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## Newport's new Superintendent



Robert Wargo, who most recently served as a superintendent in Rhode Island, has been hired as the new interim superintendent for the Newport School District. Wargo will replace Forrest Ransdell, who arrived in Newport from the Manchester School District and served one year as interim. Wargo's contract begins July 1. The board voted at its meeting last Thursday to accept the contract with Wargo. He will earn the same salary as Ransdell, \$145,000.

## Officer saves a life



On May 11, 2026, Franklin Police Officer Ainsley Bruno made contact with a female who had sustained a serious injury from a broken window. Officer Bruno observed an approximately five-inch shard of glass embedded in the victim's right arm. The victim was losing blood rapidly and beginning to lose consciousness. High-ranking fire officials later acknowledged that, without Officer Bruno's quick thinking, decisive actions, and calm response under pressure, the victim likely would have bled to death. Well done, Officer Bruno.

## This week in history

**JUNE 5, 1993**

Female jockey wins the Belmont stakes

**JUNE 6, 1944**

Allied powers launch D-Day invasion

**JUNE 7, 1913**

Climbers complete first successful ascent of Denali

**JUNE 8, 632**

Founder of Islam dies

**JUNE 9, 2017**

Asian nations pledge to fight plastic pollution

**JUNE 10, 1979**

Paul Newman finishes 2nd in 24 Hours of Le Mans

**JUNE 11, 1982**

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial is released



## Resident closes NH's Northern Rail Trail in Andover

Concrete barriers placed across New Hampshire's largest rail trail are forcing people to detour onto Route 4 in Andover. People who enjoy the 59 miles of the Northern Rail Trail are coming to a stop in Andover after a person who owns property adjacent to the trail put up the barriers, restricting access.

Trail users are detouring onto Route 4 after the barriers were installed less than a week ago.

"Now, I love the rail trail, but again, it's a matter of who has the authority over that property," said Allan Hitchmoth, of

Andover. "That, I understand, is being debated."

"It's so easy to sit down and talk about it, I don't know why people think of things like that," said Kathy Degraessie, of Andover.

The Department of Transportation is responsible for property management of the trail. DOT officials said they are aware of the barriers and are "reviewing the matter."

Christine Vigneault, Andover land use coordinator, said maps show the property lines in the area.

"He has this parcel right here, this parcel right here and this one," she said, pointing out the properties involved. "And this is the rail corridor, the rail trail, which, according to our tax assessing software, is owned by the state."

Attorneys said issues over property access can be complicated. "The question over who owns what is often something that people can battle over for quite some time," said Todd Fahey, managing partner at Upton & Hatfield. "What the law doesn't favor is taking something into your own hands when the rights are unclear."

## Franklin schools facing a \$2.25 million budget shortfall

School advocates in Franklin are pushing for a tax cap override to address a budget shortfall that could force cuts in extracurriculars and athletics.

Officials said the school district is facing a \$2.25 million budget shortfall driven largely by inflation and a \$500,000 jump in health care costs alone over the past year.

Monday night, parents, staff and

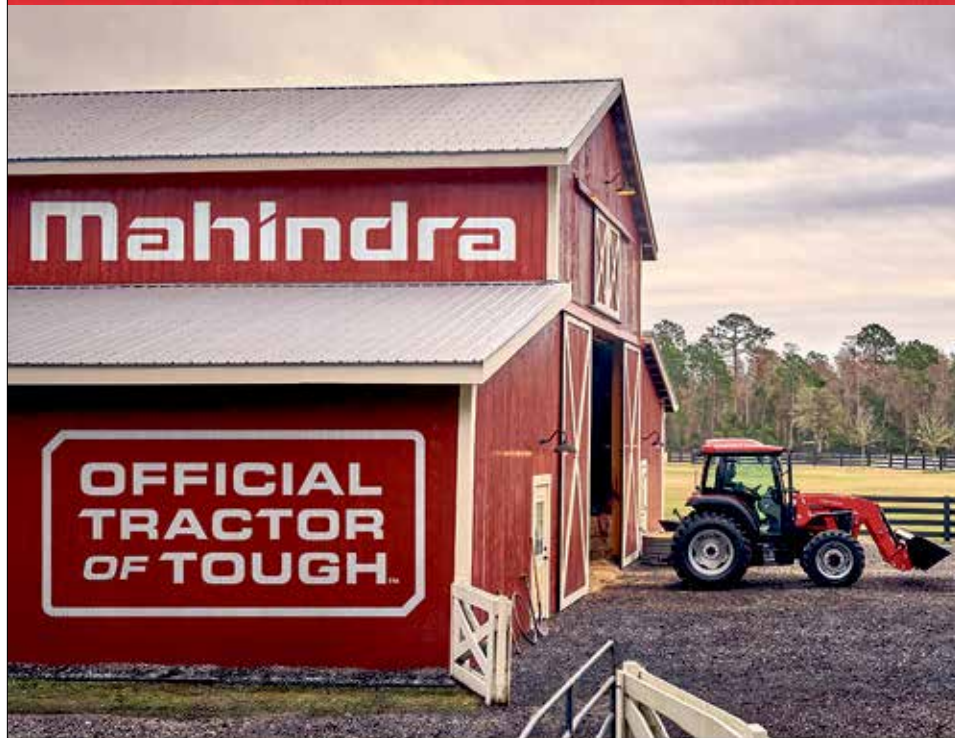
students urged the Franklin City Council to increase funding to avoid eliminating 16 staff members and cutting athletics, extracurriculars, and programs such as art and music. The district said it's also facing a budget deficit this year.

"Our schools have state and federally mandated responsibilities," said City Councilor Jennifer Weaver. "These are not optional programs. They are legal

obligations that we must provide for our students. While I agree the state shares responsibility for funding education, the city also has a responsibility to ensure that our schools have the resources necessary to meet all those mandated requirements."

Budget conferences will be held in Franklin, and the city will vote on its final budget in July.

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

### **June 6, 2025**

Traffic stop leads to Deering drug bust  
Senator Ward, Rep Creighton, Colcombe & Fedolfi hold listing session  
Driver uninjured in Antrim single-car accident  
Two people taken into custody in Franklin after pursuit on I-93

### **June 7, 2024**

Bradford Town Hall repaired, restored, reopened  
Non-life threatening injuries in Bennington ATV accident  
Henniker Rotary, Select Board & Governor honor Joe Clement  
One confirmed dead in Weare house fire

### **June 9, 2023**

Double homicide & suicide in Franklin  
Henniker woman's body found in I-89 breakdown lane  
Merger of Newport Golf Club & Eastman Golf Links - Newman Cup  
Antrim man survives lightning strike - refuses hospital

### **June 10, 2022**

Warner's Sean Toomey receives prestigious Ethics Award  
Antrim man suing over Antrim Wind sound levels  
Washington icon Jim Gaskell dies  
Reckless driving leads to three Bradford accidents

### **June 11, 2021**

Hillsborough Selectmen Stoher & Rogers both resign  
Sparks fly as Henniker ZBA & Planning Board clash  
ConVal & Kearsarge Administrators receive "EDies"  
Weare Police recognize life-saving efforts

### **June 12, 2020**

No contracts for Hopkinton support staff  
ConVal principal resigns, Great Brook principal retires  
Economic Development Committee promoting Warner  
Greenfield man charged with DWI on an ATV

### **June 14, 2019**

Crews from 6 towns battle Bennington Paper Mill fire  
Henniker dedicates Azalea Park Riverfront Walk  
Hopkinton celebrates reopening Library after fire

### **June 16, 2018**

Hopkinton explores solar array at closed landfill  
Fire Rescue donates equipment to Dominican  
Franklin parent demands Council "Raise my taxes"  
Falling tree ravages Hillsborough house

### **June 16, 2017**

New Boston crash leads to DWI charge  
Northfield man indicted on gun & drug charges  
Hancock man's body recovered from river  
Weare and Tilton men indicted on drug charges

### **June 10, 2016**

Franklin crowd urges City Council to restore cuts  
Dollar General hearing draws smaller, less vocal crowd  
Pair of Peterborough women charged with cocaine  
Selectmen deny nighttime use of Goffstown Rail Trail

# Warner responds to lawsuit by former San Francisco police officer

An attorney for the town of Warner has responded to a federal lawsuit filed by a former San Francisco police officer against two New Hampshire hospitals and the town denying all allegations of wrongdoing contained in the complaint.

The lawsuit against Elliot Hospital, Concord Hospital and the town of Warner was filed April 16 in U.S. District Court in Concord by attorneys representing Susan Roth who claims she was mistreated, physically harmed and civilly trafficked while seeking help for post-traumatic stress disorder stemming from her time as a law enforcement officer.

Roth, a former law enforcement officer with the San Francisco Police Department in California, was diagnosed with complex post-traumatic stress disorder (CPTSD) as a “direct result of her years of service in law enforcement,” according to court documents.

Roth owns a home in Warner and was living there in April 2025

when the events described in the lawsuit allegedly unfolded. She currently resides in California.

The complaint accuses the three named defendants of engaging in false imprisonment, intentional infliction of emotional distress, civil trafficking, battery, negligence and violating the Americans with Disabilities Act.

According to court documents, on or about April 16, 2025, Roth voluntarily visited Family Tree Clinic in Warner, a Concord Health affiliate, seeking medical assistance and support in connection with symptoms she was experiencing related to her CPTSD.

“After providing little to no care, Roth left on her own accord and went home,” the lawsuit claims. “Rather than providing Ms. Roth with appropriate trauma-informed medical care, assessment, and treatment in accordance with accepted medical standards and applicable law, Family Tree Clinic staff contacted the Warner Police Department.

“In connection with or prior to the arrival of Warner PD, Family Tree Clinic staff made false and materially inaccurate statements to Warner PD officers, including but not limited to the false assertions that Ms. Roth had threatened staff and that Ms. Roth was in possession of a firearm.”

According to the lawsuit, Warner police responded to Roth’s home and acting on “false information provided by Family Tree Clinic staff and without conducting an adequate independent investigation,” had Roth transported to Concord Hospital.

“Warner PD’s response to a patient in psychiatric distress — a fellow public servant experiencing a CPTSD episode — without adequate de-escalation training, without trauma-informed crisis protocols, and in reliance on unverified and inflammatory false information, reflects the policies, customs, and failures of training of the Town of Warner for which the Town is directly liable,” the lawsuit claims. Attorney Christine

Friedman, representing the town, filed a response to the complaint last week arguing the lawsuit “fails to state a cause of action upon which relief can be granted as to this Defendant.

“The Defendant at all times acted reasonably, in good faith, and in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and have otherwise satisfied their obligations toward Plaintiff,” Friedman wrote. “Defendant further denies that it engaged in ‘trafficking’ as defined by federal law. Defendant denies all allegations of wrongdoing, denied that the Town engaged in any ‘wrongful acts,’ denied that the actions of the town caused Plaintiff any damage.”

While at Concord Hospital, the lawsuit says, Roth agreed to a voluntary 72-hour observation period at Concord Hospital, but around 1:30 a.m. April 17 “Concord Hospital trafficked Ms. Roth to Elliot Hospital in Manchester.”

“This transfer was accomplished without Ms. Roth’s

knowledge, agreement, or consent, and was carried out in the middle of the night, without affording Ms. Roth any meaningful opportunity to object, consult with counsel, or contact family or support persons,” the lawsuit says. “Ms. Roth was transported against her will, without shoes and in handcuffs, though she was a voluntary admittance to Concord Hospital.”

While at Elliot Hospital, Roth sustained a hip injury the lawsuit alleges was caused by “the conditions of her detention, the actions of Elliot Hospital staff, and/or the failure of Elliot Hospital to provide adequate and appropriate care.” Elliot Hospital said in a statement in April it has “no information to provide” regarding this matter.

“Protecting the safety, dignity, and confidentiality of all our patients is our top priority and a legal requirement under federal and state law,” the statement read. “Thank you for your understanding.”

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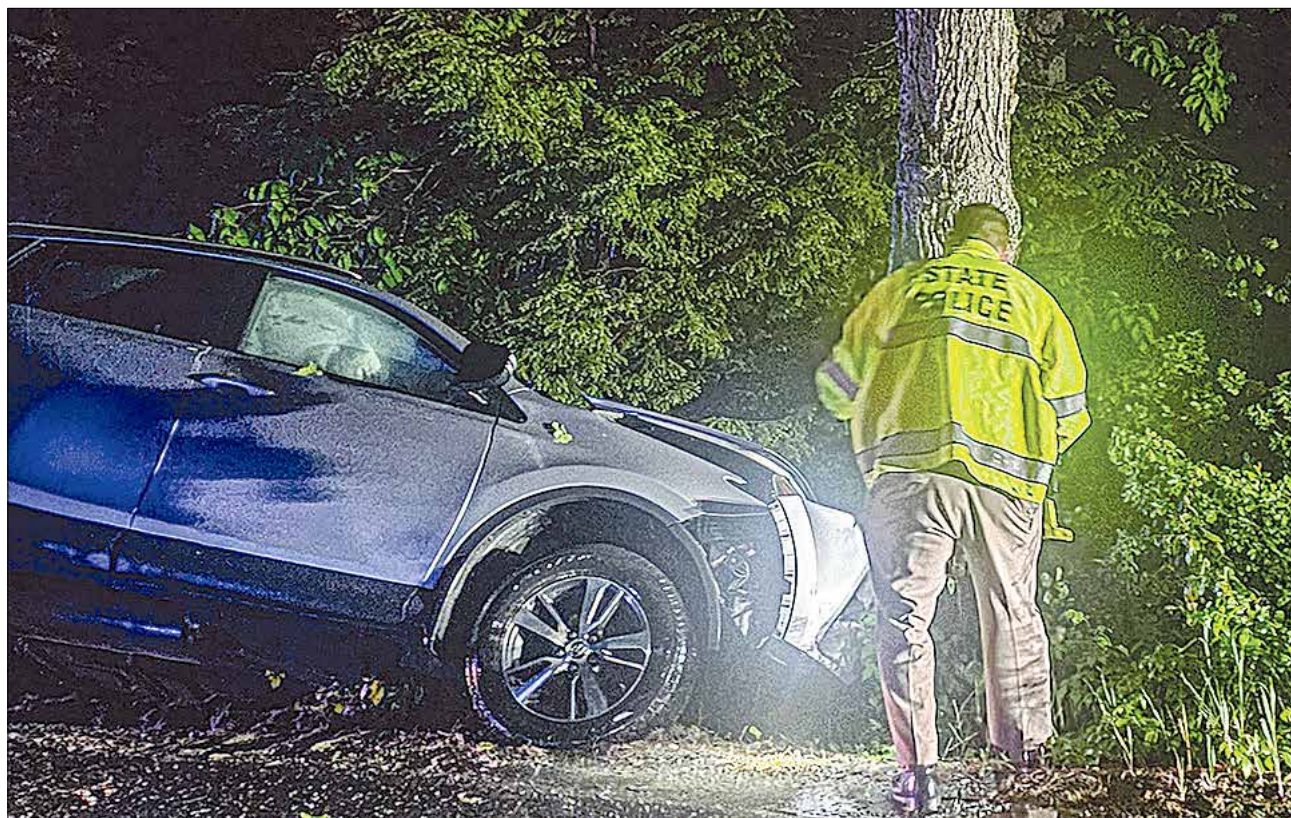
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On Friday May 29th, Bennington Fire-Rescue and Antrim Fire & Ambulance were dispatched to South Bennington Rd for a reported single vehicle into a tree with possible entrapment. Due to the initial report of possible entrapment, police officers from the Greenfield Police Department, Antrim Police Department and Hillsboro Police Department also responded. Upon the arrival, there was no entrapment and one patient for EMS to evaluate and transport for further evaluation. *Photo by Justin Dole*



On May 31st, New Hampshire State Police Dispatch received a call reporting that an ATV crash had occurred on the Hillsborough Recreation Trail in Deering that resulted in serious injury to a minor. Deering Fire Department, Hillsborough Police Department, Antrim Police Department, and a Conservation Officer with New Hampshire Fish and Game responded to the scene of the crash. An adult who was riding as a passenger with the minor at the time of the crash was identified as Stephen Barlow, 59, of Harrisville, NH. Barlow and the minor were riding together when, for reasons that remain under investigation, the ATV accelerated, lost control, and hit a tree. Barlow was uninjured in the crash. The minor was transported to Concord Hospital to be evaluated for injuries. Although this crash remains under investigation, it appears that inexperience was a contributing factor.

# New London Fire Wards name Matthy as Acting Fire Chief

Mike Matthy has been named Acting Fire Chief by the board of Fire Wards for the Town of New London, starting June 1, 2026.

Mike has more than 34 years of fire service and public safety experience.

He currently serves as Fire Captain, Fire Prevention Officer, and EMT with the New London Fire Department, where he oversees fire prevention, code enforcement, public education, and emergency

scene management.

Prior to joining New London, Mike served with the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office as Fire Inspector and District Chief, managing state-wide building safety and fire service training initiatives. He also spent more than 20 years with the St. Lucie County Fire District in Florida in a variety of leadership and emergency response roles.

Mike is a United States Air Force veteran and holds an

MBA in Public Resource Management, along with degrees in Criminal Investigations and Human Resources Management. Mike and his wife Christine call Newbury home and their son, Chris, lives locally as well.

Brandon Adams will be returning to his role as Shift Captain for the department, where he will continue to provide strong leadership, expertise, and compassion while serving the community of New London.



Mike Matthy

## Several changes in the makeup of the Newbury Fire Department

Newbury Fire Chief David Smith recently provided an update to the Select Board.

Calls have been more manageable lately. There have been a couple of mutual aid responses including two brush fires.

There was another hazmat situation in George's Mills that they responded to as well. The training has been completed for the online Primex training

classes. They all did it together. There are two cadets that are currently at the academy and they are both doing very well. Chief Smith wanted to thank Lieutenant Steve Schultz and Kristen Schultz for helping out at the CPR training. The goal was to reach 1,000 people across the state and at last count well over 2,000 have participated in this training.

Elections just took place and there have been some changes. Captain Burnell has stepped down and will remain on the department. Lieutenant Palmer decided not to run again and Collin Nelson has stepped up and is now the Lieutenant.

The new truck should be in production soon. The contractor is waiting for the molding to finish it off.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

The dietary supplement nicotinamide has been recommended by dermatologists for people with a history of skin cancer since 2015, when a clinical study with 386 participants showed that those who took the vitamin B3 derivative developed fewer new occurrences. However, data to validate those findings in a larger study group has been lacking because nicotinamide can be purchased over the counter without being entered into patients' medical records. In a new study published in *JAMA Dermatology*, researchers found a way to get that data, so the researchers checked the outcomes of 33,833 patients for their next skin cancer diagnosis following baseline treatment with 500 milligrams of nicotinamide twice daily for longer than 30 days. The researchers compared 12,287 patients who received the treatment with 21,479 who did not. Overall, there was a 14% reduction in skin cancer risk. When nicotinamide was taken after a first skin cancer, the risk reduction rose to 54%. The risk reduction was much larger for squamous cell carcinoma.

New research presented at the 41st Congress of the European Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis demonstrates that OCREVUS® (ocrelizumab) provides superior control of multiple sclerosis (MS) relapses compared with fingolimod, natalizumab, and alemtuzumab.

There are two forms of vitamin D supplements available: vitamin D2 and vitamin D3. Researchers have found that taking vitamin D2 supplements can lead to a drop in the body's concentration of vitamin D3, which is the form our bodies naturally produce from sunlight and use most effectively to raise overall vitamin D levels. The study was published in *Nutrition Reviews*.

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## THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF VAPING, SMOKING, AND DRINKING ON YOUR TEETH: PART II



Dr. Esin Narli

Gum disease (also called periodontal disease) is caused by an infection that destroys the bone surrounding and supporting your teeth. Bacteria and food debris accumulated on teeth, in the form of dental plaque, causes gum disease if not removed daily.

The two stages of gum disease are gingivitis and periodontitis. Gingivitis is the early stage of gum disease, where the gum becomes irritated by the plaque. Periodontitis is the more advanced stage of gum disease, when that irritation starts to damage the structures that hold the tooth to the gum. Teeth may become loose, fall out by themselves, or a dentist may have to remove them.

It is important to prevent tooth loss. Losing teeth towards the back of your mouth can create problems with chewing food. Losing teeth at the front of the mouth affects your ability to eat, your appearance, and can create problems with speech. Teeth also play an important part in holding the shape of the lower part of the face.

Vaping and smoking have been shown to increase gum disease risk. Vaping and smoking alter the blood supply to the gums, preventing the body's immune system from fighting the bacteria that are present in the plaque on teeth. This causes the gum disease to progress faster and become less likely to respond well to treatment.

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## School Days



Sunapee Elementary School held its annual Bike Rodeo. Thank you to Officer Merillo of the Sunapee Police Department who has worked with the students on bicycle safety during their PE classes.



It was another fantastic Share Day at Andover Elementary School.



Families and Newport High School and technical center staff celebrated the accomplishments of top seniors at a dinner held in the collaboration center. Pictured left to right: Callie Dixon, Bryanna Geer, Zoey Lord, Glory Parker, Bethany DeCelle, Katie Renner, Layla Gagnon, Reagan Fratzel, Myleigha Belville and Connor Clark (Erika Roy is not pictured).

# Bennington's Annual Rhubarb Festival set for Saturday June 6th

The 2026 Bennington Rhubarb Festival will return Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sawyer Field, 148 Route 202, behind the US 202 Express Mini-Mart, also known as Harris' Store.

The annual community event will feature rhubarb-themed foods, local vendors, games, contests and a petting zoo.

Festivalgoers can enjoy homemade pies, baked goods and food from vendors including Auntie M's Cottage Kitchen, Becky's Pies & Desserts, Bumbles Birria, GoodFellas Grub, Mama Maria's Gyros & More, and Sweet Escape

Doughnuts and Bakery.

Additional vendors, volunteers, bakers and community groups are still being sought for the event. Local artisans, crafters, farms, businesses and specialty food vendors are encouraged to participate. Volunteers are also needed to assist with setup, activities, contests and hospitality.

The festival's Rhubarb Pie Baking Contest will once again give bakers a chance to showcase homemade recipes and compete for recognition. Proceeds from the festival will benefit the GEP Dodge Library Building Fund.



This past weekend, Hopkinton Rotary Club members were out at Sweatt Preserve doing trail maintenance. This completes their second year maintaining the trail for all to enjoy.

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## Around Our Towns



Come join "Ride with Joe" on Saturday June 27th. Joe will be leading an out and back ride from the Potter Place Park and Ride to the Danbury Country Store. The ride, co-sponsored by FNRT and BWANH's Tour de NH, will be leaving at 10:00 a.m. and stopping for lunch/snacks and funshopping at the Danbury Country Store. Round trip distance is about 15 miles. Also on this date, the Andover Historical Society will be holding its annual Potter Place Festival including the unveiling of an original Concord Coach that will be permanently placed at Potter Place. Check out the website [visitnh.gov](http://visitnh.gov) for a list of activities being held from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



New Boston Garden Club members would like to enhance the Welcome To New Boston entryway with more mulch and perhaps more plantings before the 4th of July celebrations. If you would like to contribute to these efforts, you can write a check to the treasurer, Maddy Perron, and put Mulch in the memo line. Checks can be dropped off to Marilyn in the Town Hall or mailed to New Boston Town Hall, PO Box 250, New Boston, NH 03070.



On June 8 (rain date: June 9), boaters from across the region will gather at Norway Pond in Hancock for Avenue A's fourth annual Blindfolded Boat Race — a one-of-a-kind canoe race where teamwork matters more than being able to see where you're going.

# The Center for the Arts marks member celebration with major announcements

The Center for the Arts (CFA) is entering an exciting new era, with a reinvigorated board of directors, new executive leadership, a sweeping mission refresh, and the receipt of a \$100,000 restricted grant from the Mervyn Seldon Trust, whose generosity will fund supplementary arts education for area middle and high school students.

The announcements were made at a special member celebration at the Prospect Hill Barn that marked the launch of the CFA's Spring Membership Drive.

Along with new Board Chair Barry Fougere, seventy percent of the CFA's board has joined since the start of 2025. The organization has also welcomed Howard Brown as its new Executive Director. "The CFA is making a big difference in this region - and we are just getting started!" said Fougere.

The CFA's newly articulated mission reflects that ambition: The Center for the Arts powers

the creative life of the Sunapee Region, driving cultural experiences across the visual, performing, and literary arts that educate, entertain, and inspire, while contributing meaningfully to the region's economic vitality. The organization's vision is to become a preeminent New England community arts center; a creative force so integral to the region that the arts are considered as essential as the area's celebrated natural beauty.

The momentum is already tangible. In 2025, more than 3,000 individuals attended CFA performances, classes, exhibitions, and events, including the inaugural New Year's New London celebration.

2026 launched with a sold-out Performing Arts Series and now enters an event-packed summer season, including Art in Bloom, the Naturally New England exhibition, Art in the Harbor, multiple ArtsWeek events, and the Deconstructing



the Beatles: Revolver multimedia event. "This is a big capability-building year as we add new staff, new programs, and new systems," said Executive Director Howard Brown. "We rely on the generous support of our many donors, sponsors, patrons, and volunteers to help fuel that expanded impact."

The celebration also offered an opportunity to recognize pre-

vious CFA leadership. Fougere publicly thanked former Executive Director Dena Stahlheber for her effective tenure, and paid special tribute to Jean Connolly, whose fifteen years of leadership as Board Chair he called foundational. "The CFA would not be where we are today, or perhaps even be here at all, without her vision and dedication," Fougere said. Connolly remains an

active and valued member of the Board.

The CFA expressed gratitude to the community partners who supported the member celebration, including event sponsor Prospect Hill Home and the new Barn owners, Chris and Tara Hartman, along with food and beverage provided by Fenton's Landing, Hoptimystic Brewing, and Sunapee Cellar & Pantry.



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## Publisher's Perspective

### Advice To Area Graduates

*Congratulations to those who just graduated or are about to graduate from one of our fine area high schools. It is traditional, at this time of year, for just about anyone to offer you his or her sage advice on what to do with the rest of your life. Here, for what it's worth, is my contribution. LDB*

**GET OUT OF TOWN:** Your hometown has nurtured and supported you all these years, but it has also limited your perspective on the world around you.

**EXPLORE NEW HORIZONS:** This great country has a lot to offer, much of which you have not experienced. Explore, discover, grow.

**CHALLENGE STEREOTYPES:** Much of what you "KNOW," you actually just suspect, based on the limits of your education, upbringing and environment. Stereotypes breed prejudice which breeds bigotry. Challenge them at every opportunity.

**CHERISH DIVERSITY:** America owes its greatness, in large part, because it has been a melting pot of races, cultures and ideas. Different is not divisive. Reach out and understand what your fellow man has to offer.

**LISTEN:** Just like in class, too often our misunderstanding of the other person's position results from the fact that we just were not listening. I've always learned more with open ears than with an open mouth.

**DARE TO DREAM:** Don't be satisfied. Demand excellence. I was never much of a philosopher, but this quote has stayed with me my whole life, "What the mind of man can conceive and believe, man can achieve." Believe in yourself and go for it! Don't be afraid to risk

failure in order to achieve success. Remember failure is only permanent if you give up. Admit your mistakes, learn from them and move on.

**BE HUMBLE:** As good as you are, there is always someone better, but that should not hold you back. I was a pretty good high school catcher, having earned my varsity baseball letter in the 8th grade. I thought my success would continue at UNH until I had to compete against another catcher. His name was Carlton Fisk.

**SLOW DOWN:** Today's life is lived at such a fast pace that it is easy to lose track of what is truly important. What's your hurry? Many of my generation will live into their 80's and yours may well be the first to have a life span of over 100 years. You have plenty of time for fame, fortune and success. Take time to enjoy the ride.

**RETURN TO YOUR ROOTS:** Once you have done the above, come back and share your knowledge and experience with the town of your upbringing.

**GIVE SOMETHING BACK:** Do more than just live out your life, participate in it. Get involved, not just with your family and job. Coach a youth sports team, work with the Boy or Girl Scouts, join the Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, men's or women's club, or PTO. Get off your backside and make it happen!

**HONOR AMERICA:** Don't hesitate to point out our faults and protest failings, but always remember that this great experiment in personal liberty, America, remains the world's best example of personal liberty and individual responsibility. We certainly are not perfect, but by any standard of freedom, equality and justice, we set the example for the rest of the world



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Newbury Fire & Rescue responded to a building fire on Morse Lane in the South Newbury. They were assisted by mutual aid firefighters from Bradford, Sutton, New London, Sunapee and Lempster. The home was a trailer with a single story wood frame addition and it was a total loss, but there were no injuries to the occupants or firefighters.



On Tuesday, May 19th, members of the Sunapee Fire Department conducted department training. During the training, members practiced responding to different types of emergency incidents, pulling hose lines, and flowing water to strengthen operational readiness and teamwork. During the training, Sunapee Fire was also dispatched to a motor vehicle collision on Route 11 near Trow Hill, highlighting the importance of maintaining preparedness and being ready to respond at a moment's notice.

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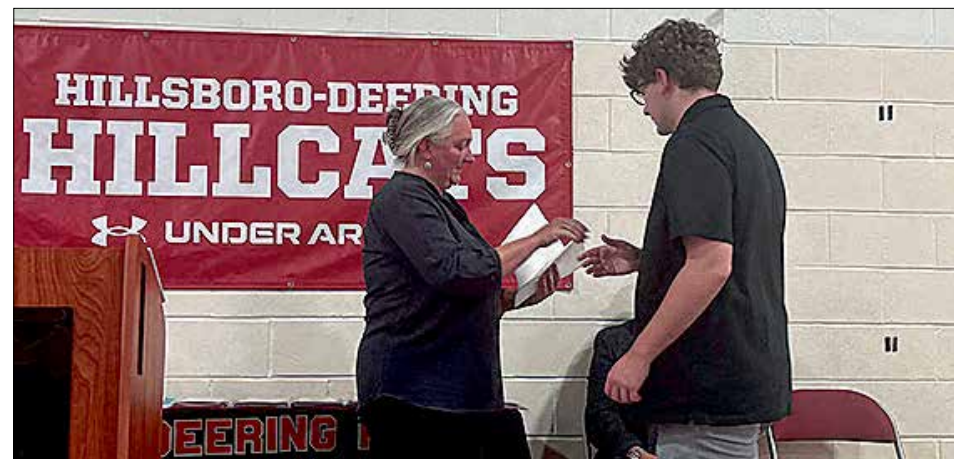
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Henniker Rotary Scholarship Skyler Auger



Hillsboro Lions Scholarship Alex Crowe



Osram Sylvania Scholarship Gavin Miller

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### JUNIOR AWARDS

**Jadelyn Baez:** University of Rochester: Frederick Douglass & Susan B Anthony Award, Society of Women Engineers-Highest Honors  
**Molly Card:** Brown University Book Award  
**Jamie Cooper:** St. Michael's College Book Award  
**Brayden Enos:** University of Rochester: Xerox Award for Innovation & IT  
**Katelyn Franklin:** Clarkson University Leadership Award  
**Brody Hoegen:** Elmira College Key Award  
**Cayle Lugo:** Endicott College Award  
**Brie Proulx:** Clarkson University Achievement Award  
**Ryan Shortt:** Suffolk University Book Award  
**Cadence Smead:** St. Anselm College Book Award University of Rochester: George Eastman Young Leaders Award, Society of Women Engineers-Honors  
**Alyssia Spencer:** Rensselaer Medal Award St. Michael's College Book Award, Society of Women Engineers-High Honors  
**Kylie Urban:** Student Sage Award

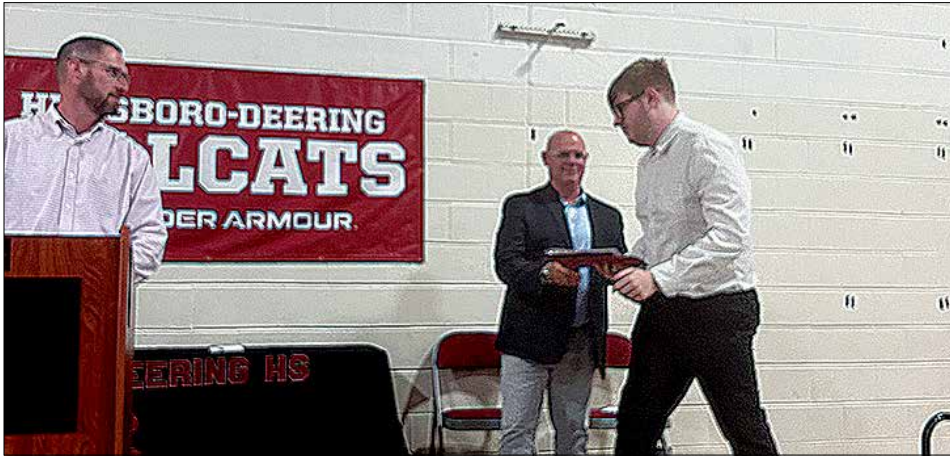
### SENIOR AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

**Skyla Auger:** Senior Athlete Award, H-D Support Staff Scholarship Gertrude Manahan Adams Scholarship, S & G Smith Scholarship, EM Barnes Scholarship, OSRAM Sylvania Engineer-

ing Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship, Eleanor Campbell Charitable Foundation Scholarship, Hillsborough Community Thrift Scholarship, Lila Murphy Scholarship, Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Hillsboro Lions Club Scholarship Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Henniker Area Rotary Club Service and Vocational Scholarship  
**Johnovic Baez:** Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship  
**Penelope Bows:** DECA Emerging Leader Honor Award, William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship, Eleanor Campbell Charitable Foundation Scholarship, Lila Murphy Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Eva Contreras:** William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship, Eleanor Campbell Charitable Foundation, Hillsborough Community Thrift Scholarship, Hillsboro Lions Club Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Alex Crowe:** Senior Athlete Award, Hillsboro Lions Club Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Kylie Crowe:** Henry J. Auclair Award, US Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award, William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship, Eleanor

Campbell Charitable Foundation Scholarship, Hillsboro Lions Club Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Sarah E Jenkins Distinguished Scholar Award,  
**Jocelyn Cummings:** Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship, Hillsboro Lions Club Scholarship, EM Barnes Scholarship  
**Faith Daley:** John Philip Sousa Band Award, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship, Eleanor Campbell Charitable Foundation Scholarship, Hillsborough Community Thrift Scholarship, Lila Murphy Scholarship  
**Riley Decatur:** Hillsboro Fire Department Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Matthew Donahey:** Hillsborough-Deering Business Department Scholarship  
**Megan Ferguson:** Kelzenberg Award, Hillsboro-Deering School District Support Staff Scholarship, William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben Scholarship, Eleanor Campbell Charitable Foundation, Chamberlin-Olson Scholarship Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Gavin Ford:** USMC Distinguished Athlete Award, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship, Hillsborough Community Thrift Scholarship, Contoocook Valley Board of Realtors Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Brooks Burt Scholarship  
**Katherine Gipson:** Clifford & Dorothy

Blanchard Scholarship, Lila Murphy Scholarship, Hillsboro Fire Department Auxiliary Scholarship, Hillsboro Lions Club Scholarship, Chamberlin-Olson Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, EM Barnes Scholarship, Ethel Brockway Manahan Scholarship  
**Jacob Greenmore:** Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Lillian Gundrum:** Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship, Lila Murphy Scholarship, Hillsboro Lions Club Scholarship  
**Noah Harrington:** US Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award, William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben Scholarship, Eleanor Campbell Charitable Foundation, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Henniker Rotary Scholarship  
**Tony Harris:** Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Kaitlin Havunen:** Hillsboro-Deering Federation of Teachers Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Ron and Grace Jager Future Educators Scholarship  
**Sean Healey:** Semper Fidelis Award for Music Excellence  
**Jack Hebert:** RISE Up - National Retail Foundation Scholarship  
**Brad Hersey:** Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
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**Thomas Lloyd:** Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
 Colin McGinn: William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Gavin Miller:** Ray Hodgkins Memorial Award  
 William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben Scholarship, OSRAM Sylvania Engineering Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship  
 Eleanor Campbell Charitable Foundation Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Shayne Mills:** Lawrence Bros Scholarship  
 Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Stacie Murdoch:** Hillsboro Fire Department Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship, Lila Murphy Scholarship, Hillsboro Fire Department Auxiliary Scholarship, Chamberlin-Olson Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Chase Owen:** Lila Murphy Scholarship  
**Valarie Rife:** Tim Henson Vocational Education

Award, William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship, Eleanor Campbell Charitable Foundation, E.A. Butler Scholarship, Hillsboro Lions Club Scholarship, Chamberlin-Olson Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Lennon Seymour:** Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship, Hillsborough Community Thrift Scholarship, Hillsborough-Deering Business Department Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Molly Smart:** USMC Distinguished Athlete Award  
**Allyson Steeves:** Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship, Hillsboro Lions Club Scholarship  
 Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Liana Swirko:** DECA Emerging Leader Honor Award, Young Business Professional Award, Semper Fidelis Award for Music Excellence, William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben Scholarship, Julia T. Pingree Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship, Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Levon Vassar:** Lila Murphy Scholarship  
**Aleena Valezquez:** Hannah & Clarence Tingley Award, William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben Scholarship, Old School House #5 Scholarship, Hillsboro Lions Club Scholarship, Duncan-

Jenkins Trust Scholarship, LAE Memorial Scholarship  
**Atianna Young:** Merrimack County Savings Bank Scholarship, Eleanor Campbell Charitable Foundation Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**Cameron Anderson:** Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Joel Belanger:** Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Megan Belanger:** Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Callia Card:** Lila Murphy Scholarship, Chamberlin-Olson Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Katie Connarn:** Hillsboro Lions Club Scholarship, Chamberlin-Olson Scholarship  
**Dylan Czyzewski:** Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Emma Davis:** Lila Murphy Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Morgan Dean:** Hillsboro Lions Club Scholarship, Chamberlin-Olson Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Hanna Edwards:** Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Rihosque Guzman-Cedeno:** Eleanor Campbell Charitable Foundation Scholarship,

Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Lexi Harris:** Lila Murphy Scholarship, Hillsboro Lions Club Scholarship, Chamberlin-Olson Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Logan Lane:** Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Joseph Lavalley:** Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Logan Luciano:** Eleanor Campbell Charitable Foundation Scholarship, Lila Murphy Scholarship, Chamberlin-Olson Scholarship, Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Ean Miller:** Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Benjamin Perrin:** Chamberlin-Olson Scholarship  
**Tyler Pollard:** Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
**Emillia Smith:** Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship  
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Sports



Hopkinton Girls Track and Field 2026 State Champs 3 Peat.

**GIRLS TRACK**

**Hopkinton 1st:** Maddy Lane and that's exactly what she put forth on Sunday. Lane, a junior, won the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 meters, setting division records in the latter two, to lead Hopkinton High to its third consecutive Division III girls' track and field title at Pelham High School.

**GIRLS LACROSSE**

**John Stark 18, Kearsarge 3:** John Stark: Claudia Dustin (3 goals, 5 assists), Zoe Lawson (9 goals, 2 assists), Kearsarge goalie Stella Syvertsen made numerous interceptions in the 8-meter.

**John Stark 16, ConVal 1:** Addie DeCew got her 100th career point with 5 goals and 1 assist.

**John Stark 13, Plymouth 6:** Claudia Dustin 4 goals and 2 assists; Zoe Lawson 6 goals, Addie DeCew 2 goals and 1 assist; Addy Brunini 1 goal.

**John Stark 14, Pelham 10:** Rowin Ledy had a big game with 20 saves.

**Bishop Brady 11, John Stark 3:** Our defense and goalie really stepped up and did not let up a goal in the second half.

**John Stark 15, Kennett 3:** The Generals' offense moved the ball with purpose and ran the most efficiently this season.

**Kearsarge 14, Belmont 4:** Madi McClennan (2 shots, 2 goals, 2 draw controls), Shelby Mason (goalie, 19 saves).

**Hopkinton 20, Campbell 2:** The Hawks got ahead and stayed ahead of a shorthanded Campbell team.

**Hopkinton 16, Laconia 4:** The Hawks showcased their ability to control the ball, contest every inch of the field, and score.

**BOYS LACROSSE**

**Hopkinton 16, Pelham 9:** Hopkinton jumped out to an early 4-0 lead, and kept a safe margin in a physical and contentious game.

**Hopkinton 10, Laconia 9:** The Hawks led by two or more for most of the game, until the Sachems closed the gap in the fourth.

**Hopkinton 15, Kennett 6:** Hopkinton came ready to play, communicated well, and put forth a strong team effort from the start.

**SOFTBALL**

**Hopkinton 10, Hillsboro 4:** Hillsboro put the ball in play and did very well making the plays.

**Kearsarge 3, Hillsboro 2:** Bottom 6 runner on 3B. A key sac fly puts us up 3-2. Top 7, we got the top 1-2-3 in order.

**Hopkinton 7, Somersworth 3:** It was 4-2 heading into the 7th and Salce helped us all relax a bit as she blasted a 2-run dinger.

**ConVal 8, MV 3:** Maisy Bourgeois (3 shutout innings), Riley Piper (run), Molly Hahn (2-3), Gabi Jones (2-3).

**Bow 20, ConVal 7:** Alexis Matheis hit an inside-the park home run in the win. Taylor Ouellette had a 2 run home run to center field in the win.

**Bow 18, John Stark 5:** Stella Wantuck drove a shot to center field for a solo home run.

**John Stark 7, MV 5:** Stark scored 6 runs in the 4th.

**BASEBALL**

**John Stark 4, Bow 3 (8 innings):** Bow tied the game 3-3 in the bottom of the 7th. John Stark scored the game winner in the 8th.

**John Stark 7, MV 0:** Jacob Baggett (1 IP, 2 K), Cam Carrington (1 IP, 1 K).

## Sports



Franklin High School junior pitcher Lily Cornell broke New Hampshire's all-time softball strikeout record Wednesday, recording the 844th of her career.

## Alma Mater

### WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE MAJOR QUALIFYING PROJECT

New Boston, New Hampshire resident **Henry Wright**, class of 2026, majoring in Aerospace Engineering, completed a project titled "Performance Analysis of a Stock and Modified P-51 Mustang."

Peterborough, New Hampshire resident **Maeve McInnis**, class of 2026, majoring in Chemical Engineering, completed a project titled "Varying the Light Conditions of Hicksii Plant Cell Cultures."

New London, New Hampshire resident **Elizabeth Scharpf**, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science and Interactive

Media and Game Development - Technology, completed a project titled "AR Glasses: Open-Source Application & Game Design."

### CLARK UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

**Brayden Hollinrake** of Goffstown graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

**AJ Orringer** of New London graduated with a Master of Science in Communication. Orringer is a member of the Alpha Epsilon Lambda honor society.

### OTHER COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

**Molly Ellison** from New London, NH was recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary.

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## PLANNING A HOME RENOVATION? BE ON LOOKOUT FOR THESE THINGS THAT CAN DERAIL YOUR PROJECT: PART I



By: Joyce Bosse

When tackling a home renovation project, there are a number of things that can push you over budget, past schedule and potentially not have the project you first desired.

To minimize the chances of a project getting derailed, issues of communication, people, materials, budgets and timelines have to be addressed up front.

Constant communication between all the parties involved may prevent things from going awry, best funneled through one person who will make sure everyone is on the same page.

Proper planning includes thinking through every step that needs to be performed to ensure the project will be built to specifications. The design should be thoroughly detailed in order to obtain a complete and thorough estimate from your contractor. A contract that has allowances for products is not advisable, because most homeowners are not able to determine if an allowance is adequate. Costs can get out of control and the homeowner backed into a corner. Planning will head off scope creep and expensive change orders.

The next step is to ensure your project complies with zoning laws and building codes. Go to your town hall and get advice from the zoning department or building inspector. If your project fails inspection, it could mean costly reworks or project pauses.

Become familiar with your town's permitting process and typical timeline. Be aware that permits may be delayed due to a backlog or because of missing information. Apply for a permit so the inspector can ensure that the work performed is up to par.

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**Antrim's 250th Anniversary Celebration**

The Antrim Celebrates America Committee is planning a series of events this summer to mark the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Festivities will begin July 4 from noon to 4 p.m. at Shea Field, featuring games and activities inspired by the 18th century. Organizers said attendees can expect historical reenactors in period clothing, demonstrations of colonial-era life and samples of traditional foods such as ham, beans and cornbread.

The celebration will continue July 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Antrim's old Centre district with a focus on local residents who contributed to the Revolutionary War effort. Events will include a walking tour of historical sites, including Meeting House Hill and the Centre area near the Grange and Old Parsonage. Participants

also will visit historic burying grounds honoring local patriots and take part in a scavenger hunt highlighting their lives and contributions.

The committee also is organizing a town-wide patriotic decorating contest for homes, sheds, yards and other properties. Organizers encourage residents to complete decorations by Flag Day on June 14. The winner will be announced July 4. Additional details will be posted on social media. The Antrim Celebrates America Committee received a small financial contribution from the town to support the events.

Residents interested in volunteering or helping plan activities may contact Stephen Burkhardt at 603-588-2650 or Renee Mercier-Gerritsen by text at 603-547-5144.

**Hancock accident closes Route 123**

State Route 123 in Hancock was closed for over an hour during the evening of Thursday, May 28 due to a motor vehicle accident about a mile north of Hancock village.

State Police and the Hancock Fire Department responded to the call.

A driver operating a pickup truck went off the road and hit rocks and a tree, totaling his vehicle. He was not seriously injured.

Witnesses to the crash say it was not speed-related.

Other drivers stopped to assist the victim and helped stop the bleeding from a wound on his head.

Other than minor injuries, the driver was reported to be fine. He was able to self-extricate from the crash and he was just sitting on the rocks waiting when crews arrived.

Route 123 was closed for about half an hour initially when the fire department arrived to assess the scene, and was later closed again for over an hour after the tow truck arrived.

**History Alive rescheduled for August 15th**

If you missed History Alive at Kemp Park, you have a second chance to come. Due to the very cold weather (under 40 degrees), plus rain, it was decided to postpone the public free event to August 15th. (Same weekend as the military reenactment at Jones Road in Hillsboro).

In addition to the special talk about

Canoes in NH, Abenaki crafts, railroad tours, and truck museums, History Alive will auction off the beautiful Abenaki basket made by the sixth graders at Hillsborough Deering Middle School and raffle off the gift certificates to three local restaurants. The basket has names of the students written on the bottom.

# Monadnock Community Hospital honors EMS members at a Celebration Dinner

Monadnock Community Hospital honored local emergency medical service providers during its annual EMS Celebration Dinner, recognizing first responders from across the region for their dedication to patient care and public service.

Held at the Monadnock Country Club during EMS Week, the event brought together EMTs, paramedics and fire and rescue personnel for an evening of appreciation and awards.

“Our collaboration is essential to caring for our community, and we are proud to work alongside each of you,” Chief Medical Officer Dr. Daniel Perli

said during the event. “You are often the first on the scene, providing critical care when it matters most.”

The Lauren Morton Award for Excellence in EMS was presented to Capt. Meghan Bedard of the Hancock Fire Department.

The award honors EMS providers who demonstrate exceptional clinical skill, leadership and compassion. Established in memory of Physician Assistant and Assistant EMS Medical Director Lauren Morton, the award recognizes individuals who make meaningful contributions to their departments and communities.

The EMS Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Chief Ed Walker of Peterborough Fire and Rescue in recognition of more than four decades of service in fire protection, emergency management and EMS.

“Since 2014, Ed has led Peterborough Fire and Rescue

with professionalism, integrity and an unwavering commitment to this community,” Deputy Chief Brian Wall said. “His compassion for patients, his dedication to people, and his commitment to this department will leave a lasting impact.”

Walker is set to retire in July. The evening concluded with

remarks from EMS Coordinator Michael Greenough, who thanked EMS professionals for their continued service throughout the Monadnock region.

Monadnock Community Hospital partners with EMS agencies throughout the area to support emergency medical care and response efforts.



Lauren Morton Award for Excellence in EMS Award Winner Captain Meghan Bedard is pictured with members of her team at the Hancock Fire Department. Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Chief Ed Walker of Peterborough Fire and Rescue is pictured with his wife Lisa Walker, AEMT and Michael Greenough, EMS Coordinator of Monadnock Community Hospital. *Courtesy photo.*



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# Kearsarge Community Common to create 244-acre Community Common Space

Community members are encouraged to submit letters of support ahead of the June 17 hearing

Kearsarge Community Common (KCC), the proposed 244-acre nature-based learning and gathering place in Sutton, is seeking confirmation that the longstanding multiple uses, including educational, community, and recreational use of the former Camp Wabasso property may continue. Project leaders will go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment on June 17 seeking a favorable ruling to provide the clearest and most efficient path forward for preserving the property's multiple existing uses and future development as a publicly accessible community resource centered on education, recreation, conservation and environmental stewardship.

The appeal follows KCC's conceptual master plan presentation to the Sutton Planning Board on Feb. 24, during which questions were raised regarding zoning and the historical use of the Route 114

and Old Blaisdell Road property. KCC maintains that the property's longstanding existing uses including educational, recreational and community-oriented use, for more than 96 years, continued over time and respectfully disagrees with the Zoning Administrator's determination that the uses have been abandoned.

If the appeal is granted, the project will still move through a public process involving additional review, permitting, public hearings, and opportunities for community input before any final plans could be approved. Resolving this zoning issue simply allows the formal public review process to begin and allows KCC to protect its existing property rights. The Town would continue to exercise oversight and discretion throughout every subsequent stage of planning and permitting.

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### Lori Ann Stevens

Hillsboro - Lori Ann Stevens, 64, of Hillsboro, passed away on Thursday, May 21, 2026. Born on August 21, 1961, in Hillsborough New Hampshire, she was the daughter of the late Howard Porter Jr and Beverly Kijewski. She is survived by her loving husband Edward E. Stevens; sons Jon M. Matthews, Gregory A. Stevens; daughter Kristina M. Stevens; brother Oren Porter; & grandson Colt Jon Matthews. She is predeceased by her mother Beverly Kijewski and stepfather Bill Kijewski; father Howard Porter Jr.; and several aunts and uncles. Donations in memory of Lori may be offered to Challenged Champions, a non-profit organization that enriches and improves the lives of children and adults with mental, physical, and emotional challenges through facilitated equine activities located in Ottawa.



### Arthur L. Hixson

Hancock - Arthur L. Hixson, age 93, a longtime resident of Hancock, NH, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2026, in his home surrounded by his loving family. Arthur was born on May 19, 1932, a son of the late Edwin L. and Clara M. (Walton) Hixson. In addition to his parents, Arthur was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 65 years, Lois Hixson, his daughter, Cynthia L. Hixson, his daughter, Diane Snow, his sister, Marian Driscoll, his grandson, Brandon Snow, and his great-granddaughter, Amelia Diane. Arthur will be forever remembered by his two daughters, Connie Smith and Debbie Ober, both of Wrentham, MA, his two sons, Russ Hixson and his wife Doreen of Antrim, NH and Rodney Hixson and his wife Cindy of Hancock, NH, a brother Donald Hixson and his wife Evelyn of Wareham, MA, thirteen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends. Honoring his wishes, there will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in Arthur's name to: The Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306.



### Robert L. Gauvin

Antrim - Robert L. Gauvin, 74, of Antrim, passed peacefully on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 after a brief period of declining health at Cheshire Medical Center in Keene. He was born a son to the late William Gauvin and Ruth (Henderson) on August 5, 1951 in Cambridge, MA. Robert is survived by his loving wife, Gail A Gauvin and his brother Thomas Gauvin. He is predeceased by his parents William and Ruth Gauvin as well as his sister Carol Valchuis.



### Nathan Ryan Wheeler

Hillsboro - Nathan Ryan Wheeler, age 39, of Elizabeth City, NC, died at his home on Thursday, May 7, 2026. He was born in Concord, NH, on August 24, 1986, to William Weber and Carol Wheeler Robichaud. In

addition to his parents, he is survived by his son, Kayden Joseph Wheeler; his half-sister, Shania Weber; and his half-brother, Brian George. He leaves behind four aunts: Geraldine Grant, Shirley Fernet, Janice Bezio, and Nancy Wheeler. Nathan was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Joseph Henry Wheeler and his maternal grandmother, Christine Lillian Wheeler; his aunt, Barbara Ricard; and his uncle, Kenneth Wheeler.

### Shirley Ann Despres

Peterborough - On May 23, 2026, Shirley Ann



Despres passed away peacefully with her family at her side. Shirley was born the second eldest child to Emile and Margaret (Murphy) LaSalle on August 20, 1942. Shirley is survived by her children, Barbara Despres and her friend John Fedier of Fitzwilliam, NH, Deborah Despres and her husband Jeff Hadad of Peterborough, NH, Matthew Despres and his wife Tracy of Rindge, NH, four grandchildren: Tim Pedersen, Kelsey Pedersen, Bailey Despres, and Regan Despres. She is also survived by her sisters, Margaret Cardin of Wolfeboro, NH, and Patricia Whitney and her husband David of Holderness, NH, and sister-in-law Christine LaSalle of Venice, FL. She was loved and admired by her many extended family. She was pre-deceased by her husband of 46 years, Ronald N. Despres; her brother, Thomas LaSalle, and her brother-in-law, Russell Cardin. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Shirley's name to Monadnock Kitty Rescue and Adoption, PO Box 468, Jaffrey, NH 03452, or to Shelter from the Storm, PO Box 257, Jaffrey, NH 03452.

### Ronald Garrison

Henniker - Ronald Garrison, of Henniker, known as Ron, passed away May 7, 2026, at age 85. Ron leaves behind his wife of 65 years, Judith, and his daughters, Randi Hoppe and husband Wayne, Amanda French and husband Jeffrey, and Melissa Garrison-Kelly. He is survived by 7 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. He will be profoundly missed, but his spirit, wisdom and stories will live on through those who knew and loved him. Celebration of Life will be held at the Henniker Congregational Parish Hall, 43 Maple Street, Henniker, NH, on June 20th from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

### Linda Marie Mueller

Warner - Linda Marie (Albertson) Mueller, age 78



of Warner, NH, passed away on May 22, 2026 after a slow decline in health and a final illness. Linda was born on August 30, 1947, to William and Doris (Whelpley) Albertson in Brooklyn, NY. Linda was predeceased by both her parents and by her brothers, Ritchie and Billy Albertson. She is survived by her husband, Dick, and their five children: Kerrie Diers (Ted Diers), Richard (Ceridwen), Margaret (aka, Sr. Mary Amata, OP), Karl (Stephanie), and Andrew, and ten grandchildren: Nate, Ella, Leo, Marc, Caleb, Sonja, Gus, Toby, Linus, and Rosemary. She is also survived by her sister, Kathy Wimmer and her brother David Albertson. In lieu

of flowers, please give a gift to your favorite charity.

### Judith G. (Hoyt) Courser

Warner - Judith G. (Hoyt) Courser, 82, of Schoodac Road, died Thursday, May 28, 2026 at Concord Hospital. She was born in Concord, NH on June 25, 1943, the daughter of Everett and Alice (Thompson) Hoyt. Members of her family surviving include her husband of 60 years, Gerald B. Courser; four children, Michael (Shari) Courser, Matthew (Michele) Courser, Marshall "Todd" (Melissa) Courser and Penny Sue Courser (Darrin Moody), all of Warner, NH; four grandchildren, Dalton, Lucas (Erika) and great granddaughter, Bailey, Cy and Madison; a brother, James Hoyt of Salisbury, NH and her best friend and sister, Ann Lary of Bow, NH. Judy is predeceased by her parents and brother, Everett Hoyt, Jr. Memorial contributions may be made to the Warner Historical Society, P.O. Box 189 or the Warner Food Pantry, P.O. Box 402, both Warner, NH 03278.



### William Hoyt

New London - William C. Hoyt, 79, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, died peacefully from complications of Parkinson's disease on May 23rd at his home surrounded by family. Bill was born in Woburn, MA on June 6, 1946 the son of William L. and Miriam (Hollander) Hoyt. He graduated from Winchester High School in 1964. Surviving him are his wife Lynne, sisters Sara Bennett of Belfast, ME, Jean Beal and her husband Jonathan Beal of Belfast, ME; and brother Stewart Hoyt and his wife Karen Hoyt of Corvallis, MT; son William (Bill) Hoyt and his wife Kate Hoyt of Newport, NH, son Matthew Hoyt of Hampton, NH, and daughter Anne and her husband Mark Bodenrader of Pelham, NH; seven grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association Hospice, P.O. Box 2209, New London, NH 03257, or to your local Food Bank.



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**NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT:** by photographer and Deering resident Deanna Farrell Wood. From 10:30am until 12:30, at the Deering Library. Check out some of her awesome images on "abirds-tale.com", or on facebook at "A Birds Tale by Deanna". She will be available to discuss her work.

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

**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 at Fuller Public Library: 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 Hillsborough Historical Society and Fuller Public Library.

**THURSDAY JUNE 11**

**TASTY THURSDAY:** Join us for a FREE community dinner at Smith Memorial Church at 5pm, 30 West Main St, Hillsborough. Feeling like summer? Come to an old-fashioned hot dogs and beans supper will all kinds of salad, iced tea, lemonade, chips, cookies and watermelon.

**SATURDAY JUNE 13**

**MASK PAINTING:** with Deering resident and talented craftsperson Anne Cavagnaro. Starting at 10am at the Deering Library, and appropriate for all ages. Very popular last year!

**SUNDAY JUNE 14**

**ROCK & ROLL:** at Jim Mitchell Park. 2-5pm. Raffle tickets, drawing during intermission. Food will be available from Reed's North. Sponsored by Weaver Brothers Construction Company and MadgeTech. This event is free. Donations welcomed.

**TUESDAY JUNE 16**

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** The Party Crashers. Opening the 2026 Henniker Concert Series is a high-energy six piece band that specializes in crowd-friendly, dance-driven performances playing hits from the 60's to today. Starting the evening is the John Stark Stage Band showing off some very

talented local youth. 6-8pm, Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park, Henniker. Free. Donations welcomed. In case of rain, concert will be held indoors in adjacent Community Center.

**TUESDAY JUNE 23**

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** The Dan Fallon Band – A best of the Lakes Award-winning band known for being fun, engaging and dance focused. Their performances are designed to keep audiences smiling and moving all night. Henniker Summer Concert Series, 6-8pm, Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park, Henniker. Free. Donations welcomed. In case of rain, concert will be held indoors in adjacent Community Center.

**TUESDAY JUNE 30**

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** Peabody's Coaltrain – This local NH acoustic, Americana 6-piece band featuring strings and shared vocal harmonies is an annual crowd favorite. Musicians include Jason Teaster on acoustic guitar, Dave Anderson on harmonica, Steve Cybulski on banjo, Dave Carroll on mandolin, Mark Frales on upright bass, and Scott Hayes on guitar and dobro. Henniker Summer Concert Series, 6-8pm, Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park. Free. Donations welcomed. In case of rain, concert will be held indoors in adjacent Community Center.

**TUESDAY JULY 7**

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** The Scott Spradling Band. Since 2010, the 11-piece Scott Spradling Band has played events like Best of NH, fundraisers, community events, weddings and celebrations across New Hampshire. Their repertoire spans the last 50 years, with a strong focus on 60's, 70's and 80's music, plus big band swing and current pop hits. Henniker Summer Concert Series, 6-8pm, Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park, Free. Donations welcomed. In case of inclement weather concert will be held in the adjoining Community Center.

**TUESDAY JULY 14**

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** Blues, Brews & BBQ Fest – 50 Shades of Blues, an established working band playing exceptional and rocking rhythm and blues music. Based in Southern New Hampshire, they are dedicated to bringing expert musicianship along with outstanding vocals and harmonies. Come and hear both classic tunes and more current selections, creating a captivating mix of music, perfect for a summer's evening. Each member of the band brings decades of performing and recording experience: Henniker Summer Concert Series, 6-8pm, Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park, Free. Donations welcomed. In case of inclement weather concert will be held in the adjoining Community Center.

**TUESDAY JULY 21**

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** The Dwayne Haggins Band – Returning for the second year, this band was among the top five performers last summer. Get ready for blues and soul singing rising star, Dwayne Haggins. Described as the love child of Hank Williams and Otis Redding. The John Legend of rockabilly, and even, the what-took-you-so-long? fusion of Elvis Presley and Marvin Gaye. Every performance is a showstopper – don't miss it! Henniker Summer Concert Series, 6-8pm, Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park, Free.

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**TUESDAY JULY 28**

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** Not Fade Away – NH's premier Grateful Dead tribute band. Celebrate Jerry Garcia's birthday with full sets of Primal Dead hits. Henniker Summer Concert Series, 6-8pm, Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park, Free. Donations welcomed. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the adjoining Community Center.

**TUESDAY AUGUST 4**

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** Ferns Family Band – The Ferns Family Band is a trio fronted by award winning singer Mara Ferren, who never fails to impress with her seemingly effortless vocal prowess. Mara is supported by her brother, Quinlan, the backbone of the band on keys who masterfully juggles all piano, organ, bass, percussion and orchestral sounds. Henniker Summer Concert Series, 6-8pm, Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park, Free. Donations welcomed. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in adjacent Community Center.

**TUESDAY AUGUST 11**

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** Kotoko Brass – This 7-piece, Boston-based brass and drumming ensemble, melds the beautifully complex traditional drumming of Central Ghana, the sturdy bass and keyboards of the Caribbean, and the joyous horns of New Orleans to forge a sound the Boston Globe has described as "propulsive, infectious party music." Henniker Summer Concert Series. 6-8pm. Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park, Free. Donations welcomed. In case of rain, concert will be in the adjacent Community Center.

**TUESDAY AUGUST 18**

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** Waking Finnegan – A critically acclaimed, high energy Celtic rock band blending traditional Celtic music with modern rock. Known for lightning-fast fiddle and whistle tunes, powerful ballads and an infectious stage presence, they have toured internationally and been featured on radio stations in the US and abroad. Henniker Summer Concert Series. 6-8pm. Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park, Free. Donations welcomed. In case of rain, concert will be in the adjacent Community Center.

**TUESDAY AUGUST 25**

**HENNIKER CONCERT:** Studio Two – The Beatles are back! Hailed "New England's Best Beatles Tribute Band," the group pays tribute to the early Beatles years, concentrating on the most exciting and fun time in the Beatles career—the touring and club years. Henniker Summer Concert Series. 6-8pm. Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park, Free. Donations welcomed. In case of rain, concert will be in the adjacent Community Center.

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17**

**GUARD LUNCH:** Retirees of the New Hampshire Army National Guard are cordially invited to attend the 17th Annual NHARNG Retiree Day Luncheon, which will be held at 10am in the Joint Force Headquarters Building 1, Concord, NH. The luncheon fee is \$5.00, and as customary, a Retiree group photo will be taken. Retirees who are attending the luncheon for the first time are asked to register with Chief Warrant Officer 5 (Retired) Rick Plante at (603) 657-0345 or via email at [nharngetirees@gmail.com](mailto:nharngetirees@gmail.com)

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## Washington, NH Notice of a Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, **July 7, 2026** at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall.

- To discuss the application by Phil Byers for his cordwood business at 2675 East Washington Road, TM 13-27.
- There will be a site visit by the Planning Board on July 19th, at the site at 6PM.

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## TOWN OF HENNIKER NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC HEARING

**Place: Henniker Town Hall**  
18 Depot Hill Road, Henniker, NH 03242  
**Tuesday June 16, 2026, at 6:30 PM**

**Public Hearing**  
**Building Department Permit Fees**

The Town of Henniker Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing pursuant to the provisions of RSA 41:9-a on the proposed Building Department Permit Fee Schedule to take effect July 1, 2026.

Any interested person may present testimony at the public hearing in-person or submit written comments on this matter to townadministrator@henniker.gov or by mail to 18 Depot Hill Rd Henniker, NH 03242.

The hearing will take place during the regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting on June 16, 2026, beginning at 6:30pm at the Henniker Town Hall, 18 Depot Hill Road, Henniker, NH.

For questions, please contact the Town Administrator at 603-428-3221 x0105.



## Town of Hillsborough NH LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

### Case No 2026-07

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 & 675:7 that the Hillsborough Planning Board will hold a public hearing for a Lot Line Adjustments at 83 Henniker Street (Map 24 Lots 97,115,117) owned by Hendo Properties c/o John Henderson. The application is to annex .58 acres from lot Map 24-Lot 117 and merge it with Map 24 Lot 97. Map 24 Lot 115 will be merged/annexed with Map 24 Lot 117. There are no new building lots proposed with this application. The property is located in the Central Business District. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, **June 17, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Offices, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

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

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