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Dr. Jessica Morris honored



The National Rural Education Association has accepted NEC professor and former H-D School Board member Dr. Jessica Morris's essay entitled Mapping

Memory: Preserving Rural Voices Through Place-Based History and Community Partnership for the 2026 National Forum to Advance Rural Education on October 19-21, 2026 in San Antonio, Texas.

Bennington Deputy Sworn In



Greg Sandquist (R) was sworn in as Bennington's newest Deputy Emergency Management Director by Emergency Management Director Keith Nason (L).

Greg brings years of public safety experience and will be an asset to the team. Greg also serves as Captain on the Bennington Fire Department and will soon be a Nationally Registered EMT.

This week in history

MAY 8, 1973

AIM ends occupation at Wounded Knee

MAY 9, 1671

Colonel Blood tries to steal English Crown Jewels

APRIL 10, 1872

Victoria Woodhull becomes first female presidential candidate

MAY 11, 2016

Italian Parliament approves same-sex civil unions

MAY 12, 1937

George VI is crowned at Westminster

MAY 13, 1950

Singer-songwriter Stevie Wonder is born

MAY 14, 1973

Skylab space station is launched



Deering woman killed in tragic accident

On May 1, 2026, at approximately 4:37 p.m., the Hillsboro Police Department, along with Hillsboro Fire and Rescue, responded to a motor vehicle crash on Route 149 in the Town of Deering.

Preliminary investigation indicates a black Audi was traveling south, driven by Henry Proctor, 35 years old of Fran-

cestown, when it left the roadway, rolled over, and struck 75-year-old Matilde Mejia, who was standing at the end of her driveway. Mejia was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The operator of the vehicle was transported to Concord Hospital with unknown injuries. As a result of the investigation,

Proctor faces multiple charges, including Negligent Homicide and Aggravated DUI.

This incident remains under investigation. Anyone who witnessed the crash, observed the vehicle prior to the crash, or may have relevant home surveillance footage is asked to contact the Hillsboro Police Department at (603) 464-5512.

Arrested after 105 mph pursuit through area towns

A Manchester man is facing nearly a dozen charges following a pursuit in the capital region over the weekend. At 12:22 a.m. Sunday, May 3, 2026, the New Hampshire State Police received a be-on-the-lookout ("BOLO") notice regarding a vehicle that was taken without the owner's permission in Hillsborough. Troopers were advised that the vehicle, a blue 2018 Subaru Outback, was possibly traveling back to the Hillsborough area from Concord. It was reported that the likely driver, identified as Brentt Trudeau, 33, of Manchester,



Brentt Trudeau

may be impaired.

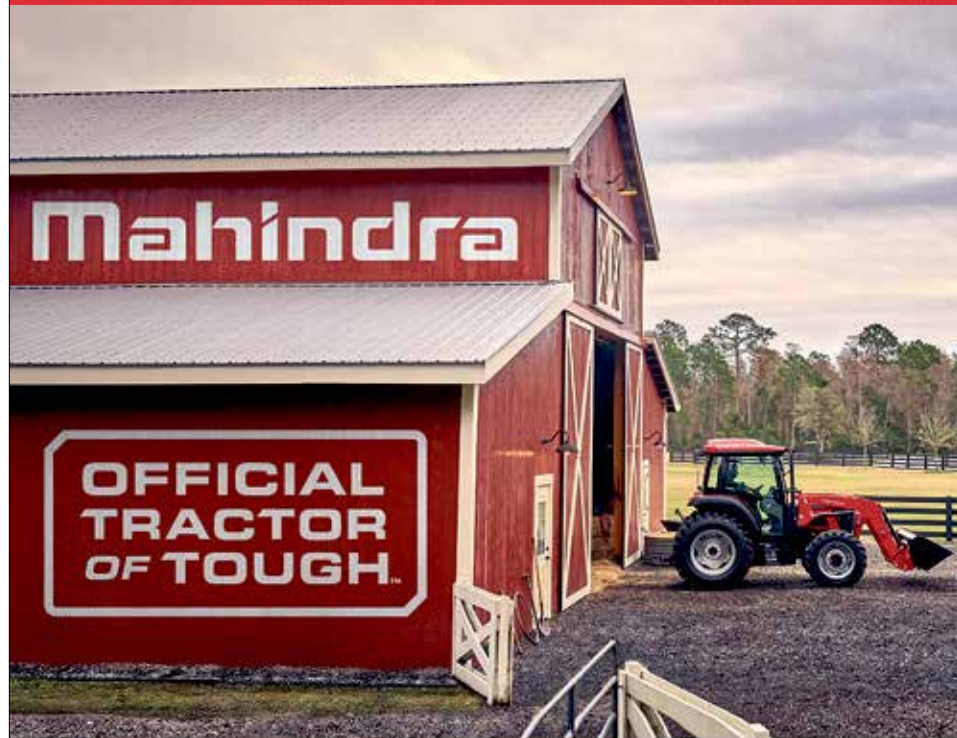
State Troopers assigned to the Troop D barracks later observed the Subaru on the Exit 5 off-ramp on Interstate 89 North. Troopers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Route 202 West, however, the driver did not stop and a pursuit was initiated.

During the pursuit, the suspect reached speeds more than 105 mph and exhibited lane control issues, crossing the solid fog line into the breakdown lane. The pursuit continued westbound on Route 202 into Henniker, where Hillsboro Police deployed a tire deflation device near the intersection of Foster Hill Road, deflating the front driver's side tire. The suspect continued on multiple

local roads before the Subaru ultimately stopped on Bacon Road. The driver and lone occupant was confirmed to be Trudeau, who was taken into custody without incident. The investigation determined that impairment was a factor. Trudeau was arrested on charges of theft by unauthorized taking, operating after habitual offender, DUI, aggravated DUI (eluding), operating after suspension, alcohol ignition interlock circumvention, driving without giving proof, disobeying an officer, reckless conduct, reckless operation and breach of bail.

Trudeau was booked and held on preventive detention at the Merrimack County Jail. He was arraigned in the Hillsborough District Court.

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May 9, 2025

Karen Hamblen named Hopkinton Town Administrator
Hillsboro-Deering DECA Team ranks 12th in the world
U.S. Justice Department supports Weare Church vs. Town of Weare
Henniker to hold a Special Town Meeting May 20th

May 10, 2024

Antrim man pleads guilty to faking disability claims
Body of missing Vermont man found in New Boston woods
Stephen Roy retires after 28 years as Commander of Antrim Legion
Franklin police arrest felon after accidental shooting

May 12, 2023

New Boston Selectwoman storms out and resigns
Foster parents raised New Boston woman as a slave
Weare 7th grader selected to speak at the Mikva Challenge
SBA honors Henniker's Beeline as Home-Based Business of the year

May 13, 2022

H-D DECA excels at Internationals
Nelson holds awards ceremony for Heck brothers
HD Resource Officer Rory Bohanan dies suddenly
Renovated Hillsborough Diner seeks new owners

May 14, 2021

Warner's Family Closet Thrift Shop opens May 22nd
Hopkinton Select Board mandates masks thru July 1
Hillsborough Select Board kills noise ordinance
Wildlife Federation presents grant to Wings of Dawn

May 15, 2020

Weare Middle School excels at Invention Convention
Six towns assist Newbury in battling house fire
Board agrees to rebate Warner Power taxes
Henniker Teachers organize a Popsicle Parade

May 17, 2019

Hattie Edmunds family matriarch, community icon
Contoocook & Newbury hikers rescued
Peterborough bans outdoor gun ranges
No injuries reported in Newbury accident

May 18, 2018

Newport's PJ Lovely is a Champion for Children
Hillsborough Pride brings back the Welcome Wagon
Eleven towns respond to Weare house fire
Franklin man pleads guilty to drug charges

May 19, 2017

Tilton sex offender convicted, another arrested
H-D School Board taps emergency funds for repairs
Fortner renews personal attack on Kris Blomback
Stopped for inspection sticker-750 grams of heroin

May 13, 2016

Franklin woman gets 7-10 years for arson
Reaction to nighttime use of Goffstown Rail Trail
Bow conducts master visioning session
Narrow defeat for Peterborough's ConVal withdrawal



New Boston's Space Force Station was once an Air Force bombing practice area, then it became a satellite-tracking station in 1959. It officially became part of the USSF in 2020.

U.S. Space Force to take over New Boston Fire Department Substation

The United States Space Force will take over a New Boston Fire Department substation this summer, town officials said.

New Boston Space Force Station was transferred from the U.S. Air Force to the Space Force in the summer of 2020.

Originally established in 1942, the installation served as a practice range for bombers and fighter planes from the Army/Air Force's Grenier Field, which is now the site of Manchester-Boston Regional Airport in Manchester and Londonderry.

Since 1959, the New Boston Space Force Station has been a satellite-tracking station equipped with weatherproof radar domes, which pockmark the hillside. The base sits on land in New Boston, Amherst and Mont Vernon.

The New Boston Space Force Station is about 2,800 acres of isolated, wooded land. After their on-base fire station closed in 1993, the Space Force relied on local emergency services. The New Boston Fire Department led a mutual aid program at its Hill Top substation, located there, but mutual aid participation dwindled, leaving New Boston the lone provider of services.

New Boston opened its new, state-of-the-art fire department on Mont Vernon Road at the end of January, having previously operated out of an older fire station on Meetinghouse Hill Road.

Interim Town Administrator Kathie Vieira confirmed fire department officials received word from the Space Force in March that they're expanding.

They're moving additional personnel onto the base and need the space.

The substation will be there until later this May or June, Vieira said.

"They've decided they're growing," Vieira said in a phone call. "They informed us that we're going to have to vacate that substation."

One ambulance is expected to remain at the base.

"We've always had a really good relationship with the Space Force," Vieira said. "We don't anticipate that changing."

Space Force officials didn't return requests for information.

In 2023, New Boston received \$9.2 million in federal funding to build a new fire station.

The grant, from the U.S. Department of Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program, was one of 17 announced by the Department of Defense then.

The new fire station, which Vieira described as "state of the art," is also located more centrally to the community, she said. The population of town residents is sparse near the Space Force base.

Residents of New Boston, Amherst and Mont Vernon can attend a public meeting about ongoing environmental cleanup at the base at 6 p.m. May 12 at New Boston Town Hall. Officials from the U.S. Space Force, Air Force, Army Corps of Engineers and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services will discuss cleanup activities and address questions from community members.

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 **Drive Safely**



Bow police and EMTs were sent to a head-on collision on Clinton Street on Friday evening. Just after 6 p.m., Merrimack County dispatch and Concord Fire Alarm began receiving reports about a crash just over the Concord line in Bow near the intersection with Page Road. County dispatch said the collision was a head-on crash with one vehicle smoking. Bow EMTs arrived at the crash scene about nine minutes later and confirmed there were two vehicles with heavy damage. They reported that there were no hazards at the scene.



New London Fire was dispatched for a vehicle rollover on Seamans Road, right in front of the New London Police Department. Upon arrival, there was a passenger vehicle on its roof. Luckily for the driver, the front airbags deployed and she was able to crawl out on her own. Her vehicle had hit the rear of a pickup truck parked on the side of the road. Seamans was shut down from Main St. to Gould Rd.



Sunapee Fire and Sunapee Police responded to the scene of a motor vehicle accident on Route 103 by Sargents Marina in Sunapee. No details at press time.

Hillsboro-Deering DECA Team shines at International Competition

Nineteen Hillsboro-Deering High School DECA members joined approximately 25,000 other DECA members, from all 50 states, several provinces of Canada, and other nations, at DECA's International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, from April 24th through April 29th, 2026.

The New Hampshire association of DECA had a very good year with students from several schools becoming international finalists. H-D's DECA team contributed to that finalist list with three students receiving accolades on the International stage.

Earning 7th place in the world in their Virtual Business Retail competition was the team of Noah Harrington and Jacob Hibbert. Also recognized on stage was Jack Hebert, who earned the National Retail Foundation's Rise UP Scholarship.

Another H-D team, composed of Christopher Perrin and Julianne LaBier, just missed the cutoff

as they finished in 11th place in their Virtual Business Sports Management competition.

Earning a spot in the top-10 is a difficult challenge in every DECA competition. During the School Based Enterprise (SBE) Academy, senior Liana Swirko and sophomore Evan Bowen accepted the award for the Gold Certified School Based Enterprise on behalf of the Hillcat Corner, the chapter's school-based enterprise. This is the nineteenth consecutive year that the chapter has received this award. The duo also competed in the SBE competition on the topic of Selling. H-D junior Brie Proulx, who was recently elected to a NH DECA State Officer position, represented New Hampshire as a national officer voting delegate, and attended the Empower Academy.

The team of nineteen qualified students from Hillsboro-Deering also included senior Wil Laber-Melcher



(Accounting), senior Penelope Bows and junior Caylee Lugo (Financial Literacy Project), sophomores Grayson Ainsley, Addie Brown, and Chloe Macey (Sales Project), sophomores Liam Stewart and Maddie Barrick (International Business Plan), juniors Katelyn Franklin and Kylie Urban (Thrive Academy), and junior Alyssia Spencer (Ignite Academy).

When the team had time – they visited the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-Cola, Olympic Park, and the College

Football Hall of Fame.

"I am really blessed to work with these great students. All of them competed hard and did their best. They networked with students from all over the world, acted professionally, and represented our communities well. One student relayed meeting someone from Ontario and when she mentioned that she was from New Hampshire – the student from Ontario asked 'Hillsboro-Deering?' So, it is very cool to know that we are known! I look forward to working with

them for next year!" said Mr. Marc Payeur, advisor to H-D DECA. H-D DECA would like to express thanks to the Duncan Jenkins Trust for their extreme generosity in assisting with the funding of this enriching activity. Further thanks go to Riché Colcombe, Scott Shulman, all those business supporters who sponsored our T-shirts, and Treasure Chest, those who bought calendars in the fall, and pizza and Treasure Chest tickets in the spring. Our team appreciates you all! Thank you!

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

New research in *Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism* reveals that users of metformin, a medication traditionally prescribed to treat diabetes, exhibited significantly lower risks of both dementia and all-cause death than nonusers.

In a new report published in *Frontiers in Pharmacology* researchers found 64 different over-the-counter products that have been evaluated for depression — but with differing levels of evidence for each. The products with substantive evidence are those that are well known — omega-3s (39 trials), St John's Wort (38), probiotics (18) and vitamin D (14) — as well as saffron (18). Compared to placebo, fewer omega-3 trials found effects for depression than those that found no effects. However, St John's Wort and saffron more often showed effects compared to placebo, and similar results to prescription antidepressants. Probiotics and vitamin D were more likely to reduce depressive symptoms than placebo. Out of the 18 products with emerging evidence, folic acid, lavender, zinc, tryptophan, rhodiola, and lemon balm were the most promising. Bitter orange, Persian lavender, and chamomile tea also showed positive effects in two trials each. Melatonin, magnesium and curcumin showed mixed effects upon depression across multiple clinical trials. Mixed results were also found for cinnamon, echium, vitamin C, and a combination of vitamin D plus calcium. Prebiotics, which support the good bacteria in our gut, and a supplement called SAME did not seem to be better than placebo. It's good news that very few safety concerns arose from any of these products, whether they were taken alone or in combination with antidepressants. However, a healthcare professional should always be consulted on whether a product might interact with something else you are taking. A higher standard of safety reporting in trials is essential — only 145 (69%) of the examined studies fully reported any side effects from the products.

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REGULAR DENTAL VISITS MAY HELP PREVENT PNEUMONIA



Dr. Esin Narli

That twice-yearly trip to the dentist could do more than keep teeth and gums healthy: It may decrease the risk of pneumonia by reducing bacteria in the mouth, suggests new research.

Nearly one million Americans become ill with the infection every year and 50,000 die. While it is more common among older people and those with conditions such as AIDS or lung disease, anyone can get pneumonia. Based on an analysis of a national database of more than 26,000 people, the new research found that people who never get dental checkups had a much greater risk of contracting pneumonia than those who visit the dentist twice a year.

Researchers analyzed data obtained from the 2013 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, which asks about healthcare utilization (including dental care), costs and patient satisfaction. They found 441 of 26,246 people in the database had bacterial pneumonia (1.68 percent) and that those who never had dental checkups had an 86 percent increased risk of pneumonia compared to those who had twice-yearly appointments.

The body contains 10 times as many microbes (bacteria, fungi and viruses) as human cells on or in the body, from the skin to the gastrointestinal system (including the mouth). Some microbes are good and some are bad, but even bad microbes only cause disease under certain circumstances. In some cases, bacteria can be accidentally inhaled or aspirated into the lungs and cause pneumonia. Bacteria that commonly cause pneumonia include streptococcus, haemophilus, staphylococcus, and anaerobic bacteria. Routine dental visits may reduce the amount of bacteria that can be aspirated.

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Hometown Heroes



New London Communications Specialists (CS) Madison Kricko and Acacia Mailloux were honored with an award at a Lifesaving Recognition Ceremony at the Sunapee Safety Services Building. This event stemmed from a call on February 18 in Sunapee where CS Kricko and CS Mailloux provided accurate and timely dispatching services to a medical call in which a life was saved. Among others honored were members of the Sunapee Fire Department, Sunapee Police Department, Newbury Police Department, and New London Ambulance Service.



Chief Emily Cobb, Lt. David Keith, and Communications Specialist Acacia Mailloux recently had the opportunity to read aloud to Ms. Sampson's first grade class at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School to help celebrate Read Across America month. Police department members were happy to meet, chat, and read with some of the wonderful students. The department's partnership with the staff and students at the elementary school is truly valued and appreciated.



The Weare Police Department welcomes back Officer Davies, who recently completed all requirements at the New Hampshire Police Academy as part of the 202nd class.

Crotched Mountain honors Antrim's Fowler during Cinco de Maydayo

Crotched Mountain in Bennington honored the memory of Seth Fowler, a gifted and passionate freestyle skier who, according to his family, "grew up at the mountain," at the annual Cinco de Maydayo event on May 3. Fowler, an Antrim native, was killed in a car accident in Franconstown on October 7, 2025,

at the age of 18. His friends, Eli Torres, 19, also of Antrim, and Aiden Brissette, 19, of Bennington, were also killed in the crash.

Last Sunday's "Cinco De Maydayo" event at Crotched Mountain donated all proceeds toward improvements to the Antrim Skate Park in honor of Fowler's passion for skate-

boarding.

"If you knew Seth, you know that Crotched Mountain and the skate park were his two favorite spots," said Seth's mom, Kathy Fowler. "Seth was at the skate park every day the weather

allowed in the spring, summer, and fall, and he was at Crotched Mountain as often as I could get him there, from that very first time I watched him come down the mountain in a tuck position — on his first run ever — at the

age of 5."

During "Cinco De Maydayo" at the Crotched Mountain terrain park skiers and boarders were able to hike to the terrain park and enjoy jumps, features, and the last of the season's snow.



Hillsboro officials met with members of the NH Dot, engineers and contractors to discuss the long-awaited West Main Street sidewalk project which is scheduled to begin on May 13th and conclude on October 20th.



The annual Cinco de Maydayo event at Crotched Mountain honored the late Seth Fowler of Antrim. *Courtesy photo.*



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Maggie Atkins

Washington woman needs new kidney

From the Washington Fire Department:

A year ago, our role as a department reversed, and we turned to the community to help us. This was no small ask, but it was one of great magnitude as it would save the life of our very own Maggie Atkins.

We cannot express how grateful we are for the way you all met this cry for help and did whatever you could to support Maggie and her family. At this time, we need to call on the community again. At this point, Maggie's care has been transferred to Boston.

What this means for the community is that everyone who signed up to be donors will need to sign up again, but through a link for Brigham and Women's Hospital. We know there were so many people who signed up, and we do not take this for granted, but we do need to ask this of you one more time. We want to emphasize that just because Maggie's care is centered in Boston, it does not mean you have to travel to Boston for all the testing; much of the testing can be done locally.

We also want to stress that you do not, in fact, have to be the same blood type if you are passionate about donating. If this is the case, the donor team will coordinate a match with the same blood type as you, and once you donate to this person, Maggie can receive a voucher that allows her to receive a transplant from someone who does have the same blood type. If you were set on this before

and found out you were not the same blood type, this is another great option that saves two lives.

As far as an update on Maggie's condition, we wish we had better news. In the past year, Maggie has gone through complications that left her fighting for her life more than once. Sometimes the only thing you can do is fight, and we know her to do nothing less. She is currently on dialysis daily, which helps her to feel better; however, this is not a sustainable solution. She needs a kidney. Despite this, she is still giving back to her community, even though you may not see her in the ambulance or on the engine.

We assure you she is heavily involved in the work behind the scenes, as many should know, it is nearly impossible to keep her from getting involved.

You can sign up to be a donor through the Brigham and Women's link, as well as review information on things offered for donors. Just some of these things include wage reimbursement, travel reimbursement, lodging reimbursement, and there's much more.

There are also three short videos at the bottom of the page that provide a great overview of donating and the support offered to you as the donor. It's important to us that, as the donor, you would be well supported, and we feel Brigham and Women's Hospital exudes that support. As always, you can reach out to us with any questions.

Proctor Academy is working to preserve this Winter's snowpack

Proctor Academy in Andover is experimenting with a technique more commonly used in Europe, as it works to preserve part of this winter's snowpack.

The private school has spent the spring gathering snow from its ski area into a centralized pile, which now sits under an insulated blanket designed to protect it from heat.

The pile is roughly the size of a football field and rises more than 25 feet in some areas.

The goal is to keep enough snow intact to be uncovered and reused at the start of the next ski season, reducing reliance on energy-intensive snowmaking and conserving water.

School officials said Proctor is among the first in the region to use the snow blanket for a practice known as "snow farming."

The effort is intended to improve sustainability while also giving Proctor student-athletes and visiting college teams, including programs from

Dartmouth College, Harvard University, Boston College and the University of New Hampshire, earlier access to on-snow training.

Even on a 100-degree day, snow under the blanket is expected to remain near 35 degrees.

"We've got some thermostats and stuff that are set there, and we can monitor and see, like what the airspace in between and what it looks like," he said.

The project was made possible through a significant anonymous donation, which school leaders said reflects a long-term investment in athletic training and environmental sustainability.

Communications Officer Scott Allenby said the idea builds on a long history of winter preservation techniques in the region, referencing the area's early ice-harvesting industry, where ice was stored with insulating materials and shipped to cities

before refrigeration.

"That technology and principle continues today," Allenby

said.

If successful, Proctor hopes to uncover the snow pile in early

November, potentially allowing athletes to return to snow weeks earlier than usual.



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Guest Editorial

As we approach the 250th Anniversary of this great country, the recent assassination attempt on our President is just the latest example of how the politics of hate is tearing us apart. We have never been more splintered and divided since the civil war. The following guest editorial expresses my fears, but it goes further. Disagreeing with President Trump's or Republican policies is your right, but the vile, hateful rhetoric on Facebook, by so many I know, some of whom I call friends, is shameful and encourages the political violence which is so evident. LDB

By Gene Kollak

There is a pervasive sickness sweeping across our nation. I've never in 71 years circumnavigating the sun - experienced the total disconnect of nearly half the population in America.

Never have I seen such extreme hatred of a President and his wife. The comments in lock step with the Jimmy Kimmel remarks of how Melania Trump looks like a glowing 'expectant widow' is a sickening expose of our response to a President who's survived known assassination plots and 3 actual attempts. The attempts to defend this are weak indeed.

This extreme rhetoric is only emboldening weak-minded individuals to act on not only the caustic words

of a late night comedian, but the extreme words of many of his cheerleaders in Congress, and Governor's mansions across the nation.

Never have I seen so many people willing to ignore just where, and how, their tax dollars are spent-OR-even allow a forensic audit of the hundreds of Billions of fraud and abuse that is rampant in government agencies.

Never have I seen our own government officials actually cheer for the failure of our military, foreign policy, and our economy.

The willingness to live as a third world power and be totally government dependent, while sending America's blood and treasure overseas with no accountability, is beyond my ability to comprehend.

Never did I think I would see the day that a sitting Supreme Court judge could not define what a woman is.

Never did I think the day would come when the people tasked with our national security, DHS, ICE, TSA, Secret Service, etc., whose paychecks would be held hostage by our Congress - experience the ridicule and vilification of our leaders and populace - a supposed nation of law and order.

There's so much more that I can say, but I'll end it with this - there is yet a thin line holding us from the brink of utter chaos: "Christ in us is the only hope of this world..."

Letters to the Editor

Warner Needs a Town Administrator

The future of the Warner Town Administrator (TA) position needs to be finalized. Whether the present TA returns or a search for a new TA takes place, the person in the TA position should thoroughly assess the present political atmosphere here in Warner and identify what is working and what needs to change.

The goal is not to list the problems taking place in Warner, but to offer some principles a TA could promote to work towards a well-functioning town government. For example, the TA should

Require adherence to the chain of command between the Select Board, town administrator, and staff.

Build a culture of professionalism that is not influenced by politics.

Understand and enforce Town policies.

Be accessible to town officials, employees, and the public without being reactive or showing bias.

Encourage communication to avoid legal disputes or Right-to-Know conflicts.

Promote a 3-5 year strategic plan to guide town goals and objectives.

Welcome scrutiny rather than avoiding it.

Encourage actions that support a well-functioning small-town government.

Many of the tools to guide the TA are in the Select Board Rules of Procedure. The public should encourage the TA to make sure the Rules of Procedure and other town policies are followed. But the glue that holds the town government with the residents is the oath all ap-

pointed and elected statutory officers must take:

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as, _____ according to the best of my abilities, agreeable to the rules and regulations of the constitution and the laws of the State of New Hampshire."

All elected and appointed officers must understand and embrace their oath in performing "all the duties" the town requires. The TA must work with all appointed and elected officers and understand the responsibilities of their oath. With that understanding the TA must play a key role in setting a collaborative tone, mediating differences, and leading initiatives.

This past year, with the TA on administrative leave, the functioning of Warner's town government can at best be described as dysfunctional. Warner needs a TA. It needs a TA that uses the positive strengths of the present, and the principles identified above to develop a well-functioning town government.

Thank you.

David Carle, Warner

Tribute to Peter St James

I know I will be one of many people writing their tribute to Peter St James, but I want to share a story that puts a smile on my face and a lasting memory.

In 2015, Peter had reached out to me and said, I need to go on his radio show as I was running for state representative for the first time. I was a wreck over speaking. He said to stop over and we'll sit on his porch and go over

Letters to the Editor continued

subjects.

Since we both are from Warner, that was the easy part. In his calm manner, he said, "Nat just be yourself" which was worth so much to me. When the radio day came, he and his fellow worker carried on so light-heartedly that I not only relaxed, but I also enjoyed the interview. He even got me to go back on a couple of other occasions.

In 2022 when I was going back and forth to RI to take care of my mom, Peter called just to ask how I was doing with her. The call came at a very emotional time for me, and I'll never forget that. He was always supportive to everyone.

A true friend, and we will all miss him very much. I

personally will miss, "Hey Nat, how are you doing"?

The news of Peter came to me from Senator Howard Pearl. With his permission, I asked him if he would share his story of knowing Peter. These are his words.

"NH lost an icon with the passing of Peter St James. Peter was a strong advocate for the NH National Guard, local agriculture, and the NH way of life. His strong voice and welcoming demeanor gave confidence to anyone joining him on his morning broadcast. His words of encouragement will forever live in my heart. You are missed my friend....you will forever be remembered."

Prayers of love and strength to his wife Rhonda and all his family members.

Natalie Wells, Warner

Hopkinton Police concerned about "Senior Assassin" game

The Hopkinton Police Department has reiterated the concerns shared by Hopkinton Middle High School Principal Chris Kelley regarding the "Senior Assassin" game, which is currently being played by members of the senior class.

The Hopkinton Police Department recently responded to a 911 call reporting two individuals allegedly stealing packages and hiding in the woods. Upon arrival, officers determined the individuals were participating in the game and were hiding while waiting to approach another participant using water guns or Nerf-style guns.

While this incident ended without injury, the situation could easily have been misinterpreted by neighbors, homeowners, or responding officers as suspicious or criminal activity.

In today's environment, individuals hiding near homes or in wooded areas can quickly be perceived as potential intruders, creating the risk of a very dangerous misunderstanding.

Police strongly urge students and parents to reconsider participation in this game before a situation escalates further. What may seem harmless fun can create serious public safety concerns for participants, residents, and first responders alike.

Please take a moment to review the announcement previously shared by the high school administration:

Dear Seniors and Families:

We are aware that some members of the senior class are participating in a game commonly known as "Senior Assassin." While intended to be a fun and memorable way to close out the school year, this activity presents serious safety concerns that must be addressed.

This message is being shared in collaboration with the Hopkinton Police Department to ensure all students and families understand the risks associated with this activity.

In recent years, incidents connected to this game

have involved students approaching homes, entering private property, or surprising individuals in ways that could easily be misinterpreted. In a community like ours—where some residents may legally possess firearms—there is a very real risk that a student could be mistaken for an intruder. This creates the potential for a dangerous and unintended outcome. Additionally, entering private property without permission may constitute trespassing and could result in law enforcement involvement.

Across the country, similar situations have escalated quickly. There have been instances where homeowners confronted students they believed were trespassing, neighbors contacted law enforcement to report suspicious behavior, and water guns were mistaken for real weapons—prompting emergency responses. While these situations may begin as a game, they can quickly become unpredictable and unsafe.

We are asking all students and families to take these concerns seriously:

- ▶ *Do not approach homes or enter private property without permission*
- ▶ *Do not engage in behavior that could be perceived as threatening or suspicious*
- ▶ *Understand that this activity is not permitted on school grounds at any time, including all school properties such as Maple Street School and Harold Martin School*

Families are encouraged to have direct conversations with their students about appropriate boundaries and the importance of making safe decisions.

We want our seniors to enjoy the final weeks of the school year and create positive, lasting memories. At the same time, safety must remain our top priority.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued partnership in ensuring a safe and positive end to the school year for all.

Sincerely,
Chris Kelley, Principal



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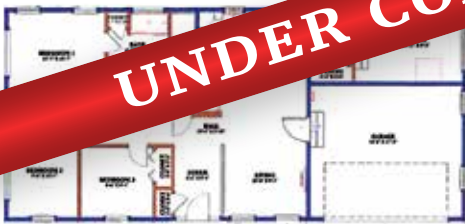


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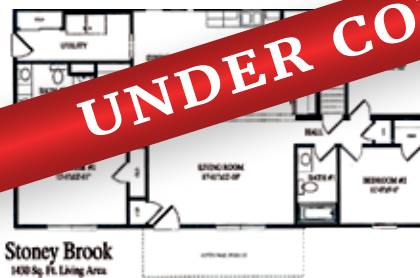
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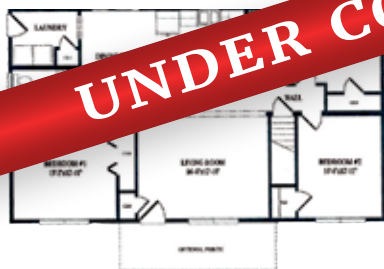
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On Friday, May 29th, students from the sixth grade will be visiting all the exhibits, hear stories of the mills, help make an Abenaki basket, explore the truck museums, learn more about the importance of the river and railroad that ran through our town.

At noon - Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream truck will come, and the public is invited to start coming to Kemp Park.

There is no entrance fee this year. An Abenaki Storyteller will share a story for all ages in the afternoon, plus there will be many displays and hands-on demonstrations to enjoy.

On Saturday, May 30th, Robert Goodby will be sharing about his research of all the canoes found in NH so far (from inside lakes to inside museums). Videos will be available of the History of Contoocook River plus video footage of the 1938 Hurricane that swept through Hillsborough, a walking tour along the corridor of where

the railroad passed through our town, stories from those who rode or walked the railroad, and worked in the mills.

On Saturday afternoon, we will auction off the Abenaki basket made by all.

In addition you can join the raffle that has three winners - for gift certificates to Daniels Restuarant in Henniker, Nook Diner, and Tooky Mills Restaurant in Hillsboro.

In addition, we will have a preview display of the amazing 250th Tapestry-sewn by people this winter from the 13 original colonies in USA. Come meet local people who have helped make the unique tapestry representing New Hampshire.

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Naomi Bolton returns as Weare Town Administrator



Naomi Bolton

The recruitment process began back in October 2025 when the Town engaged Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) to assist in identifying qualified candidates for the Town Administrator position. By November 2025 MRI had received 20 applications. Following an initial review and phone interviews, three candidates were invited to interview with the Board of Selectmen. After those interviews, one candidate was selected for a second interview but later withdrew from consideration.

The position was reposted, 16 applications were received and three additional candidates were invited to interview with the Board. Following the initial round, all

three were invited back for second interviews; however, one candidate withdrew at this stage. After completing second interviews with the remaining candidates, the Board determined it was appropriate to move forward with an offer.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, we are proud to welcome applicant Naomi Bolton as the Town Administrator effective May 1, 2026. Long term employee and retired Town Administrator Naomi Bolton applied and was chosen among the final candidates. Mrs. Bolton brings more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Town of Weare, along with a deep understanding of our community and its needs. Her experience, knowledge, and proven leadership makes her exceptionally well-suited to guide the Town forward.



Tractor-trailer driver charged with DWI in Bow

A tractor-trailer driver from Maine was arrested for driving under the influence and other charges after a weekend crash that caused significant damage to a guardrail.

Just after 2:30 a.m. Sunday, May 3, 2026, State Troopers assigned to the Troop D barracks responded to a reported crash involving a tractor-trailer on Interstate 89 South at mile marker 0.6. 911 callers reported the tractor-trailer went off the road into the median.

Troopers arrived and determined the crash involved a blue and white 1996 Ford LTL, which had been transporting a white 2001 utility box trailer, damaged approximately 200 feet of guardrail before coming to a stop. The driver and lone occupant, identified as Michael

Tibbetts, 45, of Berwick, Maine, was not hurt.

The on-scene investigation determined that impairment was a factor and Tibbetts was arrested on various charges, including possession of a controlled drug, transporting drugs in a motor vehicle, DUI, negligent driving, misuse of plates, unregistered vehicle, and lane control.

Tibbetts was released on personal recognizance and is scheduled to appear in Concord District Court on May 29, 2026, at 8:15 a.m.

Multiple lanes of Interstate 89 South in Bow were closed for approximately five hours until the tractor-trailer was removed. Troopers were assisted at the scene by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.



It's a banner year for Myers-Prescott-Olson Post 50 American Legion with the Installation of their American Legion Riders Chapter 50. Congratulations to Commander Nick Dostaler and all the Officers of ALR Chapter 50!!



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Washington to Renovate Historic Schoolhouse

By Bill Mulcahy

Step inside the District 5 Schoolhouse in East Washington, and you are instantly transported back to the 19th century—where children once practiced their lessons with quill pens and ink, and the daily rhythm of rural education unfolded within a single room. Now, the Washington NH Historical Society (WNHHS) is working to ensure that this rare piece of local history endures for generations to come.

Opened in 1849 and used through 1937, the District #5 Schoolhouse is the last surviving example of Washington's ten original 19th-century district schoolhouses still standing in its original form. Operated by the WNHHS since the 1990s, it continues to serve as both a museum and an active educational site, connecting today's visitors—especially young students—with the town's rich past. Inside, the past remains remarkably close at hand. Visitors can sit at wood and iron desks installed in 1893 and practice writing with quill pens and inkwells, just as students did more than a century ago.

Maps depicting countries long since changed or vanished still hang on the walls, while slate blackboards and period textbooks offer a glimpse into daily lessons of the era. Even the schoolhouse clock, a gift from teachers and students in 1887, continues to watch over the room.

But preserving this unique historic resource requires urgent attention.

The Society has launched a multi-phase project to restore the exterior of the building, including the careful renovation of its original six-over-nine windows, replacement of aging siding and trim, and final staining to protect the structure from the elements. The local craftsmen doing the work are Chris Troian of CJT Carpentry, Ackworth NH (siding and trim) and Ed Whiting of EKW Painting and Texture, Hillsborough NH (windows and staining). Window restoration is already underway.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$60,000. Approximately half of that amount has already been secured through the Society's maintenance fund and a generous \$10,000 Responsive Grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, made possible by the Charles A. Watson Jr. Fund for Historic Preservation.

The remaining funds, however, must be raised through public support.

To help meet this goal, an anonymous donor has stepped forward with a special opportunity: all donations made during the month of May will be matched dollar for dollar. Every contribution will go twice as far in helping complete the restoration.

Without this final phase of funding, the remaining restoration work cannot move forward, putting one of the region's most intact historic schoolhouses at risk of further deterioration. Community participation will play a vital role in ensuring the building's continued preservation.

As a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the WNHHS notes that donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. Recent IRS rule changes may also allow some level of deduction for those who do not itemize; donors are encouraged to consult their tax advisor for details. Community members are invited to be part of this effort to preserve a tangible link to New Hampshire's past. Contributions can be made by mail to the Washington NH Historical Society,

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“No Dogs During Nesting Season” in Hillsborough

The Hillsborough Conservation Commission is implementing a “No Dogs During Nesting Season” policy for the Confluence Conservation Area, for the months of April, May, and June. This action is being taken to protect breeding and nesting waterfowl species, ground-dwelling birds, amphibians and reptiles.

The densely wooded habitat in the Confluence Conservation Area (CCA) is accessed from West Main Street (between Red Coat Realty and Hagstrom Realty).

It contains a number of small ponds that are ideal nesting habitat for sensitive wood ducks and hooded mergansers and are potential habitat for amphibians such as wood frogs and spotted

salamanders.

Because the ponds are very close to the Confluence Trail in numerous places, the potential for disturbance of waterfowl and amphibians is very high.

The CCA also provides good habitat for ground-dwelling birds such as hermit and wood thrushes, Eastern towhees, and juncos as well as migrating and resident warblers that frequently feed on the ground.

In addition to keeping wandering dogs out of this area during the critical time period for breeding, nesting and chick-rearing for numerous bird species, it would also be helpful if people walked slowly and quietly, especially when in close proximity of the ponds and

wetlands within the Confluence Conservation Area.

The Hillsborough Conservation Commission encourages area residents to explore the

CCA and experience the river-side and floodplain ecosystems, but please don't bring your dogs during the nesting season of April, May and June. *For maps

of the CCA as well as other town properties, go, to the Hillsborough Town website <https://hillsboroughnh.org/document/trail-maps/>.

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P.O. Box 90, Washington NH 03280 or online at <https://www.wnhhs.org/donate>. Every gift, no matter the size, helps bring the project closer to completion.

In addition to the District #5 Schoolhouse, the WNHHS also operates a museum and an 1850 Yankee Barn. All three sites are open to the public on Saturdays

from July through Labor Day, or by special appointment. The museum and barn are located at 100 Halfmoon Pond Road (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), while the schoolhouse can be visited at 2570 East Washington Road (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.).

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Robert Thomas McWalters



Hillsborough - Robert Thomas McWalters, 85, of Concord, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully on March 23, 2026. Born on September 1, 1940, Bob is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia A. McWalters; his children, Aileen P. Schnare (Terry Schnare), Denise M. Jobe (Scott Jobe), Cara L. Ferraro (John Ferraro), and Kerrienne Mobile (Michael Mobile); and his grandchildren, Kathryn Schnare, Meghan Schnare, Tricia Capon, Emily Leaney, Lauren Jobe, Emily Bryant, Olivia Ferraro, Erynn Ferraro, Lilly Ferraro, Hadley Mobile, and Sadie Mobile. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Madeline Capon, Teddy Capon, and Kinsley Bryant. He is further survived by his sister, Frances Elizabeth Patterson, and his brother, Thomas McWalters. He was predeceased by his great-grandchildren, Henry Capon, Oliver Leaney, and Evelyn Bryant. A Mass will be held on May 29, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Concord, New Hampshire with a reception to follow. Burial will follow on May 30, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at Wilkins Cemetery in Deering, New Hampshire.

Charles I. Goodale

Bradford - Charles I. Goodale, 79, of Bradford, New Hampshire, passed away on April 27, 2026. Born on November 24, 1946, in Burlington Vermont, Charlie



was the son of Freeman and Thelda Goodale. Beyond his professional life, Charlie was a loving father to his children, Laura Heselton of Washington, Charles Goodale of Franklin, Lisa Witham of Bradford, Brande Wood of Bradford. Survived by his wife Susan Goodale, brother Raymond Goodale, sister Joan Goodale. Charlie was a proud grandfather of 10 grandchildren and of 8 great-grandchildren and a proud grandfather of 2 loving pups. He is preceded by his mother and father, two brothers and his sister. Services will be held on May 9, 2026, at 11 a.m. It will be held at Bradford Community Church, 88 West Main St., Bradford NH.

Ronald P. Gleason



Contoocook - Ronald P. Gleason, 63, of Danbury, NH ascended to Heaven on April 27, 2026. Ron was born September 24, 1962 in Marlborough, MA to Rose F. (Brown) Gleason and Donald Gleason and was the youngest of six children. Survivors include his wife, Jennifer, of 30 years (21 married); a son, Joseph Gleason; two stepdaughters, Naomi (Trevor) Billings and Nicole (Doug) Sturtevant; eight grandchildren, Damien, Corey and Rose Gleason, Travis and Christian Billings, Kenneth "KC", Zachariah and Daytona Sturtevant; one great grandson, Kaiden Billings; his Fur Babies (cats); Bullet (his buddy), Mr. Van Pelt, and his little Blue Fish; his eldest sister, Diane (Gleason) Skinner; his mother-in-law, Audrey Stovall; many in-law siblings; nieces and nephews and a great many friends throughout his life. Ron was predeceased by his mother, father, brothers, Richard, Donald III and Thomas Gleason and sister, Vivian (Gleason) Bohanan. Services will be held at the convenience of the family. In memory of Ron, please donate to a local food pantry or animal shelter.

Bruce C. Russell

Greenfield - Bruce Cutter Russell (well known as "Woody"), 85, of Greenfield, passed away peacefully at home on April 26, 2026 surrounded by the love of his immediate family. He was born on May 27, 1940 in Peterborough to Chester and Louise (Cutter) Russell. He is survived by his wife Winnie, his children, Amy Fox



and her husband Matt Fox, Kerry Ingalls and her husband Cliff Ingalls, his grandchildren Eric Patch and Delaney Ingalls, his great granddaughter Oakleigh Wilder-Patch and two bonus great grandchildren Ezra and Winona, his brother Dale Russell and his wife Kathleen, his sister Jackie Whiton and her husband Doug. He will also be missed by his nieces, nephews, many cousins and close friends. Services will be announced at a later time. To honor Bruce's love of children memorial contributions could be made to: The Keith M Sullivan Foundation (KMS) PO Box 78, Greenfield, NH 03047.

Thomas Edward Clark

Our family is deeply saddened to announce Thomas Edward Clark passed away at age 74 on April 24, 2026. Tom was born on February 4, 1952, in Long Branch, New Jersey. A service and celebration of Tom's life will be held at Lord Funeral Home in Wolfeboro, NH on Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. Location to be determined. Details (and his full obituary) will be posted on lordfuneralhome.com.



Mary Francis

Pappalardo-Hollingsworth

New Boston - Mary Francis Pappalardo-Hollingsworth, 80, passed away peacefully at home on March 7, 2026, surrounded by her three children and her sister, Kathleen. Mary was born on April 29, 1945, in Rockville Centre, New York, to Joseph G. Pappalardo and Anastasia Freel Pappalardo. She is survived by her three children: Lucinda Boutin of Candia, New Hampshire; Kathleen Hollingsworth of Gladstone, Oregon; and Joseph Hollingsworth of San Francisco, California. She also leaves behind four grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. A Funeral Mass will be held on September 19, 2026, at 09:30 a.m. at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 380 S Federal HWY, Deerfield Beach, Florida.



Celebration of Life for *Mary Margaret Morehouse Rogers*



"Forever young" at heart, Mary lived her life with love, laughter, and her own unique rhythm. Please join us to celebrate her life, share stories, and honor her memory.

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Thank You

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece, If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words As any friends could say, Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us this day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much, Whatever the part.



The family of Marilyn Powers

 **Events:** Community Bulletin Board

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 gscchoralsociety.org/event/craft-fair/ or call 603-337-8354.

MONDAY MAY 11

WASHINGTON PROGRAM: The Washington Historical Society presents an IN-PERSON program on Monday, at 7pm. Location: 2nd floor Washington Meetinghouse, 7 Halfmoon Pond Rd., Washington NH 03280. Performer & Magician Andrew Pinard presents: "Jonathan Harrington—19th Century Magician" With thanks to support from the NH Humanities to Go Program.

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.

**TOWN OF WINDSOR
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Town of Windsor has an upcoming vacancy for Town Clerk. The position is open to residents of the Town of Windsor only. Contact Windsor Town Hall for more information at 603-478-3292.

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>

KEARSARGE CHORALE: will present its spring program, Celebrating America, under the artistic direction of Alex Ager at KRHS in North Sutton at 3pm. The program comprises a mix of American composers and lyricists as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary, with local instrumentalists of the New London Brass joining the Chorale for four songs. Advance sale tickets at \$15 each (students free) are available on the Chorale's website (www.kearsargechorale.org), from Chorale members and at Tatewell Gallery and Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London. Tickets at the door will be \$20 each.

MONDAY MAY 25

FULLER PUBLIC LIBRARY: 11am, Memorial Day Ceremony with the Hillsborough American Legion. Join us for a brief ceremony honoring those that served, and those that lost their lives.

SATURDAY JUNE 6

FULLER PUBLIC LIBRARY: 10am-12pm, Local Author Meet & Greet. Stop by to meet local authors, FREE raffles, and refreshments.

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**TOWN OF HENNIKER
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

MAY 20, 2026 – 6:00 PM

The Town of Henniker Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a **public hearing on Wednesday May 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Henniker Town Hall, 18 Depot Hill Rd**, on the following applications:

- ZBA Case 2026:04:** Variance request from the definition of Manufactured Housing set forth in Article II DEFINITIONS 133-3 Terms Defined MANUFACTURED HOUSING – Any structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is 8 body feet or more in width and 40 body feet or more in length, or when erected on site, is 320 sq ft or more, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to required utilities, which include plumbing, heating, and electrical heating systems contained therein. Manufactured housing as defined here shall not include pre-site built housing as defined in RSA 674:31-a. Applicant/owner Splash Penguin LLC, Map 5C Lot 393-A1, 566 Western Avenue, Zoned CV.
- ZBA Case 2026:05:** Request to amend a stipulation contained in the Notice of Decision for ZBA Case 2017:10, decided November 15, 2017, specifically the stipulation requiring two diagonal striped parking spaces for the approved housing unit. Applicant/owner Chen Henniker LLC, Map 5C Lot 210, 8 Maple St, Zoned CV.

Copies of all materials are available for review at Henniker Town Hall during normal business hours, as well as on the Town's website. Members of the public are welcome to attend the public hearings.

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

This event will consist of a

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at the Deering Fish & Game Club grounds off Longwoods Road in Deering, NH

MAY 30, 2026 • 9am-2pm



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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.

TOWN OF WINDSOR ANNUAL CHECKLIST PUBLIC NOTICE

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.

Individuals who have permanently moved out of town do not need to respond to the letter as they will be removed from the checklist.

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.

The State Primary Election will take place on September 8, 2026. Visit www.sos.nh.gov/elections for more information on registering to vote.

Windsor Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on May 16 from 9:00-9:30 a.m. and June 2 from 7:00-7:30 p.m. for the purpose of registration or party changes.

PUBLIC NOTICE HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board will hold a **Public Hearing on Monday, May 18, 2026** immediately following the 5:30 pm Public Budget Hearing for the Teacher's Contract Special Meeting in the **Hillsboro-Deering Middle School Cafetorium**

The purpose of the hearing is for discussion of expenditure from the Technology Expendable Trust Fund for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for network system upgrades.

TOWN OF HENNIKER REQUEST FOR BID TOWN HALL & COMMUNITY CENTER EXTERIOR PAINTING PROJECTS

The Town of Henniker is soliciting sealed bids for the painting of the Henniker Town Hall and Community Center. Requirements and specifications can be viewed at the www.henniker.org website under the **Doing Business** tab – Bids and RFPs, or at Henniker Town Hall, 18 Depot Hill Road.

Sealed proposals marked "Exterior Painting Projects" must be delivered in person or mailed to Henniker Town Hall, 18 Depot Hill Road, Henniker, NH 03242 by May 29, 2026, at 12:00 noon. They will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time.

Additional information or clarification relative to the contents of the bid may be directed to Diane Kendall, Town Administrator at (603) 428-3221 x (0105) or email townadministrator@hennikernh.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICE AMES STATE FOREST PROJECT FILE P1-712

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By authority granted under RSA 227-G:3 and 227-H:2 the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands is planning a forest operation that includes the commercial timber harvest on 13 acres of the Ames State Forest 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 28, 2026 to Director, Division of Forests and Lands, 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, New Hampshire 03301, ATTN: Forest Management Bureau **P1-712**.

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HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING:

A Public Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School Cafetorium.

The purpose is to review and receive public input on the proposed collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hillsboro-Deering School Board and the Hillsboro-Deering Federation of Teachers – AFT Local #2348.

The public is encouraged to attend.

The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:00 PM following the public hearing.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION:

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board will conduct a **Deliberative Session on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 6:00pm** in the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School Cafetorium on its Special Meeting Warrant Article regarding the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the H-D School Board and the H-D Federation of Teachers. The deliberative session is the first part of the School District Meeting process as defined under SB 2. It is conducted for discussion and possible amendment of the warrant article which will then be put on the official ballot for a vote at the second session,

Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

The regular Board meeting will begin following the public hearing.

VOTING DAY: TUESDAY, July 14, 2026

You are hereby notified to meet in each Town, on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, to vote, by official ballot, on the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hillsboro-Deering Federation of Teachers and the Hillsboro-Deering School Board.

Voting shall take place at the following locations and times: For Deering Voters: Deering Town Hall – 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

For Hillsboro Voters: Hillsboro-Deering Middle School Gym – 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

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