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CELEBRATING 200 YEARS

The First Baptist Church in New London celebrated the 200th anniversary of its historic 1826 meetinghouse with a weekend full of community, fellowship, and gratitude. Festivities included the dedication of a historic marker, family activities, live music, special guests, a commemorative worship service, and the unveiling of a timeline celebrating two centuries of faith and history.

This week in history

JULY 31, 1790

Samuel Hopkins received first US patent

AUGUST 1, 2003

The social media platform MySpace is launched

AUGUST 2, 1939

Albert Einstein urges US atomic action

AUGUST 3, 1958

USS Nautilus submarine reaches North Pole

AUGUST 4, 1753

George Washington becomes a Master Mason

AUGUST 5, 2016

Rio Summer Olympics open with contaminated water

AUGUST 6, 1928

Gertrude Ederle is first woman to swim English Channel



Nine towns respond to assist Sunapee firefighters.

Major structure fire sends one to hospital

On Saturday, July 25th, the Sunapee Fire Department, along with mutual aid from New London, Newport, Springfield, and Newbury, was dispatched to the area of 1228 Route 11 in Georges Mills for a reported structure fire.

At the time, Sunapee Lieutenant Timothy White was already on the scene of a fire alarm activation at another location in town and immediately responded to the reported structure fire. While responding, New London Dispatch advised that they had received multiple 911 calls reporting heavy fire and that a person could be heard yelling for help. Based on this information, Lieutenant White upgraded the response to a Second Alarm, bringing additional mutual aid from Grantham, Goshen, Wilmot, and Bradford.

Sunapee C6 arrived on scene and found a two-story wood-frame residence with heavy fire showing from the front

and left side of the structure. A patient suffering from serious burn injuries was located outside the residence. Sunapee C6 established Command and upgraded the incident to a Third Alarm, requesting additional mutual aid from Lempster, Sutton, Warner, Claremont, Lebanon, and Unity.

Crews from New London Ambulance 5 and Ambulance 6 immediately began treating the burn patient before transporting them to New London Hospital. Due to the severity of the injuries, the patient was subsequently transferred by medical helicopter to Massachusetts General Hospital for further treatment.

Because multiple callers reported that an additional occupant may have been trapped inside the residence, firefighters from Sunapee, Newbury, and New London initiated an aggressive interior fire attack while simultaneously conducting a primary search of the

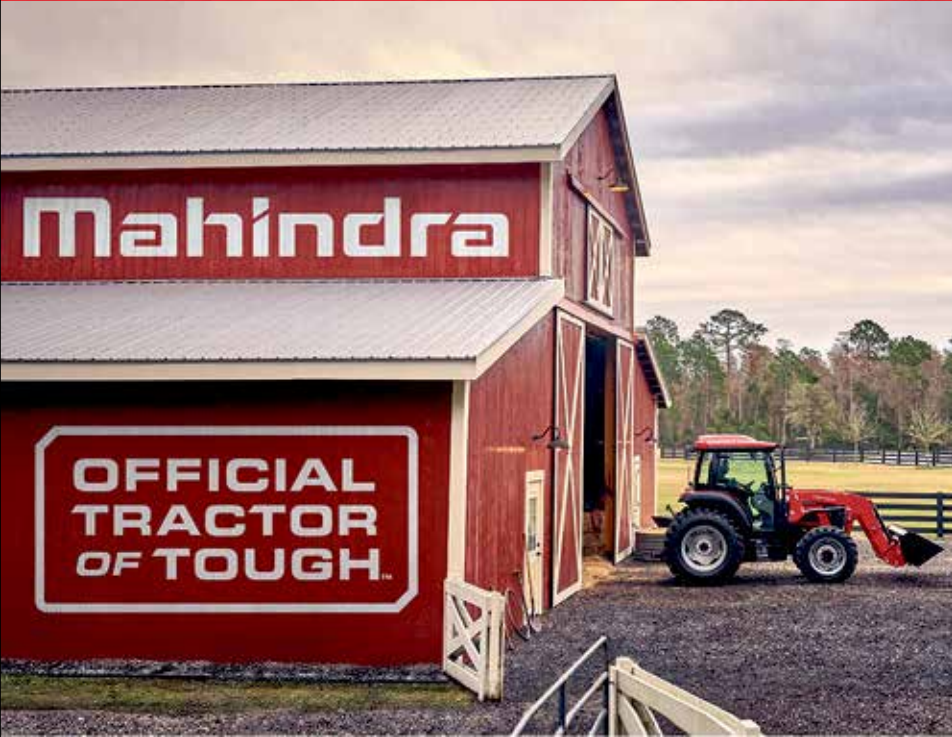
structure. Bystanders later confirmed that the reported occupant was not home and was out of town.

Three occupants were able to escape the residence. Two occupants were uninjured, while one sustained serious burn injuries.

Firefighters from the many responding mutual aid departments worked together to contain the fire and prevent further extension. The fire was declared under control at approximately 3:08 a.m. Mutual aid companies began returning in service around 5:00 a.m., and Sunapee Fire personnel, along with investigators from the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office, cleared the scene. During search operations, one dog was located deceased inside the residence. A cat remains missing, and its whereabouts are currently unknown.

The displaced occupants are receiving assistance from the American Red Cross.

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Local history as reported in The Messenger

August 1, 2025
New Boston home totally destroyed by fire
Antrim Police arrest elderly Hillsboro woman for animal cruelty
Warner couple seriously injured in Dunbarton ATV accident
Francetown proceeding with bridge replacement project

August 2, 2024
Hopkinton family donates conservation easement on 455 acres
Newport's Community Center to be completed in December
Hancock man dies in Francetown crash
Hillsborough's Central Square - The New Hot Spot

August 4, 2023
Greenfield man injured in motorcycle accident
Windham man killed in I-89 crash in Warner
Deering Fire/Rescue needs new Chief, new ambulance, new firefighters
New London financial advisor to repay \$11 million to clients

August 5, 2022
Meleny Nagy resigns Select Board seat after confrontation
Proposed Weare Rental Housing Ordinance draws opposition
High speed chase results in Hillsborough accident
Deering Select Board considers increased police presence at lakes

August 6, 2021
Antrim Administrator Donna Hanson resigns
Newbury Fire Department's new station opens
Driver injured in Newbury single-vehicle accident
Warner considering day care in Community Building

August 7, 2020
H-D holds a nearly traditional graduation
Newbury honors "Mike" Croteau's 75 years service
Monadnock Hospital lays off 21 employees
New London implements beach pass system

August 2, 2019
Arvanetakis honored as Community Builders
Separate Newbury Fire & Police proposed
Woman's body found in her storage unit
Teghan Coyle wins New Boston scholarship

August 3, 2018
Peterborough Brewery in GAR Hall
Weare gazebo demolition delayed
Uncanoonuc Dam project on schedule
Franklin Police Officer arrested for stalking

August 4, 2017
Board seeks additional \$859,000 from Antrim Wind
Belmont man dies of self-inflicted gun shot wound
Franklin man arrested for second degree murder

July 29, 2016
New London Fire Department valuable training
Accident claims life of Northfield employee
OSRAM acquires Tennessee company
Car collides with two motorcycles in Newport

93rd Annual League of NH Craftsmen Fair in Newbury August 1-9

The League of New Hampshire Craftsmen will bring its 93rd Annual Craftsmen's Fair to Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury from Aug. 1 through Aug. 9, with nearly 300 juried League craftsmen and guest artists expected to take part. The fair will run daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

The 2026 fair will highlight a series of partnerships across NH's creative community, including a new collaboration with the NH Craft Brewers Association. The Spirit of the Maker Craft Beer Series will connect League craftsmen with independent craft brewers, and many participating breweries are expected at the fair for tastings of their specialty beers, according to the release.

"This Fair is more than an exhibition of exceptional craftsmanship," Kate Saunders, executive director of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, said. "It is a celebration of what happens when artists, educators, nonprof-

its, businesses, and communities come together around a shared commitment to making. Every collaboration represented here reflects an investment in New Hampshire's creative future."

The League said the fair will also reflect newer partnerships with the New Hampshire Art Association, Loon Chocolate and Mount Washington Cruise Lines. The Art Association partnership created a new Emerging Artist Award tied to the Association's Fledgling Exhibition, according to the release. Loon Chocolate developed the League's signature bean-to-bar chocolate and will return this year as a specialty food vendor.

Other programs highlighted in the announcement include expanded youth woodworking education through grant funding awarded to the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers, support for the New Hampshire Potters' Guild interactive Pottery Tent, and backing for Claremont



Mount Sunapee Resort site of League of NH Craftsmen Fair.

Makerspace's Artist in Residence program.

The League also said it will celebrate the centennial of Sandwich Home Industries during the fair's opening and donate a portion of proceeds from sales of

the 2026 Annual Ornament to honor that legacy.

Visitors can expect fine craft displays across multiple mediums, live demonstrations, the Kids Create Tent presented in partnership with Kimball Jenkins

School of Art, the Next Generation Tent, live music coordinated by the New Hampshire Music Collective, specialty food vendors and scenic chairlift rides at Mount Sunapee Resort, according to the release.

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A man in a blue t-shirt and khaki shorts stands in front of a white and red Washington Fire Department engine. He is holding a framed plaque in his left hand and a black fire helmet with the number '86' in his right hand. The engine has 'WASHINGTON' on the front, 'saulsbury' on the grille, and 'E 1' on the bumper. The license plate is '626922'. The background shows a fire station with other vehicles.

The Washington Fire Department recognized Steve Minikowski for an outstanding 30 years in the fire service. He brought his extensive public safety experience north to New Hampshire five years ago after many years of serving with the Somers Fire Department in Connecticut. Known for his deep passion for the job and an instant, family-like bond with his New Hampshire crew, Steve is honored for a lifetime of protecting and giving back to communities in Connecticut and New Hampshire.

Andover libraries received a Children's Literacy Foundation Grant

Young bookworms in Andover can soon enjoy newly stocked bookshelves at their local libraries. Thanks to a Rural Library Grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation, those public libraries will receive roughly \$8,000 in books, programming funds and other merchandise ahead of the 2026-2027 school year.

The town of Andover has two public libraries overseen by Director Michaela Hoover — the Andover Public Library and the William A. Bachelder Library. Resources from the grant will be distributed between both libraries, with an estimated \$2,000 worth of new books arriving on their shelves.

"For us, it's a big deal because our book buying budget is like \$6,000 for the year, so to have an extra \$2,000 worth of materials makes a big difference to us," Hoover said.

Not all the books will be strictly for borrowing, though:

Some can be kept. In the spring, libraries in Andover will host a book giveaway for every child in the local elementary and lower middle school.

The libraries in Andover are set to receive literacy backpacks: take-home kits that include materials and activities to accompany a book inside. Families can check out the backpacks, each with their own theme, through the libraries.

"That's something I've really wanted to have in our library, but when it's only one or two people working in your library, it's hard to do some of those bigger projects," Hoover said. "It'll be nice to have some [literacy backpacks] that are ready-made to help our kiddos out."

The grant also supplies funding for programming events, including an author or illustrator visit. The libraries plan to host the event at their respective local elementary schools.

"We're really excited because when kids hear from authors, it



Andover Public Library (left) and the William A. Bachelder Library (right).

inspires them to write their own books and to read more often," Hoover said.

With the funds, the Andover libraries will also host a back-to-

school block party with dinner and book giveaways for local families.

In Andover, Hoover has set a target.

"Over this year, the goal is to get all of the elementary classes visiting the public library on a monthly or every-other-month basis," she said.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

A new study published in *JAMA* shows that nasal spray containing azelastine reduces risk of coronavirus infection by two-thirds. During the observation period, 2.2% of the participants in the azelastine group became infected with SARS-CoV-2; in the placebo group, it was 6.7% — three times as many. In addition to showing a marked reduction in coronavirus infections, the azelastine group also displayed fewer symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infections, a lower overall number of confirmed respiratory infections, and, unexpectedly, a reduced incidence of rhinovirus infections, another major cause of respiratory illness. In the treatment group, 1.8% developed a rhinovirus infection, compared to 6.3% in the placebo group — a proportion similar to that seen for SARS-CoV-2.

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

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

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

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Dr. Esin Narli

Participants had brain scans to look for signs of cerebral small vessel disease, which is damage in the brain's small blood vessels that can appear as white matter hyperintensities, cerebral microbleeds or lacunar infarcts. These brain changes become more common with age and are associated with increased risk of stroke, memory problems and mobility issues.

People with gum disease had more white matter hyperintensities, with an average volume of 2.83% of total brain volume compared to 2.52% for people without gum disease.

Researchers divided people into four groups based on white matter hyperintensity volume. Those in the highest group had a volume of more than 21.36 centimeters cubed (cm³) while those in the lowest group had a volume of less than 6.41 cm³. Of people with gum disease, 28% were in the highest group compared to 19% of people without gum disease.

After adjusting for factors such as age, sex, race, high blood pressure, diabetes and smoking, people with gum disease had 56% higher odds of falling into the highest group of white matter hyperintensities than people without gum disease.

However, no links were found between gum disease and two other brain changes tied to small vessel disease, cerebral microbleeds and lacunar infarcts.

"Gum disease is preventable and treatable," said Sen. "If future studies confirm this link, it could offer a new avenue for reducing cerebral small vessel disease by targeting oral inflammation. For now, it underscores how dental care may support long-term brain health. "A limitation of the study is that brain imaging and dental assessments were conducted only once, making it difficult to assess changes over time.

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Sunapee Police & Fire respond to two accidents

The Sunapee Fire Department had a busy Thursday evening, responding to two motor vehicle incidents in less than 30 minutes. At 7:09 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, Sunapee Fire, New London Hospital EMS, and Sunapee Police were dispatched to Bradford Road at the Newport town line for a report of a box truck that had crashed into a bridge.

Upon arrival, crews found the truck had struck the bridge. Fortunately, there were no injuries, and all four occupants declined transport to the hospital.

While firefighters and police officers were still operating at the Bradford Road incident, at 7:36 p.m., Sunapee Fire and Sunapee Police were dispatched to Route 103 near the Newbury town line for a motor vehicle collision involving a deer.

After clearing the first scene, Sunapee Rescue 1 and Forestry 6 responded to the second incident, where crews located a single vehicle with damage after striking a deer. Both occupants denied injuries and declined transport to the hospital.

All Sunapee Fire units cleared the second scene and were back in service by 8:01 p.m.



Sunapee Rescue 1 and Forestry 6 responded to both incidents. As deer activity continues to increase during the summer months, we remind motorists to stay alert, especially during the evening hours.

Slow down in areas where deer are commonly seen, always wear your seatbelt, and remember to call 911 to report emergencies.

NHDOT Listening Session for NH 114 Corridor Study

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has contracted with the consultant firm of Howard Stein Hudson to complete a corridor study of the NH Route 114 corridor which extends from the NH Route 114/NH Route 101 intersection in Bedford to the NH Route 114/NH Route 111 intersection in New London.

The meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Henniker Community Center,

57 Main St. in Henniker.

While the consultant team will provide some limited background on the current study, the purpose of this meeting is focused on listening to local concerns from the public regarding the NH 114 corridor between Henniker and New London.

To further facilitate public input into this study effort, an online survey has been made available via the following link: <https://arcg.is/XvGKb>

Driver seriously injured in Hopkinton rollover crash

A Londonderry man was seriously injured in a rollover crash on Interstate 89 in Hopkinton.

At 9:45 p.m., Monday, July 27, 2026, State Troopers assigned to the Troop D barracks received a report of a rollover crash on I-89 southbound, near mile marker 6, in Hopkinton.

Troopers responded and located a heavily damaged 2025 Ford F-150 pickup truck off the left side of the road. The driver, identified as Shane Dillon, 55, of Lon-

donderry, suffered serious injuries and was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

The left lane of I-89 southbound was closed for approximately three hours for the investigation and clean-up.

Troopers from the Special Enforcement Unit, as well as members of the Hopkinton Fire Department, assisted Troop D at the scene. All aspects of the crash remain under investigation.

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Newport business owner ordered to pay \$14 million to Newbury woman

The owner of a Newport building and property maintenance firm who suddenly shut down his business after he was accused of diverting millions of dollars from his largest client for his personal use has been denied bankruptcy protection, and ordered to pay \$14 million to Valerie Mars of Newbury.

James and Gina Bruss, former owners of The Relax Group, claimed liabilities of \$8.7 million and assets of \$2.4 million and list a total of 84 creditors, according to the Sept. 12 petition for Chapter 7 protection filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New Hampshire.

Mars, a member of the family that owns candy and snack food maker Mars Inc., sued James Bruss and several of his associates in August, claiming that she paid them millions of dollars for real estate development projects that were either never undertaken or left incomplete and that

the costs of which were grossly inflated.

Within days of the lawsuit being filed in Merrimack County Superior Court, Bruss shut down his property management firm Relax & Co. and its affiliated entities, leaving more than 100 employees at the Newport-based business suddenly without jobs.

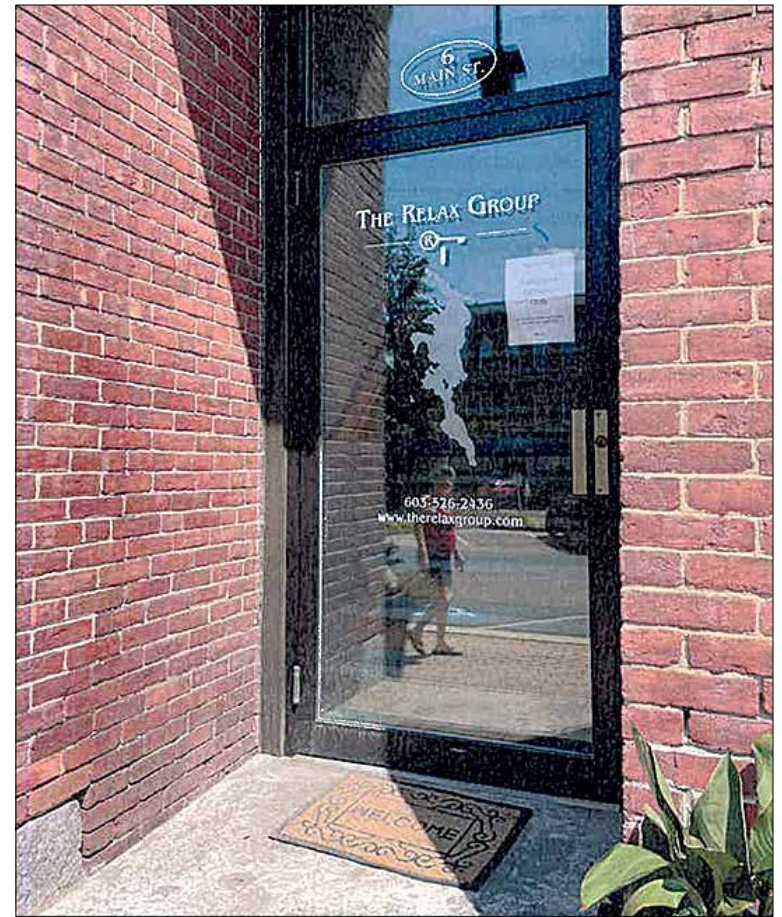
In her lawsuit, Mars, a noted philanthropist and conservationist, alleges she has suffered between \$8 million to \$10 million in damages and costs as a result of Bruss failing to do work his firms were engaged to perform on four real estate projects in the Lake Sunapee and Sutton, N.H., areas.

Bruss billed Mars a total of \$17.9 million for work on the four projects, the lawsuit alleges. The projects include two Mars was developing for public benefit — one at Lake Sunapee in New London and the other at Blaisdell Lake and Billings Pond

in Sutton, N.H. The diversion and misappropriation of Mars' funds have negatively impacted projects that were "earmarked by Valerie for the development of recreation centers to be donated to charitable entities and the general public," the lawsuit said.

The Brusses sought to protect certain assets from seizure or forced sale, including two Volkswagen vehicles, personal items, a savings account of \$20,000 and various retirement accounts. As is typical with a bankruptcy filing during a pending lawsuit, the Merrimack court had issued a "stay" order, temporarily suspending Mars' litigation until the bankruptcy proceeding is disposed of or one of the parties requests the lawsuit to be "reactivated."

However, in a recent ruling U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Kimberly Bacher reactivated the suit and ordered the \$14 million payment.



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Members of the Sunapee Fire Department trained alongside the crews from New London Hospital EMS, focusing on EMS Operations and Assisting EMS. Training together helps ensure both agencies can work seamlessly as one team when responding to medical emergencies in the community.

Weare Fire Department suffers a staffing shortage

Weare Fire Rescue Chief Mark Roarick briefed the Select Board on staff shortages in his department and on the limited funds available for vehicle maintenance. Roarick said that his department, currently staffed with eight full-time fire fighters/EMTs, will soon be reduced to five. He said the department has been down by one member since January, when the lieutenant left. Another will be leaving in August, moving out of fire service altogether, and a third is expected to leave as early as September 1st. As two qualified people are required on duty 24/7, 365 days a year, the shortage will result in a huge increase of overtime expenses.

Roarick believes that the problem lies in recruitment and retention, and he described the steps he has taken in an effort to recruit new people. The town has contracted with Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI) to do a wage and benefit survey and to help with recruitment. Board members inquired about utilizing per-diem employees and on-call personnel, but the Chief said that he only had two people on his per-diem list and since they were employed by other fire departments, their loyalty was first with their home departments. He also said that on-call members had to be certified as both fire fighters and EMTs to fill a full-time shift, and most were only certified as fire fighters.

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New London Select Board establishes position of Deputy Fire Chief

New London Fire Chief Mike Matthy met with the Select Board to discuss creating the position of Deputy Fire Chief.

The Deputy Fire Chief would work under the general direction of the Fire Chief and have substantial responsibility for scheduling work shifts and ensuring that all shifts are fully staffed; as well as supervising, evaluating and disciplining fire personnel. The Deputy Chief would assist with budget preparation, training personnel and liaison activities. The Deputy Chief will consult with the Fire Chief on sensitive fire and policy issues; and serve as a department representative as assigned by the Fire Chief.

The Deputy Chief's essential duties and responsibilities will include:

- Serving as second in com-

mand and assuming responsibility for Fire Department operations in the absence of the Fire Chief.

- Participating in the development and administration of Department policies, regulations and initiatives.

- Assisting in the preparation and administration of the Department budget; preparing RFPs.

- Developing and implementing staffing plans and work schedules; serving as bridge between shifts, the Chief and the call force.

- Assisting recruitment, hiring, training, evaluation and discipline of personnel, subject to the approval of the Fire Chief.

- Ensuring that all Department policies, regulations and practices are followed.

- Assisting Department personnel with career development.

- Performing liaison activities with mutual aid departments and

dispatch.

After further discussion, the

Board approved establishing the Deputy Fire Chief position.



At 8:08 on Monday evening, Newbury Fire Rescue, Newbury Police and New London Ambulance were dispatched to Old Province Road for a report of a single vehicle motor vehicle crash. Upon arrival, the responders found a car off the road on its side. EMS personnel provided first aid and two of the four occupants went to the hospital. Firefighters stood by until the car was righted and towed away.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Allen C. Edwards

Deering - Allen C. Edwards, 78, of Deering, passed peacefully at home surrounded by the love of his family on Friday, July 3, 2026. He was born July 20, 1947, in Henniker to the late George H. Edwards and Florence M. (Murdough). Allen is survived by his son, Curtis Edwards, his daughter-in-law, Brenda, his grandchildren, Emma and Grady Edwards. He is predeceased by his wife, Patricia Ann Edwards; his sisters, Virginia Wing and



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Elsie White; his brothers, Eugene, Orville, Wayne, George, Robert, Chellis Edwards, and Leon Farrar. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in Butler Cemetery in Deering.

Jason N. Burdick

Weare - Jason N. Burdick, age 65 of Weare, passed away peacefully on July 19, 2026, in Concord, NH. Born in North Adams, MA, Jason was the son of Howard J. Burdick and Flora Hunkler Burdick. Jason was preceded in death by his father. He leaves behind his loving wife of 33 years, Sherry (Hadley) Burdick; three daughters, Lisa Silver (Louis), Shannon Mackey (Jeff), and Bobbie-Lee Silver (Tim); grandsons, Stephen Bouchard, Dustin Bouchard, James Silver (Shauna), and Hunter Knapp; a granddaughter, Sky Knapp; and a great-granddaughter, Beatrice Bouchard, all of Weare; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family. Donations may be made to the Hospice House in Concord NH.



Jacquelyn Coe

Warner - Jacquelyn "Jackie" Coe, age 35, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Warner on Friday July 10, 2026. Jackie leaves behind her husband Andrew Coe and three young daughters Emily, 8, Gloria, 5, and Caroline, 1. She is predeceased by her beloved grandmother Jean Lynn Robertson who left our community in October of 2023. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Pillsbury Free Library in Warner, New Hampshire: <https://library.warnernh.gov/> A memorial



service was held Sunday July 26, 2026 at The First Baptist Church, 461 Main Street, New London, NH.

Jane V. Etheridge

Durham, NC - Jane V. Etheridge, 91, formerly of Concord, Washington, and Henniker, NH, passed peacefully at home on June 22, 2026. Jane was born in Millsap, Texas to the late Rafael Anguiano and Manuela Valenzuela Anguiano. She is preceded in death by husbands Lloyd Richard Valley Sr. and William Etheridge Jr; daughters Rita Valley Moran and Mary Valley; brothers Ralph Anguiano, Jesse Anguiano, Joe Anguiano, Tony Anguiano, and Victor Anguiano; sisters Nellie Anguiano Garcia, and Rosemary Anguiano Ellis. She is survived by her daughters Sheri McNamara (Roy) of Concord, NH and Tammy Valley (Donna) of Durham, NC; her sons Lloyd Valley Jr. of Truth or Consequences, NM and Gary Valley Sr. of Henniker, NH; her brothers Lewis Anguiano and Johnny Anguiano; her sisters Mary Aparicio and Alice Syphers; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She leaves behind grandchildren Samantha McNamara of Concord, Gary Valley Jr. (Amanda) of Claremont, Martin Moran of Port Charlotte, FL; and Joey Valley of Albuquerque, NM. Her great-grandchildren, Haylee Mae Valley of Claremont, NH, and Margot Nerbonne of Concord, NH, will hear stories of the remarkable woman whose love shaped their family. Please join us for a Gathering of Remembrance on August 5 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Hillsboro, NH. To honor Jane's life and legacy, please consider donating to the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum (indianmuseum.org) in Warner, NH in lieu of flowers.



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SATURDAY AUGUST 1

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SUNDAY AUGUST 2

FRANCESTOWN CONCERT: Reed Fehl. 4pm at the Old Meeting House. Music, community, tradition.

TUESDAY AUGUST 4

HENNIKER CONCERT: Ferns Family Band will perform a mix of covers and original pop, folk, blues, soul and country music at the gazebo in Henniker from 6 to 8pm. Sponsor: Ayer and Goss. In case of rain, the concert will be held at the Community Center.

ONGOING WARNER HISTORICAL EVENTS: The Barn will continue to be open Tuesdays, 1-4pm, and Saturdays, 9am to noon. All proceeds support the Warner Historical Society. Warner in Winter, Photographic Exhibit at the Upton House! This summer, the Upton-Chandler House Museum features an exhibit titled Warner in Winter, highlighting many photographs and stories. Visitors are invited to come explore how winter shaped daily life in Warner—and how the town, in turn, learned to shape

the winter. Rebecca Courser "From oxen-drawn sleighs to snowplows, the story of winter roads in Warner is one of adaptation, ingenuity, and community effort. Each generation found its own way to meet the challenges of the season, leaving behind a rich visual and historical record." Warner in Winter: Keeping the Roads Open. Warner Historical Society. The museum will be open Tuesdays from 1-4pm and Saturdays from 10am until 1pm until mid-October. Free! Donations appreciated.

NEW BOSTON CONCERT: Club Soda Band. 6pm on the C. Free but donations appreciated.

FRIDAY AUGUST 7

NEW LONDON CONCERT: Fish and the Folk Five, 6:30-8pm at the Mary Haddad Bandstand.

SATURDAY AUGUST 8

PAINTING FOR KIDS: with Ellie. Show your creativity and have fun! Starting at 10am at the Deering Library.

SUNDAY AUGUST 9

FRANCESTOWN CONCERT: Matt Savage. 4pm at the Old meeting House. Music, community, tradition.

TUESDAY AUGUST 11

HENNIKER CONCERT: Kotoko Brass will be performing a blend of world music at the gazebo in Henniker. Sponsor:

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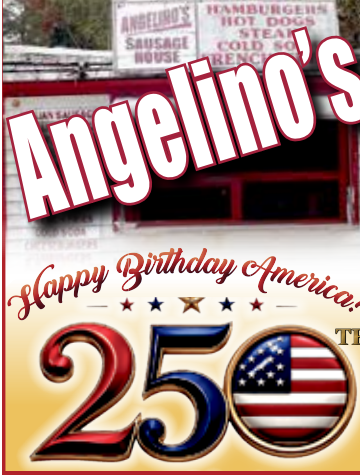
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Supervisors of the checklist must inform any voter eligible for removal, at least 30 days before removing their name from the voter checklist, that they will be removed from the checklist and need to re-register following the instructions in the letter/postcard.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

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

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

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

Hillsborough Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on August 10 at the Hillsborough Town Office at 27 School St. from 1:00-1:30 p.m.

HENNIKER, NH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Henniker Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, August 18, 2026**, starting at 6:30pm during the regularly scheduled board meeting at the Henniker Town Office 18 Depot Hill Rd, Henniker, NH. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Up to \$500,000 annually is available for Economic Development Projects, up to \$750,000 for Housing Projects, up to \$1,000,000 for Supportive Housing Projects, up to \$750,000 for Public Facility Projects, up to \$500,000 in Emergency Funds, up to \$25,000 per Planning Study grant. All projects must directly benefit a majority of low- and moderate-income persons. The Public Hearing will update the public on, and take public comment on, the progress of the White Birch Community Center Project at 116 Main St. The Cornerstone Expansion Project is nearly complete and is expected to open in August. It will house the Henniker Food Pantry and the Henniker Welfare Agent. These services primarily serve low and moderate income persons. Interested people are invited to attend and comment on the project. Please contact the Town Administrator at 603-428-3221 x 105 at townadministrator@hennikernh.gov at least five days in advance if you need assistance to attend or participate in the hearing. Anyone wishing to submit written comments should address them to the Town of Henniker Board of Selectmen, 18 Depot Hill Rd, Henniker, NH 03242 or email townadministrator@hennikernh.gov

Town of Weare PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

August 10, 2026

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday August 10, 2026**, at the Town Office Building beginning at **7:00 PM**, pursuant to RSA 231:133-a, for the purpose of hearing public testimony and comment regarding the renaming and renumbering an existing road in Town to conform with E-9-1-1 standards.

Map/ Lot #	Existing road name/ number	New road name/ number
105-014	Winter Road	8 Whispering Cove Lane
105-013	55 Winter Road garage	9 Whispering Cove Lane- detached garage
	55 Winter Road	11 Whispering Cove Lane- residence
105-037	51 Winter Road	3 Whispering Cove Lane

This hearing will be held at the Town Office Building conference room, 15 Flanders Memorial Drive in Weare, NH. Please note, any person with a disability who wishes to attend this meeting and needs to be provided a reasonable accommodation in order to participate, should call the Weare Board of Selectmen's office at 529-7525 at least twenty-four hours in advance so that arrangements can be made.

TOWN OF HENNIKER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AUGUST 12, 2026

The Town of Henniker Planning Board will hold a **public hearing on August 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Henniker Town Hall, 18 Depot Hill Rd**, to discuss the following:

Case: 2026-05 – Proposed two lot subdivision of an existing ±90 acre property creating a 12.0 acre lot and a ±78 acre lot. Baker Rd, Zoned RR, Map 10 Lot 711, Owner: Richard & Therese Aucoin Revocable Family Trust. Applicant: Higginson Land Services.

Copies of all materials are available for review on the Town of Henniker's website, August 12, 2026, Planning Board meeting link as well as in person at Town Hall.

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Amend Chapter 202, Land Subdivision Regulations Article IV Subdivision and Lot line relocation, Section 202-11 and Chapter 203, Article V Standards of Review, by adding language required by the National Flood Insurance Program (FEMA) relative to Special Flood Hazard Areas.

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LEGAL NOTICE AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Maine Department of Health & Human Services
MAINE DISTRICT COURT

IN RE: RAINA D. Docket No.: FARDC-CPC-2026-00014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO April Collins whereabouts unknown: Pursuant to 22 M.R.S. §4001 et seq., the Maine Department of Health & Human Services (hereafter, "DHHS") has petitioned the Court for a Child Protection Order, concerning the child: Raina D., D.O.B. 08/18/2016 born at County of Franklin, Maine. The mother is April Collins, and the father is Robert Danforth. DHHS has met the requirements of M.R. Civ. P. Rule 4(g)(1)(A)-(C). Hearing on the pending Petition will be held at **Maine District Court, 129 Main St., Farmington, Maine, on 9/16/2026, at 9:30 a.m.** **Failure to appear at this hearing may result in the issuance of a child protection order, the termination of your parental rights, and/or any other order permissible under 22 M.R.S. §4001 et seq.** You may be entitled to legal counsel in these proceedings. Contact the court at the above address or (207) 795-4800. To obtain a copy of the Petition(s), contact the court or DHHS at 200 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240, (207) 795-4340. DHHS is represented by the Maine Office of the Attorney General, 6 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333.

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