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Lucas pleads guilty

In York Federal Court Jay Lucas pleads guilty to a scheme to raise more than \$50 million from investors for early stage health and wellness companies. Lucas, 71, pleaded guilty to one count each of securities fraud, wire fraud, money laundering and investment adviser fraud. As part of the plea, U.S. Attorney Jay Clayton's office said the sentencing range will be between 12½ years and 15½ years. Fines will run between \$35,000 and \$5 million. Sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 12.



Thank You, Jacqueline

It is with sadness and deep gratitude that the Grapevine announces the departure of their Director of Teen Programs, Jacqueline Roland, who will be leaving the Grapevine at the end of August. Jacqueline joined the organization in 2016 and, over the past 10 years, has led the Avenue A Teen Center into a period of growth. Her vision and passion developing fun, safe and responsive teen programs has made Avenue A what it is today.



This week in history

AUGUST 7, 1782

George Washington creates the Purple Heart

AUGUST 8, 1974

President Richard Nixon resigns

AUGUST 9, 1936

Jesse Owens wins his fourth gold medal

AUGUST 10, 1793

Louvre collections go on view

AUGUST 11, 1934

Federal prisoners land on Alcatraz

AUGUST 12, 1990

Skeleton of Tyrannosaurus Rex is discovered

AUGUST 13, 1860

Annie Oakley is born



Officers from the Antrim and Washington Police Departments, State Police, County Sheriff, Hillsboro Fire and Highway Departments joined the Hillsboro Police DEpartment's National Night Out celebration on the evening of Tuesday, August 4.

Hillsborough man arrested on multiple assault charges



Kenneth R. Coffin

On July 30, at approximately 3:00 p.m., the Hillsboro Police Department received a report that a vehicle had intentionally rammed another vehicle. Following the collision, the suspect allegedly threatened the victim with a knife before fleeing the scene. Officers subsequently located

the suspect vehicle at a residence on Bog Road. The suspect remained inside the residence for a short period while officers established a perimeter and attempted to make contact.

The incident was resolved peacefully, and the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

The suspect has been identified as Kenneth R. Coffin, age 78, of Hillsboro. Coffin has been charged with: Reckless

Conduct (Deadly Weapon), Attempted Second Degree Assault (Deadly Weapon), Criminal Threatening and Conduct After an Accident.

He was ordered held at the Hillsborough County House of Corrections pending an appearance before the court.

The Hillsboro Police Department was assisted by the Antrim and Henniker Police Departments, as well as the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

Thomas Boyce, Franklin City Councilor arrested for assault



Thomas Boyce

A Franklin City Councilor has been charged with simple assault and disorderly conduct.

State police said Thomas Boyce turned himself in last Thurs-

day in connection with an incident at a pizza restaurant in May.

Troopers responded to a call on May 7 about an altercation between employees and a customer at JJ's Wood-Fired Pizza Restaurant & Tavern. In pictures provided by the restaurant, Boyce is seen putting his hands on another man.

Employees of the restaurant said that Boyce pushed them when they tried to intervene.

Boyce was charged with two counts of simple assault and two counts of disorderly conduct, and was released on bail and is scheduled to appear in court in October.

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Yesteryear

Local history as reported in The Messenger

August 8, 2025

Three people seriously injured in Hopkinton crash
Woman to appeal judge’s decision to drop New Boston Police from suit
Warner town administrator placed on administrative leave
Andover felon faces multiple new charges

August 9, 2024

Dr. Bob Brust and Dr. Alyssa Brust celebrated their retirement
Town of Hillsborough seeking legal fees and costs against John Penny
Suspect captured after high-speed chase thru Antrim & Hillsborough
H-D graduate named manager of Merrimack County Savings Bank

August 11, 2023

Bradford citizens brainstorm possible uses of Town Hall restoration
Valiant effort by Newbury & New London teams fail to save swimmer
Bennington man uninjured in Francestown rollover
Grasmere Schoolhouse added to the NH Historic Register

August 12, 2022

Henniker reception honors a member of Ukraine’s Parliament
ConVal High School’s first School Resource Officer
Quick response by Weare & State Police prevent possible suicide
84 unit Hillsborough Workforce Housing sent for peer review

August 13, 2021

Greenfield man injured in Hopkinton crash
Rochelle Kelley arrested - Obstruction & Resisting
Warner Select Board discusses Firefighter Museum
Bradford Select Board issues Cease & Desist Order

August 14, 2020

Henniker Select Board rejects mask mandate
Stonewall Farm named “Best of the Best”
Henniker Community School energy upgrades
Deering hiring a new police officer

August 16, 2019

Weare Police Officer on leave after being shot
Support offered for Bradford Economic Development
Warner adopts Town Administrator job description
Crotched Mountain Foundation names new CEO

August 17, 2018

Area libraries will serve Hopkinton & Contoocook
NEC economic impact reaches \$161 million locally
Governor Chris Sununu tours Newport
Representative Daniel Eaton (D-Stoddard) reprimanded

August 18, 2017

Tilton and Warner dirt bikers injured in collision
Out on bail, Newport man arrested again
Bennington Zoning Board votes to censure member
Warner’s historic Odd Fellows Building has been sold

August 12, 2016

Little information on untimely Newport death
Goffstown wants 8 new Firefighter EMT/Paramedics
Franklin City Council & School Board form Liaison
Bow celebrates Public Safety Building groundbreaking

Sunapee Fire Department responds to two hazardous materials incidents

The Sunapee Fire Department responded to two separate hazardous materials incidents on Lake Sunapee within just over an hour of each other, placing significant demands on local emergency responders who had already spent the previous night operating at the Third Alarm structure fire in Georges Mills.

At 5:02 p.m., the Sunapee Fire Department and Newbury Fire Department were dispatched to the area of 1114 Lake Avenue in Georges Mills for a reported sinking boat. Upon arrival, crews located a small boat that had sunk near the shoreline.

All three occupants had safely evacuated the vessel prior to the arrival of emergency personnel and were not injured. The boat owners advised firefighters that they had already contacted a marine salvage company and that a recovery barge was en route from Newbury Harbor.

Firefighters immediately began containing a gasoline and oil

spill originating from the sunken vessel to minimize environmental impacts.

While crews were still mitigating the incident in Georges Mills, a second possible fuel spill was reported in Sunapee Harbor at 6:15 p.m. Personnel were forced to divide their already limited resources, with additional crews responding to the harbor along with mutual aid from the New London Fire Department and additional resources from the Newbury Fire Department.

Due to the significant commitment of local resources, the Goshen Fire Department provided a cover engine for the Town of Sunapee during both incidents.

These back-to-back hazardous materials incidents placed an extreme strain on the Sunapee Fire Department and their mutual aid partners. Many of the responding firefighters had already been awake throughout the night while operating at the Third Alarm structure fire in Georges Mills



Both spills were contained.

earlier that morning.

As a reminder, nearly all local fire departments in the Lake Sunapee Region operate with

on-call or volunteer personnel.

Staffing multiple large-scale emergencies simultaneously can be extremely challenging. During

these two incidents, the Sunapee Fire Department had only six members available to manage both emergency scenes.



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On Sunday afternoon, Newbury Fire Rescue, Newbury Police and New London Ambulance were dispatched to a call for a pedestrian struck by a car. Upon arrival, responders found an injured person in the crosswalk between the town dock parking lot and Bubba's restaurant. Newbury EMS and New London Ambulance paramedics treated the patient and the person was transported to the hospital.

Newbury Fire Department adds two new members

Newbury Fire Chief David Smith informed the Select Board that his department had two members graduate from the recruit school at the Fire Academy; Niko Cole-Johnson and Tristan Rowe.

Their class ranked really high. The two firefighters

are full board certified with level one, level two, and HazMat Ops. They both also passed their physical ability test. On their own, they both have enrolled in other courses: Niko is in an advanced EMT course, and Tristan is enrolled in a basic EMT course.

Bradford Town Clerk rejects New Hampshire Fish & Game duties

Bradford Town Clerk/Tax Collector Erica Gross has informed the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department Licensing & Supervisors that her office will no longer process requests for ATV, fishing or hunting licenses.

In a letter to the department, Gross wrote: "In follow up to our phone call to Fish & Game this morning, this letter shall serve to confirm the ending of our contract as Agents for Fish & Game, effective today, July 28, 2026. This will be for myself, Erica Gross, and my Deputy, Amelia Dohm.

We are extremely displeased with your new policy of imposing late fees after only giving Agents 1 day to mail payments. As we discussed with you last week,

that timeline is impossible for us to follow, as we are a small town whose invoices must go through the Select Board (who only meets twice a month), and the book-keeper only cuts checks on Mondays.

We will not come in on a day off to look to see if you have posted your invoice. We cannot afford the late fees you will impose of us, as our budget is already strained.

When attempting to discuss our concerns with you, we received a very cold response. We were agents to help our residents, as a convenience to you, and make \$2/transaction. Unfortunately, it is no longer worth our time or effort to be Agents."

Henniker American Legion hosts Purple Heart Community Day

Henniker American Legion Post 78 will host a Purple Heart Community Day Friday, August 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Woodman Memorial Park, across from the Town Hall.

Post Commander John Coburn suggests that you bring a lawn chair as there is limited seating at the park.

Henniker became a Purple Heart Community in 2025. Each year on Purple Heart Day the Post will host a memorial service honoring the Henniker veterans who have received the Purple Heart Medal. All veterans and

townspeople are invited to attend this meaningful event. This year's event is the first since Henniker was designated a Purple Heart Community by the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The Purple Heart is given to veterans who have the common bond of being wounded in combat and recognized for that sacrifice from its original inception by George Washington to America's citizen soldiers of today.

Stephen Pierce announces his candidacy for State Representative District 8



Stephen Pierce

I am running to be your Representative for District 8, Henniker, Bradford, and Warner. A Bradford resident since 1999, currently I am Town Treasurer and previously serviced on the Zoning Board. A UNH graduate and Air Force Veteran (Captain), I served with a Minuteman Missile Wing in North Dakota. Post military career encompassed corporate financial planning. Life's plan went sideways when the NH banks collapsed in 1988; sending me into the uncharted territory of "what to do now."

A commercial driver's license saved the day as did joining the Teamster's Union. My negotiation skills were just as effective for my union in corporate America. It is not a matter of "us and them" but how do we meet each

other collaboratively.

My career continued with an international employer, serving ongoing business and new business development in the construction industry throughout the Northeast and Eastern Canada. My corporate and trucking background were invaluable.

I've met many eastern European truckers. They arrived in the USA after the fall of the Soviet Union. None of them want anything to do with Socialism or Communism. Been there; hate it. I am pleased to take my life's experience and skills to Concord for District 8 voters. Should you be excited about making NH a sanctuary state, I will disappoint you. Should you find income or sales taxes to your liking, my path goes in a different direction. Should government control and regulation be your preference, I am not in the same room. Local control/local decision making is effective and produc-

tive for the necessary work of government.

New Hampshire faces problems with housing, rental, and living costs. We are not alone in the post Covid Era. Maine, Vermont, and Massachusetts are facing the same headwinds. New Hampshire's flexible government will find sound, workable solutions. Solutions have already begun at the state level. I want to ensure local control is not sacrificed. Each town has a

preferred pathway to grow.

I ask you to join me in society's "boat" on the political "river." My "boat" moves down the center of the river slightly to the right; moving through the predictable waters and smooth shoreline on the right.

The shoreline on the left is fraught with obstacles, obstructions, and murky results. The river bank on the right is a safe haven. New Hampshire has been well served for many decades

navigating a course unburdened by regulation. Creative thought? You betcha and that can bridge the political divide. I will truly appreciate your vote in the Primary Election on Tuesday, September 8th. The General Election is Tuesday, November 3rd, your support is a win-win for District 8. Always vote, by all means possible, always take the time to vote. Our Republic is stronger with your vote.

Stevefornhrep8@gmail.com



Goffstown officials are revisiting a decades-old traffic problem at the busy intersections of High and Elm streets with Main Street, where congestion has reached the lowest level of service. The town will seek updated traffic data while weighing options that include improved signals or a one-way loop through downtown. Any solution is expected to cost millions of dollars.

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

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

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RESEARCHERS EXPLORE DRILL-FREE TREATMENTS FOR CAVITIES IN OLDER ADULTS



A trip to the dentist isn't something people usually look forward to. While discomfort can't be entirely avoided in all dental procedures, a new study will advance previous research that found two less-invasive options to treat and prevent cavities were equally effective.

The study focuses on older adults living in subsidized housing with limited access to dental care because of such barriers as dental insurance, transportation and their overall general health — especially mobility. As with the previous study, the patients will be treated for cavities with two methods that don't require a dental drill or anesthesia: Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) and Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (ART). SDF, a liquid medication applied to cavities to stop them from progressing, is a quick and painless treatment that kills bacteria and strengthens the tooth's surface. And ART involves removing decayed tissue with hand instruments and then applying a dental restorative material.

Among older adults nationally, nearly 96% have had a cavity, and 33% of non-Hispanic Black, Hispanic and low-income older adults have teeth with decay that has gone untreated because of limited access to affordable dental care, according to the Centers for Disease Control's National Center for Health Statistics. Untreated tooth decay leads to painful toothaches, infection and tooth loss. But the related health concerns are much broader: Major dental issues can make heart and lung disease and diabetes worse.

In a previous study, 568 participants received either SDF or ART to prevent cavities. Participants received dental exams, treatments for cavities and completed surveys. The research found that the two treatments were equally effective in preventing cavities.

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On Thursday, July 30th the Sunapee Fire Department was dispatched to a reported fire alarm activation with a haze inside the building at Garnet Street. Upon arrival, firefighters found a two-story wood-frame residence with nothing showing from the exterior. The home had already been safely evacuated. Fire personnel entered the residence and conducted a thorough investigation using thermal imaging cameras, gas meters, and hand tools to search for any signs of fire or other hazards. Crews were unable to locate any haze or hazardous conditions inside the home. During the investigation, firefighters identified a faulty detector that had activated the alarm system. The defective detector was removed, and the alarm system was reset.



On Wednesday, July 29th, Peterborough Fire & Rescue was dispatched to 7 Callie's Common for a reported fully involved barn fire. Members of Hancock Fire responded via mutual aid to Peterborough just after midnight.



On August 1st, Bennington Fire-Rescue, Antrim Fire & Ambulance and Bennington NH Police Dept were dispatched to US 202 Express Mini Mart for a reported two car crash with airbag deployment. One patient was evaluated but not transported.

Franklin City Council votes to rehabilitate historic Trestle Bridge

The Franklin City Council recently voted 7-1 to rehabilitate the town's historic Trestle Bridge, which the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance placed on its Seven to Save list in 2023.

Preserving the bridge's aged wood and instability will cost the city an estimated \$1 million during what has been a tumultuous budget season. However, a majority of city leaders agreed that preservation was the best way to keep a piece of Franklin's history alive.

The Trestle Bridge was built in 1890 to carry railroad traffic connecting the Boston, Concord & Montreal Railroad to the Northern Railroad. It became defunct in the 1970s, and was named shortly thereafter as a feature in the Franklin Falls Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

The City of Franklin had received a \$128,000 grant in

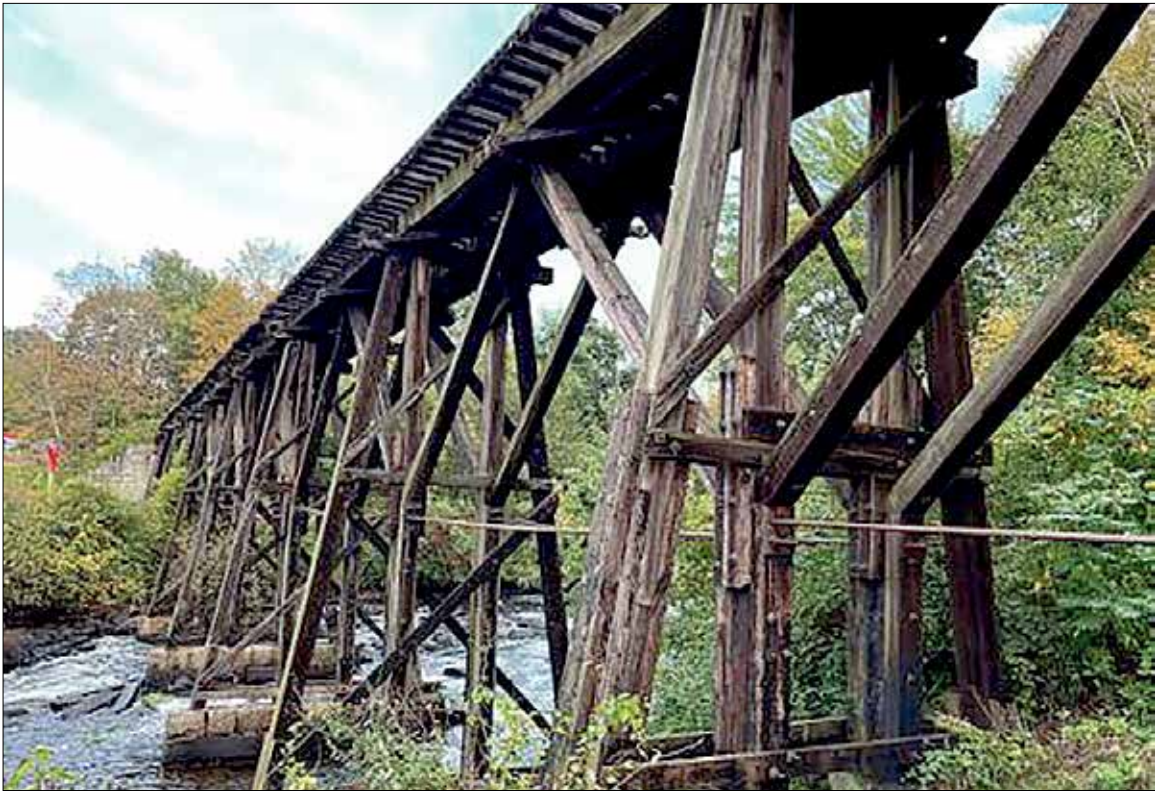
2019 for the Trestle Bridge project from the federally funded Transportation Alternatives Program. In addition to the grant, the program would fund 80% of a project plan chosen by the city council, leaving the city to cover the remaining 20% of the cost.

In 2023, the city council voted to replace the bridge in kind, an approach that would have an approximate \$5 million price tag. Monday's meeting served as a temperature check as to which in-kind options residents liked best: rehabilitate the bridge using some of the original wood, replace the bridge using cost-effective glulam wood, or replace the bridge with steel to minimize maintenance.

Another option proposed to demolish the bridge entirely, disqualifying the project from receiving the grant.

Every avenue results in an estimated \$1 million commitment for the city.

The option chosen by the city



On the Seven to Save List: Franklin Trestle Bridge.

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Goffstown Select Board concerned over potential County jail in town

The Goffstown Select Board made its concerns known regarding the potential for Hillsborough County to build a new jail facility in their town.

The Hillsborough County facility, known as the Valley Street jail in Manchester, is in need of significant repair. A study into conditions there proposed three potential pathways forward, one of which prescribed the construction of a new jail on county land in Goffstown.

According to that study, building a new facility in Goffstown could run the county between \$255 million and \$285 million.

The Goffstown site discussed in the study is located off Route 114, between Saint Anselm Drive and Mast Road.

During their recent meeting, members of the Select Board approved the sending of a letter expressing their thoughts and concerns to the Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners.

"While I don't love having another jail, or a prison like we had before, I do think that there are opportunities for us to have discussions with them about how this plays out," Vice Chair Joshua Douglas said at the meeting.

The letter points to potential impacts to public safety as an immediate concern. A large facility could increase demand for services provided by the municipal police and fire departments and could result in fiscal consequences to local taxpayers.

Their concerns include broader effects on the community, too, and the letter points to the introduction of a new jail as having the potential to influence land use, traffic patterns, infrastructure needs and the perception of residents of the town's safety and well-being.

"We respectfully request that the County provide timely updates and opportunities for direct discussion as the County considers all available options



for the jail and as potential site locations are evaluated," the letter reads, in part. "Goffstown remains committed to constructive collaboration, but the Town must be fully informed and actively involved in any decision that may affect our public safety systems and the character of the community."

Reactions by members of the Select Board, to both the county option that would place a new corrections facility in Goffstown, and to the letter itself, were

somewhat mixed.

"I think it would be helpful if we just sort of used this as an opportunity to reevaluate the relationship between the county and the town," Select Board member Richard Manzo said. "There's a need for the jail but, as things stand right now, with the relationship that we have with the county right now, I view it as something that I just completely object to on every level."

Manzo said he'd like the letter to be more strongly worded.

"If I could wave a magic wand, there's no way I would tolerate a jail in this town," Manzo said. "Never ever."

Select Board member Allison DeCesere said the population associated with a prison differs from that of a jail. Prison inmates stay long-term, generally, whereas jail populations tend to be more transient.

Goffstown hosted the New Hampshire Correctional Facility for Women until its closure in

2018.

"Leave it in Manchester, we don't want any more headaches," Select Board member Mark LeMay said.

A petition circulating online, expressing the opposition of signatories to building out a new jail in Goffstown, had garnered 367 signatures by 3 p.m. Tuesday. The petition is hosted on State Rep. Joe Alexander's website, and he expresses his opposition to moving the county jail to Goffstown.

"I think this is pretty well worded and, based on the commentary I've seen online, I think the majority of the state reps also are not in favor of this," Douglas said. "I will say, this is not happening tomorrow. It's not in the next year's budget, so this is something that would take discussion and a while to happen anyways, so I think making this a critical moment, online or here, is probably not something that's needed."

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By: Joyce Bosse

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Guest Editorial

NH ranks high: Taxers say it's not enough

This editorial first appeared in the Union Leader

Perhaps we missed the class in which it was taught that no matter what they do or how they do it, Granite Staters do an abysmal and wholly inadequate job of education funding. It was noted yet again last week in some reporting on yet another state-by-state ranking of public schools, this one from WalletHub. New Hampshire and all New England states (except Maine) ranked in the top 10 in the country.

One outlet was typical of many. "While New Hampshire schools are ranked fourth best in the country," it informed readers, "New Hampshire provides the least percentage of state aid to public schools in the country..."

This is the line that proponents of a state income and/or sales tax have been reciting over and over for well

more than a half-century now. The teacher unions, not surprisingly, have made the same argument. But they have no reasonable reply when asked how it is that New Hampshire does so well with our funding system.

This doesn't mean all is well with New Hampshire schools. Indeed, the amount of money spent each year keeps increasing here despite a shrinking school-age population and test scores that, while keeping up with our neighbors, are still falling. It happens that New Hampshire spends substantially on education. It just does so at the local level. As has been the case repeatedly in states that have done so, adding a broad-based state tax would not lower that local spending. It would merely provide the tax-and-spend set with more of the taxpayers' money.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Your corrections policy invites readers to bring to the editors' attention factual inaccuracies. Before doing so, I wish to share a brief historical account.

On October 24th, 1963, United States Ambassador to the United Nations Adlai E. Stevenson was assaulted in Dallas, Texas, by a hostile group after completing a speech recognizing United Nations Day.

The assailants were apprehended, and when police asked Ambassador Stevens if he wished to press charges, he replied, "I don't want them sent to jail. I want to send them to school."

Now, please allow me to bring to your attention and provide corrections for the highly inaccurate insert message of "Kentucky Girl" on Page 13 of the July 17th edition of The Messenger.

1. Basic rules of English grammar: An individual who belongs to the Democratic (adjective) Party is a Democrat (noun, singular usage). Thus, "Kentucky Girl" (and anyone else) is incorrect in her/their reference to the "Democrat Party."

2. Since the ratification of Amendment I of the Bill of Rights on December 15, 1791, peacefully and respectfully disagreeing with or disliking a political theory, party, politician, or elected official is enshrined within the United States Constitution. With this in mind, please permit me to quote President Theodore Roosevelt's May 1918 "Lincoln and Free Speech" address: "Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president or any other public official, save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country."

3. The following words are mine: American freedom is cherished and preserved through peaceful and respectful dialogue, even with those with whom we may disagree. It is through such a formula that the "fall" of our great republic has and will always be protected by forces contrary to the Constitutional freedoms that safeguard and foster our American way of life. As we look back at this summer's celebrations of our freedom and heritage, let us reflect on this, as well as the Latin words E pluribus

unum: "Out of many, one."

In conclusion, I respectfully request that "Kentucky Girl" make time for a refresher course in English grammar, along with reading the United States Constitution. In the words of Mr. Stevenson, "Go back to school."

Patrick D. Higgins, Ed.D.



Weare Police Chief briefs Select Board on agreement with ICE

Weare Police Chief Christopher Moore provided the Select Board with an overview of the department's participation in the federal Task Force Officer program, which allows participating law enforcement agencies to perform certain immigration enforcement functions.

Chief Moore clarified that participation was authorized solely

by the Chief of Police under a state RSA signed by the Governor, and that municipal interference is prohibited by statute.

Since signing, the department has made six arrests of criminal aliens, all encountered during traffic stops for moving violations. No door-to-door enforcement operations are conducted. Under the MOA, the department is set to

receive \$100,000 toward a vehicle purchase and \$7,500 per certified

Task Force Officer for equipment. Ten officers have been certified,

with one additional certification pending.



Three recent ConVal High School graduates from Hancock — Hadley Bates, Ava Cronin, and Clara Wilsher — earned widespread praise for their presentation at this year's Monadnock Summer Lyceum, sharing thoughtful insights on "Growing Up Today." Their honesty, perspective, and willingness to engage in meaningful conversation offered valuable lessons for the entire community.



Hopkinton's Maddy Lane capped her junior season by winning the 3,200-meter run at both the NH Interscholastic Athletic Association Meet of Champions and New England Championships before earning All-American honors with a third-place finish in the 5,000 at New Balance Outdoor Nationals.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Lansing Reed

New London — Lansing Reed of New London died peacefully at home on July 10, 2026, a few weeks shy of his 100th birthday. Lansing is survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, Ruth; his children, John Reed (Perry Ann) of Georgetown, TX, Matthew Reed of Chesterfield, MO, Martha Thayer (Richard) of Greenwood, VA, and Katherine Hall (Kenneth) of Goshen, CT; ten grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, four stepchildren, and many extended family members including his sister, Martia Smith of Hanover. If you wish, memorial gifts may be made to the Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (<https://www.lakesunapeevna.org>) or Deerfield Academy (<https://deerfield.edu>).



Cynthia Nelson

Newbury — Cynthia June Nelson, 86, of Newbury, NH, passed away at home following a brief battle with lung cancer. She was born in Wolfeboro, NH June 10, 1940, daughter of Cecil E. and Dorcas L. Knight. Cynthia leaves behind her daughter Laura A. Sykes (Jon), son Colin D. Nelson (Melissa), and daughter Elizabeth N. LaBelle (Steve), and grandchildren Justin Wright, Brett Alexander, Larry Nelson, Jacqui Nelson, and Hunter LaBelle. She also leaves a sister, Mary-Elizabeth Valliere, and several cousins, nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Rufus (Larry) L. Nelson, Jr., and daughter, Karin L. Nelson.



Kenneth S. Whicker

Peterborough — Kenneth S. Whicker, 56, of Peterborough N.H. died unexpectedly after a sudden illness on Monday, July 6, 2026. ‘Ken’ was born on November 2, 1969, in Middletown, CT, son of the late Paul ‘Doc’ Whicker and Cheryl (Pederson) Whicker of Peterborough. Ken is survived by his mother, Cheryl Whicker, of Peterborough; his daughter, Mary Ruth, his son, Jesse, his twin brother, Jamie, of Kentucky, his sister, Andrea, also of Kentucky, his sister, Heather of Jaffrey, as well as his ‘favorite uncle’ Brian Pederson, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. In lieu of flowers please consider making memorial donations in Ken’s name to the Good Neighbor Fund, PO Box 486, Jaffrey N.H. 03452.



Richard A. Younginger

Bow — Richard A. Younginger, 76, of Bow, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 24, 2026, with his family and Naval Brothers in arms by his side. He was born in Philadelphia, PA, on April 16, 1950, the son of the late Albert and Violet (Flanagan) Younginger. In addition to his parents, Richard was predeceased by his brother, Steven Younginger. Members of his family include his wife of 47 years, Janice (Rea) Younginger; his daughter, Courtney Younginger of Bow; his son, Derek Younginger and his fiancé, Cassie Bowers, of Manchester; and his brother-in-law, Ron Rea of Manchester and numerous nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Rick’s life will be held in early fall at Lake Sunapee.



Elizabeth Ann Beaudry

Franklin — Elizabeth Ann (Collopy) Beaudry, age 83, a longtime resident of Franklin, NH, formerly of Chelmsford and Lowell, passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, surrounded by her two sons. She was the beloved wife of the late Henry A. Beaudry, Sr. with whom she enjoyed 46 years of marriage until his passing in 2008. She was born in Lowell on May 12, 1943, and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Mary A. (DeCosta) Collopy. Elizabeth is survived by her two sons, Henry A. Beaudry, Jr. of Nashua, NH and Brian J. Beaudry of Franklin, NH; her daughter, Nicole Chandonnet and her husband, Marc of Sanbornton, NH; and her granddaughter, Kirsten Chandonnet of Sanbornton. She was predeceased by her daughter, Brenda Beaudry who passed away in 1972 at the age of 7, and her siblings, Rosemary Vasquez, Dolores Blanchette, and Joseph Collopy. Memorial donations may be made in Elizabeth’s memory to National Glaucoma Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, PO Box 1962, Clarksburg, MD, 20871-1962.



Scott Peterson Robart

Andover — Scott Peterson Robart was born in Boston, MA, at Boston Floating Hospital, April 15, 1948. His parents, Edwin Leslie Robart and O. Sands Burchard were lifelong educators. He leaves his wife, Nancy, son, Nicholas, daughter in law, Leah, and grandchildren, William, Charlie and Amelia.



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SATURDAY AUGUST 8

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SECONDS SALE: The Ladies Aid Society of the Union Chapel will hold our Seconds Sale from 8am-12pm. 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.

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: Ciardelli Fuel Company. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Community Center.

NEW BOSTON CONCERT: Freese Brothers Big Band. 6pm on the C. Free but donations appreciated. On the Common.

SUNDAY AUGUST 13

FRANCESTOWN CONCERT: Zydeco Revelatory 4pm at the Old Meeting House. Music, community, tradition.

FRIDAY AUGUST 14

NEW LONDON CONCERT: Bright Cloud Mountain, 6:30-8pm at the Mary Haddad Bandstand.

SATURDAY AUGUST 15

THE AREA CHOIR: announces a return of their Summer Sing from 9:30-11:30am at South Congregational Church, 20 Church St., Newport NH. There is no fee, no audition, no performance and the Summer Sing is open to everyone. Walk-ins are also fine on the morning of the 15th. For more information contact Karen Little at 603-863-4007 or Susan Cancio-Bello at 603-848-8898.

SUNDAY AUGUST 16

FRANCESTOWN CONCERT: Zydeco Revelatory 4pm at the Old Meeting House. Music, community, tradition.

TUESDAY AUGUST 18

HENNIKER CONCERT: Waking Finnegan will be performing Celtic Rock at the gazebo in Henniker. Sponsors: Henniker Pharmacy, Chamber of Commerce, White Birch Community Center. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Community Center.

FRIDAY AUGUST 21

NEW LONDON CONCERT: Kearsarge community Band 6:30-8pm at Mary Haddad Bandstand.

SATURDAY AUGUST 22

ACRYLIC PAINTING: for adults, with Betsy Holmes, starting at 10am at the Deering Library. This is always a popular event! All supplies will be provided, but bring any favorite brushes or supplies. Ages 10 & up recommended.

SUNDAY AUGUST 23

FRANCESTOWN CONCERT: Miss Juliann 4pm at the Old Meeting House. Music, community, tradition.

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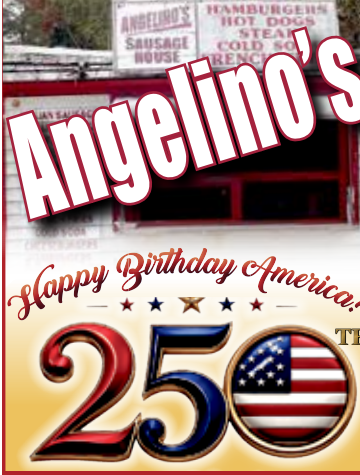
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Upon a finding by the Board that the application meets the submission requirements, the Board will vote to accept the application as complete and the Public Hearing on the merits of the proposal may follow immediately. Copies of the application may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

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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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