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Retired From Proctor Academy



Well wishes to Kevin Farrington on a well-deserved retirement from Proctor Academy after 33 years on the Dining Services Team. Proctor Academy thanks Kevin for all of his work over

the years, and for caring deeply about both his craft and those around him.

Warner man arrested DWI 2nd



Luke N. Syvertsen, born in 1982, of Warner, was arrested for driving under the influence, DUI-second offense, and driving after revocation or suspension charges, as well as

suspension of vehicle registration and un-inspected vehicle violations.

This week in history

JANUARY 16, 1991

Persian Gulf War begins

JANUARY 17, 1950

Boston thieves pull off historic robbery

JANUARY 18, 1977

CDC identifies cause of Legionnaires Disease

JANUARY 19, 1966

Indira Gandhi becomes Indian prime minister

JANUARY 20, 1945

FDR inaugurated for 4th term

JANUARY 21, 1793

King Louis is executed

JANUARY 22, 1997

Falling space debris strikes Oklahoma woman



Empty chairs outnumbered voters at the Kearsarge Regional School District's Deliberative Session last Saturday.

Kearsarge voters adopt Open Enrollment Policy

High School will accept up to 30 new students - but none to transfer out

A relatively small group of about 200 voters in the Kearsarge Regional School District became the first in NH to debate and vote on a new law allowing parental choice and open enrollment in NH schools. During Saturday morning's meeting, voters overwhelmingly approved the new policy but not without substantial debate.

As proposed, the Warrant Article recommended adopting the law, but with restrictions that would prevent Kearsarge students from enrolling in other districts. The article, which applies to the

high school only, would allow up to 30 students to transfer into the Kearsarge school but zero Kearsarge students to transfer out.

An amendment was offered to allow one Kearsarge student to transfer out.

After a vigorous debate the amendment was defeated only to have a second amendment proposed, allowing five transfers out and to accept up to 15 transfers in. It was also defeated and the original article adopted.

Voters also approved the proposed Operating Budget of \$56,653,713 after

soundly defeating an amendment to reduce it to \$54,600,000 by a ballot vote of 18 Yes - 198 No.

A new 3-year pay raise for the Para Educators was approved costing \$1,100,985 over the three years.

Voters also approved adding \$200,000 to the Special Education Expendable Trust, \$500,000 to the Building Maintenance Trust and increased a request to add \$100,000 to the Roof Repair Fund to \$2,000,000, citing the immediate need for repair and replacement of several school roofs.

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

January 17, 2025

Dan MacDonald involuntarily retired as New Boston Fire Chief
New London Fire Department seeks \$80,657 budget increase
Town of Newport earns designation as "Housing Champion"
Teen driver deceased after Andover accident

January 19, 2024

Hillsboro mourns the loss of Police Chief "Pete Cate"
Manchester woman turns herself in for Dunbarton vandalism
New England College freezes tuition at 2022 rate
Deering residents reject electing its Road Agent

January 20, 2023

H-D school budget down \$1,604.00
NH school enrollment declining while costs are escalating
Henniker Community School approves expanding Pre-School
John Stark's proposed school budget shows modest increase

January 21, 2022

Deering icon Nancy Cowan dies
SAU #34 Superintendent Patricia Parenteau to retire
Henniker may separate Town Clerk & Tax Collector
H-D students again test well below state averages

January 22, 2021

Bennington woman faces multiple charges after chase
1,100 feet of Contoocook River shoreline preserved
Henniker fire victim remains in intensive care
Hillsboro Police, Fire & Rescue respond to 2 accidents

January 24, 2020

Hopkinton Select Board & Rescue Squad at impasse
New Boston asked to support \$2.9 million Fire Station
Warner Select Board adopts 2010 ATV Agreement
Deering Police Chief James Pushee retires

January 25, 2019

HP Fairfield purchases Hopkinton facility
Eight towns provide mutual aid for Weare fire
Henniker Select Board cuts \$48,516 from budget
Hillsborough Sewer & Water fees up \$90-\$120/quarter

January 26, 2018

Weare Selectmen accused of padding the budget
Hopkinton Board withdraws \$30 million school bond
Andover Selectmen seek expanded Comcast service
Belmont man sent to prison for 41 months

January 27, 2017

Newport Board approves \$500,00 Senior Center grant
Chichester Forest Fire Warden Steve Stock retiring
Armed robbery at Belmont's Penguin Market
New London named a "HeartSafe Community"

January 22, 2016

Bomb threat at Sunapee Middle/High School
Silver named New Boston's Planning Coordinator
Henniker Police Chief to Washington
Newbury seeks new Police and Fire Stations

Public Hearing discusses future of former Associated Electric site

The Town of Hillsborough held a rare 1:00 p.m. Public Hearing on January 9th to discuss applying for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Cleanup Grant to clean up the former site of Associated Electric located at 171 West Main Street in Hillsborough. The purpose of this project is to address any environ-

mental concerns and support the safe reuse and revitalization for community benefit.

The sparse crowd was generally supportive of a clean-up effort, but was a near opposition to a suggestion in the hearing notice that the town would like to redevelop and reuse the site for a Municipal complex including

town offices, as well as police and fire departments.

The Select Board intends to establish a Steering Committee in Task 1 with representation from the Hillsborough Econom-

ic Development Commission, Planning Board, Greater Hillsborough Senior Services, Chamber of Commerce, Regional Planning Commission and city staff. The Steering Committee will review

inputs from the public, project engineers and agencies, and make recommendations to the Board.

Officials indicated the process may take up to three years to complete.



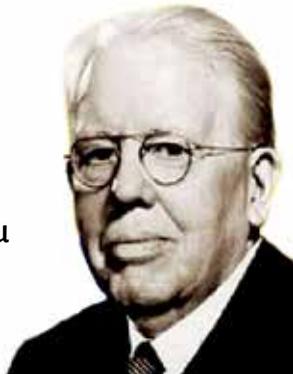
A mid-day hearing on the future of the Associated Electric site drew only a handful of participants.

Celebrating the birthday of the founding father of Lions Club International.

MELVIN JONES, January 13th, 1879



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Around Our Towns



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New Harvester Market is proud to join the White Birch Center in support of their renovation project and the creation of a new food pantry. We're grateful to share this moment alongside AG and the Davenport family as we come together to help build a space that will serve neighbors for years to come.



The Hopkinton Rotary Club had the Rotary Club of Plymouth speak about their amazing involvement with Common Man for Ukraine! They have recently completed their 14th humanitarian trip to Ukraine. In almost four years they have delivered over 4 million pounds of food, 10 thousand sleeping bags, 100s of generators, and have helped with over one thousand children in trauma counseling.

New Boston voters asked to approve full-day kindergarten

New Boston Central School, part of a joint school administrative unit with Goffstown Schools, is asking voters in March to move forward with full-day kindergarten classes.

The program would launch in September for the 2026-27 school year, if approved by voters in the New Boston town elections.

And for New Boston, full-day kindergarten may not even require a spending increase.

In a draft warrant article reviewed by the New Boston School Board, school officials expect to cover the costs through their savings from eliminating midday bus routes and from getting increased adequacy aid for full-day programming.

Staff would be transferred from other grade levels and the school's "readiness" program, which would be cut. Readiness classrooms are for children eligible for first grade but "would

benefit greatly from another year to mature," according to the district.

SAU 19 Superintendent Brian Balke said the School Board may decide to hire an additional kindergarten teacher, however, if enough students enroll for full-day kindergarten. The estimated cost is \$110,000.

Along with Londonderry schools, Goffstown/New Boston are the last districts in the state without full-day kindergarten. At least one other district, Hampstead, provides half-day classes with the option for parents to pay tuition for a full day.

Balke said parents in Goffstown School District would not be able to send their children to New Boston under the joint SAU agreement.

However, Balke said that could change if new legislation for open enrollment passes. At their Jan. 5 meeting, the Goffstown School Board members considered asking



New Boston Central School.

voters to adopt open enrollment status for the district, allowing students from other towns to enroll in Goffstown schools.

"I think we could take additional kids in and probably bring down our operational costs," Balke said. "Both Goffstown and New Boston are potentially beneficiaries of this."

Balke said open enrollment could help bring attendance down at "overcrowded" schools such as Maple Avenue Elementary, while bolstering numbers at the district's middle and high schools.

Goffstown would be one of many school districts vying for open enrollment, including Am-

herst, Bedford, and Pittsfield.

The state Supreme Court ruled in October that open enrollment schools can accept students from other districts with the student's home district paying 80% of the cost.

Districts can also limit the percentage of students allowed to leave.

School Board members asked the administration to draft a warrant article, with board member Jared Talbot suggesting allowing students into the district based on the individual school's space availability.

Although she agreed to move forward with drafting an article, School Board member Reta Chaffee noted open enrollment "pit(s) public schools against public schools."

Goffstown School District will also ask voters to approve a \$300,000 deposit into a capital reserve fund for facilities projects in March.

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Dr. Esin Narli

Maintaining healthy teeth involves a combination of good oral hygiene practices, a healthy diet, and regular dental checkups. To keep your teeth healthy, you should brush twice daily with fluoride toothpaste, floss daily, limit sugary foods and drinks, and see your dentist for regular checkups and cleanings.

Practice Good Oral Hygiene: Brush at least twice a day for two minutes each time, using a soft-bristled toothbrush and fluoride toothpaste. Floss daily. Flossing removes food particles and plaque from between teeth, areas a toothbrush can't reach. Use mouthwash to rinse away food particles and further freshen breath.

Maintain a Healthy Diet: Reduce your intake of sugary foods and drinks, as sugar contributes to tooth decay. Eat a balanced diet. Include plenty of fruits, vegetables, and calcium-rich foods like dairy products or soy milk.

Regular Dental Checkups: Schedule regular dental checkups and cleanings, typically every six months, or more frequently if recommended. Dental cleanings remove plaque and tartar buildup, preventing gum disease and cavities. Regular checkups allow dentists to identify and address potential problems like cavities or gum disease early.

Other Helpful Tips: Fluoride strengthens tooth enamel and helps prevent tooth decay. Quit smoking! Smoking increases the risk of gum disease and other oral health problems. Drink plenty of water, especially fluoridated water. Wear a mouthguard during sports or activities that could cause dental injury.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Results from the iVITAL randomized controlled trial reveal that vitamin D supplementation helps maintain telomeres, protective caps at the ends of chromosomes that shorten during aging and are linked to the development of certain diseases, according to a new report published in *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*. iVITAL is a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial of vitamin D3 (2,000 IU/day) and omega 3 fatty acid (1 g/day) supplementation. Compared with taking placebo, taking vitamin D3 supplements significantly reduced telomere shortening over four years, preventing the equivalent of nearly three years of aging compared with placebo. Omega 3 fatty acid supplementation had no significant effect on telomere length throughout follow-up.

Preterm babies with very low birth weight who received a probiotic alongside antibiotics had fewer multidrug-resistant bacteria and a more typical gut microbiome, a new study published in *Nature Communications*.

A new study published in *Cardiovascular Research* shows a link between low fiber consumption and the presence of unstable or high-risk plaque in coronary arteries — the type of plaque that can trigger blood clots and cause heart attacks. The study also links dietary pattern to the composition of the plaques, i.e. how potentially dangerous they are. Atherosclerosis (also known as hardening of the arteries) involves, among other things, the long-term formation of plaques on the inside of arteries. Plaques can cause narrowing of the artery, which makes it more difficult for blood to pass through, and when the plaques rupture, blood clots are formed inside the arteries. Blood clots can cause sudden deaths, heart attacks or strokes depending on which artery is affected. The risk of atherosclerosis can be reduced by eating a healthy diet, quitting (or not) smoking, being physically active and treating known risk factors such as diabetes, high circulating lipids and high blood pressure.

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Hometown Heroes



Newbury Rescue, Newbury Police and New London Ambulance responded Thursday night to a vehicle off the road. The car was located 35 feet down an embankment on Route 103, west of the Newbury town center. The driver was transported to the hospital by New London Ambulance.



Thank you to Gina O'Leary who sent the Franklin Police Department pizza on Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, January 9. The department truly appreciated the gesture, and the pizza was enjoyed by all of the officers and dispatchers working on shift.

2026 Antrim Town report to be dedicated to Diane Chauncey

The Antrim Select Board has voted to dedicate the 2026 Town Report to Diane Chauncey in recognition of her 20 years of dedicated service as Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

The Board then reviewed the first draft of the proposed 2026 Warrant. As it currently stands:

Article 01 Is to choose necessary Town Officers and Trustees for the ensuing year.

Article 02 Is to vote by ballot on amendments to the Antrim Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board.

Article 03 Asks for \$1,200,000 for engineering and road reclamation projects. If Article 04 fails, requests \$125,000 to increase Highway Street Paving / Road Improvements.

Article 04 Sets the proposed Operating Budget at five million, three hundred and eighty-eight thousand, four hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$5,388,497), including seven hundred thirty-one thousand, five hundred eighty-two dollars (\$731,582) for

the Water & Sewer Department.

Article 05 Authorizes the Select Board to enter into a ten-year lease/purchase agreement for a highway grader in the amount of three hundred and seventy-one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$371,900).

Article 06 Asks for \$550,000 to be added to the present Capital Reserve Funds in the following manner: Fire Capital Reserve Fund - \$90,000; Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund - \$60,000; Town Government Buildings Capital Reserve Fund - \$205,000; Recreation Field Development Capital Reserve Fund - \$25,000; Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund - \$150,000; Dam Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund - \$20,000. Total = \$550,000.

Article 07 Establishes a Weather Emergency Capital Reserve Fund and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in this fund.

Article 08 Establishes Police Special Duty Revolving Fund or

police equipment including but not limited to police vehicles.

Article 09 Requests four thousand, two hundred dollars (\$4,200) for the Antrim Community Board's Mission.

Article 10 Would modify the Elderly Exemption Income Limits for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$25,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$50,000; for a person 80 years of

age or older \$65,000.

Article 11 Establish the Campbell Pond Town Forest.

Article 12 Dissolution of Water & Sewer Commission.

Article 13 To see if the town will vote to adopt RSA 41:9-a, to allow the Select Board to establish and amend fees for services and facilities.

Article 14 Seeks to revise the Tax Increment Financing

(TIF) Plan.

Article 15 Establishes an Economic Development Committee for the purpose of promoting balanced and sustainable economic growth.

Article 16 Shall the Town prohibit the operation of keno games.

Article 17 Shall the Town prohibit the operation of games of chance.



The Antrim Select Board refined their 15 article Town Warrant.

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School Days



Before break, H-D fourth and first grade buddies came together to build gingerbread houses. Using creativity, collaboration, and STEAM skills, students designed and constructed festive masterpieces while having a wonderful time together.



Henniker Community School fourth grade went to the SEE Science Center to explore science and participate in some hair-raising and hands-on chemistry (slime!) and physics (electricity!) labs.

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New London Conservation Commission meets with the Select Board

New London Conservation Commission Chair Bob Brown recently presented the Select Board four key projects from the Conservation Commission.

1. Low Plains Wildlife Management Area Annexation: A warrant article is needed to annex 54 acres to the existing 169-acre Low Plains Wildlife Management Area, increasing its size by 50%.

This land was difficult to acquire and is the last contiguous parcel without a house. NH Fish and Game will hold the conservation easement and has waived the stewardship fee. The Conservation Commission believes a warrant article is needed because of the loss of potential tax value (even though the town already owns it). The warrant article has been drafted and delivered to the Town Council for review.

2. Forest & Wildlife Habitat Improvement Projects: A warrant article is requested to share net profits (up to 50%, not

exceeding \$7,000) from timber harvests on town forests (at Low Plains and at Philips Preserve) with the Conservation Commission. This revenue would fund projects like parking area improvements (e.g., the \$4,000 Andover Road parking lot project at Low Plains). This is similar to a prior approved warrant article.

3. Ohler Property Conservation Easement Contribution: The Conservation Commission voted to contribute \$50,000 towards the purchase of a conservation easement on the 100-acre Ohler property on Pleasant Street, managed by Ausbon Sargent. This project aims to conserve the land, including trails and brooks that feed Pleasant Lake. Initially, it was believed that a warrant article was not needed, but further clarification (consulted DRA and the town attorney) indicated that a public hearing is required, though not a warrant article, under RSA 36-84-A1B.

4. Mountain Road Parcel 101-000-003: Request to permanently assign the 30-acre Parcel 101-000-003 on Mountain Road to the Conservation Commission for management as conservation land. The parcel is near

the landfill and was previously considered for a transfer station, but it is unsuitable due to power requirements and terrain. The Conservation Commission successfully managed a timber harvest there in 2019, resulting

in its certification as a tree farm. The Board voted to move Lot 101- 000-003 from general town ownership to conservation under the management of the New London Conservation Commission.



In 2025, area Project Linus knitters produced and donated 6243 items for the benefit of children in need. To date, they have delivered 56,638 blankets since the start of the chapter in 2007.

THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE BUYING A HOME IN WINTER: PART I



By: Joyce Bosse

There are plenty of benefits to buying a home during the cold winter months. Generally, there are fewer people shopping for homes in the winter, which means you might have less competition when bidding on a house. Additionally, you have a higher chance of closing a deal, according to Zillow.

However, you need to take several key factors into consideration when home shopping during the holiday season or after. Here are some tips that will help you pick the right house and avoid serious problems in the future.

Find Issues Beneath the Snow and Ice with a Home Inspection

A blanket of snow or ice on a home can hide serious problems, which is why it's vital that you schedule a professional home inspection before you make any solid commitments. You most likely are not a home expert, so checking the place out with a naked eye won't work.

A professional home inspector will provide you with the opportunity to address any problems before closing on the house — or steer you away from a bad house entirely. If you're skeptical, consider that a survey conducted by Porch found:

- Nearly 20 percent of home inspectors found problems with the roof.
- 18.7 percent found at least one issue with the electrical system.
- 18.4 percent found problems with the windows.
- 13.6 percent discovered issues with the plumbing system.
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Publisher's Perspective

The More Things Change - The More They Stay The Same

Joyce and I have been binge-watching reruns of “The West Wing” on Netflix, which both frustrates and angers me, at the same time.

It frustrates me, as a conservative Republican, to watch the show consistently promoting politically left positions. Yet, I sit there, night after night, believing this

is the best television series ever aired. The large cast is fabulous in their role, and the writing is impeccable.

What angers me is that the issues they cover, Education Funding, Gun Control, Healthcare, Muslim Extremists, Energy Production, in a show that first aired a quarter-century ago, are the same issues we debate today.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

At a recent Hillsboro-Deering School Board discussion, the Chair stated the Board chose not to place a warrant article to consider adjustments to the current cooperative funding formula because “more research” is needed. In the same statement, the Board acknowledged that every alternative under consideration would reduce Deering’s assessment and increase Hillsboro’s.

That admission matters.

If the Board already knows the current formula disproportionately impacts Deering, refusing to allow voters to even consider adjustments is not caution—it is preservation of an imbalance.

Deering residents have raised the same concerns for years: declining enrollment, a limited commercial tax base, and a tax burden that continues to rise despite fewer students. These are not hypothetical concerns. They are supported by data the Board already has.

Placing a warrant article does not force change. It simply allows transparency, public discussion, and a democratic vote. Declining to place one denies Deering residents that voice while locking in a structure the Board itself admits could be more equitable.

“More research” is difficult to accept when the financial outcomes are already understood—and when delay benefits one town at the expense of the other.

This is why the withdrawal discussion exists.

Refusing to let voters decide while admitting the system is flawed is not cooperation. It is control—and Deering should no longer accept it.

Sincerely,

Polly Aruck, Deering

Dear Editor:

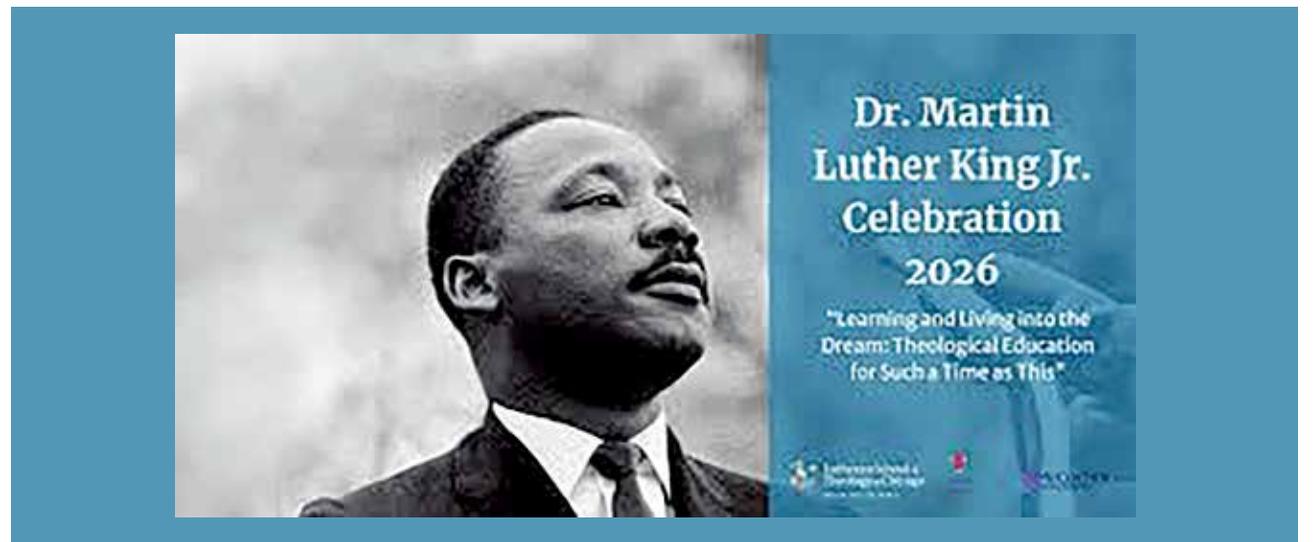
Dear Hillsboro Community,

The Hillsboro Lions Club has once again seen the outpouring of support as the Club provided Holiday Food Baskets, complete with turkeys, to families who needed a little help over the holiday season. We received many thank you’s but the thanks really go to you.

I would like to recognize AMS Osram for their generous donations of turkeys for our food baskets as well as turkeys donated to the Hillsboro Food Pantry. Smith Memorial Congregational Church once again gave us a home to stage and hand out Holiday Meals. Thank you Pastor Donna. Our local Shaws made shopping easy and gave us their best prices and on time deliveries. Many Thanks Derrick. We appreciated the help from Ms. Brien of Hillsboro Deering schools and Ms. Hubbard of the Hillsboro Food pantry for distributing basket applications. TM&M Services provided transport of all food items in spite of the weather. Once again the Messenger established a drive to support our annual project. We are grateful to the local American Legion’s Lady’s Auxiliary for their generous support as well as all of those who contributed to help us help others. You all made it possible. I also want to thank all the Lions and volunteers who donated their time to help including Mrs. Clause. With no doubt, Hillsboro is a giving and caring Community!

Wishing Everyone a Hopeful and Healthy New Year.

Kathy Audette, Hillsboro Lions President





Patrolman Jesse Byam



Captain Belletete

Peterborough Police say “Hello & Goodbye”

On January 1, 2026, Master Peterborough Patrolman Jesse Byam was promoted to the rank of Sergeant after successfully completing the Department’s promotional process.

Sgt. Byam has been a member of the Peterborough Police Department since November 2020 and has been an instrumental addition to their ranks. He joined the department with four years of full-time law enforcement experience from the New Boston Police Department and was promoted to the rank of Master Patrolman in October 2022.

Earlier this month, the Department said goodbye to one of their longest-serving employees.

After more than 38 years of dedicated service to the Town of Peterborough, Captain Belletete has resigned from their ranks. Many may remember that Captain Belletete retired from full-time status in 2018; continuing to serve the Department for the past eight years, assisting with day-to-day operations.

The department extends their sincere thanks to Captain Belletete for his decades of commitment and service to the community.

Hillsboro man arrested for burglary in Mont Vernon



Jackson Piscopo

A burglary investigation led to one arrest and a search for a 2nd suspect. On January 8, 2026, the Mont Vernon Police Department arrested Jackson Piscopo of no fixed address, but currently of Hillsboro, for burglary, receiving stolen property, being a felon in possession of a firearm, and criminal liability for the conduct of another following a lengthy investigation.

On December 14, 2023, the Mont Vernon Police Department responded to a residence on Old Amherst Road after the resident found that it had been burglarized during the daytime hours and two firearms were stolen after subjects apparently entered through a window. One of the two firearms was later recovered on Decem-

ber 22, 2023.

Information was obtained pointing to Piscopo and another subject as being involved, and more evidence was gathered over time leading to arrest warrants being obtained in June of 2024. Attempts to locate Piscopo and take him into custody had previously been unsuccessful.

Piscopo was ordered held without bail in the custody of the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections until his court appearance on January 9th 2026 in the 9th Circuit Court in Milford.

The residence targeted was not selected at random, and Piscopo’s accomplice has fled the New England region, most recently being known to be in Pennsylvania, and is evading attempts to locate him.

Special thanks to New Boston Police Department and Hillsboro Police Department for their assistance.

John Stark teacher receives Teacher Excellence Award

SAU 24 is pleased to announce that Kevin Munroe, a science and engineering educator at John Stark Regional High School, has been recognized as a 2025–2026 Teacher Excellence Award recipient by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA).

Munroe was the sole New Hampshire educator selected for this national honor, which recognizes outstanding teachers who exemplify excellence in technology, engineering, and STEM education. The Teacher Excellence Awards are sponsored by Goodheart-Willcox, a leading

publisher of career and technical education materials.

“We are incredibly proud of Kevin and this well-deserved recognition,” said Principal Gary Dempsey. “Our students are fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated teacher like Mr. Munroe.” Munroe will be formally recognized at the ITEEA 88th Annual Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on March 25–28, 2026.

ITEEA is the professional organization for technology, innovation, design, and engineering educators, serving members who advance technological and engineering capabilities through education.

Hillsboro American Legion Post #59 elects 2026 officers

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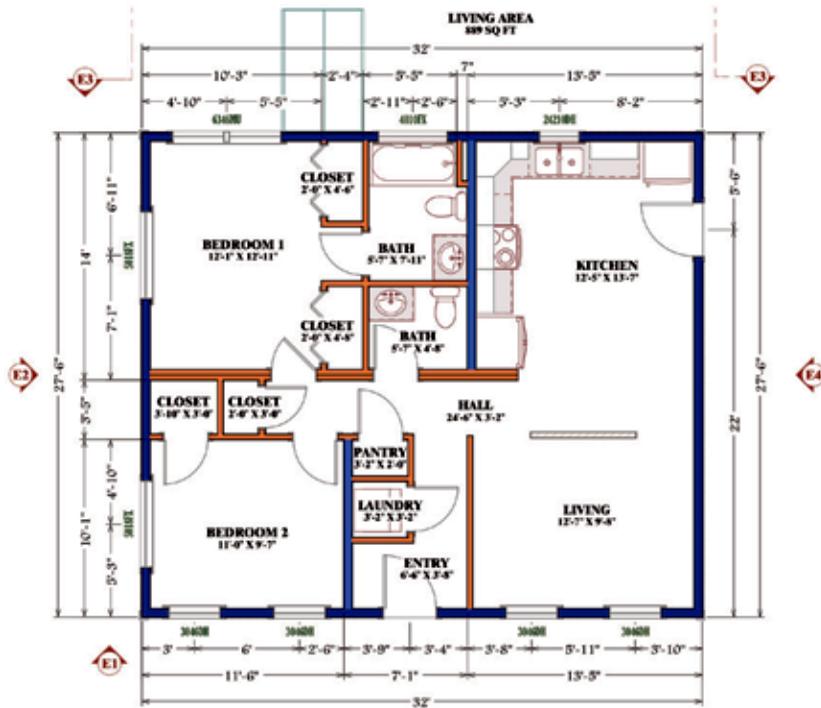
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Come On In!

Restoring the Heart of the Community

In the center of Andover, New Hampshire, stands a building that has served as the town's heartbeat for nearly 150 years. Built in 1879, the original Town Hall was the site of selectmen's meetings, elections, graduations, and basketball games until the 1960s. After spending decades divided into private offices, the building faced an uncertain future in 2016 when it came up for a foreclosure auction.

Susan Chase, who is the current Board Chair and one of the founders of The Andover Community Hub, began the journey to save this historic structure with a sense of urgency. It started on a Sunday afternoon, when a small group of residents gathered, believing that Andover needed a community center and that this might be their chance to create one. By the end of that single meeting, the group had pledged \$190,000 to buy the structure. When they arrived at the auction, they found little competition—only the bank representative and the owner of the local pizza shop, who was there simply to support the idea of a community center. The group won the building for just a few hundred dollars over what the bank needed to close the mortgage.

"Come On In" became the tagline for the capital campaign that followed, and it remains the essence of the organization today. Since opening its doors for programming in the summer of 2017, The Andover Community Hub has transformed a drafty old building into a vibrant center of community connection, serving everyone from seniors to students in the greater Andover area. The Hub operates on a philosophy of inclusion. Susan recalls a pivotal board decision regarding whether to allow political groups to use the Andover Community Hub space. The board decided, "The choice is we either say everybody or nobody... we're going to go with everybody." This policy has opened doors to groups ranging from political organizations to the historical society, the emergency services auxiliary, the friends of the library, a local AA weekly meeting and various town committees who occasionally make use of the building.

Today, the building is bustling. In 2024, The Hub tracked approximately 5,500 visits. The programming is diverse, heavily utilized by the town's older citizens but open to all. Offerings include "Bone Builders" (a strength and balance class), Tai Chi, yoga, Mahjong, a cribbage group, a board game club, crafts groups and a preschool play group. The Hub also hosts a VNA senior health clinic for essential services, and partners with the AARP during tax season to help residents file their returns. Susan notes that while the demographic tilts toward retirees, The Hub is actively working to engage younger generations. They have hosted cooking classes for kids in third through eighth grades, offered occasional painting and craft classes for kids and are exploring more after-school programming.

Revitalizing an 1879 structure has required significant grit and fundraising. Since the purchase, the organization has installed a new roof, built an accessibility ramp, added a main-floor bathroom, and installed air-source heat pumps to make the building comfortable year-round.



Andover Community Hub.

However, the path hasn't been without obstacles. A major current project involves licensing the new kitchen for commercial use. The Hub envisions a space where community suppers and cooking classes for all ages can be held, as well as where local caterers and startup food businesses can rent kitchen time to grow their enterprises. While the layout and equipment were approved, the project hit a snag with a surprise expense to meet septic requirements. Despite the sticker shock, the board remains committed. "We know we can serve the community in many more ways if we're licensed," Susan explains, noting that they are exploring alternative, cost-effective engineering solutions this winter before moving forward.

Navigating the transition from a grassroots volunteer group to a structured non-profit 501(c)(3) requires guidance. About four years ago, The Hub connected with SCORE, specifically working with mentor Heather Turner. The relationship began with practical improvements to The Hub's digital presence. Beyond the website, SCORE has provided critical educational resources. Hub board members and volunteers have attended workshops on by-laws, public relations, and graphic design tools like Canva. Heather also facilitated workshops at The Hub for local businesses, helping the non-profit build bridges with the local commercial community.

As The Andover Community Hub looks toward the next five years, the vision is one of continued growth and sustainability. The board is beginning to consider whether it's time to transition from an all-volunteer model to perhaps hiring a part-time administrator to help manage the scheduling, publicity and outreach that accompany the increasing volume of programming, services and bookings. There is also the dream of the second floor. Currently used for storage, the space features high ceilings and great potential as a teen center, music venue, or event space. While it requires significant work for safety and code compliance, it remains a key part of the long-term vision.

For now, the dedicated board and countless other volunteers continue to do the work of building community, one cup of coffee and one class at a time. Whether it's a neighbor learning Tai Chi, a start-up caterer looking for a kitchen, or a resident needing tax help, the message from the big old building in the center of town remains the same: Come on in!

 Sports



Henniker Community School hosted the Future Generals basketball games at HCS. The Henniker Huskies played the Weare Wildcats in two great games at HCS. All four teams showed a lot of heart and true teamwork.

UNITED BASKETBALL

H-D United defeats John Stark United

Congratulations to the Unified Basketball team for playing their first ever game on Friday against John Stark. Dominic Dame led the way with 16 points, Zavier Mendez had 11, Graeme Hartford and Liam Batangan-Cruite had 10, and Jayden Stevenson had 8. Great job!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hopkinton 63, Hillsboro-Deering 23: Hopkinton was led by Lexi Korbet 14 points; Ellie Collins 11 points; Paige Boudette 9 points, 4 steals; Helen Yeaton 7 points, 9 rebounds; Zoe Bishop 7 points, 10 rebounds; and Caroline Chehade 4 points, 4 rebounds.

Hopkinton 41, Conant 32: The Hawks outscored Conant 25-12 in the second half to pick up the road win.

Kearsarge 51, Hopkinton 44 (3 OTs): The Hawks and Cougars played a thriller at Hopkinton, with Kearsarge winning in three overtimes. Lily Burke made an offensive rebound and scored after a missed free throw in the 3rd OT.

Kearsarge 36, Raymond 32: Naimah Wilson and Charlotte Knox both had 7 points, Maddie Bennett had 6 and Madden Huff had 5 for Kearsarge.

Kearsarge 35, Mascoma Valley 28: This was a hard-fought,

physical matchup that was close throughout.

Coe-Brown 48, ConVal 25: Coe Brown went on a 16-6 run in the second quarter to put the game away.

Plymouth 58, John Stark 32: Plymouth started fast but the Generals cut it to 4 at halftime. Plymouth pulled away in the second half.

Derryfield 32, Bow 30: Peyton Vaughn, 15 points; Bella Berg, 7 points.

Bow 42, Hanover 36: Peyton Vaughn had 22 points, Bella Berg had 7 points and Kyleigh Duval finished with 6 to lead Bow.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Hillsboro-Deering 55, Campbell 53 OT: Ethan Franklin led the way with 18 points, while Quinn Coombs contributed 10 points, and Ryan Shortt had 12 points, including a basket with 3 seconds left to tie up the game to go to overtime!

Hopkinton 61, Hillsboro-Deering 38: For Hopkinton, Ben Normand had 14 points and Nate Spofford added 9. For Hillsboro, Dan Richard finished with 8 points.

Hopkinton 47, Kearsarge 46: Kearsarge played well throughout the game, especially in the 4th quarter.

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Sports

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Hopkinton 60, Conant 18: Ben Normand, 15 points; Kristof Cauley, 10 points. Conant – Carter LeTourneau, 5 pts.

Kearsarge 64, Raymond 34: Great defense in the 2nd/3rd quarter. When Lopez hit his 3-point shot, the bench went crazy for him.

Kearsarge 62, Newport 36: Eli Whipple had 36 points, 8 rebounds, 6 assists, and 8 steals.

Mascoma 55, Kearsarge 35: Kearsarge struggled to score, but the Cougars pulled to within 11 points late in the game.

Sanborn 68, John Stark 41: A 5-point game at the half, Sanborn opened it up with runs to start the third and fourth quarters.

Coe-Brown 60, ConVal 50: Grant Hayes, 28 points; Grady Mulligan, 13 points; Colby Taylor, 6 points; I. Miko 6 points; Myles Brackett, 5 points; Abel Szatko, 2 points.

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Andrea Seaver, Nursing major, 2026.

Other Colleges & Universities

Quinnipiac University physical therapy student Lydia Philbrick, of Henniker, has been inducted into the Physical Therapy Pro Bono National Honor Society.

Nazareth University is proud to announce that Juliana Stevens of Goffstown, has been named to the dean’s list for the fall 2025 semester.

Maura Araldi of Dunbarton has achieved Dean’s List for Fall of 2025 at NECC.

New Director named at Goffstown Public Library

Goffstown Public Library will have a new director, Patti Penick, starting Feb. 23. She’ll replace Dianne Hathaway, who plans to step down as library director after 27 years in that position.

The new director should be familiar to library users. Penick herself has served the community at Goffstown Public Library for 18

years, most recently as assistant director and head of youth services.

“(Penick) has played a key leadership role in library operations, staff development, community partnerships, and long-term planning initiatives,” according to a Goffstown Public Library press release.

As assistant director, Penick has coordinated building and facilities projects



for the library and represented them with community and professional organizations. She’s also expanded youth services programming and strengthened the library’s relationships with local schools.

At the end of the hiring process, the library Board of Trustees found Penick to be “an exceptional

candidate.” The Board announced Penick’s appointment as director, effective Feb. 23, on Monday.

Penick’s education includes a Master of Science in Library and Information Science from Drexel University in Philadelphia and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of New Hampshire.

Warner Historical society presents Winter Snow Trains and Two Ski Slopes

Enjoy homemade apple pie and a presentation about America's first "Snow Train" in 1931!

The Warner Historical Society will be hosting a presentation about how ski clubs from Massachusetts and Dartmouth came to ski on the hills of Warner. By the late 1940s Boston area businesses were enticed to bring their workers to ski, skate, slide, and dance in Warner for their annual employee outings. The John Hancock Life Insurance Company alone brought over 1,400 employees north during the winter of 1955. Organizations, school

and church groups all pitched in to host these large events.

Apple pie was one of the desserts served during this period when local restaurants offered dinner to many ski groups.

Please join the Warner Historical Society on Friday, January 30, at 7 p.m. at the Warner Town Hall, 5 East Main Street. Local historian Rebecca Courser will regale attendees with the history of the "Snow Train," Warner's ski slopes, the local

businesses who were involved, and the people who pitched in to make the weekends successful, from kids to grandparents. The presentation will feature many photographs of the Snow Train Era from skiing to skating to big bands, and the crowning of the Winter Carnival queens.

If the train can't make it due to snow, this program will be rescheduled for February 20 at 7 p.m. Tickets for dessert and the presentation will be \$10 at the door. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle.

The Warner Historical Society formed 50 years ago to pre-

serve, educate about and keep alive Warner's heritage. The Society has yearly exhibits and programs in the Upton Chandler House Museum on Main Street and maintains the Lower Warner Meeting House which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Antrim Police and Antrim Fire received several calls recently of kids on the ice at the mill pond behind town hall. Even though the ice may look safe, due to the moving water that flows through the mill pond from Great Brook and the recent warm weather, this makes the ice very unpredictable. For safety reasons, please stay off the ice on the mill pond.



A sparse crowd attended the Hillsboro-Deering School District Budget Hearing last Tuesday night.

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Newport Police arrest couple for possession of crack cocaine and fentanyl

Over the course of the past month, the Newport Police Department received reports and gathered intelligence related to suspected trafficking of crack cocaine at a residence on Belknap Avenue. Based on witness interviews, covert surveillance, and the analysis of digital evidence, investigators obtained a search warrant for an apartment at 40 Belknap Avenue.

The intelligence gathered indicated an elevated level of risk for the execution of this search warrant. Accordingly, Newport Police requested assistance from law enforcement partners from the Claremont Police Department Special Response Team, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, and New Hampshire Probation and Parole. Investigators also coordinated with



Rafael Avilas



Patricia White

both the SAU and the Richards Free Library to ensure the safety of students, staff and library patrons in the vicinity.

On January 13, 2026, the search warrant was executed without incident, and the following two subjects were taken into custody: Rafael Avilas, 45, of

Northampton, MA and Patricia White, 50, of Newport, NH.

Approximately 55 grams of suspected crack cocaine, 3 grams of suspected fentanyl, a firearm, and a substantial quantity of US currency were seized.

Avilas is currently charged with Possession of Crack Cocaine

with Intent to Sell (in a school zone), Possession of Fentanyl with Intent to Sell (in a school zone), Conspiracy to Commit Sales of Controlled Drugs, and Armed Career Criminal.

He was ordered held on preventative detention without bail.

White is currently charged with Possession of Controlled Drugs and Maintaining a Common Nuisance. She was released on personal recognizance.

The investigation is ongoing, and additional arrests and charges are anticipated.



On January 13th, Bennington Fire-Rescue and Antrim Fire & Ambulance were dispatched to a reported motor vehicle accident on Greenfield Road (RT. 31). Upon arrival, a single vehicle off the roadway was discovered alongside a damaged utility pole. EMS evaluated one person but did not transport.

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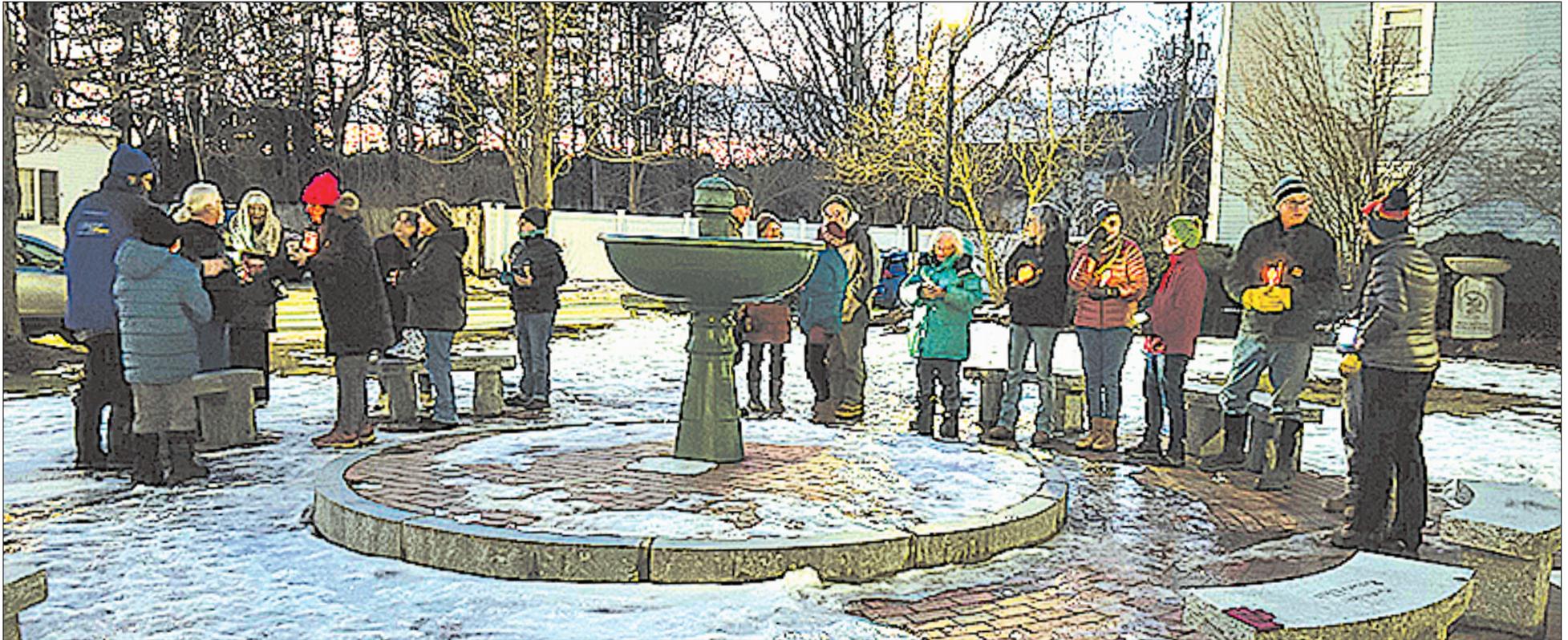
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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Grace Jager



Washington - Grace Jager of Washington, died peacefully in her sleep early on the morning of December 31, 2025. For the past three years she had been living at Havenwood in Concord, NH. She was 89 years old. Grace Carol Otten was born on July 4, 1936, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, the youngest of three children. Grace is survived by Ronald, her husband of 68 years, her son Colin and daughter-in-law Wendy, of Highland Park, NJ, and grandchildren Olivia (24) and Eliot (20). A memorial service and celebration of life will be held in Washington in the summer of 2026. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Washington Congregational Church, 1 Half Moon Pond Road, Washington, NH. <https://washingtoncongregationalchurch.com/contact/>

Janet Adrienne (Courchesne) Bourgoin



Goffstown - Janet Adrienne Bourgoin, 83, of Goffstown, passed away on Jan. 5, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. Janet was born on Feb. 16, 1942, in Goffstown, N.H., to parents Leo and Mabel (Boisclair) Courchesne. She is survived by her four children, Shawna (Brian) Harrington, Ken (Susan) Bourgoin, John (Carrie) Bourgoin, Dan (Eleanor) Bour-

goin; 22 grandchildren, Breana (John) English, Courtney (Mike) Szulc, Bryan Harrington, Nate (Maria) Harrington, Noelle (Greg) Ellis, Isaac (Tristan) Harrington, Peter (Kinsey) Harrington, Maria (Billy) Desrosiers, Christiana Harrington, Isabella Harrington, Johnpaul Harrington, Natalie (Luke) Brendle, Elyse (Chris) Santana, Alexander Bourgoin, Christian (Emma) Bourgoin, Cassie Bourgoin, Noah Bourgoin, Nickolas Bourgoin, Gregory Bourgoin, Zachary Bourgoin, Matthew Bourgoin, Arianna Bourgoin; 15 great-grandchildren, Elizabeth English, Mikayla Szulc, Gabriella Szulc, Benjamin Szulc, Liam Szulc, Joan Harrington, Alice Harrington, Wesley Ellis, Gemma Harrington, Charlotte Harrington, Adrien Desrosiers, Octavia (Eva) Desrosiers, James Brendle, Adriana Santana, Beau Bourgoin; and brother, Bobby Courchesne. She is predeceased by her parents, Leo and Mabel; husband, Lauro "Larry" Bourgoin; and siblings, Doris Defoses and Leo Courchesne.

Richard A. "Dick" Morin



Dunbarton - Richard A. Morin, 76, of Dunbarton, N.H., passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026, at the Elliot Hospital. Born July 1, 1949, in Manchester. He is survived by his children, Tim Morin, Scott Morin (Laura), and Sean Cunningham (Melissa); grandchildren, Mylo (Elliot), Emma (Adam), and Ryan; brothers, Dan Morin (Susan), Steve Morin (Cathy); and several cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Richard was pre-deceased by his beloved wife, Denise Morin; his parents, Fernand and Dorothy Morin; brother, Lee Morin. The family will host a Celebration of Life at a later date. In Richard's memory, contributions may be made to the Red Cross.

Donald Wheeler, Jr.

Warner - Donald Holmes Wheeler, Jr., 80, of Kearsarge Mountain Road, died January 5, 2026. He was born in Concord, NH on June 24, 1945, the son of Don-



ald H. and Priscilla R. (Davis) Wheeler. He is survived by his beloved partner, Janet L. Byers; two sons, Donald H. Wheeler III of Carlisle, MA and Scott M. Wheeler of Clayton, NC; a granddaughter, Adriana Elizabeth Tsang-Wheeler; a sister Carol (Ron) Piroso of Warner, NH; a nephew, Ronald F. Piroso, Jr.; two nieces, Suzanne E. (Scott) Piroso Mele and Deborah L. Piroso Curless; and many cousins. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at The United Church of Warner. Burial will be in New Waterloo Cemetery in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made to the United Church of Warner, P.O. Box 203, Warner, NH 03278 or to The Pope Memorial SPCA, 94 Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH 03301.

Frank A. Arsenault



Weare - Frank Amos Arsenault passed into the next life, beginning the new year in a way that was, frankly, very on-brand for him: memorable, impactful, completely on his terms and not a second before he was ready to. Born on March 23, 1962 to Norman and Ruth Ann (Philbrick), the youngest of three. He is survived by his two sisters, Lori Palm and Cheri Daley. Frank is predeceased by Carolyn (Andrews) Arsenault, whom he loved deeply and no doubt missed more than he ever admitted. Frank leaves behind Priscilla Gladu, his son Franklin Adam, his fiancé Mary and their children Avery & Mackenzie and his daughter Jacklyn Marie, her husband Edward and their children Alexia and Odyn. A Celebration of Life is being planned for the Summer of 2026, on his beloved farm.

Laura Elise (Hall) Dreyer



Warner - Laura Elise (Hall) Dreyer, 62, of Warner passed away on Wednesday, January 7th, 2026 at her home. She was born in Rochester, New York on September 15th, 1963, daughter of the late Paul G. and Pauline E. (DeChamplain) Hall. She will be forever loved and held dear by her husband of 35 years, Timothy Dreyer; her two children, Nikolas Dreyer and Rebekah Dreyer-Rowe and her wife Katie; three siblings, Lelia and her husband Tim Dutton, Michael Hall and his wife Rhonda, and Peter Hall; and her nieces and nephews: Lindsay Dutton and her fiancé Dalton Mutz, Hannah Dutton and fiancé Ryan Cameron, Madelyn Hall, Meghan Hall, Jacob Hall and Noelle Hall. Memorial visitation will be held at the Rivet Funeral Home, 425 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack NH on Saturday, January 17th, 2026 from 12 noon - 1:30 p.m. with a short service to be held in the funeral home at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations in Laura's memory be made to the Education Department at Strawberry Banke Museum, 14 Hancock Street, Portsmouth NH 03801. Please indicate "Educational fund - Laura Dreyer memorial" in the comments.

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 **Events:** Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

WINTER CONCERT SERIES: NEW ENGLAND BLUE-GRASS BAND: The Livery in Sunapee Harbor, 58 Main St, Sunapee, NH. Join us for a delightful evening of great music and fine dining featuring live entertainment by the New England Bluegrass Band and a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Mary McDonald. Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner will be served at 6:00pm, and the concert begins at 7:00pm. Reservations are required. Dinner selections include Pulled Pork Mac & Cheese or Vegetarian Mac & Cheese, a seasonal vegetable side, and Hummingbird Cake for dessert. Cost: \$50 per person (includes dinner and concert). BYOB. Limited to 80 guest.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

JACOB LIVE AT TAVERNE ON THE SQUARE: 2 Pleasant St., Claremont, NH. 7:30pm-10:00pm. Enjoy great dining from Chef Rhonda and her crew, excellent drinks from Jess and the bartenders, and Jacob will handle music! Enjoy this gem in the middle of downtown Claremont. Call ahead to make reservations at (603) 287-4416. See you there!

WHATS UP WITH E-BIKES: 18 Robert A Easter Way, Claremont, NH at 5:30pm. Curious about the buzz around e-bikes? Join us in person to explore everything from the coolest models to handy tips for beginners. Whether you're a seasoned rider or just e-bike curious, come hang out and ask questions. It's all about having fun and learning the ins and outs of electric biking. Don't miss out! Let's get rolling! Call 603-542-2453 for more info.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

NATURE EXPLORATION STORY TIME (NEST) - SPLENDID SNOW: 10:00am-11:00pm. LSPA Center for Lake Studies, 63 Main Street Sunapee, NH. Come join LSPA educators at the Center for Lake Studies to explore the natural world. Each Tuesday morning will be filled with hands on learning through sensory experiences, guided exploration, creative play, art, and music. LSPA's story time is designed for young children and their caregivers. Come to one session or all - each program is organized around a different ecological theme. Come join the fun! This Tuesday morning we will learn about the properties of water and why snowflakes are so spectacular.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

SATISFACTION - THE INTERNATIONAL ROLLING STONES SHOW: at Claremont Opera House, Claremont, NH. 7:30pm-9:30pm. Tickets are \$30-\$35 plus fees. There is a \$2 additional box office fee when you purchase in person. Come experience the international touring tribute show to the World's Greatest Rock & Roll Band. This highly acclaimed production showcases the most authentic cast & costuming of its kind. The likes of Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and cast bring a colorful performance to over 50 years of classic hits. Call 603-542-4433 or visit <https://cohn.org/> for more info.

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ABUTER NOTIFICATION ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS TOWN OF WASHINGTON

*Be advised, you are hereby notified of a rehearing of the Zoning Board on **Wednesday, January 28, 2026**, at 7:00 pm at the Washington Town Hall. Jeffrey McLaughlin will seek approval for a variance for the property located at Island Pond Road – Tax Map 16, Lot 82. The variance application will be considered by the ZBA. This meeting is open to the public for discussion or concerns.

TOWN OF HENNIKER NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Tuesday February 3, 2026, at 6:30p.m.

Henniker Community Center
57 Main Street Henniker, NH 03242

2026 Henniker Operating and Wastewater Budget Hearing
The Henniker Board of Selectmen/Wastewater Commissioners will hold a public hearing pursuant to RSA 32:5 to review and hear public input on the proposed 2026 Henniker municipal and wastewater operating budgets and warrant articles.

More information about the hearings, proposed warrant articles and budget is available at the Town of Henniker Town Office 18 Depot Hill Rd Henniker NH 03242, Town of Henniker website www.henniker.org, email townadministrator@hennikernh.gov by calling 603-428-3221.

TOWN OF ANTRIM Vacancies for Town Offices for March 10, 2026 PUBLIC NOTICE

Filing period begins Wednesday January 21 and concludes Friday January 30, 2026. Any candidate declaring their candidacy on the last day must file in person. File at the Town Clerk's office Monday 8AM-6PM, Tuesday 8AM-12PM, Wednesday and Thursday 8AM-4PM. Special hours Friday January 30, 3PM-5PM for Candidacy only.

Questions: call Ann Gilbert 603-588-8333 x225 or
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Office	Term of Office
Cemetery Trustee	1 seat (3-year term)
Community Board	2 seats (3-year terms)
Library Trustees	2 seats (3-year terms)
Moderator	1 seat (2-year term)
Planning Board	2 seats (3-year terms), 1 seat (1 year term)
Selectman	1 seat (3-year term)
School Board Member	1 seat (3-year term)
Supervisor of the Checklist	1 seat (6-year term)
Town Clerk	1 seat (3-year term)
Town Treasurer	1 seat (3-year term)
Water and Sewer Commissioner	2 seats (3-year terms)
Trustee of Trust Funds	1 seat (3-year term)

Washington, NH Notice of a Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a second Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Board on Monday, **February 2, 2026** at 6:30 PM in the upper hall at Town Hall.

• To discuss proposed changes to the Land Use Ordinance:

1. Amend Section 200.2, Minor Home Businesses, to include Hosted Short Term Rentals by right
2. Amend Section 200.4, Business Use, to include Non-Hosted Short Term Rentals as a business use requiring a business permit
3. Amend Section 501.1 to change LUCC permit to Building Permit
4. Amend Section 501.1 to clarify when a building permit is required – for all structures over 200', not required for temporary structures (erected for 180 days), and not required for non-permanent storage structures.
5. Amend section 202, Setbacks, to lower setback distances for "All Other Uses" of 30'-15'-15' and lower "Detached Structures under 100 SF" to 0'-5'-5'.
6. To discuss the addition of a Solar Energy System ordinance.
7. Definitions for Short Term Rental, Hosted- Short Term Rental, Non-Hosted Short Term Rental, Non-permanent Storage Structure and Residence.

The public is invited to attend or comment in writing to the Planning Board prior to the hearing. The full language of the proposed changes will be available on the Town's website and at Town Hall. The Planning Board will hold their regular meeting after the hearing concludes.

TOWN OF ANTRIM 2026 BUDGET HEARING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing in accordance with RSA 32:5 on the proposed 2026 budget and warrant on **February 9th 2026** at 6:00pm at the Town Hall, 66 Main Street. Snow Date will be February 10th at 6:00pm.

TOWN OF DEERING Filing Period for Open Elected Positions

Filing period for open elected positions begin on January 21, 2026 and end at 5:00pm on January 30, 2026, at the Town Clerk's office.

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Town Treasurer	3 Year Term
Cemetery Trustee	Remainder of 2 Year Term expires 2028
Cemetery Trustee	3 Year Term
Library Trustee	Remainder of 3 Year Term expires 2027
Library Trustee	3 Year Term
Supervisors of the Checklist	Remainder of 6 Year Term expires 2028
Supervisors of the Checklist	Remainder of 6 Year Term expires 2030
Supervisors of the Checklist	6 Year Term
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Year Term

EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT BID SOLICITATION

FOR SUMMER MAINTENANCE OF BEACHES AND PARKS

Emerald Lake Village District, located within the town of Hillsborough, is accepting bids for Summer Maintenance of Beaches and Parks.

Sealed bids must be received by 5pm on February 20, 2026 and mailed to ELVD, PO Box 1753, Hillsborough, NH 03244 or dropped off at the District Office by appointment, 147 W. Main St., Suite 103.

For bid specs, contact the District Office at 603-464-3128 or email info@elvdnh.com.

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Sealed bids must be received by 5pm on February 20, 2026 and mailed to ELVD, PO Box 1753, Hillsborough, NH 03244 or dropped off at the District Office by appointment, 147 W. Main St., Suite 103.

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