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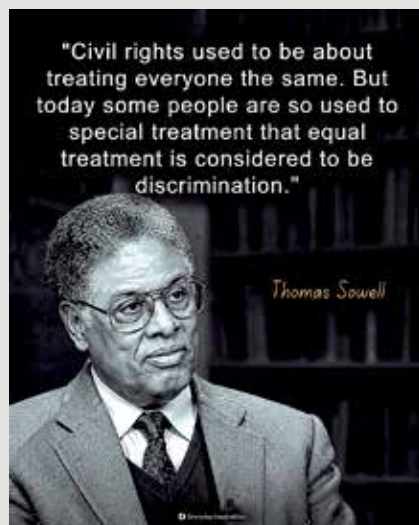
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Finally approved



Monday evening, the New Boston Select Board unanimously approved the installation of the lettering naming the new fire station as "MacDonald Station"

in honor of retired Fire Chief Dan MacDonald. In addition, this portrait is prominently displayed in the entrance of the facility.



This week in history

JULY 10, 1925

Meher Baba begins four decades of silence

JULY 11, 1979

Skylab crashes to Earth

JULY 12, 1862

Medal of Honor is created

JULY 13, 1985

Live Aid concerts raise \$120 million for Ethiopian famine victims

JULY 14, 1881

Billy the Kid shot to death

JULY 15, 1986

Columbia Records drops Johnny Cash

JULY 16, 1790

Washington DC declared the US Capital



Hillsborough churches and organizations combined to celebrate America's 250th anniversary. See other towns' celebrations on page 9.

Hillsborough celebrates America's 250th Anniversary

Hillsborough celebrated America's 250th Anniversary with an impressive ceremony at Butler Park on Saturday. The Lions Club opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Fr. Marcel Matel of St. Mary Church gave the Invocation.

Mary Plater then led the assembled in singing the National Anthem.

Hillsborough Historical Society members presented a reading of the Declaration of Independence.

The Knights of Columbus followed, emphasizing the uniqueness of our Constitution with a reading of its first 10 amendments and our Bill of Rights.

The Masons then recounted the

inspiring words of several of the Founding Fathers, who were also Masons, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams and Benjamin Franklin.

Methodist Pastor Eric gave the benediction and Mary Plater returned to lead a rendition of God Bless America.

Andover landowner vows to fight for rail trail access

The Andover landowner at the center of a legal battle over a blocked section of the Northern Rail Trail is defending his decision to install concrete barriers as the state sues to have them removed.

Leonard Caron said the state is restricting him from operating his business. "I've got almost 300 acres over there now, and the only access that I've got is over there, unless they want to build me a bridge," he said.

Caron, who installed the barriers across a section of the rail trail, said the real issue isn't the trail itself, but access

to his property.

"The only access I've got to that land is over that railroad bridge down there, and it's 98 feet. It takes us less than a minute to get across it," Caron said.

State officials said the dispute began after the Department of Transportation learned Caron was driving vehicles over a rail bridge they said isn't designed for vehicle traffic.

The attorney general has filed a lawsuit accusing Caron of trespassing on state property, creating a public nuisance and damaging the Northern

Rail Trail. The Department of Justice is seeking an expedited injunction against him to remove the concrete barriers and reopen the rail trail to the public pending resolution of the lawsuit.

Caron said he hopes to be able to present his case before he's ordered to remove the barriers.

"We get a chance to fight it before I have to move it, which should be an American way of doing something, but maybe not," he said. Caron said he plans to continue fighting for access until he can fully operate his business again.

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Yesteryear

Local history as reported in The Messenger

July 11, 2025
Supreme Court sets “Adequate Funding” at \$7,300/student
New London Police seek traffic enforcement and speed equipment grants
\$30,000,000 awarded to former New Boston slave
Serious injuries reported in Newport ATV accident

July 12, 2024
Beloved Methodist Pastor Paul O’Neil leaving after 6 years
Adult and minor injured in Weare ATV crash
New Boston Eagle Scout to build a kiosk
The Merrimack is bringing community banking to Henniker

July 14, 2023
Release of water from Stoddard dam causes Antrim flooding
Two victims die in early evening Sutton house fire
Newport para-educator charged with sexual assault
Missing Hopkinton woman found in car stuck on Warner OHRV trail

July 15, 2022
Weare Drag Racing Legend Rodalyn Knox dies
Jay Lucas’ Sunshine Initiative purchased several newspapers
Major mid-use development proposed for Antrim Mills
Weare Fire Chief Robert Vezina retires after 40 years

July 16, 2021
U.S. Space Force takes control of New Boston Station
Washington Fire & Rescue present Lifetime Awards
Multiple accidents keep Hillsborough Police busy
Steven Shepherd named Kearsarge Assistant Principal

July 17, 2020
Greenfield’s original Blacksmith Shop reopened
Francestown Board dealing with junkyard violations
Henniker Select Board approves road improvements
A special tribute to Deering’s Brian Houghton

July 19, 2019
George & Estelle Arvanetaki “Community Builders”
Major renovations at New London Shopping Center
55 acres of Hopkinton riverfront farmland preserved
Russ Roy named Interim Town Administrator - again

July 20, 2018
Dunbarton taxpayers sue to block special meeting
Franklin Mill renovation receives PlanNH’s top honors
Medical emergency causes Goffstown accident
New Boston to receive \$1.1 million school tax refund

July 21, 2017
Goffstown man killed in Mass construction accident
Boscawen raid seizes crack cocaine, opioids & guns
Bow celebrates completion of Public Safety Complex
Newport approves 294 LED streetlight replacements

July 15, 2016
New London Police Stuff The Cruiser for food pantry
Henniker Planning Board approves Dollar General
Suspected Goffstown arsonist turns himself in to police
Fenton’s Landing - A great deli in Sunapee Harbor

Quick response can't save New Boston home from fire

A three-alarm blaze completely destroyed a home and sparked a surrounding brush fire on Weare Road Sunday afternoon, drawing mutual aid response from several neighboring communities.

The New Boston Fire Department responded to reports of a possible structure fire at approximately 2:30 p.m. Emergency crews could see heavy smoke and flames billowing into the sky while en route, prompting an immediate second alarm to bring in immediate reinforcement.

Upon arrival, firefighters found the residential structure fully engulfed in flames. Crews quickly stretched hose lines and confirmed that all people were safely out of the house.

As the primary structure burned, the intense flames spread to the surrounding woods and brush. Firefighters had to split their efforts between suppressing the house fire and

containing the expanding brush fire before it could threaten more of the wooded area.

Logistical challenges met the crews on the scene, requiring a third alarm to be struck for additional tankers and personnel. Because there were no immediate hydrants, a water shuttle operation was established, with tankers hauling water from a supply source near Twin Bridge on Weare Road, roughly one mile away.

Later in the afternoon, a backhoe was brought to the scene to tear down structurally unsafe sections of the building, allowing crews to reach deep-seated pockets of fire.

Firefighters battled the heavy volume of fire in high-heat conditions. To assist the first responders, the New Boston Fire Auxiliary set up a rehab station, providing much-needed food and water to the crews working the scene.

There possibly may be some pets that perished in the fire,

however the fire department is working to confirm that.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.



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Hometown Heroes



The Dunbarton Police department recognizes Officer Thomas "Cody" Tompkins, badge number 303, for achieving 5 years of service with the Department. Officer Tompkins is also a certified Field Training Officer (FTO).



The New Boston Police Department bids farewell to Officer Hunter Secor and thanks him for nearly five years of dedicated service to the New Boston Police Department and the community they serve.



The Weare Fire Department is grateful for the outstanding work Sergeant Dana Johnson and his crew from the NH Department of Corrections Transitional Work Center accomplished at the South Fire Station. The improvements made to the facility are truly remarkable.

Matt Center announces his candidacy for NH House of Representatives

Representing Merrimack District 8 Henniker, Warner & Bradford



Matt Center in Merrimack County-District 8, representing the towns of Henniker, Warner, and Bradford.

Matt has lived in New Hampshire for 60 years and has been a resident of Henniker for the past 32 years. During that time, he has worked entirely in the private sector for the last 30 years assisting acute care hospitals across New England and the country. He currently owns and operates Ergonomic Safety Solutions, which provides safe patient handling products and training for clinical care staff to keep them and their patients safe.

Matt Center of Henniker is excited to announce his Republican candidacy for the NH House of Representatives

He is currently in his third year of a 3-year term on the Henniker school board and plans on continuing his advocacy for strong local schools and local decision making. He also plans to run for re-election to the Henniker school board in 2027 while serving in the NH House.

Matt Center is a strong advocate for maintaining the NH Advantage which means no state sales or state income tax. "It is critical that we continue to advocate for businesses to thrive and come to New Hampshire as this is the revenue generator for our state. New Hampshire remains the last remaining state in the 6-state New England region who welcomes business and all that they bring to the state including jobs and business tax revenue. Despite claims from the other side of the aisle, small incremental cuts in the business tax rate have actually yielded a higher tax revenue to the state."

Other issues that Matt is passionate about in his run for a House seat in Merrimack County-District 8 include continuing the fight for protecting girls and women's spaces from biological

men. He also believes that if we are to look at alternatives to fossil fuels, they must be affordable dense energy sources and not be subsidized by the taxpayer. Center also believes that additional legal

immigration is key if we are to help our growing business sector staffed with employees.

You can learn more about Matt Center and his run for the NH house at: mattcenter4nh.com



A large crowd attended Monday's unveiling and dedication of a granite bench in honor of Antrim Icon Eric Tenney.

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TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

Hormone therapy — oral and transdermal — remains the most effective treatment for such bothersome menopause symptoms as hot flashes and is generally considered safe for most patients. A new study shows that risk profiles are different based on how the hormones are administered. Results of the study was presented at the 2025 Annual Meeting of The Menopause Society. Oral hormone therapy is metabolized differently because it passes through the liver, impacting lipid profiles. Transdermal hormone therapy bypasses the liver to exert a different risk profile. These physiological differences may translate into variable risks for cardiometabolic, neuropsychiatric, and neurodegenerative conditions in postmenopausal women. The new study, involving more than 3,800 postmenopausal women, sought to compare the incidence of obesity, cardiovascular disease, anxiety, depression, and Alzheimer's disease among postmenopausal women receiving oral versus transdermal hormone therapy. What the researchers found was that transdermal hormone therapy was associated with a lower incidence of anxiety and depression when compared to oral hormone therapy. No significant differences were observed between the two routes of administration in the risk of obesity, cardiovascular disease, or Alzheimer's disease.

A clinical trial published in *Alzheimer's & Dementia*, the journal of the Alzheimer's Association, shows that two widely available medications, the diabetes drug empagliflozin (Jardiance) and intranasal insulin, safely improve brain health in people with mild cognitive impairment and early Alzheimer's disease. The study is the first time empagliflozin has been tested in non-diabetic patients with Alzheimer's disease. The results show promising effects on memory, brain health and brain blood flow.

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SILICONE TOOTHBRUSHES: UNDERUTILIZED TOOLS IN ORAL HEALTH



Dr. Esin Narli

Oral diseases are the most prevalent non-communicable diseases worldwide, affecting 3.5 billion people, with a disproportionate impact on those living in low- and middle-income countries. Current oral health promotion strategies rely heavily on plastic and nylon toothbrushes, which present both environmental and accessibility challenges. In response to the growing need for sustainable and affordable preventive oral health solutions, there has been increasing interest in alternatives to conventional toothbrushes. This scoping review aimed to summarize the global literature on silicone toothbrushes, an underutilized tool in preventive oral care. A systematic search of five databases, supplemented by reference screening, identified ten English-language studies investigating silicone toothbrushes. Findings suggest that silicone toothbrushes are effective in plaque removal, have a lower risk of gingival trauma, are well-suited for specific populations, and perform better in environmental impact assessments.

Dental plaque removal effectiveness was a central focus across most included studies. For example, two studies found that silicone toothbrushes demonstrated comparable plaque removal to plastic and nylon toothbrushes among post-secondary students and children who brushed their teeth or who had support from parents. U-shaped automatic electric toothbrushes with silicone bristles were not effective at removing plaque compared to conventional and habitual toothbrushing practices. The authors suggest that the optimal hardness of the silicone toothbrushes was 60 Shore A, however, there was no soft tissue damage among all hardness levels. Threaded bristles significantly improved the dental plaque removal of silicone toothbrushes. Moreover, their findings indicate that silicone toothbrushes are equally as effective at removing plaque under both wet and dry brushing conditions.

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Crime Watch

Man shot to death in Peterborough

The New Hampshire Attorney General's Office is investigating a report of an untimely death in Peterborough. Officials say law enforcement responded to a report of a disturbance on Grove Street around 8:30 p.m. on Sunday night. The Attorney General's Office says when first responders arrived, they found a man deceased in the driveway with apparent gunshot injuries. Another man, who is a resident of the home, was found inside of the home suffering from what appeared to be multiple stab wounds and was transported to a local hospital. Authorities say as the investigation currently stands, the incident appears to have involved an interaction between the two men, and there is no threat to the public at this time. The incident remains under active investigation.

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 arrested 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 arrested 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.

Bennington man charged with stalking

Matthew Riley, born in 1989, of Bennington, was arrested at 5:39 a.m. on May 11 on three stalking and three violation of protective order charges. He was arrested after an incident or investigation on Prospect Street.

Deering man was arrested for DWI

Joseph H. Thorpe, born in 1997, of Deering, was arrested at 4:41 p.m. on May 6 on a driving under the influence charge after an incident or investigation at 3 Broadway.

Weare man charged with stalking

Jeremiah J. Martel, born in 1978, of Weare, was arrested on a stalking charge at 7:01 p.m. on May 22 following an investigation or incident at the Shell gas station at 333 Loudon Road.

Franklin man arrested driving after revocation

Michael L. Poissant Jr., born in 1965, of Franklin, was arrested at 10:03 p.m. on June 3 on a driving after revocation or suspension-subsequent charge and a stop signs; yield signs violation after an incident or investigation on Merchants Way.

Weare man arrested for stalking

Jeremiah J. Martel of Weare was arrested at 8:09 p.m. on June 20 on stalking, violation of a protective order, and breach of bail charges after an incident or investigation on Hutchins Street.



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Six juveniles vandalize Newport's Richards Free Library

A historic library in Newport was vandalized Wednesday night, and officials said repairs could cost thousands of dollars.

Workers at the historic Richard's Free Library in Newport woke up to the front porch in shambles after pipes were ripped off the building, sending water in every direction.

"Obviously, water in a library is a bad thing," said library director Sally J. Bernier. Bernier says the library was vandalized. "It makes you feel violated, for sure," said Bernier.

She said someone ripped out the piping system on the front porch Wednesday night, sending dirty water all over the furniture and on the siding of the building.

The fire alarm was also triggered, and officers with the Newport Police Department responded. They have identified six suspects who they believe were involved in the incident.

"It's quite a residential

area," said Newport Sgt. Paul Beaudet. "He was able to track down some witnesses, video surveillance footage, and was able to identify six juvenile suspects that were involved in some degree or another."

Because the suspects are minors, Beaudet said the juvenile justice system is taking over. Police said their investigation is ongoing and, any additional information is welcome. Meanwhile, library staff are thanking the community for supporting them and said that while cleanup is underway, they will stay open. "I love the response that I've gotten," Bernier said. "People care about this library and I really appreciate that."

The Newport Police Department said early estimates suggest there could be thousands of dollars' worth of damage. Bernier said the library is always accepting monetary donations.

School Resource Officer Shawn Seymour—who



Richard's Free Library in Newport.

is currently assigned to the Patrol Division during summer vacation—immediately began collecting physical evidence at the scene, canvassing the neighborhood for witnesses, extracting nearby surveillance

video, and patrolling the area for suspects. Within a couple of hours, Officer Seymour was able to identify six juveniles who were involved in the incident.

As this matter involves minors, it will be handled through

the juvenile justice system and no further information can be released at this time. The investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact Officer Seymour.



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DOES YOUR HOME SALE QUALIFY FOR THE EXCLUSION OF GAIN? PART I



By: Joyce Bosse

The tax code recognizes the importance of home ownership by allowing you to exclude gain when you sell your main home. To qualify for the maximum exclusion of gain (\$250,000 or \$500,000 if married filing jointly), you must meet the eligibility test. To qualify for a partial exclusion of gain, meaning an exclusion of gain less than the full amount, you must meet one of the situations listed below.

Transfer of your home to a spouse or an ex-spouse.

Generally, if you transferred your home (or share of a jointly owned home) to a spouse or ex-spouse as part of a divorce settlement, you are considered to have no gain or loss. You have nothing to report from the transfer and this entire publication doesn't apply to you. However, if your spouse or ex-spouse is a nonresident alien, then you likely will have a gain or loss from the transfer and the tests in this publication apply.

Home's date of sale.

To determine if you meet the eligibility test or qualify for a partial exclusion, you will need to know the home's date of sale, meaning when you sold it. If you received Form 1099-S, Proceeds From Real Estate Transactions, the date of sale appears in box 1. If you didn't receive Form 1099-S, the date of sale is either the date the title transferred or the date the economic burdens and benefits of ownership shifted to the buyer, whichever date is earlier. In most cases, these dates are the same.

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Georges Mills.

Rescuers respond to possible drowning in Georges Mills

On Thursday, July 2nd, at 9:42 p.m., the Sunapee Fire Department, Newbury Fire Department, and Sunapee Police Department were dispatched to Georges Mills Harbor for a report of someone on the water screaming for help.

Due to the nature of the call, New London Dispatch dispatched the incident as a Water Rescue Response, activating all available Sunapee Fire personnel and requesting one of Newbury Fire Department's fire boats to assist.

Sunapee C3 (Captain Steve Marshall) arrived on scene at 9:44 p.m. and established Georges Mills Command. The reporting party advised Captain Marshall that there was possibly a boat or swimmer in distress near the no-wake buoy just outside of Georges Mills Harbor.

Sunapee Fire Boat 1 and Newbury Fire Boat 1 immediately began an extensive search of the area by water, while Sunapee Police searched the shoreline and

surrounding areas on land.

New London Police Department also responded and searched the shoreline within their jurisdiction to assist with the operation.

At 10:36 p.m., Sunapee Police made contact with an individual on shore who identified herself as the swimmer. She advised responders that she had safely made it back to land and was not in need of assistance.

With the subject accounted for and no further hazards identified, all Sunapee Fire, Newbury Fire, and assisting agencies cleared the scene.

The Sunapee Fire Department would like to thank Newbury Fire Department, Sunapee Police Department, New London Police Department, and New London Dispatch for their assistance and coordinated response.

Incidents involving possible people in the water are treated with the highest level of urgency, and the quick response from all agencies helped ensure a thorough search was completed safely and efficiently.

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Publisher's Perspective

Khrushchev Was Right

With the support of the Democratic Socialists, Russian Prime Minister Nikita Khrushchev's prediction is coming true.

I also remember him beating his shoe on the desk in the UN saying, "We will bury you."

As you read this article, keep in mind what has been happening on the National, State and local levels. The word "Compromise" is no longer in existence in the partisan political arena. Think about the summer of riots and the billions of dollars of destruction as well as injuries and loss of life. The Commonwealth of Virginia's politicians are trying to erase all history and any notion of common sense for short term gains by removing statues. Culpeper has fallen victim to the cancel culture with Council's vote to rename Lake Pelham. Where will it all end? Undoubtedly, there are extremists who find the name Culpeper offensive along with the very name of our country, The United States of America. With that in mind, all future "naming endeavors" should be geographically based because some group will find fault in generations to follow. Look at the ridiculous claims against Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln, not to mention our Flag and the National Anthem! And lastly, "Open Borders; Close Schools."

A reminder of Khrushchev comments September 29, 1959: THIS WAS Russian Prime Minister Nikita Khrushchev's ENTIRE QUOTE from that day: LDB

Your children's children will live under communism, You Americans are so gullible. No, you won't accept communism outright; but we will keep feeding you small doses of socialism until you will finally wake up and find you already have Communism. We will not have to fight you; We will so weaken your economy, until you will fall like overripe fruit into our hands." "The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

Do you remember or know all of what Russia's Khrushchev said in 1959? How do you create a Socialist State?

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- 1) **Healthcare** - Control healthcare and you control the people.
 - 2) **Poverty** - Increase the poverty level as high as possible, poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them.
 - 3) **Debt** - Increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are able to increase taxes, and this will produce more poverty.
 - 4) **Gun Control** - Remove the ability to defend themselves from the Government. That way you are able to create a police state.
 - 5) **Welfare** - Take control of every aspect (food, housing, income) of their lives because that will make them fully dependent on the government.
 - 6) **Education** - Take control of what people read and listen to and take control of what children learn in school.
 - 7) **Religion** - Remove the belief in God from the Government and schools because the people need to believe in ONLY the government knowing what is best for the people.
 - 8) **Class Warfare** - Divide the people into the wealthy and the poor. Eliminate the middle class. This will cause more discontent and it will be easier to tax the wealthy with the support of the poor.
- Fast forward to today. Is this parallel to the Democrat Socialist Agenda???? With an open mind, you can draw your own conclusions.
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Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board and the teachers' union have reached a new two-year contract agreement that will be voted on Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

This proposal keeps current staffing levels in place and provides modest increases in teacher pay and benefits. The estimated cost is \$84,463 in the first year and \$256,490 in the second year. For taxpayers, this would mean an estimated tax rate increase of about 5 cents in Deering and 6 cents in Hillsboro in the first year, and 15 cents in Deering and 19 cents in Hillsboro in the second year.

Under the proposed contract, teachers would receive a 0.5% cost-of-living increase each year, along with step increases already built into the salary schedule. Teachers

would continue paying the same share of their health insurance premiums, and there would be no increases to tuition reimbursement or longevity pay.

The 0.5% increase is a concession by the teachers' union and amounts to an estimated \$7.85 increase in weekly pay. This increase barely covers health insurance costs and does not include other increases in expenses. Both the union and the board believe this agreement is more than fair and balances support for teachers with the financial realities facing taxpayers in our communities.

A teacher contract is important because it helps the district recruit and retain qualified educators while supporting the students and families we serve.

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board

Andy Sanborn pleads “Guilty” to Theft of Government Funds



Former State Sen. Andy Sanborn admitted in federal court Tuesday to misusing \$250,000 in

COVID-19 relief for his personal expenses that were intended to subsidize his business, including buying at least one sports car.

Sanborn, 64, a Republican from Bedford, had received \$844,000 in Economic Injury Disaster Loan funding from the Small Business Administration (SBA) for his business Win Win Win LLC, which operated as Concord Casino, according to prosecutor Alexander Chen.

The guilty plea on a single charge of theft by government funds came after Sanborn reached a deal with the U.S. Attorney's Office before being indicted by a

federal grand jury.

Chen told Judge Landya McCafferty that the SBA had been made aware of the plea agreement. McCafferty scheduled sentencing for 11 a.m. on Oct. 15. Sanborn was released on personal recognizance bail and ordered to surrender his passport.

The charge carries a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, but as part of the deal, Chen will recommend a sentence of a year and a day, which makes Sanborn eligible for “good time” credits.

“Ultimately, it would end up being about 10 months of served time,” McCafferty said.

Sanborn also must repay the amount stolen plus interest for the purchases made between Jan. 18, 2022 and Aug. 4, 2022, according to the plea deal.

Sanborn entered federal court alongside his attorneys and wife, Laurie Sanborn, who had served

as House Speaker Pro Tem, when the purchases were made. He held a blue and white umbrella to block his face in photographs.

During the hearing, Sanborn, who wore a blue suit, told McCafferty he grew up in Lebanon, New Hampshire, and graduated from New England College in 1984 with a degree in business administration. McCafferty found that Sanborn “knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently” waived his rights of indictment to plead guilty. Sanborn and his attorney, Zachary Hafer, declined comment at the end of the hearing.

U.S. Attorney Erin Creegan says the office is committed to combating fraud and prosecuting such fraud. A number of agencies were involved in the investigation into Sanborn, including the FBI, IRS and Postal Service.

“This casino owner must’ve thought he hit the jackpot when

he got more than a quarter of a million dollars set aside to keep businesses afloat amid a pandemic battering our economy. But the odds and the FBI finally caught up with him when he misused that money for his own financial gain,” said Ted E. Docks, special agent in charge of the FBI’s Boston Division. “The FBI simply won’t stand for opportunists thinking they can defraud the federal government, live large, and get away with it. We will aggressively pursue anyone foolish enough to do so.”

Hafer made it clear that the agreement satisfies any potential criminal liability by Win Win Win, d/b/a Concord Casino, and the defendant’s spouse. Chen told McCafferty the government was prepared to prove Sanborn first received \$500,000 that he represented would be used for working capital for Win Win Win and then received an additional \$344,000

to also be used for his business.

The total amount misused for personal expenses was \$255,232.72, including using \$48,750 to buy a 2006 Porsche Cayman in Florida, Chen said.

Much of the details surrounding Sanborn’s misuse of the loans were made known in August 2023 when the state Attorney General’s Office sought to have Sanborn’s charitable gaming license suspended. Concord Casino has since closed. Sanborn was also arrested in October 2024 and is facing charges after receiving additional COVID-19 relief money from the state. The Attorney General’s Office alleges Sanborn misrepresented the gross receipts of the business by approximately \$1 million in order to receive \$188,474 from the first round of the state’s Main Street Relief Fund.

A trial on the state charges is set for early February.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Stephen (“Steve”) D. Newman

Newbury - Stephen (“Steve”) D. Newman passed on July 2, 2026 at his family home in Newbury, NH at the age of 63. Steve was born in Concord, MA to Robert (“Bob”) and Barbara (“Bee”) Newman (née Eastman), joining his four older sisters – Deb, Laurie, Jackie, and Jen. Steve is predeceased by his parents; his mother- and father-in-law, Phyllis and Harold; and his brother-in-law, Keith. He is survived by his wife, Ellen; his children, Paige, Travis, and Anna; his granddaughter, Bonnie; his son-in-law, Zack; his four sisters; his sister- and brother-in-law, Lori and Joel; his beloved dog, Goose; and many more family members and friends who loved him deeply. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association – checks can be mailed to LMIA, PO Box 15, Bradford, NH 03221.



Ruth “Nicci” L. White

Hopkinton - Ruth “Nicci” L. White, a longtime resident of Hopkinton, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 27, at Granite Ledges in Concord, NH with her children by her side. She was 94. Ruth is survived by her four children: Robert White and his wife Maureen of Hopkinton, Carrie Peterson and her husband Gregg of Webster, David White and his partner Sarah Bohannon of Hopkinton, and Judith Currier and her husband Devan of Randolph Center, Vermont. She also leaves nine grandchildren and fourteen



great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her sister Sylvia Myers Willoughby and by her husband of 50 years, Stanley White. Ruth was born in Bennington, Vermont, in July 1931. Ruth will be buried next to her husband, Stan, at Hopkinton Village Cemetery. A celebration of her life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, at the First Congregational Church of Hopkinton, followed by a reception at St. Methodias on Clement Pond. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ruth’s memory may be made to the First Congregational Church of Hopkinton (firstchurch-hopkinton.org), the Alzheimer’s Association (alz.org), or Granite VNA.

Charles W. Wing the III

Hillsboro - Charles W. Wing the III (“Chuck”), born March 2, 1963, in Peterborough, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully in his sleep on early Monday morning, June 15, 2026. He was the son of late Charles W. Wing the Second and Mary Anne Wing and his step mother Dorothy Wing. Chuck is survived by his daughter Marissa J O’Brien and his life partner Lori Leary. Charles has two children, Marissa O’Brien and his late son Charles W Wing the IV. Chuck is preceded by his late sister Brenda Viriyanon. Charles is survived by three siblings; Arthur Wing, Dianne Smallwood, and Debbie Wing. Chuck has two grandkids, Colton M. Knight and Jet Callahan O’Brien; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Services for Charles will be held at Maple Ave Cemetery in Hillsborough, NH, on Sunday, July 26th, at 1:00 p.m. Following the services, a celebration of life will be held at the Hillsborough Legion.



Charles W. Wing the IV

Hillsboro - Charles W. Wing the IV, age 37, died suddenly on May 27th, 2022. Charles was preceded by his sister Crystal Ridley and his mother Annette Johnson. Survived by his father Charles W. Wing the III and his life partner Lori Leary; his sister Marissa J O’Brien; and his son Colton M. Knight, age 17. Services for Charles will be held at Maple Ave Cemetery in Hillsborough, NH, on Sunday, July 26th, at 1:00 p.m. Following the services, a celebration of life will be held at the Hillsborough Legion.



Christine Carenbauer Hamm

Hopkinton - Christine Carenbauer Hamm passed away peacefully on June 16, 2026, at her home in Portland, Oregon, surrounded by family. Chris is survived by her sons Klaus, Erich, and Gunther; their wives Carolyn, Esther, and Anna; siblings George, Ellen, Michael, and Carl; grandchildren Annika, Elsa, Eva, Iris, Konrad, and Kirsten; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. She dwells deep in their hearts. Services will be held in Portland, Oregon, and Hopkinton, New Hampshire. All who loved her are welcome. Details can be found at christinememories.manus.space/rsvp. In lieu of flowers, donations in Chris’ memory may be made to the Oregon Food Bank or the Hopkinton Town Library.



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Service announcement for James B Baldwin

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on July 15 at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, 38 Church St. Hillsboro, NH. A luncheon will be served by the church. Burial may take place at a later date due to construction of the new Columbarium in the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH.

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