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Honorable man snubbed



After more than a decade of effort New Boston will dedicate its new fire station on Saturday. By an overwhelming town vote the station was to

be named "MacDonald Station" in honor of long-time Fire Chief Dan MacDonald. At the last minute, the Board has found another excuse not to do it. See the Publisher's Perspective on Page 10.

Sunapee Assistant Fire Chief



It is with profound sadness that the Sunapee Fire Department Association announces the passing of Retired Assistant Chief Dana Ramspott,

following a long and courageous battle with cancer. Retired Assistant Chief Ramspott dedicated 41 years, 1 month, and 17 days of faithful service to the Town of Sunapee and the Sunapee Fire Department before retiring last August.

This week in history

JUNE 19, 1865

The Texas Emancipation Proclamation is released

JUNE 20, 1975

Spielberg's blockbuster Jaws is released

JUNE 21, 1990

Earthquake devastates northwestern Iran

JUNE 22, 1944

FDR signs the GI Bill

JUNE 23, 1972

Title IX is enacted

JUNE 24, 1901

Pablo Picasso's work exhibited in Paris

JUNE 25, 1876

Custer dies at the Battle of Little Bighorn



Valedictorian Wyatt Puza addresses his fellow graduates.

Stark graduates urged to "Focus on staying curious"

Class Marshalls Joshua Smith and Evan Payer led the Class of 2026 to the podium for the 39th commencement at John Stark Regional High School.

Principal Gary Dempsey welcomed all, congratulated the graduates and introduced class member who were entering military service. Katelyn Lorenz and So-

phie Gray led the Pledge of Allegiance and a group of seniors offered a harmonious a cappella rendition of the national anthem. Graduates Michael Maxwell and Jaylin Worthen presented the Class Gift - two new microwave ovens for the cafeteria.

Class speaker Adam Bogle, chosen by the faculty, reminded his classmates that,

"The present is only a memory away," and urged them to develop "Stories to tell you that your life was well lived."

Salutatorian Travis Lisofky wanted his peers to remember that, "Motivation is the key to ambition and success," while Valedictorian Wyatt Puza urged the graduates to "Focus on staying curious."

H-D Deliberative Session approved new Teacher's Contract

A total of 36 people attended the H-D Special Deliberative Session Tuesday evening. The sole item on the agenda was the revised two-year contract with the Teacher's Union, calling for an \$84,463.05

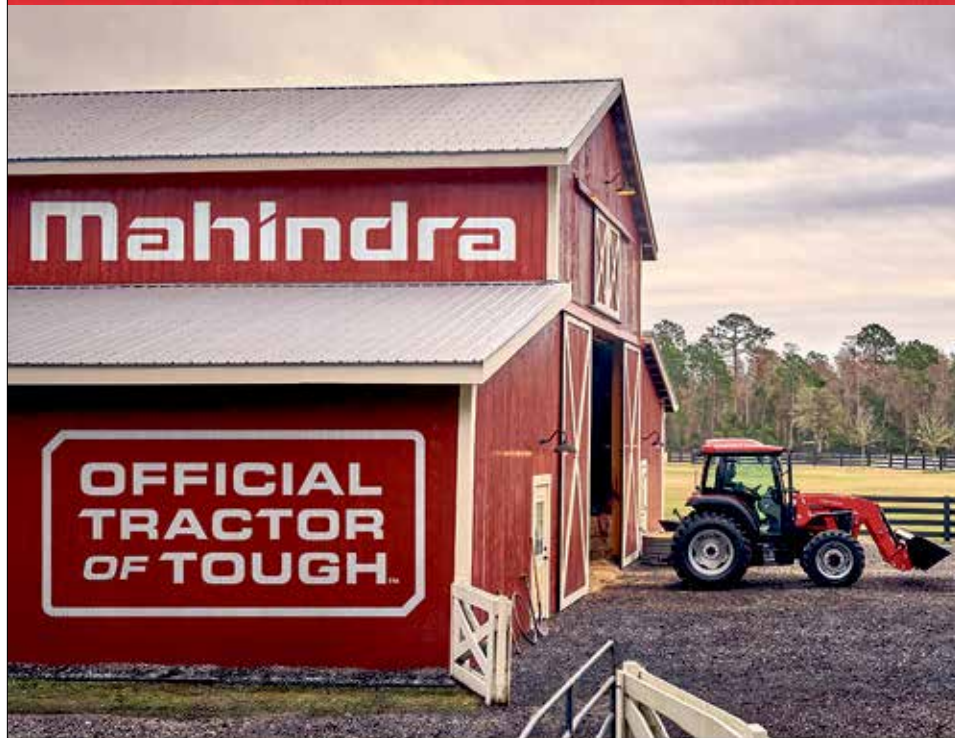
increase in 2026-27 and a \$256,489.62 increase in 2027-28.

If approved by the voters in July, the Deering tax rate would increase by \$0.05 in year 1, and \$0.15 in year 2.

Likewise, Hillsboro tax rates increase by \$0.06 in year 1 and \$0.19 in year 2.

The contract will also increase the stipends from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and the hourly rate from \$35/hr to \$45/hr.

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John Stark Scholarships 2026

- Sophie Gray:** American Legion Ladies Auxiliary-Lois Nichols Scholarship
Marissa Russell, Yuliana Chavez: American Legion Post 65 Scholarship
Grant Spooner: AMS: OSRAM Sylvania Scholarship
Carmela Martin: Best Buddies John Stark Chapter Scholarship
Ellah Adler: Beth Borden Memorial Scholarship
Donovan Moynihan: Beulah Brown Scholarship
Eli Marquardt: Catherine & Vin Swanberg Math Scholarship
Charlotte Matzke: Charles H. Tucker Scholarship
Grant Spooner, Victoria Keane: Chester W. French Memorial Fund
Wyatt Puza, Donovan Moynihan: Class of '96 Scholarship
Adam Bogle: Dr. Francis Brown Scholarship
Yuliana Chavez, Eli Marquardt, Sarah Shetler, Grant Spooner: Eleanor Campbell Charitable Fund Scholarships
Donovan Moynihan: Evelyn H. Bean Scholarship
Miley Houle, Noah Martin: Expo Fundraiser Scholarship 2026
Elsa Winther: George Parmenter Scholarships
Reese Pike: Goffstown Rotary Club Scholarship
Grant Spooner: Henniker Rotary Ron Rosenbleeth Scholarship
Katherine (Kate) Smith: Henniker Teachers' Association Scholarship
Sierra McCabe: Henniker Women's Club Educational Fund
Michael (Buddy) Maxwell: AppliedNH
James Tremblay: James K. Crane Fund/Henniker Rescue Squad Scholarship
Adam Bogle, Benjamin LaBrecque: Jason Keim Memorial Scholarship
Kate Smith: John Stark Teachers' Association Scholarship
Eli Marquardt: John W. Blair Scholarship
Kennedy Lavigne: Joseph Perrigo Scholarship
Yuliana Chavez: Kathie and Robert Henry Memorial Scholarship
Kate Smith: Kathy Conroy Scholarship
Chloe Caron, Grant Spooner: Weare Garden Club
Parker Greenhalge: Mary Coffin Memorial Scholarship
James Tremblay: Max Israel Scholarship
Sophie Gray, Sierra McCabe: Dwight Lentsch Memorial Scholarship
Wyatt Puza: Nancy Kataja Memorial Scholarship
Rachel Reph: Norman C. Parmenter Scholarship
Elsa Winther: One Church Community Scholarship
Sophie Gray: Rick Hall Memorial Scholarship
Gavin Croteau: Running Start Voucher
Payton Mathieu: Russell Durgin Memorial Scholarship
Grant Spooner: Sons of the American Legion Post 65 Scholarship
Marissa Russell: Weare Education Association Scholarship, Weare Fire and Rescue Association Scholarship
Carmela Martin: John Stark on behalf of American Red Cross
Kaylee Turcotte: Ann Spurr Scholarship
Wil Donoghue, Bowen Fournier, Jacob Mussey: John Stark Shop Club
Grant Spooner: Capital Region Board of Realtors Memorial Scholarship 2026, Tefft Foundation, Fine Homes Group Foundation Scholarship

ConVal High School graduates urged to “Win the day”

Family, friends and faculty gathered at the Football Stadium Saturday for ConVal Regional High School’s Class of 2026 Commencement.

Principal Heather McKillop advised the graduates to rely on their critical thinking to find those answers, rather than on quick and easy tools. “Write and draw and film and play and dance and live as only you can,” she said. “Use the tools available to you. Let them help brainstorm, explore, imagine. But don’t give away the most important work — the work of deciding what you think, what you stand for, and how you will contribute to the world around you.”

Valedictorian Hadley Bates urged her classmates to never give up on achieving their goals and appreciate the small moments on that journey. “While the memories we make here are priceless, they ultimately go on to the past,” Bates said. “This moment will never be as alive as

it is right now.”

Salutatorian Zadie Marshall asked: “If you could go back and tell your graduating self one thing, what would it be?” She cautioned her fellow graduates not to be “afraid if your path isn’t the same as everyone else’s — what’s meant for you won’t miss you,” ...and to be present and “celebrate achievements from the last four years.”

Tyler Mudrick, the school’s Special Education teacher presented the Faculty Award to graduate Alida Brissette. The award is given every year to a graduating senior jointly chosen by staff. Brissette, who started as an anxious student who did not like school, received the award for showing immense growth.

Art teacher Ben Putnam recited “Small Kindnesses,” a poem by author Danusha Laméris, which celebrates the smallest acts of kindness, urging people to find holiness in these gestures. Saying, “I like your hat”

or sharing a seat with someone can add beauty to the world,

the poem said. “Well done my friends. I really do like your

hats,” Putnam told the graduates. “Win the day!”



Principal Heather McKillop welcomed graduates and community members to ConVal’s commencement ceremony on Saturday.

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Hayley Minahan of the Henniker Police Dept. and Rus Denysyk of the Henniker Fire Dept. are currently providing medical support for the NH Army National Guard during Annual Training at Ft. Drum NY.



New Boston Assistant Fire Chief Cliff Plourde attended his last Fire Ward meeting. Cliff served as a Fire Ward since 1992 and was presented with a plaque from the current Board to commemorate his years of dedicated service.

Goffstown's Class President thankful for his classmates' "love and acceptance"

Noah Babin, president for Goffstown High School's class of 2026, focused on his personal growth in his graduation ceremony speech.

He admitted it wasn't an easy journey.

"Standing up here today, I wish my little freshman self could see me. I wish he could see the daily fist bumps in the hallway, the yearbook pages filled with heartfelt messages and the familiar faces I'm looking at right now," Babin said.

"Most of all, I wish he could see the love and support that I've been graciously surrounded by. Because truthfully, I don't think he ever thought it would happen," he added.

The theme of Babin's speech was love and acceptance. When he started high school, he hadn't yet shared his sexual orientation with his friends and family because he was afraid of being judged, he said.

However, when he learned to

accept himself and share more about himself, he found many of his classmates were eager to reciprocate by accepting him and lifting him up.

"I accepted the love that I thought I deserved. To be honest, back then, I didn't think I deserved that much," Babin said.

Goffstown's 2026 graduation ceremony was held at Saint Anselm College in the Thomas F. Sullivan Ice Arena. Campus parking lots overflowed with siblings, parents, grandparents and community members eager to cheer on the town's next generation.

This year's graduating class of about 250 students filled the arena in maroon and white robes and caps, the school colors.

The class valedictorian was Keira Schaefer, who is bound for Princeton University.

Schaefer said she will miss her classmates as they go their



Goffstown's 250 graduates celebrate the occasion.

separate ways, but she hopes to cross paths with them again as they pursue their dreams.

"Let that journey start today and fuel yourself to keep going. Surround yourself with supporters who are the energy that lead you to those goals. And be the crazy dreamer, the one who can look themselves in the mirror and say, 'I tried,'" Schaefer said.

The graduation ceremony also served as a passing of the

baton among staff. Outgoing Principal Frank McBride, who has led the school since 2004, introduced the community to his replacement, Timothy Girzone.

Girzone joined the Goffstown School District as associate high school principal last year and has been appointed as the next principal, effective in July. "To say that the Goffstown High School community

is lucky (to have Girzone) is an understatement," McBride said during Thursday's graduation ceremony.

Not to be outdone, Girzone returned the compliment.

"McBride would never say this himself, given his humility, but he's truly exceptional at what he does and deeply admired by all who had the privilege of working alongside him," Girzone said.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

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A new study published in *Health Affairs* has found that twenty-two states now prohibit prior authorization for opioid use disorder medications such as methadone, buprenorphine and naltrexone, up from two states in 2015.

A new analysis of the SELECT trial — the largest and longest clinical trial to date examining the cardiovascular benefits of semaglutide (a medication used to support weight loss and diabetes management) — confirms it also lowers the risk of major heart problems in people who are overweight or obese and already have heart disease, even if they don't have diabetes. Importantly, this heart protection happens regardless of how much weight a person loses or their baseline body weight, according to the new study, published in *The Lancet*.

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- White or red patch in your mouth.
- Swelling in your mouth.
- Dentures suddenly not fitting properly.

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Lion Ron Audette presented AMS OSRAM HR Manager Stacia Maloney with the Granite State Fellowship Plaque in recognition of the plant's years of support for the Hillsboro Lions Club and the Hillsboro Food Pantry, providing families with holiday food baskets.



The Hopkinton Rotary Club's guest speaker James Connally spoke to the club about Strawberry Banke and the importance it had on shaping what Portsmouth is today.



Congratulations to the 21 Kearsarge and Sunapee students who received New London Rotary Club scholarships. Two of the students will be attending Colby-Sawyer College. Rotary appreciates the support from many local businesses and community supporters.

Kearsarge School Board terminates Superintendent of School's contract

In a surprise move, Kearsarge Regional School Superintendent John Fortney had his contract terminated by the School Board last week.

In a message to staff, Fortney wrote that the termination was not for cause, saying, "While this was not my decision, I respect the board's authority to make it and remain committed to supporting a smooth transition over the coming days." He continued, "I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish together and wish the district nothing but

success." Originally set to expire at the end of the 2026-27 school year, his last day was Friday, June 12.

Fortney declined to further comment.

School Board Chair Alison Mastin verified the information given by Fortney but declined to comment further. She said the school board would release a statement about their decision next week, following the conclusion of Fortney's employment.

The board approved Fortney's termination at a closed-session meeting on

Monday. It was not immediately clear who would succeed Fortney as superintendent.

Fortney says that the board's decision was made "pursuant to

the termination with payment provision" of his contract. As a result, Kearsarge may be on the hook for the entirety of Fortney's salary next year, which

was set to be \$175,049, Fortney was in his second year as superintendent. He relocated from Missouri to take the job in 2024.



Superintendent John Fortney.



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 **School Days**



The NH Dept of Education surprised NH Teacher of the Year Megan Philbrook with a visit to her classroom at Andover Elementary/Middle School. It was especially fun since Governor Kelly Ayotte was able to join them.



Hillsboro-Deering students were well represented as the Law Enforcement Torch Run paused in Henniker on the way to the State House in Concord.



Congratulations to the KRHS Drone Team A, Victoria Herness, Owen Houle and Lylah McDaniel on an incredible performance at the Northeast Regional Drone Championship. Competing against 60 teams from across the region, the students earned an impressive 6th place finish.

Andover man claims to own 300 acres along the Northern Rail Trail

Lenny Caron, the Andover man who placed Jersey barriers along the Northern Rail Trail, forcing trail users to detour onto Route 4, claims that he had no choice after an ongoing dispute with the state. Caron said he owns about 300 acres in Andover, including the property along the Northern Rail Trail, where his business is located.

“I had no choice,” Caron said. “I want to be able to use my land

also.” Caron said his deed shows he owns the land and that its use is limited to railroad purposes.

He said the state has made it difficult to move sand and other materials needed for his business.

“Look at this. 34 years, I’ve been denied my own land,” he said. In 2013, Caron was denied a crossing agreement that would have allowed him to move gravel for his business. “I want to make a living off my own land,” he said.

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation sent Caron a cease-and-desist letter in March after learning he was driving vehicles along the rail corridor. The department said snowmobiles are the only vehicles

permitted on the trail.

“I don’t mind people using it, but the state, the snowmobile club, and the phone company, it’s not for nothing,” Caron said. “You’ve got to pay to use it or stay off it.” Caron said it is now

up to the state to decide how to proceed. “I’m easy, but I’m not budging,” he said.

The New Hampshire Attorney General’s Office has become involved and said state agencies are “actively reviewing the matter.”



Over 100 folks attended the Historical Society’s Church Open House last Sunday.



Len Caron.

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Publisher's Perspective

Disgraceful New Boston Select Board adds insult to injury

Dan MacDonald had been the face, voice, heart and soul of the New Boston Fire Department for nearly a quarter of a century. During that time, he led a first-class group of firefighters housed in a substandard facility. Without complaint, he led the fight for a new station for nearly a decade, which had been shot down at every town meeting since 2016. Meanwhile, fire and safety calls increased, along with the cost of building a new station. Although Dan retired as fire chief in 2022, he retained the office of Emergency Management Director and continued working on the \$9.2 million grant that replaced the current out of date station.

The era came to an abrupt end in December 2025, when MacDonald was summoned to a meeting with the Town Administrator and Select Board Chair and was informed that he had been removed as Emergency Management Director. In a gracious letter in the monthly New Boston Beacon, MacDonald admitted he was surprised by the decision but thanked the people of New Boston for their support over the last 24 years. That prompted Board Chair Bill McFadden to read a formal statement into the record, stating that, "When he retired as Chief of the Fire Department the Board agreed to have him continue as Emergency Management Director to ease the transition for the new Fire Chief, Frank Fraitzl. There was no signed contractual agreement with

MacDonald for his services and the arrangement was never intended to be permanent." The Select Board then appointed an Emergency Management team, which did not include MacDonald, to finalize the policies and procedures for the new facility.

In response, we wrote in 2025,

"The Select Board's long-winded response to Dan's admission that he was surprised by the demotion falls far short of an apology for the indignity and injustice done to this great man. While reciting their supposed admiration and appreciation for MacDonald's 24 years of service, their message was "Stop complaining, your appointment as Emergency Management Director was neither contractual or permanent." Board members should be ashamed of themselves. After nearly a quarter century of service to the town and a decade of leading the fight for a new Fire Station, to be stripped of his involvement and denied a spot on the new Emergency Management Team, with dedication of the new station only months away, is beyond insulting. Under the circumstances, there is only one FITTING TRIBUTE for Dan's lifetime of service to New Boston - the new station must be named "MacDonald Station," in his honor."

Despite an overwhelming town vote to do just that, and with the new station's dedication on Saturday, the Select Board is still refusing the honor. How despicable!



It was an incredible time and turnout for New Boston Central School's annual Read-A-Long. They were joined by the New Boston Fire Department and NBCS students who collectively read 2,640 books and over 17 million words this year.



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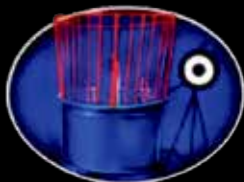
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Kids will receive free hot dogs, apple pie & Coca-Cola! There will be a summer picnic menu available for adults (purchase not necessary). Bring the kids and celebrate this amazing time in America!

Text Tom Alberts for more info, 603-716-6122



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Tavern On The Greens
Saturday June 20th • 4pm to Close



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Throughout the event we will be looking to hand out trophies for bad a\$\$ rides, and one ultimate ride will receive a 6' trophy!

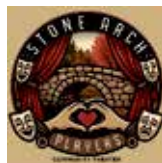
Tavern on the Greens will feature a Jack Daniel's menu, drink specials, live music, and a Sam Adams tasting!

At 6pm we will pull the lucky winner of the Kickoff Summer Raffle!



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Crime Watch

Hillsborough couple for Child Endangerment

On June 4th, officers responded to Second NH Turnpike in reference to a child neglect investigation. Investigators determined that two female children, whose exact dates of birth are still unknown but are approximately 3-4 and 6-7 years old, were living with their parents in deplorable conditions. Search warrants executed at the residence revealed extensive unsanitary conditions consistent with long-term neglect. Investigators observed significant accumulation of waste and decaying materials throughout the home, including in the children's bedroom. Large quantities of trash were present, creating severe sanitation issues. Mold growth was widespread, covering large portions of the walls and ceilings. Officers also located narcotic-related paraphernalia within the residence. The investigation further revealed that pets had been abandoned; those animals have since been removed with assistance from the SPCA. Due to the condition of the property, the residence has been condemned by the town's Code Enforcement Office. With the assistance of the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), the children are currently in the care and custody of the State of New Hampshire. The parents have been charged in connection with this investigation: Joseph Tafuri, 34, of Hillsboro (formerly of New York), is charged with two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Cruelty to Animals, and Prohibited Conduct (narcotic-related). Leanna Marsar, 33, of Hillsboro, is charged with two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Cruelty to Animals, Prohibited Conduct (narcotic-related), and Falsifying Physical Evidence. As this investigation remains ongoing, anyone with information regarding the children or their parents is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Chris McGillicuddy of the Hillsboro Police Department at (603) 464-5512.



Joseph Tafuri



Leanna Marsar

Goffstown Habitual Offender arrested

A Goffstown man wanted on multiple active warrants was taken into custody following a pursuit in the Capital Region. Just before 10 p.m. Sunday, May 31, 2026, State Troopers assigned to the Troop D barracks attempted to stop the driver of a pickup truck on Route 3A after reports were received that the vehicle was operating without headlights. Troopers also learned the license plate displayed on the vehicle had previously been reported stolen. When a trooper attempted to conduct a traffic stop in Bow, the driver failed to stop and continued into Concord. A pursuit was initiated. During the pursuit, the vehicle struck multiple fixed objects and suffered significant damage. The pursuit ended in Concord after the vehicle became disabled. The driver then attempted to run from the vehicle but was quickly taken



Jason Williams

into custody by troopers and identified as Jason Williams, 34, of Goffstown. Williams was arrested and charged with operating after certification as a habitual offender, reckless conduct, disobeying an officer, resisting arrest, conduct after an accident, operating after suspension (subsequent and additional counts), reckless operation, receiving stolen property, misuse of plates, unregistered vehicle, and various motor vehicle violations. The investigation also determined that Williams had multiple active electronic bench warrants. Williams was held on preventive detention at the Merrimack County Department of Corrections and was scheduled to be arraigned in Concord District Court on June 1, 2026. No members of the public or law enforcement personnel were injured during the incident. Troopers were assisted by members of the Concord Police Department.

Goffstown man for Sexual Abuse

Goffstown man indicted on dozens of child sexual abuse material charges. A Goffstown resident faces up to several decades in prison after a Hillsborough County grand jury handed down a sweeping indictment containing dozens of felony charges related to child sexual abuse material. Peter Mattson, 60, of East Union Street, Goffstown, was indicted in May 2026 by the Hillsborough County Superior Court in Manchester.

The extensive case against Mattson includes 46 total counts split between the manufacturing and distribution of explicit material involving children.

Decades of Alleged Activity. According to court documents, the state has leveled two distinct sets of charges against Mattson under New Hampshire law: 23 Counts of Manufacturing Child Sexual Abuse Images: Prosecutors allege that between November 1, 2014, and April 30, 2018, Mattson knowingly manufactured visual representations of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The charges specify 21 distinct videos and two standalone images. 23 Counts of Distribution of Child Sexual Abuse Images: Investigators allege that a couple of years later, between February 15, 2020, and March 18, 2020, Mattson knowingly published or otherwise made those same 21 videos and two images available.

Weare man arrested for Drug Possession

Scott Fortin, born in 1982, of Weare, was arrested at 8:36 p.m. on April 23 on felony possession of a controlled drug-subsequent and transport drugs in a motor vehicle charges following an incident or investigation on South Main Street.

Henniker man for Criminal Trespass

Jan Josef Kevlik, born 2000, of Henniker was arrested at 2:28 p.m. on May 16 on a criminal trespass charge. He was arrested at police headquarters.

Franklin man for Criminal Trespass

Omar Hutchinson, born in 1992, of Franklin, was arrested at 5:54 a.m. on May 29, 2026, on criminal trespass and breach of bail charges, as well as a warrant. He was arrested after an incident or investigation at the railroad tracks on Storrs Street under the Loudon Road Bridge.



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By: Joyce Bosse

As a homeowner, be sure to respond in a timely manner to requests and make prompt decisions.

Homeowners can cause delays and cost overruns by slow decision-making or frequent, expensive changes to work that was already completed. Allowing the contractor to take shortcuts in order to keep to the schedule may result in failed inspections and rework. I cannot overemphasize that planning the project in minute detail up front is the most effective way to contain costs.

The biggest issue with most projects? Issues in communication.

Communication breakdowns often occur between the homeowner, the designer, the builder, and subcontractors. Immediately confirm any changes or decisions in writing through an email sent to all involved.

There is no excuse for a contractor failing to keep a client updated as it leads to frustration and mistrust. Sequencing the work properly keeps the project moving. Again, assign a point person for all communications so the left hand knows what the right hand is doing. Lapses in communication may result in having to rip out something that was done, further delaying the project.

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Rep. Jim Creighton

Ruth Ward endorses Jim Creighton for State Senate

Retiring State Senator Ruth Ward (R-Stoddard) endorsed Rep. Jim Creighton (R-Antrim) to be the next State Senator from District 8.

Statement from Senator Ward:

“I’ve known Rep. Jim Creighton for many years and I can say with confidence that he would be a terrific Senator.

Jim cares deeply about his country and his community. He has dedicated his life to the service of others - as a Colonel in the U.S. Army, in his work with military veterans and as a State Representative. If there is a town event or function in his community, Jim is there meeting with his constituents and helping them in any

way that he can. As a Senator, I have no doubt that he will be just as attentive and fight for the people of our district.

For the past ten years, District 8 has entrusted me to be their voice in Concord. Jim Creighton has my strong support and I would encourage all of the voters that trusted me to be their voice for the past decade to trust me one more time and elect Jim Creighton to the State Senate.”

Senator Ruth Ward has represented District 8 since 2016. She is retiring at the end of her term. Representative Jim Creighton currently serves in the NH House representing Hillsborough and Antrim.

Two workers injured falling from Greenfield roof

Two workers were injured after separate falls from a roof at a Greenfield residence on the morning of Monday, June 8, 2026.

At approximately 8:47 a.m., the Greenfield Volunteer Fire Department and Wilton Ambulance were dispatched to a report of a man who had fallen approximately 30 feet from a roof while working on a home. Upon arrival, emergency crews found the patient suffering from multiple traumatic injuries. A medical helicopter was requested but was not immediately available. Firefighters and EMS personnel stabilized the patient before transporting him by ambulance to

Monadnock Community Hospital, where he received additional treatment before being flown to a regional trauma center.

While crews were on scene, firefighters learned that a second member of the same work crew had also fallen from the roof while attempting to assist the first patient.

Peterborough Fire and Rescue was dispatched to the scene, and the second patient was transported by ground ambulance to a trauma center.

No additional information regarding the conditions of either patient was released.



Congratulations to the Andover Elementary Middle School class of 2026.

ConVal Regional High School Scholarship Winners 2026

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Damien Allen: Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarship; Michael Gallagher Memorial Scholarship
Liam Armstrong: ConVal Community Dollars for Scholars PJ O'Rourke Scholarship; Dublin Community Scholarship
Opale Barrick: Peter Michael Abbott Scholarship
Heidi Bell: Angel St. Pierre Scholarship; Harris Center Environmental Leadership Award; Peterborough Lions Club Scholarship
Brayden Boice: Peter Michael Abbott Scholarship
Nora Bond: Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarship
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Charley Pyle-Cunningham: Adam Vaillancourt Roofing, LLC Scholarship; ConVal Community Dollars for Scholars PJ O'Rourke Scholarship; Grand Monadnock Rotary Club

Scholarship; Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarship; Kiwanis Club of Peterborough Ann Geisel Memorial Community Service Award; Monadnock Roller Derby Scholarship; Peterborough Woman's Club Scholarship
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Emma Richardson: Joan C. Schnare Scholarship; Keith M. Sullivan Foundation Scholarship; Todd Warner Burgess Memorial Scholarship
Cillian Robbins: Dr. James W. Jameson Scholarship; Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarship
Cayden Sullivan: ConVal Community Dollars for Scholars Scholarship; Dr. James W. Jameson Scholarship
Elijaiha Torres: Seth Fowler Memorial Scholarship
Liam Webb: ConVal Community Dollars for Scholars Mary Lou O'Neil Scholarship
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Kate Marie Joseph Duefield

Windsor - Mrs. Kate Marie Joseph Duefield, age 83 of Keystone Heights, passed away at her home on Wednesday, June 3, 2026. She was born on April 7, 1943, in Zanesville, OH, to the late Osborne and Elizabeth (Nickels) Joseph. Left behind to cherish her memory is her loving and devoted husband, Donald Duefield; son, Everett Barnett his wife, Kim; daughters, Theresa Hoffman her husband, Rick, and Georgiana Marks; brother, Bernard Joseph along with her sister, Joan Duvall. She was lovingly called "Grandma Kate" by her precious six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Steven W. Bowers

New London - It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we announce the passing of Steven W. Bowers, a cherished husband, father, son, brother, and friend. Steven departed this world unexpectedly at home on June 4, 2026, at the age of 47. Born on November 14, 1978, in New London. Steven was the beloved son of Wally and Deb Bowers and was predeceased by his mother, Deb, whose memory he cherished dearly. He is survived by his devoted wife of 20 years, Rebecca. Together, they built a beautiful life, welcoming two wonderful children, Nicholas and Lilyana, who were the light of Steven's life. In addition to his immediate family, Steven leaves behind his sister, Kris Janssen, her husband, Marc, and their two daughters, Kiera and Danica. He is also survived by his father, Wally, and his grandmother, Betty Sawyer, both of whom held a special place in his heart. Calling hours will be held at Chadwick's funeral home in New London, from 5 to 7 on June 19. In Steven's memory, they ask that those who knew him carry his spirit forward by embracing life with kindness and a smile, just as he did.



Jeffrey Scott Sweeney

Andover - Jeffrey Scott Sweeney passed away on May 29, 2026, at Brigham and Women's Hospital following complications from a routine back surgery. Jeffrey was the beloved son of Margaret (Peg) and Michael Sweeney. He is survived by his children, Brooke Benton-Sweeney, Keygan Sweeney and his wife Tommi, Rylee Sweeney, and Parker Sweeney. His grandchildren, Brinley and Blakely Desilets. He is also survived by his brother, Michael Sweeney and his wife, Holly, his sister, Julie Nudd and her husband, Dan along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends. Military Service Graveside services will be held on June 23rd, 10 a.m. at the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. A reception will follow at the Elks in Franklin, 125 S. Main St., Franklin, NH 03235 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Donald 'Don' L. Fuller

Weare - At age 86, Donald L. "Don" Fuller passed

peacefully at his home on June 5, 2026, with his wife by his side. He was born on June 25, 1939, in North Hornell, NY, to the late Clarence and Dora (Ames) Fuller. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Richard Fuller. He is survived by his wife and companion of 34 years, Debbie (Slosek) Fuller; children, Michael Fuller, Mark Fuller (Monica), Birgitta Maloblocki (John), Brian Fuller (Sarah); grandchildren, Devan Lasala (Joey), Dane Fuller (Jess), Ethan Maloblocki, Blake Maloblocki, Alex Fuller, Ronan Fuller, Sophie Fuller; great-grandchildren, Salem Lasala, Ledger Lasala, Stephanie Oswalt, Grayson Fuller; also survived by nieces, nephews, many friends and his dog, Alphie. Family and friends may call on Saturday, June 20, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Kevin W. Dougherty Funeral Home Inc., 21 Big Tree St., Livonia, NY 14487. A graveside service and burial, with military honors, will follow at 11 a.m. at Union Cemetery, Livonia, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to your local animal shelter/rescue or to the charity of your choice.

Denise P. Roy

Goffstown - Denise (Boucher) Roy, 74, of Goffstown, passed away in the comfort of her home on June 5, 2026. Born in Manchester, NH, on July 7, 1951, she was the daughter of Maurice and Noella (Dulac) Boucher. Denise is survived by her beloved husband Philip Roy, of 55 years; her three children: Kris Roy and his wife Maria Roy of Loudon, Stephanie Bergeron and her husband John Bergeron of Canterbury, Stacey Horne and her husband Felix Horne of Manchester; her eleven grandchildren: Isabel, Jessie, Austin, Ariel, Joey, Brittany, Tyler, Mackenzie, Kaylie, Casey, Ellie; her great-grandson: Griffin; her siblings: Suzanne Boucher of Allentown, Paul Boucher of Manchester, Michele Boucher of Manchester, Robert Boucher of Bradenton, FL, Donald Boucher of Manchester, and Mark Boucher of Kittery, ME. She is predeceased by her parents, Maurice and Noella Boucher. There are no calling hours. Private services will be held at the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Meals on Wheels of Hillsborough County, 353 S Main Street, Manchester, NH.

Laurie Goldberg

Henniker - Laurie Goldberg of Henniker passed away unexpectedly on June 7, 2026. Born in Boston and raised in Brookline. She is survived by her husband, Joel; sons, Greg of Henniker and Jeff of Los Angeles; sister, Joni Saloman; brothers-in-law, Mark and Carl Goldberg; and several beloved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by siblings, Susan and Ronald Trushin. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the GoFundMe established by friends in her memory.



Anne Marie Gould

Henniker - Anne Marie Gould, 73, of Henniker, passed peacefully in her home surrounded by the love of her family on Sunday, June 14, 2026. Born on September 19, 1952, in Somerville, Massachusetts, to the late John

J. Ryan Jr. and Agnes L. (Murphy). Anne lived a life marked by kindness, strength, and devotion. She was a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend whose warmth touched so many lives. On June 17, 1973, Anne exchanged vows with the love of her life Scot (Edward) Gould. They were married for 53 years. Anne is survived by her loving husband, Scot Gould, their children, Scott Gould of Henniker, Terri Gould of Manchester, and Ryan Gould of Henniker. She is also survived by her brother, Donald Ryan, her grandchildren, Jonathan, Aaron, Tamrah, Taelyn and Abbi, and a great-grandchild, Malcolm. She is predeceased by her grandson, Trenton Jon, her sisters, Rosalie Swanfeldt, Louise DeVincentis, Ellen Ogren, Sylvia Pinkham, and her brothers, Henry McAlister and Jim Ryan. Visitation will be held on Monday, June 22, 2026 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home, 32 School St. Hillsboro. A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at St Theresa Catholic Church, 158 Old W Hopkinton Rd., Henniker. A burial will be held at a later time in the New Hampshire Veteran Cemetery with her beloved husband. If you would like to make donations in Anne's name, please make them to Granite VNA <https://www.granitevna.org>.

Lynn Gaides

Deering - On June 6th, 2026 Lynn Gaides passed away peacefully surrounded by family in Texas. Lynn Gaides was born in the Washington DC area in the year of 1938 to her parents, Dean Bogart and Dorothy Chambers. She is survived by her husband, Charles; her brothers, Jan and David; her children, Walter and Kristin; her grandchildren, Laura, Julian, Kylie and Erik; and her great grandchildren, Hayden and Morgan. In lieu of flowers, donations are being accepted at Sky High. Sky High's mission is to bring communities together to provide comfort, fund research and save lives of those fighting pediatric cancer and other life-threatening conditions. <https://skyhighforkids.org/donate/> Please reference Lynn's name when donating. Private services to be planned at a later date.



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CLASS REUNION: Members of the Hillsboro-Deering High School Bicentennial graduating class of 1976 are preparing to celebrate its 50th class reunion. Anyone from the class interested can find details on classmates' Facebook pages. We are in need of contact information on some people who are no longer local. If you know of anyone, please let them know. Any suggestions you may have to make the 50th class reunion a success are welcome. Tentative dates for the gathering - September 25,26, 2026 or October 9,10,11, 2026. Ideas for the location of the gathering are local dining or dinner cruise. Classmates, please show your interest by contacting a classmate on Facebook.

SATURDAY JUNE 20

PAINTING MINI BIRDHOUSES: with Deering resident Ellie Cluche. Starting at 10am at the Deering Library. Show your creativity! For kids of all ages.

FRANCESTOWN LIBRARY: Beginning June 20, the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library will be open from 10am to 1pm on Saturdays.

DAR PROGRAM: The Pine Tree Riot Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring an event honoring women in the military for Women's History month. The event will be held on Saturday, at 10, and is open to all. Speakers will include the following: Colonel (retired) Sandra Warde, who will attend in person, Lieutenant Margaret Deane (National Guard) and Lisa Baron Butler (USAF), both of who will attend via Zoom. Please come to hear these heroes speak on their experiences of being Women in the Military.

SUNDAY JUNE 21

HOMEMADE PIES: 6pm. Do you enjoy eating pies? Do you like to sing? Come join voices with friends and neighbors; enjoy the historic ambiance of our 1799 Meetinghouse and indulge in homemade pies, both savory and sweet. Henniker Quaker Meetinghouse at 529 Quaker St. (in the historic district of Henniker) Bring Dad for Fathers Day!

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.

SATURDAY JUNE 27

BAZAAR: The Ladies Aid Society of the Union Chapel will hold our Annual Bazaar from 8am-1pm. Items available include housewares, glassware, pots & pans, books, linens, antiques, holiday decorations, puzzles, games and much more. All reasonable donations will be accepted. The Chapel is located at 220 Sawmill Road. All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the historic Union Chapel.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY JUNE 27-28

FIELD DAY, HENNIKER: The Contoocook Valley Radio Club will be operating Field Day, the annual ARRL Emergency Preparedness Exercise, from 2pm on Saturday to 2pm on Sunday. If you would like to participate, or learn more about Amateur Radio, please call 603-428-3840, before June 26th.

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.

SATURDAY JULY 4

TAG SALE: Washington Congregational Church Tag Sale on in the lower level of the church and Quilt Show in the Sanctuary. Lots of bargains and attic treasures, kitchen items, linens, clothing (including a designer boutique), games and sporting goods. Come check it out between 9am and 1pm.

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.

WEDNESDAY JULY 15

HARLEM QUARTET: at the First Baptist Church, the Grammy Award-winning Harlem Quartet brings a cross-pollination of classical, contemporary, jazz and Latin-infused repertoire to the stage.

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 show-stopper – don't miss it! 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 adjacent Community Center.

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.

SATURDAY AUGUST 8

AUCTION: Stoddard Congregational Church Auction. 9am viewing/ 10:30 live auction. Please come join us for our annual auction. Live and silent auction. All proceeds go to the restoration of our historic church in Stoddard. For a preview of some items visit our facebook. Donations happily accepted prior to event.

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ABUTTER NOTIFICATION ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Be advised, you are hereby notified of a hearing of the Zoning Board on **Monday, June 22, 2026**, at 7:00 pm at the Washington Town Hall. Nicole Anson & Corey Brigham will seek approval for a variance for the property on Lincoln Drive, Tax Map 14, Lot 271. The variance application to reduce the rear setbacks to 31' will be considered by the ZBA. This meeting is open to the public for discussion or concerns.

ABUTTER NOTIFICATION ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Be advised, you are hereby notified of a hearing of the Zoning Board on **Monday, June 22, 2026**, at 7:00 pm at the Washington Town Hall. Aaron Keith will seek approval for a variance for the property at 87 Huntley Mountain Road, Tax Map 14, Lot 459. The variance application to reduce the front setbacks to 30' will be considered by the ZBA. This meeting is open to the public for discussion or concerns.

ANNUAL CHECKLIST PUBLIC NOTICE

Under RSA 654:39, supervisors of the checklist/registerars, who are responsible for adding and removing names from their city or town's voter checklist, must hold public sessions between July 6 and August 10 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/registerars are required by law to remove these voters from the voter checklist, no earlier than June 1, even if they know a voter still lives in town.

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

Hillsborough Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on July 6 and August 10 at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of registration or party changes.

ABUTTER NOTIFICATION ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Be advised, you are hereby notified of a hearing of the Zoning Board on **Monday, June 22, 2026**, at 7:00 pm at the Washington Town Hall. Kelly & Jay Seibold (The Washington General Store) will seek approval for a variance for the property at 29 N. Main Street, Tax Map 22, Lot 54. The variance application to reduce the side setbacks to 18' will be considered by the ZBA. This meeting is open to the public for discussion or concerns.

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