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Newport's New K-9 Officer

Newport's K-9 Mako has been adjusting well to his new home and bonding with his partner, Officer Anderson. Next week, they begin 13 weeks of intensive training together.

Merrimack Savings Bank VP



Merrimack County Savings Bank (The Merrimack) announces the promotion of Diana Johnson to Senior Vice President & Marketing

Officer. In this position, Johnson will continue to drive strategic leadership in marketing communications, brand strategy and public relations across the bank's regional footprint. For the past 15 years, Johnson has been a key contributor to The Merrimack's marketing and communications.

This week in history

SEPTEMBER 13, 1916

Children's author Roald Dahl is born

SEPTEMBER 14, 1901

President McKinley dies from gun shot wound

SEPTEMBER 15, 1823

Central American states for a federation

SEPTEMBER 16, 1908

William Durant creates General Motors

SEPTEMBER 17, 1862

Rebels & Yankees clash at Battle of Antietam

SEPTEMBER 18, 1987

Radiation poisoning spreads in Brazil

SEPTEMBER 19, 1957

First underground nuclear test occurs in Nevada



A crowd of nearly 2,000 watched NEC drive 70 years to a touchdown on the first drive of its inaugural football season.

Charges filed after Hillsboro ATV accident

Reckless operation leads to rollover & passenger injuries

A 28-year-old man faces charges after an alleged reckless ATV maneuver resulted in an accident that injured his passenger on Saturday evening.

According to New Hampshire Fish and Game, the crash occurred at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Kimball Hill Road. Hillsboro Police and a Conservation Officer responded to the scene after receiving a report of a single-vehicle accident.

Investigators determined that Co-

per Johnson, 28, was operating a 2022 Can-Am Maverick and performing "donuts" when the UTV rolled onto its passenger side. The vehicle's weight pinned the hand of the passenger underneath. The passenger, whose identity was not released, suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to Concord Hospital for treatment. After the UTV rolled, Johnson and others at the scene were able to flip

the vehicle back onto its wheels. They then left the scene to seek help.

Conservation Officers determined that reckless operation was the primary cause of the crash. Johnson was issued a summons to appear in Hillsboro District Court. New Hampshire Fish and Game is reminding off-highway recreational vehicle (OHRV) operators to follow all regulations and to wear appropriate safety equipment.

Serious injuries reported in Weare ATV accident

A 19-year-old was hospitalized with serious injuries after he crashed his ATV while operating at "unreasonable speed" in Weare Saturday afternoon. Wesley

Olmeda Baez crashed on the Bassett Mill Loop Trail just after 3:00 p.m. on Sept. 6, according to New Hampshire Fire and Game. He was ejected from the ma-

chine during the crash and was taken to Concord Hospital with serious injuries. Officials said the ATV's unreasonable speed was a main factor in the crash.

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

September 13, 2024

\$7.3 million bond saves Franklin Opera House
Henniker couple loses everything in mobile home fire
Kearsarge Schools to ignore transgender ban
Weare woman seriously injured in Dunbarton ATV accident

September 15, 2023

Tom Copadis calls for resignation of Select Board Chair Jill Smith
Newbury Police Officer honored for his life-saving efforts
Francestown Police respond to three accidents
LBTQ+ materials on Goffstown school bulletin board sparks debate

September 16, 2022

Deering Town Administrator resigns under pressure
Colby-Sawyer cuts tuition from \$46,000 to \$17,500
Multiple police and EMT units respond to Hopkinton rollover
Antrim seeks input on use of AARP Funds and other Grants

September 17, 2021

Developer purchasing Antrim mill buildings
Colby-Sawyer ranked #1 by US News & World Report
Weare Middle School named Gold Medal Winner
Henniker forming Citizen's Leadership Academy

September 18, 2020

Fatal accident in Henniker
Body found in Contoocook River identified
US News & World report ranks Colby-Sawyer Top 10
Elderly woman injured in Weare ATV rollover

September 20, 2019

Anonymous \$5 million donation to NEC complex
New Boston girl needs kidney transplant
Antrim Wind pays \$50,000 fine for delay
H-D Schools show mixed results on state-wide tests

September 21, 2018

Peterborough man arrested for indecent exposure
New London Select Board options for Buker Building
Weare man missing after being subpoenaed, found dead
Hillsborough man arrested after raping 16-year-old

September 22, 2017

Franklin City Manager Elizabeth Dragon departs
One man dies in New Boston house explosion
Three area towns coordinate life saving efforts
Goffstown grants tax incentives for mill apartments

September 16, 2016

Plans for new Bow Middle School unveiled
Long awaited New Boston footbridge nears completion
Fish & Game officers locate lost Bradford man
Weare Selectmen order removal of hazardous building

September 18, 2015

Burglary at Goffstown church shocks community
Eric Jackson installed as Pastor of Smith Church
Chief concerned about workload at Bow Dispatch
Henniker awards \$5.4 million Western Avenue bridge

Several long-awaited Hillsborough projects showing signs of life

Chairman Jim Bailey opened the Hillsborough Select Board meeting to receive public comments on the Draft Analysis of Brownfields Clean-Up Alternatives and the Remedial Action Plan documents.

The documents are being submitted to the US Environmental Protection Agency and the NH Department of Environmental Services to conduct cleanup activities at the former Woods Woolen Mill located at 23-25 West Mill Street.

The mill site operated as a textile mill and railroad from 1880 to the mid 1980s that included seven buildings to support the manufacturing of textiles. The cleanup consists of a combination of excavation and off-site disposal of impacted materials and floodplain restoration. Town Administrator Laura Buono said there are two grants totaling \$419,000 for the purpose of reclamation of the property. Once cleaned,

the area will be used as a park and green space for the public to enjoy.

The public had questions about what the site will look like when it's completed. The site will have tables located at the top of the site and an area to park.

State Rep. Riché Colcombe asked the Board if they want her to advocate for the Department of Transportation to reconsider the ten-year plan and put one project ahead of the other. The projects she was referring to are Henniker Street sidewalks (complete streets) and the roundabout (by the corner store). The Board favored the sidewalks on Henniker Street.

Ms. Buono presented an agreement from Nancy Merrill who will be creating the application for a Brownsfield Grant for Associated Electric property to be submitted for this Fall. Ms. Merrill's fee would not exceed \$2,000. Ms. Buono

is asking the Board's permission to sign the agreement with Ms. Merrill. The Board granted permission.

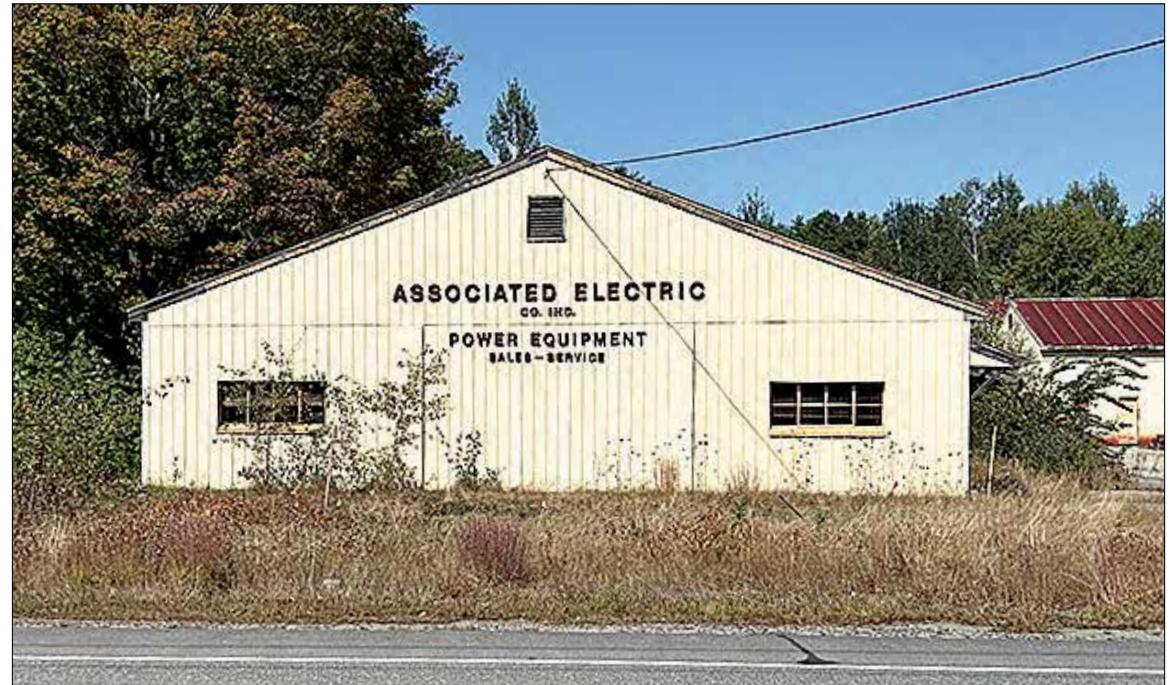
UCON said they would send a rendition of a multi-use-com-

plex that would sit on the Associated Electric site. When the plans are received, Ms. Buono will email it to the Board.

The Request for Qualifications on the Sidewalk Project

was due on August 28th.

Ms. Buono received confirmation that the Commissioners will be attending the Selectmen's October 8th meeting to talk about the system upgrades.



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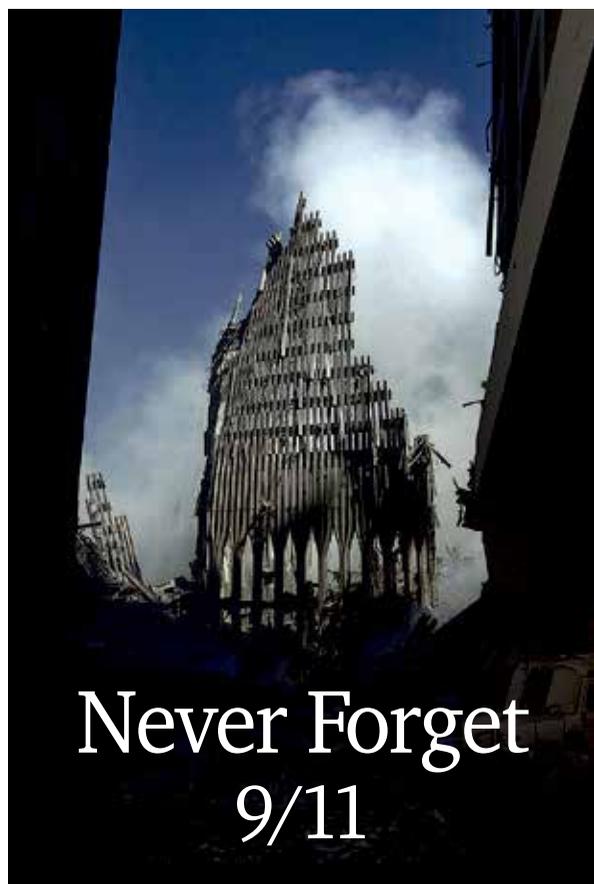
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Around Our Towns



About 120 people total competed in four events: the 5 mile, the 5K walk and run and the kids fun run. Results of the Franconstown 5K were as follows: 5 mile winner: Abby Taylor of Brookline, MA; 5 mile first male: James Hurley; 5K winner: David Keyes of New Boston; 5K first female: Sadie Faber of Hancock.



Newbury's Annual Wreath Sale preparations are underway! Mark your calendars for November 22, and come find the perfect holiday wreath or centerpiece to bring seasonal warmth to your home.



Last week Doug Brendal from "New Thing" A response of the heart for Belarus, spoke to the Hopkinton Rotary Club about their humanitarian efforts to help the people in Belarus.

New Boston names Kathie Vieira as Interim Town Administrator

The New Boston Select Board voted unanimously during their meeting to hire Kathie Vieira as Interim Town Administrator under a one-year contract.

Kathie, who has been the Highway Maintenance and Project Coordinator in the Town's Highway Department since 2021, has been serving in the Interim Town Administrator role on a month-to-month temporary basis for the past three months.

After running a comprehensive search process which saw 22 applications and four rounds of interviews, the Select Board decided the best way to meet the Town's upcoming goals was to extend a one-year contract to Kathie as Interim. This will provide a relatively seamless transition for staff and the Board to dive into the 2026 budget process and continue building on some of the transparency and public engagement initiatives that helped the budget gain

support last year. In the spring of 2026, the Board will evaluate whether to offer the permanent Town Administrator position to Kathie and/or to run another search process.

This decision comes alongside several other recent changes in administration the Select Board has recently made that will help support all aspects of the Town's operations. Maralyn Segien, who has been the Town's Executive Assistant and Human Resources Director and Assessing Clerk since 2022 was recently promoted to Assistant Town Administrator, in recognition of the responsibility that she has gained over time and the support she will provide for administration going forward. Additionally, Jennifer Webber, who has been the Select Board's Assistant and Assessing Assistant since 2024, was made full-time, allowing her more time to support the Board's initiatives and especially help create public



New Boston Select Board announced the hire of Kathie Vieira as Interim Town Administrator.

communication and engagement programs.

Select Board Chair Bill McFadden said, "With Kathie, Maralyn, and Jen working together, they will offer the dynamic in which the town can move forward in a positive manner. The Board is looking forward to working with this team."

Kathie Vieira noted she is excited

to take on this opportunity and looks forward to working with all of the departments and residents. If anything is needed, she is there to help.

Alex Torpey from Rethink Local, whose company managed the recruitment process and has been providing Interim Town Administrator consultative support to the Town, stated, "The Town has made several

really smart choices recently in structuring a very capable administration. Kathie will do great things leading the team that already has a track record of working so well together."

Kathie's first day under the new agreement was September 8th. The Select Board extended congratulations to Kathie, and thanked all of the applicants for their interest and time.



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Hometown Heroes



Sunapee Fire held its monthly fire training for the month of September. Department members reviewed different types of PPE, how to inspect and clean them, and how to wear them all correctly.



Francestown Fire conducted monthly training, working on Water Supply/Tanker Operations. They also tried out some new portable monitors and nozzles for the new truck that's coming.

Dunbarton firefighters rescue a horse trapped in a marsh

When a tree branch fell on the fence holding Dave Heisler's horses on his Dunbarton property, it gave the animals a chance to slip away in the night.

Three of those horses made their way to the neighbor's driveway.

And one, a brown Suffolk Punch draft horse named Doc, wandered into a marsh where the 1,500-pound horse sank deep into the muck and became stuck.

Dave received notice via an early-morning call from his

Dunbarton neighbor.

When Heisler arrived, he knew immediately that he could not free the animal by himself. Heisler's neighbor, who is a veterinarian, then called the fire department for help.

According to Louis "Bud" Marcou, Deputy Chief of the Dunbarton Fire Department, Doc was stuck in three to four feet of heavy, marshy mud and his legs had sunk so deeply into the mud that he had nothing solid to brace against, leaving him powerless to lift

himself out.

It took about three hours and nine people to pull him

free. Heisler used some plywood to stand on, as they too were sinking in the mud. Fi-

nally, a winch from the rescue truck was used to lift Doc out of the marsh.



The Dunbarton Fire Department pulled a horse out of a marsh area early Sunday morning. *Courtesy photo of Dunbarton Fire Department.*



Colby-Sawyer formally invested James Jukosky and Kate Turcotte as the college's newest Sonja C. and William H. Davidow Endowed Chairs. Endowed chairs are among the highest tributes that a donor can give and one of the highest honors a faculty member can receive.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

A new review published in *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* confirms that antidepressants effectively reduce symptoms of generalized anxiety disorder (GAD) under trial conditions. GAD affects millions of people worldwide and is characterized by excessive worry about everyday issues. Antidepressants, particularly selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) such as Prozac or Zoloft, and serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs) such as Effexor, are recognized treatments for GAD. The review analyzed 37 randomized controlled trials with over 12,000 participants, comparing antidepressants to a placebo. Results showed that antidepressants were more effective than placebo in reducing anxiety symptoms, with a 41% higher response rate among those taking the medication compared to those taking a placebo. The review found no significant difference in dropout rates between those taking antidepressants and those taking a placebo, indicating that these medications are generally well-tolerated.

Patients with atrial fibrillation are typically prescribed an anticoagulant, or blood thinner, to reduce the risk of stroke, but many may discontinue them or never receive a prescription due to concerns of increased risk of bleeding complications. Researchers evaluated a drug that represents a new class of anticoagulants known as Factor XI inhibitors for treating patients with atrial fibrillation. The trial was stopped early by the recommendation of the Data Monitoring Committee due to an overwhelming reduction in bleeding compared to standard-of-care treatment. The researchers report in the *New England Journal of Medicine* that abelacimab, a Factor XI inhibitor, significantly reduced bleeding compared to a standard-of-care anticoagulant, rivaroxaban. About 1-in-3 people will develop atrial fibrillation, making it one of the most common cardiovascular conditions in the world. The risk of stroke increases significantly in patients with atrial fibrillation because blood clots form in the heart chambers and can be pumped to the brain, causing a stroke.

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Dr. Esin Narli

Q: What is involved in capping a tooth's pulp?

A: The pulp is, literally, the tooth's nerve center. Inside the enamel and dentin, the pulp holds the nerves, blood vessels and connective tissue. If decay pierces the enamel and dentin and threatens the pulp, it will not only be very painful, it can also kill the nerve, often making root canal therapy necessary to save the tooth.

But your dentist may choose to try to save the nerve with a pulp cap. Direct capping is used when removal of decay actually exposes the pulp. The dentist puts a protective layer of calcium hydroxide over the pulp, then perhaps a sedative layer of material over that, and then a filling. If the procedure is successful, the nerve will pull away from the calcium hydroxide, leaving space for new dentin. A similar procedure, called indirect pulp capping, is used if the decay has not gone all the way through the dentin to the pulp. A cap can give the dentin time to regenerate. In either case, when the dentist can determine, after weeks or months, if the procedure was successful, he'll apply a permanent filling.

Practice good oral hygiene at home and visit your dentist regularly so you'll never need to find out first hand what pulp capping is really like.

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Around Our Town



Some of the participants in Hillsborough's Annual Jeep & Meet at the Firemen's field on Saturday. The event earned \$1,642.00. for the Hillsboro Youth Athletic Association.



Antrim Elementary School Principal Beth Gibney is shown with backpacks donated by the Rotary Peace and Environment Passport Club. Courtesy Photo



Hillsboro Youth Center participants applied for and received a Karma for Kara Grant to secure funds for their vision of putting in a Gaga Pit at Grimes Field. Teen Center participants went down and built the pit themselves with the help of the Parks crew.

Andover Select Board concerned with supervision of the Transfer Station

During a public comment segment, Janet Moore informed the Andover Select Board that she had noticed that the transfer station has a new paper recycling bin, and she wondered if this was a Select Board decision. Selectman Stewart shared that the board has given Selectman

Carter control of the transfer station for the interim. Selectman Delaney shared that Recycling Associates took the town compactor that was full to recycle.

Town Administrator Sieburg was under the impression that the current bin will be taken

back to Recycling Associates when it is full, and the Andover one will come back, and this will be the process.

There is no active contract that the board is aware of at this time, and Selectman Carter is not present to discuss this.

Donna Duclos expressed concern about this new bin being at the transfer station without a contract in place. She also expressed that Selectman Carter cannot enter into a contract without the Select Board's approval.

Selectman Fenton expressed concerns with the changes that have been happening at the transfer station and the lack of discussion with the Board about these changes. Selectman Fenton expressed that the Board should be looking into a supervisor for the transfer station that is not on the Highway crew or a Selectman. Selectman Delaney motioned that the transfer station should fall under Town



Administrator Sieburg for the time being. Selectman Fenton second the motion.

All Selectmen were in favor. Town Administrator Sieburg would like to connect with

Selectman Carter and get caught up to speed.

He would like this to be interim with a future plan to hire someone to focus on the transfer station.



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Guest Editorial

The Light of Freedom

Our son, Grant, then on the staff of Senator John Sununu, wrote this essay shortly after the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. We reprint it today as a reminder that the War on Terror has not yet been won. Victory belongs to the vigilant. LDB

A dark shadow passed over the United States this week. The deadliest attacks ever launched against American civilians hit our symbols of economic and military Power and shook our civilization awake to the realization that we live in a dangerous world.

The monstrous barbarism we endured was not directed at the passengers and crew flying in hijacked airliners, or at the employees doing their jobs at the World Trade Center or even at the soldiers protecting our nation from the Pentagon. The thousands of innocent victims killed on Tuesday were not the true target of these attacks.

The motive behind these atrocities was to incite fear and uncertainty into the hearts of the millions of Americans who survived. Those behind these acts of terror hoped to strike at the heart of the American financial sector and at the nerve center of our armed forces. While they may resent American money and American muscle, what they fear is the American way of life.

Stocks and bonds do not make America great. Freedom does. It is freedom that drives our economy to lead the world. It is freedom that rallies people to democracy wherever and whenever they taste it. And it is freedom that threatens tyrants holding onto power at the expense of their subjects. Freedom to travel, freedom to work, freedom to live in safety all came under fire from the forces of darkness.

Our enemies are trying to break our spirit. They express their political will not through democracy and diplomacy but in blood and rubble. Frightened men who

live in shadows and send suicidal soldiers to kill defenseless civilians; these are the enemies of freedom.

We are neither invulnerable nor invincible. In fact, the freedoms we enjoy in the United States provide opportunity for our enemies. Freedom brings risk, and we have paid a terrible price. Even as we assess the final cost of these attacks, we should remember the rewards of living in the greatest civilization in the history of man. We have built a nation of unparalleled prosperity and opportunity and set an example for the world. Our ongoing experiment in democracy has spread across the continents and provided every American with freedoms never contemplated in an earlier age.

I was shocked and saddened at our tremendous national loss but had controlled my emotions throughout the day. Then I watched members of Congress gather on the Capital steps, offering words of support for the President. As the press conference broke up, these men and women who devote much of each day to each other's political downfall, joined in singing "God Bless America." And, for the first time all day, I cried.

I am an American, and I live in a land where factions struggle for political control but stand shoulder to shoulder in times of crisis. I am an American, and I am proud and grateful. We will track down those behind these attacks. We will strike back, not for revenge but for Justice. Our retaliation will not replace the loss we feel from our departed friends but it will show other tyrants and thugs that freedom can not be attacked with impunity.

We stand today as a nation, strong and resolute wounded but not weakened attacked but not defeated. The enemies of freedom lurk in the shadows, mistaking our liberty for weakness. They can only survive in darkness, but the light of freedom shall carry the day.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Local government runs on trust, accountability, and respect for the law. When that trust is broken, it threatens the integrity of the entire system. Unfortunately, Warner has seen more than one example of this kind of misconduct.

When Select Board member Mike Smith scrawled "NO F***ing WAY" on the signature line of an official town document, then entered Town Hall at 4:00am to white it out and return it to the file, this represents a "false alteration" of the record under RSA 641:7. Smith should be held accountable for breaking the law.

Even more concerning, Smith has been implicated in the improper release of confidential welfare records, another violation of the law that undermines the privacy rights of Warner's most vulnerable residents.

Meanwhile, Town Administrator Kathy Frenette—currently on paid administrative leave during an ongoing Merrimack County Sheriff's investigation—continues to attend Select Board meetings and publicly speak out

against the very board she serves. Administrative leave exists to allow investigations to proceed without interference. It is not an opportunity for a nonresident employee to undermine Warner's elected officials while drawing a taxpayer-funded paycheck.

Warner deserves better. Tampering with records, releasing confidential information, and disrupting public meetings aren't just "bad behavior" — they're violations of public trust, and in some cases, the law.

It's time to act decisively and restore integrity to Warner's town government. Both Mike Smith and Kathy Frenette should resign immediately. If they do not, the Select Board should initiate the legal process.

Ian Rogers, Warner

Dear Editor:

Bring Back Those Good Old Days

Whatever happened to the days when we could debate the political issues and not be attacked verbally or otherwise? As a Baby Boomer, I can well remember ▶

Letters to the Editor continued

a time when we could discuss the pros and cons of a political party and clearly state who we would be voting for. This always made for interesting discussions and whether or not you agreed with others political choices, we had always found a middle ground and we were respected for it. The old credo of the day was "I may not agree with what you say, but I'll fight with my life your right to say it." I remember my Grandparents telling me that they campaigned for Eisenhower and proudly put "I Like Ike" bumper stickers on their cars and when they went out for a drive, they would pass by a car that would have a bumper sticker with the opposing candidate, Adlai Stevenson and they would wave to each other. This was the same for my parents.

They were Nixon supporters and put "Nixon's The One" Bumper stickers on their cars and they had neighbors that supported Humphrey Or McGovern and there was mutual respect for their differing political views. Even myself, at my High School we had debating teams which brought about enlightening discussions about the good and bad about each candidate and each side of the aisle was met with mutual respect. We all enjoyed these political discussions. Now, fast forward to today and I can tell you if we had those debate teams today, you can bet that it would make the food fight scene from Animal House look like Grandma's Quilting Bee. Nowadays you'd think twice about putting a Trump or Biden or Harris bumper sticker or discussing political candidates without fear of retaliation. The days of mutual respect and finding middle ground are now long gone. What changed? All I can say is, BRING BACK THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS!

Diane C. Hill, Contoocook

Dear Editor:

As a senior citizen and resident of Newbury, NH, for over 17 years, I dread the thought of receiving my TAX BILL. It concerns me deeply to witness the ever increasing annual School Tax statement for the Kearsarge Regional School District (KRS D). As a senior on a fixed and limited income, this rise is beginning to put a severe burden on my finances and ability to sustain a reasonable living.

Although I fully understand education must be funded, my question is to what degree and what expense?

Having served on Newbury's budget committee in prior years, and in listening to current concerns regarding funding our own town's needs for ALL residents, the current funding schedule for KRS D is unsustainable! And, I am guessing there are many other retirees and seniors who feel the same. FYI in 2024, the operating budget for KRS D was \$55,387,481 to which Newbury had to contribute \$8,881,734 for 190 Newbury students. That is almost \$47,000 per student. That's more than would be necessary to send all our students to private school. If this trend in public school funding is to continue at this increased current rate, residents and mostly seniors, will be forced to sell their homes, relocate and leave our beautiful towns and way of living. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!

Please examine your next tax bill, and specifically

look at the SCHOOL amount under the Tax Calculation column. It doesn't have to be this way. Get involved in School Board budget decisions. Things must change, and change Now. We should be able to Vote "NO" on the ballot for the KRS D Budget.

Bob Wilkonski, Newbury

Dear Editor:

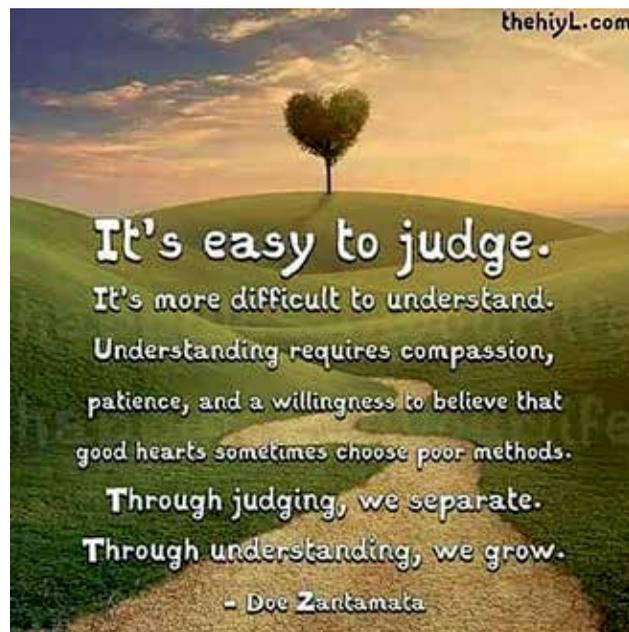
I'm writing to comment on the coordinated deluge of letters attempting to deflect attention from what's actually happening in Warner. While some people are focused on fantastical tales about imaginary affiliations, the rest of us are focused on the documented dereliction of duty that is costing this town a fortune.

It's clear why Kathy Frenette became a target: she exposed years of sloppy bookkeeping. That riled up the so-called "insiders," and now town hall meetings are a proper sideshow. Public recordings prove board members like Alfred Hanson struggle to follow procedure and Harry Seidel did nothing but put Frenette on leave — a move made against the advice of town counsel.

The incompetence doesn't stop there. The board, against the input of accounting professionals, the Auditor Search Committee and the public, voted to rehire the same auditing firm that presided over years of administrative disasters. It's also interesting that Harry and Alfred are firmly against hiring a payroll service, even though it's been recommended and is the norm in 2025. It makes you wonder why they're so keen on keeping those responsibilities with our finance director, especially after the town recently had to pay a \$10,000 payroll fine.

The coordinated nonsense in recent letters is a lame attempt to downplay the egregious behaviors at town hall. The issue isn't some fringe political group; it's the astonishing failures of the people we elected to be our guardians of the town's purse. The public is paying attention and wants to know what they're so keen on keeping hidden from a new set of eyes.

Danielle Young, Warner



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DO YOU NEED A STANDBY GENERATOR? 6 THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU BUY: PART I

 Every day on the news, it seems, there's a report about another extreme weather event. The U.S. experienced 28 separate, billion-dollar weather disasters last year, the highest number ever. That averages out to more than one every two weeks.

By: Joyce Bosse Widespread power outages are one of the byproducts of these mega-storms, but it doesn't take a once-in-a-century flood to cause them. Blackouts happen regularly due to more "mundane" causes, like power grid glitches, ice storms or high winds, even lightning in a garden-variety thunderstorm taking out a power pole. And you're left in the dark. Depending on the severity of the outage, that darkness could last awhile.

When the power goes out in your home, so does the heat. And the internet. And the electricity needed to keep food at a safe temperature in the refrigerator. All of your "smart" electronics and appliances that talk to each other (and to you) go silent.

Owning a standby generator is the best way to keep your household humming during a power outage. Because of all of the extreme weather we've been experiencing, it's moving from the nice-to-have category into a necessity. Here's what you need to know before buying one.

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 **Sports**



Antrim resident Mackenzie Anderson has been named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Watchlist. *Courtesy photo.*

Pair of NEC Seniors named to "The Watchlist"

New England College field hockey team seniors Mackenzie Anderson of Antrim and Cristina Manzi of Peapack, N.J., have been named to the 2025 National Field Hockey Coaches Association watchlist. The watchlist highlights student-athletes with strong potential for All-Region and All-American recognition.

Anderson, the Pilgrims' goalkeeper, had a standout junior season, starting all 20 games and posting a 16-4

record. She recorded 79 saves, five shutouts and a 0.77 goals against average. Her .849 save percentage ranked in the top 10 nationally among Division III keepers. She was named the Great Northeast Athletic Conference All-Conference Goalkeeper of the Year in 2024 and will anchor the Pilgrims' defense again this fall.

New England College competes in the GNAC and will open its 2025 field hockey season later this month.

FOOTBALL

John Stark 40, Merrimack Valley 0: John Stark junior running back AJ Bellen broke away for three touchdowns and made two extra point attempts to lead the young Generals to victory.

Interlakes 28, Kearsarge 13: Noah Sevigny had 26 carries for 138 yards rush; to lead the Interlakes attack.

ConVal 21, Kennett 20 OT: ConVal scored twice in the first quarter, on a 25-yard pass from quarterback Kurt Dean to Max Erickson and a 25-yard run by Wetu Selby.

BOYS SOCCER

ConVal 2, Merrimack Valley 1: The Cougars scored two

first-half goals, to take a lead they would not surrender. **Hopkinton 4, Derryfield 1:** Nolan Linstad had the hat trick and Hunter Eckner-Taylor made four saves to secure the win.

Hopkinton 3, Trinity 0: Nolan Linstad scored two goals and Hunter Eckner-Naylor made another four saves in the shutout.

Kearsarge 7, Somersworth 0: 7th goal of the night ended with a goal by a freshman, which was assisted by a freshman.

GIRLS SOCCER

Berlin 4, Hillsboro-Deering 1: HD's F. Daley had an assist on D. Mercier's goal.

Sports

Hopkinton 1, Trinity 0: Paige Prisco-Nelson scored the lone goal.

Hopkinton 1, Derryfield 0: Sadie Serzans scored an un-assisted goal and Avery Loew earned her 2nd shutout in as many games.

Hopkinton 2, Interlakes 2: Hawks leading 2-0 at halftime. Had 22 shots for and only two against; 11 corners for and zero against.

Kearsarge 5, Newport 0: Kearsarge goals. Katie Walkinshaw earned the shutout.

John Stark 2, ConVal 0: Madi Lamothe made both goals; Brenna Crean, one assist; Sydney Barrieau, one save, shutout.

Merrimack Valley 3, ConVal 0: ConVal's back line held strong to keep the first half scoreless, but Merrimack Valley broke through ten minutes after the restart.

Plymouth 3, ConVal 0: The Cougars couldn't muster any offence.

FIELD HOCKEY

Hopkinton 6, Mascenic 0: Dahlia Perry and Autumn Meier each had an assist, while Autumn Meier and Lauren Vetter each added a goal, and Ryan Barrett and Carlie Leino each added two goals. Heide Archambault had her first shutout.

John Stark 2, Hanover 0: Caylin Worthen scored both goals for the Generals.

John Stark 3, Derryfield 0: Addison DeCew, two goals; Zoe Lawson, one goal and one assist; Maxine Lundeen, one assist.

Bow 2, John Stark 2: Ainsley Herrick, two goals; Josie Johnson, one assist; Peyton Vaughn, one assist.

Kearsarge 5, Conant 0: Raegan Billado (defense), Bella Valle (two goals), Abby Bradbury (two assists), Stella Syvertsen (one goal, one assist).

Kearsarge 4, Monadnock 1: Bella Valle scored a hat-trick and Stella Syvertsen had two assists.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Franklin 3, Hillsboro-Deering 2: Lily Cornell had ten attacks, two kills, four aces, 6/13 serves, to led the way.

Hillsboro-Deering 3, Conant 2: Sophie Cuscia made a key play at the net, digging a tip and changing the momentum of the match.

Franklin 3, Sunapee 2: Alissa Doherty aced the match-winning point in set 5 after sitting since set 1.

Moultonborough 3, Kearsarge 0: The Cougars held their own but couldn't find the net.



John Stark Athletic Director Rodney Brown has been named Division 2 Athletic Director of the year by the NH Athletic Director's Association at NHIAA's annual meeting.



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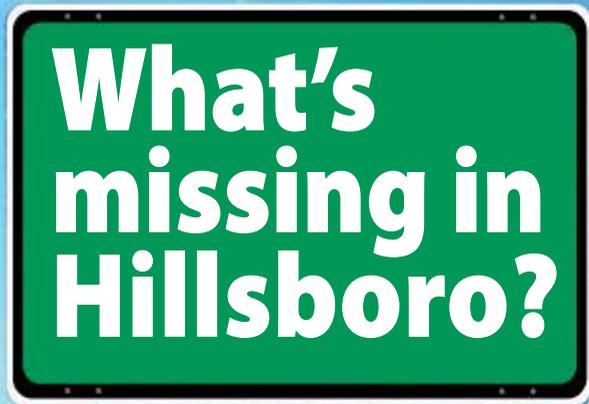
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Peterborough man dies in golf cart rollover

A Peterborough man died after his golf cart rolled over while he was working, Marlborough police said. An employee of a nearby motel called 911 after witnessing the incident, officials said.

Authorities responded to the Extra Space Storage

facility on Route 12 on Thursday morning, where they found 62-year-old Iain Walton, an employee, pinned underneath the golf cart. Crews freed Walton and attempted lifesaving measures, but he was pronounced dead after arriving at a local hospital.

Kearsarge transgender lawsuit apparently settled

Attorneys for both sides of a lawsuit filed against the Kearsarge Regional School District say they've reached a settlement, and have asked a federal judge for an additional 30-day stay in court proceedings to work out the final details.

The lawsuit, by attorneys from the Institute for Free Speech, along with local counsel Roy S. McCandless, claim Beth Scaer's First Amendment rights were violated when she was "silenced and threatened with

police intervention" after referring to a transgender athlete on a girls soccer team as a "tall boy" during the Aug. 29, 2024, meeting. On Monday, both parties jointly requested that pause be extended another 30 days, saying they are "confident" the agreement will be finalized "well before" a new deadline of Oct. 15.

"The parties have reached an agreement on terms and are in the process of executing a settlement agreement release," the request says.

Greenfield & Hancock continue to explore Regional Police

The Greenfield Police Regionalization Study Committee has prepared a survey of all Greenfield stakeholders.

The Committee was formed after Greenfield residents voted to explore the feasibility of regionalizing police services with Hancock at Town Meeting in March 2025. Hancock residents also voted in a similar warrant article to explore police regionalization with Greenfield.

Recently the Town of Antrim had sent similar feelers to Hancock, which lost its police chief to Bennington, but Hancock has indicated it is not interested in a joint venture with Antrim.

Greenfield's warrant article requires the GPRSC to report back to the town by Town Meeting 2026 with a recommendation on whether or not to move forward

with regionalization or to keep studying the possibility.

Both towns would have to approve police regionalization for the towns to proceed with developing a model for shared services.

The GPRSC will have a table at the Friends of the Greenfield Meetinghouse Oktoberfest on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The committee will also host a public information session on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Wensburg Room, downstairs at Stephenson Memorial Library in Greenfield.

The survey will be available in the Oct. 1 edition of the Greenfield Spirit, at Stephenson Memorial Library, the Town Office, the committee's Oktoberfest booth, the Harvester Market and the Greenfield Transfer Station.

Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School PTO suspends operations

On September 4, 2025, the PTO held their first meeting of the school year. They also voted on making a hard decision.

As many may already know, they have struggled as a PTO to find volunteers and involvement. Unfortunately this has been a growing trend since COVID.

Since they are a volunteer based organization, there is no feasible way to stay afloat without them. Many of the executive board members have been on the board for several years, in various positions, including some members whose children have aged out of the elementary school, and filling positions on the board has become increasingly difficult.

Taking all of this into consideration, the HDES PTO

Executive Board proposed having the HDES PTO go into hiatus, which was voted on by the attending members at the Sept. 4 meeting. They are not dissolving the PTO, merely letting it go dormant.

If, by chance, someone in the future wishes to take on the challenge, they will have an easier time since the standing will still be good. The Board is willing to help any new members settle in when the time comes.

This was a very difficult decision to make, and it is one that the PTO did not make lightly. The PTO is designed to support the teachers, students, staff, and community of HDES. In doing so there are a lot of activities that have been accomplished in the past decade by the wonderful volunteers.

Michael Kloewer has been named Franklin City Manager

On Monday, the city council approved Michael Kloewer's contract as the new Franklin City manager. Kloewer will start as city manager on Sept. 15.

Franklin was operating under an acting city manager since late February, when former city manager Judy Milner resigned her post. Scott Clarenbach took the temporary role at the beginning of March, having

already filled it twice before in 2003 and 2008, when he was fire chief. Mayor Desiree McLaughlin applied for city manager in June, according to meeting minutes. McLaughlin recused herself from all matters concerning the appointment of city manager, including the approval of Kloewer's contract. She is also running for re-election as mayor.

Colby-Sawyer Convocation: ‘This is where you can grow into the person you want to be’

Speakers at Colby-Sawyer’s Convocation on Friday, Sept. 4, encouraged the Class of 2029 to be comfortable being uncomfortable, to embrace challenges and to be a positive force in the world.

Dean McCurdy, who will be formally invested as the college’s 10th president Oct. 16, welcomed first-year students — whose home bases range from New London, to London, England, and from Kazakhstan to New Zealand. “You belong here! You might doubt this sometimes. That’s normal,” he said to the students assembled on the Quad. “To anyone who sits in doubt, lean in. You’ve earned the right to be here.”

To officially mark the start of Colby-Sawyer’s 188th year, McCurdy read a poem written in 1937 by former English faculty

member Mavis Clare Barnett. The third verse included:

New towers upon the Hilltop, and new names,

New generations, youth forever new;

Unchanged alone are still those ancient aims,

Those truths we still pursue.

McCurdy said he’s learned a lot during his first 90 days as president about Colby-Sawyer’s long and storied history. “While much has changed,” he said, “the essential elements of an outstanding college education remain.”

He told the members of the Class of 2029 that as they pursue their academic interests, they’ll also be exposed to a breadth of skills and experiences across other disciplines.

“Alumni regularly share with me that their most powerful



experiences at Colby Sawyer were in courses and activities outside of their major,” he said. “Be open to what you can learn in any course and be curious. Be prepared to learn by doing.”

And that, McCurdy said, includes rising to the challenge to make a positive impact and improve the human condition.

Associate Professor Joan

Lehoullier, recipient of the 2025 Nancy Beyer Opler Award for Excellence in Advising, shared a lesson she learned from John Wooden, UCLA’s legendary former men’s basketball coach.

During his speech at an awards ceremony that Lehoullier attended, Wooden said that during his team’s first practice he demonstrated how to properly

put on socks and sneakers. “The lesson was simple, but profound,” said Lehoullier, “Small details matter.”

A wrinkled sock can cause a blister, which can result in a missed practice, which can botch preparation, which can mean losing a game. “Wooden knew that greatness starts with mastering the small details,” said Lehoullier, who coordinates the sport management program.

At Colby-Sawyer, Lehoullier said, paying attention to details means being prepared, leaning on people, communicating regularly and being resilient. “None of these are glamorous. They won’t earn you a million TikTok followers,” she said. “But they will protect you from blisters — academic or otherwise — and they will build the habits that lead to success.”

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Jim Creighton's priorities for 2025/26 NH Legislative Session

By Rep. Jim Creighton
(R-Antrim)



The legislative priorities set by the New Hampshire House of Representatives for the 2025 session were

largely achieved. Working with the Senate and Governor Ayotte, the House of Representatives delivered on improving the Granite State based on the direct feedback we received from voters. The progress made this year sets a strong base for continued improvement next year.

During the 2025 legislative session significant steps were made to improve housing costs and availability. The session started with the creation of the House of Representatives standing committee on Housing. This committee introduced several laws which the Governor signed. Accessory Dwelling Unit laws were modified to allow for both attached and detached units. Building codes were improved to reduce wait times and streamline processes. Mixed use development rules were adjusted to

allow zoning for commercial and residential projects on land previously zoned as commercial only. The House is looking at ways to modify zoning restrictions, reduce housing costs, and increase housing availability while respecting local control, ensuring safety, and protecting the environment.

The House continues to work to improve educational opportunity and quality for all Granite State Children. The House established the Education Funding Standing Committee to fully address educational funding. This committee is considering several initiatives to improve the school funding system. The Education Freedom Accounts were extended to all families. The committee is considering how to fund catastrophic special education challenges faced by schools. The issue regarding the adequacy of State support to local schools is being addressed by the committee as they look at budgetary challenges, systemic issues, and management processes.

Several laws were passed that improve the quality education and safety of our children. The parental bill of rights was passed which gives parents direct input

regarding how their child is being educated. Parents are now allowed access to school library records so they know what their children are reading. The Governor signed a "bell to bell" no cellphone law which will reduce distractions in the classroom. Providing a quality education to all of our children is the foundation of New Hampshire's future. The House of Representatives continues to work to improve the educational experience and outcomes through legislative initiative and systemic oversight.

The legislature enacted laws to improve the safety and well-being of its citizens. Some of the more significant initiatives are: bail reform; protected services to people with disabilities; first responder retirement benefits; and northern border security are a few of the initiatives that will improve the lives of people in the Granite State. Of the 1155 bills considered by the New Hampshire General Court in 2025, approximately 70% were passed "on consent" which means that Democrats and Republicans all agreed, near unanimously, on what course of action should be taken. Working together, we will address critical issues and craft



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legislation to help improve our state.

There is still much to be done. Housing availability and costs are still not in line with where they need to be. Property taxes are too high, especially for the elderly and those on a fixed income. Although our school system consistently rates in the top ten in the country, we need to figure out a better way to fund it while improving our educational outcomes. With huge investments being made in the United

States by both U.S. and foreign companies, we need to position New Hampshire to take advantage of this opportunity to grow. The health and wellbeing of our people is paramount; we need to work to improve the overall physical and mental health of our children.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House of Representatives, the Senate and the Governor to continue to improve the quality of life in New Hampshire.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Laurie M. Fontaine

CLAREMONT - Laurie M. Fontaine, 67, of Claremont, NH passed away unexpectedly on August 30, 2025. She was born in Barre, VT on July 18, 1958, the daughter of Kenneth and Ella (Young) MacAskill. She is survived by her husband, Robin B. Fontaine whom she married on June 7, 1980; their son, Dan Fontaine of Weathersfield and two grandsons, Lawson and Walker; her sister, Bonnie Post of St Albans, ME; brother, Donald MacAskill of Chambersburg, PA and nieces and nephews. Visiting hours were held at the Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street in Claremont, on Saturday, September 6th from 10 to 11 a.m. A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. with Pastor Clint Brake officiating, followed by burial.

Raymond H. St. Onge

WEARE - It is with profoundly heavy hearts that we are pronouncing the passing of our loved one, Raymond H. St. Onge, born on Feb. 19, 1961, and passed on Aug. 31, 2025. Raymond was the beloved husband and soulmate of May St. Onge for 36 years, father of Raymond St. Onge Jr. and Natahsha St. Onge, along with their mother, Tina St. Onge; "Daddy" to his "special" sister-in-law, Linda Guillemette, who he loved, adored and cared for over the past 25 years and whom she had wrapped around her finger; his sister, Claire St. Onge; brothers-in-law, Bruce Guillemette, Mark Witkowski and Manny Gomes; sisters-in-law, Jeanette St. Onge, Deborah Gomes, and Tricia Guillemette; special brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Pat and Esther Haskins; special nephew and niece, Bradley and Veronica Haskins. Ray is also survived by his nephews and nieces, James St. Onge and his wife, Holly, Cindy St. Onge, Cathy St. Onge and her husband, John, Mark Witkowski Jr. and his wife, Ravyn, Kiera Macaroco and her husband, Steven, and Brittany Willett and her husband, Erik; his great-nephews and a great-niece, Christopher St. Onge, Jacob St. Onge, Donovan St. Onge, Walker Willett, and Evelyn Guillemette; as well as his mother-in-law, Tina Goulet. Ray was predeceased by his parents, Maurice and Theresa St. Onge, and his siblings, Paul St. Onge and Linda Witkowski. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, Sept. 12, at 10 a.m. at Ste. Marie Parish, 378 Notre Dame Ave, Manchester, N.H. Family and friends are invited to attend.



Dr. Anna Konopka M.D.

NEW LONDON - Dr. Anna Konopka M.D. died on Monday August 25, 2025 at her home in New London, NH at the age of 92. Anna was the daughter of Leon Konopka and Maria Zuelinska, born February 6, 1933 in Rzeszow, Poland. She retained clear memories of life before, during, and after WWII which she would share many stories about. Anna is predeceased by her parents, Leon and Maria Konopka and her brother, Jerzy Konopka of Krakow, Poland. Surviving members include Jan Konopka (brother) of Switzerland, daughter, Krysia Nelson of VA, Kathrine Nelson of VA (grand-



daughter), Kinga Konopka (niece) Krakow, Poland, and Ella Pietrczak (cousin) of Astoria, NY.

Agnes J. Chevrette

WEARE - Agnes J. Chevrette, 89, lifelong resident of Manchester, N.H., passed away peacefully at Hanover Hill Health Care Center on Sept. 5, 2025. Born on Feb. 23, 1936, in Manchester, N.H. She was the daughter of the late John T. and Mary Irene (Sullivan) Baroody. She is survived by her brother, Joseph Baroody of Manchester, N.H., and Florida; her son, Brian N. Chevrette and wife, Darlene of Manchester, N.H.; daughters, Sandra Romanos and husband, Douglas Wilber of Weare, N.H., Jennifer Hales and husband, Chad of Manchester, N.H.; grandchildren, Elizabeth Penn and her partner, Matt Thompson of Manchester, N.H., Tyler Penn and wife, Lauryn of Manchester, N.H., Kenneth Penn and wife, Irene of Manchester, N.H., Ryan Romanos, Colby Hales, Dylan Chevrette and Austin Chevrette, all of Manchester, N.H., great-grandchildren, Wesley and Reese Penn and Elliott and Quentin Penn; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Edward Baroody; her husband, Norbert G. Chevrette; and her daughter, Donna (Chevrette) Penn. Calling hours will be held at Phaneuf Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 243 Hanover St., Manchester, N.H., on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, from 10 a.m.-noon, with a funeral service starting immediately after at noon at the funeral home. Interment will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Bedford, N.H.



William "Bill" Channon

FRANCESTOWN - William "Bill" Roger Channon, 77, of Frankestown, passed peacefully at Community Hospice House of Merrimack after a long and courageous battle with multiple chronic illnesses. Born in Lima, Peru, on November 23, 1947, to British parents, Ronald and Beatrice (Adamson) Channon, Bill will be dearly missed as a loving husband, dad, family member, and friend. He is survived by his beloved wife, Katherine, and daughter, Molly Channon, and her husband, Harold Fehr of Miami Beach; his sister, Susan Frappell of Devon, UK; and his sister- and brother-in-law, Dian and Jim Pomeranz of W. Simsbury, CT. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews in Europe and the U.S. He was predeceased by his parents and by his brother-in-law, Jonathan Frappell. A celebration of Bill's life will be held in spring 2026. Details will be announced on Facebook and in the Ledger Transcript. Burial of his ashes will take place privately at Greenvale Cemetery.



Please send your Obituaries to:
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Events: Community Bulletin Board

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.

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.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14

CONCERT: back by popular demand Shizue Sano, the classical concert pianist is performing again at the Smith Memorial Church in Hillsborough at 2:00pm.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

STONE ARCH BRIDGES TOUR: Join the Hillsborough Historical Society at the Post Office parking lot at 5:00pm. Tour leaves at 5:15 sharp.

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, 908.217.3297 or tinyurl.com/BradfordCountrySquares.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS: Provided by resident and Nurse Practitioner Grace Donison Turcotte, APRN. At the Deering Library from 10am until Noon. Back by popular demand.

AUCTION: Talents, Goods, and Services Auction: Hillsboro Methodist Church, 16 Henniker Street. Auction begins at 6:00pm; doors open at 5:00 for preview of items. For further information, contact Gene Gould (603) 464-4007.

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: ldammann@forestsociety.org or (603) 224-9945.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4

CLASS REUNION: The ConVal Class of 1975 will gather for its 50th reunion. The day begins with a tour of ConVal High School at 3pm, followed by a social hour at 5pm and dinner at 6pm at Monadnock Country Club, 49 High St., Peterborough. The evening program will feature music from the 1970s, a slideshow of senior photos, trivia contests and time for classmates to reconnect and share memories.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19

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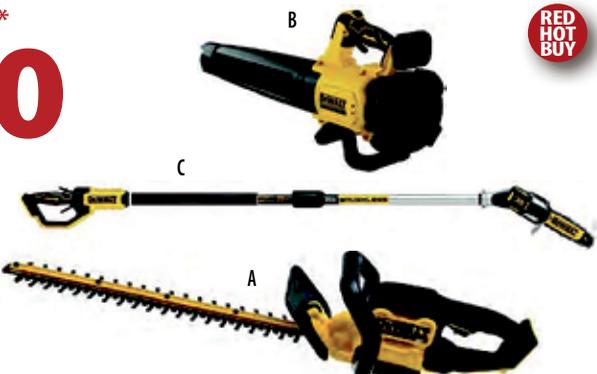


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