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New London Officer dies



It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of retired Police Sergeant Russell "Rusty" Cavanaugh. Sgt. Cavanaugh served the New London community with distinction and honor for many years, leaving a lasting impact on the department and the citizens he served. Rusty was known for his genuine care for the well-being of others. His contributions to the New London Police Department will be remembered and cherished. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time.

Andover's Boston Post Cane



Irene Jewett, former member of the Andover Rescue Squad and long time supporter of the Andover/East Andover Fire Department, has been given the Boston

Post Cane. The Boston Post Cane is given to the eldest resident in the town. Irene is a life long member of the Andover community. She raised her children there and has been a volunteer for many organizations. Congratulations, Irene, on your 99 years and all your accomplishments.

This week in history

FEBRUARY 27, 1827

New Orleans celebrates First Mardi Gras

FEBRUARY 28, 1994

First NATO military action occurs

MARCH 2, 1992

Pioneer 10 probe launches Jupiter mission

MARCH 3, 1821

Thomas Jennings is 1st African American man awarded a patent

MARCH 4, 2014

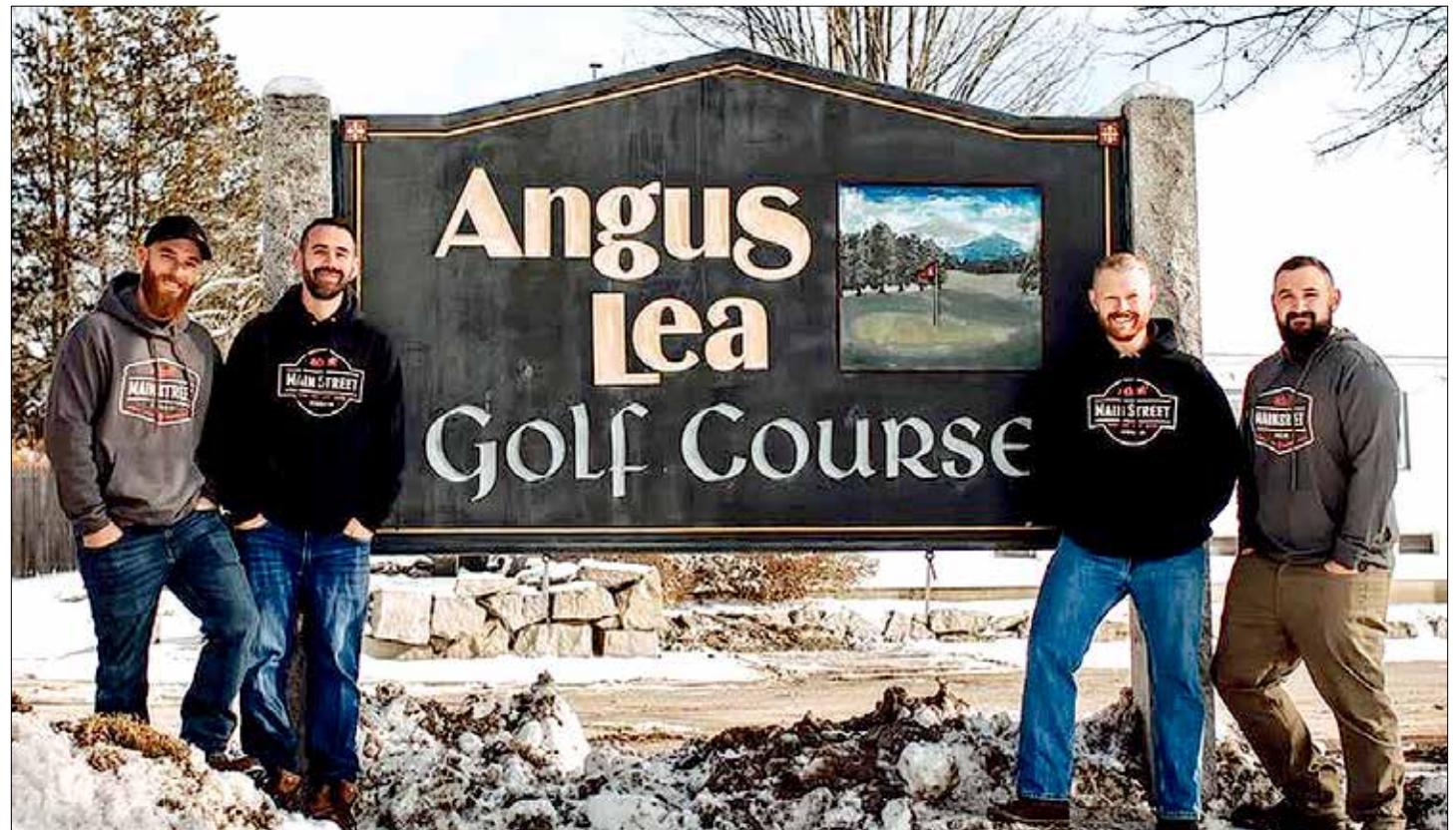
Italy gives two million euros in aid to Pompeii

MARCH 5, 1770

Boston Massacre takes place

MARCH 8, 1965

United States sends Marines to South Vietnam



Owners of Angus Lea Golf Course, Mike Kirouac, Danny Kirouac, Kyle Tyrrell, and Dave LeClair.

Illegal funds used to purchase Angus Lea

Investor/partner used Covid funds to buy golf course

Michael Kirouac, 38, of Pembroke was sentenced to 15 months in prison and one year of supervised release after pleading guilty for misusing more than \$1 million of pandemic-era funds, including using a portion to buy the Angus Lea, 9-hole golf course in Hillsboro.

Officials say that Kirouac owned or controlled four companies and obtained

over \$1 million worth of Economic Injury Disaster Loans for the companies, and used about \$600,000 of those funds to help purchase the Angus Lea Golf Course in Hillsboro after "he was unable to obtain financing from banks and private lenders."

He was also charged with misusing more than a quarter-million dollars in

other CARES Act funds. The golf course had been owned by the Niven family since it opened in 1965. A 2022 story in the Union-Leader said Kirouac and three other investors had purchased it following the family's retirement. At the time, they owned and operated the XO Bistro in Manchester and the Main Street Grill and Bar in Pittsfield.

Hancock considers closing Windy Row Road Bridge

The Hancock Select Board is considering closing the bridge on Hancock's Windy Row Road, which is included in the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Municipal Red List. Tyler Howe, Director of the Department of Public Works has recommended that the board close the bridge to vehicles

indefinitely. A NHDOT inspection found the bridge superstructure in serious condition and the deck in poor condition, with respective safety scores of 3 out of 10 and 4 out of 10.

An inspection on Oct. 19, 2024 listed both structures as being in poor condition with scores of 4 out of 10,

indicating increased deterioration over the year.

Howe did say that the bridge could remain open to foot traffic if the town places Jersey barriers in the center of its entry points.

The Select Board will present the issue at the March 14 Town Meeting.

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

February 28, 2025

Hillsboro Police Officer injured by plow truck
Community rallies to support Sweet Beet Market after fire
Hillsborough's Town warrant contains several major issues
Immigration and Custom Enforcement officials visit Peterborough restaurant

March 1, 2024

Town of Sunapee says "Thank You"
Goffstown woman pleads guilty to transporting body parts
John Stark DECA qualifies for International Development Conference
Henniker Select Board agrees to support \$300,000 Highway truck

March 3, 2023

Hit & Run accident in Weare
2.1 magnitude earthquake in Warner - No damage
Hopkinton Select Board established 9 member Housing Committee
Weare and Henniker Elementary students visit Kroka Expeditions

March 4, 2022

Dr. Jennifer Crawford named Superintendent
Soccer scoreboard dedicated to Mike Stellato
Old wounds fester at Henniker Select Board
Governor Sununu dedicates new Warner Dunkin

March 5, 2021

MadgeTech transporting vaccines safely
New London firm contributes to Mars mission
Warner honors Columbus & Indigenous people
Hancock studies sidewalk improvements

March 6, 2020

Warner drug deal gone bad
Warner comes alive during Maple Weekend
Economic Committee discusses Warner's mural
Warner man dies from self-inflicted gunshot

March 8, 2019

3 injured in Henniker accident on Route 202
Bennington Town Admin Dee French retires
Illegal animal carcasses dumped in Deering
Henniker's Amy Bossi life saving recognized

March 9, 2018

Four indicted for Hillsborough riot
Competency based grading at Newport schools
Warner & New Boston to replace Fire Stations
Ten departments assist Weare fighting house fire

March 10, 2017

Newport Selectmen abandon joint finance plan
Crews can't save New Boston home
Antrim's Jump Start program to revitalize town
NH NASCAR races moving to Las Vegas

March 4, 2016

Weatherstone Project gets 5-year tax abatement
Goffstown wins dispatch for New Boston
Franklin solar projects stalled
Bradford residents oppose para-military facility

Warner Maple Festival Weekend - March 21-22

Pancake Breakfast, Tours of Sap Houses, and a Maple Syrup Tasting Contest!

Warner's maple producers join with the town's organizations and businesses to create a town-wide maple celebration.

Join us for a Maple Pancake Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. brought to you by the United Church of Warner and the Warner Historical Society. Breakfast features maple syrup made in Warner.

Six sap houses will be demonstrating how they turn sap into maple syrup and other maple treats: Baker's Syrup, Courser Farm, Kearsarge Gore Farm, Nulhegan Abenaki Maple Syrup, Rogers Maple Syrup, and What's Sappenin. Each sap house has a unique personality and they'll have different treats, so you'll want to visit as many as you can.

Maps will be available at the Town Hall, Pillsbury Free Library, Main Street Bookends,

local restaurants, and at the sap houses. Enjoy a Maple Syrup Tasting Contest at the Town Hall, both Saturday and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Choose your favorite! Yankee Farmer's Market will have free samples and family farm activities.

There are lots more family activities around town: Story time at 10:30 a.m. and a maple-themed bake sale and mini book sale at Pillsbury Free Library; the art of making maple syrup and children's books to celebrate the season at Main Street Bookends Gallery. The Gallery also features the works of over 30 local artists. At the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum see a traditional Native American method of turning sap into syrup. The NH Telephone Museum will be open.

When you're hungry, dine on delicious food made with maple syrup at The Local, Reed's

North, Charlie Macs Pizzeria, and Café One East. Leave room for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundrais-

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Hometown Heroes



A firefighter was hurt while battling a large house fire on Foxberry Drive in New Boston. No one who lived in the home was hurt. The cause of the fire is under investigation.



On Monday, February 10th, Sunapee Fire, along with mutual aid from Newport, New London, and Goshen, were called to a 1st Alarm Structure Fire at 638 Route 103. Due to the building being fully involved and collapsing, Sunapee canceled the 2nd Alarm and downgraded it back to a 1st Alarm. The building was deemed a total loss, and the American Red Cross has been contacted to assist the residents. There were no civilian or firefighter injuries on the scene.



On February 23rd, Weare Fire Dept. was dispatched to respond mutual aid to the town of Henniker for a 2nd Alarm building fire. Flames were reported to be seen from 114 in Henniker. Crews remained on scene to assist with extinguishment.

Newport police arrest two people for possession of child sex images



Madison Aldrich

from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children regarding suspected online sexual exploitation of a minor using the MeetMe application.

Investigators used digital forensic techniques to geolocate the suspected activities to the apartment building at 32 Spring Street in Newport, and identified a possible suspect in these activities as Madison Aldrich, 20, of Newport.

Investigators made contact with Aldrich at her residence and seized electronic devices for forensic analysis. After the forensic examination was complete, she was arrested on

In February, 2026, the Newport Police Department received a Cyber-Tipline Report

February 10, 2026, for Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images, a Class A Felony. She was held at the Sullivan County House of Corrections without bail pending arraignment in the 5th Circuit Court – District Division – Newport. Following that hearing, the court ordered her to continue to be held on preventive detention without bail.

Further investigation revealed an additional suspect related to these activities located in the state of Vermont. The Newport Police Department worked collaboratively with the Vermont Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Vermont Attorney General's Office, resulting in the arrest of: Alexander Henry of Wells, VT.

Henry was charged with Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material and Promoting a Recording of Sexual Conduct.

The Newport Police Department is an affiliate agency of

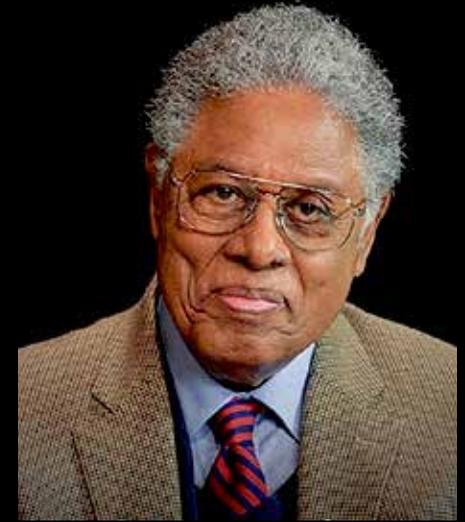
the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Through the ICAC task force, the Newport Police Department receives assistance from other local, county, state and federal law enforcement

partners, including the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and the Lincoln Police Department Cyber Crimes Laboratory. This matter remains under investigation, and additional arrests and charges are anticipated.

Anyone with information about Aldrich or any other suspected online child exploitation is encouraged to contact Detective Sergeant Alexander Marvin at (603) 863-3232 or amarvin@newportnh.gov.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

As the popularity of medications for weight loss, such as Ozempic and Wegovy, surges across North America, new research raises important concerns about their use among adolescent boys and young men. A recent study of 1,543 males aged 15 to 35 in Canada and the United States published in the journal *Eating Behaviors* found that those who used prescription weight loss medications in the past year were significantly more likely to report disordered eating behaviors and attitudes, including binge eating, purging, and loss of control while eating.

A new study published in *JAMA Network Open* has found that the use of glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonists (GLP-1RAs) semaglutide and tirzepatide was associated with a lower risk of dementia, stroke, and all-cause mortality in adults with type 2 diabetes and obesity.

A new international study has identified the most effective and safest treatments for people suffering from chronic urticaria, more commonly known as chronic hives. Published in *The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*, the study is the first comprehensive network meta-analysis to compare more than 40 treatment options for chronic hives, a condition that affects about one per cent of people and can severely impact quality of life, sleep, and productivity. The study examined 93 randomized controlled trials involving over 11,000 participants. The research identified the following treatments as most effective: Omalizumab, an injectable antibody, and remibrutinib, a new oral medication, are among the most effective treatments for reducing hives, itch, and swelling; Dupilumab, another injectable antibody, also showed promise, particularly for reducing hives. Cyclosporine may be effective but carries a higher risk of side-effects such as kidney toxicity and high blood pressure.

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ONE IN THREE YOUNG ADULTS SKIP THE DENTIST, AND THAT'S A PROBLEM: PART I



Dr. Esin Narli

Regular dental checkups are vital for overall health. Yet dental care in the United States is still excluded from medical health insurance coverage and usually not integrated with public health initiatives that promote preventive care. A new study from a researcher at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine found that nearly one in three young adults skipped visits to the dentist in the past year – and pointed to wider health and access problems that could affect the nation's future workforce and health systems.

Published recently in *Frontiers in Oral Health*, the study is the first to compare people's social and economic circumstances, access to dental care, and self-reported health challenges across different ages. The study builds on past research about cost and access barriers to dental care, but it provides new insights by showing that young adults are especially likely to miss out on care – and that factors like mental health and housing problems also play a role.

"Young adults, aged 18 to 35 years old, were the most likely to report not having visited a dentist within the past 12 months," says Yau-Hua Yu, the study's author and an associate professor of periodontology at the School of Dental Medicine. "This is very troubling."

Her earlier research suggested that poor oral health is linked to shortened life expectancy and other negative health outcomes.

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The Antrim-Bennington Lions delivered almost 400 individually packaged snacks to the snack program at Pierce Elementary School in Bennington.



Elizbeth Moore (L) from the English Department at Con-Val High School in Peterborough joined the Antrim-Bennington Lions for a conversation concerning the current challenges and tools used in present day education. Also pictured are Lions Steve Ullman (C) and Sarah Edwards (R).

New Boston Fire Association fundraisers support town's new fire station

The New Boston Fire Association participated in fund raising activities to pay soft costs and expenses for a new fire station since April of 2020. The first program was a Go Fund Me, which was started by Joyce and Frank Welton and managed by the Fire Association. This program ran until last year and raised \$23,477.06 along with \$79.07 in interest.

Starting in September of 2024, the Fire Association, in conjunction with the Board of Fire Wards, organized an engraved brick fundraiser. Participants could purchase an engraved brick to add to the patio at the new station. That money was being raised to cover expenses associated with outfitting the new fire station and paying for soft costs associated

with the OLDCC grant requirements.

This program raised \$17,752.00 (less cost of bricks and engraving of \$2,996.50), leaving a total profit of \$14,755.50. Total funds raised between the two programs to be used on the station was

\$38,311.63.

The New Boston Fire Association is hoping to transfer these funds to the town for allocation as needed by the Fire Chief for the purpose of outfitting the new station and covering soft costs required by the OLDCC fire station grant. Karen Scott

thanked all those involved in the fundraising for the soft costs.

Bill McFadden moved to accept the donations in the amount of \$38,311.63 into the General Fund to be used for soft costs for the Fire Station. The motion was approved unanimously.



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Sunapee's Sgt. Boisvert recently stopped by Dunkin Donuts / Evans Expressmart for some delicious Girl Scout cookies.



The Dunbarton Fire Department hosted Chief Guy Newbery, Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact C2, for training. The topic of the night was gas meters and air quality monitoring.

Hometown Heroes

New Boston considering lowering speed limits on several roads

New Boston Police Chief James Brace reported that the Highway Safety Committee has been focused on a number of roads in Town, particularly Bedford and McCurdy Roads. As a result, the radar trailer was placed on McCurdy Road and the radar recording device was placed on both roads. In the study window of seven days, the Bedford Road device captured 18,646 cars.

The average speed limit was determined to be 43mph and the high speed during that week was 76mph. On McCurdy Road, the device captured 10,728 cars, with an average speed of 33mph, and a high speed of 53mph. Last year, the Town lowered the speed limit on Parker Road, with some success. This will not fully stop speeding.

With Bedford Road, the average speed is already eight miles over the posted limit, and so lowering the speed limit to 30mph will give the Department

a greater ability to enforce higher speeds. Bedford Road has no shoulder support, no sidewalks, and is a curvy, windy road. The road is made up almost entirely of residential driveways which intersect with the roadway. Also along Bedford Road is Rose Meadow, which sees a fair share of medical calls over the course of a year.

The data supports lowering the speed limit. In terms of statistics, over the last five years Bedford Road was #1 for accidents on all roads in Town, including state roads. In terms of the accidents, out of 85 drivers, these incidents involved exceeding the speed limit or traveling too fast. The Highway Safety Committee is in agreement with lowering the speed limit to 30mph. He noted that 78% of those pulled over last year were not from New Boston. The initial focus is on changing driver behavior.

Bill McFadden noted that, in

addition to these two roads, the Town is considering reducing the entire town speed limit to 30mph for Town roads. This is likely forthcoming.

Karen Scott, 110 Dane Road, asked about speed limits for the

whole Town. Chief Brace noted that a study is needed in order to change speed limits and that would be a huge undertaking for the entire Town. Measurable data is being obtained from various roads in order to

show the impact of lowering speeds.

Bill McFadden stated that the future start date for this will be discussed with the Highway Safety Committee and then published.

Paradoxical Quote of the Day from Ben Stein:

"Fathom the hypocrisy of a government that requires every citizen to prove they are insured... but not everyone must prove they are a citizen." Now add this, "Many of those who refuse, or are unable, to prove they are citizens will receive free insurance paid for by those who are forced to buy insurance because they are citizens."

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IMPROVING HOME SECURITY



By: Joyce Bosse

Here are ways you can optimize technology to make your home feel more safe and secure.

Replace standard locks with smart locks: Unless you're moving into a new build, one of the first things you'll want to do is change all your door locks. Consider installing smart locks instead, which allow you to create and control passcodes and remotely control locks with an app so you won't ever worry that you forgot to lock the door on the way out, or that family members will be locked out if they misplace their key.

Monitor your home while you're away: You can set up motion alerts to notify you when there's any activity around your home with a video doorbell or outdoor security cameras. Ring devices are controlled through an app, where you can see what's happening live on the other end of your device and choose to use two-way talk as needed to chat with someone on your property.

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Guest Editorial

Why are schools so expensive? NH has a spending problem

Reprinted from the Feb. 24 Union Leader

It's no secret that our property taxes are too high. According to the Tax Foundation, at \$2,508 per capita in 2023, our state taxes are the lowest of the 50 states. However, when you add municipal taxes we balloon to \$6,593 per capita, worse than 30 other states! Maybe it's comforting that we're the best in New England, but there's no doubt we have a local spending problem.

Schools account for about three-quarters of local spending, so getting that under control is the only way to lower property taxes. According to the Census Bureau's Annual Survey of School System Finances, New Hampshire spends more per pupil than 44 other states, \$21,731 per student in 2023. That's more than California (\$18,798), Maine (\$18,797) and Rhode Island (\$21,182). There are states such as Idaho (\$10,247) and Utah (\$10,333) that spend less than half of what we do and yet get similar results. An issue this large points to a systematic failure rather than a single cause. Part of the problem is that we naturally think that money buys quality. We want the best for children, so surely paying a bit more at tax time gets us a premium product. Unfortunately, only the private sector works that way. Competition drives prices down and quality up. Luxury goods do cost more, but they outperform the alternatives.

In the public sector, one size fits all. This is changing with charter schools, EFAs, home school, etc., but those things are still a very small part of the landscape. When things go wrong in the government, we tend to reach into our wallet to fix them. When they seem to work, we leave well enough alone. That reverse incentive keeps quality marginal and drives up budgets.

A second cause is that while 75% of registered voters show up to vote in November, maybe 15% vote in March, and even fewer come to town meetings and deliberative sessions where the real decisions are made. Almost always, those sparsely-attended meetings are overrun by insiders who benefit from keeping spending high. Economists refer to this phenomenon as concentrated benefits with diversified costs. Our vaunted "local control" has let us down when it comes to controlling local spending.

What's worse is that if you look just at administrative costs New Hampshire is the second highest in the country, \$2,000 per student to push paper. Only Vermont spends more. And on "general administration," meaning School Administrative Units (SAUs), we're number one!

SAUs are the bureaucratic layer between the local school districts and the state. They were originally meant

to concentrate some administrative functions for efficiency, but there are under 200 school districts and more than 100 SAUs in the state now. Most of these SAUs have their own superintendents, assistant superintendents, business administrators, legal counsel, information technology specialists, accounting staff, human resource specialists, purchasing departments, and other associated staff. That's a lot of redundancy.

Since administrators at this level get much more compensation than teachers, SAUs are extremely expensive, too. This is why many other states operate their schools at the county level, many of which are serving populations as big or bigger than our entire state. Maryland, for example, operates county-based school districts, several of which have more students than all of New Hampshire, even while operating some of the highest-rated schools in the country.

Together with many co-sponsors, we've proposed a bill, HB 1804, to reduce the number of SAUs to 12. This would be one each for Manchester and Nashua and one for each county (excluding those cities). The administrators of these super SAUs would be elected in November just like other county officials, not appointed by school boards. That would make them accountable to the voters, and their own SAU budgets would be subject to the control of the county's State House delegation, just like the rest of the county's activities. This will bring some supervision to the system, and less insider control.

Beyond the cost savings achieved by eliminating redundancy, HB 1804 would put local school boards back into direct control over the curriculum, the principals and the teachers in their towns, returning the most critical decision making where it matters most: to the actual parents, neighbors, and property taxpayers in each individual town. The SAUs would handle the actual administrative duties, and very little else.

This bill represents the best chance to dramatically lower property taxes, and will be taken up by the House in the next few weeks. If you are concerned about out-of-control property taxes and the loss of local control over your town's schools, ask your elected representatives to support HB 1804 and attend Tuesday's (February 24) public hearing at 1 p.m. at Granite Place in Concord.

Rep. Dan McGuire, R-Epsom, represents Merrimack District 14. Sen. Keith Murphy, R-Manchester, represents District 16 in the State Senate, which includes Manchester Ward 1, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett, and Raymond.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Tired of Higher Property Taxes? Please Support Warrant Article 26

If you're like me, you're getting really tired of property tax bills that are always higher than last year. Some of those increases are due to inflation. Some could be due to spending that might be delayed or reduced, but one

reason that doesn't get talked about much is the steady decrease in state-wide tax collections promoted by our legislature and governor.

Warrant Article 26 seeks to inform the legislature and governor that we're getting fed up with continually having to pick up the tab when state taxes go down.

A few examples of how this works:

Letters to the Editor continued

• 1. The business profits tax, which is largely paid by multinational corporations, and the business enterprise tax, which is largely paid by large corporations, not small businesses, have been reduced several times since 2015. An August 2023 analysis of both BET and BPT rate reductions by the Fiscal Policy Institute found that they led to between \$495 million to \$729 million less for public services.

• 2. The interest and dividends tax, which was paid by the top 10 percent of the state's wealth holders, was eliminated, tossing away more than \$150 million a year.

• 3. The rooms and meals rooms and tax was reduced by .5 percent. That might save you a few pennies at the local diner or fast food place, but it mostly gets paid at more upscale, sit-down restaurants. Maybe you've already reduced your meals out because it now costs so much.

• 4. To offset some of this revenue loss, we're now paying higher fees for things like annual car registrations.

This means that less money is spent at the state level to fund special education in our schools, less on road and bridge repairs, less revenue sharing with cities and towns, less of the retirement costs for teachers, municipal and county workers, police and firefighters.

Those are just some of the costs that we're now having to include in our own property tax bills. And this is all on top of refusing to fairly fund the cost of an "adequate" education. It's about time that the state stepped up to fund the budget items that were promised in years past. Instead they are trying to pretend to be tax-cutting heroes, but doing it at our expense.

Please vote for Warrant Article 26. It's time to tell our elected officials that we're NOT happy!

Norma Webster, Hillsborough

Dear Editor:

Maggie Goodlander finally showed her true colors at the SOTU. President Trump asked Congressional members to stand if they believed that "The first duty of the American government is to protect American citizens, not illegal aliens". She defiantly remained seated. Her hatred for Trump has metastasized to the point of circumventing allegiance to country and her constituency.

Not only did she insult CD2 voters (especially veterans) but dishonored the entire state! She should be reminded of this, come the November election. A vote for her would not benefit CD2. It would only continue the rot within the current Democrat Party.

In another matter;

Congrats to the USA Men's Hockey Team for their gold medal win on the 46th anniversary of the 'Miracle on Ice'. Congrats also to the USA Women's Hockey Team for their gold medal performance. Too bad they couldn't make it to the White House for acknowledgement with the men's team because of a supposed 'scheduling conflict'. SERIOUSLY! The men's team with a few other USA medal winners showed their patriotism and love for America. Other USA athletes however derided our country. My message to them and their coaches is to the point blunt. Don't ever try to represent our country in future Olympic competition because you insulted "We the People".

Mike Kenney, Hillsborough

Publisher's Perspective

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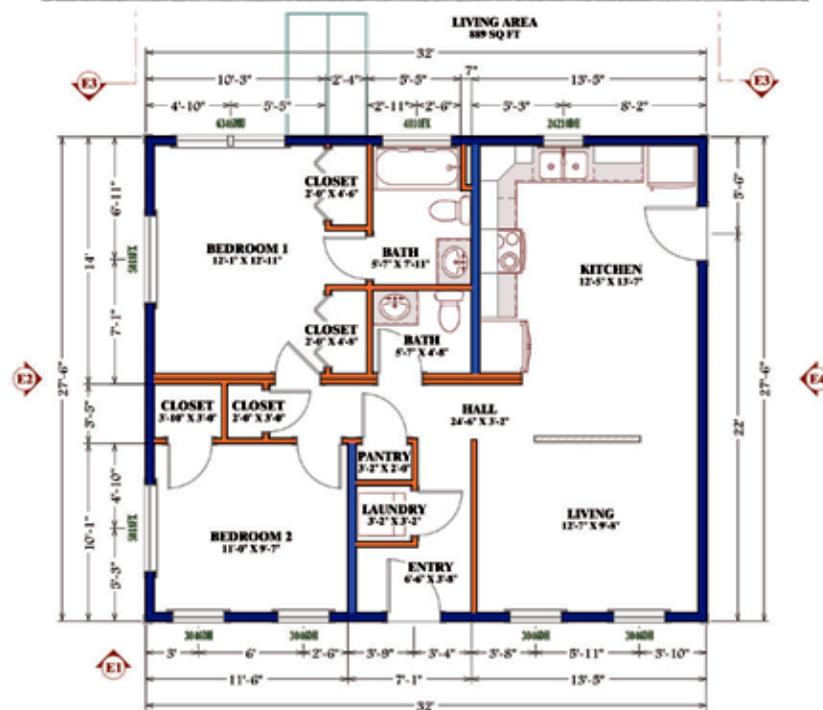
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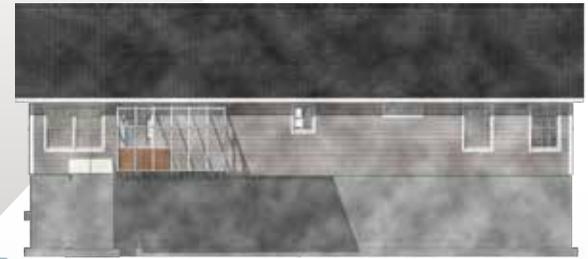
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Sports

BOYS BASKETBALL

DIVISION III QUARTERFINALS

No. 9 Kearsarge 71, No.1 Belmont 62: Junior guard Eli Whipple, the Cougars' top scorer this season erupted for 39 points. His performance, alongside an all-around strong night by his teammates, was enough to topple the undefeated, top-seeded Red Raiders, 71-62, in a rematch of last year's state championship.

DIVISION III SEMIFINALS

No. 9 Kearsarge 45, No.4 Gilford 49: Eli Whipple and the ninth-seeded Cougars pushed until the end, but couldn't pull off another upset. The team was an underdog the whole way through. The Cougars upset Derryfield in the prelims and got their biggest win over No. 1 Belmont over the weekend. They nearly came back to pull off one more.

DIVISION III PRELIMINARY

Hopkinton 67, Inter-Lakes 46: Ben Normand (20 points), Jackson Westover (16 points). Inter-Lakes: Jackson Downs (12 points).

DIVISION III QUARTERFINAL

No. 3 Hopkinton 55, No. 6 St. Thomas 43: Hopkinton led 10-7 after first quarter and had a 10-point lead at half and 14-point lead after the third quarter. From a game-opening dunk to a crushing loss, the Hopkinton Hawks' season was much more than just the game that got away.

DIVISION III SEMIFINALS

No. 2 Mascoma 49, No. 3 Hopkinton 41: The Mascoma Royals erased a 12-point deficit and roared back to win it 49-41.

REGULAR SEASON

John Stark 65, Bishop Brady 15: After a first-quarter lead, the Generals' defense sparked a 25-4 run to end the half.



Lebanon 54, John Stark 24: The Generals had a 10-8 first-quarter lead, but Lebanon pulled away in the second and didn't look back.

Laconia 55, John Stark 40: Down by only 4 going into the fourth, Laconia put it away in the final quarter.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

DIVISION III PRELIMINARY

No. 6 Hopkinton, 53 Belmont 40: The Hawks fought back from an early 9-0 deficit after an early timeout and was up 15-13 by the end of the first quarter. The lead fluctuated but the Hawks did not let Belmont tie the game or go ahead for the next 24 minutes.

No. 3 Gilford 45, No. 6 Hopkinton 39 (OT): Gilford needed overtime to dispatch Hopkinton to advance in the Division III quarterfinals. The Golden Eagles built a 22-13 halftime advantage before the Hawks mounted a comeback bid. Hopkinton outscored Gilford 14-12 in the fourth quarter to force overtime, but the Golden Eagles pulled away with an 8-2 advantage in the extra period. Senior Skye Maltais led Gilford with 17 points. Junior guard Lexi Korbet paced the Hawks with 19 points in the losing effort.

Pembroke 48, Bow 23: PA used a 13-3 third quarter to beat Bow, which was without all-state guard Peyton Vaughn.

John Stark 46, Bishop Brady 17: Kenzie Packer led the way for Brady with 7 points, Maia Dow chipped in with 6 points, and Gabby Jackson scored 3 points.



Photo by Danielle Cook

 Sports



Congratulations 7/8 Hoefs on their First Place finish! A great way to end our HYAA 2025/26 basketball season.



To begin February break Henniker Community School had its yearly 8th grade v. staff basketball game. The staff showed off their athleticism with a big win, and there was fun all around.

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Crime Watch

Hillsboro man breaches bail conditions

Hillsboro officers came into contact with Miguel Vazquez-Pacheco stemming from an incident that occurred in Henniker. During a roadside investigation, it was determined that the defendant was in breach of his bail conditions due to his level of intoxication. He was subsequently arrested and held on preventative detention. The defendant was transported to the Hillsborough County House of Corrections to await his appearance before the court.

Same man for disorderly Conduct

Miguel Angel Vazquez Pacheco of Hillsboro, was arrested on Jan. 6 on simple assault and disorderly conduct charges following an investigation or incident at Concord Hospital at 250 Pleasant St.

Franklin man for possession of Fentanyl

Thomas J. Manley, 62, of Central Street in Franklin, on a

felony controlled drug act; acts prohibited-sale of narcotic drug-fentanyl charge on July 22, 2025, in Franklin. According to the indictment, he was out on bail on July 12, 2025, after being charged with falsifying physical evidence.

Andover man charged with Possession

James Welcome, 42, of Currier Road in Andover, on a felony possession of a controlled drug-meth-subsequent charge on Dec. 16, 2024, in Hooksett. Previously, he was convicted on a possession charge in May 2023 in Hills North.

Franklin woman arrested selling drugs

Rachel L. Coffey, 39, of Spring Street in Franklin, on four felony counts of controlled drug act; acts prohibited charges. She was accused of selling methamphetamine to another person on May 7 and May 14, 2025, in Franklin and fentanyl and meth to another person in Franklin on June 24, 2025.



Snowmobile Versus Motor Vehicle Crash in Bradford

Just after 6:30 p.m. on February 24th, 2026, New Hampshire Fish and Game was contacted by New Hampshire State Police Dispatch. A serious motor vehicle versus snowmobile crash had occurred in the town of Bradford.

Bradford Police, Henniker

Police, Newbury Police, Bradford Fire Department, New Hampshire State Police along with a Conservation Officer with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department responded to the scene.

21-year-old Joshua McComish of Newbury attempted to

cross Route 114 at a designated snowmobile trail crossing near the Student Transportation of America Facility. McComish did not see an oncoming truck traveling north on Route 114. The truck operator, 42-year-old Clayton Christie of Henniker, did not see the snowmobile

enter the roadway. Christie and McComish collided causing serious damage to both the snowmobile and truck along with serious injuries to McComish. McComish was transported to Concord Hospital for treatment of his injuries by Henniker Ambulance.

Alcohol and drugs do not appear to be factors in this crash. This crash remains under investigation. New Hampshire Fish and Game reminds OHRV operators to operate with care while enjoying New Hampshire's riding opportunities.

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Sunapee Fire Department responds to Carbon Monoxide alarm

On Wednesday, February 25th, Sunapee Fire was called to Perkins Pond Road for a Carbon Monoxide Alarm Activation.

When Sunapee Engine 2 arrived on the scene, they were met outside the residence by a technician from a gas company who stated he had been called to the residence by the home-owner for an issue with the heating system, and when he arrived at the residence and made entry, his personal carbon monoxide meter he had with him went off.

Sunapee Fire personnel entered the residence and immediately detected elevated carbon monoxide levels. Sunapee Fire personnel assisted the homeowner and two cats out of the residence, all of whom were uninjured. Once the homeowner

and both cats were out of the residence, Sunapee Fire personnel continued to check the residence. High levels of carbon monoxide readings were discovered on all three floors of the residence.

After a quick but thorough investigation, Sunapee Fire personnel discovered an issue with the heating system, which was believed to be responsible for the buildup of carbon monoxide within the residence. These findings were passed along to the technician from the gas company who was on scene. Sunapee Fire personnel ventilated the building and successfully removed the buildup of carbon monoxide from all three floors, at which point the homeowner and both cats were allowed to re-enter the residence.

While units were on scene, it was discovered that this residence had no working carbon monoxide detectors, so the homeowner didn't even know she was having a carbon monoxide emergency until the technician from the gas company arrived on scene. The Sunapee Fire Department, through a joint effort with the Sunapee Fire Department Association, carries Smoke & CO Alarms on some of their apparatus that they give out to residents in town when needed – one of those detectors was given to the homeowner this morning.

This call, like many of their other incidents this winter, highlights the importance of having working Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors within your residence or business.



A four car crash occurred in the snow storm on Route 103 at Birch Grove Road Friday afternoon. Newbury Fire Rescue, along with Newbury Police responded to a motor vehicle crash. Two of the cars had to be towed away and firefighters restricted traffic to one lane while waiting for the wreckers, which were very busy with other crashes in the area. There were no injuries.

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Elizabeth Ottens

Hillsborough - Elizabeth Ottens, 82, of Hillsborough passed unexpectedly on February 3, 2026. Elizabeth, who many referred to as Bettye or Betty Boop, was born December 7, 1943 in Dover NH and was raised in Hillsborough NH by parents Dorothy M. Jordan who passed in 2008 and Harry Jordan Sr. who passed in 1987. She grew up alongside her two siblings Harry Jordan of Arkansas born January 15 and sister Lynn Hauser also of Hillsborough who was born July 31, who passed suddenly at her home in 2012. Elizabeth is also predeceased by another sibling Phyliss Jordan of Hillsborough who unexpectedly passed as an adolescent. Her favorite joys alongside being a spouse and mother was also becoming a grandmother to Charles Davis of Washington, Kyra Lloyd of Antrim, Daniel Clough and Matthew Clough of Hillsborough. Nothing brought her more joy than her grandbabies! Fast forward to the year 2018 where she experienced the great joy of becoming a great grandmother to three beautiful grandchildren: Archer Jones born in 2018, Kimberly Jones born 2020 and Austin Jones born in 2024 by parents Kyra Lloyd and fiance Andrew Jones. Calling hours will be held Saturday February 28th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Holt-Woodbury Funeral Homes in Hillsborough NH with a celebration to follow from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Moose in Hillsborough NH.

Peter N. Barker

Bradford - Peter N. Barker passed away Wednesday, February 11th, 2026. He was born on June 29, 1945. He was predeceased by his wife, Beverly. He is survived by his son, Adam, and children, Austin and Aleah. His son, Kenny, wife Brittany, and children, Emma, James and Andrew. His daughter, Becky (Barker) Bowers, husband Steven, and children, Nick and Lilly. His daughter Elizabeth (Barker) Reynolds, and son Robert "Bob." His son, Matt Law, wife Betty, children Alex and Gabe. His daughter Jessica and wife Carolina. And his brother Paul, sister in law, Judy, and children John Paul and Josh. Services will be held at Bradford Community Church on March 1st at 1 p.m. Donations can be made in his honor to any charity of ones' choice.

Marie L. Kulacz

Franklin - It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Marie L. Kulacz, beloved mother and cherished friend, who peacefully left this world on February 16, 2026, at the age of 97. Marie was born on January 14, 1929, in Franklin. Marie is survived by her three beloved daughters, Janice Koblenzer, Kathryn MacKissock and her husband Tom and Marianne Kulacz, who carry on her legacy of love, compassion, and resilience. She will be remembered fondly by her 5 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Kulacz, her son, Gary Kulacz her parents Sidney Martin and Regina (Sylvester) Martin and her siblings, two sisters and 3 brothers.

Kris Norman Stewart

Francestown - Norman Kris Stewart, 74, a lifelong resident of Francestown, NH, passed away at his home on February 13, 2026, following a sudden illness. Kris was born on December 27, 1951, in Nashua, NH, the son of Norman James Stewart and Elizabeth Barnard Kittredge. Kris was predeceased by his mother, Betty, and his father, Norman. He is survived by his wife, Lisa (Goodwin) Stewart; his children, Joshua Kris Stewart and wife Melissa, Jessica Kittredge (Stewart) Riley and husband Jason; stepson, Robert Podadowski, and wife, Becky; and stepson, Eric Podadowski. Kris's sister, Deborah (Stewart) Adams, and her husband Dave also survive him. Kris, aka

"Grampy," adored his grandchildren: Noah and Grace Stewart, Scarlett Riley, Madison and Ryan Podadowski, Jacob Ellis, and Adam, Nolan, and Skylar Podadowski. A celebration of life for Kris will be held at the Francestown Sand and Gravel Pit, 200 Francestown Road, Bennington, NH, on Saturday, June 20th, at noon. Donations can be made in memory of Kris N. Stewart to the Francestown Volunteer Fire Dept. Please make checks out to Mount Crotchet Firefighters Association. PO Box 221, Francestown, NH 03043.

Heather Christine Marino

Henniker - Heather Christine Marino, 86, of Henniker, passed away peacefully on February 12, 2026 after battling a long illness. Heather was born on March 17, 1939 in Malden, MA. She grew up in Malden with her late stepfather and mother Arnold and Florence Swanson and brother, Richard Hook. What Heather loved most was her children and grandchildren. She was so proud of her boys Christopher Alan of Bedford, MA and Gregory Arnold of Weymouth, MA and their wives Kimberly and Laura. There wasn't a phone call or visit that went by where she didn't ask about her grandchildren, Isabelle (26), Hunter (24), Mallory (22), James (20) and Anderson (18). A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 11 a.m. at Journey Church in Derry, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to Live and Let Live Farm's Rescue and Sanctuary (<https://www.liveandletlivefarm.org>) to honor Heather's love for animals.

Walter "John" Howard Crane

Hillsboro - Walter "John" Howard Crane, 81, of Hillsboro, passed away peacefully at home on February 23rd, 2026, surrounded by his loved ones, Darline Crane (Wife), Natalie Crane (Daughter), Abigail VonDette (Granddaughter), Mitchell Crane (Son), Adam VonDette, and Kitterhi Durgin. Walter was born to Roscoe and Katherine Crane of Washington, NH, on August 11th, 1944. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in the summer of 2026 at the family's convenience.

Elizabeth Anne Lindstrom

Greenfield - Elizabeth Anne (Edwards) Lindstrom, 79, of Greenfield, passed away peacefully in her home on February 18, 2026. She was born on November 12, 1946, in Deposit NY, to Leo and Julia (Jarosz) Edwards. Beth is survived by her Husband, Peter Lindstrom, of Greenfield; her son Max Lindstrom and partner Brandon Howe of Keene, her brother Richard Edwards of Hancock NY, her sister Leona Edwards Conner of Ocean View, Delaware, and nieces Jessie Edwards George of Franklin MA, and Sarah Edwards Weyer of Binghamton, NY. Visitation will be held on Friday February 27 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., followed by a service at 6:00 p.m., at Jellison Funeral Home, 25 Concord Street, Peterborough, NH 03458. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Beth's name to The Glioblastoma Foundation.



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Events: Community Bulletin Board

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28

WARNER PROGRAM: at 2pm: "Late in Arriving," by Steve Taylor, Warner Town Hall. Free. How electricity changed rural New Hampshire life. (Rescheduled from Feb 7). Home-baked refreshments. Books, library tote bags for sale. Cosponsored by Pillsbury Free Library and Warner Historical Society with funding assistance from NH Humanities.

TUESDAY MARCH 3

CANDIDATES NIGHT: Hillsborough Chamber's candidates night will be at 6:30 at the Fire Dept.

FRIDAY MARCH 6

DAY OF PRAYER: Hillsboro 12noon-1:45. If

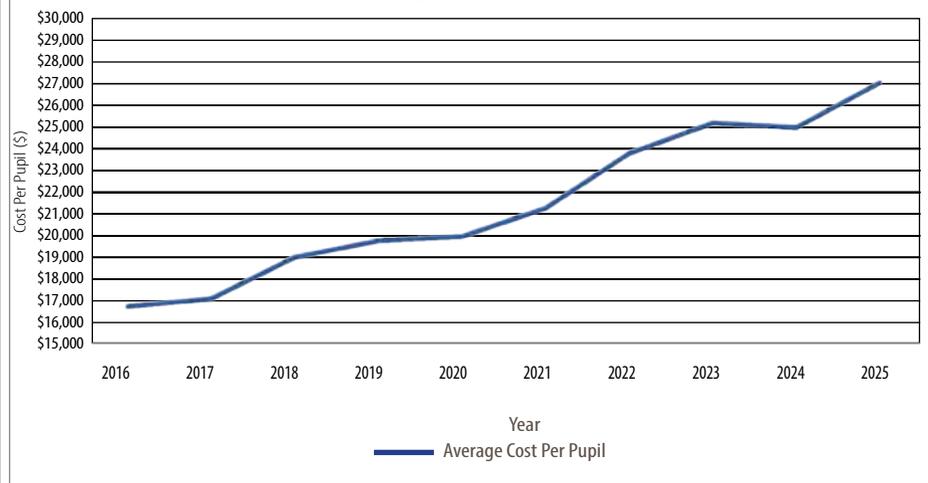
you are tired of the noise, violence and bad news these days, you are invited to come eat, sing, pray at an ecumenical service of the International Women's World Day of Prayer. Theme: "I will give you rest, Come" A greater Hillsboro area gathering, planned by women from many different churches. The service was written by women in Nigeria. Two local Nigerians will share with us: Father Maurice from St. Marys and Agnes Olawuyi from Smith Church. Potluck lunch at 12 noon, (includes some Nigerian style food to sample) downstairs at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hillsboro. Service at 12:45 In sanctuary of St. Mary's. It is led by women, but open to all (men, women, and children). A freewill offering will be split between: World wide: World Day of Prayer grants - projects helping women and children and locally: Grapevine in Antrim that help many locally. For further info, call 603-478-5650.

SATURDAY MARCH 7

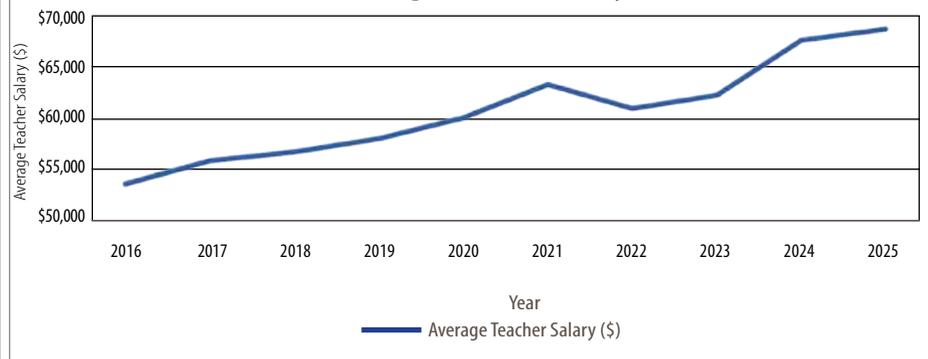
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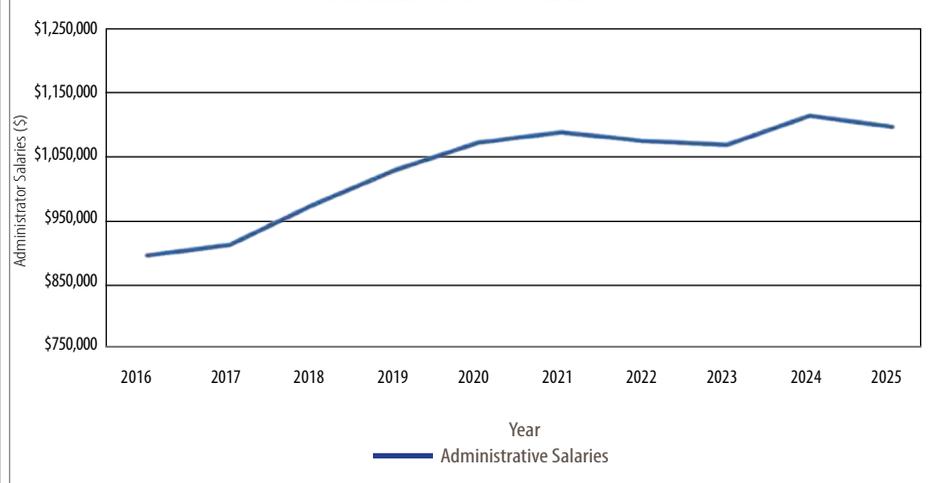
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By authority granted under RSA 227-G:3 and 227-H:2 the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands is planning a forest operation that includes the commercial harvest of timber on 122 acres of the Low State Forest in the town of Hillsborough, New Hampshire. This is a public notice to solicit comments or questions as part of the planning process. THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR BIDS. The Division carries out timber harvests as part of a multiple use forest and wildlife management program on State owned woodlands. Please address written comments or request for information by March 11, 2026 to Director, Division of Forests and Lands, 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, New Hampshire 03301, ATTN: Forest Management Bureau **P1-708**.

EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT (ELVD)

DEADLINE FOR FILING OF PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

March 24, 2026

The deadline for filing of petitioned warrant articles with the ELVD Board of Commissioners for inclusion in the 2026 District Annual Meeting is March 24, 2026 at 5pm.

Petitioned articles must be signed by no less than (10) ten registered District voters. [NH RSA 39:3; 40:13, II-b(b)]

TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH REDUCED WEIGHT LIMITS ON TOWN ROADS

All municipal roads within the Town of Hillsborough, excluding West Main Street and Henniker Street, shall be closed to vehicles more than 6 tons from March 1, 2026, until further notice. Fuel delivery trucks and emergency vehicles are excluded. Permission to exceed this limit may be granted by contacting Ernie Butler, Road Agent, at 603-464-7986.



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ANNUAL FILING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

March 11- March 20, 2026

Persons interested in filing as a candidate for the following ELVD district officials positions may file for these positions starting on March 11, 2026, with the deadline for filing being 5pm on March 20, 2026. All candidates for offices must be full time residents and registered voters of the Emerald Lake Village District. Persons wishing to file should contact the ELVD Clerk at clerk@elvdnh.com or by calling the district office line at (603) 464-3128 to make an appointment with the Clerk.

Open Positions for the 2026 Annual Meeting:

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Public Notice of Brownfields Remedial Action Plan Former Woods Woolen Mill Site 23-25 West Mill Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has received the document entitled Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives Update/Remedial Action Plan ("ABCA/RAP") for the Former Woods Woolen Mill property located at 23-25 West Mill Street in Hillsborough, New Hampshire ("Site"). This document was prepared as a requirement of the state's Brownfields Covenant Program (RSA 147-F).

The Site is comprised of two parcels totaling 2.6 acres located along the Contoocook River which are bisected by a former railroad right-of-way that is owned by the State of New Hampshire. Lot 29, the closest lot to Mill Street, is the location of a former office building/residence. Lot 28 is the location of the former mill building, dye house/warehouse, machine shop, and former coal bin. The site operated as a textile mill from the late 1800s through the 1980s when it was used as a private residence until the Town of Hillsborough acquired it in 2004. The Site buildings have since been demolished and the property is currently vacant.

The Site has been characterized during several phases of investigation. Soil at the site contains contaminants, including metals (primarily lead), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and petroleum hydrocarbons that exceed NHDES Soil Remediation Standards.

The ABCA/RAP identifies the following proposed remedial actions:

1. Excavation and off-site disposal of lead and PAH impacted soil from four excavation areas;
2. Construction of soil and/or rubble caps in the Former Dyehouse and Warehouse #2 areas to prevent direct contact with impacted soils remaining onsite; and
3. Preparation and recordation of an Activity and Use Restriction (AUR) for long-term management of identified soil contamination.

The ABCA/RAP can be accessed on NHDES' OneStop Data and Information website using the following link: <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/DocViewer/?ContentId=5459370>

The ABCA/RAP can also be viewed in person at Town of Hillsborough, City Clerk's Office, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

Questions or comments concerning the ABCA/RAP should be directed to Laura Pasquine, P.E., NH Department of Environmental Services, Waste Management Division, 29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95, Concord, New Hampshire 03302; Tel. No. (603) 271-1169; E-mail: Laura.J.Pasquine@des.nh.gov. The comment period will end March 29, 2026.

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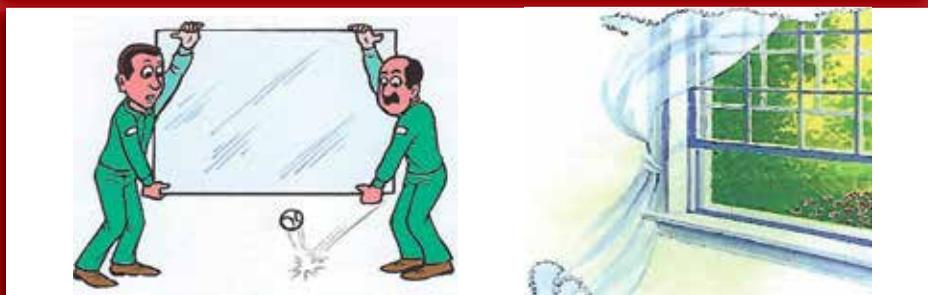
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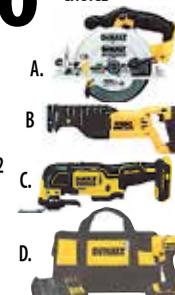


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