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Public Works Supervisor



Chris Roberts has been a valued member of the New London team for a combined 12 years, most recently serving as Wastewater Supervisor. In his new role, Chris will help guide the entire Department, bringing fresh ideas, teamwork, and a continued dedication to serving New London residents.

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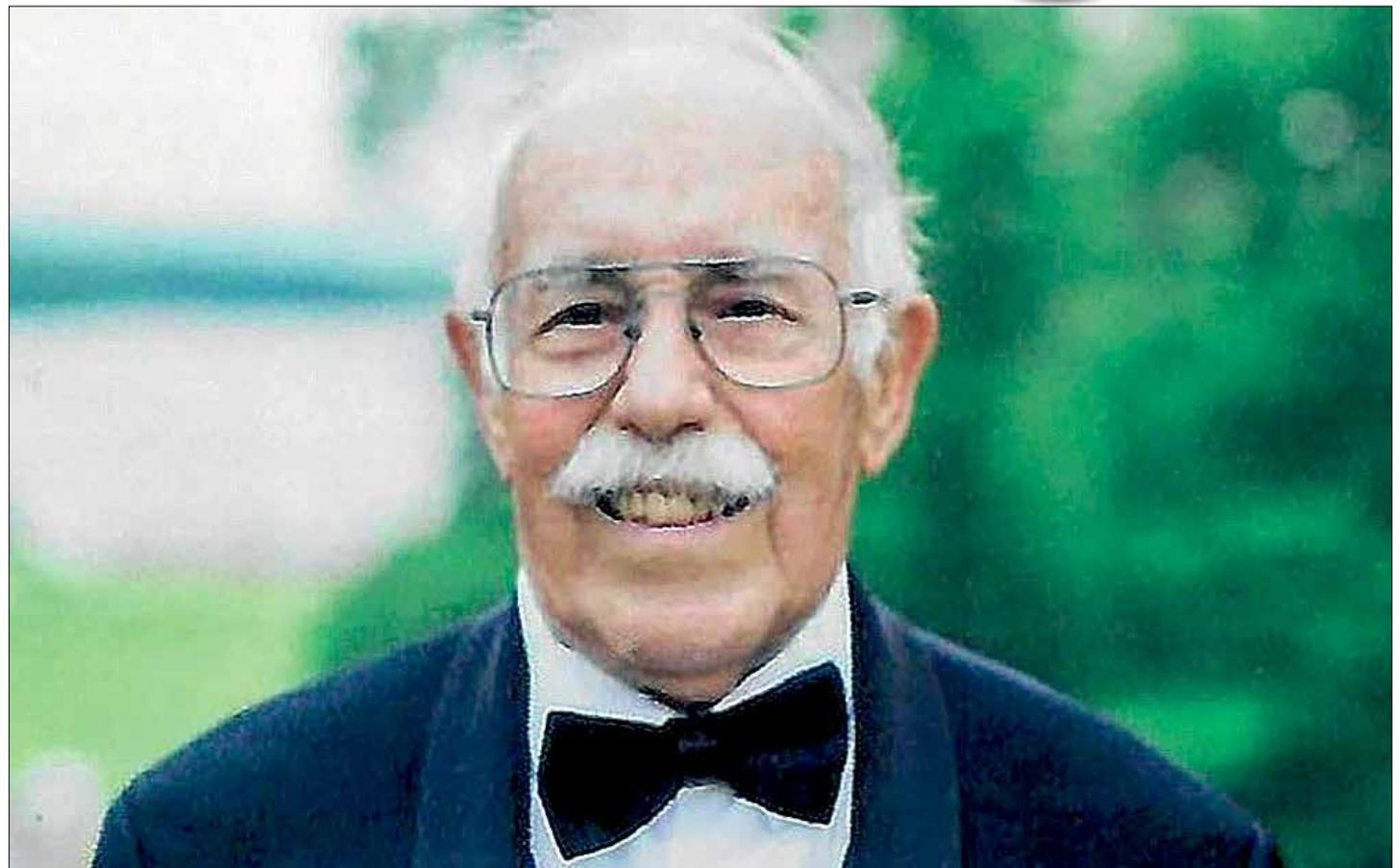
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Judith Lalmond, Hillsboro



Hillsboro icon Russell Galpin dies at 96

Hillsboro's "Mr. Everything" Russell "Russ" Galpin passed away on the 14th of November. When he was 14 the family moved to Canaan, where he worked for the local newspaper.

He joined the army and served in the Korean conflict 1951-1953. On his return to New Hampshire he worked as a Linotype operator for the Claremont Daily Eagle.

He married Phebe Strout in 1954 in Claremont NH. They moved to Hillsboro in 1960 where Russ worked as a Linotype operator for the Messenger. They raised their children Russell, Peter, Steven, Barbara and Sam in Hillsboro.

In 1966 Russ bought the commercial printing equipment from the Messenger and founded Pherus Press. The business was truly a family business in which Phebe ran the front office, the boys learned to run the presses and the whole family turned out to help during the busy town report season. Later Russ was well known in the printing community for his ability to die cut even the most difficult items and was often asked to do jobs no one else would touch. In 2004, at the age of 75, Russ finally retired and sold the contents of Pherus Press.

Russ was an avid outdoorsman enjoying hunting, fishing, camping and hiking all his life. He was proud to have hiked

into the Grand Canyon and in the Teton Mountains. The family camped together regularly until poor health prevented him from continuing in 2024.

Russ shared that love of the outdoors with the local Boy Scouts for 7 years. He truly loved teaching hunter safety, which he did for 64 years.

He received a commendation from governor Maggie Hassan, received the Del Main-Charlie Brock Founding Fathers Award, and has his name engraved on a granite bench installed at Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness NH.

Russ was an active member in the Deering Fish and Game Club since moving to Hillsboro and served as an officer many times. In later years he was an avid Bridge player, playing twice a week at White Birch in Henniker.

His love for Hillsboro was expressed in his willingness to serve. He was a Selectman for 11 years (1974-1980, 2006, 2010-2014) and on many other boards including zoning, planning, conservation, town moderator, school board and as Hillsboro Deering School District Moderator for 32 years (1985-2017). He and Phebe were honored as Citizen of the Year in 1998.

See his obituary on page 20.

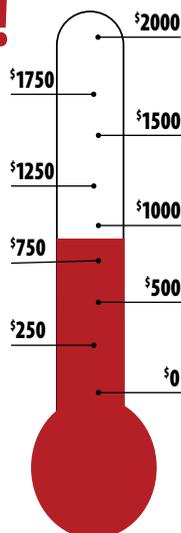
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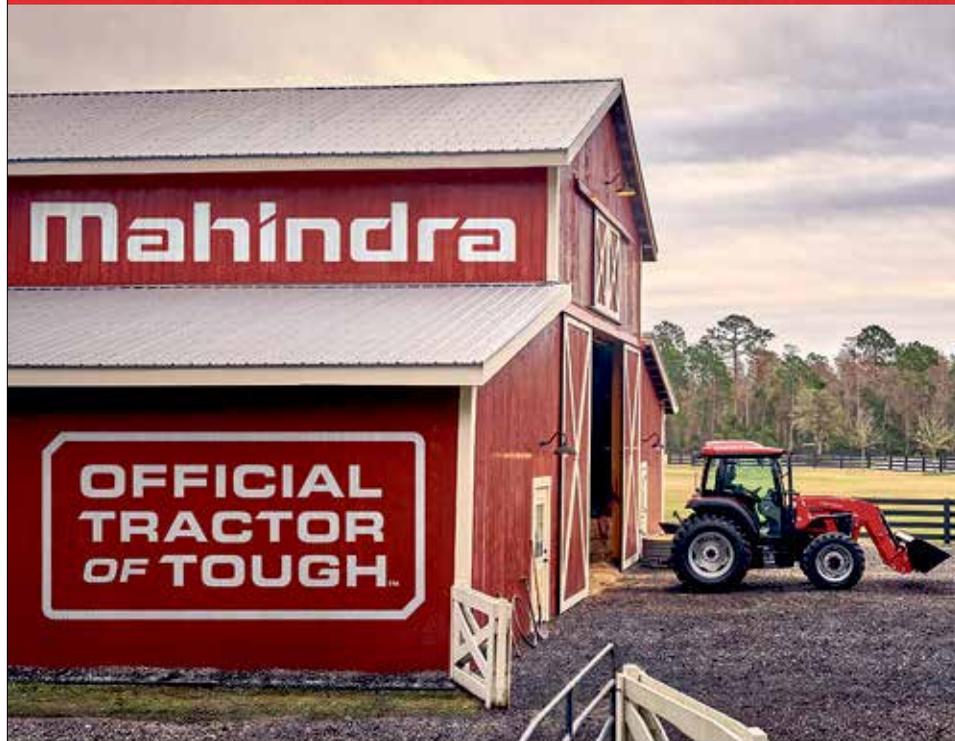
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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

November 29, 2024

Elderly couple dies in Weare house fire
Hillsborough pilot uninjured in emergency landing
One man dead, woman injured in fiery Bow crash
20 felony arrests in Claremont/Newport drug bust

December 8, 2023

Flames consume Hopkinton home
Man indicted for numerous sexual assaults in Antrim
Kearsarge High School students join New London Hospital LNA
Consultant recommends closing Bennington & Frankestown schools

December 10, 2022

H-D SRO restored in school budget
Goffstown dog seriously injured in bear attack
New England College to freeze tuition for next year
Antrim receives \$991,000 ARPA Grant to repair Gregg Lake Dam

December 10, 2021

Conflict of interest charged against Weare Commission
Controversy over relocating Henniker War Memorial
Weare to celebrate 250th anniversary of Pine Tree Riot
Washington Elementary hosts "Eyes On Owls"

December 11, 2020

Henniker girl saves her family's life
FedEx crash delays Deering deliveries
H-D Board urged to reconsider staff reductions
One person injured in Goffstown house fire

December 11, 2019

Hopkinton Fire & Rescue at odds
Antrim student's email threat causes concern at ConVal
Declining enrollment threatens Frankestown school
Goffstown promotes Eric Serene to Police Chief

December 14, 2018

Lorraine Tacconi-Moore Superintendent of Year
Quick response by Deering firefighters saves animals
Former Hillsborough man killed crossing street
John Stark's "We The People" Team in State Finals

December 15, 2017

Committee planning Sunapee's 250th Celebration
H-D Board considering \$600,000 renovations
\$125,000 to complete Franklin rehabilitation
Bow officials bracing for \$14 million tax refund

December 9, 2016

Several area towns report increase in break-ins
Colby-Sawyer lays off 18 as part of restructuring
New Boston company donates iMac computer
Loudon residents favor widening of Route 106

December 11, 2015

Henniker man dies in 'Death Alley' two car accident
Low income housing Tax Credits for Franklin Mill
Goffstown FBLA Advisor named Advisor of the Year
Vandals destroy 32 gravestones in Newport cemetery

Newbury woman arrested for hit-and-run accident in Sutton



Heaven Martin

A Newbury woman was arrested after a hit-and-run crash that left a pedestrian seriously injured. At 6:48 p.m.

on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, State Troopers assigned to the Troop D barracks responded to a reported hit-and-run crash on Route 103 in Sutton.

Upon arrival, they discovered that an adult female walking along Route 103 had been struck by a vehicle traveling westbound, which then fled the scene.

The victim was transported to a local hospital with serious injuries. The preliminary investigation indicated the suspect vehicle was an older-model Toyota sedan. This information was shared with surrounding agencies. With the timely assistance of the Bradford and

Newbury police departments, a matching car was located at a home in Newbury. The vehicle, a 1994 Toyota Camry, had damage consistent with evidence at the

crash scene. Troopers then made contact with Heaven Martin, 24, of Newbury, at the home. Martin was determined to have been the driver of the Toyota at the

time of the crash and charged with aggravated DUI and felony conduct after an accident. This crash remains under active investigation.



The Antrim/Bennington Lions Club's Operation Santa Gift/Donation cards are available at the Antrim Tuttle Library, Trends of Fashion and Bank of NH in Antrim.



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School Days



Kearsarge students at Sutton and Bradford participated in the Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge. 116 beautiful, creative, and heartfelt cards were dropped off at the State House to be sent overseas to our military heroes.



H-D fourth graders had an amazing trip to the NH State House and the New Hampshire Historical Society Museum. They had the unique opportunity to meet government officials, explore their workspaces, and get a firsthand look at how our state government operates. At the museum, students participated in engaging, hands-on activities that brought New Hampshire's history to life.

Hillsborough Planning Board hears 7 lot subdivision proposal on Jones Road

The Hillsborough Planning Board held an intense hearing before a packed room Wednesday evening on a proposed seven lot subdivision of a 126 acre lot on Jones road, owned by D. Kravcov Revocable Trust.

The applicant proposes to subdivide into one lot of 75 acres, one lot of 39 acres and five lots of 2+ acres.

Sam Ingram of Meridian Associates said that the plan

meets the minimum standards of the Town's Zoning Ordinance and that there are no immediate plans to build on the lots.

James McDonough from the Hillsborough Conservation Commission reported that, although the Commission agrees that the plan meets the Zoning requirements, the Commission has several concerns with the proposed plan, including its steep slope and its impact on the

wetland and a large beaver pond on the property.

The meeting room was filled with Bible Hill and Jones road residents, united in opposition to the proposed subdivision. Mentioning the Purpose clause of

the ordinance and its rules, they stressed the beauty and serenity of this rural area and its wildlife population, all abutting conservation land. No decision was made as the board voted to take a site walk on December 3rd, and

require an impact report of the effects on the area's wildlife.

Earlier in the evening, the Board approved the application of Lilja Dawson to open a hair dresser studio at her home on Bog Road.



The Hillsborough Teen Center helped deliver donations to the Hillsborough Food Pantry, and assisted a community member with stacking wood for their home. Many hands make light work!



Sam Ingram of Meridian Associates explains the subdivision to the Planning Board.

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Within the field of dentistry are several areas of specialty. One of them is pediatric dentistry, the practice that specializes in treating children, from infancy through adolescence, including children who have special health-care needs.

Pediatric dentists require an extra two to three years of training after earning their dental degrees. An important part of the role of pediatric dentists is establishing trust with their young patients, so they need to become well versed in child psychology in addition to dentistry.

Studies have shown that poor oral health in children can lead to poor school performance and can impede social relationships. The pediatric dentist works to maintain a child's baby teeth until those teeth are naturally lost. The baby teeth are important for speech development and nutrition, and they hold the space for the eruption of permanent teeth, as well.

Pediatric dentists are mindful of the increasing importance of appearance and self-image in their adolescent patients, and will work with them on preventive care. The dentist will rely on those years of built-up trust when counseling their teenage patients about tobacco, oral piercing and other matters. Talk with your dentist about this and other areas of dental specialty.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Although access to prescription stimulants is essential to addressing important clinical needs of patients with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), a new study published in *JAMA Psychiatry* found that among U.S. adults ages 18 to 64 using prescription stimulants, one-fourth reported misuse, and nearly one-tenth had prescription stimulant use disorder.

Demand for weight-loss medications sold under brand names such as Ozempic and Wegovy continues to surge, with a recent study reporting one in eight Americans has taken or is currently using the drugs to treat diabetes, heart disease or obesity. These drugs are known as glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists (GLP-1RA) and include Mounjaro and Zepbound. A study published in *Nature Medicine* has evaluated health outcomes among more than 2 million people with diabetes taking the popular weight-loss drugs. GLP-1RA drugs were associated with significant benefits to neurological and behavioral health, with reduced risks of seizures and addiction to substances such as alcohol, cannabis, stimulants and opioids. People taking the weight-loss drugs also experienced decreased risks of suicidal ideation, self-harm, bulimia and psychotic disorders such as schizophrenia. The findings also showed a decreased risk of neurocognitive disorders such as Alzheimer's and dementia. The study also confirmed past research findings detailing the drugs' potential to lower the risk of heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular concerns. But the GLP-1RA drugs can negatively affect the pancreas and kidneys. While these adverse effects are uncommon, they can be very serious; physicians must be vigilant for signs of pancreatitis and monitor kidney function among people taking GLP-1RA medications. Kidney problems can occur without symptoms until the condition is at an advanced stage with limited treatment options.

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The Bradford Police Department would like to thank everyone who donated to the 2025 "Stuff a Cruiser" Thanksgiving event organized by Sgt. Glen Drewniak to benefit the Bradford Food Pantry. From frozen foods, to canned and boxed items, to toiletries, to desserts the department was able to drop off a Dodge Durango full of over 216 lbs of donated goods. Also, a special thanks to the local business that donated \$500; please know that your donation will be used to purchase meats to fill the freezer.



When Sunapee Fire personnel arrived on the scene they located a single motor vehicle that had gone off the road and was under a snowmobile bridge, with the bridge resting on it. The car had also come to a stop in a small brook. Sunapee Fire immediately deployed containment devices to prevent any type of spill into the brook. The driver declined medical treatment.

Fracestown Board gives TAK 90 days to complete remaining repairs

TAK Real Estate Holdings, the owner of the former Tory Pines complex, has been given 90 days to comply with several code issues recently identified by the town.

Fracestown Building Inspector John Kendall informed the Select Board last Monday

night that most of the issues found at the complex, which TAK purchased in spring 2025, were minor.

Kendall said that they fixed everything, and have addressed all the issues listed and they agree to fix anything necessary. He went on to say that the only

major outstanding issue is the lack of firewalls in the buildings' basements, which could be addressed with a sprinkler system.

Kendall reported that he had given TAK the option of sprin-

klers instead of having to sheet-rock the floor, and gave them 90 days to comply with code.

Town Administrator Jamie Pike said that with the inspection complete and TAK working

toward meeting code, the next letter from the Select Board will request only that TAK contact the Planning Board and schedule a minor site plan review by December 2nd.



Rep. Bryan Morse, R-Franklin, was arrested for allegedly sharing nonconsensual sex images. A woman reported that Morse had posted explicit pictures of her on social media. After further investigation, an arrest warrant for Morse was granted. Morse denied the allegations, saying he is innocent.



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Around Our Towns



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The Hopkinton Rotary Club competed in the second Corn Hole tournament among fellow Rotarians from the Bow, Concord and Concord Sunrise clubs. Hopkinton won it for the second time, retaining their massive trophy. The Club winning the top cash prize will be making a donation to a local charity.



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Groundbreaking Ceremony held for Warner's massive Solar Array

Fred Hill's family's 20-acres off Poverty Plains Road in Warner, once a cornfield, then a gravel pit, has been unused and vacant for years. Recently solar companies in Texas and California have shown interest in developing it.

Hill, however, wanted a local company to do it.

Encore Renewable Energy, a solar company based in Burlington, Vermont had done projects

very similar to this in gravel pits, and Hill decided it was a good use of his property.

On November 20th, hundreds of metal poles that will soon hold 12,000 solar panels were on site. It is the largest solar array project in New Hampshire to date. Stakeholders were on hand to celebrate the progress and award Warner a community gift.

Encore Renewable Energy

broke ground on the \$10 million Poverty Plains solar project in mid-September, which expects it to be fully operational by next summer. The amount of energy the project will produce is expected to be enough to power at least 1,000 typical New England-sized homes.

The project is a partnership between Encore and the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, a nonprofit comprised of over 60 municipalities and county members that tap into solar power to offset energy costs. At the end of the ceremony, Encore awarded the Warner

Beautification Committee a check of \$20,000.

Kathy Carson, a member of the beautification group, said they will use the funds to install lighting around town hall to increase visibility and public safety. The remaining funds will support future initiatives.



Dr. Jennifer Crawford hosted the annual Superintendent's Club Dinner at HDHS.



Warner's new Solar Array on Poverty Plains. Courtesy photo.



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Publisher's Perspective

Thanks Living

Maybe you feel you haven't got very much to be thankful for this year. What with the politics of hate, inflation, the brashness of our youth, the moral decline, and endless bickering. But, take another look; at the sunshine dispelling the clouds. You still have the greatest gift of all to be thankful for: You still have belief. Belief in God, who created the light, so you could see the wrong and do something about it. Belief in America, which still holds the torch of freedom high and carries it proudly

around the world. Belief in most people everywhere, who find happiness in kindness, and reward in helping others. Belief in your own community, the beauty surrounding you on all sides, the pride that prods progress toward better living for all. And belief in yourself, the example you set for others, the confidence you show in tomorrow, the rich inner life you find in Faith. Yes, the good still overpowers the bad in this wonder filled world of ours. You can give thanks...with "Thanks-Living."

NH Senate President calls on Congresswoman Goodlander to resign



Maggie Goodlander

Republicans are expressing outrage in response to a video posted by Democratic members of Congress that features U.S. Rep. Maggie Goodlander, D-New Hampshire, which encourages troops to refuse illegal orders. The video shows veterans who are serving in Congress and the U.S. Senate telling active-duty military to refuse orders that are against the law. The video does not go into specifics about which orders might be illegal. Goodlander said the message in the video is about defending the U.S. Constitution.

"We're living in a moment when our service members need to know that members of Congress have their back," she said.

Service members must obey lawful orders under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Legal experts say military personnel are also allowed -- and, in some cases, obligated -- to refuse unlawful orders. Patently unlawful orders could include orders to fire on civilians or falsify official documents, but other cases might

not be straightforward, and legal experts advise service members to contact a qualified military attorney for guidance.

New Hampshire Senate President Sharon Carson, an Army veteran, said Goodlander is encouraging dissension in the ranks.

"I can't believe that she would do something like that and really invite discord and chaos into our military," Carson said.

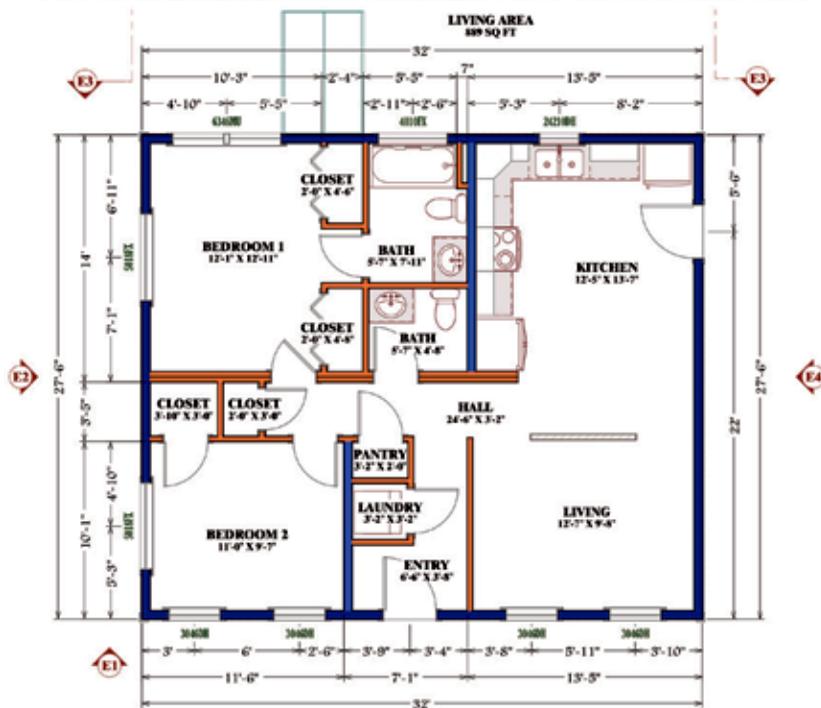
She said she believes there should be consequences.

"Quite frankly, I believe because of these statements, this woman needs to resign from the U.S. House of Representatives," Carson said. "If that's not going to happen, the House of Representatives should censure her and her colleagues who did this abysmal video, and they should have their security clearances pulled." Goodlander said she's not encouraging anything other than following the law.

"What I'm talking about here is a core constitutional principle," Goodlander said. "You take an oath to the Constitution. You don't take an oath to an individual president."



On November 20th Sunapee Fire, New London Ambulance, and Sunapee Police were called to Route 11 for a box truck off the road. Rescue crews discovered that it was a head-on style crash between a passenger vehicle and a box truck. Sunapee Fire and New London Ambulance tended to a total of three patients on the scene, two of whom were transported to Dartmouth Hitchcock with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries. The third patient denied any injuries and signed a refusal of care.



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Goffstown's Troop 99 had another Thankful Thanksgiving in the woods. They cooked three turkeys, 20 lbs of mashed potatoes, carrots, corn, and 10 boxes of stuffing this year to feed all of those hungry boys and visitors Pack 99.



Troop 529 N and G together at the Monadnock camporee had exposure to fishing, geology and other merit badges, a camp wide conservation service project, camp wide games, and being outside cooking and closing the campsite run by order of the arrow.

Goffstown's Mountain View Middle School hosted an assembly on Internet Safety

Mountain View Middle School in Goffstown held an internet safety assembly Friday following an incident last month in which several students created explicit deepfake images of their classmates.

The presentation to seventh- and eighth-grade students highlighted “dangers, ethical concerns, and legal consequences” of misusing AI.

The October incident involving deepfakes prompted parents to ask the Goffstown School District to acknowledge the harassment and hold an assembly educating students on AI-assisted bullying.

Middle School Principal Jessica Milligan didn't mention the recent incident in a Monday evening email to parents, but she affirmed the school's com-

mitment to student safety.

Milligan said the presentation helped students “navigate the online world responsibly and understand how their digital choices can impact their and others' well-being.”

The presentation was led by Matt Pelletier, the school resource officer at Goffstown High School.

Pelletier also told students about the long-term consequences of their digital footprint and encouraged them to develop strategies for staying safe online.

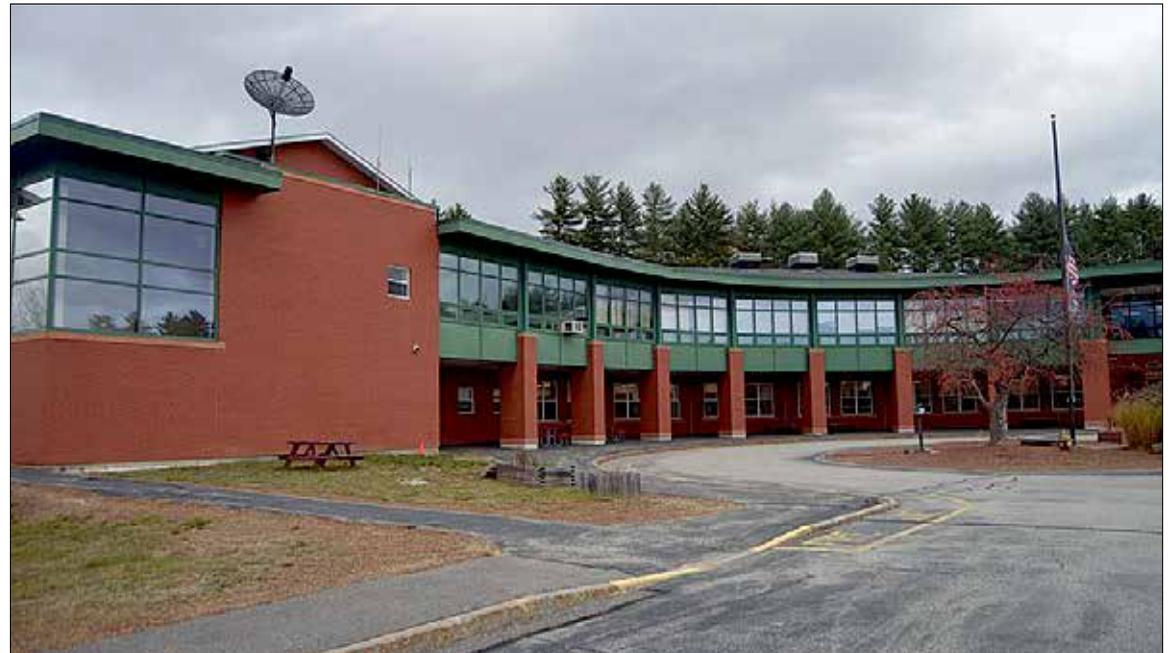
Milligan also said in her email that a follow-up presentation on online safety, laws and digital crimes involving minors is tentatively scheduled for January.

That presentation will be

hosted by Matt Fleming from the Internet Crimes Against

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Warner Select Board rejects citizens' petitions to remove official, holds Special Town Meeting

The Warner Select Board has rejected each of the five petitions residents filed to hold a Special Town Meeting.

The five petitions covered several issues which require a special town meeting to resolve. A minimum of 50 signatures are required for any petitioned warrant article calling a Warner Special Town Meeting. Each of these petitions contained at least 60 signatures.

Petitions called for the resig-

nations of Selectmen Harry Seidel and Alfred Hanson, Finance Director Clyde Carson and Administrator Judy Newman Rogers, and to require the town to publish its financial audit online, outsource its payroll, bar the select board from meeting with town counsel without a public quorum and prohibit the board from accepting money outside of highway, fire, police or transfer station operations without a majority vote.

The petition that called for the resignations of Selectmen Seidel and Hanson and other officials drew a harsh response from Seidel himself, who said, "Having reviewed each article, all five would be prohibited by

law or limited due to an applicable statute that personnel cannot be removed by a citizen vote.

The selectmen are duly elected and they're protected in New Hampshire. The authority to replace or remove a Select Board

member lies with the select board itself."

Seidel and Hanson voted not to warrant a special town meeting. Selectman Michael Smith, a signer of each of the five petitions, was not at the meeting.



The Town of New Boston is pleased to announce that Kristine Flythe joined them in a new leadership capacity with the New Boston Recreation Department on Monday, November 17. Kristine brings an impressive background in community programming and recreation leadership, and they are excited for her to carry forward New Boston's 50 years of recreation success while shaping the next chapter of growth and innovation. Kristine comes most recently from long-time service with the City of Lebanon, where she served as Program Coordinator with the Recreation, Arts & Parks Department. As she steps into her new role, please join New Boston in welcoming Kristine and stop in when the office is open to introduce yourself and say hi!



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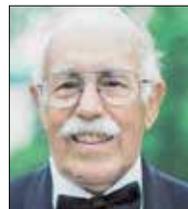
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Randell G. Craig

Hopkinton - Randell G. Craig, 80, passed away on Sunday, October 26, 2025, in Concord surrounded by his loving family. Randell was born on June 22, 1945, in Philadelphia, PA, son of the late George L. and Gertrude A. Craig. He is survived by his devoted wife and partner of 48 years, Tamara, and their loving daughter, Taryn Craig and her partner Aaron Norfolk; his niece



Kristi English and her husband John and their children, Jonathan Pierce and his wife Grace and son Jaxson, Jarret and Skylar English; his sister-in-law Lydia and her husband Dr. Nicholas Geacintov; brother-in-law Nikolas Butkov and his partner

Beatrice Barbera; nephews-in-law Derek Pew and J. Glenn Pew and their families; cousins-in-law Helen and Michael Lake; cousins Donna and John Vandenbrink and Jean and Robert Gough and their families. He will be greatly missed. In accordance with Randell's wishes, there will be no funeral service. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central and Northern New Hampshire (<https://nhyouth.org/support/>) or a charity of your choice.

Lee Catherine Brown

Hancock - Lee Catherine Brown of Hancock, NH and Cambridge, MA died on the first of November, 2025, just shy of her 79th birthday. Lee is survived by her companion-in-life Larry Duberstein, daughters Nell Brown and Annie Brown, stepdaughter Jamie Kirby, grandchildren Sarah, Haddie, Dylan, Luna, and Everly, honorary grandchild Audrey, brothers Nick Brown, Chris Brown, and Dominic Brown,



sisters-in-law Marcia Brown, Deb Cate Brown, and Julia Hanna, and sons-in-law Kevin Kirby and Joshua Coleman.

Rhonda Frisch-Cooper

Weare - Rhonda Frisch-Cooper of Weare entered into rest on November 14, 2025 at 74 years old. Rhonda adored her husband Tom Cooper. Married for 36 years before his passing in 2020. Rhonda will be missed by many including her sister Susan's family Harvey, Adam, and Kevin Lehrer and Tom's nieces Elizabeth and Elli Tsamakakis. Donations in Rhonda's memory may be sent to Hadassah, c/o Berkshire Hills Hadassah, P.O. Box 187, Pittsfield, MA 01202 or to her synagogue, Temple Beth Jacob, P.O. Box 568, Concord, NH 03302.



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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 18

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 6

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HILLSBOROUGH FOR THE HOLIDAYS: A Town-wide event, 7:30am-6pm. Visit venues all over town, stay for the Light Parade at 4:30pm, and the Annual Town Tree Lighting at 5:30pm. Follow on Facebook and check out our website for the full schedule: www.hillsboroughnhforthe-holidays.org.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS: The Area Choir Christmas concerts will be Saturday, December 6th at 7pm and Sunday, December 7th at 3pm and 7pm at South Congregational Church, 20 Church Street in Newport, NH. There is no admission charge; a free-will offering will be accepted. For more information email TheAreaChoir@gmail.com, visit The Area Choir Facebook page, or call 603-863-4007.

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/. Frankestown.

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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

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Second Team: Kaylee Jacques, Bow; Madelyn Hebert, Bow; Ava Friberg, John Stark; Zoe Lawson, John Stark;
Honorable Mention: Ainsley Herrick, Bow; Elise Jacques, Bow; Kaelyn Samuelson, ConVal; Addison DeCew, John Stark; Kaitlin Dennis, John Stark; Maxine Lundeen, John Stark;
Co-Offensive Players of the Year: Oriannah Dart, Souhegan; Caylin Worthen, John Stark.

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TIPS TO HELP YOU SELL A HOME DURING THE HOLIDAYS: PART I



By: Joyce Bosse

Typically, the winter holiday season is not an optimal time to sell a home. The weather isn't conducive to showings, it's the middle of the school year, and most people think about holiday planning and travel.

Of course, there are some possible benefits. For example, if you sell your home in the winter, there's less competition because most people sell in the spring and summer. People also have time off work around the winter holidays, meaning more time to see homes. Buyers may be motivated too. If you have to sell your home during the holidays, there are things you can do to make it an easier process.

Stage It Accordingly

One unique benefit of selling a home during the holidays is that you can actually use it to your advantage when it comes to staging. You can warm up a space during the holidays and that might make it easier for potential buyers to picture themselves there. Add tasteful but simple holiday decorations. Don't go overboard and block the home's features.

Focus on the cozy features like the fireplace, and of course, it's a great time to use the classic real estate trick of baking cookies when someone comes for a showing. Make sure your home is warm temperature-wise, too.

Don't Forget Curb Appeal

While the winter makes it tougher to sell your home because people can't see the landscaping, that doesn't mean you should neglect the curb appeal altogether. Shovel the walkways, illuminate pathways, and make sure that there's a mat at the door so people coming to see your house can wipe their feet.

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