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Newport Area Chamber Executive Director named

The Newport Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce their new Executive Director, Shannon MacMichael. Shannon has been the President of the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce this past year, a past Vice President, and has been on the Board of Directors of the Chamber for many years. As long-time past Executive Director Ella Casey entered retirement, Shannon's duties as President mirrored those of the Executive Director.

This week in history

JANUARY 30, 1972

Bloody Sunday occurs in Northern Ireland

JANUARY 31, 1865

House passes 13th amendment

FEBRUARY 1, 1884

Oxford English Dictionary debuts

FEBRUARY 2, 1954

Maria Tallchief, 1st Native American performs the Nutcracker

FEBRUARY 3, 2005

Alberto Gonzales becomes 1st Hispanic Attorney General

FEBRUARY 4, 1980

Studio 54 hosts grand closing party

FEBRUARY 5, 1883

Southern Pacific Railroad completes Sunset Route



Interstate 93 North

Major storm causes several accidents

Troopers respond to 46 crashes & 77 vehicles off the road

New Hampshire State Troopers responded to more than 160 weather-related calls statewide during the two-day winter storm that delivered slick and snow-covered roads in various parts of the state. Between 1 p.m. Jan. 25, 2026, and 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2026, Troopers responded to reports of 46 crashes. Injuries were reported in seven of the crashes. Troopers also responded to reports of 77 vehicles off the road and assisted 38 additional drivers.

During the snowfall, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation reduced speed limits on Interstates

89, 93, 293, 393, and 95, as well as on Routes 101 and 16, and the F.E. Everett and Spaulding Turnpikes.

The State Police reminds drivers that, during winter storms, road conditions can change rapidly, and caution is encouraged during hazardous conditions. While behind the wheel, drivers should maintain safe speeds that allow for increased reaction times and keep an appropriate distance from other vehicles, including plow trucks, to prevent collisions.

Drivers are also reminded of state laws requiring them to give plenty of

space to disabled vehicles on the side of the road and to clear their vehicles of snow and ice before driving. RSA 265:37-a, commonly known as Sherrill's Law, requires drivers to slow down, move out of lanes that are partially or wholly blocked when it's safe to do so, and give plenty of space to vehicles displaying warning signals. RSA 265:79-b, commonly known as Jessica's Law, requires drivers to remove snow and ice from their vehicles before traveling. Violators are subject to fines or additional penalties for subsequent offenses.

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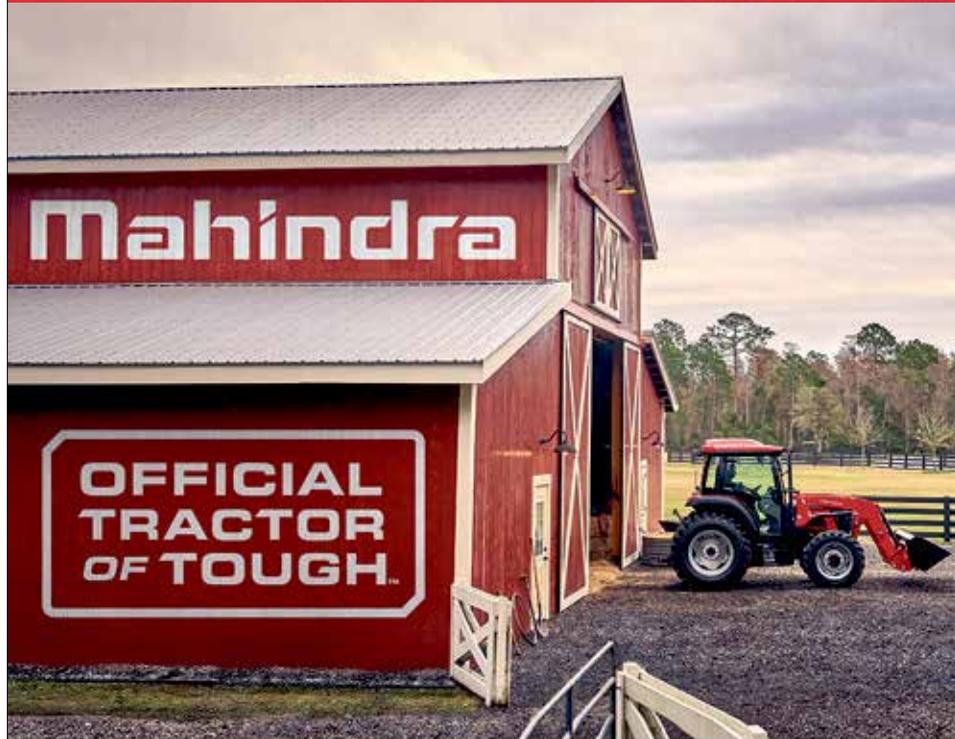
First responders helped welcome Stoddard's newest resident

Stoddard Fire Captain Holland, Rescue Captain Hayes and Probationary Firefighter/EMT Pride helped welcome a perfect

baby girl into the world earlier this week. Mom and Dad did a perfect job by staying put and calling 911 just in time —

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This Goffstown Public Works Department plow truck had a sobering reminder of how dangerous the work can be. It caught fire while plowing, after what appeared to be a hydraulic hose rupture ignited on the engine or exhaust. The operator was able to exit the vehicle, but it is a total loss.

NH Begins ‘Granite State Safe Roads Initiative’

It began Friday, Jan. 23, 2026, and will continue over the next three months, the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety and law enforcement agencies along Route 202 from Bow to Hillsboro, and Interstate 89 from Bow to Hopkinton, will join forces for the “Granite State Safe Roads Initiative.”

This collaborative effort, funded by the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety, will combine resources from state, county, and local law enforcement to reduce crashes that result in serious injuries and deaths through enhanced enforcement and education.

The goal of the initiative is to make New Hampshire’s roads safer by addressing all traffic hazards, with a priority focus on impaired driving prevention and speed reduction.

Participating agencies include the New Hampshire State Police, Bow Police Department, Henniker Police Department, Hillsboro Police Department, Hopkinton

Police Department, Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office, and the Merrimack County Sheriff’s Office. Agencies will conduct high-visibility patrols and enforcement details during January, February, and March. Shifts will overlap to ensure strong coverage, and additional daytime speed enforcement details will be deployed using dedicated highway safety funding.

“Our mission is simple: to save lives,” said New Hampshire State Police Lt. Christopher Storm, Commander of the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety. “By working together across jurisdictions, we can make a real impact in reducing crashes and keeping our communities safe. We remind everyone to think and drive – slow down, stay alert, and never get behind the wheel while impaired.”

Through collaboration and proactive measures, the participating agencies reaffirm their commitment to reducing crashes and saving lives along some of New Hampshire’s high-traffic corridors.

Antrim’s Master Plan Photography Contest set

The significance of a master plan in guiding a community’s overall character, physical form, growth, and development cannot be overstated. It serves as a vital tool to local officials, helping them make informed decisions on budgets, capital improvements, zoning and subdivision matters, and other crucial aspects of development. A well-executed master plan enables officials to control growth and deal with change responsibly, fostering

constructive development in the community.

You now have the opportunity to take part in your Antrim and submit your best photos which will appear in the next Master Plan. Anyone with a camera can enter.

There are four categories based on the four seasons. Each winner for each season will win a \$100 cash prize.

If you have any questions, email planning@antrimnh.gov

Six Deering Youth to Attend Summer Conservation Camps in Berlin

At its January meeting, Deering's Conservation Commission approved support for six Deering children, ages 9 to 13, to attend one of this summer's conservation camps run by the UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H Program in partnership with the NH Department of Fish & Game.

The camps are located in the White Mountain National Forest at the Berlin Fish Hatchery.

The program offers children intimate, hands-on interactions with Nature through camping, hiking, foraging, fishing, and hunting.

The Shooting Sports program reinforces safe handling of firearms while teaching marksmanship skills.

For Deering, a town that has consistently highlighted the importance of open space and natural resource protection in successive Master Plans, introducing young residents to the principles of good citizenship in nature is a key priority.

The Barry Conservation Camp has been an important element in that education for many years.

Annual Town Meeting provides funding to support two campers, while generous donations from individual residents—ranging from \$500 to \$700 each—have made it possible for all six of this year's applicants to attend a camp.

This year's campers are Isabella Pilesky, Evelyn and Vivian VanPatten, Emily Morris, Landon Lavoie, and Henry Aruck.

Each applicant was asked to write a brief essay on what Conservation means to them. Nine-year-old first-time camper Henry Aruck summed up the essays when he wrote, "I want to go to conservation camp because I want to learn how to take care of nature and help protect the land and wildlife in Deering and New Hampshire." Eleven-year-old Landon Lavoie, who

will attend the Shooting Sports Camp, added the importance of

learning how to safely use rifles, pistols, shotguns, and black

powder' ... in addition to eating the 'good food they cook there.'



FRONT ROW: Gary Samuels, Deering Conservation Commission; Landon Lavoie. BACK ROW, L-R: Henry Aruck, Evelyn Morris, Isabella Pilesky, Vivian VanPatten, Evelyn VanPatten.

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Bryan Dillon

Former Hillsboro Legion Commander sentenced to 5 years for theft

A former local leader is heading to state prison after a betrayal of trust left a prominent veterans' organization reeling. On January 23rd, Bryan Dillon, of Hillsborough, was sentenced to five years in the New Hampshire State Prison.

The sentencing follows a conviction for the theft of more than \$40,000 from the Hillsborough American Legion, Post 59, during his tenure as the Post's Commander.

According to court records, the thefts spanned an eight-month period. Investigators revealed that Dillon routinely made unauthorized cash withdrawals from the Legion's accounts without the knowledge or consent of the organization's members.

The investigation was spearheaded by Detective

Ethan Vaillancourt of the Hillsboro, NH Police Department. The legal team securing the conviction included Hillsborough County Assistant County Attorneys Patrick Ives and Laura Del Camp, with support from Paralegal Jordan Baer.

In addition to his prison term, the court has imposed several strict conditions on Dillon:

Restitution: He has been ordered to pay back the full amount stolen to Post 59.

Restricted Contact: He is barred from any contact with the Post's staff.

He is permanently prohibited from holding a leadership role in any other non-profit organization.

Dillon will be eligible to petition the court for parole after serving one year of his sentence.

Bedford man arrested for sexual assault of Bow minor

The Bow Police Department arrested an individual following an investigation for sexual assault of a minor. As a result of the investigation, James Bautista, 21, of Bedford, was taken into custody without incident. Bautista faces three counts of Felonious Sexual Assault NH RSA 632:-A:3, which are non bailable offenses per RSA 597:2.



James Bautista

Bautista was booked, processed and transported to the Merrimack House of Corrections where he awaited the video arraignment at the 6th Circuit District Division Concord Court on Friday,

January 23, 2026.

The investigation remains active and ongoing. Anyone with additional information related to this case or concerning James Bautista is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Tyler Coady at the Bow Police Department 603-223-3956 or email tcoady@bownhpd.gov.

Tips can also be submitted anonymously through the Concord Regional Crime line <https://crimewatch.net/us/nh/merrimack/crimeline>. "The safety of our youth is a primary focus for the Bow Police Department," said Chief Ken Miller. "This arrest is the result of solid investigative work, which allowed our officers to take this individual into custody without incident."

Quick action by first responders helps save a life in Antrim

On Sunday, January 18th, Antrim Ambulance was dispatched for an adult male gasping for breath and being positioned for CPR. With that information, 2C1 requested fire be dispatched for support.

Arriving on scene, Antrim PD was already on scene doing CPR and had applied an AED. The ambulance crew applied the Lucas device to do mechanical chest compressions and transitioned into high performance CPR interventions. Air way was established with IV and IO access. Cardiac medications were administered and ROSC (return of spontaneous circulation) was successful. The patient was

moved from the 2nd floor by scoop stretcher and transported to Concord hospital.

Antrim PD received an email from the patient's friends with an update to thank everyone for their amazingly quick response and help during this crisis and for the kind and professional way the first responders handled the difficult situation. After several days of critical treatment at Concord Hospital, Jonathan has begun his road to recovery. He recently placed a FaceTime call to express that he was very grateful for all those who responded to help save his life.

As might be expected, Jon still has some hurdles to over-

come in his journey to recovery, but his progress thus far has been nothing short of miraculous.

This was the first time Antrim

ambulance had used the Lucas device in the field, and they feel it contributed to the successful resuscitation. The device was purchased 100% by contribu-

tions and fund raising.

This was a great on-scene collaborative effort by Antrim Ambulance, Antrim Fire, Antrim Police and Hillsboro Police.



Francestown Fire & Rescue and multiple mutual aid units responded to a three-alarm building fire at 1 Main Street. No injuries were reported, but the residence was reported as a total loss.



The Antrim Community & Business fair was held last Saturday.

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NEARLY THREE OUT OF FOUR ADULTS FEAR GOING TO THE DENTIST: PART I



Nearly three out of four adults fear going to the dentist, according to a new study published in the Journal of the American Dental Association.

While dental fear is common, the study also found that most individuals are interested in treatment to overcome their fear.

People who are anxious about going to the dentist often avoid routine cleanings and care, only visiting a dentist when issues arise. This creates a cycle of fear, as the lack of preventive care can compromise oral health, leading to more fear-inducing pain, infections, and dental work.

“A better understanding of dental fear – and how to increase access to effective treatments for it – holds promise for improving oral and overall health,” said Richard Heyman, a professor in the NYU Dentistry Center for Oral Health Policy and Management.

Earlier research shows that more than a quarter of the U.S. population is anxious about going to the dentist, but many of these studies were conducted decades ago. To assess the current state of dental fear, researchers at NYU College of Dentistry surveyed a group of 1,003 adults that was representative of the U.S. population based on age, gender, race, education level, region, and household income.

They found that dental fear is even more widespread than previously thought: 72.6 percent reported some amount of dental fear, with 45.8 percent saying they have moderate fear and 26.8 percent reporting severe fear.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Sepsis occurs when the immune system overshoots its inflammatory reaction to an infection, so strongly that the vital organs begin to shut down. It is life-threatening; each year in the U.S. alone, approximately 750,000 patients are hospitalized for sepsis, of which approximately 27% die. In about 15% of cases, sepsis worsens into septic shock, characterized by dangerously low blood pressure and reduced blood flow to tissues. The risk of death from septic shock is even higher, between 30% and 40%. The earlier patients with sepsis are treated, the better their prospects. Typically, they receive antibiotics, intravenous fluids, and vasopressors to raise blood pressure. But now, a large cohort study in *Frontiers in Immunology* has shown for the first time that supplementary treatment with statins could boost their chances of survival.

A study published in *Nutrition and Cancer* has shown that low-dose vitamin D supplementation nearly doubled the successful treatment response rate for chemotherapy treatment in women with breast cancer. The results suggest that the substance could be an alternative to hard-to-access drugs that also aim to increase the response to chemotherapy.

According to a new study published in *The Lancet Regional Health – Europe*, two existing medications— varenicline, used for smoking cessation and bupropion, used for depression — appear to work effectively together in treating alcohol use disorder. The combination reduces alcohol cravings and lowers consumption. An important secondary finding was that the combination treatment caused less nausea, which is a known side effect of varenicline. Alcohol use disorder is a serious condition that can shorten the lives of those with severe forms of the disorder by 25 years or more. Yet, existing treatments are effective for only a small subset of patients.

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Newport Select Board member charged with ethics violations

A member of the Newport Select Board, who is a former police chief denies allegations that he improperly used his position as a board member to involve himself in an internal affairs investigation. During Monday's Select Board meeting, member James Burroughs defended himself after a resident read aloud a letter written by Police Chief Stephen Lee, alleging that Burroughs violated the board's operational guidelines, which prohibit board members from participating in an investigation of a town employee.

Burroughs, who spent a career at the Newport Police Department and was chief for 10 years before retiring in 2020, called the allegations "horrible."

"To think that I would be operating in such a way that I would be trying to harm (anyone) in any way is hurtful," said Burroughs.

At the outset of the board's discussion, Chairwoman Rachel Dilger made clear that at no time did the board authorize any member to conduct an inves-

tigation. She also summarized what legal counsel had concluded about the allegations against Burroughs, including that they could create serious liability issues for the town and could constitute a privacy violation.

Ultimately after an hour of discussion, the other Select Board members took no action on Monday on the allegations against Burroughs and concluded that the issue had been resolved.

In his Nov. 17 letter to Dilger, Lee alleged that Burroughs made a specific request concerning records of police department employees at a local business in clear violation of his authority as a board member.

"It has come to our attention that Selectman James Burroughs approached the owner of Newport Fitness and asked to inspect the private memberships card swipe records of police department employees," begins the letter, which was read into the record by resident Bert Spaulding. "The owner of Newport

Fitness appropriately denied the request."

The letter, which was also signed by the Newport Police Benevolent Association and Lt. Jereme Burdick, alleged Burroughs' actions have created a "hostile work environment" at the department.

Lee said he and the town manager "thoroughly investigated" the complaints and found them to be "unsustainable."

Lee said no board member has the authority to conduct an internal affairs investigation on his own and the Select Board's handbook and operational guidelines are clear on this point.

"Mr. Burroughs used his position as selectman to interfere in the internal affairs investigation duties of the town manager and myself," Lee wrote.

"Using his official position to request private business records of police department employees not only violated the selectmen's operational guidelines and handbook but also violated the New

Hampshire Constitution," the letter stated.

The letter asked that the behavior outlined in the complaint "cease."

On Tuesday, Burroughs explained he received a call from a resident late last summer claiming Newport police were using the fitness center while on duty and not responding to calls. He reported the complaint to Town Manager Kyle Harris as required by the Selectboard's guidelines.

"If you hear something that rises to the level of concern, it is my elected duty to report that to the town manager," Burroughs said. "If it warrants further investigation, so be it. If it is unfounded, great."

At Monday's meeting, Burroughs acknowledged speaking to Jeff North, a fellow Selectboard member who owns Newport Fitness with his wife, Heidi, but he denied asking for the records of officers' visits.

"Inquiring if records are available should the manager need

access to them is very different than me going out on a limb and saying I am going to conduct an investigation," Burroughs said.

North backed up Burroughs' account of the exchange.

"Jim did come to me and it was a very short discussion," North said at the meeting. "He did not state to me personally that he wanted the records. He stated, would the records be available should somebody want them to conduct an investigation."

North also said he didn't feel that Burroughs' question came with "any ill intent."

But board member Herb Teller had a different perspective.

"Merely asking for these records was wrong," Teller said toward the end of the one-hour discussion. "That was overstepping your bounds as a selectman."

Rather than asking about the records himself, Burroughs ought to have stopped after referring the matter to the town manager.



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Lee Wilder was honored as Hopkinton Rotary's Citizen of the Year for the many amazing projects Lee has taken on throughout the town. From the rehabilitation of the cabins at Kimball Pond to the restoration of the early town fire pump. A few years ago Lee did the restoration of the large clock in the bell tower at the Congregational Church. The list goes on, and we are very humble of the volunteer work Lee has given back to our town. Congratulations! In honor of this recognition, the club will make a donation in Lee's name to his charity of choice, which is the "Horseshoe Preservation," a project to help move the large stack of horseshoes off the state's right away on route 202.

Hancock Board approves new Transfer Station equipment

The Hancock Select Board has approved purchasing a battery-operated forklift after a town employee who was working at the Transfer Station & Recycling Center was taken to the hospital with carbon monoxide poisoning from a propane-powered lift.

Tyler Howe, Hancock's Director of Public Works met with the Select Board to discuss carbon monoxide emissions at the recycling center.

When the recycling center was weatherized two years ago, carbon monoxide sensors were installed in the building. The sensors alerted high levels in early January. Howe reported that the emissions were coming from the station's forklift.

Recycling Center Attendant Michelle Le Blanc informed the Board that on January 12th, due to the recycling center being short-staffed, a member of the highway department filled in to provide assistance. While helping move material, the highway department worker began feeling lightheaded and was brought to the hospital for

what was diagnosed as carbon monoxide poisoning.

Howe said that until the forklift is replaced, it can't be used in an enclosed area for health and safety reasons. He proposed two possible replacement forklifts. The options were a new Bobcat for \$48,000, or a used battery-powered 2016 Toyota for \$29,000. "The Toyota has a new \$10,000 battery in it," Howe said.

Town Administrator John Coyne said the recycling center should "terminate the propane lift," adding that it can't be used with people in the building.

Howe noted that the station is looking at a short-term rental. He said the Toyota was eligible for a trial period, and it can be returned if deemed unsuitable for the station's needs. In addition to the forklift, the station also needs a new baler. Normally, the station operates two balers, a blue and a green one. However, the blue baler, which is responsible for processing plastic, aluminum and paper, ceased working about two months ago, according to Le Blanc.

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Antrim Select Board supports \$1.2 million bond for road improvements

The Antrim Select Board held a public hearing last Tuesday, seeking public input on a proposed warrant article requesting that the town support a \$1.2 million bond for street repairs.

The board approved moving the proposed article forward to discuss at the public budget hearing on February 9th at 6:00 p.m.

The draft warrant article, supported by all three members of the Select Board, asks the town vote to raise and appropriate \$1.2 million for the purpose of engineering and road reclamation projects, and authorizes the Select Board to negotiate and determine the terms of the bond and to apply for any applicable federal or state aid to assist with the road repairs.

If the bond is not approved by a 3/5 ballot vote at Town Meeting, Article 4, Antrim's operating budget, will be amended by \$125,000 to increase the highway street paving and road

improvement budget.

At a previous Select Board meeting, residents of Old Pound Road and Old Carr Road attended a Select Board meeting to express concern about the condition of the two roads, which had been damaged by heavy rain in the spring. Resident Ken Rubin spoke about the presence of decaying culverts on Old Carr Road, which were causing hazardous conditions.

DPW Director Tyler Tommila said that the Southwest Regional Planning Committee had previously assessed all paved roads in Antrim for long-term maintenance needs, and that, according to the assessment, Old Pound Road was slated for complete replacement in 2031.

Several residents in attendance at the August meeting said that Old Pound Road needed repair before winter, as it was becoming unsafe to drive. Tommila and the Select Board agreed that the road needed

repair as soon as possible, and Tommila identified three sections of the road that could be leveled and repaired by "shimming."

At a Select Board meeting on Nov. 10, Town Adminis-

trator Scott Lester outlined the advantages of bonding for the cost of major road repair projects in 2026, which would enable the town to put complete road replacement projects out to bid. Lester noted that doing

so would enable the DPW to focus on ongoing maintenance and minor repairs throughout town rather than dedicating all resources to one major road replacement project over the course of a year.



Antrim-Bennington Lions Club donated over 300 non-perishable food items to End 68 Hours of Hunger - ConVal this month!

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VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) LOANS: PART I



By: Joyce Bosse

More veterans are taking advantage of an important benefit for service members: a Veterans Affairs (VA) loan. According to data from the Department of Veterans Affairs, more than 1.4 million VA loans were taken out in 2021, a 15.6% increase from the previous year. However, there are still many veterans who are not using this important earned benefit for their service and sacrifice for the country.

VA home loans allow veterans and active-duty service members to obtain home mortgages with more favorable terms than other loans on the market. A VA loan is a mortgage supported by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs and serviced by authorized lenders, like loanDepot, one of the nation's largest non-bank retail mortgage lenders.

Why aren't more veterans and active-duty service members using this benefit? Many are unaware of how to qualify for a VA loan or its benefits.

Eligibility and benefits

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Publisher's Perspective

And then it is Winter

Old friend Jerry McHugh sent this to me and I thought it was worth sharing. LDB

You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all.

I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of

your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!

REMEMBER:....

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

"LIVE HAPPY IN THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR!

LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE SO – ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.

~Your kids are becoming you.

~Going out is good.. Coming home is better!

~You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything.

~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep."

~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.

~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"... "when?"... "what?" . ???

~Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!?!

~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

~Everybody whispers.

~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!!

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Publisher:

I must tell you your recent article concerning Renee Good displays an incredible amount of ignorance and stupidity on your part. Notwithstanding your views on whether ICE enforcement is needed, you should look into what is considered proper law enforcement protocols. An officer is not allowed to place his body in front of a vehicle and then use the argument that it was used against

him and use lethal force to stop it.

This action is both stupid, and yes against legal protocol. Further even if you challenge this fact, why is the government not doing an investigation as would always be required of any branch of law enforcement in this nation? Seriously? Why did the officer continue to shoot Renee from the side while he was no longer in danger? Absurd. And you wonder why people would protest? ►

Letters to the Editor continued

Actions like this supported by the idiot in the White House remind me of Nazi Germany.

Robert Macentee, Deering

To The Editor:

Dear Fellow Republicans,
After months of soul-searching, I have made the decision to leave the Party. I have a degree in American Studies. I have always been proud of and fascinated by the USA. In terms of national policy, I no longer recognize it. How many of you, have already wondered how the German people allowed the atrocities and think I see it now. It happened by degrees. It happens through relentless bullying intimidation, and bold-faced lies.

It happens because it is easier to retreat into one's own life and try to ignore the cruelty and hate swirling around us.

I can't do that anymore, so I am leaving the Party I had hoped would wake up and come to its senses.

As Valentines Day approaches, I encourage others to follow their hearts and express love for this country by taking action. Maybe it's changing parties. Maybe it's holding a placard at a peaceful demonstration. Maybe it's having respectful conversations with others, or financially supporting a group doing good works in the community. Whatever it is, it should have love at its center.

Think about it.

Respectfully, A Former Republican & Grandchild of Immigrants

To the Editor:

A wise person once said. "There are none so blind as those who will not see." I weep for my country.

Marjorie Porter, Hillsborough

To The Editor:

A Lower Budget, But at What Cost?

This year, the Hillsboro-Deering School Board is asking voters to approve a budget that's \$938,461 lower than last year. With rising costs and ongoing property tax concerns, this sounds like responsible budgeting, right?

Unfortunately, No...If you look closer, it becomes clear how those savings are being achieved, and the choices behind them are deeply troubling.

The proposed FY 2027 budget cuts more than \$1 million from Regular Instruction, a 10.38% reduction that cuts teacher positions, classroom support, and educational opportunities for our students. At the same time, School Administration spending increases by more than \$100,000. Simply put, they are taking money out of the classrooms and moving it into the Administrative offices.

Teachers, who work directly with our children every day, received no raise last year and have negotiated a new contract with just a 1% increase. Meanwhile, Administrators are receiving raises ranging from 2% to 11%. Most noticeably, High School Assistant Principal Brian McGinn who is married to School Board member Kathryn McGinn, is slated to receive an 11% raise, adding \$9,687 to his salary; the highest percentage increase of any administrator. The Middle School Principal gets 6%, the Middle School Assistant Principal gets 6%, and several others receive between 2% and 5%.

Let that sink in: Hillsboro-Deering School Board is asking voters to approve an 11% raise for a board member's spouse while offering teachers 1%. Regardless of process, this raises serious questions about judgment, transparency, and trust.

This is not simply about numbers on a spreadsheet. It's about where the school board's priorities lie. Over the past three years, student enrollment has declined by 71 students, a 7% drop, yet administrative positions remain unchanged and salaries continue to rise. The savings in this so-called "reduced" budget are coming almost entirely from classrooms.

On Wednesday, February 4, at 7:00 PM, voters will gather for the deliberative session at Hillsboro-Deering Middle School. I urge residents of Hillsboro and Deering to attend, ask questions, listen to the community, and stand up for our students, educators, and your rights as taxpayers. We all deserve better than this trade-off.

Riché Colcombe, Hillsborough Taxpayer

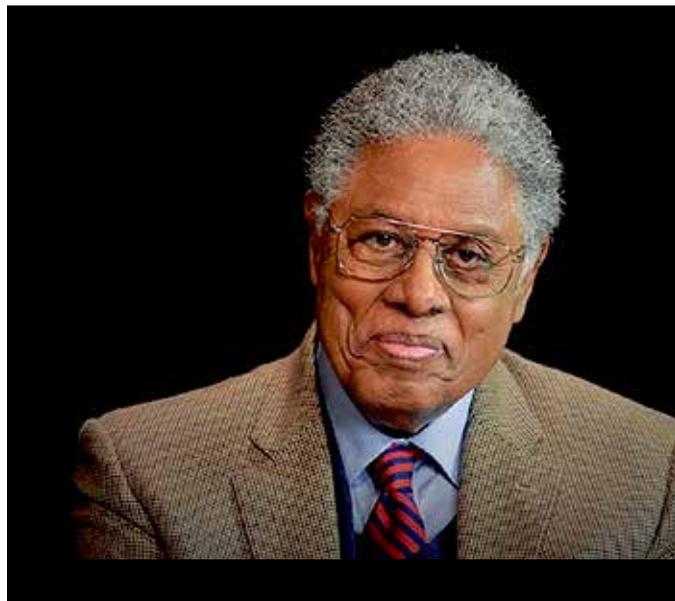
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 **Sports**



Congratulations to Kearsarge Boys Basketball Head Coach Nate Camp on hitting his 200th win of his career!

BOYS BASKETBALL

Kearsarge 48, Monadnock 29: Kearsarge used their defense to jump out early with a 21-7 lead at the half, then 35-13 after the third quarter.

Stevens 43, Kearsarge 42: Kearsarge was up 2 in the final 8 secs, when Stevens guard Owen Wilkinson shot a deep 3 for the win.

Kearsarge 55, Campbell 49: Kearsarge played lockdown defense in the 3rd and 4th quarters, outscoring Campbell 36-23 down the stretch.

Hillsboro-Deering 47, Monadnock 42: Ryan Shortt's late-game layup along & key free throws by Tony Harris, Ethan Franklin and Chase Owen.

Hopkinton 57, Raymond 45: Jackson Westover had 22 points and 11 rebounds. Kyle Buelte finished with 15 points and 5 assists.

Hopkinton 47, Mascoma Valley 44: Ben Normand (20 points). Mascoma – Bryce Ballou (13 points).

Hanover 64, John Stark 33: A big third quarter by Hanover put the game away.

Hollis-Brookline 75, John Stark 30: The Generals played tough in the first half but it rapidly got away from them in the second.

Bow 31, Coe-Brown 25: Coe-Brown Grant Hayes (7 points, 3 assists), Brady Mulligan (6 points, 7 rebounds), Abel Syskos (6 points).

Bow 44, John Stark 36: The Generals cut Bow's lead to 3 going into the fourth but Bow held on for the win.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Gilford 39, Hopkinton 33: Lexi Korbet (11 points), Zoe Bishop (5 points, 7 rebounds).

Hopkinton 67, Raymond 42: Lexi Korbet set a Hopkinton girls' basketball school record with 7 three-pointers.

Stevens 36, Kearsarge 23: Stevens outscored Kearsarge 22-4 in the second half (16-2 in the 4th quarter).

Kearsarge 30, Campbell 25: Kaelan Finnegan hit a free throw and Madden Huff hit 2 free throws in the final minute to seal the win.

Merrimack Valley 46, ConVal 13: First quarter MV 23-5, Halftime MV 33-5, Third quarter MV 43-7.

Bow 45, John Stark 9: Peyton Vaughn scored 14 points to lead Bow. Reis Domini had 8 points, Bella Berg added 6 and Lauren Longley chipped in with 5.

Bow 56, Coe-Brown 41: Bow came out playing hard in the third quarter by capitalizing on opportunities to score. Fourth quarter, Bow took over with 15-7. ▶

Sports

BOYS ALPINE SKIING

ConVal 390, Bow 371, Hollis Brookline 363: Cavot Blaney of Bow 1st at 1:14.28, Cole Dexter of ConVal 2nd at 1:15.06, Logan Montano 3rd at 1:16.18 at Crotched Mountain.

GIRLS ALPINE SKIING

Bow 384, Goffstown 365, Hollis Brookline 362:

Jenna O'Connor of Hollis Brookline 1st at 1:17.41, Sierra Scull of Bow 2nd at 1:20.45, Hailey Hansen of Goffstown 3rd at 1:21.58 at Crotched Mountain.

BOYS HOCKEY

JSHHD 10, Belmont-Gilford 3: Key athletes: Ollie Zahn (2 goals), Kip Hedquist (3 goals, 2 assists), Fin Murphy (3 Points).



Varsity Football Head Coach John Daley.

John Stark Football welcomes new coach John Daley

We wanted to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to Coach Ray Kershaw as he embarks on his retirement from football. Coach Kershaw took on a football program that had lost the entirety of its coach staff and rebuilt it.

The passion and dedication Ray brought to Stark turned a program that had a losing record to a two time playoff team. Coach Kershaw put together a dynamic coaching staff and led our players through the ups and downs of high school football. For that, we are eternally thankful.

As we say goodbye to Coach Kershaw, we welcome Varsity Football Head Coach, John Daley.

Coach Daley joins John Stark from Mascoma Valley Regional High School, where he led his program to tremendous success, including a Division IV State Championship and a State Runner-Up finish over the

past two seasons. He brings with him a wealth of football knowledge, a strong commitment to character development, and a passion for building a positive, competitive program.

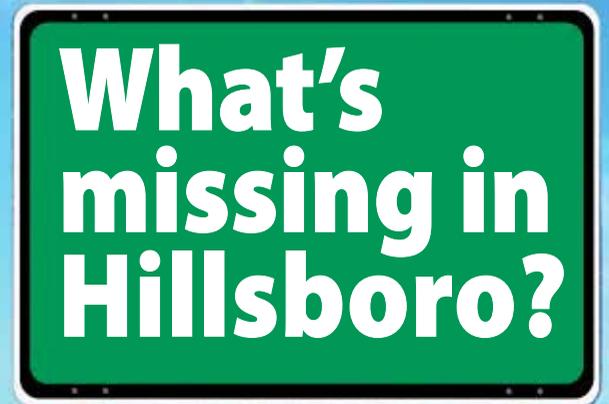
Coach Daley is eager to meet our student-athletes, families, and community members and to get to work preparing for the upcoming season.

To kick things off, we will be holding a Meet & Greet on: Monday, February 2 at 5:00 p.m.

Location: John Stark Library

This will be an opportunity to welcome Coach Daley, hear his vision for the program, and review next steps for the offseason.

Please join us in welcoming Coach Daley to the John Stark football family. We are excited about the future of our program under his leadership. Welcome aboard, Coach Daley!



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 Dominic Femino of Goffstown
 Avery Kelly of Deering
 Jessica Richardson of Hillsborough

University of Hartford Dean's List and President's List

JuJu Malwal of Goffstown - Dean's List;
 Molly Cragon of Dunbarton - President's List

Vermont State University Dean's List

Chad Martin of Henniker
 Sadie Schaffner of Goffstown

Quinnipiac University Dean's List Other Colleges & Universities

Kyla Pothier of Goffstown was named to Point Park University's Dean's List.
 Natalie Preble of Antrim has been named an Admissions Ambassador at Muhlenberg College. A graduate of Conval Regional High School, Preble is studying Physics and Mathematics at Muhlenberg as a member of the Class of 2027.
 Riley Momenec of Frankestown was named to the Champlain College President's List.

Hillsboro-Deering Administrators Pay raises

| Position | Name of FY 26 Employee | Current Contract End Date | FY 26 Salary | Proposed FY27 Salary for Position | % Increase | \$ Difference |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Lower Elementary School Principal | Robin Whitney | 6/30/2026 | 98,940.00 | 98,940.00 | 0% | - |
| Upper Elementary School Principal | Suzanne Workum | 6/30/2026 | 98,200.00 | 103,000.00 | 5% | 4,800.00 |
| Elementary Special Education Coordinator* | Veronica Hytner | 6/30/2027 | 89,629.44 | 91,422.03 | 2% | 1,792.59 |
| Middle School Principal | Justin Parsils | 6/30/2026 | 99,000.00 | 105,000.00 | 6% | 6,000.00 |
| Middle School Assistant Principal | Kelli Colarusso | 6/30/2026 | 85,000.00 | 90,000.00 | 6% | 5,000.00 |
| Middle School Special Education Coordinator* | Dorothy O'Rourke | 6/30/2027 | 93,644.16 | 95,517.04 | 2% | 1,872.88 |
| High School Principal* | Jim O'Rourke | 6/30/2027 | 121,000.00 | 121,000.00 | 0% | - |
| High School Assistant Principal | Brian McGinn | 6/30/2026 | 85,312.80 | 95,000.00 | 11% | 9,687.20 |
| High School Special Education Coordinator | Melissa Muzzy | 6/30/2026 | 92,769.00 | 94,624.38 | 2% | 1,855.38 |
| High School Alternative Program Director | Tim Carson | 6/30/2026 | 98,230.98 | 100,195.60 | 2% | 1,964.62 |
| Technology Director | Matt Joska | 6/30/2026 | 96,000.00 | 98,880.00 | 3% | 2,880.00 |
| Facilities Director | Mark Nichols | 6/30/2026 | 76,168.50 | 78,453.56 | 3% | 2,285.06 |
| School Nutrition Program Director ** | Anna Muncy | 6/30/2026 | 68,952.00 | 70,331.04 | 2% | 1,379.04 |

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For every item collected, The Merrimack pledged \$2.00 to community food pantries, amounting to \$7,100 in donations distributed to the following organizations:

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- Town of Hopkinton/Food Pantry
- Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter
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over time they can cause health issues. If you find contaminants in your water, there are water treatment options you can use to remove them.

Participation is free for private well users in Hillsborough & Windsor for the Private Well Workshop and water testing. Here's how it works:

- Register for and attend the Private Well Workshop on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6pm at the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School. Please register by e-mailing that you plan to attend to welltest@des.nh.gov. You'll learn about the most common NH well contaminants, you'll receive sample bottles and we'll teach you how to take the samples from your kitchen faucet.

- Before leaving the work-

shop, you'll choose a timeslot for sample drop off. The morning of your scheduled date, you'll fill the bottles and bring them to a nearby location.

- We'll e-mail you your water test results, water treatment recommendations if you need them, and our contact info for any follow up questions.

Water will be tested for a list of contaminants common in NH well water, including but not limited to: coliform bacteria, E. coli, radon, arsenic, uranium, lead and PFAS compounds. NHDES will pay the laboratory costs for the tests.

Please register for the workshop by e-mailing that you plan to attend to welltest@des.nh.gov.

Got questions? Contact Amy Hudnor from NHDES 603-271-

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Vivian Bohanan



Hillsboro - Vivian graduated from Marlboro High School, Marlboro, MA in 1973. Vivan worked for Hillsboro Police Dispatch as a Communication Specialist for 22 years. Vivian is survived by her children: Daughter, Michelle and her husband Matthew Fitzgerald, sons, Kirk and his wife Nicole Bohanan, and Sean and his wife Caitlyn Bohanan, her "adopted" daughters Kerry Crews and Alison and her husband Joey Cooper. Her sisters: Katherine Morvan and Diane Skinner, Her grandchildren Alyssa, Bryson, Dagan, Riley, Carter, Oliva, Shayla, Charles and Clara. Great granddaughter Paisley. Her special niece, Christy, as well as numerous other nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, many amazing friends including Gracie & Kenny Wille and Diane Case, her Hillsboro PD family and of course, her Breakfast Club! Vivian is predeceased by her brothers: Richard Gleason, Donald Kirk Gleason III, and Thomas Gleason. A Celebration of life will be held on Sunday February 1, 2026, from 1pm-6pm at the Hillsboro American Legion, Post #59. A short service begins at 1:30pm. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Vivians's honor to Hillsboro Police Association, 22 Municipal Drive Hillsboro, NH 03244.

Pamela L. Hebert

Peterborough - Pamela "Pam" Lee Hebert, 77, of



Peterborough, NH and formerly of Keene and Stoddard, NH, passed away on January 3, 2026, at the Pheasant Wood Center in Peterborough. Her parents, Frank and Ollie (Lowery) Emery welcomed their daughter into the world on May 17, 1948, in Peterborough. She is survived by her four children, Laura Gross of Farmington, ME, James Hebert and his wife Julie of Jaffrey, NH, Daniel Hebert of Sanbornville, NH, Angela Hebert of Keene; her grandchildren, Natasha Richards, Kayla Nadeau, Whitney Raymond, Claireice Rollins, Bri Covey, Megan Hebert, Justin Hebert, Ava Hebert, Troy Hebert; her great-grandchildren, Aubry Covey, Isabella Covey, Maverick Covey; and a brother Eugene Emery and his wife Brenda of NC. A sister, Diane Young predeceased her.

John Francis Moore



Goffstown - John Francis Moore, 92, passed away on January 18, 2026. Born on March 30, 1933, in South Weymouth, Massachusetts, to Margaret (Fish) and John Moore, John was predeceased by his beloved wife of 67 years, Joan (Hemeon) Moore. He is survived by his eight children: Gary Moore of Vernon, VT; Dennis Moore of Weymouth, MA; Jeanne Tanner of Skowhegan, ME; Joann Olson of Goffstown,

NH; Jacqueline Houldcroft of Goffstown, NH; Richard Moore of Hanover, MA; Jaye Kalil of Harpswell, ME; and John Moore Jr. of Plymouth, MA. along with 20 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Linda Susan Pepin

Goffstown - Linda Susan Pepin sadly passed away on Jan. 20, 2026, at Catholic Medical Center. Linda was born on Aug. 4, 1950 to Gerard Rousseau and Natalie (Leafe) McDonald in Manchester NH. Linda was predeceased by her parents and survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Richard Pepin, her son Matt Pepin and girlfriend Chelsea, her daughter Jaime Carbone and her husband Matt, grandchildren Alyssa and Anna Pepin and Michael and Christopher Carbone, her brother David Rousseau and his wife Diane, nephew and niece Scott Rousseau and Ashley Wholey.



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

WARNER'S WRITER'S GROUP: Pillsbury Library (Frank Maria Meeting Room), 18 E Main St. Warner. 6:30-7:45pm. This is an informal gathering that may evolve over time. There's no critique or pressure, just a supportive space to write, connect, and maybe share what you're working on if you wish. Bring your laptop or notebook, settle in, and enjoy an hour+ of dedicated writing time with others who get it. We meet the first Tuesday of every month.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7

BRAZILIAN MUSIC: Francestown Academy Coffeehouse performance begins at 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm at the Francestown Town Hall. Variety of acts including "Pato Pato," a duo playing Brazilian music including Samba. Also display artist Mary Rondeau of Pickett Fence Gift Shop, and snack foods. \$8 suggested donation per person. See francestown-coffeehouse.org.

coffeehouse.org.

CHILI COOK-OFF: Please join us for our 8th annual Chili Cook-Off from 11am-2pm at James A. Tuttle Library, 45 Main Street, Antrim. For more information call (603) 588-6786.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

PARENT CAFÉ: For elementary age parents & caregivers, 5:30pm-7:30pm. Join Teresa, Karen and Amy for 3 Monday sessions (2/9, 3/9 & 4/13) at The Grapevine, 4 Aiken Street, Antrim. Parent Café is a welcoming space for parents and caregivers to come together, share experiences, and brainstorm ideas around a focused topic. This three-session workshop will explore parenting challenges, children's behaviors, resilience, fear, and the realities of everyday life. Dinner and Childcare with Paula is included. For more info or to register email: info@grapevinesnh.org or call: 588-2620. Not a school-sponsored event.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS: Pillsbury Library, 18 E. Main Street, Warner. The Library book discussion group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm in the library. All are welcome! The library has copies available for borrowing, up to 4 weeks before the meetings.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12

TASTY THURSDAY GOES GLOBAL: Something different is coming to Tasty Thursday! Come warm up and try some dishes with an international flavor - Swedish meatballs, Italian

lasagna, Polish stuffed cabbage, Quiche Lorraine, Black beans and rice, and many more. At 5pm, Smith Memorial Church, Hillsboro.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19

FREE WATER TESTING: Keep your family safe from the health risks of common well water contaminants. Bedrock and soil in the area contains naturally occurring radon and arsenic. You cannot taste, smell or see these elements in your water, but over time they can cause health issues. There are actions you can take, such as installing water treatment, if you find contaminants in your water. The NH Department of Environmental Services and the Hillsborough Conservation Commission invite private well users in Hillsborough & Windsor to participate in a free workshop and water testing on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6pm at the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School. NHDES will pay the laboratory costs for the tests. Please register by e-mailing that you plan to attend to welltest@des.nh.gov. We'll see you there!

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT: Antrim Grange will host the annual Meet the Candidates Night at 7pm at the Antrim Town Hall. Antrim voters are invited to come and hear candidates running for local office share their message, in person, at one convenient time and place. For newer voters, it is an opportunity to learn about the various positions up for election and to put a face to names that will be on the ballot at town voting day March 10th.

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Proposed lot line adjustment located at:
 407 Windsor Road, Windsor, NH Map 02 - Lot 32

Meeting to be held:
 February 17, 2026
 Windsor Town Hall
 6:30PM

TOWN OF WINDSOR BUDGET MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing in accordance with RSA 32:5 on the proposed 2026 Town of Windsor budget.

Meeting to be held:
 February 10, 2026
 Windsor Town Hall
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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 DEERING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed 2026 budget in accordance with RSA 32:5 on February 10, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road. The Snow Date is scheduled for February 11, 2026, at 6:00 pm. at the same location, Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road.

TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing on **Wednesday, February 11th @ 6:30 p.m.** for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed 2026 Operating Budget for the Town of Hillsborough. The hearing will be held in the Training Room of the Fire Station located at 15 Central Street, Hillsborough, NH.



Tuesday afternoon at approximately 1:15 p.m. Weare Fire was dispatched mutual aid to the town of Francestown for a 4th alarm building fire. Weare Engine 2 responded with Tanker 1 later being requested. While en route to Francestown, engine 2 was diverted to a three-car motor vehicle accident in the town of Francestown. All patients were being handled by Greenfield ambulance with multiple patients refusals. Weare crews remained on scene in Francestown to assist with extinguishment of the building fire for several hours. Weare Engine 2 and Tanker 1 were cleared by command around 6:30 p.m.

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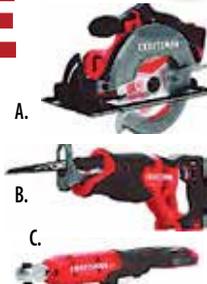
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