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# The Messenger

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## Peterborough Police Intern



Kaelyn Samuelson is a new intern for the Peterborough Police Department. Kaelyn is a senior at ConVal Regional High School, and has been spending much of her time learning alongside Master Patrolman Hyland at the school and Dispatcher Bean at the station. In September she will be attending Western New England University, where she plans to study Criminal Justice. After completing her education, Kaelyn's goal is to become a police officer.

## New Granite State VNA CEO



Granite VNA, New Hampshire's largest not-for-profit home health and hospice agency, has named James Culhane as its next president and CEO. Culhane has served as president and CEO of Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice in New London, New Hampshire since 2015. Culhane resides in Henniker, New Hampshire with his family.

## This week in history

### MARCH 15, 1991

Birmingham six released from prison

### MARCH 15, 493

King Odoacer of Italy is murdered

### MARCH 16, 2006

First Lady of Drag Racing inducted into Hall of Fame

### MARCH 17, 1776

British forces evacuate Boston

### MARCH 18, 1852

Wells & Fargo start shipping and banking company

### MARCH 19, 1949

East Germany approves new Constitution

### MARCH 20, 1995

Tokyo subways attacked by sarin gas



The Belida house on Preston St., Hillsboro.

## Attempted murder in Hillsborough

*Son attacks his parents with a knife - barricades himself in house*

On March 4, 2026, at approximately 4:16 p.m., the Hillsboro Police Department received a 911 call reporting that two individuals had been stabbed at a residence located at 81 Preston Street in Hillsboro. Officers responded to the scene and located Loren and Susan Belida in the driveway suffering from serious, life-threatening injuries.

Officers immediately provided life-saving measures to both victims, who were transported to Concord Hospital, where they underwent surgery.

As we go to press, Susan Belida has been released from the hospital, and Loren Belida is out of surgery and is

recovering.

The suspect, their son, Jeremy Belida, 38, subsequently barricaded himself inside the residence. Assistance was requested from the New Hampshire State Police SWAT. As a result of the incident, the surrounding area was placed in a lockdown, and multiple roadways were closed for public safety.

At approximately 3:00 a.m., the suspect was taken into custody by NHSP SWAT.

He was ultimately transported to a hospital with various injuries.

Belida was arraigned on March 5th. He is charged with Two counts of

Attempted Second Degree Murder, Two counts of First Degree Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Two counts of Second Degree Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and Two counts of Felony Obstructing the Report of a Crime with a Deadly Weapon.

The Hillsboro Police Department was assisted by the New Hampshire State Police, Antrim Police Department, Greenfield Police Department, Bennington Police Department, Henniker Police Department, and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

The Hillsboro Fire Department's brave involvement greatly aided efforts to resolve the situation safely.

## Hillsboro-Deering School District voters approve entire warrant

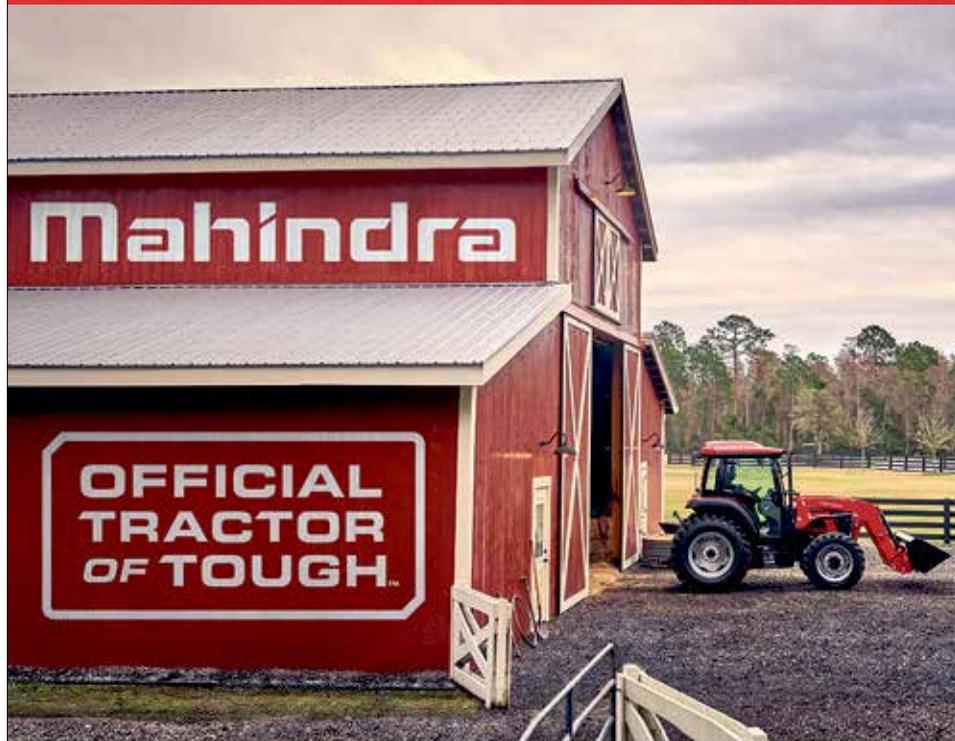
Hillsboro and Deering voters went to the polls ready to support their school.

All spending items were easily approved, including the \$23,792,673

Operating Budget, the \$1,170,231 SAU #34 Budget, along with a three-year Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement and a two-year Teachers' Collective Bargaining

agreement. Also approved was a change in the Cooperative Agreement to provide that only Deering residents can vote on the Deering Member of the School Board.

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## **Yesteryear** *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

### **March 14, 2025**

Bomb scare at Kearsarge Middle School  
Respected Henniker attorney Rob Howard retiring this month  
H-D School voters reject budget, teacher's contract & SAU budget  
Goffstown man charged with selling body parts wants charges dropped

### **March 15, 2024**

Franklin shooting was justified  
Hopkinton School District voters nix SB2  
Dunbarton School District budget up 6.5%

### **March 17, 2023**

Former Bradford Fire Captain convicted of sexual assault  
Developer seeks to renovate two vacant Central Square buildings  
Hopkinton School District voters reject two attempts to reduce budget  
Warner Maple Fest proceeds to benefit Warner's 250th Birthday

### **March 18, 2022**

Hopkinton's Houston Barn preserved  
Major expansion planned for New London Park & Ride  
Warner voters reject sidewalk engineering study  
H-D Elementary developing outdoor classroom

### **March 19, 2021**

Antrim Community Board approved  
Henniker honors life of Officer J. Douglas Paul  
Antrim's Town Report dedicated to Marshall Gale  
H-D reintroducing an adaptation of Home Ec & Shop

### **March 20, 2020**

Towns & schools adopting Pandemic precautions  
Antrim's Great Brook School to have new principal  
Antrim debates maintaining roads to summer homes  
Deering voters overwhelmingly reject SB2

### **March 22, 2019**

Petitioned article on ATVs stirs debate in Henniker  
Hopkinton voters reject proposal to sell Bates Building  
Antrim Town Meeting at Town Hall - 1st in 40 years  
Warner voters cut \$34,000 from \$3.3 million budget

### **March 23, 2018**

Attorney General threatens Washington officials  
Popular Hopkinton High School grad dies in Kentucky  
Warner will have new fire station by end of the year  
Marathon Henniker meeting sparks debate

### **March 24, 2017**

No music at NHMS track  
Deering man arrested for road rage with a gun  
Pay-By-Bag trash program draws Hopkinton debate  
School Board member resigns after husband arrested

### **March 23, 2016**

New Boston voters reject nearly entire warrant  
Washington voters reject Police, Fire & EMS Facility  
If it was on the warrant Henniker voters approved it  
Dogs & Drugs dominate Deering meeting

# Hillsborough voters approve all spending articles at marathon Town Meeting

Hillsborough's Town Meeting started about an hour late as the largest attendance in recent memory backlogged registration as officials scurried to provide additional seating. The big draw was Article 22, a petitioned article to establish a budget committee consisting of seven members, to be elected at that meeting if the article passed. The article was moved to the front of the warrant for discussion.

Selectman Rich Pellitier, stepping down to speak as an individual, proposed an amendment calling for the Moderator to appoint the committee members. After much discussion the amendment failed on a showing of voting cards.

Riché Colombe then proposed an amendment calling for a five member Advisory Committee.

After further discussion, the matter failed on a ballot vote of

76 Yes to 228 No.

Returning to the published warrant, the \$11,024,840 Operating Budget was approved without comment or debate, as were all other spending articles except

Article 15, requesting \$230,000 to be deposited into existing Capital Reserve Funds and Article 20 requesting a 10-year lease purchase agreement for a \$1,500,00 fire truck. Both were also passed

after amendments were offered and defeated.

In ballot voting, during the day, voters approved expanding the Select Board to five members by a vote of 508 Yes to 300 No.



Attendance at Hillsborough's Town Meeting Tuesday evening was the largest in memory.



Hillsborough voters gave Highway Superintendent Ernie Butler a standing ovation to honor his 37 years of service to the town. He plans to retire this summer.



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## New Boston Select Board votes to demolish old fire station

The New Boston Select Board discussed voting on the disposition of the Bunting Station.

A previous survey found overwhelming support (43%) to demolish the building and make the area parking and green space. Kevin Collimore stated that some people mentioned leasing the building out, but this would lead to the Town being a landlord, which is not a good position for the Town.

He noted that Exhibit A in Northpoint Engineering's Scope of Services states that overall, the goal is to find a parking facility to conserve the multitude of activities

that occur in the village while minimizing the impact of the development on adjacent properties, such as the use of vegetation screens and self-dimming lights.

That should be a major goal of this development, and he would like to see it in the document. Kevin Collimore moved to adopt the Board's prior decision, consistent with the survey, to demolish the building, subject to having placards and receiving engineering plans for the development of the property's green space and parking area, with due respect to the people who live adjacent to the development. It was approved unanimously.

## Goffstown man arrested and charged with Attempted Murder



Ted Ross

Ted Ross, 54, of Goffstown was arrested and charged with attempted murder Monday after a domestic violence incident on Mast Street. Ross was arrested after confronting an unnamed man and a woman at a home.

A news release from Goffstown Police reported that Ross pulled out a gun and held the two other people at gunpoint for about half an hour.

"The male victim at one point ran towards the front

door of the residence to try to get out and call for help. As he was by the doorway, the suspect fired a shot from his firearm, missing the male." Ross then discarded his firearm and fled the scene, according to the report. He was taken into custody shortly after.

Ross is facing two attempted murder charges, as well as kidnapping, reckless conduct with a deadly weapon, criminal threatening with a deadly weapon, domestic violence — criminal threatening with a deadly weapon, domestic violence — false imprisonment, and falsifying physical evidence charges.

*The beauty of doing nothing is that you can do it perfectly. Only when you do something is it almost impossible to do it without mistakes.*

*Therefore people who are contributing nothing to society, except their constant criticisms, can feel both intellectually and morally superior.*



THOMAS SOWELL

# Pats Peak plans major expansion of its snowmaking capability

A major snowmaking expansion this summer at Pats Peak would double the area's snowmaking capacity and enable the southern New Hampshire ski resort to have the full mountain open in half the time, the general manager said.

The work includes the creation of a 21-million-gallon mountaintop reservoir. Excavation and construction for the reservoir above the ski slopes, tripling of electrical capacity to the summit and an additional 3,000 gallons of pumping capacity would double the number of snow guns that can be running at one time, the resort announced.

This will be a game changer for snow conditions, including early season, Kris Blomback, the resort's general manager, said Tuesday.

More than 200 snow guns will operate simultaneously when the cold air temperature is optimal, instead of the

current 100, which are operated in shifts in a range of temperatures, including warmer temperatures that are less efficient.

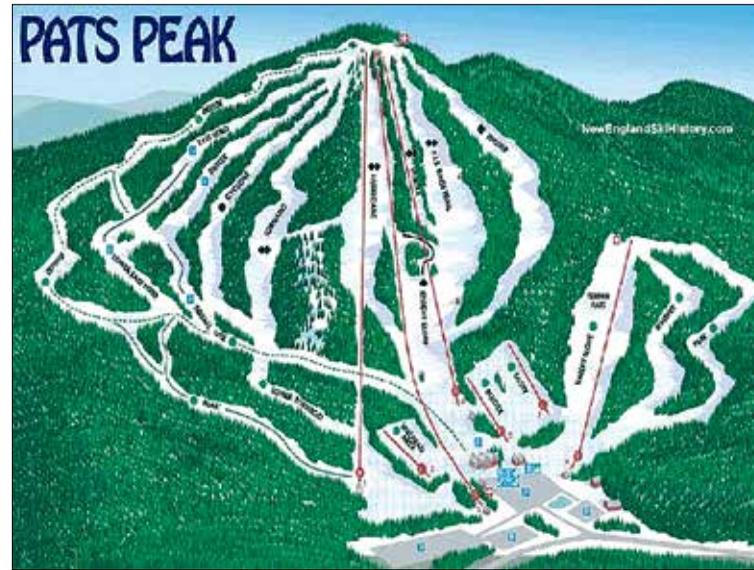
Blomback said the project received a series of permits from the NH Department of Environmental Services. The state required that a mitigation project be completed in Hopkinton.

Most New Hampshire ski resorts have 80% snowmaking coverage at this point, Blomback said, and speed and efficiency make a difference.

"It's how fast you can get that terrain open," he said.

The reservoir, which will cover just under 5 acres, "being at the top of the mountain, will allow us to pump water off peak and overnight," when the air is coldest and less horsepower is required to make snow, Blomback said.

"It enables us to harvest water stored," including during heavy rains leading up to winter,



he said.

Instead of using a thousand kilowatts of electricity over 10 days, the resort can harness far fewer kilowatts in a single day when temperatures are ideal, Blomback said.

He said it's not the first such system, "but it will be one of the better systems, resulting in

higher capacity per acre. It will cut in half the number of hours we need to make snow. At 15 degrees Fahrenheit, snowmaking is a lot more efficient than at 26 or 27 degrees."

The total investment this summer, for all aspects of the project, will be close to \$4 million, he said.

Pats Peak currently has more than 400 snow guns and that number will not increase to deliver the enhanced coverage.

This is "one of the most ambitious capital improvements in the mountain's history," part of a master plan "nearly 20 years in the making," and it will "give the mountain one of the highest pumping capacities in New England," according to the resort.

Pats Peak has been owned by the Patenaude family since 1963. Over the past five or more years, the resort has made \$10 million in improvements, including a lodge expansion, a new mountain operations building, and the new Hurricane Quad chairlift, according to the resort.

"This project allows us to open faster, operate more efficiently, and deliver the reliable snow conditions our guests count on, no matter what New England weather brings," Blomback said.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Urgent care visits commonly result in inappropriate prescriptions of antibiotics, glucocorticoids or opioids, according to the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Researchers examined commercial and Medicare Supplemental databases to study 22,426,546 urgent care visits, which resulted in 2,783,924 (12.4%) antibiotic, 2,038,506 (9.1%) glucocorticoid, and 299,210 (1.3%) opioid prescriptions. Among the “never appropriate” indications, antibiotics were prescribed for 30.7% of patients diagnosed with otitis media, 45.7% with genitourinary symptoms and 15.0% with acute bronchitis. Among the indications for which they were deemed generally inappropriate, glucocorticoids were prescribed in 23.9% of sinusitis, 40.8% of acute bronchitis and 7.9% of otitis media cases. Urgent care centers prescribed opioids in a variety of generally inappropriate cases, including non-back musculoskeletal pain (4.6% of cases), abdominal pain and digestive symptoms (6.3%), and sprains and strains (4.0%).

A new research paper published in *Oncotarget* has reported that “statins, widely used to lower cholesterol, may also suppress colorectal cancer growth.

Prostate cancer remains one of the most common malignancies among men. The current standard treatment involves a 1000 mg daily dose of abiraterone acetate (AA), a drug that targets hormone pathways driving cancer progression. However, this high dose can lead to unwanted side effects and high treatment costs. A new study published in the journal *Cancer Communications* investigated whether a 500 mg daily dose of AA, taken on an empty stomach, could achieve comparable therapeutic outcomes. The study found that this lower dose resulted in comparable cancer suppression. This was demonstrated through reduced prostate-specific antigen (PSA) levels, a marker of tumor activity, and effective hormone suppression, as supported by both patient data and computer-based pharmacological modelling.

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## AFRAID OF THE DENTIST? THE CAUSE MAY BE SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU THINK: PART I



Dr. Esin Narli

New research shows that dental fear occurs more often in those who have been exposed to stressful childhood experiences. Between 8 and 20 percent of children and adolescents are so afraid of dental treatment that they meet the criteria for being diagnosed with dental fear.

Young people who have experienced bullying, divorce, violence or abuse are significantly more likely to be anxious in the dentist’s chair. This angst may cause some people to avoid going to the dentist, while others feel an intense urge to flee once they are there.

A major risk factor for fear of the dentist is past painful experiences. In other words, painful experiences in life can affect how you feel in the dentist’s chair.

The study, with responses from more than 5,800 adolescents aged 13 -17 years, shows that adolescents who have experienced stressful experiences during childhood, such as violence, divorce, abuse or bullying are significantly more likely to have dental fear than adolescents who do not have such experiences.

The more stressful experiences the young people had, the greater was the likelihood that they would have dental fear. The study also shows that the association was stronger in girls than in boys.

For many people who have experienced a lot of insecurity in childhood, dental treatment can be demanding. The patients lie on their backs in a vulnerable position while an authority figure works inside the mouth. It’s no wonder that dental treatment can be difficult.

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# H-D athlete to compete in International Track & Field Championship in Australia

Hillsboro-Deering Senior Braden Savoy has been invited to compete in the Coast 2 Coast International Track and Field Championships, taking place from July 4th to 6th, 2026, at The Gold Coast Performance Center in Runaway Bay, Australia.



This invitation was earned by Braden by meeting specific qualifying standards in his track & field events.

The journey will start in California at LAX on June 27th with flights to Auckland, NZ and then to Sydney, Australia. Team USA will travel by bus to stay in Runaway Bay, Australia, where they will train and compete at The Gold Coast Performance Center. In addition to track & field practice and competition, the athletes will enjoy several group outings and excursions where they will explore the Gold Coast and many aspects of Australian culture. They will return home on July 8th.

To maintain amateur status, athletes often rely on the generous donations from family, friends, teachers, coaches, neighbors and local businesses. The total cost

covers airfare, food, ground transportation, uniforms, entry fees, and lodging. Your sponsorship is crucial in helping these young athletes represent their families, community, state and country.

You may make contributions through the Coast 2 Coast International Track and Field Championships website. By contributing, you’ll not only support the athletes’ dream but also be a vital part of their journey and success. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a significant impact and helps these young athletes reach their full potential. Coast 2 Coast hopes you will consider joining them in this exciting endeavor and making a lasting difference!

If you wish to contribute, please visit the website [www.coast2coastinternationalathletics.com](http://www.coast2coastinternationalathletics.com), where you may make a secure payment. Please make sure you put “The Athlete’s” name in the notes section so the money gets posted to their account. All sponsors will be entered into a drawing for one of five \$100 VISA gift cards, to be drawn on July 6th, 2026 at the Coast 2 Coast Track & Field Banquet. For questions, please contact the Coast 2 Coast office 747-222-7350 or Tracy Spencer cell 818-231-4504. Thanks for considering support for this exceptional opportunity for Braden Savoy.



Bar Harbor Bank & Trust employees donated more than \$26,000 to 10 Northern New England nonprofits including \$3063 to the Center For The Arts, as part of their Casual for a Cause charitable giving program in the fourth quarter of 2025.

# 89 acre Dunbarton farm placed in a conservation trust

A family farm in Dunbarton has been protected from development by Five Rivers Conservation Trust.

The group says 89 acres of fields, forests, and wetlands at the Englund Family Farm have been placed under a conserva-

tion easement.

The land and buildings were historically part of Dunbarton's Twiss Farm.

The farm is about a half mile from each of three large clusters of conservation lands, altogether totaling over 18,000 acres,

extending across Dunbarton and three neighboring towns, the result of decades of work by the Dunbarton Conservation Commission and other groups.

This is Five Rivers' sixth

project in Dunbarton, where the organization now holds conservation easements on 915 acres.

The property also offers excellent opportunities for future recreation and is an important

link in the planned greenbelt around the village of Dunbarton. The conservation easement allows for the eventual development of a public trailhead, parking area, and hiking trails.



Kati Preston, an 87 year old Holocaust survivor, visited Andover Middle School and shared her story with some of the older students. The audience sat in silence hanging on her every word. From the horrors of air raids, starvation, and work camps.



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On Friday, February 20th, Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School proudly celebrated its 100th anniversary. Students and staff stepped back in time, dressing in their best 1920s attire to mark the occasion. Everyone enjoyed a special treat at lunch, and the talented band, chorus and 3rd grade recorder players performed their winter concert tunes and "Happy Birthday" to honor this incredible milestone.

## Dunbarton School District voters reject SB2 Conversion

At Saturday's Dunbarton school district meeting, voters defeated a petitioned warrant article that would have adopted the SB2 form of governance.

Named after the senate bill that allowed the change, SB2 splits the traditional meeting into two parts: a deliberative session in which residents can debate and amend warrant articles, followed by a separate voting

day when all matters are decided by ballot.

Voters rejected the shift to the SB2 format by a ballot vote of 152 to 46.

Voters also approved by ballot the school district's \$11.6 million operating budget, which is a 10.4% increase from last year. 147 votes in favor to 59 opposed. All other warrant articles passed.

## Honor Roll

### Great Brook School Honor Roll

**Grade six high honors:** Dante Adams, Connor Anderson, Arden Beaulieu, Maya Bosk, Mila Boutelle, Bailey Chism, Isla Croft, Mackenzie Davide, Evan DeGeorge, Zuzu Drogy, Oscar Dunn, Justice Ferro, Rosie Griffiths, Brynn Hill, Lucy Kaufhold, Margot Koch, Olivia LaRouche, Alexandria Launh, Piper MacCallum, Sophia McAllister, Vera Mitschmyer, Gloriana Morales, Mercedes Morales, Mason Patrician, Charlotte Petrone, Andre Rodriguez, Eldon Sanders, Clara Sigmon, Leah Sipe, Nathan Slocomb, Annabel Warner.

**Grade six honors:** Evelyn Auth, Zeke Beckmann, Emerson Bishop, Emmanuel DiLoreto, Sophie Dineen, Avery Dunning, Cadence Griswold, Mason Hall, Lorelei Hiers, Norah Lovett, Juliette Mackey, Josephine Niemela, Jullian Parent, Karl Smith-Walter, Allysa Tart, Jace Wallace, Ender Wright.

**Grade seven high honors:** Isobella Allen, Seth Benham, Chiara Cabrera, Miles Cornell, Cirrus Cox, Shealyn DeGeorge, Jaylen Doyle, Tristan Figueroa, Elizabeth Harris, Eden Haynes, Isla Higley, Delia Holmes, Maya Humphrey, Colby Jusseume, Eloise Koch, Michael Kokoski, Madeline Latini, John Luxmoore, Sierra Pape, Nyah Rondeau, Baylee Ryan, Connor Jean, St., Grady Walling, Vivian Webb, Ashlyn

White, Stella Zimmer.

**Grade seven honors:** Kyleigh Atherton, Daniel Auth, Rosie Bennett, Jackson Berube, Koryn Blais, Chase Bouchard, Brony Budzik, Liam Chernis, Colton Cullinan, Alyssa DeLoria, Amber Dragon, Zadie Gagne, Emma Garnham, Aleksandrs Hall, Brinley Hill, Lily Hoyt, Annika Jackson, Gunnar Kimball, Camdyn Livingston, Lincoln Loiselle, Peder MacQuarrie IV, Max Michaud, Amalia Oreamuno, Colby Ross, Sydney Sullivan, Olivia Swinyer, William Tobbe, Serenity Torres, Isabella Yerardi.

**Grade eight high honors:** Ashlyn Beckmann, Mollie Belcourt, Lily Bell, Greta Bielagus, Chloe Bosk, Zoey Carignan, Oliver Dailey, Isla Davis, Katherine French, Sara Galbraith, Elisabeth Gile, Penny Griffiths, YuXuan Hong, Eleanor Jobin, Riley Johnson, Eleanor Kiley, Giavanna Lothrop, Lily Marcum, Avery Masterson, Ari Pape, Isabel Ricaurte, Liam Richardson, Inora Rushalko, Jennifer Shumate, Brooklynn Sipe, Ying Yi Tan, Ruby Taylor, Hannah Telofski, Madelyn Treshinsky, Ella Walsh, Lincoln Waugh.

**Grade eight high honors:** Charlotte Broadley, Melody Carrara, Jackson Cherian, Skylah Couture, Kingsley Cummings, Mark Dash, Olivia Foy, Chloe Graves, Ryder Graves, Isaac Howell, Jacob Janis, Juliette Langley, Kayden Meas, Rylee Patterson, Gabriella Sanders.

# Former coaches Foti and Martin tapped for Colby-Sawyer Hall of Fame

Bill Foti and George Martin, who served Colby-Sawyer with distinction for more than 25 years, will be inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming & Family Weekend.

Foti guided the men's basketball squad for 29 seasons and Martin led the women's basketball program for 26. Fittingly, the men who also worked side-by-side as athletic directors from 2013 to 2020, will be celebrated together at the 2026 Athletics Hall of Fame ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 17.

"From the day I first stepped onto the Colby-Sawyer campus, it was clear that Bill and George have been more than just pillars of the department — they have been the foundation of Colby-Sawyer Athletics' growth over their tenures at the institution," said Jen McKillop, executive director of athletics and recreation.

Foti compiled a 486-259 record in nearly three decades with

the men's basketball program.

At the time, the 486 wins placed him in the top 25 for career victories among active NCAA Division III men's hoop coaches. He earned Coach of the Year honors five times across two conferences and, in 2020, Foti's teams also won five Commonwealth Coast Conference championships, including three in succession.

Martin compiled a 487-221 record in 26 seasons with the women's hoop program. When he completed his career on the sidelines, he was the winningest women's basketball coach in New Hampshire, ranked 24th in victories among active Division III women's coaches and had a winning percentage of .688.

His basketball squads reached the postseason every single season; the Chargers captured seven conference championships, which resulted in seven NCAA Tournament appearances.

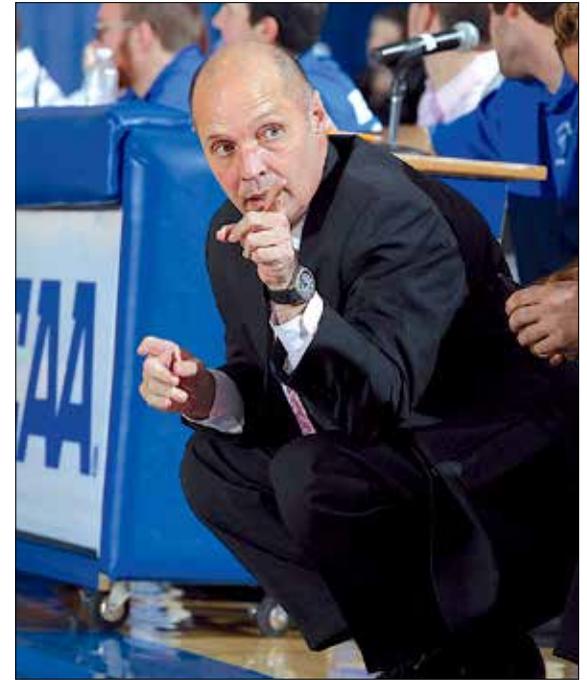


Bill Foti

Martin was a five-time conference Coach of the Year.

Martin also was a two-time conference volleyball Coach of the Year.

In 1999, the squad won its



George Martin

first league title and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

In honor of Foti and Martin's decades-long service, support and dedication to Colby-Sawyer,

the college is establishing the Foti-Martin Athletic Endowment, which will celebrate their legacy in perpetuity and create a sustainable fund to support athletics.

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### What Is Ramadan?

*As we face the challenges of the Muslim Brotherhood and their vow to destroy America, it is important to emphasize that not all Muslims are members of the brotherhood, and share our family values. LDB*

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, and commemorates Muhammad's first revelation, when he was visited by the angel Jibreel (or Gabriel), who revealed the earliest scriptures to Him. Ramadan is one of the mandatory Five Pillars of Islam, alongside faith, daily prayer, almsgiving, and the pilgrimage to Mecca.

Muslims are expected to fast during this holy month. They enjoy a pre-dawn meal called suhoor, and then do not eat or drink anything (including water) until after the sun sets in the evening. Then they eat a meal called iftar. Iftar traditionally includes dates in honor of Muhammad breaking His own fast with three dates. This is often a

large family affair, a social gathering in celebration of faith and community. Fasting is believed to free the soul of worldly desires, and refocus energy into Muslim values like discipline, family, charity, and empathy for those who are less fortunate.

Not all Muslims are expected to fast during this time. Exceptions are made for the elderly, ill, breastfeeding mothers, menstruating women, prepubescent children, and those who are traveling. Additionally, Muslims are expected to avoid sex, tobacco products, and sinful behavior like lying during this time as well.

At the end of Ramadan, Muslims celebrate Eid, which is often a public holiday in Muslim majority countries, a day best enjoyed with family and friends. Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, and Muslims can return to their regular eating and drinking habits.



## Letters to the Editor

### Dear Editor:

While I was encouraged to see a much higher turnout at Hillsboro's town meeting (though it's a bit sad that 10% of registered voters feels like a high number), I was disappointed by the behavior of some attendees who felt it was appropriate to heckle speakers at the microphone.

Regardless of where you stand on the question of whether state taxes (and thus other people's money) should help cover our local expenses, interrupting and shouting at residents who are trying to speak discourages the kind of thoughtful discussion that town meeting is supposed to foster. If you disagree with a speaker, the appropriate response is to come to the microphone and explain your viewpoint.

Town meeting works best when people participate respectfully and engage with the ideas being presented rather than resorting to catcalling from the back of the room. I hope that the increased turnout we saw this year continues—and that future meetings bring more productive and respectful conversations.

*Jon Daley, Hillsborough*

### Dear Editor:

In 1978 I trained with Shah of Iran sailors. In 1979 Iran experienced an Islamic revolution where Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, a radical Shi'a cleric, gained power. He advocated for 'velayat-e faqih' rule by Islamic jurists. On November 4, 1979, 66 Americans, including diplomats and other civilian personnel, were taken hostage at the American Embassy in Tehran. On the night of April 24/25, 1980 (my birthday) a hostage rescue mission was attempted and failed. I was on watch that night in my ships Combat Information Center. We were at anchorage off the coast of Iran in a spot we affectionately titled 'Camel Crossroads'. The hostages were eventually released on January 20, 1981, President Ronald Reagan's inaugural, because the Iranian Islamic government was afraid that Reagan would go to war against them.

For 47 years, seven presidents from Carter to Biden, including Reagan, allowed the Islamic Republic of Iran to

grow and fester into the world's largest regime of terror. Finally, the 47th U.S. President is confronting them.

Years from now, I hope that my grandchildren's grandkids will spend part of their summer vacation visiting South Dakota to view the five presidents on Mount Rushmore! Likewise, to all the motorcyclists that will go to the Sturgis Bike Rally.

*Mike Kenney, Hillsborough*

### Dear Editor:

In his 12 years in politics, Donald Trump campaigned as a 'Man of Peace.' He railed against 'forever wars' and agreed that America was lied to in the Iraq war. He insisted "I'm not going to start wars - I'm going to stop wars," and his MAGA cult believed every word.

Trump bombed 7 countries in the past 13 months, including Nigeria on Christmas Day. It became clear, with many military assets in the Region, that an attack on Iran was next. Saturday, in a "SCIF" at Mar-a-Lago, Trump launched a preemptive strike, killing Ayatollah Khomeini. His priorities straight, the President left the "SCIF" to attend a \$1M-per plate fundraiser in the ballroom.

Reasons for the attack's urgency are contradictory: an imminent attack; regime change; freeing the Iranian people; and, today, Trump claimed that he "had a feeling." This came during a presser today with German Chancellor Merz, who looked perplexed. Trump 'weaved' from one topic to the next and sounded like a drunk Uncle at a long Thanksgiving dinner.

Six service members are dead, with more casualties expected if this continues much longer. Planning for what comes next is nonexistent. Americans are stranded in Middle Eastern airports. Embassies are closed, the internet is down, hotels are being bombed and chaos reigns. MAGA gladly accepts this incompetence. Trump could bomb NYC, and these cultists would applaud and excuse it; this is truly Trump Derangement Syndrome. What's next for this trigger-happy wannabe King? Cuba, Greenland, Mexico?

*Paul Nugent*



Dunbarton Firefighters received exceptional training on hemorrhage control and tourniquet application, courtesy of Captain Lang and Chief Skoglund.



Following a traffic collision, there were downed power and telephone lines on Gregg Lake Road and White Birch Point Road. Gregg Lake Road was closed between 89 Gregg Lake Road and 95 Gregg Lake Road. To reach Brimstone Corner Road, S. Holt Hill Road, and residences above 95 Gregg Lake Road people were directed to use Craig Road, being mindful of posted Weight Restrictions. White Birch Point Road was inaccessible.



The New London Fire Department received a call for a vehicle rollover on I-89 SB. Engine 2 and Tanker 1 responded. Prior to the arrival of NLF, the driver was able to self extricate herself and did not need medical attention.

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Historical Society  
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Deering Association

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Historical Society  
Congregational Church  
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White Birch  
Tucker Library

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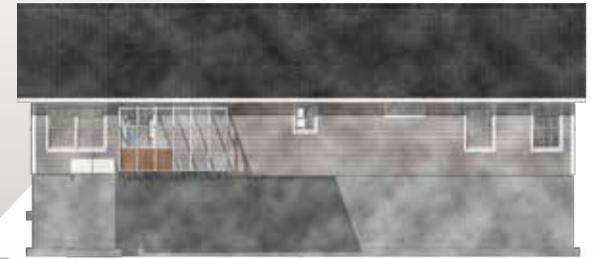
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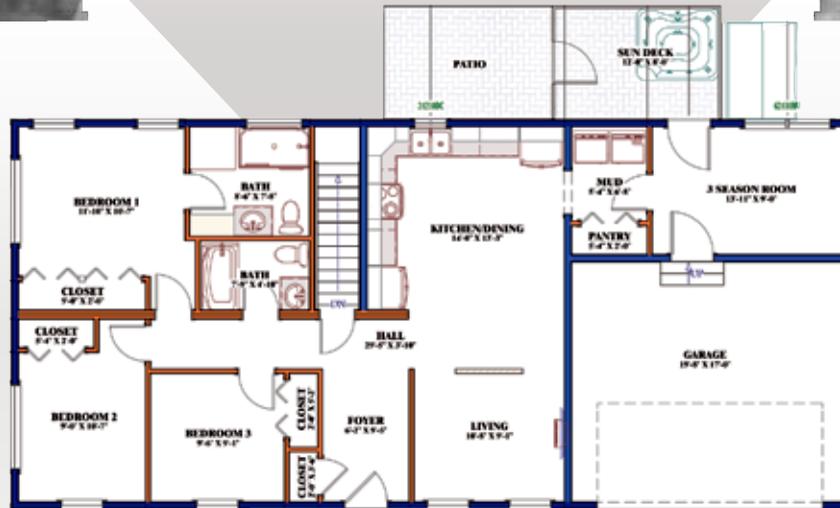
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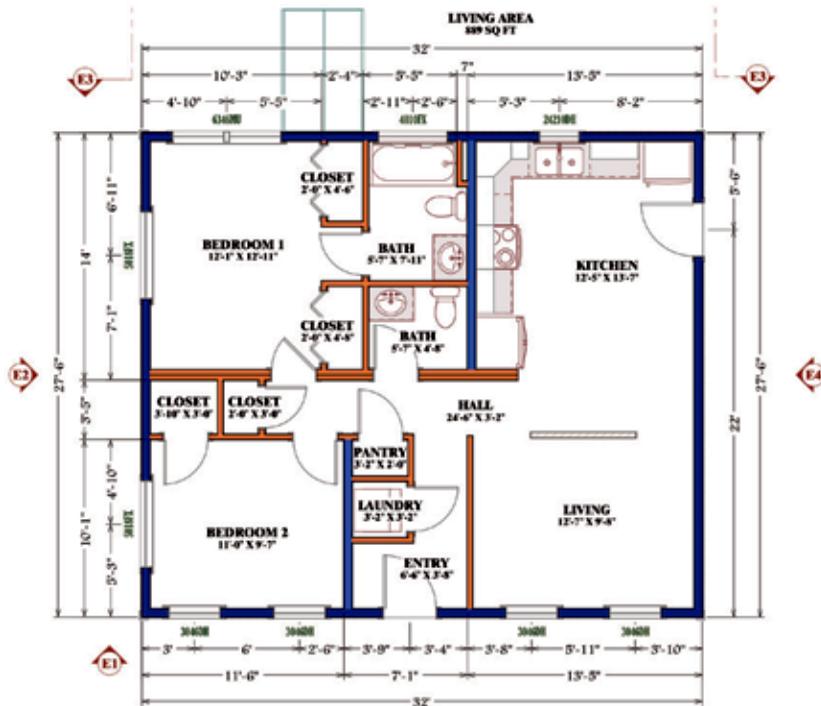


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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| <b>ANDOVER</b>                        |     |
| <b>Selectman (1)</b>                  |     |
| Mark Cowdrey.....                     | 189 |
| Jessica Bartee.....                   | 134 |
| <b>Budget Committee (1)</b>           |     |
| Karen Brule.....                      | 139 |
| Nancy Walsh-Robart.....               | 162 |
| <b>Cemetery Committee (1)</b>         |     |
| Lee Larvave.....                      | 72  |
| Cheryl Swenson.....                   | 238 |
| <b>ANTRIM</b>                         |     |
| <b>Selectman (1)</b>                  |     |
| Robert Edwards.....                   | 288 |
| Richard Smogg.....                    | 73  |
| <b>Treasurer (1)</b>                  |     |
| Diane Chauncey.....                   | 182 |
| Helene Newbold.....                   | 187 |
| <b>BRADFORD</b>                       |     |
| <b>Budget Committee (2)</b>           |     |
| Karen Hambleton.....                  | 241 |
| Taylor Matano.....                    | 169 |
| Rachel Sweetbrown.....                | 167 |
| <b>Selectman (2)</b>                  |     |
| Marlene Freyler.....                  | 63  |
| Dawn Geselman.....                    | 92  |
| Davin Pendleton.....                  | 227 |
| <b>Zoning Board (2)</b>               |     |
| Jim Varney.....                       | 180 |
| Nathanial Truss.....                  | 221 |
| Bob Kinder.....                       | 92  |
| Kaily Rockey.....                     | 124 |
| <b>BENNINGTON</b>                     |     |
| No Contested Races                    |     |
| <b>DEERING</b>                        |     |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                      |     |
| Jill Smith.....                       | 179 |
| Laura Marttinage.....                 | 173 |
| <b>DUNBARTON</b>                      |     |
| <b>Selectman (1)</b>                  |     |
| Charles Frost.....                    | 189 |
| Johathan Hammond.....                 | 83  |
| <b>FRANCESTOWN</b>                    |     |
| No Contested Races                    |     |
| <b>GREENFIELD</b>                     |     |
| <b>Library Trustee (1)</b>            |     |
| Wendy Durrett.....                    | 174 |
| Jep Streit.....                       | 59  |
| <b>HANCOCK</b>                        |     |
| Patricia MacFarlane.....              | 202 |
| Mathew Simmons.....                   | 161 |
| <b>HOPKINTON</b>                      |     |
| No Contested Races                    |     |
| <b>HENNIKER</b>                       |     |
| <b>Selectman (2)</b>                  |     |
| Mike Barnard.....                     | 202 |
| Neil Martin.....                      | 343 |
| Jeff Morse.....                       | 393 |
| <b>Selectman (1)</b>                  |     |
| Stephen Dennis.....                   | 265 |
| Michael Tucker.....                   | 319 |
| <b>Trustee Of Trust Funds (1)</b>     |     |
| Heidi Aucoin.....                     | 240 |
| Rusty Gage.....                       | 365 |
| <b>Supervisor Of Checklist (1)</b>    |     |
| Albert Heinrich.....                  | 184 |
| Alison Mrohs.....                     | 312 |
| <b>HILLSBOROUGH</b>                   |     |
| <b>Zoning Board of Adjustment (2)</b> |     |
| Keith Cobbett.....                    | 502 |
| Frank Malinowski.....                 | 464 |
| John Seedy.....                       | 327 |
| <b>NEWBURY</b>                        |     |
| No Contested Races                    |     |
| <b>NEW BOSTON</b>                     |     |
| <b>Selectman (1)</b>                  |     |
| Howard Bailynson.....                 | 409 |
| Jeff Biron.....                       | 983 |
| <b>NEW LONDON</b>                     |     |
| <b>Moderator (1)</b>                  |     |
| Virginia Irwin.....                   | 312 |
| W. Michael Todd.....                  | 378 |
| <b>Trustee of Trust Funds (1)</b>     |     |
| Laurie Schive.....                    | 441 |
| Kevin Sullivan.....                   | 195 |
| <b>Library Trustee (2)</b>            |     |
| Donald Dogan.....                     | 246 |
| Joanne Palmisano.....                 | 511 |
| Steven Solomon.....                   | 394 |
| <b>SUNAPEE</b>                        |     |
| <b>Selectman (1)</b>                  |     |
| David Andrews.....                    | 347 |
| Patrick Fine.....                     | 220 |
| Cindy Spear.....                      | 212 |

## ★ ★ ★ ELECTION RESULTS ★ ★ ★

### Planning Board (2)

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Joseph Butler.....  | 524 |
| Debbie Somalis..... | 324 |
| Peter White.....    | 634 |

### Water & Sewer Commissioner (2)

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| David Borklund..... | 401 |
| Wayne Stoddard..... | 517 |
| Jimmy Williams..... | 375 |

### WARNER Selectman (1)

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Richard Bixby..... | 427 |
| Mark O'Neil.....   | 167 |

### Chandler Reservation

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Laura Colburn.....  | 130 |
| Gerald Courser..... | 410 |

### WASHINGTON

No Contested Races

### WINDSOR

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#### Selectman (1)

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Benson Goodwin.....   | 1020 |
| Fredrick Hippler..... | 1067 |

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|                      |     |
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| Cortland Manton..... | 424 |



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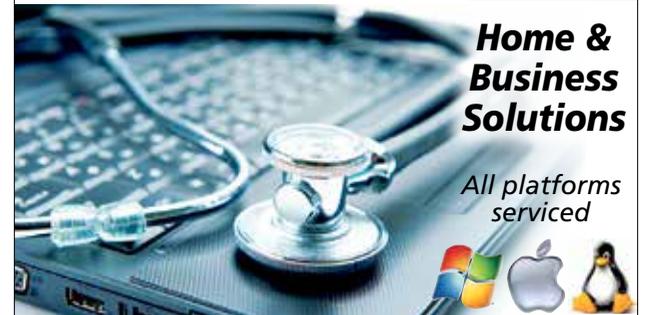
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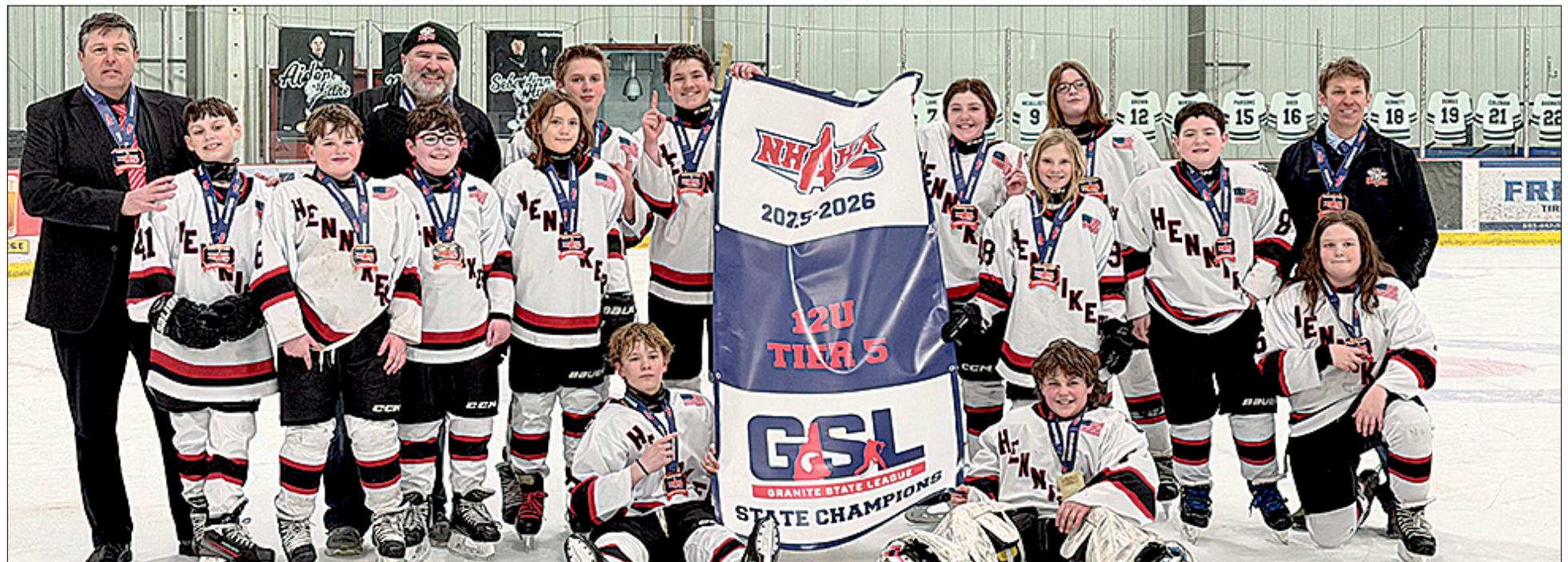
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Time honored Washington tradition ... The annual town meeting hammered out next year's budget in about six hours. Bob Hofstetter photo

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**Sports**



# Henniker Huskies Hockey Team wins State Championship

The Henniker Huskies 12U team captured the New Hampshire Amateur Hockey Association (NHAHA) 12U Tier 5 State Championship this past weekend, finishing

an impressive season on top of the Granite State League (GSL).

The Huskies, made up of players from Henniker,

Weare, Hillsboro-Deering, Antrim, Hopkinton, Warner, and several surrounding towns, posted a remarkable 12-1-1 record during the regular season, earning a second-place finish heading into the state tournament.

At States, the team elevated its game even further, going undefeated through the tournament and securing the championship with a hard-fought 3-2 victory in the title game.

The weekend showcased the team's depth, balanced scoring, strong defensive play, and outstanding goaltending. The title marks a proud moment not only for the players and families, but for the broader Henniker-area hockey community, highlighting the strength of small-town collaboration and community offering teams from Learn to Skate up to 18U within the Henniker Youth Hockey Association. For more information please visit: [www.HYHA.com](http://www.HYHA.com)

## Division III All-State Teams

The NH Basketball Coaches Organization has announced its Division III All-State Teams.

On the boys' side, Hopkinton's Ben Norman was named to the first team. Named to the second team was Hopkinton junior Jackson Westover. On the defensive team, Hopkinton senior Kyle Buelte made the cut.

For the women, Hopkinton forward Kristof Cauley and Kearsarge forward Bragen Kinzer were honorable mentions. Former Franklin player, junior guard Kourtney Kaplan was named to the first team as part of Prospect Mountain's squad. Hopkinton junior Lexi Korbet was named to the second team.

Honorable Mentions included Hopkinton senior Zoe Bishop and Kearsarge sophomore Madden Huff.

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**Sports**

# Hillsboro-Deering Winter Sports Awards

**Varsity Boys Basketball**

Hillcat Pride Award - Ryan Shortt  
I Can Do All Things Award - Chase Owen  
The Glove Award - Ethan Franklin

**JV Boys Basketball**

Offensive Player of the Year - Owen Boyle  
Defensive Player of the Year - Christopher Perrin

Coach's Award - Dillon Noiles

**Varsity Girls Basketball**

Coach's Award - Molly Smart  
Most Improved Player - Kennedy Horion

**Alpine Ski**

Girls Top Skier - Brie Proulx  
Boys Top Skier - Shayne Mills  
Wipeout Award - Brody Hoegen

**Bowling**

MVP - Gavin Ford  
Coaches Award - Megan Ferguson  
Most Improved - Connor Thompson

**Unified Basketball**

Catalyst - Gavin Ford  
Play #24 - Jayden Stevenson  
Life of the Party - Dominic Dame

**Winter Spirit**

Coach's BFF Award - Bailey Dillon

The Back Attack Award - Sophie Cuscia

Team Sweetie Award - Riley Beard  
• Congratulations to Mark Rood and Christian Rood for representing Hillsboro-Deering in the NHIAA D3 State Wrestling Tournament, competing with the HD-Hopkinton-John Stark Co-Op.

• Congratulations to Logan Willett for representing Hillsboro-Deering in the HD-Hopkinton-John Stark Co-Op Ice Hockey Team.

• Congratulations to Riley Beard, Victoria Brown, Nora Crawford, Sophie Cuscia, Bailey Dillon, and Lily Valley for representing HD at the D3 State Cheer Competition!

• Congratulations to Connor Thompson who competed in the individual bowling state tournament for all divisions. After the first qualifying round, Connor finished second overall where he bowled a personal best of 209. He won his first match in the head to head round but then



Hillsboro-Deering Winter Sports Award winners.

lost his next match, finishing in the top 8 of his flight.

• Congratulations to the Boys Basketball team for making the D3 NHIAA Playoffs for the first time in over a decade.

• Congratulations to Sky-la Auger, Katie Gipson, Alex Crowe, Ryan Shortt, and Jaime Cooper for making the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Organization All-Academic

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# Colby-Sawyer sophomore to compete in Alpin Junior World Ski Championships

When most Colby-Sawyer students will be heading out for spring break, Alicia Socia '28 will be in Norway preparing to compete in the 2026 FIS Alpine



Junior World Ski Championships. The crime and legal studies major will represent Peru in the giant slalom event Thursday, March 12, and the slalom event Saturday, March 14, at the Narvikfjellet ski resort above the Arctic Circle. "The Peru ski team has two of us, and I'm the only junior," she said, "So, it's just me representing the entire country."

Socia's mother was born in Peru, a South American coun-

try of about 34 million people, which includes Machu Picchu and a portion of the Amazon rainforest. Socia, who grew up in Albany, Vermont (population 976), will train for about a week in Norway before she and other 16- to 21-year-old elite skiers from approximately 60 countries race for a spot on the podium.

On race day, Socia keeps things simple. She talks with teammates and family, then warms up and surveys the course. "I ski better," she said, "when I'm reacting instead of trying to memorize everything."

For Socia, the 30 seconds in the gate prior to the start is the most stressful part of the race.

"There's a clock right in front of you. It counts down the seconds until you're allowed to go, and you're just standing there

waiting while you know the cameras are filming you from a few different angles," she said. "It's 30 seconds of pain. I close my eyes, take a deep breath, remind myself to have fun, and then I go." Once she's tripped the pin, Socia's nervousness vanishes. "It's pure instinct," she said. "It happens so fast that I don't really remember it afterwards."

This will be Socia's second time participating in the Junior World Ski Championships; in 2025, she placed 45th in the slalom in Tarvisio, Italy. While she wasn't thrilled with her times, Socia was proud that she completed the course; 56 competitors did not.

"It was the toughest course and longest course I've ever skied in my life," she said, referring to the ice, trenches and gate

placement. "I was just trying to finish. I thought, 'I need to get a finish for Peru, especially since my family in Peru is watching. And I really want to wave to the camera at the bottom so they can see me.'" This is Socia's first season at Colby-Sawyer with the women's alpine ski team. In fall 2025, she transferred from Colgate University, which didn't have a squad. Socia, who had trained at Burke Mountain Academy and Waterville Valley Academy throughout her youth, missed competitive skiing.

So, during her first year at Colgate, she began looking at colleges that had teams. Colby-Sawyer's small class sizes, its proximity to her family and its alpine ski program got her attention. And when Socia — who's interested in a law career and

wants to be a judge — found out about the crime and legal studies major, she knew she'd found the right place to continue her academic and athletic careers.

Socia learned to ski a year or two after she learned to walk. "I would go straight (down the mountain). I had no fear and would get away from my dad," she said. "He got one of those leashes they put on kids when they're learning how to ski to hold me back."

And in four years, Socia plans to compete on an even larger stage. "My long-term goal," she said, "is to go to the Olympics and represent Peru."

FIS Alpine YouTube will feature video highlights of races. Socia also plans to post from Norway on her Instagram account, @alicia.socia.

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### James "Jim" R. Kent, Jr.

Hillsboro - James "Jim" R. Kent, Jr., 75, died Friday January 9, 2026, at home in Hillsboro. He was born on August 15, 1950 in Norwood, MA, the son of the late James and Marion Kent. James was preceded in death by wife Jacqueline in 2011. Jim was happiest planning or taking one of his countless treks into the great outdoors. Whether in solitude or the company of loved ones, a hiking, fishing or camping trip was always a great way to spend the day.



### Clara Mae (Newhall) Searles

Bennington - Clara Mae (Newhall) Searles, 82, of Bennington, NH passed away peacefully February 28, 2026. She was born on October 6, 1943, in Henniker, NH to Laurence and Mae (Chamberlain) Newhall. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and foster mother to more than 60 foster children. She is lovingly remembered by her family, including her children: Wade Searles of Bennington, Richard Woodin of Antrim, Candi Michaels of Bennington, Pason Searles of Bennington, Dwayne Searles of Bennington, and Christopher Searles of Keene. She was the proud grandmother of six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sib-



lings: Carol Jean (Newhall) O'Brien of Greenfield, Cynthia (Newhall) Gould of Antrim, Lloyd "Bud" Newhall, Quebec, Canada. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 37 years, Lester "Beaver" Searles and her brother Charles "Chuck" Newhall. A graveside service will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers a donation may be made in her name to the National MS Society (<https://www.nationalmssociety.org>).

### Michael Joseph Murray

Goffstown - Michael Joseph Murray, 72, of Goffstown, N.H., passed away on March 3, 2026. Mike was born in Lynn, Mass., on June 10, 1953, to the late Michael and Mary Murray. He is survived by his wife, Joanne (Turini) Murray, with whom he shared 49 years of marriage. Mike was a dedicated husband, a jovial grandfather, and an omnipresent father to his four children, Kevin, Tim, Kate, and Mike. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Ann Murray, and was preceded in death by his brother, Jackie. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Clinton High School FIRST, a program dedicated to robotics education that Mike supported for many years as a coach and advisor. Clinton FIRST, c/o Dave Hilton, 200 West Boylston St., Clinton, MA 01510.

### Henry "Hank" W. Drury

Peterborough - Hank W. Drury, born in 1934 to Henry and Emily (Weiss) Drury. He passed away peacefully at home on March 3, 2026. Hank is survived by his wife Lilla Lyon, his daughter Emily Drury, of Harrisville; his son



and daughter-in-law Mark and Jackie Sibbles Drury, of Brooklyn, NY; his ex-wife Eleanor Drury of Harrisville, and many beloved nieces, nephews and their children. A celebration of Hank's life will be announced in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Hank's name to Home Healthcare Hospice & Community Services (HCS), Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (PPNNE), and the Hancock Town Library.

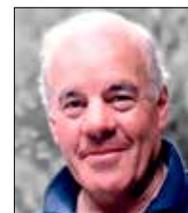
### Arthur D. Allison

Antrim - Arthur D. Allison, 91, a lifelong resident of Antrim, NH, passed away with his family by his side on Saturday, March 7, 2026. He was born on May 10, 1934, in Henniker, NH to parents Hedley and Evelyn (Austin) Allison. He is survived by his wife of 67 years Ann (Crowder) Allison of Antrim, NH who he met while serving in England; his son Dean Allison and his wife Carla of Santa Clarita, CA; his daughters Yvonne Gould and her husband Dwight of Hillsborough, NH, Yvette Brinkley of Antrim, NH; his grandchildren Justin Marin and his wife Arisa, Nathan Marin and his wife Cie, Sarah de Orlando and her husband Andrés, Cameron Marin, Rebekah Marin and her partner Benjamin Congdon, Christopher Brinkley, Colin Brinkley and his partner Michaela Griffin, Matthew Allison, and Andrew Allison; his great grandchildren Annabelle, Giovanna, Julian, Barrett, Zain, and Ziyah; as well as many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brothers Theodore Allison, Francis Allison, Robert Allison and his sister Leonna Bohannon. Family and friends are warmly welcomed to attend funeral service at the Antrim Baptist Church, 85 Main St Antrim, NH, on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 2:30 p.m., light refreshments to follow. A burial will held over the summer at the NH Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to the Antrim Town Ambulance at 82 Clinton Rd Antrim, NH 03440 or to the Antrim Bennington Food Pantry at P.O. Box 206, Antrim, NH 03440.



### Christopher Norris

New London - Christopher Chadwick Norris was born on March 18, 1939 and died on February 22, 2026. He grew up in Westwood, Massachusetts, the second of three sons of Guy Holden Norris and Lucy Sturgis Payne Codman. He leaves his wife Kathleen (Kit), brother Timothy, his beloved children Christopher (Toby) and Alisa Norris, Shanda and Andrew Holm, and Joshua and Susan Norris, and his magnificent grandchildren Benjamin Norris, Jamie Norris, Elliot Norris, Andrew Norris, Eleanor Holm, Claire Norris, Isaac Norris, and Georgia Holm. He also leaves Bronwen Shoard, who joined the family in 1981, and her children Ciaran, Ariana Shoard, and Ronan Shoard.



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- **"The State of Forest Health in New Hampshire,"** Kyle Lombard, Bill Davidson and Ryan Crandall, N.H. Forest Health Bureau, March 24.
- **"Winter Mammal Tracking in New Hampshire,"** Susi Spikol, Harris Center for Conservation Education, March 31.
- **"New Hampshire Forests – Past, Present and Future,"** 125 Years of Protecting New Hampshire Landscapes and Landmarks," Dave Anderson, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, April 7. Full descriptions of each lecture are available on the events section of the Forest Society's website, [forestsociety.org/events](http://forestsociety.org/events). No cost to attend, walk-ins are welcome, registration is appreciated.

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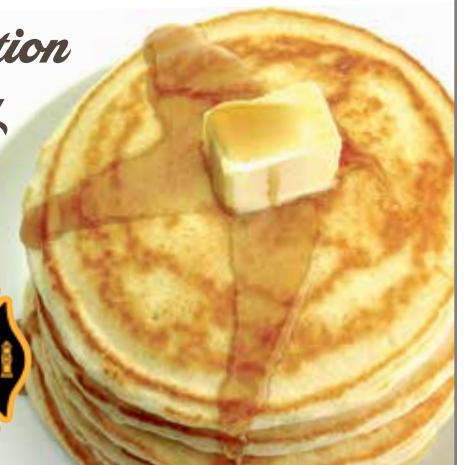
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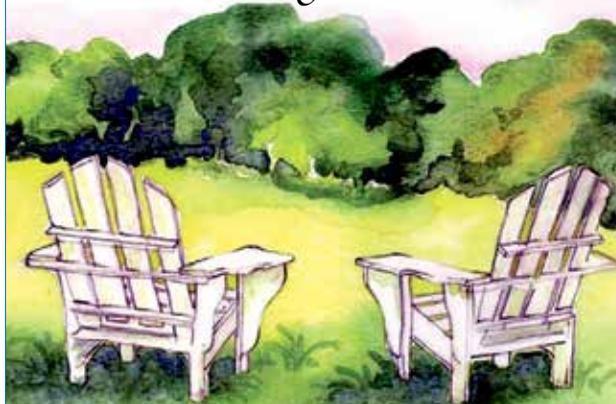
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**PUBLIC NOTICE EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT**

**2026 Loan/Bond Hearing & Budget Review March 26, 2026 @ 6:30 PM**

Emerald Lake Village District will hold a Loan/Bond & Budget Hearing on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Emerald Lake Village District office, 147 W. Main St. Hillsboro NH. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Meetinghouse Water Treatment funding in the amount of \$90,000 grant from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (DWGTF) and \$210,000 loan from the DWGTF. Additionally, to discuss Residential Metering funding in the amount of a \$1,450,000 loan from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) with up to 30% loan forgiveness. Additionally a review of the 2026 Budget & proposed warrant articles will be reviewed.

**TOWN OF HENNIKER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**MARCH 25, 2026 - 6:00 PM**

The Town of Henniker Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 25, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Henniker Town Hall, 18 Depot Hill Rd**, to discuss the following:

**Case 2026:01:** Proposed subdivision of a 13.7 +/- acre property into two lots; an existing house will remain on one of the lots. Applicant/owner Lou Schuller, Map 6 Lot 293-F, 100 French Road, Zoned RR.

**Case 2026:02:** Proposed subdivision of an existing 39.7-acre property occupied by one single family home into two lots (25.7 & 14 acres); the vacant lot will have access from Plummer Hill Road. Map 12 Lot 612-B15, Owner: Grieder Family Revocable Trust, Applicant: Warden, Nina & Taylor, Agent: Keach-Nordstrom Associates.

Copies of all materials are available for review on the Town of Henniker's website, March 25, 2026, Planning Board meeting link as well as in person at Town Hall.

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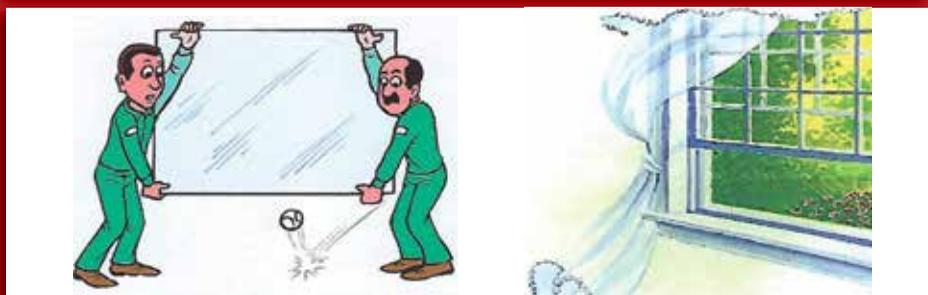
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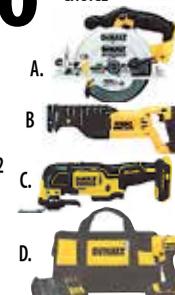
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