1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20250-9410;

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## PUBLIC NOTICE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #34

### The School Districts of Hillsboro-Deering, Windsor and Washington

#### NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER "FERPA"

The Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students who wish to inspect their child's or their education records should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the School to amend their child's or their education record should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. The criteria for determining who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest must be set forth in the school's or school district's annual notification for FERPA rights. A school official typically includes a person employed by the school or school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer, contractor, or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official typically has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202

Directory information is not published by the school districts of SAU #34 except as this may occur in school formats such as yearbooks, award announcements, programs/bulletins published for athletic or other co-curricular events, and similar achievement-oriented publications. Policy JRA-Access to Student Records-FERPA may be reviewed on our website at [www.sau34.org](http://www.sau34.org). A parent or eligible student who objects to a student's directory listing in such publications should contact the appropriate school principal in writing by September 30, 2025.

Jennifer Crawford, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools, SAU #34

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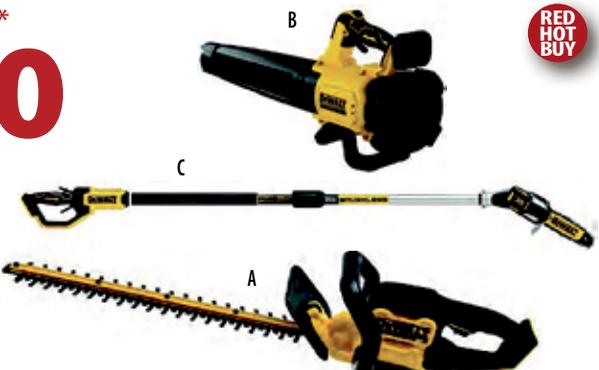


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