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New England College students learn from faculty making real impact in the field, like Professor Richard Hubbard, whose work was recently published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



This week in history

MAY 1, 1950

Gwendolyn Brooks receives the Pulitzer Prize for poetry

MAY 2, 2011

U.S. forces kill Osama bin Laden

MAY 3, 1469

Philosopher

Niccoló Machiavelli is born

MAY 4, 1864

Army of the Potomac crosses the Rapidan River

MAY 5, 1821

Napoleon dies in exile

MAY 6, 1970

Students launch nationwide protest

MAY 7, 1915

Germans sink the RMS Lusitania



Staff and students gathered to celebrate Franklin High School for receiving the New Hampshire Excellence in Education award as NH's Best School.

Lucas charged in \$50 million ponzi scheme



Jay Lucas

Jay Lucas, who is well-known for business ventures and Republican politics, is now facing additional charges from the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission over allegedly raising \$50 million in a Ponzi scheme.

Much of the money was used to "support his lifestyle," according to the complaint.

Lucas, 71, formerly of Newport, now from Portsmouth, allegedly misappropriated at least \$8 million of investor money for rent, alimony, wedding expenses, per-

sonal real estate investments, payments to a political consultant and funding The Eagle Times of Claremont newspaper, which authorities have called a vanity project. The SEC charges come after Lucas was previously charged by the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

Lucas made misstatements and omissions regarding Immunologie, a "failing skincare company" owned by his wife, Karen Ballou, which received the largest amount of investor funds. The SEC also alleges Lucas misappropriated \$2.5 million from FOV Holdings, which he created to invest in Flags of Valor, LLC, a Virginia-based company that produces flags and

other patriotic decorations.

The SEC alleges from late 2013 to late 2025 the defendants raised \$50.4 million from more than 200 investors through limited partnership agreements.

The SEC alleges Lucas was repeatedly engaged in a "shell game" where he'd move money around depending on the needs of each fund in 2022 and 2023 from approximately 20 investors, but only approximately \$1.4 million was sent to Flags of Valor, according to the complaint.

"Lucas used more than \$1 million of the money he raised for personal and unrelated business expenses," the complaint said.

Nominate Hillsboro's 2026 Citizen of the Year"

The Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for a person or persons who: Continually volunteers his or her (or their) time, dedication and talents to the town and the residents of the town to make Hillsboro a great place to live, work, play and learn as they make a positive

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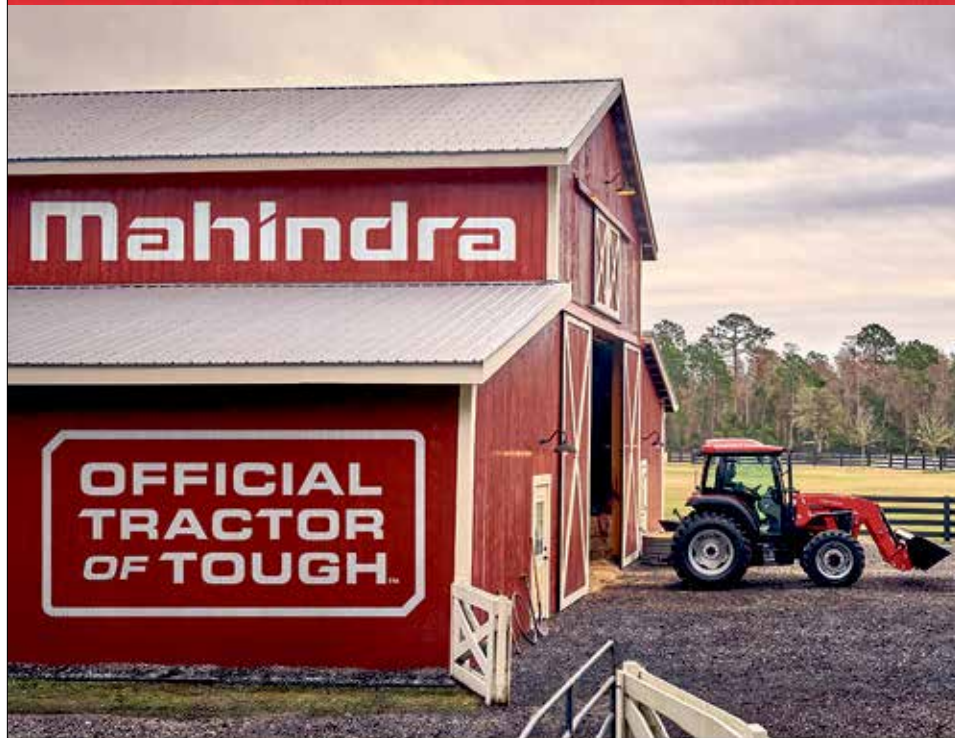
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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

May 2, 2025

New London woman appeals 3rd DWI conviction
Hikers discover body of suicide victim in Bradford woods
Developer says previously approved Antrim Mills project "Not Feasible"
Was State Rep fired for criticizing allowing a transgender boy in girls' bath

May 3, 2024

Former New London Financial Advisor pays \$1 million costs & penalties
Bradford's Historic Town Hall to reopen on June 1st
Warner Select Board reviews process for appointments to boards
Elevated mold count found at Bow's Community Building

May 5, 2023

H-D DECA shines at International Conference
Man denied bail after admitting making bombs that exploded in Weare
Henniker couple seriously hurt in Aggravated DWI crash
Dunkin-Jenkins Trust funds Big Top Circus in Washington

May 6, 2022

Henniker Community School rated #1 K-8
H-D School Board announces two new principals
New London Inn nominated for Business For Arts Award
Huston Barn added to NH Register of Historic Places

May 7, 2021

New London to continue mask mandate
Bennington & Hancock discuss Police Dept merger
Hillsborough cemetery on Historic Register
Hopkinton voters reject SB2

May 8, 2020

OSRAM issues 4-6 week furloughs
No injuries reported in Antrim garage fire
Henniker Select Board considers sidewalk dining
Warner Fire Department has building problems

May 10, 2019

New London Recreation outlines 5-year plan
John Stark features the only Esport team in NH
HD's Marc Payeur named Running Start Champion
Antrim man's drowning death ruled accidental

May 11, 2018

New Boston approves purchase of recreation van
Newport voters approve state's largest solar project
H-D schools award six grants to improve security
Guard demonstrates robot for Stark Robotics Team

May 11, 2017

AG investigating voter fraud at Emerald Lake
Dunbarton woman charged with aggravated DWI
Drunken wrong-way driver causes Tilton crash
Springfield College honors two H-D graduates

May 6, 2016

Great Brook named Spotlight School
Matt French sworn in as Henniker Police Chief
Doug Mumford retires as Hopkinton Fire Chief
Gary Nichols retires after 22 years as Selectman

Crews were busy battling brush fires in several towns including Hopkinton

Multiple brush fires were reported across New Hampshire last Thursday afternoon as high winds and low humidity created an elevated fire risk.

A brush fire in Hopkinton was brought under control after crews watered the area down. Firefighters said it burned about three acres and affected roughly

15 acres near North Shore Drive.

Hopkinton Fire Chief Jeff Yale reported that the fire is believed to have started when a tree fell onto a power line.

Officials said brush fires can also spread from leftover campfires, as wind carries burning leaves and debris. Forest Ranger Capt. Mike Matson said fires can

be prevented by taking precautions such as not leaving any cigarettes behind or dumping out ash from wood stoves.

“People can help prevent these forest fires by just being fire conscious,” Matson said. “Any

fire pit is not a good idea today.”

He also recommended bagging dead leaves and other dry yard waste left over from winter to reduce fire risk, and securing awnings, canopies and clotheslines that could catch fire.

“We have very low humidity, and these fuels are really receptive,” Matson said.

Crews responded to brush fires in Deerfield, Chichester, Keene, Manchester and Londonderry on Thursday as well.



The Henniker Area Rotary Club conducted another successful Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 25.



Brush fire broke out in Hopkinton.

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Hometown Heroes



Sunapee Police proudly recognized Administrative Professionals Day and extended their sincere appreciation to Joshua Levasseur, who is the Executive Administrative Assistant of the Sunapee Police Department. He has been serving in this role since January of 2022.



Dunbarton Police recognizes Sergeant Brian Tyler for the recent completion of his Master of Arts degree in Management with a concentration in Public Administration from American Military University. Sergeant Tyler's continued dedication to professional and career development is commendable, and they are all very proud of him.



New Boston Police congratulates the newest graduate of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Academy, Officer David Delisle. Officer Delisle has successfully completed his academic and physical training and is now stepping into Field Training—the final phase before taking on the responsibility of serving his community on patrol. This moment was made even more meaningful as his brother, Officer Ethan Delisle presented his graduation certificate. It was a proud family moment.

Former Warner resident is suing the town and two hospitals

Susan Roth, formerly of Warner, has sued two New Hampshire hospitals and the town in federal court, alleging she was mistreated, physically harmed and civilly trafficked while seeking help for a psychiatric condition that stemmed from her years of service as a law enforcement officer.

Roth, a former California police officer who owns a home in Warner but now resides in California, filed the lawsuit in

the U.S. District Court of New Hampshire against Elliot Hospital, Concord Hospital and the town of Warner on April 16.

Her attorney, Aaron Archambault, said Roth has been diagnosed with Complex Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, a psychiatric disability she developed through repeated exposure to trauma during her law enforcement career.

He said the core of the case is that none of the defendants

treated Roth appropriately, given her diagnosis. As a result, "Ms. Roth has lost all trust in the medical care system and the law enforcement system of New Hampshire," the complaint states.

A spokesperson for Concord Hospital on Thursday said it has not been served with the lawsuit.

Elliot Hospital said in a statement that it has no information on this matter and "protecting the safety, dignity and confidentiality of all our patients is our top priority and a legal requirement under federal and state law." The Town of Warner has not commented on the lawsuit.

The reported misconduct unfolded across a series of incidents in April, 2025.

In one of the incidents, around 1:30 a.m. on April 17, Roth, who had voluntarily submitted to a 72-hour psychiatric observation at Concord Hospital, was transferred to Elliot Hospital without her knowledge or consent. None of her family

members were notified.

According to the lawsuit, she was transported against her will, in handcuffs and without shoes.

"She voluntarily was on hold at the Concord hospital with no risk to anybody," Archambault said. "There was no indication that she did anything at the Concord hospital that would require her to be transferred to anywhere, and she did not agree."

During her seven days at Elliot Hospital, the lawsuit states that Roth sustained a hip injury caused by "inhumane detention conditions" there.

Roth's lawsuit brings forward twelve counts against the three defendants, including false imprisonment, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligence, battery, violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act and civil trafficking.

The lawsuit states that after Roth left a Concord Hospital health facility in Warner, having not received adequate support for her mental health condition,

staff there falsely told the Warner Police Department that she had threatened employees and was in possession of a firearm.

According to the suit, Warner police responded to Roth's home and acted on that reportedly false information without conducting an independent investigation.

The lawsuit further alleges officers lacked proper training in de-escalating situations involving a patient in psychiatric distress.

"The constitutional violations suffered by Ms. Roth were caused by the policies, customs, practices and/or failures of the Town of Warner," the lawsuit states.

Roth is demanding a jury trial, where the amount of compensatory damages she could receive would be determined. She is additionally asking the court to require that the defendants implement appropriate policies and trainings for interacting with individuals with PTSD.



Representatives of the NH Business & Economic Affairs Committee and Hospitality Association presented Hillsboro officials with a plaque signifying the town's being named a "Housing Champion."

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

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Duavee, a drug already approved by the FDA to treat menopause symptoms, may also help prevent invasive breast cancer, according to new findings presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting.

Lower levels of vitamin D, vitamin B12, folate and magnesium were seen in people with severe chronic pain in a recently completed study published in *Pain Practice*.

Taking a statin medication is an effective, safe, and low-cost way to lower cholesterol and reduce risk of cardiovascular events. Despite clinicians recommending that many patients with diabetes take statins, nearly one-fifth of them opt to delay treatment. In a new study published in the *Journal of the American Heart Association*, researchers found that patients who started statin therapy right away reduced the rate of heart attack and stroke by one third compared to those who chose to delay taking the medication.

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Dr. Esin Narli

Overcoming Fear and Anxiety Surrounding Dental Visits: Many people dread dental visits due to fear and anxiety. It's a common experience that can stem from various sources, such as past trauma or the sounds of dental equipment. Understanding these feelings is the first step. Acknowledging your fears can help you address them more effectively.

Communicating with your dentist plays a critical role in easing anxiety. Many practices now offer calming environments and are willing to discuss any concerns up front. This dialogue fosters trust between you and your dental professional. Consider relaxation techniques, too, like deep breathing or visualization exercises, before appointments. Bringing along a friend or family member for support often makes a difference. Having someone familiar by your side can make the entire process feel less intimidating while encouraging positive associations with routine care.

Conclusion - Prioritizing Routine Dental Visits Benefits Overall Health: Prioritizing routine dental visits is crucial for maintaining not just a dazzling smile, but also overall well-being. Regular check-ups allow your dentist to catch potential issues before they escalate into more serious problems. This proactive approach can save you time and money in the long run. Don't let fear or anxiety deter you from making these important visits a part of your routine. Understanding the benefits can empower you to prioritize your oral health as an essential aspect of holistic wellness. Taking charge of your dental care contributes positively not only to your mouth but also impacts various facets of physical and mental health. Embrace the advantages that come with maintaining good oral hygiene through consistent dental visits — it's a choice worth making for yourself and those around you.

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School Days



Kearsarge Culinary and Pastry Arts students visited Granite State Candy in Concord to learn about the operations of an artisan candy company. Jeff Bart, owner of Granite State Candy, guided students through the facility, and provided a hands-on opportunity for students to create their own confections.



Henniker Community School 8th graders are pictured on their last day in DC. Students toured the Air and Space Museum, finished up the memorials, saw the changing of the guards at Arlington Cemetery, jumped off a high dive, and chatted face-to-face with a Holocaust survivor at the Holocaust Museum.



Hillsboro-Deering students participated in a recent clothing drive. Many donations were given directly to needy families, while the remainder was donated to Hillsborough Community Thrift.

Weare Representative under fire for controversial comments

A parade of House Democrat and a few Republican lawmakers urged a legislative panel to recommend punishment for two-term state Rep. Travis Corcoran, R-Weare, for making controversial, degrading comments about colleagues.

In past posts on X, Corcoran

had called for a “final solution” for State Rep. Jessica Grill, D-Manchester, who is Jewish, after she had invited friends to a karaoke night event.

He once posted about supporting the deportation for Rep. Luz Bay, D-Dover, who was born in the Philippines.

Grill called for the House Legislative Administration Committee to recommend expulsion of Corcoran from the House.

“I did not know Representative Grill was Jewish when I made the comment,” Corcoran said. “Had I known I would have chosen other words. The joke still would have been a joke, but

it still would have offended some people.” The committee has a range of options from recommending to the full House no action to a reprimand, a stronger censure resolution or Corcoran’s removal from the House.

Several family members of Holocaust survivors said Corcoran’s words made them feel

victimized again.

At Monday’s hearing, only one House Republican, Rep. Matt Drew of Manchester, defended Corcoran’s behavior.

Drew charged Democrats with a double standard for failing to punish liberal lawmakers who had outbursts of their own in the past.



State Rep. Travis Corcoran, R-Weare, at left, said the House Legislative Administration Committee hearing on whether to punish him for making controversial comments about his colleagues was an absurd attempt to cast his jokes or sarcasm as amounting to personal threats.



The Sunapee Fire Department conducted important in-house training focused on fire behavior and reading smoke, two critical skills that help firefighters make safer and more effective decisions on the fireground. The Sunapee Fire Department remains committed to ongoing training and professional development to ensure its members are prepared to serve the community safely and effectively.

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Around Our Towns



That's a wrap on Avenue A's first Coffeehouse & Youth Arts Celebration! 13 amazing teens performed to a packed room, sharing their talents through instrumental music, vocal performances, poetry, and creative writing. Guests also enjoyed a beautiful exhibit of teen artwork.



Congratulations to Contoocook American Legion's newly installed officers of Post #81 and Squadron #81. May the post continue serving veterans and the community.



An impromptu cleanup day for the New Boston girls softball. Take pride in where you play! Thank you volunteers.

Henniker to host Annual Acton Children's Business Fair for Young Entrepreneurs

Promising a day of inspiration and innovation, this free family event returns to showcase the next generation of business heroes.

HENNIKER, NH – April 27, 2026 – This upcoming Mother's Day weekend, the Acton Children's Business Fair returns to Henniker for its highly anticipated 4th annual event. The free, one-day marketplace, where local youth completely take the lead, will be held at the Henniker Community Park on Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Founded in Austin, Texas, in 2007 by Jeff and Laura Sandefer, the Acton Children's Business Fair has grown into one of the largest entrepreneurship events for youth in North America. Operating in a vibrant, festival-like setting, learners—typically ages 5 to 16—are responsible for the entire entrepreneurial process. Each participant has developed a

business plan, created a product or service, built a marketing strategy, and will now officially open for customers.

True to the event's philosophy of total ownership, parents are explicitly barred from selling or promoting on behalf of the young entrepreneurs.

This unique rule ensures that the learners take full responsibility for everything from booth setup to customer sales. Attendees can expect a diverse selection of locally crafted goods, including tasty treats, homemade bread, handmade jewelry, original and wood-burned art, 3D-printed items, and art supplies, alongside homemade dog cookies for furry family members. The fair will also feature judging and awards in categories such as "Most Original Business Idea," "Highest Business Potential," and "Best Presentation."

"We truly believe these young entrepreneurs are step-

ping up as role models for the next generation," said Morgan Bertrand, Programs Director. "We can't wait to see what these incredible learners have built. It's always such an inspiring day, and we'd love for the whole community to grab a shopping bag and come out to support

them."

The event is proudly hosted by Acton Academy Merrimack Valley, with the generous support of community sponsors, donors, and volunteers. Special thanks to local sponsors, including Silver Brothers Painting and Construction, Indoitive, and

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The Acton Children's Business Fair is a free, family-friendly event.

For more information, please email Info@actonmv.com, call 603-519-5698 or visit ActonMerrimackValley.com under the events tab.



The Boy Scouts of Antrim's Troop 2 enjoyed a nice hike with some nice views and some trail cooking to satisfy rank and merit badge requirements.

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Response to Letters to Representative

**Jim Creighton from the towns of
Antrim and Hillsborough:**

The towns of Antrim and Hillsborough both voted for warrant articles that called for letters to be sent to their state representatives. At the Antrim town meeting I testified that I welcomed this initiative and I voted in favor the warrant article. I encouraged town members to reach out to me regarding their advice, guidance, opinions, and concerns. I have received letters from the town of Antrim and the Hillsborough Deering School Chair. This article is intended to respond to these well considered letters.

These letters reflect the concerns voiced to me while "door-knocking" on over 5000 doors in the last three election cycles. The three primary concerns I hear are: the increase in property taxes, the availability of affordable housing, and the quality and cost of education. Property taxes impact me personally. The town tax rate has gone from \$18.74/acre to \$23.11/acre for a 23% increase in the last two years. The town received 39% of the overall property tax bill in 2025 while school tax was 61% for state and local levels.

The town portion of the overall tax bill was discussed in detail by the approximately 200, roughly 10% of local voters, at the Antrim town meeting. The selectmen's proposed budget of \$5,399,497 was agreed to readily. There was extensive debate on the proposed warrant articles, accounting for the vast majority of the discussion. The results of debate added approximately 6% to the selectmen's proposed budget. In Antrim, roughly 18% of the voters decided the town budget plus additional taxes derived from the warrant articles for the entire town at the election in March.

I fully supported the warrant article which increased taxes on younger residents to help off-set costs for the elderly. I also supported the warrant articles improving our police, fire, community and road services, fully understanding that these additions would add to the town portion of my tax bill. The town's portion of the tax bill was approved based on votes from 18% of the voters. That means 82% of the voters decided to have no say in their taxes because they did not vote.

The Antrim 2025 property tax bill is weighted heavily toward education with 61% percent of the bill going to state and local education support. The state receives 8% of these funds while CONVAL receives 92% directly. I have been asked to support more state funding to the school district based on the CONVAL court ruling. I understand this request but the proposed CONVAL gross budget for 2026 is \$63,100,384 and according to NH Department of Education data, CONVAL has 1862 students (K-12) which is \$33,888 per child. I do not see the cost going down. In fact, the tax bill for education has gone from \$12.33/acre to \$14.08/ acre since 2023, a 24% increase over the last two years. Even if the State picked

up more of the funding for CONVAL, the total would not go down because the cost of the school budget continues to go up. There are no additional State funds that could fund the school. The town portion of the bill might go down but the state portion would be greater because it would pick up the remainder of the bill plus a premium for schools with more need based on the Claremont decision. According to the Department of Education as of April 20, 2026, the Department is already providing Antrim \$8453 per child for adequacy funding and State-wide Education Property Tax (SWEPT). I fully support public schools and am happy to contribute personally to educating our next generations. I am not sure that we are frugal enough with our budget given the cost we are paying per child. I am dedicated to looking at ways to more efficiently use the tax dollars we are spending in our school systems in order to reduce what represented 61% of our tax bill in 2025. In response to the need for more funding the State allocated \$2.1B to education in the current bi-annual budget which increased the overall per student allocation from \$5,900 to over \$7,100 statewide, a 20% increase. The State also increased educational aid from \$599M to \$950M, a 52% increase. An increase in funding despite a corresponding decrease in enrollment.

I have regular meetings at the Antrim Elementary School; in fact, I go there when I want see what is working right. According to the New Hampshire Journal, Granite State schools are rated #5 in the nation. Despite this, I am frustrated that the current math and reading scores which, although improving, are still very low. When I talk to teachers, I hear their frustration with student behavior and the inconsistent support from parents and administration. When I talk to parents, I hear concerns regarding school safety, curriculum content, and the quality of education. The cost of unfunded mandates and special education is of prime concern to the administrators. The common thread in all of these discussions is a desire to serve our children and provide them the best education possible. Based on discussions with many parents who strongly believe that there are better options for their children than the public schools, I support the Education Freedom Accounts. This program uses the money from the Education Trust Fund that was already allocated for that child from the state (not additional funding) to help families educate their children in the best environment possible for that child. These families still pay their local taxes which all go to the school their child is no longer attending. I believe that this program should require rigorous oversight and audit to ensure the funds are being spent as envisioned. Remembering that the Granite State is one of the top educational states, I look for ways to improve educational opportunities and outcomes for all of our children.

I completely understand and feel the concerns regarding the increases to property tax bills. I also consider that with 0% income tax and 0% sales tax New Hampshire rates #3 in the nation for best overall tax burden according to the Tax Foundation. This overall favorable tax situation has contributed to our ongoing growth in the number of businesses and workers coming to New Hampshire. To continue this growth, we need to lower ►

Letters to the Editor continued

the tax burden without adding an income or sales tax and I will continue to support legislation and programs along these lines. I am looking for ways to improve the availability and cost of housing. The Antrim Planning Board prepared and had approved by warrant article several modifications to the town's zoning rules that will encourage a more favorable housing market. The State has

passed legislation that will give the towns more flexibility to modify rules and processes needed to encourage more affordable housing.

New Hampshire continues to lead the nation in many areas including taxpayer return on investment, economic freedom and economic opportunity. I am committed to helping our tax payers by avoiding laws that push

unfunded mandates to the towns and put more pressure on already stressed taxpayers. What I have found in six years in Concord is that there are many sides to each issue. It is my goal to look at all sides and work with interested parties to develop effective legislation that does not put more burden on taxpayers.

Representative Jim Creighton, Antrim

Kearsarge students shine at NH Scholastic Mixed Chess Championships

Kearsarge Regional High School students delivered an outstanding performance at the New Hampshire Scholastic Mixed Chess Championships during March 28th and 29th, earning top individual and team honors.

Noah Van Vugt captured 1st place in the high school division, securing his qualification to represent New Hampshire at the prestigious Denker Tournament of High School Champions this summer in Michigan.

The Denker Tournament is a national competition held in conjunction with the U.S. Open and brings together the top high school chess players from across the country.

Fellow Kearsarge student Eli Van Vugt also had an impressive showing, finishing 4th overall in the high school division.

As a team, Kearsarge Regional High School placed

3rd overall, earning a team trophy in recognition of their collective achievement. The team's success reflects both individual excellence and strong collaboration, highlighting the depth of talent within the program.

"We are incredibly proud of our students and the way they represented Kearsarge at the state level," said Principal Charles Langille. "Their dedication, enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit are to be celebrated by our full community."

A photo of the students with their trophies is available for school communications and recognition efforts.

The school learning community and Kearsarge community members are encouraged to come together and congratulate and support Noah as he prepares to compete on the national stage at the Denker Tournament and Eli who will compete in the US Open.



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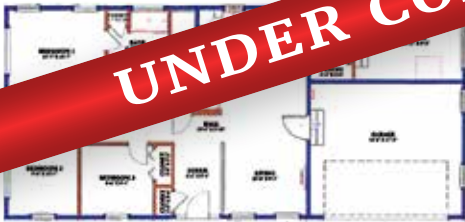


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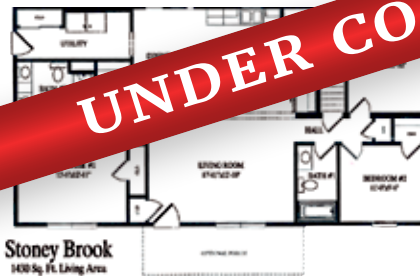
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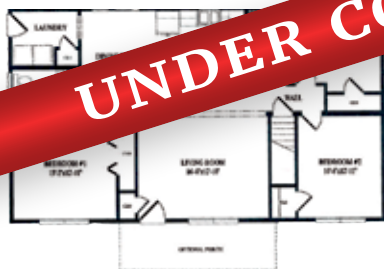
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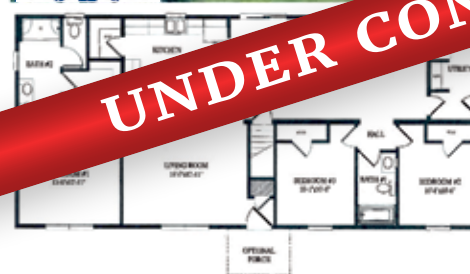
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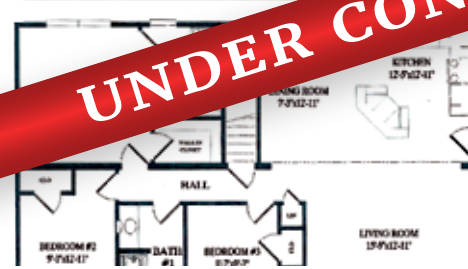
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Crime Watch



Deborah Ann Bradley is led out of the courtroom after her bail hearing.

Bow woman's bail revoked

The wife of a man accused of raping two of their adopted daughters had her bail revoked in Merrimack County Superior Court, after being accused of communicating with members of her family and, possibly, attempting to alter the outcome of their cases, according to prosecutors, months before she was scheduled to go to trial. Deborah Ann Bradley, 60, of Bow, a former NH DCYF employee, was scheduled to go to trial on three counts of falsifying physical evidence and three counts of witness tampering on April 7. She is accused of telling her husband, Kenneth Bradley, who is accused of raping the children, of evidence against him on a cellphone in 2019, as well as attempting to get her daughters to recant their prior statements, according to court documents and affidavits. Kenneth Bradley is facing eight aggravated felonious sexual assault charges, 11 felonious sexual assault charges, and two falsifying physical evidence counts, based on incidents between 2019 and 2022.

Bow Police foil attempted theft

A vehicle theft in Bow was foiled on Wednesday after police said they caught a suspect in the act and made an arrest. At 12:29 p.m., the Bow Police Department responded to a report of a theft in progress at a residence on Carriage Road. Officers received a call about an unauthorized individual on the property. When they arrived, they said Dylan Beaudet, 32, of Chichester, was attempting to steal a vehicle parked inside the garage. Beaudet was loading the vehicle onto a trailer, according to Bow police. He was later taken into custody and charged with criminal trespass and attempted theft by unauthorized taking of more than \$1,500. Beaudet is being held at the Merrimack County House of Corrections pending his arraignment at Merrimack County Superior Court. "The quick response of our officers prevented the loss of property and ensured the safety of the neighborhood," said Bow Police Chief Ken Miller in a statement. The investigation remains ongoing. Bow police are asking residents in the Carriage Road area who may have witnessed suspicious activity or have home surveillance footage to

contact them. This is not Beaudet's first run-in with law enforcement. In April 2025, Beaudet was arrested after State Police said he led local officers and state troopers on a vehicle chase through Loudon, Chichester and Pittsfield.

Franklin man arrested for theft

Alan R. Peterson, born in 1988, of Franklin, was arrested at 11 a.m. on March 25 on a theft by unauthorized taking, a felony due to two prior convictions, as well as willful concealment and breach of bail, after an incident or investigation at the Hannaford supermarket at 73 Fort Eddy Road.

Aggravated felonious sexual assault

The Dunbarton Police Department announced the felony indictment of Robert Bzdula III, 23, from Seagrove, North Carolina. Bzdula III was indicted on Tuesday, April 14th 2026 by a Merrimack County Grand Jury on the charges of: 2 Counts of Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault – Special Felonies 2 Counts of Felonious Sexual Assault, RSA 632-A:3, III, Class B Felony Indecent Exposure and Lewdness, RSA 654:1, II(b), Class B Felony. The indictment is the result of a lengthy investigation into an allegation that Bzdula III engaged in a pattern of sexual assaults against a juvenile victim known to him. The Dunbarton Police Department was assisted in the investigation by the Moore County, NC Sheriff's Office. Additional charges are expected.

Wilmot man guilty of more sex offenses

A man from Wilmot, previously convicted on sexual assault charges last year, had his sentence in prison extended after pleading guilty to two more sets of aggravated felonious sexual assault charges after incidents in 2020 in Danbury and 2022 in Wilmot. Richard French, 36, was sentenced to four to eight years in prison for raping his ex-girlfriend, Kearra Patten, and an additional one to two years in prison after sexually assaulting a second woman. The sentences will be served consecutively after the end of his first conviction. "This man is a repeat sex offender with four prior convictions of sex crimes against me," Patten said. "The crimes being tried in this case are more violent."



Newbury's Mountain Road is now closed at Nate's Way for bridge replacement. It is expected that the road will be closed for three to four weeks. In order to reach addresses beyond 48 Mountain Road, you will need to take Village Road to South Road turn onto Newell Road and then a right onto Mountain Road.



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Greenfield's Town Administrator moving on

Aaron Patt, Greenfield's town administrator has resigned and will begin a new position in Vermont. Select Board Chair Tom Bascom said, "We are very happy for Aaron, and we are sad to see him go. He has been



a wonderful thing for Greenfield, and we're going to miss him." Patt has been hired as the municipal manager for Rockingham and Bellows Falls, Vt., and will start May 26. Patt has been Greenfield's Town Administrator since 2011. He was the town's first professional administrator. Town Office Manager Wendy Drouin will be filling in as interim Town Administrator while the Select Board assesses their options.



Hancock Police Chief resigns - fails recertification

Hancock's Interim Police Chief Terry Choate has resigned after twice failing to meet state re-certification requirements. According to the March 3, 2026, minutes of the state's Police and Standards Training Council, Choate failed to meet requirements after receiving two extensions granted by the state. Choate submitted his resignation, effective immediately, to the Hancock Select Board on Tuesday, April 21. The Hancock Select Board issued the following statement:

"The Select Board regrets to announce that Hancock's Interim Police Chief resigned his position effective April 21, 2026. We are coordinating with part-time staff and local, county, and state agencies for additional assistance during the search process to fill the Chief's position. Thank you for your messages of concern. Rest assured, we are actively working on this issue."

Choate, who was hired as interim chief by the town of Hancock on May 19, 2025, requested an extension of his reciprocity of prior training and experience certification (known as PT & E), which was approved by the council on June 24, 2025.

According to NH law, qualified police candidates can apply for re-certification based on their PT & E, and must submit a packet with all their prior certification and training, including transcripts, curricula, training manuals, and diplomas, for approval.

Candidates seeking PT & E certification must also pass fitness tests, and medical qualifications, before starting the process of sitting for Law Package training in order to receive their re-certification with the state.

According to the minutes of the council, Choate was unable to meet the certification requirements within the required six months and failed to file for an extension when the extension expired on November 19, 2025.

In March, Choate was granted another extension retroactive to November 19, 2025, through May 19, 2026, in order to complete his certification package.

As of March 3, Choate had completed the agency's Full-Time Officer training program, but had not yet passed the fitness test, which is a requirement for starting the process of Law Package re-certification.

NEC presents “Never Forget: A Virtual Wall of Honor”

Swim With A Mission was honored to partner with New England College to present “Never Forget: A Virtual Wall of Honor” on Friday, April 24. This powerful evening paid tribute to New Hampshire service members who made the ultimate sacrifice, ensuring their stories and legacy will never be forgotten.

Thank you to NEC President Dr. Wayne F. Lesperance, Jr. for launching this meaningful partnership, and to speakers: Jeff Ladiou (Camp Resilience), Brigadier General Joseph D. Reale, Richard Rawlings (Veterans Count), and Philip Taub (SWAM) for sharing remarks on

the importance of never forgetting those who served.

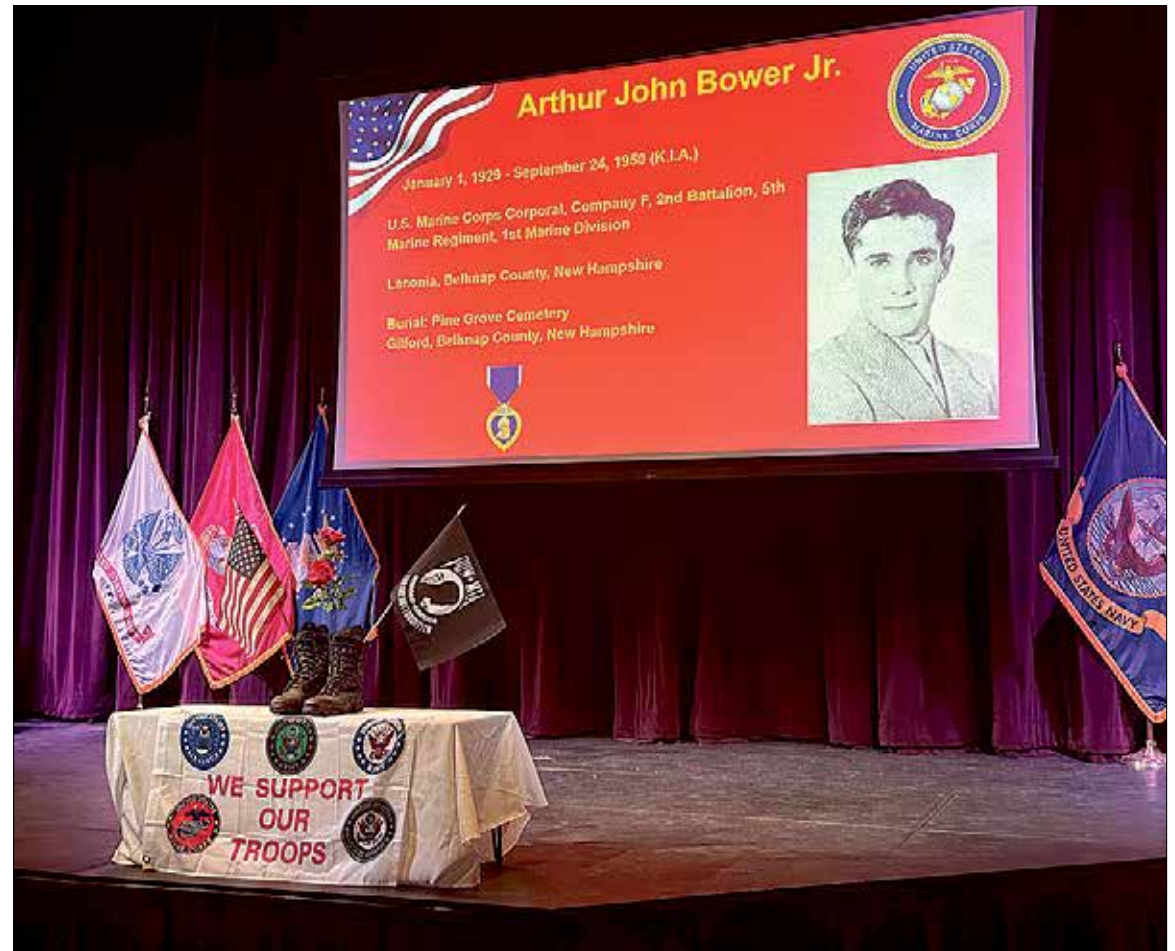
A special thank you to NEC students Allison Wyssenski '26 and Thomas Betsy, Jr. '26, and to Frank Jones, Director of Veteran Services, for their dedicated research honoring all NH service members killed in action since World War I.

SWAM was especially honored to have Gold Star Families in attendance, including the Durgin Family, the Bilodeau Family, and Karen Staley, whose son died by suicide and who is now working to establish the Military Suicide Loss Memorial at the NH Veterans Cemetery.

At Swim With A Mission, their commitment is to ensure these heroes are never forgotten,

and Friday night was a powerful reflection of that mission in action.

Thank you to everyone who joined SWAM and NEC to honor, remember, and stand together.



Lieutenant White and Safety Officer Gosselin completed annual spring maintenance on the Sunapee Fire Department's marine response equipment. The department is pleased to announce that Boat 1 has officially been launched for the season.

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Antrim Select Board discusses the town's Economic Development Committee

At Monday's Antrim Select Board meeting, member Bob Edwards proposed a framework for the Town's Economic Development Committee (AEDC), established by vote at Town Meeting held on March 12th, under Warrant Article #15.

The AEDC is an advisory committee only and both report and recommend to the Select Board any economic initiatives they feel may be worthy of consideration in the best interest of the town.

The Antrim Economic Development Committee's mission is to enhance the vitality of the local economy by supporting existing business and attracting new businesses to Antrim, encouraging economic development consistent with Antrim's

Master Plan, and to promote the spirit of the Town Motto: Home-town Pride.

Its goals are:

1. Promote growth in property valuation that generates tax revenue, which exceeds municipal costs, in order to reduce the tax burden on residents.
2. Promote Antrim as a destination for new businesses.
3. Establish and nurture supportive relationships with existing businesses and property owners.
4. Provide input to the Select Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment to project a welcoming and helpful image to the business community.
5. Provide education and outreach opportunities to en-



courage and facilitate economic development.

6. Work collaboratively and seek out support for Antrim economic development from local, regional and state organizations.

7. Identify and pursue funding sources, on behalf of the Town that would enable AEDC to meet its mission and goals set

forth in this document.

8. Promote economic growth that provides opportunities in Antrim Select Board.

The membership shall consist of one ex-officio sitting member of the Select Board appointed by the Select Board annually, one ex-officio sitting member of the Planning

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State approves NEC's Principal and Superintendent Licensure Programs

New England College (NEC) has received official approval from the New Hampshire Department of Education for its Principal Licensure Only and School Superintendent Licensure Only programs, marking a significant milestone in the College's efforts to support and advance educational leadership

across the state.

Building on its longstanding commitment to educator preparation, NEC's newly approved programs provide clear, accessible pathways for experienced educators seeking to step into leadership roles at both the local and district levels.

Designed with working professionals in mind, the programs combine rigorous academic coursework with practical, field-based experiences aligned to the evolving demands of school leadership—all while being efficient and cost effective.

The Principal Licensure Only pro-

gram, developed in collaboration with the New Hampshire Association of School Principals (NHASP), emphasizes real-world application, mentorship from experienced administrators, and a focus on key areas such as instructional leadership, school culture, and community engagement.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Debra Ann (Lord) Connor

Hillsborough - Debra Ann (Lord) Connor, age 67, of Hillsborough, New Hampshire, passed peacefully surrounded by her family on Friday, April 17, 2026. Debra was born and raised in Tyngsborough, Mass. and was in a long-time relationship with Bruce Anderson. Debra was a loving mother to five children: Tina Sawtelle; Tammy and her husband Tom Snyder; Michelle Morris; Crystal and her husband Marc Condo; and Jeff Johnson. She was the cherished Meme of her "Wolfpack" grandchildren: Tiffany, Jacob, Jordan, Jeremy, Calvin, Jacquelyn, Cameron, Priscilla, Victoria, Anthony, Ariana, Kaden, Kailynn, Madelyn, and Paisley. She was also a great-grandmother to Jacobe, Julius, Alaiya, Averi, Adaline, Oliver, Slade, Calvin Jr., and Delilah. She is survived by all of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, her sisters Karen Roy and her husband Roger Roy, and Denise Hughson and her husband Steven Hughson, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and her Best Friend Peter Kron. Debra was predeceased by her beloved parents, Ester Yvonne Saint Pierre and Robert Rosario Lord of Tyngsborough, Massachusetts; her older brother Robert Lord (known as Bobby); and her cherished godson, Steven Robert Hughson, with whom she shared a special connection. Debra had the biggest heart and the kind of compassion



you don't forget. She worked as a CNA, housekeeping, and laundry worker for many years at Sunny Acres Nursing Home, and also waitressed in her younger years. Debra wished to be cremated. A Mass in her memory will be held June 13th at 4 p.m. at Saint Mary Magdalen Church. Debra wanted to celebrate her life with her family before her passing—and she did. While she was on hospice, she had many special get-togethers, including tea parties, beach trips, girl makeover parties, holiday dinners, and even a cruise to the Bahamas. In true Debbie fashion, she lived well past what was expected—because no one tells Debbie what she's going to do. She was tired at the end, with her family at her bedside singing to her and praying with her. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Debra's memory to her charity, Debbie's Angels. Contact Crystal at crystal@condoandasociates.com.

Christina Paton Bryer

Antrim - Christina Paton Bryer, age 98, passed away April 7, 2026 at her home in Antrim after a brief period of declining health. She was born on October 28, 1927 in Liverpool England, the youngest daughter of the late Robert and Margaret Paton. Christina was predeceased by her husband of 67 years, Arthur Bryer. She is survived by her daughters, Maureen Parker (the late Stephen Parker), Carole Pugliese and her



husband Guy and her granddaughter Katherine Pugliese. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. An hour of visitation will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home, 32 School St., Hillsboro NH followed by a Christian funeral mass at St Mary's Church, 38 Church St., Hillsboro NH at 11:00. Burial will take place after mass in Maplewood Cemetery in Antrim.

B.J. "Woody" Woodward

Peterborough - B.J. "Woody" Woodward, 82, of Peterborough, a proud resident of the Monadnock region for the past 55 years, passed away peacefully on April 17, 2026, at Cheshire Medical Center. He was born on June 29, 1943, in Plymouth, Mass., 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. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Woody's name to the River Center in Peterborough.



Frances "Kit" Woods Fairchild

Peterborough - Frances "Kit" Woods Fairchild, 90, of Peterborough, NH (formerly of Belchertown, MA, and East Setauket, NY) died peacefully on April 1, 2026, surrounded by family. Born December 8, 1935, in Rochester, NY. She is survived by five siblings: David Woods of Peterborough, NH; Carol Gehlbach (Stephen) of Peterborough, NH; Heather Ames (Richard) of Jaffrey, NH; Robert Woods (Shoshi) of Rockport, MA; and Gail Woods of New York, NY. She also leaves four children: David Fairchild (Susie) of Sherborn, MA; James Fairchild (Mari) of Eden Prairie, MN; Stefanie Fairchild of Falmouth, ME; and Jovi Fairchild (Vincent) of Owings Mills, MD; 13 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents, Francis and Davida Woods; her husband, Ralph Fairchild; and her grandson, Nicholas Fairchild. A celebration of life will be held at Wellesley Friends Meeting, 26 Benvenue St., Wellesley, MA, on Saturday, May 23rd at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the American Friends Service Committee, located at 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.



The Deering Historical Society will be hosting the kickoff event for the celebration of our nation's 250th Anniversary.

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Events: Community Bulletin Board

FRIDAY MAY 1

HAUS OF MONSTERS - A LADY GAGA TRIBUTE: 7:30pm-9:30pm at Claremont Opera House, 58 Opera House Square, Claremont. Tickets are \$30-\$35 plus fees. More than just a tribute band, Haus of Monsters delivers the full Gaga experience: a powerhouse live band, dazzling backup dancers, stunning costumes, and all the theatrical flair fans expect. Every performance is a journey through Gaga's greatest hits, from the dance floor anthems to the show-stopping ballads, honoring her artistry, creativity, and fearless spirit. See more info at <https://cohn.org/event/> or call 603.542.4433.

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.

KENTUCKY DERBY GALA: 4:30pm at 80 Edgell Road, Newport. Join us to watch the Kentucky Derby in your derby attire! Dinner and dancing as well. You can buy tickets on fcftherapeutic.org.

ARCANA APOTHECARY TEA ROOM GRAND OPENING

CELEBRATION: 11am-5pm at the Greenfield Inn, 749 Forest Road, Greenfield, NH. Come enjoy the outdoor fair and inside, the 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 savorys, scones and pastries! Each guest receives a variety of savorys 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 Frankestown 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 9

GSCS SPRING 2026 SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP CRAFT FAIR:

Located at the James W. Foley Community Center, 150 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH. 9:30am-3pm. Spend your Saturday with us and browse from 50 different crafters and artisans from the

area. Each of these vendors will provide one of their wares for a raffle item which means you have 50 chances to win awesome prizes! Of course, all this shopping will make you hungry so you will have to make sure you grab a bowl of food from one of the crockpot meals prepared by local volunteers. If that's not enough to pique your interest, how about the chance to win some cold, hard cash with a 50/50 raffle? Come for the shopping, stay for the community spirit! Visit gschoralsociety.org/event/craft-fair/ or call 603-337-8354.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

FULLER PUBLIC LIBRARY: at 6pm: The Lunchbox Theory with author Mike Skinner is a deeply personal memoir that confronts the devastating impact of childhood abuse. The book ultimately delivers a message of resilience and hope. Michael recounts his journey from successful musician, agent, and father to a man unraveling from the weight of long-buried abuse.

FRIDAY MAY 15

DEERING LIBRARY: presents "Returning North with the Spring: Retracing the Journey of Naturalist Edwin Way Teale", a program from John Harris, adjunct faculty member in Environmental Science at Franklin Pierce University. Please join us at Deering Town Hall at 6:30pm. This program is sponsored in part by New Hampshire Humanities.

SATURDAY MAY 16

FISHING DERBY: The Andover Fish and Game Club's spring fishing derby will be held on May 16 with 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.

SATURDAY MAY 23

KCPC CHARITY YARD SALE: Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church, 82 King Hill Rd, New London, will host its 34th annual Yard Sale. Church rooms and outdoor tents will be filled with furniture, clothing, electronics, housewares, toys, jewelry, tools, yard/garden equipment, and sporting goods. All proceeds will go to charities. Outdoor sales start 7:30am; Church doors open 8am; Sale ends at 1pm. Everything must be sold! More info at: <https://www.facebook.com/NHchurchyardsale>

TUESDAY JUNE 9

FULLER PUBLIC LIBRARY: 1-2pm, Exploring Forgetfulness As We Age, a program sponsored by Granite VNA to be held at Fuller Public Library. All of us have probably experienced occasional episodes of forgetfulness, however there are differences between typical age-related forgetfulness and dementia-related illness. Please call to register, 603-464-3595.

FULLER PUBLIC LIBRARY: 6pm, The Declaration of Independence, Then and Now presented by David Alcox. Learn about the text of the Declaration of Independence, who the key players were, the Enlightenment influence, and if the values espoused in the Declaration are still relevant today. Participants will experience an unbiased look at the Declaration and receive valuable content to understand the influences and ideals of the document. They will be able to critically think about the document and have the knowledge of what it actually says and be able to form opinions and speak with conviction about what they learned. A New Hampshire Humanities program brought to you by the Hillsboro Historical Society and Fuller Public Library.

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MAY 13, 2026

The Town of Henniker Planning Board will hold a **public hearing on May 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Henniker Town Hall, 18 Depot Hill Rd**, to discuss the following:

Case: 2026-03 – Proposed subdivision of a 75.2 +/- acre property into four lots; one 57 +/- acre lot, the others being 7.49, 5.10, and 5.61 acres. Owner: Pelletier Martin Family Trust, Applicant: Higginson Land Services. Map 4 Lot 345, Freeman Colby Rd, Zoned RR

Copies of all materials are available for review on the Town of Henniker's website, May 13, 2026, Planning Board meeting link as well as in person at Town Hall.

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Under RSA 654:39, supervisors of the checklist/registrars, who are responsible for adding and removing names from their city or town's voter checklist, must hold public sessions between April 1 and August 1 of 2026 to determine which voters on the checklist have not voted in any elections in the past five years and who have not registered since the 2024 State General Election. These voters are required to re-register if they want to remain on the voter checklist and vote in future elections.

Supervisors of the checklist must inform any voter eligible for removal, at least 30 days before removing their name from the voter checklist, that they will be removed from the checklist and need to re-register following the instructions in the letter/postcard. Supervisors of the checklist/registrars are required by law to remove these voters from the voter checklist, no earlier than June 1, even if they know a voter still lives in town.

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Voters can visit app.sos.nh.gov to find their local clerk's contact information and check their voter registration information, if they are active voters.

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Hillsborough Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on May 13 at 10:00 a.m. and June 2 from 7:00-7:30 p.m. for the purpose of registration or party changes.



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