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Marines honor Deering man



Hunter J. Parris, a 2022 Hillsboro-Deering High School graduate and Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, was recently named the Non Commissioned Officer of the Quarter. He is the son of Courtney Hays of Deering.

Kearsarge High SOM named



Kearsarge Regional High School has named Yuen Ki "Kiki" Huang, a member of the Class of 2027, as the January 2026 Student of the Month. A resident of Wilmot, Kiki is a member of the National Honor Society, the National

Art Honor Society, and participates in the KRHS Chamber Singers Choir. Kiki volunteers her time at the Upper Valley Humane Society, serving others.

This week in history

APRIL 24, 1792

Captain of engineers composed
La Marseillaise

APRIL 25, 1990

NASA deploys Hubble telescope in orbit

APRIL 26, 1954

Geneva Conference begins

APRIL 27, 1994

South Africa holds 1st multi-racial elections

APRIL 28, 2017

Protest in Brazil for first time in 20 years

APRIL 29, 1992

Rodney King verdict is announced

APRIL 30, 1789

U.S. holds first presidential inauguration



Washington ambulance, utility, and tractor responded to a motor vehicle accident on route 31. A passerby drove to the station and reported a jack-knifed tractor trailer about a mile south. The ambulance crew responded and toned fire. Upon arrival the ambulance crew determined that there were no injuries and the tractor trailer was the only vehicle involved, but the road was almost completely blocked. Chief Atkins and some John Deere power was all that was needed to clear this incident. After a quick tractor pull the truck was back on the road and on its way.

Hillsboro-Deering announces Comprehensive Accreditation Process

Hillsboro-Deering High School is proud to announce their comprehensive accreditation visit through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

This multi-year initiative is designed to ensure that H-DHS continues to provide students with a high-quality, future-ready education in alignment with the highest standards for teaching, learning, and school operations.

Accreditation through NEASC is a

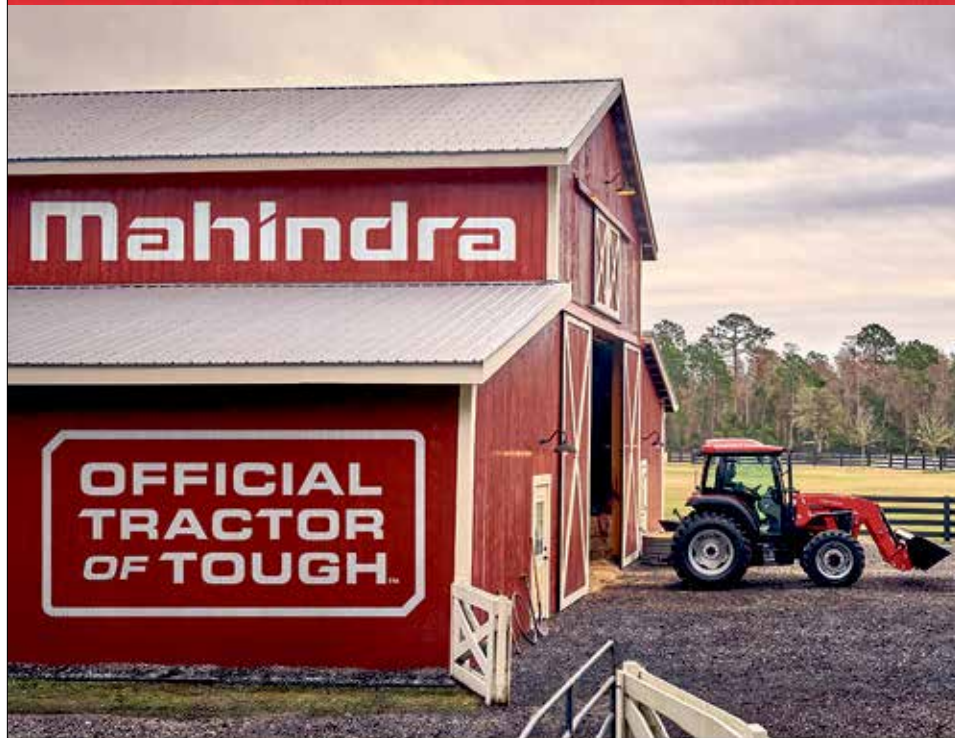
rigorous, reflective process that involves a thorough self-study, input and feedback from staff, students, families, and community members, and an external review by a team of professional educators. Throughout this process, H-DHS is examining all aspects of the school, from curriculum and instruction to student support services, facilities, and community partnerships.

The goal is to celebrate their strengths, identify areas for growth, and develop

actionable plans that will benefit all learners.

"We are committed to continuous improvement and to ensuring every student has access to meaningful, challenging, and personalized learning experiences," said Jim O'Rourke, Principal of Hillsboro-Deering High School. "The accreditation process provides us with an important opportunity to reflect, collaborate, and set a course for the future together with our entire school community."

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

April 25, 2025

Sunapee and Newbury units assist at New London fire
15 towns assist Hopkinton in battling barn fire
Allegations of sexual misconduct at Proctor academy in the 80s
Is New London's public works garage "in imminent danger of collapse?"

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

Weare man found guilty of reckless conduct with a deadly weapon

A Weare man has been found guilty by a jury of firing a gun at the car of a man who mistakenly drove onto his property. Meanwhile, his wife awaits trial for doing the same thing.

The case involves an event that happened about 6 a.m. on Oct. 20, 2024, when a Black man identified as X.G. drove onto the property of Michael and Diane Durgin, 356 Colby Road in Weare, to “complete the purchase of a car part he had prearranged with a seller online,” according to court documents. The actual seller was at a different property nearby.

According to earlier filings, Diane Durgin approached the car and unholstered her pistol after she saw the man. The Durgins are both white.

X.G. “explained why he was there and showed (Durgin) his phone conversation with the seller arranging the purchase,” according to a memorandum filed by Attorney General John

Formella. Durgin continued to point her gun at X.G. and called him a “Black mother ****r,” according to court documents. He drove away down her driveway at which point Durgin fired twice at him, missing both times, which caused him to drive into a ditch. At last week’s criminal trial of Michael Durgin in Hillsborough County Superior Court, Michael Durgin testified that he heard those shots but did not know what was happening. He came out of the house to see the car leaving and fired a 12-gauge shotgun filled with bird shot at it, fearing that his wife might have been abducted.

X.G. left the car after it went into the ditch and ran off, calling 911. Durgin also called 911, during which the following exchange occurred, according to documents filed by the Attorney General’s Office:

Dispatcher: Why did you shoot at this person?

Defendant: Because he’s tell-

ing me...first of all, he’s lurking around my yard looking at stuff, my equipment yard. And then he’s telling me he’s supposed to be meeting a guy here. The guy is Black. And he, he...he says he’s meeting someone here and I

think he’s coming here to steal.

Diane Durgin has also been charged with reckless conduct for the shooting and faces charges of violating the state’s Civil Rights Act, which carries a maximum penalty of \$5,000, and also

requests a restraining order “to protect the victim and the public.”

He was found guilty by a jury of reckless conduct with a deadly weapon, a Class B felony that carries a possible sentence of 3 to 7 years in jail.



Profile High School defeated ConVal High School 520-270 in the Granite State Challenge quarterfinals, pulling ahead in the final round after a closely contested start.

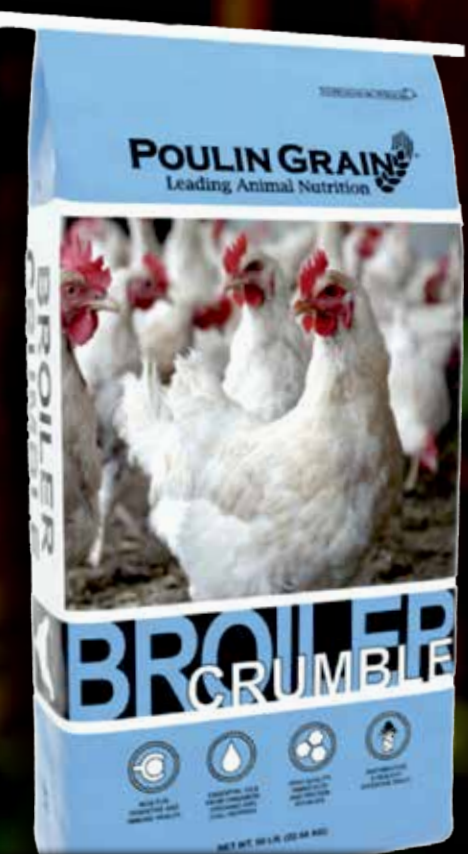
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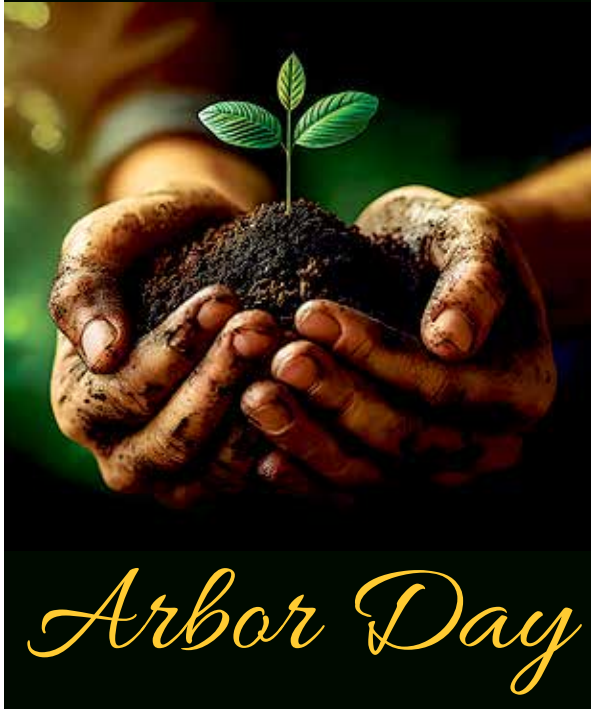
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Hometown Heroes



Andover firefighters on Unit 3 completed CPR refresher training, conducted annually, ensuring that firefighters are up to date with the latest American Heart Association guidelines.



Live Fire Training has commenced in Frankestown, with Bennington Fire-Rescue and Greenfield, NH Volunteer Fire Department.



Andover firefighters conducted a hose evolution at Pomp's Pond, which allows firefighters to refresh the skills of hose deployment and handling, along with fire ground hydraulics.

New London Dispatch recognized for Outstanding Service at Sunapee Selectboard Meeting

Following National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, New London Communications Center was formally recognized for its outstanding service to the Town of Sunapee during Monday's Selectboard meeting, honoring the critical role dispatchers play in public safety for the community.

Presented by the Sunapee Police Department and the Sunapee Police Benevolent Association, the recognition highlighted their

unwavering professionalism, dedication, and commitment to serve. Dispatchers were commended for being the steady and reassuring presence behind every emergency call. Their calm voices, quick thinking, and tireless service ensure that first responders receive timely, accurate information while providing critical support to those in need in the towns of New London, Sunapee, Newbury, Sutton, and Wilmot.

Behind every call for help is a dispatcher who brings clarity to chaos. Their work often goes unseen, but it is absolutely essential to the safety and well-being of our communities.

This recognition serves as

a testament to the vital contributions of the New London Communications Center and its personnel, whose efforts consistently uphold the highest standards of public service.

The Sunapee Police Depart-

ment and the Sunapee Police Benevolent Association extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude to all members of the New London Communications Center for their continued dedication.



Congratulations to Rick Belanger on 20 years as an EMT. Rick works for New Boston per diem as well as a call member. We hope you'll stay for another 20 years!!

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

A study published in *The Lancet* found that the risk of stomach bleeding caused by using aspirin long-term can be reduced with a short course of antibiotics, potentially improving the safety of aspirin when used to prevent heart attacks, strokes and possibly some cancers. Aspirin in low doses is a very useful preventive drug in people at high risk of strokes or heart attacks. However, on rare occasions, it can provoke internal ulcer bleeding. By thinning the blood, aspirin makes ulcers in the stomach bleed. These ulcers may be caused by a particular type of bacteria, *helicobacter pylori*.

A simple nasal spray significantly reduced snoring and breathing difficulties in children and halved the number needing to have their tonsils removed, according to a new study. The research, published in *JAMA Pediatrics*, found a saline (salt water) nasal spray was just as effective as an anti-inflammatory steroid nasal spray at easing sleep disordered breathing in children after six weeks of treatment.

Midazolam, a common drug that makes patients sleepy and less anxious before surgery, is associated with an increased risk of heart damage when operations are performed at night, according to a study published in the journal *Frontiers of Cardiovascular Medicine*. The findings are further evidence that the time of day a drug is given can affect how well it works. A large dataset analysis demonstrated that administering midazolam is associated with an increased risk of myocardial injury in non-cardiac surgery when surgeries occurred at night and in healthier patients.

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BEYOND CLEAN TEETH: THE SURPRISING ADVANTAGES OF ROUTINE DENTAL VISITS: PART III



Dr. Esin Narli

The Psychological Effects of Good Oral Hygiene: When you take care of your mouth, you often feel more confident in social situations. A healthy smile invites smiles back. People are naturally drawn to those who exude confidence and positivity. Moreover, maintaining good oral health can reduce anxiety surrounding dental visits. Knowing you're doing everything right creates a sense of control over your well-being. The act of brushing and flossing daily is an affirmation that you value yourself and your health. This simple routine fosters a mindset rooted in self-care. Additionally, studies show links between dental health and mental wellness. Individuals with poor oral hygiene often experience higher levels of stress or sadness compared to those who prioritize their dental care.

Cost-Saving Benefits of Preventive Dental Care: Preventive dental care is an investment in your future. By committing to routine visits, you can catch potential issues early on. This proactive approach often saves you from expensive procedures down the line.

Consider the cost of a simple cleaning versus that of a root canal or crown. The former is significantly less costly and helps maintain oral health efficiently. Regular check-ups allow your dentist to monitor any changes, reducing the need for emergency interventions later.

Insurance plans frequently cover preventive services like cleanings and exams, making them even more accessible. Skipping these visits might seem like saving money now, but could lead to much larger expenses later. Additionally, maintaining good oral health positively impacts overall well-being, potentially lowering healthcare costs associated with systemic diseases linked to poor dental hygiene. Investing in preventive care today paves the way for a healthier tomorrow, financially and physically.

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The Goffstown Lions Club presented a \$3,000 donation to the Goffstown Network Food Pantry to help provide essential resources to local families in need. (L-R) David Pierce – Goffstown Lions Treasurer, Roger Fortier – Goffstown Network Vice President, Sheri Moloney – Goffstown Network Treasurer.



Antrim-Bennington Lions donated 500 snacks to the Great Brook School 8th grade trip to Washington, DC. Additionally, Lions donated toward two scholarships with participation of Antrim Tuttle Library and Antrim Historical Society so that all students could attend, regardless of cost.



Last Tuesday, volunteers from the Hillcat Football Team cleaned up their field, where they collected on Hillcat Drive, School Street, Depot Street and down and around Grimes Field and back again.

Henniker Select Board reviews and adopts several new policy changes

The Henniker Select Board held a brief meeting Tuesday evening. Marc McMurphy, Milli Knudsen, Cathy Dow and Marty Capuco were appointed to the newly formed Community Ser-

vices and Care Planning Board. Donations of \$2,275 to the Concert Committee and \$3,500 to the Only Henniker On Earth Trust Funds were accepted by the Board. A continued discus-

sion of the Riverfront parking ordinances was scheduled, but Town Administrator Diane Kendall informed the Board that she, Police Chief Mathew French, and Highway Superintendent Leo

Auction had met earlier in the week with seven of the effected Main Street business owners, who requested an additional 30 days to discuss the matter between themselves before pre-

senting a proposal to the Board. The Board officially adopted the new Police Detail Revolving Fun Policy, the Employee Wage and Benefit Study and the Recreation Revolving Fund Policy.

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Hillsboro-Deering 1st graders took a special trip to the HDSO greenhouse last week, where they planted vegetables and flowers. They can't wait to watch their plants grow over time and see the final results. Hands-on learning at its best!

The Franklin Opera House presents JD & the Stonemasons

In collaboration with NH Music Collective, Franklin Opera House is proud to present JD & the Stonemasons! This rollicking trio is back in town for another evening of toe-tapping Irish folk tunes rooted in the long and lively tradition of Celtic music. Drawing from centuries-old melodies, Celtic music is known for its driving rhythms, heartfelt ballads, and infectious reels that invite listeners to clap along—or even dance in their seats. Featuring traditional fiddle lines, vocal harmonies, and irresistible pub-style energy, JD & the Stonemasons bring the spirit of Ireland to life with every performance.

New England's most rollicking band of traditional musicians, this folk-rock band is known for skillful live performances and a blend of original and traditional folk songs. JD and the Stonemasons has re-

leased two albums. Learn more at their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/JDandthestonemasons#>.

Maybe you've seen them at Waterhorse Irish Pub? This time they will be playing at Franklin Public Library on May 9 at 7:00 p.m. Whether you're a longtime fan of traditional Irish folk music or new to its warm, communal sound, this concert offers a perfect introduction to the timeless Celtic vibe. Franklin Public Library offers the perfect setting for an evening filled with music, storytelling, and old-world charm. The live show at Franklin Public Library will begin at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets available at www.FOHNH.org, or stop by the Franklin Opera House Ticket office, located at 321 Central Street in Franklin, NH.

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New lampposts installed at Warner's Town Hall

Warner has completed the first phase of its Town Hall lighting project, designed to address safety concerns around evening activities.

Warner's beautification group received \$20,000 from Encore Renewable Energy in November after breaking ground on a solar panel project near Poverty Plains Road. That funding was set aside specifically for the lighting project.

Hopkinton-based Irish Electric installed four iron lampposts around the semi-circle in front of town hall Wednesday and Thursday.

The lights are set on a seasonal timer and turn on between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. The timer and the lamps' design were intentional to avoid any unnecessary light pollution.

In future phases, more lampposts on both sides of the building will be installed.

Antrim's High Street bridge closed for repairs

Antrim's High Street bridge temporary closure began Thursday, April 16, with the closure expected to last approximately five weeks.

Officials said the shutdown is necessary for ongoing

work, though specific details about the project were not provided.

Motorists are advised to use alternate routes during the closure and plan for potential delays.

Deering Church celebrating National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month and the Deering Community Church Women's Guild is responding by keeping Poetry in Motion.

They have arranged with Meals on Wheels to include a Poem-for-your-Pocket that will travel along with meal deliveries throughout Hillsboro County. Poetry in Motion

is the award-winning MTA New York City Transit and Poetry Society of America program that places great poems in subway cars and buses.

KTW (Kitchen Table Writers) of Weare is creating these artful "pockets" with poems to add to the bags of meals sent out on a designated day in April.

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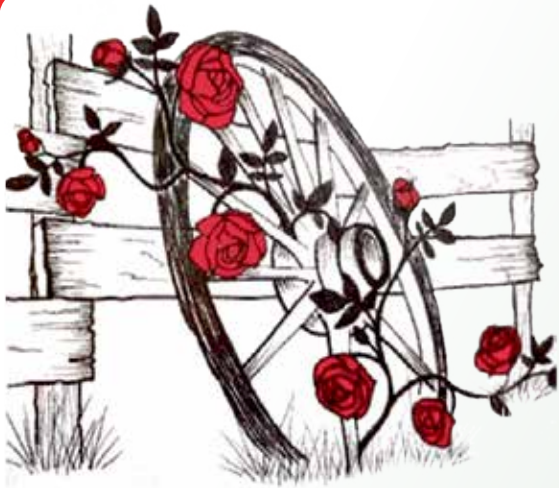
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Crime Watch



Hillsborough fugitive arrested on multiple drug charges



On April 16, 2026, a joint operation involving the Hillsboro, Antrim, and Henniker Police Departments resulted in a high-risk motor vehicle stop on Henniker Street. The stop was based on an active arrest warrant for Brandon Garland, age 39, of Hillsboro. During the encounter, Garland exited the vehicle as directed and walked backward with his hands raised. He then abruptly reached toward his waistband, turned, and extended his hands toward officers in a manner consistent with drawing a weapon. As a result, K9 Voight was immediately deployed and successfully subdued Garland. Garland was transported to the hospital for injuries sustained during the incident and was subsequently held on preventative detention. A search warrant executed on Garland's motor vehicle revealed numerous packages of controlled substances, including suspected fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, and prescription medications. Garland is currently being held at the Hillsborough County House of Corrections pending arraignment.

Hillsborough man charged with criminal threatening



On April 15, 2026, officers from the Hillsboro Police Department responded to an incident involving a male on Pine Glen Road in Hillsboro. Upon arrival, officers encountered 56 year old Steven Fitzherbert, of Hillsboro, who pointed what appeared to be a rifle at responding officers. Officers were able to safely take the individual into custody without injury to the public or law enforcement personnel. The weapon was determined to be an airsoft-style rifle. Fitzherbert has been charged with two counts of Criminal Threatening with a Deadly Weapon. The defendant has been ordered held at the Hillsborough County House of Corrections.

Franklin man sentenced to 15-30 years in prison

A Franklin man was sentenced to state prison on Friday for drug and firearm charges after making multiple sales of fentanyl. Michael Brownell pleaded guilty to five counts of sale of a controlled drug, all subsequent offenses and two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, according to Attorney General John M. Formella. He was also found guilty of violating his probation terms from a previous offense. Brownell made five sales of fentanyl to a confidential informant between December 2024 and January 2025. The amount of fentanyl sold totaled around 475 grams. Brownell had two firearms on him when he was arrested, despite previously being convicted of a felony. The Merrimack County Superior Court sentenced Brownell to 15 to 30 years for the sale of drugs and three-and-a-half to seven years for possession of a firearm, all served in state prison. The court also issued him six to 12 years of a previously suspended sentence after Brownell admitted to violating ▶

Crime Watch continued

his probation terms.

Hancock sex offender arrested for failure to file

Christopher David Lawton, born in 1977, of Hancock, was arrested at 10:50 a.m. on March 9 on a sex offender registration; negligent failure to comply charge. According to the state, Lawton is a sex offender due to be convicted on 16 counts of aggravated felonious sexual assault in June 2022.

Hillsborough woman for delivering meth

Shannon M. Lennox (Corey), 48, of Butler Street in Hillsboro, on attempted delivery of articles to prisoners and conspiracy to commit delivery of articles to prisoners charges, both felonies. She agreed with Edward I. Esty Jr., an inmate in the New Hampshire State Prison for Men in Concord, to bring meth to him in prison on Nov. 29, 2023, according to the indictments.



Please join us in welcoming Jacob Davies as Dunbarton's newest full-time police officer. Officer Davies was sworn-in by Town Clerk Jennifer Cormier at last week's Board of Selectmen meeting. Officer Davies currently serves in the United States Marine Corps Reserves and will be attending the 203rd Full-Time Police Academy starting in a few weeks. Pictured is Officer Davies with his father, Officer Chris Davies of the Weare Police Department!



On Administrative Professionals Day, April 22, the Dunbarton Police Department gave thanks and recognition to Office Administrator Linda Marcoux for all of her hard work and dedication behind the scenes. Linda helps keep the office running smoothly, and they are very appreciative for all that she does!



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Sports



The Bow High School Esports Super Smash Bros team won the state championship on Saturday over Londonderry. Pictured, Top: (L to R) Alex Edraos, Zachary Cannon, Cole Mathieu, Matt Kropp and Carter Monroe. Bottom: Coaches Sam Dixon and Allan Sheehy. Niel Kropp / Courtesy Photo.

Boys Lacrosse

Coe-Brown 14, Hopkinton 4: The Hawks struck first, but the Bears responded with seven straight goals and never looked back.

Hopkinton 14, ConVal 13: The Hawks led until late, when the Cougars took the lead, followed by a final surge by the Hawks.

Hopkinton 12, Bishop Brady 11: The first 3 quarters were full of big scoring runs, the 4th had fast action and many lead changes.

John Stark 21, Stevens 1: 12 different players recorded a point for the Generals. Junior Parker Hamel made 4 saves, including his 200th career save.

Girls Lacrosse

Hopkinton 14, Derryfield 6: Hopkinton launched a total assault on all fronts in the first quarter and led 12-3 at the half.

Belmont 7, ConVal 6: The second half defense came alive and kept ConVal to 2 goals.

Baseball

Bishop Brady 15, Hillsboro-Deering 5: Bishop Brady broke open a close game with 3 runs in the 4th and 10 runs in the 5th at HD.

John Stark 7, Lebanon 6: Down 6-0 into the bottom 5,

Generals come back and walk off on Kehoe's squeeze after Prieto tied it.

Belmont 14, Kearsarge 6: After going down 3-0 Belmont fought back with 2 run HR by Wyatt Bamford.

Campbell 10, Hopkinton 1: Mike DePiano (2-3), Jack Bennett (1-3), Charlie Sides (1-3).

Bishop Brady 14, Newport 4: In its season opener up in Newport, Henry Thresher hit a 3 run HR to lead Bishop Brady to a 14-4 win.

Softball

Bishop Brady 12, Hillsboro 3: Tied 3-3 in the top of the fourth, Bishop Brady's offense was able to bat around and score 6 runs.

Trinity 14, Hopkinton 12: After scoring only three runs through the first three innings, Hopkinton had a hot inning of their own in the top of the fourth, plating 10 runs. Trinity switched pitchers and the Hawks only managed another couple of baserunners after that.

Belmont 6, Kearsarge 0: With the game still close in the third inning, Belmont turned a 5-4-3 double play.

Hopkinton 11, Conant 2: Sophomore Zoey Freitas was 4-5 with 3 RBIs. Freshman Brooke Pickering worked three walks and was 1-2 with a double.

Bow 16, Hollis-Brookline 3: Taylor Ouellette, winning pitcher, 11 strikeouts, 2 walks.

New England College students win NH Press Association Awards

New England College student-journalists won several awards at the annual NH Press Association Distinguished Journalism Awards held on Friday, April 10, at New Hampshire PBS (NHPBS).

The contest welcomed high school and college journalists to enter submissions. The event

at NHPBS included a panel discussion titled “First Amendment Under Attack,” a “Free Student Press” workshop, and a tour of the NHPBS studio. New England College’s Communication/Journalism program has been an active member of the New Hampshire Press Association since 2023.

1ST PLACE Best Podcast/Multimedia/Video Lauren Hall: NEC becomes only Purple Heart College in New England
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2ND PLACE Best Published Feature, Leah Bohling: Veterans of New England College: Frank Jones.

3RD PLACE Best News Coverage, Tess Anderson: NEC

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3RD PLACE General Excellence, NewEnglander/NEC-TV Staff.



Hopkinton senior Fin Murphy was selected to the USYS ODP National Team and will represent the country internationally this April.



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From Clutter to Community: KCPC Prepares for 34th Annual Charity Yard Sale

One of the region's popular spring traditions returns Saturday, May 23, as the Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church in New London hosts its 34th annual Charity Yard Sale, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church property will be transformed into a massive marketplace, with nearly every corner filled with "gently used" treasures. While the scale of the event is immense, its mission is even larger.

Since the pandemic, the church has dedicated 100% of the sale's proceeds to charitable donations, supporting feeding people through local and regional food pantries, elder care, organizations that support emergency relief for local families,

and much more.

The operation is a significant community undertaking and preparations are already underway. Almost 40 people will be accepting donations from the community every day of the week before the yard sale (May 18-22), cleaning, organizing and staging thousands of articles. Different departments will be in different areas of the church, with the sanctuary filled with ceramics, serving dishes, kitchenware, pitchers, pots and pans, glassware, crafts, collectibles and jewelry.

In contrast, fellowship hall will be filled with living and dining room furniture, and the electronics area. Last year, flat-

screen TVs were sold for only \$1 per inch.

In addition, there is a room for kids' toys and games, and a room for clothing for all ages. Tents will line the parking lot, some containing tools (from screwdrivers to snowblowers)

and other tents with wooden furniture and sporting goods.

Organizers offer two key tips for seasoned bargain hunters: while items are priced to move, costs drop even further as the hours go by. Additionally, while the church doors officially open

at 8 a.m., the outdoor tents will begin sales early, at 7:30 a.m.

A homemade bake sale will also be available on-site, offering treats to fuel shoppers as they support a tradition that turns household clutter into vital funding for local services.



Tools and furniture spilled out of the tents at the beginning of the KCPC Charity Yard Sale last year. This year the yard sale will be May 23, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 82 King Hill Rd, New London.

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Peter S.t James



Warner - Peter St. James, 72, died peacefully with his loved ones by his side on April 9, 2026. Peter was born on October 22, 1953 in Portland, Maine to Barbara (Ballantine) and Arthur Bishop. Peter was predeceased by his beloved son, Jeremy. He is survived by his wife, Rhonda of Warner, NH; his son Justin, wife Elizabeth, and granddaughter Eleanor of Essex, VT, his loving daughter in-law Lauren St. James of Moultonborough, NH, his supportive former wife Ellen Knight and her husband, Robert of Moultonborough, NH; his sister Jan Carelli and husband Stephen, of Londonderry, NH; and his sister Kari Taylor and husband George of Tennessee. Private arrangements will be made at the convenience of the family.

Richard D. Sawyer



Newbury - Richard D. Sawyer, Sr., 95, died peacefully on November 30, 2025, at Woodcrest Village in New London, NH. Dick was born on June 6, 1930, in Concord, NH, to Ida (Carlson) Sawyer and Russell D. Sawyer. Dick was predeceased by his wife, Mary G. Sawyer, and his son, Richard D. Sawyer, Jr. He is survived by his daughter, Karen Sawyer of Telford, PA; granddaughters, Carly Sawyer (Ben) of Charlottesville,

VA, and Kaylyn Sawyer of Columbia, SC; former daughter-in-law, Catherine (Jeff) Satterfield of Yorktown, VA; and extended family. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2026, in the Old Chapel at St. Paul's School in Concord, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lake Sunapee Hospice or the Ausbon Sargent Land Trust.

John J. Topping



Henniker - John J. Topping, 79, passed away April 14, 2026 after a short battle with cancer. Born Feb. 4, 1947 to Doris & LeMis Topping. He leaves behind four children, Jay, Jeffrey, Jenna Topping and Cody Delano. Four sisters, Joan Brooks, Judith Martin, Janet Gilmore and Joyce Hill; many grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Two Friends, Ann Kevit, and Lee Park. He is predeceased by his parents, and brother, James Topping. At his request there will be no services. Please hug someone you love in memory of John.

Aino Korpi Elliott

Deering - Aino Korpi (Bigwood) Elliott, 85, peacefully passed away on Friday, December 19, 2025, at her residence in Deering, N.H. She was born on March 30, 1940, in Deering, N.H., daughter of Betty and Ray Bigwood. She leaves behind her soulmate and husband of 60 years, Ronald Elliott, and her two sons, Reed Elliott of Maine and Ryan Elliott of Henniker. A Celebration of Life will



be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, 3:00 p.m. at Duston Country Club, 40 Country Club Road, Hopkinton, NH 03229. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to: Special Olympics New Hampshire, P.O. Box 3598, Concord, N.H. 03302.

B.J. "Woody" Woodward



Peterborough - B.J. "Woody" Woodward, 82, of Peterborough passed away peacefully on April 17, 2026, at Cheshire Medical Center. He was born on June 29, 1943, in Plymouth, Massachusetts, to Barclay J. Woodward III and Barbara (Vaughan) Woodward. In addition to his beloved wife, Patricia (LaRossa) Woodward, Woody is survived by his son John Woodward of Charlotte, North Carolina; his son Jeff Woodward and wife Tiffany Crawford of Arlington, Virginia; grandsons Tyler and Owen; sisters Pashya White of Peterborough and Susan Carl of Bismarck, North Dakota; and brother Michael Woodward of Signal Mountain, Tennessee. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Peterborough United Methodist Church, 43 Concord Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire. The service will be followed by a reception in the church hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Woody's name to the River Center, Peterborough, <https://www.rivercenternh.org/>

Joan P. Pariseau

Goffstown - Joan Patricia Pariseau, cherished wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend, passed away April 15, 2026, at the Hillsborough County Nursing Home in Goffstown, N.H., at the age of 88 after a period of declining health. Joan was born on Feb. 27, 1938, in Manchester to the late George and Yvonne (Heymans) Brousseau. Joan was predeceased by her beloved husband, Jack, and son, Gary Pariseau. She is survived by her daughter, Debbie Blair and her husband, Scott, her son, Jack Pariseau II and wife, Barbara, her granddaughters, Courtney, Ashley, Brittany and step-granddaughter Kara, and 11 great-grandchildren; Brayden, Cameron, Jackson, Maxwell, Maeve, Grace, Eleanor, Samantha, Emmet, Ellie and Cooper, as well as extended family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hillsborough County Nursing Home activity fund or the Villager Retirement Home activity fund, both located in Goffstown, N.H.

Funeral Service for Arthur Allison

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 2:30PM, light refreshments to follow. A burial will held over the summer at the NH Veterans Cemetery.



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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.

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Arcana Apothecary Tea Room. Luncheon will be served at 12pm and 3pm. A true New England take on a Classic English Tea in a beautiful quaint New England Inn that was one of Bob Hope's favorite places to visit and stay. Enjoy savories, scones and pastries! Each guest receives a variety of savories Tea Sandwiches, scones with accouterments and pastries. Full 3 tier treats, themed Tea includes table shared teapots of loose-leaf tea created by Nicole! Your Unique Experience Awaits! \$45 pp. Our Arcana gift shop will be open as well! Come celebrate with us! Vendor spots are \$65. Space is designed for an E-Z UP Canopy (Please note canopy is not provided. You must bring your own.) Crafters, Authors, Artists, Metaphysical merchants, candles, Apothecary, Healers and Readers, food and creative businesses are all welcome! This is an OUTDOOR FAIR on our grand lawn. Plenty of space!

FRANCESTOWN ACADEMY COFFEEHOUSE: performance begins at 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm at the Francestown Town Hall. Variety of music with featured act "BEVERLY RUSH." Beverly Rush's performance to be recorded and concert video produced. Also artist's display by Dee Kordas, along with snack foods. \$8 suggested donation per person. See francestowncoffeehouse.org.

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.

FRIDAY, May 1ST Hosted by The CLASS of 2026 PENNY SALE



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AA MEETINGS

IN PERSON AA MEETINGS: Tuesdays 7:30 pm at St Mary's Catholic Church in Hillsboro and Thursdays at 7:30 pm at Smith Memorial Congregational Church in Hillsboro.

Send your Classifieds to: PO Box 1190, Hillsborough, NH or email leighb@tds.net

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PUBLIC NOTICE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING

The **Washington School Board** will hold a **Public Hearing** on **Monday, May 11, 2026 at 5:30 pm** in the **Washington Elementary School Art Room**

The purpose of the hearing is for discussion of expenditure from the Washington School District Reserved Fund Balance for an amount not to exceed \$65,000 to be used to purchase an Air Handling Unit and cover the cost of unanticipated special education expenses in fiscal year 2025-2026.

Town of Hillsborough NH LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Case No 2026-06

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 & 675:7 that the Hillsborough Planning Board will hold a public hearing for Site Plan Review at the Tractor Supply Store at 467 West Main Street (Map 11F Lot 20) owned by COP Fund Manager LLC, for the addition of a bulk feed storage overflow room inside the existing fenced in area and a one-way drive through for customer pickup. The property is located in the Commercial Zone. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, **May 6, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Offices, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

Upon a finding by the Board that the application meets the submission requirements, the Board will vote to accept the application as complete and the Public Hearing on the merits of the proposal may follow immediately. Copies of the application may be viewed at the Office of Community Planning, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire. Anyone with questions about this application should contact Robyn Payson, Planning Director at 603-464-7971 or by e-mail at robbyn@hillsboroughnh.net

DEERING PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 that the Deering Planning Board will review the following submitted application(s) for completeness on **May 13, 2026, at a meeting beginning at 7:00 PM at the Deering Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road, Deering, NH.** If the application(s) are accepted as complete by the Board, a public hearing will follow immediately after. Applications continued to a subsequent meeting will not be re-noticed.

The following application(s) have been submitted for review and public hearing by the Planning Board:

Major Conditional Use Permit Application. Tierney Family Revocable Trust. Map 228, Lot 66, and 215 Lakeshore Drive in the Watershed Overlay District. The applicant seeks to raise the existing home and construct a new basement, as well as construct a new deck.

The agenda for the meeting will be posted per RSA 91-A:2. Refer to the agenda for a listing of other items before the Board, including applications and public hearings that were continued from previous meetings which may be heard prior to the above applications.

Copies of the Planning Board applications and associated materials are available for review at Deering Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road, during normal **business hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.** Material is also available online at <https://www.deering.nh.us/planning-board>. Phone (603) 464-3248.

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PUBLIC NOTICE HOPKINTON-EVERETT FLOOD CONTROL AREA PROJECT FILE P2-522

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Division of Forests and Lands
HENNIKER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

By authority granted under RSA 227-G:3, 227-G:5 and 227-H:2 the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands is planning a forest operation that includes the commercial timber harvest on 87.5 acres of the Hopkinton-Everett Flood Control Area in the town of Henniker, New Hampshire. This is a public notice to solicit comments or questions as part of the planning process. **THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR BIDS.** The Division carries out timber harvests as part of a multiple use forest and wildlife management program on State owned woodlands. Please address written comments or requests for information by May 8, 2026 to Director, Division of Forests and Lands, 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, New Hampshire 03301, ATTN: Forest Management Bureau **P2-522.**

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