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Kearsarge Student of the Month



Kearsarge Regional High School has named Alexis Shaughnessy, of the Class of 2028, as the December 2025 Student of the Month. Alexis was chosen from

a pool of nominated students in recognition of her strong moral character, leadership, and commitment to excellence. A resident of Bradford, Alexis participates in soccer, indoor track and field, and softball, and serves as a Chapter Leader in the school's Best Buddies program.

New Ledyard Bank VP



Ledyard Wealth Management has announced the appointment of Karissa McDonough, CFA, as Chief Investment Officer and Senior Vice

President, effective March 30, 2026. She succeeds Doug Phillips, who will transition to the role of Chief Investment Officer Emeritus, remaining actively involved with the firm's Investment Strategy Team for another year and continuing to work with clients.

This week in history

APRIL 17, 1961

United States authorizes Bay of Pigs invasion

APRIL 18, 1956

Grace Kelly Maries Prince Rainier

APRIL 19, 1897

First Boston Marathon is held

APRIL 20, 1902

Marie and Pierre Curie isolate radium

APRIL 21, 1918

Germany's Red Baron is killed in action

APRIL 22, 1970

First Earth Day is celebrated

APRIL 23, 1984

Scientists identify AIDS virus as HTLV-III



On April 1st, the Henniker PD received a call for a large truck that slid off the road, causing substantial damage to the shoulder of Line Hill Rd. Officer Ramsdell responded, and based on his training and experience, recognized this type of truck to weigh close to 6 tons empty, which is the town's weight limit on most roads, including Line Hill Rd. The truck also appeared to be overloaded, and the operator did not have a commercial driver's license. Out of caution and suspicion, Officer Ramsdell contacted State Police Troop G to conduct a commercial inspection on the vehicle. The trooper found the operator to be in violation of nine state laws and issued citations, including one for the vehicle being about 22,000 pounds over the road's weight limit.

Mutual Aid assists fighting Newport brush fire

On April 12th, emergency crews responded to a reported brush fire in the area of Sand Hill Road and the Croydon Town Line. Upon arrival, units encountered a rapidly spreading fire driven by dry conditions and gusty winds. Due to the active fire behavior, the incident was

quickly upgraded to a first alarm and subsequently a second alarm.

Newport fire personnel arrived promptly and initiated suppression efforts while mutual aid agencies were being dispatched. What began as a small fire escalated quickly under the weather

conditions, but through coordinated efforts by all responding crews, the fire was contained and brought under control. No injuries were reported.

Mutual Aid agencies responding included: Claremont, Newbury, New London, Sunapee and Washington.

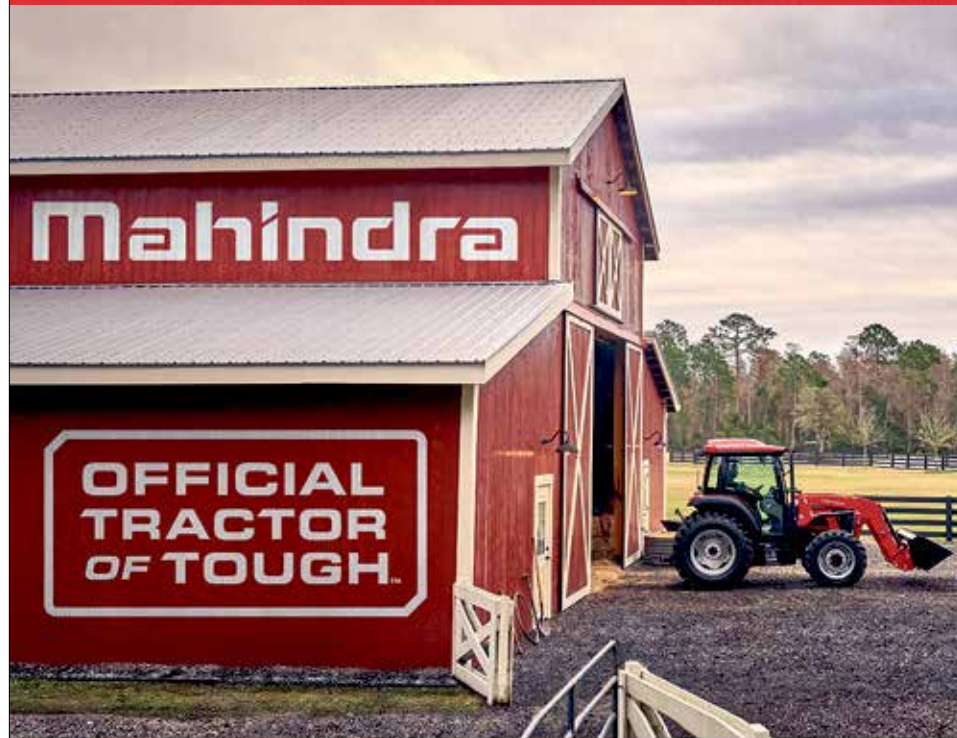
Family dog perishes in Weare house fire - occupants safe

A fire in Weare on Monday evening damaged a house on Hemlock Drive and killed a family dog. No people were injured. According to Weare Fire Rescue,

the blaze was called in to 911 at 5:36 p.m. First responders were told all the residents were safe outside but the dog was missing. Firefighters quickly knocked down the

bulk of the fire at the home, located at the end of a short cul-de-sac, but a second alarm was called due to its intensity. Other departments provided backup.

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

April 18, 2025

Hillsborough man convicted of having child sexual images
Newport Superintendent of Schools resigns
Police called to quell Deering Town Hall temper tantrum
Duncan-Jenkins Trust funds \$164,000 in Teacher Enrichment Grants

April 12, 2024

Newbury Town Administrator on administrative leave
Goffstown woman pleads guilty to transporting body part
New London hires consultants for Police Station Advisory Committee
Antrim Fire Department auctioning off used fire truck

April 23, 2023

Henniker man arrested for death threats at Hillsboro-Deering
Fantastic community response to Greenfield family in need
John Stark students participate in Model UN Conference
NEC moving NH Institute of Art classes to Henniker campus

April 22, 2022

Hillsborough brothers save man's life
Peterborough man crashes motorcycle after long pursuit
Center Woods Elementary students study engineering
Henniker Select Board reopens Transfer Station for brush

April 23, 2021

Goffstown woman murders her mother
Weare Select Board will not appoint Lori Davis
Select Board opposed purchase of Stahlman Bldg
H-D Schools to begin project AWARE

April 24, 2020

New London Select Board discusses cost reductions
Kearsarge Regional High School hires new Principal
McCandlish & Goldberg critical of Bradford Board
Hopkinton Rotary Club benefits the Food Pantry

May 3, 2019

Parzick Asst. Principal at Henniker Community School
Charette hopes to revitalize downtown Hillsborough
New London couple donates in-quad kennel
Peterborough's Riverwalk parking lot opens this week

May 4, 2018

Weare woman charged with robbery and assault
Nine White Birch staff members awarded credentials
Bomb scare evacuated Hillsboro-Deering High School
H-D DECA shines in International competition

May 5, 2017

Four Belmont teachers caught drinking
Antrim man indicted for sexual assault & kidnapping
Hillsboro man and his Epsom son in critical condition
Downtown Franklin to receive major facelift soon

April 29, 2016

Bow man indicted after fatal crash
New playground at Franklin's Paul Smith Elementary
Weare Police Department has only one operable cruiser
Friends of Goffstown Rail Trail contribute to project

No criminal charges to be filed against Warner Town Administrator

The Merrimack County Attorney has announced that he has declined to prosecute Warner Town Administrator Kathleen Frenette and Selectman Michael Smith, who were accused of disseminating private information of town welfare recipients.

Frenette was placed on paid administrative leave on July 31 after Select Board Chair Harry

Seidel and an assessing department clerk made a complaint to Warner police. Assistant County Attorney Thomas Palermo sent a letter to the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office nearly eight months later, on March 20, outlining the lack of criminal charges.

Palermo determined that private information had been

included in emailed documents, but in both cases, Frenette was trying to secure aid for those individuals. Due to exceptions in

the law that allow such information to be shared, he decided that neither case could be proved without a reasonable doubt.

Weeks after Palermo's letter was sent, Frenette has not heard from from the Select Board about returning to her duties.



Warner Town Hall.



Students and staff at Simonds School have been working on their 1 school/1 book theme, reading *Flora* and *Ulysses* as well as tracking minutes read for their annual Read-A-Thon.

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On The Road Again



New Boston Highway Manager Benji Knapp reviewed the 2026 paving bid with the Select Board. The bid timeline opened on March 20, 2026, with a deadline of April 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Eight companies that perform most of the paving work for NH municipalities and the State DOT were invited to bid. Each vendor was emailed a bid request, and the bid request was posted online. There were five bidders. The lowest two bidders were Advanced Excavating & Paving and R&D Paving. Knapp stated that he has had the best experience with R&D Paving in the past. The Board approved the bid from R&D Paving in the amount of \$370,779.75.



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The Henniker Select Board approved Highway Superintendent Leo Aucoin's requests to award bids to Henniker Crushed Stone for crushed gravel, Milton Cat for a new tractor, and Field Works for highway mowing.

Weare man charged with “Reckless Conduct With a Deadly Weapon”

A Weare man took the stand in his own defense Tuesday afternoon on a charge of firing a “bird gun” at the car of a man who was lost on his property in October 2024.

Michael Durgin, 68, faces a felony charge of reckless conduct with a deadly weapon for placing another man “in danger of serious bodily injury by discharging the gun” at a vehicle operated by a 25-year-old Massachusetts man, identified as X.G. The man ended up at the wrong address after making arrangements to pick up a car part, police said.

Durgin’s wife, Diane, also faces criminal charges and civil rights violations for allegedly telling a 911 operator she fired two shots at the lost man’s car because “the guy is Black.”

On Oct. 20, 2024, X.G. drove to Weare to complete the purchase of a car part he had prearranged with a seller online. He mistakenly pulled into the driveway of Durgin’s home around 6 a.m. on Colby Road,

according to a civil complaint.

Durgin testified he was awakened by his wife, who had screamed someone was on their 50-acre property at 356 Colby Road in Weare. It was still dark outside, Durgin said.

As he tried to find out what was going on, Durgin’s wife, Diane, was nowhere to be found. Doors to both a mud room and the outdoors were open. Durgin, who is hard of hearing, did not have his hearing aids in.

Durgin told the jury of nine women and five men he heard his wife screaming in a scared way and heard gunshots. He said he grabbed a 12-gauge pump action shotgun with birdshot ammunition he uses for skeet shooting and duck hunting that he keeps in the garage.

“I wasn’t going out there without my gun,” Durgin said. “I grabbed my gun and I started to walk out to investigate.”

The trial, which started Monday, is being presided over by Judge David Anderson in

Hillsborough County Superior Court in Manchester. Closing arguments were expected Wednesday morning.

While it later became known to Durgin that his wife was responsible for the gunshots, he said he had no idea in the moment what was going on.

Diane Durgin exited her home with a gun holstered to her waist and approached X.G. all while calling him a “Black (expletive) and threatening to kill him,” according to the civil complaint. Diane Durgin was indicted on first-degree assault with a firearm, criminal threatening and reckless conduct (deadly weapon).

Durgin said he was walking out of his home’s garage when he heard the car driven by X.G. revving up. He said he did not know who shot the rounds or if the vehicle had his wife in it. He thought the car was going to leave. “I shot at it because I was trying to disable it by shooting at the right rear tire,” Durgin said.

“I didn’t want to hit anybody in the car because I didn’t know if my wife was in the car. I was trying to stop whoever was there, so that I could find out if my wife had been hurt or if my wife was in the car or what was going on.”

Diane Durgin later walked up beside him.

Michael Durgin said he didn’t need to take any more shots because he knew his wife was safe.

“I asked her why she shot, and she said, ‘Because he tried to run me over,’” Durgin said.

The car later got stuck on a rock on the property, and the driver ran to Colby Road to call police. Prosecutor Mark Ryder of the Hillsborough County Attorney’s Office pointed out that all the windows in the car were down and the shot appeared to hit a window.

Durgin testified that he was aiming for a wheel as the car sped by but said it was likely the shot was higher because he pulled the trigger too quickly.

Cross-examination turned

feisty when Ryder pointed out the shot appeared to hit the rear window and with no evidence of the shot near the wheel.

“Why did you shoot at (X.G.)?” Ryder asked. “I thought my wife’s life was in danger in that car,” Durgin said.

“So you shot at the car that you thought your wife might be in. You don’t think that is reckless?” Ryder said. “Not at all,” Durgin said. Diane Durgin, 67, is claiming self-defense for criminal charges she is facing in the same incident.

She claims X.G. was lurking around heavy equipment on the property and their barn without permission.

X.G. told police he tried to explain why he was on the property after getting lost and stated that Diane Durgin “stuffed a gun in his face.” She then fired at his car, according to the complaint. X.G. says he remained in his car the entire time. The civil rights proceedings are on hold as the criminal case proceeds.



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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Many children live in homes with unused prescription drugs and expired medications, a new national poll suggests. Nearly half of parents say they have leftover prescription medication at home, according to the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health at University of Michigan Health. Four in five parents say they have disposed of over-the-counter medicine past the expiration date. Less than half of parents believe that over-the-counter medicine is less effective past its expiration date, while one in five parents think it's unsafe.

People with rheumatoid arthritis have a greater than average risk of cardiovascular disease, but a new study published in the *Annals of Rheumatic Diseases* suggests that drugs commonly used to reduce joint inflammation in patients also reduce that risk. Recent clinical trials have shown that immunomodulators—drugs that decrease inflammation—significantly reduce heart attacks, strokes, and other cardiovascular events in people with cardiovascular disease. More than 1.3 million adults in the United States have rheumatoid arthritis, a chronic autoimmune and inflammatory disease that causes painful joint swelling. They have a 50% higher risk of heart disease than the average person. Methotrexate is the first treatment choice for patients with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, but most RA patients will go on a tumor necrosis factor inhibitor (TNFi) or triple therapy (methotrexate plus sulfasalazine and hydroxychloroquine) at some point. In the new study, adults with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis despite treatment with methotrexate were randomized to add a TNFi—either adalimumab (Humira) or etanercept (Enbrel)—or to go on triple therapy. After six months, both groups had similar reductions in arterial inflammation, a proxy for heart disease risk, and RA disease activity.

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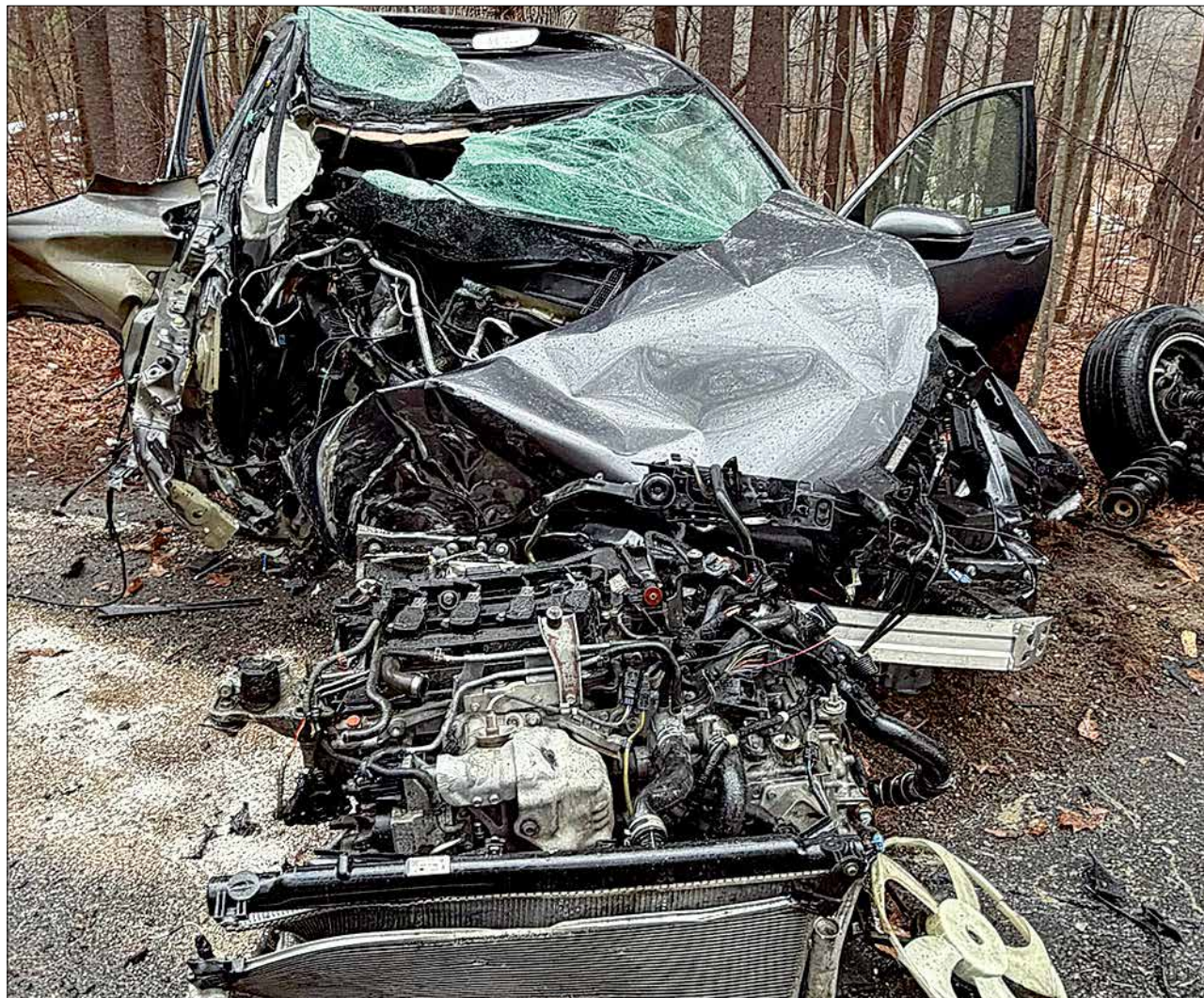
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The driver in a March 22 crash at Route 136 and Bible Hill Road in Frankestown has been identified as Jonathan Whittum of Manchester. Whittum, who was not seriously injured in the crash, is being charged with driving under the influence and aggravated DUI.

Center for Wildlife Studies prepares next generation of wildlife professionals

Colby-Sawyer College is launching a wildlife ecology, conservation & management track so students can earn industry-recognized credentials and have careers that center nature and animals — from black bears in New England to bald eagles in Alaska. Beginning in fall 2026, the college will partner with the Center for Wildlife Studies (CWS) to teach courses in the track, which has been approved by the New England Commission of Higher Education.

Colby-Sawyer President Dean McCurdy, a former wildlife biologist, is eager to team with the Center for Wildlife Studies, which envisions a world in which science and conservation tools are widely accessible to empower people to solve environmental problems.

“This collaboration will deepen our students’ knowledge through innovative and immersive hands-on experiences, which is the No. 1 goal in our new strategic plan,” said McCurdy, an ecologist who holds a Ph.D. in biology.

“This track invites our students to examine ecosystems, engage with experts in a variety of wildlife conservation fields and develop skills for rewarding and important careers.”

Founded in Camden, Maine, the nonprofit

Center for Wildlife Studies delivers education, conducts scientific research and encourages stewardship in support of wildlife conservation.

“We are excited to partner with Colby-Sawyer College because we share a commitment to preparing the next generation of wildlife professionals,” said Jack Hopkins, president and CEO of the Center for Wildlife Studies and an associate professor of wildlife ecology.

Courses cover topics from sea turtles, bats and sharks to plant identification, conservation planning, ecological statistics and modeling, wildlife capture techniques and public science engagement using social media.

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 **Around Our Towns**



New England College welcomed Tom Raffio, President and CEO of Northeast Delta Dental to campus as the featured speaker for their President's Speaker Series and also spent time engaging with the NEC Business Club. Tom's generous \$50,000 gift to NEC will support the naming of the Sports Medicine Bullpen Office in recognition of Northeast Delta Dental.



Richard O'Connell and Michael Connolly from the St Mary Council of the Knights of Columbus presented a check for \$1,926 to Stephen Croke of the Concord chapter of Family Promise, working to provide shelter and housing to young families. Rev Marcel Martel, chaplain, looks on.



Hopkinton Rotary welcomed its newest member, Cory Harris to the club.

Webster man pleads guilty to planting two Weare pipe bombs



Dale Stewart

A Webster man pleaded guilty in federal court to charges in connection with two pipe bombs that exploded in Weare in April 2023.

Dale Stewart, 57, detonated the two pipe bombs on Dustin Tavern Road and Sugar Hill

Road in Weare on the evening of April 26 and morning of April 27, 2023, according to the plea agreement.

In all, Stewart pleaded guilty to three counts of possessing an unregistered firearm, specifically a destructive device, according to a news release.

As part of the investigation into the detonation, law enforcement agents located and searched Stewart's vehicle on South Stark Highway in Weare, "where they recovered an undet-

onated pipe bomb, constructed of white PVC pipe, with glued end caps, wrapped in black electrical tape with a green hobby fuse protruding from one of the end caps," the news release said.

"The undetonated pipe bomb

contained more than 4 ounces of an explosive material, consistent with the manufacturing of the two pipe bombs that Stewart had detonated earlier. During police questioning, Stewart indicated he built these destructive

devices at his home in Webster," the news release said.

Stewart is set to be sentenced on July 30. The charges carry a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison, and a fine of up to \$10,000.



Bar Harbor Bank & Trust made a \$500 donation to End 68 Hours of Hunger at H-D. This helps provide meals to children in our community who might otherwise go without over the weekend.



The Hillsboro-Deering Support Staff, Local #6219, picked up 39 bags of trash on the 2 mile stretch of road where the on/off ramps are at the end of Henniker Street. It was the kick off of this year's "Adopt A Highway" program. Members active in the event included Kia, Rhett, Nicole, Nichole, Hailey, Stacey, Andee, Wanda, Kelly L., Amy, Dave & Kelly D.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear editor:

Do you remember Warrant Article 22 on the school ballot?

“Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 195:14-a, I, as an alternative to the apportionment of operating costs set forth in RSA 195:14, and require that 100% of the state adequate education grant amount received in a given year be applied to the operating costs of the cooperative school district before the apportionment of remaining cooperative school district operating costs.”

If you had trouble understanding what that meant, you weren't the only one. That one question had a very real dollar impact on Hillsborough taxpayers.

At the March 16th School Board meeting, Superintendent Crawford shared information that she received from Mark Manganiello, of the NH Department of Education. He told her that if this formula had been used this year, “there would have been about a \$750,000 swing in the tax burden from one community to another. So that would have meant Hillsborough's taxes would have been about \$750,000 higher, and Deering's would have been \$750,000 lower.” Superintendent Crawford reported that she believes this decision is going to create some real sticker shock when tax bills come out next year.

Even knowing this would increase Hillsborough's taxes, I was still surprised by the amount reported. I wonder how many voters fully understood what this article would do. And how many voted based on broader concerns, such as Deering's effort to withdraw from the cooperative, rather than the actual tax impact?

Here is what the numbers look like for that article.

With our current tax rate and town valuation, that \$750,000 shift adds approximately \$0.73 per thousand of assessed value to Hillsborough property owners. For a median home worth \$335,000, that is \$244 more per year on your tax bill, from just this one vote alone.

So, what might have happened if Article #22 had not passed? While keeping all other factors of the vote unchanged, school taxes were projected to decrease by about \$0.59 per thousand. For the same \$335,000 home, that would have been a savings of approximately \$199 per year

On the positive side, the Superintendent reported the school district is planning to leave a year-end surplus to offset the \$750,000. I genuinely appreciate that. However, I also think it's worth pointing out what that surplus tells us. If the district can absorb a \$750,000 shift and still finish the year without cutting anything, what does that say about how tightly the budget was built in the first place? This is something I have raised before, and this situation makes that hard to ignore.

We still have one task left to revisit. Article #7, the Teachers Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) did not pass in March, and there will be a special election, most likely in July, to vote on it again. If it passes, that adds \$211,651 to the budget, which works out to an additional \$0.21 per thousand, or about \$69 per year for a \$335,000 home.

When you add these pieces together, it shows us that rising property taxes are not driven by a single factor. They are the result of cumulative decisions, each with a

real and measurable cost.

We hear all the time; the State is not paying its fair share when it comes to school funding. Sure, that's worth discussing. But we need to take a closer look at our own decisions. Hillsborough voters just approved shifting roughly \$750,000 of their own state adequacy aid funding over to Deering's taxpayers. And it most likely happened because a complicated warrant article was put in front of voters without a clear explanation of the tax impact.

With the passing of Article 21, the voters will have the much-needed transparency at the next election about what these votes actually mean in dollars and cents.

When the Teachers CBA comes back up for vote this summer, please take a close look at the numbers before you vote. More importantly, please show up to vote.

**Representative Riché Colcombe,
Hillsborough**

To The Editor:

I want to make two comments on affordability these days. For the many whiners complaining about the cost of gas, would you prefer an ideologically lunatic Iranian theocratic regime to have nuclear weapons that follow-on generations would have to deal with or someone that finally had the guts to do something about it even if it meant a temporary rise in gas price?

And here's a very pleasant surprise for me as a senior. I sent my tax return to the IRS on January 27th, the first day you could. My tax refund took longer than I expected, and I was beginning to think I screwed up on my tax form and would be getting a letter to that effect from the IRS. Yes, we have a history.

Well, my refund finally came in and to my surprise it was over \$500 more than what I had calculated. So, what caused the increase? It was Trump's Big, Beautiful Bill and “no tax on social security”.

As Trump said, “Promises made-promises given”

Thank you POTUS,

Mike Kenney, Hillsborough

Dear Editor,

I'd like to discuss an expanding trend I've been noticing at the federal, state, and even local levels: attacking government officials by accusing them, without evidence, of wrongdoing.

I've observed this tactic at the local level, both while serving as an appointed town official and as an audience member, during Select Board meetings, Town meetings, local board and committee meetings, and online. Most often, it takes the form of one individual (or sometimes a small group) claiming so-called malfeasance by government officials. This “malfeasance” could be as simple as not posting meeting minutes correctly or as large as financial fraud, often submitted with either spurious evidence or no evidence at all. Observers might then hear these accusations and come to believe (based on the vague nature of the allegations and the speaker's impassioned tone) that major crimes are being committed in a town.

However, upon closer inspection, the so-called ►

Letters to the Editor continued

“malfeasance” more often involves procedural recommendations, errors that are easily corrected, or a baseless claim. When faced with these realities, the accusers tend not to follow up, but to instead move on to their next unsubstantiated attack.

This tactic echoes widely publicized attacks at the federal level that are equally groundless. Consider, for example, President Trump’s accusations of widespread voter fraud, and that large numbers of people are voting illegally to skew election results: Trump, as with so many of his statements, never provides evidence for these claims. Here in New Hampshire, we’ve seen accusations of voter fraud as well, as when then-Governor Chris Sununu falsely claimed in 2016 that busloads of Massachusetts residents came to NH to vote. However, as even the conservative Heritage Foundation (publisher of Project 2025) has reported, between 1982 and 2025, NH had only 29 cases of voter fraud—less than one per year.

New Hampshire saw more recent state-level accusations back in August, when Republican House Deputy Majority Leader Joe Sweeney initiated impeachment proceedings against Executive Councilor Karen Liot Hill, the highest-ranking Democrat in state government. The accusations involved so-called “electioneering” in some of Hill’s emails. However, the accusation was without merit: the NH Attorney General found that Hill hadn’t committed any wrongdoing, and the impeachment inquiry was dropped.

When I hear accusations like these in any level of government, I stop and ask myself several questions: Has the accusation been verified? Does it indicate genuine wrongdoing? Is there evidence to support it? Importantly, does the accuser include a potential solution? Or, is the accuser using the accusation to further their own agenda, such as sowing distrust in our political system?

To be clear: wrongdoing can and does occur at every level of government, and it must be dealt with using a thorough, transparent process independent of political accusations. We have a judicial system, investigators at the federal, state, and county levels, and even local police to deal with such matters. However, if no wrongdoing has been committed, the public must step up and challenge the accusations.

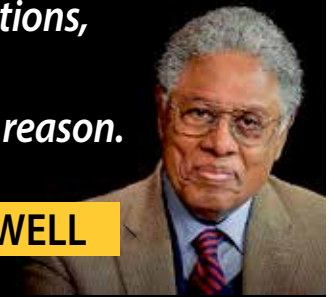
We don’t have to go too far back in history to learn what damage can occur when our political process falls under attack. It happened in the 1950s when Senator McCarthy falsely claimed that our government had been infiltrated by communists, and it happened again with Trump’s false claims that the 2020 election was stolen, which culminated in the January 6, 2021 attack on the US Capitol.

It is again time for the silent majority to challenge baseless accusations about nonexistent problems. Ending our silence can start by going to meetings, speaking up, and supporting our local government officials when they take constructive and appropriate actions. We also

need to challenge false accusations and share facts that clarify what really happened. Doing so will help protect our political processes both now and as we move forward into the future.

Ian Rogers, Warner

One of the painful signs of years of dumbed-down education is how many people are unable to make a coherent argument. They can vent their emotions, question other people’s motives, make bold assertions, repeat slogans - anything except reason.



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Sports



On Tuesday, April 7, the top NHIAA Division III senior student-athletes were honored as the New Hampshire Athletic Directors' Association celebrated the 2025-26 Scholar-Athlete Award recipients. Newport athletes recognized included: (L to R): Zoey Lord, Callie Dixon, Aidan Couitt, Connor Clark and athletic director, Jeff Miller.



Dunbarton 3rd and 4th grade Eagles who competed in the 43rd Annual Karps Klassic Tournament include: #2 Rowan Weeks - Jim Weschler Award (Sportsmanship) #3 Gabe Audet - All Tournament Team #4 Carter Manning - All Tournament Team #12 Avery Flythe #20 Lucas Barcroft #22 Ryan Crowley #24 Kolton Mello #42 Owen Cutting - All Tournament Team.



The Boy Scouts of Troop 2 refreshed their first aid training at last week's meeting, something they try to do on a regular basis, and is part of their rank advancement, and helps the boys to BE PREPARED!

Hometown Heroes



On Friday April 10th Antrim Fire was at a roadside brush fire. The fire, covering an area of approximately 60'x35' feet, was contained and extinguished. Fuels are drying out fast with spring time temperatures and can ignite easily. Please be careful with smoking materials and all outside fires.



New Boston Firefighters trained with the New Hampshire Fire Academy's training simulator.



Lt. Hale, Sgt. Bell and Detective Poirier attended New England College's annual criminal justice job fair. River, the Franklin Police Comfort Dog, attended and was the star of the show.



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In Service To Others



NH Secretary of State David Scanlan stopped by the White Birch Center in Henniker to discuss New Hampshire elections, civic engagement, and the office's other initiatives.



Two new inductees, Christie and David, joined the Antrim/Bennington Lions Club.



The Henniker Lions Club craft committee held two fun workshops. The committee offered Rush Square residence a beading class. They also hosted a bird gourd workshop at the Tucker Free Library.

Project Linus hosts “Make a Blanket Day” set for Saturday April 18th

The Annual Project Linus Make a Blanket Day will be held April 18th at the First Congregational Church, 6 Payson Hill Road in Rindge, sponsored by the church’s Charity Crafters group.

The mission of the national non-profit Project Linus organization is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children from birth through teenagers who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade, washable blankets and afghans, lovingly crafted by volunteer blanketeers.

On the day of the event attendees will be making single-layer polar fleece blankets, all to be donated to Project Linus. Demonstrations on how to make crocheted-edge, braided

or fringed-edge blankets will be available throughout the day. Bring your own materials (1 1/2 to 2 yards fleece) or for a donation, pieces of polar fleece will be available. Please bring SHARP scissors for cutting. No sewing skills are required. Come join the fun, learn what Project Linus is all about and how you can get involved.

Make a Blanket Day starts at 10:00 a.m. and runs until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided, come for the whole day or any part of it. Win a free door prize. This is also a great opportunity to bring blankets already completed. All are welcome, bring a friend.

The Southwest NH Chapter of Project Linus, serving the Monadnock Region, including Cheshire, Hillsborough, Mer-

rimack, and Sullivan counties, has delivered over 57,000 handmade blankets since 2007 to children both locally and beyond, including Monadnock Community Hospital, Cheshire Medical Center, area Head Start programs, Concord, Keene, Nashua and Claremont Division of Children, Youth and Families offices, Feeding Tiny Tummies, Friends of Forgotten Children, The Grapevine Community Center in Antrim, Concord Hospital, Elliot Pediatrics in Manchester, Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD) in Lebanon, Rise for Babies in Keene, Child Advocacy Centers for Hillsborough and Merrimack counties, Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapter in Hillsborough county, Childhood Cancer Lifeline of NH and The Pass Along Project for children

going into foster care.

For more information, please contact Robyn Manley at 603-588-2427 or robynprojectlinus@gmail.com.

To learn more about Project Linus visit the chapter facebook page Project Linus Southwest NH Chapter, or visit the national website <https://projectlinus.org/>



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A tremendous turn out at the Andover Fire District meeting. The election results are as follows: 3 year Fire Commissioner Rene Lefebvre, 1 year Fire Commissioner John McDonald, Moderator Mark Stetson, Auditor Greg Stetson.



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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Miles Jonathan Carter



Hillsborough - Miles Jonathan Carter, 65, passed away on April 9, 2026 at home with his family after a six year battle with prostate cancer. Miles was born February 18, 1961, the third child and second son of Helen (Greene) and Wallace F. Carter of Hillsboro. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 47 years, MaryRose (Rogers) Carter, his daughters Meghan Faith Carter, Serah Lynn Carter, Rachel Davison (Keegan), and his granddaughter, Laurel Rose Davison of Hillsboro. He is further survived by his sister Wanda of Hillsboro, brother Wallace Jr. of Washington, several nieces, nephews, and cousins, as well as a lifetime of close friends from school and work years. He is predeceased by his parents, brother Nathan, brother-in-law Martin Robie, and his best friend, Robert Beard. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the education fund Miles set up for his granddaughter with Edwards Jones, P.O. Box 77, Hillsboro, NH 0324. A celebration of life will be planned by the family for a later date.

Melita Ethyl Vonier

Naples, FL - Melita Ethyl Vonier passed away peacefully on March 27, 2026, in Naples, Florida at the age of 95, with her loving husband of over 73 years at her bedside. The oldest of three children, she was born to Roswell and Doris Whitcomb and raised in Hillsborough. Melita is survived by her husband, William Vonier, who is 97, brother Lee Whitcomb, her children, Claudia Jackson, Scott Vonier and Jon Vonier, and their spouses, her eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren and too many friends to count. Per her request, there will be a celebration of her life at a date to be determined.

Gary Spencer Sparks Sr.



Hillsborough - Gary Spencer Sparks Sr. of Hillsborough passed away peacefully on April 9th holding the hands of his wife, daughter and son. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie Porter, and her children Katherine and Benjamin; his son, Gary Jr. and his wife Christine; his daughter Elizabeth and her husband Hank Cole; and his beloved grandchildren Renee, Rachel, and Spencer Sparks; Dillon and Bryce Cole, and many great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his loving wife Bethany (Edwards) Sparks; his parents William Spencer Sparks and Margaret (Pym) Sparks; and his sister Maureen and brother Michael. The Hillsborough Heritage Museum will be open on Sunday, April 26 from 1-3 pm for those who wish to pay their respects and see the work he has done there. A Celebration of Life will be held later in the spring. Donations in his honor can be made to the Hillsborough Historical Society, 5 Central Street, Hillsboro NH 03244. or to the B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore, MD.

Ronald Evans

Andover - Ronald Douglas Evans, a beloved husband, father and friend, peacefully passed away on April 13th at the age of 84. Born on May 29, 1941, in the charming town of Brentwood, NH. Ron is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Judith Eileen Evans, their three children: Ronda



L. Young and her husband Richard M. Young, Karen A. Schwendler and her husband Thomas R. Schwendler, and Everett L. Evans and his wife Jennifer A. Evans, as well as his beloved grandchildren: Benjamin, Emily, Robert, Jonathan, Henry and Charles. He has his sisters, Valerie Palen and Susan Miller along with his niece Shannon Simos and his cousin Ellen Evans Pysz who will miss him dearly. His brother Stephen J. Yannocone passed away in 2013. Calling hours will be from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 18th at the Chadwick Funeral Home, 235 Main Street, New London, NH. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Oak Grove Cemetery in Enfield, NH. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Conservation Officers Relief Association Fund, or CORA, at 11 Hazen Drive in Concord, NH, 03301. nh-cora.org

Pauline C. (Hebert) Tremblay

Henniker - Pauline C. Tremblay, 88, died April 7, 2026, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She is predeceased by her husband, Raymond L. Tremblay. She was born in Manchester on May 1, 1937, the daughter of Noel and Anna (Gagne) Hebert. She is survived by her six children, Christine, Steven, Donna, Denise, Sharon and Paul. She also has many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and brothers and sisters. Her family will be having a private service, per her wishes. A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.



Patricia May Currier

Hillsboro - Patricia May Currier, 93, of Hillsboro, NH, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Friday, December 26, 2025, at the Hillsboro House Nursing Home. Born on March 5, 1932, in Exeter, NH, Pat was the daughter of the late Merrill and Lena (Nelson) Gray. Pat is survived by her son, Donald Currier of Hillsboro, NH; daughter Brenda Angwin and husband Scott of Webster, NH; daughter Edith (Edie) W. Currier and longtime partner Ben Cochran of Contoocook, NH; granddaughter Cortney Patricia Rowe and husband Tristan of Newbury, NH; and great-granddaughter Briar Rowe; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends. In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her beloved husband of 24 years, Donald Currier, and sister, Yvonne Doyer. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Hillsboro Fire and Rescue Departments. A visitation will be held on Friday, May 1, 2026, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home, 32 School St, Hillsborough, NH. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Webster Congregational Church, 1011 Long St, Webster, NH.



Charles Elliot Dibble

Hopkinton - Charles Elliot Dibble passed away at his home on October 26, 2025 – his 81st birthday. Born on October 26, 1944, in Charlotte, Michigan. Charles is survived by his son, Justin Dibble; his daughter, Amanda Dibble; his



grandson, Thatcher Sirota; his granddaughter, Amara Nell Dibble Ogwuru; and his grandson, Udoka Charles Dibble Ogwuru. He is also survived by his brother, Daniel Dibble, and his sister, Linda Harwood. In addition to his wife, Charles was preceded in death by his daughter, Megan Sirota, who passed the year prior. A joint service celebrating Charles and Judy's lives has already been held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charles' name to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, in honor of Charles and Judy's neighbor whose generosity and care for their family – and for so many others – has been a true and lasting light.

Elizabeth P. Straw

Weare - Elizabeth P. Straw (Betty), 100, passed away at Concord Hospital on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026. Born on the family poultry farm on September 10, 1925 to Marion and Elsie (Prideaux) Purington. Betty is survived by her two children: William Straw (Liza) and Alice Thomson (Wayne); grandchildren: Tara, Teresa (James), Anita, Oscar (Marie); seven great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren; George Cross (brother-in-law), June Purington (sister-in-law), along with many nephews, nieces, cousins, friends, and neighbors. A private graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Weare for family and Society of Friends members. A public celebration of Betty's life will be held at the Legion Hall in Weare Center from 2 to 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Betty's name to Granite VNA-Concord 30 Pillsbury St. Concord.



Robert Messer

Sunapee - Robert Wheeler Messer passed away on February 19 at the age of 57. Born on September 6, 1968, he was the eldest son of Richard and Kathie Messer of Bradford NH. Rob was predeceased by his grandparents, Leonard Wheeler, Devona Doughty, Robert A. Messer, and Vivian Messer; his great-uncle Ralph and great-aunt Oona; his aunt, Sandra Messer Toomey; his father, Rick; many beloved animals; and, most recently, his cherished dog, Hannibal. He is survived by his partner, Christine Corey; his daughters, Darienne, Caitlyn, and Riley Messer; his mother, Kathie Messer; his brother Joe and wife April, along with their children, Bristol and Remington Messer; his aunts, Janet Peterson, June Chism, and Carol Messer; Christine's family; as well as many cousins and countless friends. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to your local animal shelter. Rob's favorite was Riverside Rescue in Lunenburg, VT, where he was united with his favorite dog, Hannibal, then known as "Cash." A celebration of life will be held on September 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the field where he grew up, located at 408 Fairgrounds Rd., Bradford, where we will gather to remember and honor him in the way he would have preferred. ▶



Obituaries:

Janet G. Killary

Bow - Mrs. Janet G. (Reynolds)



Killary, 79, of Bow, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on April

5, 2026, after a brief illness. Born in Brooklyn, NY, Janet was the daughter of the late Stuart and Gladys (Stuart) Reynolds. Janet is survived by her beloved husband of nearly 47 years, Timothy E. Killary. Her legacy lives on through her children: Jason Killary and his wife, Shannon of Contoocook; Jennifer Patel and her husband, Kunal of Canton, MA; and Nathan Killary of Bow. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren, Liam and Graeme Killary and Sean, Sydney, and Everly Patel, as well as her nieces, Deb Dingee and Karen Clough. She was predeceased by her brother, Stuart Smith.

Events: Community Bulletin Board

FRIDAY APRIL 17

ANDOVER CELEBRATION: Join us at the Fire District meeting as we celebrate Andover Fire Commissioners Glenn Haley, John Kenney, and Scott Kidder, Chief Steve Barton and Deputy Davis Grant for their dedication and support of the Andover Community.

SATURDAY APRIL 25

FISHING DERBY: Deering Fish and Game Club Annual Kids Fishing Derby to be held from 7am to 9am at the club pond. All area children from 1-14 years of age are welcome and must be accompanied by an adult. No registration fee, but must have own bait. Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle at the end of the derby. Free hot chocolate to fishermen. Coffee and donuts available.

SATURDAY MAY 2

BARN SALE: The Barn Sale Season is approaching at the Warner Historical Society! We will be holding a pre-season clean-out sale on Saturday, May 2, from 9am to noon. This will be an outdoor-only event. There will also be a Preview Party, Wednesday, May 1 from 4:30-6:30pm. Light refreshments. This is the Wednesday before Spring into Warner when The Barn officially opens for

the season. The coordinators Molly Wyeth and Penny Courser organize the many wonderful volunteers needed to help with all aspects of outdoor sales, clearing out items for shoppers, organizing items, and helping to clean and prepare the inside of the barn for the Preview Party. If you are interested in helping with any of the events throughout the season, please contact WHS. Shifts available throughout the summer are Tuesdays, 12:30-4:15pm and Saturdays from 8:30-12:15pm. The Barn Sale will officially open during the Spring into Warner event on Saturday, May 16. The Barn will be open from May 16 through October, Tuesdays, 1-4pm and Saturdays, 9am to noon.

SATURDAY MAY 16

FISHING DERBY: The Andover Fish and Game Club's spring fishing derby will be held on May 16 with stocking at 5pm, as usual kids are invited to help stock. On derby day refreshments are free and no entry fee is required. Registration starts at 7am but one can enter until derby ends. Kids and parents all will enjoy this. Come join us! This event is being held at The Andover Fish and Game Club on Highland Lake.

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AA MEETINGS

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The Washington School Board is seeking to fill a vacant seat on the school board from May 2026 through March 2027. If you are a Washington resident interested in serving on the Washington School Board for this period of time, **please submit by Friday, May 8, 2026, a letter of interest to the Washington School Board, c/o SAU #34, 78 School Street, Hillsboro, NH 03244 or amills@hdsd.org.**

ABUTTER NOTIFICATION ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Be advised, you are hereby notified of a hearing of the Zoning Board on **Tuesday, April 28, 2026**, at 7:00 pm at the Washington Town Hall. Peter France & Sandra Robinson will seek approval for a variance for the property located at 2494 E. Washington Road – Tax Map 9, Lot 17. The variance application to reduce the front setback from 30 feet to 9 feet will be considered by the ZBA. This meeting is open to the public for discussion or concerns.

TOWN OF WINDSOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 & RSA 675:7 that the Windsor Planning Board will hold a public hearing for a proposed conditional use permit application for a cellular tower.

Proposed location:
Off Valhalla Farm Road, Map 002 Lot 008

Meeting to be held:
April 21, 2026
Windsor Town Hall
6:00 PM

PUBLIC NOTICE HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL DISTRICT 2026 NOMINATIONS FOR THE RICHARD W. WITHINGTON AWARD

The Richard W. Withington Award is granted to a member of the Hillsboro-Deering School District personnel; a teacher, administrator, secretary, custodian, aide, coach, activities director, or other full or part-time employee of the District.

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Please submit nominations in writing to:

Dr. Jennifer L. Crawford
Superintendent of Schools
SAU #34
78 School St.
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