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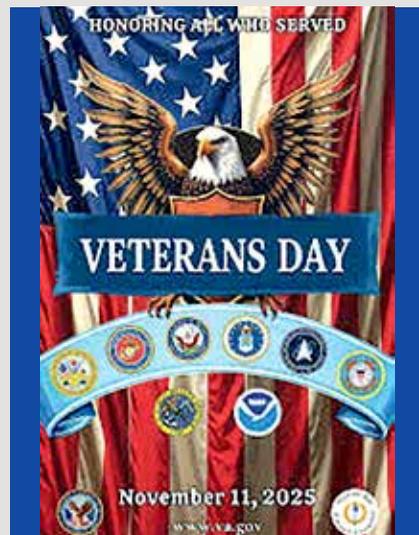
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## New Henniker Principal



The Henniker School District is pleased to announce the appointment of Jacob Morrill, M.Ed., C.A.G.S., as the new principal of Henniker Community School. "I am excited and honored to join Henniker Community School to support students and staff and continue the great work happening in the school," Morrill said. "During the interview process, I was impressed by the positivity and commitment of staff, students and community. I am looking forward to returning to SAU 24 to be a part of the team of great educators."



## New England College designated 'Purple Heart College'

New England College received an honor of its own for its support of men and women who have been awarded Purple Heart decorations within the college community.

NEC became known as a Purple Heart College, joining a national network of institutions that honor the courage and sacrifice of America's service members who have been wounded or killed in combat. The ceremony included Gov. Kelly Ayotte, Rep. Maggie Goodlander (NH-02) and U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam veteran Al Varelas of the Western Massachusetts Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The college was founded in 1946 to serve servicemen and

women attending college on the GI Bill after World War II.

Varelas spoke about the work he does for the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and mentioned how important it was to recognize NEC for its sustained support of Purple Heart recipients and veterans.

He presented special road signs and designated parking spot signs for NEC to place around campus to honor those who served and were injured, wounded or died while in service.

"The sign I designed specially for the college and I appreciated being up here and welcoming the college into the Purple Heart family," Varelas said.

## Help feed our needy neighbors this Christmas season

Messenger Publisher Leigh Bosse is pleased to announce that for the 31st consecutive year, The Messenger, in conjunction with the Hillsboro Lions Club, will be conducting its annual appeal to readers to help the Hillsboro Lions Club feed our needy neighbors this Christmas Season, by funding the distribution of Christmas Food Baskets to needy families in the area.

For several years, Hillsboro churches, with donations from area civic groups, distributed approximately 100 holiday food baskets to needy families three times each year; at Thanksgiving, Christmas and again at Easter.

In the fall of 1994, it was decided to concentrate on Thanksgiving and Easter, primarily, because of lack of funds.

Realizing the tremendous hardship that would result, the local Lions Club & The Messenger agreed to step forward and provide this service each Christmas season. Project Co-Chairs Ron and Kathy Audette have announced that applications are available at all H-D Schools and the Food Pantry, which must be returned by November 25th. Baskets will be distributed from 10 a.m. to Noon on December 20th at Smith Memorial Church. To contribute to this neighbor to neighbor project, please send your check today! TO: Lions Food Basket at The Messenger, PO Box 1190, Hillsborough, NH 03244. Donations of any size are urgently needed. Those who donate to this worthwhile program will be recognized by having their names publish

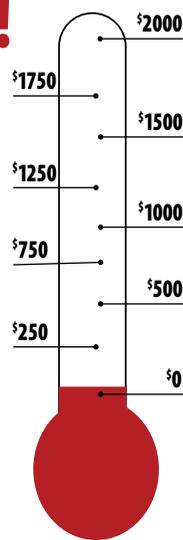
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### **November 15, 2024**

Weare teenager convicted of arson for pair of Bradford fires  
Rapid response by firefighters saves Newbury home  
Sunapee school converting from oil to wood heat  
Fire crews from eight towns battle Goffstown brush fire

### **November 17, 2023**

Warner's Magdalen College is closing  
Late night fire displaces ten people  
Complaint filed against Frankestown Police Chief  
New London Select Board considering project manger for police facility

### **November 18, 2022**

H-D & Antrim removed from Schools In Need of Improvement list  
Sale of Crotched Mountain averts closing  
Prosecutors say Weare girl died from father's neglect  
Hopkinton area vandalized by hateful graffiti

### **November 19, 2021**

Antrim's Cynthia Jewett is NH Librarian of the Year  
Hopkinton girl signs to play Division I Soccer  
Henniker to build cell tower on Craney Hill  
Goffstown man arrested for resisting arrest

### **November 20, 2020**

New London installs bicycle & safety signs  
Newbury firefighters delivering gifts  
Bradford Fish & Game Club grandfathered  
Hopkinton supports Sean Powers Wood Bank

### **November 22, 2019**

Bradford couple seeks answers in their daughter's death  
Warner receives \$37,850.20 in unanticipated revenue  
Groups want to be included in New London's budget  
Antrim Board to hear cell tower proposal

### **November 23, 2018**

Goffstown Police host Holiday Lights Tour  
H-D inducts 56 students into DECA Chapter  
New England College buys Main Street building  
Hopkinton pair recognized by NH State PTA

### **November 24, 2017**

Newport teen gets 2 years for 7 felonies  
Effort to save historic Gale School revived  
Christmas season opens in New Boston  
LRGHealthcare employees share the season's blessings

### **November 18, 2016**

Tilton man hurls molotov cocktail at girlfriend's car  
Cause of New Boston fire remains under investigation  
Over 100 birds killed in Newport pole barn fire  
Margaret Lougee installed as Bow Police Chief

### **November 20, 2015**

Franklin teen arrested in Concord for pot & alcohol  
Authorities believe Antrim woman jumped off bridge  
Bow Police address recent increase in criminal activity  
Goffstown Police officer is couple's Guardian Angel

# Weare Select Board issues praise and a public apology

Weare Town Administrator Naomi Bolton has notified the Board that she is retiring from full-time employment, effective on November 30th. Naomi has worked for the Town for over 30 years and has spent the last 16 years as Town Administrator.

During her tenure, Naomi has worn many hats, stepping up whenever an administrative position was unfilled or a task needed to be completed. She has provided leadership to the Town's administrative staff and served as the interface between the Board and Town department heads. She has served as an advisor to the Board and a mentor to new Board members. She has provided invaluable assistance in helping the Town to navigate numerous challenges.

Naomi has again shown her commitment to the Town by agreeing to stay on in a part-

time capacity through Town meeting.

After taking some time off in December, Naomi will continue to serve as an interim, part-time Town Administrator. This will serve the Town by assuring that all of the challenges that present at the beginning of each year will be covered. It also will allow the Board time to conduct a comprehensive search for her replacement.

During the past year, Naomi and her husband Bill have each had difficult experiences before Town boards.

The current Board of Selectmen very much regrets these incidents and any adverse impact that they had on Naomi and Bill.

Policies then in effect to protect members of the public and Town employees from uncivil conduct were not as effective as expected.

The current Board of Select-



Weare Town Administrator Naomi Bolton and Bill Bolton.

men has adopted a new Public Participation Policy which addresses behavior during public meetings and the responsibility of Town officials to protect

citizens and employees from unnecessary and inappropriate personal attacks.

The Board believes that the new Policy will prevent any re-

occurrence of what Naomi and Bill experienced, for which the Board sincerely apologizes.

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## Hometown Heroes



New London's Sgt. Pelchat, Officer Soto, and Officer Nocito had a fantastic time at the NLHS Senior Career Fair. Great engagement and conversations with some amazing students. The future's looking bright!



Dunbarton Police Officers completed Active Shooter Response/Slow Search Tactics Training recently. They train in these vital skills as a department at least twice per year, with a strong focus on effective team and solo officer movements, communication, and problem solving. A special thank you goes out to Sergeant Brian Tyler for running the training, as well as the Dunbarton Elementary School for allowing the use their building.

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# Bennington woman named Girl Scout's "Volunteer of the Month"



Colleen Allen

Girl Scouting has been part of Colleen Allen's life from the time she was a small child. She has gone on to contribute her time and talent to Girl Scouts in Bennington and Dunbarton as an adult. Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains, the council serving Girl Scouts across New Hampshire and Vermont, has recognized Allen's dedication by naming her its Volunteer of the Month for November.

Allen, 40, of Bennington, leads Troop 20889 in Bennington, a group of 14 girls in Grades 4-6, and is also a co-leader for Troop 60248 for five Girl Scouts in Grades 8-12. And if that's not enough, along with being in charge of Girl Scout Cookie sales for these troops, she is also leading a small troop of Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies in Dunbar-

ton, with the hope it will grow and other more local parents can take over. That's a good 45-minute drive for Allen, but worth it for her niece, who is in the troop. She also helps other troop leaders in her area as a volunteer support coordinator.

"Colleen Allen is invaluable," said DeeDee Rice, membership finance specialist with the council. "Her leadership, dedication, and enthusiasm have been instrumental in supporting volunteers and ensuring that the girls and adults in her community have meaningful and memorable experiences."

"Colleen's commitment to the Girl Scout mission makes her an exceptional volunteer and a wonderful role model," Rice said.

Allen was also recognized as a Volunteer of Excellence in 2019, an award given to volunteers who have performed beyond the expectation of their position and have supported the council's mission delivery goals.



Colleen Allen's Girl Scouts in Troop 20889 enjoyed going camping earlier this year. (Courtesy photo)

For Allen, it's all about providing opportunities to her Girl Scouts that they wouldn't get from school or home, along with teaching them the skills to earn badges and do good in their community. Six of the Girl Scouts in

Troop 20889 recently earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award, the highest honor for those in Grades 4 and 5, for weeding and planting new vegetation.

Prior to her time in Bennington, Allen led a troop in Alaska,

having enjoyed working at Girl Scout camp.

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- Any color change in the tissue of your mouth, and specifically, a white or red patch anywhere in the mouth.

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## TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

Women with higher levels of essential minerals circulating in their blood during pregnancy, particularly copper and manganese, along with vitamin B12, had a lower risk of developing high blood pressure in middle age, about 20 years later, according to research published in the American Heart Association's peer-reviewed journal *Hypertension*. Manganese, selenium, magnesium and copper are among the essential metals important for a healthy body because their anti-oxidation and anti-inflammatory properties may help protect against cardiovascular disease. Previous research has found that higher levels of manganese were associated with a lower risk of preeclampsia (high blood pressure during pregnancy).

Small amounts of a common antibiotic and anti-inflammatory drug can curb symptoms where a misplaced immune reaction (e.g., auto-immunity) can cause permanent hair loss, a new study published in the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology* shows. This regimen may also come with fewer side effects than higher doses of the medication. The study explored lymphocytic scarring alopecia, a rare skin condition in which the body's immune cells damage hair follicles, leading to hair loss and scarring. Physicians typically treat this chronic disorder with relatively high doses of the antibiotic doxycycline, often for prolonged periods of time. However, the drug can trigger nausea, vomiting, and rashes and may discourage patients from continuing to take it, the study authors say. The findings revealed that lower doses (usually 20 milligrams taken twice daily) and higher doses (as much as 100 milligrams taken twice daily) of doxycycline were equally effective. In addition, while 23% of those on the high-dose regimen experienced common negative side effects of doxycycline, only 12% of those taking smaller doses of the drug did so.

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## School Days



The New Boston Central School time capsule buried in 2000 was dug up, opened, watched by 50 former students and their teachers. NBCS Principal Underwood read a letter written in 2000 by Principal Matthews.



Andover elementary 8th graders got to learn about the lives and service of some of the veterans. Hearing these stories were inspirational. These men and women enjoyed coffee and donuts while sharing stories about their time in the military.



Henniker community school 5th graders attended the NEC ropes course and worked with Professor Raelyn and her outdoor education students to gain skills in regards to communication, collaboration, and being a team. They exceeded expectations, participating in most of the ropes course activities and having a fun time.

# H-DHS DECA Students Publish Financial Literacy Comic Book

Two students from Hillsboro-Deering High School, as part of the DECA program, published their first comic book on the subject. "The Heroic Adventures of Dollar Doug" was written by senior Penelope Bows and junior Caylee Lugo, who also provided the illustrations.

Bows and Lugo were inspired by their Financial Literacy class at H-DHS and felt that the course information was important enough to share with younger students. They decided to target fifth grade students and cus-

tomized the message to meet that audience. However, it has an appeal to all. While creating the comic book they constructed different financial situations in the areas of budgeting, credit, needs and wants, organization, and investing, where a character in the book was about to make a poor financial decision. "Chaa-Chingg" this is where the comic's hero "Dollar Doug" appears to help guide the character into making a better choice.

Bows and Lugo will be doing readings of their comic book to

the H-DHS fifth grade classes. They will have copies of their comic book available for those students. "I thought this was an incredibly clever way to deliver some great basic financial advice

to kids. The story is fun and the artwork is great. I am very excited to see them compete with this," said H-DHS DECA Advisor Marc Payeur.

The team will be competing

in February at the NH DECA State Conference in the Financial Literacy Project. They hope to take home top prize and qualify for the International competition in late April.



Left to right: Penelope Bows and Caylee Lugo.



Kearsarge 8th graders took a Forestry Field Trip to the Kidder Forest, led by county forester Tim Fleury. He discussed the process of forest succession, biodiversity, forest management, and the impact of timber on our New Hampshire economy.

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# Special Town Meeting on fate of Warner officials

*Residents petition to remove Selectmen Harry Seidel & Alfred Hanson, Finance Director Clyde Carson and Administrator Judy Newman-Rogers*

Warner residents have signed a petition calling for the resignation of Selectmen Harry Seidel and Alfred Hanson, Finance Director Clyde Carson and Administrator Judy Newman-Rogers.

The number of petitions submitted were sufficient to require a special town meeting, which has been scheduled for January 7th.

The resignation petition alleges that a lack of confidence

in the town's officials are "due to ongoing concerns including a restraining order issued against a sitting selectman for alleged assault at a town hall employee, multiple years of problematic financial audit findings and a pattern of behavior that has created a toxic and hostile workplace environment."

The additional petitions ask officials to publish the town's financial audit online, to out-source payroll, to bar the select

board from meeting with town counsel without a public quorum and to prohibit the board from accepting money outside of

highway, fire, police or transfer station operations without a majority vote. To call for a special town meeting, at least 50

signatures are required on any petitioned warrant article. Each petition received between 61 and 76 signatures.



## Pair of car break-ins being investigated in Bow

Police are searching for suspects involved in two car break-ins in Bow on Sunday.

The break-ins happened between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. at the trailheads on South Bow Road and Robinson Road, according to the Bow Police Department.

The car windows were smashed and valuables, including purses, were stolen. Anyone who may have witnessed the break-ins or who has security footage of the area should contact officer Seth Guilmette at 603-223-3950 or at [sguilmette@bownhpd.gov](mailto:sguilmette@bownhpd.gov).



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## **Publisher's Perspective**

### **Readers Please Sit Down - I Am About To Praise Democrats**

Messenger readers know that I am a lifelong Republican with a total dislike of the radical left's takeover of the Democratic Party.

The Schumer Shutdown of our federal government is only the latest example of how the proud party of Jefferson, Roosevelt and Kennedy has lost it direction.

While it is coming 10 weeks late, I must congratulate Democrat Senators Jean Shaheen and Maggie Hassan for having the courage to break ranks and cross the line by proposing a compromise to end the shut-down.



### **An Apology**

On page 1 of last week's Messenger I led with the story of the untimely death of a young Deering man.

Unfortunately, it included a photo of the accident showing the draped body of the deceased.

That was insensitive and inappropriate and I now

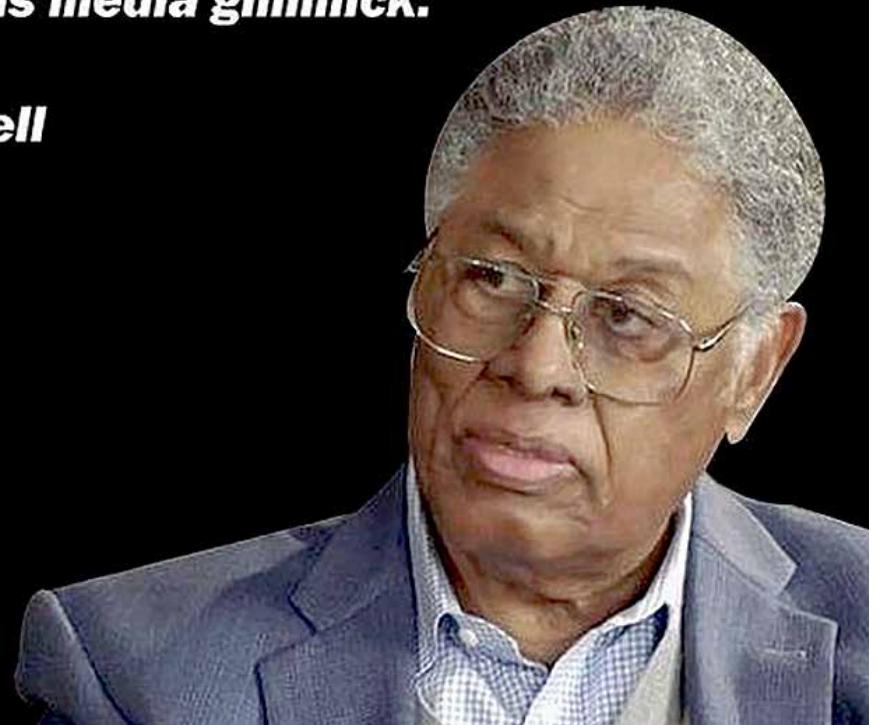
publicly apologize, as I did privately earlier to his mother.

I had intended to crop the photo, eliminating the body before sending it for publication but was distracted.

Again, I apologize and will try to uphold higher standards in the future.

***“Emotions neither prove nor disprove facts. There was a time when any rational adult understood this. But years of dumbed-down education and emphasis on how people “feel” have left too many people unable to see through this media gimmick.”***

***~ Thomas Sowell***





## Deering man arrested after highspeed chase, crash



On November 10th, the Marlborough Police Department attempted to stop a gray Mazda sedan on Main Street near Knowlton Street for a traffic violation. The operator of the vehicle, 20-year-old Khale Guillou of Deering, refused to stop and led police on a pursuit onto Knowlton Street and Bush Street, a dead end. The offender turned around and fled to NH Route 101 where he began traveling eastbound into the Town of Dublin.

The Marlborough Police coordinated with the Dublin Police Department via radio to deploy spike strips. Spike strips were successfully deployed near MacVeagh Road

in Dublin and the vehicle went off the road and into a large ditch.

Guillou then fled on foot into the woods where he was quickly apprehended by the pursuing officer. The operator and a female passenger were transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. There were no officers injured or property damaged in this incident other than a length of guardrail and the suspect vehicle.

The offender was found to be out on federal probation, having just been released from custody on October 28, 2025.

He is also out on bail for the offense of Riot in Strafford County. He is currently being held on charges to include Felony Reckless Conduct and Felony Disobeying an Officer with serious bodily injury resulting.

## Goffstown Deputy Fire Chief Benjamin Selleck promoted to Chief

The Goffstown Select Board announced the promotion of Deputy Fire Chief Benjamin Selleck as the next Fire Chief for the Goffstown Fire Department. Chief Selleck will take over the role of Fire Chief on Monday, December 29, 2025, upon the retirement of Fire Chief Shawn Murray. Chief Selleck was hired by the Town of Goffstown to serve as the Deputy Fire Chief for Goffstown in June 2023. Chief Selleck has 28 years of fire, rescue, and EMS experience. Deputy Chief Selleck has his MBA, specializing in Human Resources and Leadership, from Southern New Hampshire University and bachelor's degree from Colby-Sawyer College. He is a certified Paramedic; has multiple certifications in Incident Command & Planning, technical rescue, and instructor in various fields of fire, rescue, and EMS; and

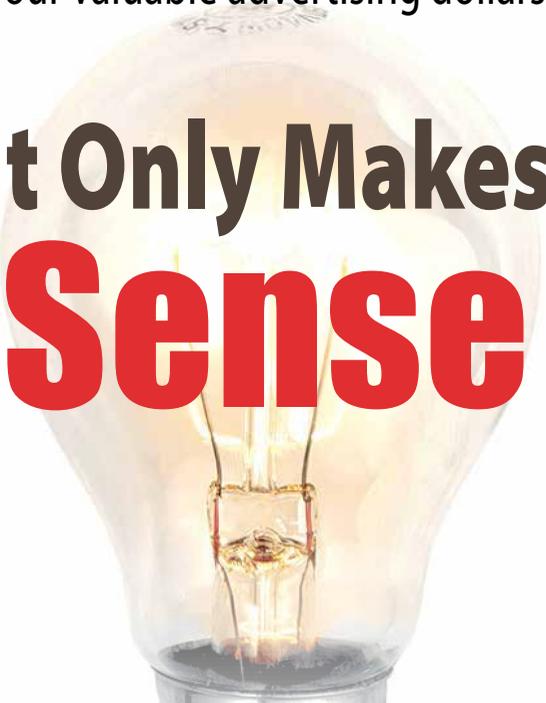
has written, received, and managed more than \$2.4 Million in training and equipment grants.

Chief Shawn Murray's upcoming retirement will be effective December 28, 2025. Chief Murray is retiring from Goffstown Fire Department after a collective 15 years of fire and EMS service to the Town of Goffstown Fire Department; May 1989 - May 2001, and May 2022 - December 2025 when he returned as Fire Chief. Chief Murray started his firefighting Career in the US Air Force in September of 1980.

The Goffstown Select Board thanks Fire Chief Shawn Murray for his dedicated service to the department and leadership over the past three (3) years, and looks forward to partnering with Chief Selleck in the future development of the Goffstown Fire Department.

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## HOW TO KEEP YOUR JEWELRY SAFE WHILE YOU SELL YOUR HOME: PART I



By: Joyce Bosse

It's an unfortunate fact that thieves often target homes on the real estate market. Sometimes these thieves are serial offenders, but they can also be prospective buyers or real estate agents gone rogue.

To minimize temptation, store your valuables, especially fine jewelry, in a safe and secure place whenever you have potential buyers or agents in your home. Avoid leaving valuables unsecured in easy-to-access areas. We've outlined several ways to avoid mistakes and keep your valuables safe before and while you sell your home.

### Before Listing Your Home

Protecting your belongings starts before your home even goes on the market. Complete these simple tasks ahead of time to ensure that you can protect yourself and recover any losses if something goes wrong.

1. Make sure you have a detailed receipt or appraisal for each piece of jewelry. A detailed receipt will have information about each item's metal and diamonds or precious gemstones. It should also have the price you paid or a current estimate of the piece's value. These documents will be very useful in the event something does happen to your valuables.

2. As you begin the process of listing your home and staging your house for pictures or virtual tours, take jewelry boxes off the counters and remove jewelry cabinets or armoires from view. Criminals often case homes using the listing photos, so don't leave any signs of fine jewelry in these promotional images.

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## Sports



The #1 Hillcats face off against #2 Mascoma Saturday at Laconia High School.

### FOOTBALL

#### #1 Hillsboro-Deering 35, #4 Farmington-Nite 14 Division IV Semifinals

The win propels the Hillcats to the program's first championship game; it also wrapped up a perfect 5-0 record on their home field. Robert ran for 177 yards on 22 carries and scored

four touchdowns, including the 50th of his career, to lead No. 1 Hillsboro-Deering to a 35-14 victory over No. 4 Farmington-Nite. The championship game will not be easy. H-D will take on the defending D-IV champions, No. 2 Mascoma who beat H-D 44-6 in last year's semifinals, but the Hillcats won the regular season meeting, 26-14, on Sept. 27.



No. 2 Kearsarge 2 beat No. 3 Hopkinton 2-1 in the Division III semifinals.

### BOYS SOCCER

#### #1 St. Thomas 3, #2 Kearsarge 0 Division III Championship

The No. 2 Cougars lost to the top-seeded Saints in the Division III Championship, 3-0. A win would have been Kearsarge's first championship in the sport since 1993, and would have also been a historic undefeated championship run by the team.

Fourth-year head coach Couper Gunn said his team stuck to the game plan for the most part. The Cougars, while only down a goal for most of the game, controlled possession and hunted for a lobbed ball through or a cross to score, but never had a clear shot on target.

"They're very direct. Very good at being direct and I think they're always going to get those chances and they scored

theirs and we didn't," Gunn said.

#### #2 Kearsarge 2, #3 Hopkinton 1 Division III Semifinals

Last year's undefeated state champions, the No. 3 Hopkinton Hawks entered their third consecutive Division III semifinals, and took the early lead. But the Cougars rallied to take the win.

#### #2 Campbell 1, #5 ConVal 0 PK's Division II Championship

Campbell's Christian Bellino scored the game-winner in the penalty kick round of Campbell's Division II semifinal win over Hollis-Brookline and did it again in the Finals. Bellino took his opportunity to seal a 5-4 win in PKs and a 1-0 victory for second-seeded Campbell over No. 5 ConVal at Exeter High School.

**Sports**



The third-seeded Falcons took down the Hollis-Brookline Cavaliers, 1-0, to claim their first championship since 2021.

**GIRLS SOCCER**

**#2 Bow 1, #1 Nollis-Brookline 0  
Division II Championship**

In a rematch of last year's state championship, No. 1

Hollis-Brookline was ultimately upset 1-0, by the No. 3 Falcons Friday night. Ashley Wallen passed to Junior midfielder Anna Zerba who hit it into the net for the win.



Hopkinton's Maddy Lane (right) and Exeter's Alexis Paterna (left) battle it out down the final stretch. Lane edged Paterna by 0.11 seconds to win the New England title. Credit: JAY SMITH / NHXCTFHop Caption

**CROSS COUNTRY**

**Hopkinton's Maddie Lane Wins  
Meet of Champions**

After finishing second to Exeter's Alexis Paterna at the Meet of Champions, Hopkinton's Maddy Lane reversed the finish at the New England Interscholastic girls' cross coun-

try championship. Hopkinton's Lane outkicked Exeter's Paterna to claim the win on Saturday at Thetford Academy in Thetford, Vt. Lane clocked an 18-minute, 29.29-second 5K race, 0.11 seconds ahead of Paterna. Lane led the Hawks to 18th as a team, the fifth-best program from the Granite State.

**WEIGHT LIFTING**

**John Stark Owen Dion wins  
Weightlifting National Title**

Owen Dion, a senior at John Stark and Concord Regional Technical Center has been invited to compete in the World Strongman Games in Texas after winning the national title in the 15 to 17-year-old 105kg category by lifting a 325-pound deadlift for seven repetitions to claim his America's Strongest Teen title.



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# Goffstown police arrest man for sexually assaulting a juvenile



Alexander Boston, a technology and digital literacy instructor, was arrested earlier this month on felony charges, including position of authority aggravated felonious sexual assault.

An educator from Concord, who was working at a charter school earlier this year, has been arrested on felony charges, accused of sexually assaulting

a juvenile, who was a former student at the school.

Goffstown police received a report on July 22 accusing Alexander Boston, 31, of Bonney Street in Penacook, of sexually assaulting a teenage boy while employed at the Strong Foundations Charter School. The boy was a former student at the school who was working with the accused while attending summer classes. During the course of the investigation, police accused Boston of texting the boy to let him know police would be speaking to him, which, police said, gave him time to delete evidence from his cellular device, according to court documents.

Boston was arrested on aggravated felonious sexual

assault-authority position, and witness tampering-inducing other charges, both felonies, on Nov. 3. He was arraigned

on Nov. 4 and held on \$10,000 cash bail. Boston is due in Goffstown District Court on Thursday for a probable cause

hearing.

Boston requested an attorney from the public defender's office.



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The weekend concluded with the very

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New London – Nancy L. (Livingstone) Nichols died peacefully with her children by her side on November 2, 2025, in Lebanon, NH, after a fall in her home at the age of 86. Nancy was born on May 22, 1939, in New York, NY, to Alexander F. and Dorothy H. (Nickerson) Livingstone. Nancy is predeceased by her husband, Frederick Stanley “Stan” Nichols; her eldest son, Geoffrey “Geoff” Scott Nichols; her parents, Alexander F. and Dorothy H. (Nickerson) Livingstone; her sister, Marcia Vandermast; and her twin brother, Alexander “Sandy” Livingstone. Nancy is survived by her son, Christopher “Chris” M. Nichols and his wife, Rebecca “Becky” J. (Lemek) Nichols of Westford, MA; her son, Frederick “Rick” S. Nichols of Tilton, NH; her daughter, Rebecca L. Nichols and her fiancé, Paul Chabot of West Dover, VT; her sister, Janet Shirley of Franklin, NH; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the South Newbury Union Church, 162 Village Rd, Newbury, NH 03255, and/or the First Congregational Church of Shelburne, 21 Church Common Road, Shelburne, MA 01370.



### Edmond Merrill

Franklin – Edmond “Ed” Merrill, 93, a lifetime resident of Franklin, NH died peacefully at his home on November 5, 2025. Ed was born on March 20, 1932. He

was a graduate of UNH’s agricultural school. Ed is predeceased by his wife; Fukiko Merrill, his parents, James L. and Eva D. (Labonte) Merrill, brother, Raymond and sister, June Ladd. He is survived by a niece, Candice Jarosz of Newmarket, NH and her children, Michelle Jarosz

of NY and Ryan Jarosz of NH. Eero would like to thank the Franklin, VNA and comfort keeper for their amazing care. A graveside service will be held on Friday November 14, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Franklin Cemetery, 31 Thompson St. Franklin, NH.



Greenfield residents gathered at the town offices to celebrate Assistant Town Administrator Catherine Shaw for 29 years of service. (L-R) Greenfield Select Board members Mike Borden, Tom Bascom, and George Ranier; retiring Assistant Town Administrator Catherine Shaw, and Greenfield Tax Collector Wendy Drouin. Courtesy photo Town of Greenfield.

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## Events: Community Bulletin Board

### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14

**TOMBOYS! FEISTY GIRLS AND SPIRITED WOMEN:** at 7pm. Peterborough Community Theater. Presented by the PeterboroughPlus Unit of the NH League of Women Voters and Open Democracy. Filmmakers Julie Akeret and Christian McEwen will attend for discussion and Q & A following the film. Suggested donation: \$10

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15

**CRAFT FAIR:** The annual White Rock Senior Living Community Fall Craft Fair will be held from 9am to 2pm at 6 Bow Center Road, Bow. (Cliff House). There is no entrance fee. For more information, please contact Barbara Hays at (603) 582-3361.

**SENIOR DINNER:** 49th Annual Senior Dinner sponsored by the Hillsboro Lions Club. Free Turkey Dinner with all the fixings. Doors open at 12:30pm. Meal served at 1pm. Takeout starts at 2:30pm, if available.

**GATHERING FOR GIVING:** 7-9pm. The Congregational Church of Henniker invites you to an evening of live jazz, delicious treats, community fellowship and silent auction at Cornerstone (116 Main Street, Henniker). Featuring seasonal pie delivery, handcrafted quilts, Red Sox tickets, and more up for bidding! Tickets are \$20 and available online at [ticket-scandy.com/e/gathering-for-giving-12115](https://ticket-scandy.com/e/gathering-for-giving-12115) or in the Church office (Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am-2pm). All proceeds support the Church and its missions.

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16

**HOME FIRE SAFETY DISCUSSION:** The Newbury Library, in partnership with the Newbury Fire Department, will be holding a home fire safety discussion at the Newbury Library at 2pm. Members of the Newbury Fire Department will discuss fire safety equipment that every home should have, set up, use and testing of the equipment. They will go over fire hazards found in each room, and the control of the hazards. Seasonal fire hazards will be discussed, as well as protecting family members in the event of an emergency. The discussion is free of charge and is open to the public.

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22

**CHRISTMAS SALE:** East Washington - The Annual Christmas Sale will be held November 22, 2025 10am-2pm at 2234 East Washington Road, Washington NH. Besides Christmas items there will also be a Bake Sale and Crafts. Proceeds from this sale will benefit East Washington Baptist Church. For more information call Ron at 603-495-3186.

**CHRISTMAS ON THE POND AND** Christmas Around the Bend, 2 Holiday Craftsman Fairs 9am to 3pm Marlow, NH.

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23

**ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE:** Smith Church (30 West Main St, Hillsboro - the church with the clock tower) 3pm. This year Smith Memorial Church hosts the annual Thanksgiving service. The service is led by the pastors and lay leaders of the Deering Community Church, St. Mary's Church, Hillsboro Methodist Church and Smith Memorial Church. This year our offering (monetary and non-perishable foods) goes to support the Hillsboro

Food Pantry. All are welcome.

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** from 9am to 2pm - annual CHRISTMAS FAIR at two locations this year: Washington Elementary School AND at Camp Morgan Lodge right next door. Come and shop for special gifts, local homemade items and delicious food delicacies. Lunch will be served at Camp Morgan Lodge. Sponsored by the Washington Congregational Church. (Not a school sponsored event).

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 4

**COMMUNITY SUPPER:** Frankestown free community suppers are the first Thursday of every month from 5:30 to 6:30pm at the Town Hall. Organized by the Frankestown Recreation Department. [recreation@frankestownnh.org](mailto:recreation@frankestownnh.org). Hancock.

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 11

**COMMUNITY SUPPER:** Pierce Elementary School in Bennington hosts a community supper the second Thursday of every month during the school year. [www.facebook.com/p/Bennington-Community-Suppers-61550965989189/](https://www.facebook.com/p/Bennington-Community-Suppers-61550965989189/). Frankestown.

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 18

**COMMUNITY SUPPER:** The First Presbyterian Church at 73 Main St. in Antrim hosts a community supper the third Thursday of every month at 5:30pm. Suppers and sponsors are organized by the Grapevine. Contact 603-588-2620 or email [info@grapevინeh.org](mailto:info@grapevინeh.org) or visit [grapevინeh.org/](http://grapevინeh.org/).

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## TOWN OF HENNIKER, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING

**Place:** Henniker Community Center  
57 Main St Henniker, NH 03242  
**Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:30 PM**

Per RSA 31:95-b III (a), the Town of Henniker will hold a public hearing during the regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting on December 2, 2025, at 6:30pm at the Henniker Community Center to hear public comment regarding the acceptance of unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$31,877.42 from the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Coop land sale. This amount reflects the Town of Henniker's share of the proceeds from that sale.

For more information visit the town website [www.henniker.org](http://www.henniker.org) or contact the Town Administrator 603-428-3221 or email [townadministrator@hennikernh.gov](mailto:townadministrator@hennikernh.gov)

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The **Hillsboro-Deering School Board** will hold a **Public Hearing** on **Monday, November 24, 2025** at **5:30 pm** in the **Hillsboro-Deering Elementary SchoolMedia Center**

The purpose of the hearing is to accept unanticipated revenue received from Wadleigh, Starr and Peters, Attorneys at Law. Said funds are being accepted under the provisions of RSA 198:20-b, and will total up to not more than \$19,546.88.

## TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing on **Tuesday, November 25, 2025**, to present information and hear testimony on proposed Economic Revitalization Zones (ERZs). The Hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room (enter via the back of the building), 15 Central Street, Hillsborough, NH.

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