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Peterborough Fire Chief retires

Peterborough Fire Chief Ed Walker has retired after twelve years of service to the town. Throughout his time as chief in Peterborough, he has been awarded New Hampshire Emergency Manager of the Year in 2016, served on the Monadnock Family Services board of directors for fiscal 2025 and participated in Leadership New Hampshire Class of 2025. While his final official full-time day was Friday, July 31, 2026, he will continue to work on the fire station project on a part-time basis. Future plans are uncertain, but he wants to stay involved in the community any way he can.



New Kearsarge Superintendent

The Kearsarge Regional School Board has named Michael Bessette Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Bessette was named Interim Superintendent in 2026 following ten years of service as the district's Assistant Superintendent.



This week in history

AUGUST 14, 1935

FDR signs the Social Security Act

AUGUST 15, 1057

Malcolm Canmore slays King Macbeth

AUGUST 16, 1988

IBM introduces Artificial Intelligence Software

AUGUST 17, 1945

Indonesia declares its independence from Dutch rule

AUGUST 18, 1590

Roanoke colony is found to be deserted

AUGUST 19, 1934

Adolf Hitler becomes president of Germany

AUGUST 20, 1619

First Africans arrive in American colonies



John Stark High School cancels most Engineering courses

Unable to recruit qualified teachers for several open positions

Throughout the spring and into this summer, John Stark officials have worked tirelessly, but unsuccessfully, to fill the several vacant teaching positions at the school.

As a result, Principal Gary Dempsey recently announced that the school is

forced to cancel most engineering courses, all welding, all small engine and all physics courses for the upcoming school year.

They continue to advertise to fill these open positions. In addition, the staff has contacted other area high schools to see if

they can accept some Stark students into specialized programs.

The counseling department is working with affected students to revise schedules and identify alternative courses that align with their graduation requirements and individual interests.

Goffstown man sentenced to 8 years on drug and gun charges

A Goffstown man was sentenced in federal court to more than eight years in prison for drug and gun offenses.

Mark Williams, 45, was sentenced to 102 months in prison plus four years of supervised release in connection with offenses discovered after he crashed a vehicle in 2023.

Williams was driving a borrowed vehicle early on Oct. 27, 2023, when he was involved in a single-vehicle crash in Goffstown.

Williams walked away from the crash before local police arrived. The vehicle, damaged and disabled, was towed away. A search of the vehicle recovered a loaded 9mm handgun and "distribution-level" quantities of methamphetamine, cocaine and fentanyl, officials said. Williams was arrested in November 2023 and has remained in custody since.

"Williams illegally armed himself and was prepared to use violence to

further his drug dealing operation," said U.S. Attorney Erin Creegan.

"Today's sentence reflects the serious threat posed by those who mix firearms with dealing dangerous drugs like fentanyl, methamphetamine and cocaine."

"The combination of a loaded firearm and significant quantities of methamphetamine, cocaine, and fentanyl posed a serious threat to public safety," Special Agent in Charge Jarod Forget said.

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Yesteryear

Local history as reported in The Messenger

August 15, 2025

Hillsborough woman dies in motorcycle accident
Fate of New Boston's old fire station uncertain
Audit Committee presents its recommendations to Warner Select Board
Hopkinton Selectmen and Trustees at odds over their respective authority

August 16, 2024

Two accidents stress Sunapee First Responders
Hillsborough Planning Board approves Aroma Joes and cell tower
Deering & Hillsboro men charged with possession of child abuse images
Andover Select Board approves repairs for Cilleyville Bridge

August 18, 2023

Hillsborough Select Board grants developer two major concessions
Town of Antrim hosts celebration for retiring Police Chief Brian Lord
Dunbarton repeat offender arrested on multiple charges
Bow parents upset at early release of son's killer

August 19, 2022

New Boston Space Force fatal shooting ruled justified
Weare Select Board delays improvements to police comm. system
Henniker Town Hall computers hacked
Deering delays completion of Town Hall residing

August 20, 2021

6-year-old Contoocook girl dies in head-on crash
Weare School Board censures Rochelle Kelley
80-90 MPH chase ends in Hopkinton ditch
New London Select Board approves Fireworks draft

August 21, 2020

Weare considers Police & Fire upgrades
New Boston studies LED streetlight conversion
Deering OK's new fire truck & station modifications
Weare teacher in a Huey Lewis and the News video

August 23, 2019

Injured Weare officer grateful for community support
Board fires Peterborough Recreation Director
Hancock man injured in Dublin accident
Unoccupied Frankestown home lost to fire

August 24, 2018

Consultants recommend demolition of Baker Building
John Stark installs new wood chip furnace
Franklin Bank awards over \$30,000 to 9 non-profits
Sunapee man injured in Vermont crash

August 25, 2017

Hillsboro-Deering invests in 525 new Chromebooks
Governor urged to reconsider his Wild Goose decision
Hopkinton given preview of school renovations
Husband runs down wife, claims he's not perfect

August 19, 2016

HD Board resurrects Alternative School plan
Board cheers repairs to Pleasant Lake Dam
Ground broken for Warner's Exit 9 Roundabout
Antrim man charged with California murder

DOT seeks public input on improvements for Route 114 from Henniker to New London

The NH Department of transportation held a Listening Session Monday evening at the Jennifer Community Building to receive public input on proposed upgrades and improvements to Route 114, running from Henniker through Bradford, Warner, and Sutton to New London.

Common complaints included

heavy traffic, excessive speeding, poor visibility, poor road conditions, and a lack of sidewalks and bike paths along the corridor.

Henniker Police Officer Rachel Lacombe urged the installation of more sidewalks and enhanced lighting near New England College and local business areas, and reported recent on-scene re-

sponses that suggest collisions are occurring more frequently than the data set indicates.

"In the last three weeks, I've responded to a major accident at that intersection," Lacombe said, noting there have been at least three major accidents this year at the four-way intersection by the pharmacy.

Longtime residents echoed that testimony. Grace Cohen described multiple problem crossings and said the town needs more flashing crosswalks and better sight-lines near the post office and college. "Somebody's gonna get killed there," Cohen said, urging project staff to drive the corridor slowly and observe

real-world behavior before finalizing designs.

DOT representatives stressed that the 114 Corridor Study was just in its early stages.

A stakeholders' meeting is scheduled for this fall, followed by a second session in the spring of 2027 and a final meeting in late fall of 2027.



Hillsborough's History Alive has a full schedule of events on August 15th and 16th at two locations: Kemp Park on Saturday, 9-4 and Jones Road on Saturday and Sunday, 10-3.



Officer Rachel Lacombe of the Henniker Police Department highlighted the need for more sidewalks and improved lighting near New England College, citing an increase in accidents at local intersections.

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Hometown Heroes



Officer Michael Booher was ceremonially sworn in by Sunapee Selectboard Chair Anthony Dolan as a full-time police officer for the Town of Sunapee during the Selectboard meeting on Monday, August 3.



The Goffstown Police Department secured its 11th CALEA accreditation award during a national conference in Omaha, Nebraska. Chief Eric Sereno and Accreditation Manager Michelle Provencher accepted the honor on behalf of the department.

The New London Fire Department hires two new employees

Andrew Sarnevitz has been hired as a full-time captain with the New London Fire Department. Bringing more than a decade of experience in the fire service, Sarnevitz joins the department following a career that has included serving the cities of Laconia, New Hampshire, and Central Falls, Rhode Island.

Andrew has also been a member of the New London Fire Department throughout these

ten years, where he began as a junior firefighter.

Sarnevitz holds degrees in fire science and fire protection from Lakes Region Community College. His professional qualifications also include certifications as a Level 2 firefighter, advanced EMT, ice rescue technician, and Fire Instructor 1, alongside specialized training in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1407 Rapid

Intervention Teams.

A Sunapee native, Andrew now resides in Georges Mills with his fiancée. Much of Andrew's free time is spent running his business, crafting leather goods for firefighters across the country.

Steven Dube Jr. was born

and raised in Newport where he currently resides with his wife and their three children.

He served as a full-time firefighter with the Newport Fire Department for seven years, including four years as a lieutenant before joining the New London Fire Department as Captain.

Throughout his career, he has remained committed to public service, leadership, and supporting the communities he serves.

Outside of work, Steven enjoys spending time with family and friends and taking advantage of NH's many outdoor recreational opportunities.



Andrew Sarnevitz



Steven Dube Jr.



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TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

Giving a P2Y12 inhibitor anti-clotting drug to patients with coronary artery disease is associated with lower rates of cardiovascular death, heart attack and stroke compared with traditional aspirin, with no increased risk of major bleeding, finds a study published by *The BMJ*. P2Y12 inhibitors are often given to patients alongside aspirin (“dual therapy”) after percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) — a procedure to widen or unblock a coronary artery — to help prevent cardiovascular events including heart attack and stroke. After several months, patients are usually switched from dual therapy to lifelong aspirin. P2Y12 inhibitors include clopidogrel, ticlopidine, ticagrelor, prasugrel, and cangrelor.

For years doctors have prescribed metformin, an old but common type 2 diabetes medication, to treat insulin resistance in type 1 diabetes. This has been largely based on anecdotal evidence. Now, a clinical trial has found that metformin does not counteract insulin resistance in type 1 diabetes, but instead reduces the amount of insulin needed to maintain blood sugar levels in the ideal range. Published in *Nature Communications*, these surprising findings could improve how doctors manage type 1 diabetes and ease the significant burden that people with the condition face when using insulin alone.

A monthly injection of tezepelumab has helped 90% of severe asthma patients reduce daily steroid tablets, which are associated with long-term side effects according to a new study published in *The Lancet Respiratory Medicine*. More than half of the participants who had received the injection were able to stop their daily steroid tablets entirely, without any impact on their symptoms. Treatment with tezepelumab was also shown to significantly improve asthma symptoms, lung function, and overall quality of life. During the study, two-thirds of patients stopped having any asthma attacks. These improvements were seen as early as two weeks into treatment and lasted for the duration of the study.

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GUM DISEASE AND CAVITIES LINKED TO INCREASED STROKE RISK: PART I



Dr. Esin Narli

A new study finds that having both gum disease and cavities is linked to an 86% increased risk of stroke compared to having a healthy mouth. Poor oral health was tied to a 36% higher risk of heart attacks and other cardiovascular events. People with regular dental visits were 81% less likely to have both gum disease and cavities. Researchers say improving oral health could be an important – and often overlooked – way to help reduce stroke risk.

People with both cavities and gum disease may face a higher risk of ischemic stroke, according to a study published on October 22, 2025, in *Neurology® Open Access*, an official journal of the American Academy of Neurology. The study does not prove that poor oral health causes strokes; it only shows an association.

Ischemic strokes are the most common type of stroke and occur when a clot or blockage reduces blood flow to the brain, depriving it of oxygen and nutrients.

Cavities are holes in the tooth enamel caused by sugary or starchy foods or factors such as poor oral hygiene or genetics. Gum disease, usually caused by poor oral hygiene, is an inflammation or infection of the gums and jawbone. It can lead to tooth loss.

“We found that people with both cavities and gum disease had almost twice the risk of stroke when compared to people with good oral health, even after controlling for cardiovascular risk factors,” said study author Souvik Sen, MD, MS, MPH, of the University of South Carolina in Columbia. “These findings suggest that improving oral health may be an important part of stroke prevention efforts.”

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Members of the Antrim/Bennington Lions Club prepared and served delicious multiple varieties of meatloaf, salads, breads, and desserts during the Antrim Community Supper held last week.



Maura Carroll of the Hopkinton Rotary Club was awarded the prestigious Paul Harris award for her contribution to Rotary International.

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Antrim’s Tim Morehouse announces his candidacy for NH House of Representatives

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Tim Morehouse

For decades, my life has been rooted in the values of hard work, family, and public service. Alongside my wife, Linda, I raised three daughters who have dedicated their own careers to the medical field, a testament to our family’s shared commitment to helping others.

After a diverse and rewarding career spanning the hospitality, industrial, and retail sectors, I

retired in 2018 to focus fully on giving back to the community that has given me so much.

From my early days as a volunteer firefighter and youth soccer coach to collaborating with school groups to enrich our students’ education, I have always believed in contributing to my community.

More recently, I’ve had the privilege of serving on the Antrim Park and Recreation Commission and the Board of Cemetery Trustees. Today, I continue to work for you as a town library trustee, town treasurer,

and president of our local Lions International Club.

I am ready to bring this lifetime of experience and dedica-

tion to the New Hampshire State Representative role.



Local residents Bob and Pat Nash hosted a well-attended reception for State Senate candidate Jim Creighton, with special guest Governor Kelly Ayotte.



Weare had truckloads of fun at last Thursday night's Touch-A-Truck event.

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Antrim Church added to the NH Historical Register

The N.H. Division of Historical Resources has announced that the State Historical Resources Council has added five properties, including one from Antrim.

The Woodbury Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church in Antrim exhibits the Shingle Style architecture that was common in New England at the turn of the twentieth century.

Built for \$9,500 and dedicated on February 9, 1904, it was designed by architect Archibald I. Lawrence of Berlin, N.H. Notable external features include cedar shingle exterior cladding using geometric shapes and a slightly off-center bell tower.



Inside, the sanctuary features a plaster cathedral ceiling, plaster walls above beadboard wainscoting and semi-circular pew arrangements. Two large wooden roll-up doors open the space toward the vestry.

Heleen Kirk named Rotary's Citizen of the Year



Heleen Kirk

The Goffstown Rotary Club is proud to announce Heleen Kurk of Weare is the Richard C. Hopf Citizen of the Year for 2025-2026. Each year, Goffstown Rotary identifies one person who exemplifies the Rotary philosophy of "Service Above Self," and Heleen fits that bill perfectly. As one of her fans said, "If there is something good happening in Weare, you can

be sure Heleen had a hand in it!"

Heleen gave credit to all the volunteers in Weare who work diligently to make it thrive, as all good leaders do. She knows nothing gets done by one person alone. The accolade comes with a donation to the charity of the recipient's choice, in this case, the Hand in Hand Senior Center & Thrift Shop. Although the name says Goffstown, the organization serves and includes the Weare community, and officials invite interested Weare residents to consider joining the club.

Historical Society celebrates East Washington Schoolhouse Renovation

By Bill Mulcahy

The Washington Historical Society invites the public to celebrate the recent renovation of the 177-year-old District #5 Schoolhouse on Sunday, August 23, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 2570 East Washington Road. The event is free and open to families and people of all ages.

Come tour the schoolhouse, admire the newly completed exterior renovations, and enjoy light refreshments. Children will have the chance to dive into hands-on activities, experiencing what it was like to attend a rural New Hampshire one-room schoolhouse over a century ago.

Special exhibits will showcase fascinating artifacts uncovered during the renovation process. Local contractors Chris and Laura Troian of CJT Carpentry (Acworth) and Ed Whiting of EKW Painting and Texture (Hillsborough) will be on-site to answer questions about working on this historic structure.

Opened in 1849 and closed in 1938, the District #5 Schoolhouse is the last surviving example of Wash-

ington's original ten 19th-century district schools still standing in its original form. It remains one of the most complete rural one-room schoolhouses in New Hampshire. Operated by the historical society since 1989, it serves as both a museum and an active educational site, connecting today's visitors, especially young students, with the town's rich history.

Inside, the past remains remarkably close at hand. Visitors can sit at authentic wood-and-iron desks installed in 1893 to practice writing with quill pens and inkwells, just as students did more than a century ago. Period maps depicting nations long since changed or vanished still hang on the walls, while slate blackboards and vintage textbooks offer a window into daily lessons of the era. The original schoolhouse clock, gifted by students and teachers in 1887, continues to watch over the room, its heartbeat-like ticking giving life to the building!

Don't miss this opportunity to step back in time with your family and celebrate a piece of living local history.

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Representative Eileen Kelly announces her Re-Election Candidacy

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Eileen Kelly

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The NH State House is the oldest state capitol in which both bodies of the legislature meet in their original chambers. The building was completed in 1819.

Did you also know our House of Representatives is the largest state legislative body in the United States, with 400 mem-

bers? Our Senate is one of the smallest at 24 members. Both House and Senate members earn \$100 per year, with federal taxes taken out. Ours is truly a volunteer, citizen's legislature!

The New Hampshire State Capitol represents both our state government and its citizens. It is an impressive building with a rich history behind it. I am constantly in awe of this building's history and by the elected representatives who came here to speak for their communities. Of course there are flaws in the process and lively discussions and disagreements, but hopefully we are still moving forward and working to make life better for our citizens.

I have always believed in civic engagement. Citizens have a responsibility to exert their right to vote; the act of voting is participating in our democratic process. This right should not be

taken for granted.

I am honored to serve as your state representative for the past two years. Working collaboratively with members from both parties is the optimal method to

legislate. Everyone is not going to agree with you every time, however listening to the other point of view can lead to a better understanding and sometimes a compromise can be reached.

I have filed for re-election to the NH House of Representatives, Merrimack County District 8; Bradford, Henniker, Warner, and I hope to have your support in November.



Henniker American Legion Commander John Coburn conducted a distinguished ceremony celebrating Henniker's designation as a Purple Heart Community.

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By: Joyce Bosse

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We strive every day to present full, fair and accurate news reports. We will correct, in this space, factual inaccuracies in our coverage. We encourage readers to tell us if we have made a mistake.



Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

Fellow voters in Hillsboro, Antrim, Bennington and Windsor, we are writing to endorse and highly recommend Larry Baker, Austin Cottle, and Tim Morehouse your Republican candidates for the New Hampshire House of Representatives. They will work hard to represent you and will listen to your concerns. They will work to balance budgets, spend money wisely, improve educational opportunities, and support traditional values while protecting our most vulnerable neighbors.

They all bring their life experience, talents, and time to serve you. This is not surprising because they all have a long history of helping their neighbors and serving their communities. We have lived next door to Larry for more than twenty years, and have directly experienced what a good neighbor he is, and Tim and Austin have been helping their neighbors as part of their daily lives.

Please consider voting for these three good men.

Jim and Clare Fedolfi, Hillsborough

Dear Editor:

Following the Select Board's activity can be exhausting and extremely frustrating. Knowing that my input is often ignored should be a sign to just walk away, but I guess I'm a glutton for punishment.

You'd think by having a Selectman who's our Planning Board ex-officio and a contractor, he would know better than to allow an RFP that lacks specifics and offers a rough draft sketch of a building. I'm not an engineer but I can see the significant gaps, financial risks and potential legal disputes with the published Manahan Bath house RFP.

Let's start with the simple basics:

- there is no submission deadline,
- no public review date,
- no sealed bid process,
- no required pre-bid site visit

Because of these omissions, under the Right-to-Know law, every bid is public record the moment it hits the town desk.

This level of ambiguity eliminates any chance of an apples-to-apples price comparison and practically hands the awarded contractor a blank check for change orders.

Now, here are just a few glaring issues that jump out to me. Keep in mind, I'm an accountant, not a structural engineer, but my experience running a commercial HVAC contracting business taught me a little about how to spot a high-risk proposal and how vague scopes such as this turn into costly change orders.

Structural Integrity: No engineered drawings. Stating "the second page is a rough draft" is not something a contractor can price accurately, and it's certainly not something that will pass a building permit or planning board review by any private entity in this town. Yet, here's our Select Board asking for the building to support a future second story without an engineer defining load requirements. The RFP states the building should be planned for future heating. Will the heating system be installed on the

second floor, the roof, or wall mount? Will it be a ducted system? All this matters for the load calculation.

Vague Material Specs: The requirements in this RFP are extremely vague on building material specifications. So, are contractors pricing standard plywood, OSB, or pressure-treated wood? Are interior bathroom walls specified for cement board, Greenboard, or RedGard? With wording like "LP Smart Side (or similar)," we are wide open to inferior substitutes that rot quickly in a high-moisture park environment. Right here, we just killed any chance of an apples-to-apples comparison.

New Well, Septic Tank, Leach Field Upgrade, And Frost Wall: All of these items depend on soil conditions, water table, and existing infrastructure. Will the contractor be responsible for decommissioning our current well and septic? Who's providing soil tests, perc results, or engineering flow designs? If the qualified bidders aren't scheduled for a site survey, or at minimum given soil test results, perc results, or engineering flow designs their bids are guesses...Can you say, "change order?"

No Permitting Mentioned: Will this well, septic system, and frost wall need NH DES approval? If so, do we have the necessary permits? The RFP should state who is responsible for pulling and paying for which permits.

No Electrical Scope at All: The document lists plumbing fixtures in detail and never mentions lighting, outlets, or panel capacity. A bathhouse with electric lights, exhaust fans, which I believe are required by code in windowless bathrooms, and future heating capacity needs an electrical scope. This is a significant omission.

No Bonding or Insurance Requirements. The RFP makes no mention of insurance or bonding requirements. None of this is here. Yet, NH RSA 447:16 requires 100% Performance and Payment Bonds for public projects over \$125K. Without it, we have no protection if a contractor defaults on the project or gets injured on site with no coverage.

Off-Season and Winter Construction: The RFP states that the work is to be completed in the off season (Sept – May). A winter build that includes well drilling and frost wall foundation work, both of which are harder and more expensive in frozen ground. The timeline is unrealistic and we'll end up paying a premium for winter work. Bidders who don't build in a weather contingency will ask for change orders, and bidders who do build one in will just look more expensive than they need to.

Folks, I need help. I need others to start paying attention to how our wants and needs are being dealt with. Neither the Town Administrator nor the Parks & Rec Director are engineers, and our Select Board is proving they don't have a handle on this either. They're not protecting us from financial risk or potential legal disputes.

If we don't fix this before the contract is awarded, we'll be spending hundreds of thousands of dollars from the treasured Manahan Trust on a building that will likely start to fail within 5 years. Let me remind you of the issues we've had with the police dept's building. The Select Board must do better than a "rough sketch."

Riché Colcombe, Hillsborough

Henniker Select Board and White Birch Community Center working together

The Henniker Select Board held a productive meeting last Tuesday. Marc McMurphy returned to discuss the proposed lease of the Grange Hall for use as a local youth and teen center.

The current discussions build on a June 16 proposal by McMurphy, who proposed that the town lease the Grange building to the White Birch Center for \$1 per year to establish the community youth and teen hub. Under the proposed terms, the White Birch Center would pay the ongoing operational expenses—including heating, electricity, water, sewer, custodial services, and alarm monitoring. White Birch Center would also carry its own independent liability insurance. At that meeting, the board voted to authorize the town administrator to draft a

formal lease for review, with the goal of placing the agreement on the 2027 Town Meeting warrant.

The board approved a short-term lease for the remainder of 2026 through March 12, 2027, while any long-term agreement remains subject to voter approval at the 2027 Town Meeting. The historic Western Avenue facility currently houses the single-staff Henniker Human Services Department on its main floor, while the basement level serves as the home of the local independent food pantry.

The Food Pantry will relocate to the White Birch Center's Cornerstone Building. Additionally, the White Birch Center has offered to provide free office space within that newly renovated facility, located at 116 Main St., to house the town's Human

Services Department at no cost to taxpayers.

The proposed arrangement will provide a dedicated location for municipal welfare and human services, improving safety and accessibility for staff and residents seeking public assistance under RSA 165. A formal Memorandum of Understanding will outline space access, confidentiality requirements, liability provisions, and termination procedures. The cooperative agreement involves no rent or other municipal compensation.

Additionally, the White Birch Center offered to provide office space within its newly renovated Cornerstone Building at 116 Main St. to house the town's Human Services Department. The proposed arrangement will provide a dedicated location for



Comcast Manager of Government and Regulatory Affairs Monica Thibault presented a franchise renewal agreement to the New London Board of Selectmen.

municipal welfare administration, improving safety and accessibility for staff and residents seeking assistance under RSA 165. The Board of Selectmen approved a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the operational responsibilities, liability provisions, and confi-

dentiality requirements for each party. It does not involve rent or other compensation by the town.

Finally, the Board approved a renewed Cable Television Franchise Agreement between the Town of Henniker and Comcast of Maine/New Hampshire, Inc.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Dorothea Bickford Daniels

New Boston - Dorothea Bickford Daniels, 86, passed away August 2, 2026 at her residence. She was born in New Boston, New Hampshire on December 31, 1939 to Charles Daniels, Jr. and Mary Evelyn Lowell Daniels. Dorothea is predeceased by her husband of 10 years, William Mason, Jr. and her son, Layne Scott McGilvery. She is survived by her children, Lance Layne McGilvery, Kelly Layne McGilvery, Cheryl Ann McGilvery, Eva Jane Quadagno and Adam Dean Kalloch; her brother, Charles Norman Daniels, Jr.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.



Robert Craig Eaves

Antrim - Robert Craig Eaves of Antrim, NH, born on December 31, 1955, passed away on July 29th, 2026, at Monadnock Hospital after a brief battle with cancer. The son of Barbara and Ernest was born in Long Beach, California, on Dec. 31st, 1955. Robert is survived by his devoted wife of 42 years, Debra, his four boys, Nathaniel, Jeremy, Michael, and Christopher, as well as several grandchildren. A private grave-side ceremony for immediate family will be held, with a celebration of life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Robert's honor on GoFundMe.com to help support funeral costs and Debra during this difficult time.



Ruth "Nicci" L. White

Hopkinton - Ruth "Nicci" L. White, a longtime resident of Hopkinton, 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 Bohanan 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 (firstchurchhopkinton.org), the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org), or Granite VNA (granitevna.org).

B. William Tucker

New London - B. William Tucker, 88, of Hilltop Place, died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2026, at his home. He was born in Claremont, NH, on Nov. 14, 1937, the son of Bernard Tucker and Blanche (Bartlett) Tucker Quartz. His wife, Helen (Parker) Tucker, died in 2023. He is survived by his three children and six grandchildren, Debra (Jeff) Yurek of Claremont, NH and their children, Caroline and Christopher; Richard Tucker (partner Michelle) of Merrimack, NH and children, Jordan and



Austin; and James (Andrea) Tucker of Chicago, IL and their children, Alexandria and Sebastian; great-granddaughter, Kennedy; daughter-in-law, Laurie Tucker of Hampton, NH; a brother, John B. Tucker of New London, NH; two sisters, Marion Forte of North Conway, NH and Nancy Ciardelli of Burlington, VT; nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association, P.O. Box 2209, New London, NH 03257.

Anne (Duffy) Kenney

Hancock - Anne (Duffy) Kenney of Hancock, NH passed away on July 17, 2026, following a short illness. Born on Sept. 5, 1935, in Fall River, MA, Anne was the daughter of Arthur and Edna Duffy. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Peter J. Kenney; her brothers, Arthur "Bud" Duffy, Thomas Duffy, David Duffy, and Martin Duffy; and her sister, Janice Kirkman. Anne is survived by her children, Beth Fox (Bruce), David Kenney (Mary Kay), and Jeanne Kenney; her grandchildren, Emily and Alan Fox, Philip and Samuel Kenney, and Liana Kenney; Debby Gee, whose enduring friendship was a constant throughout the years; and many nieces and nephews. A memorial reception celebrating Anne's life will welcome family, friends, former students, and other members of the community whose lives she touched. The reception will be on Sat., Aug. 29, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Vestry (next to the Meeting House) at 47 Main Street in Hancock. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to RISE of Keene. Website: www.riseforbabyandfamily.org/about-rise/#help, 147 Washington St., Keene, NH 03431.



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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.

OPEN HOUSE: Church service and Open House at the Lower Warner Meeting House, 232 East Main Street (NH 103) in Warner. Our annual church service with the United Church of Warner will be held beginning at 10am, followed by an Open House and refreshments until 1pm. The meeting house was built in 1844-1845. Check out the original weathervane, pump organ, the wide pews, the balcony, the history of the building, and the surrounding houses owned by the George family. The Lower Warner Meeting House is only open one day a year. We hope to see you!

TUESDAY AUGUST 25

HENNIKER CONCERT: Studio Two, an early Beatles Tribute Band will be performing at the gazebo in Henniker. Sponsor: Davis and Towle Insurance Company. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Community Center.

SATURDAY AUGUST 29

ONE TRUE KING MUSIC FESTIVAL: noon to 4pm. Free Admission. Local Christian Artists and Churches. Water and hot dogs are free! Antrim Baptist Church, 85 Main Street, Antrim, NH. Outdoor Family Fun - Bring a chair or blanket! Any donations benefit the Antrim Bennington Food Pantry Expansion.

SUNDAY AUGUST 30

MONDIORING COMPETITION: Hillsboro working-dog club hosting an international Mondioring competition with obedience, athletic jumps and controlled protection exercises. A carnival themed event where you can get food, watch demonstrations, enter to win a raffle and learn more about the local Mondioring Club - Behind Livingston's Garage.

FRANCESTOWN CONCERT: Arthur Terembula. 4pm at the Old Meeting House. Music, community, tradition.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17

NATIONAL GUARD RETIREE DAY: Retirees of the New Hampshire Army National Guard are cordially invited to attend the annual NHARNG Retiree Day Luncheon, which will be held at Joint Force Headquarters, Building 1, Concord, NH. The luncheon fee is \$5, and as customary, a Retiree group photo will be taken. Retirees who plan on attending the luncheon for the first time are asked to register in advance with Chief Warrant Officer 5 (Retired) Rick Plante at 603-657-0345.

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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.

**Dated: 7/13/2026 Honorable J. Ham-Thompson
Judge, Maine District Court**

**Lisa Nolf
A True Attested Copy
Clerk, Maine District Court**

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TOWN OF DEERING, NH

Case No.: 2026-02
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Notice is hereby given that on **August 27, 2026**, at 7:00 p.m., at the Deering Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road, Deering, NH 03244, the Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing:

Regarding a request by Brandon Montplaisir for a special exception to construct a 25' x 70' aluminum frame building with the potential for future expansion of the building by an additional 25' x 30' for the purpose of a mattress recycling facility as per the plans submitted, on the property located at 38 Longwoods Road, Tax Map 208, Lot 10, to allow a commercial use in the residential/agricultural and aquifer protection zoning districts which is otherwise not permitted without a special exception as required per Peering Zoning Ordinance Article 3, Section 3, and Article 4, Section 2.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session **Wednesday, August 26, 2026 3:30-4:30 p.m.**, at the Hillsborough Town Offices at 27 School St., Hillsborough for the purpose of corrections, party changes or new registrations. New voters should bring a photo ID, proof of citizenship (birth certificate, passport or Naturalization papers) and proof of residency. If you have any questions, you can go to sos.nh.gov to see how to register to vote.

August 26th will be the last chance to register to vote prior to the Primary on September 8, 2026.

TOWN OF WINDSOR ANNUAL CHECKLIST PUBLIC NOTICE

Under RSA 654:39, 654:27 and 669:5, supervisors of the checklist/registrars, who are responsible for adding and removing names from their city or town's voter checklist, must hold public sessions between July 6 and August 10 and at least once between August 26 and September 2 of 2026 to determine which voters on the checklist have not voted in any elections in the past five years and who have not registered since the 2024 State General Election. These voters are required to re-register if they want to remain on the voter checklist and vote in future elections.

Supervisors of the checklist must inform any voter eligible for removal, at least 30 days before removing their name from the voter checklist, that they will be removed from the checklist and need to re-register following the instructions in the letter/postcard. Supervisors of the checklist/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.

Windsor Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on **Saturday, August 8th, 9:00-9:30 a.m.** and **Saturday, August 29th, 9:00-9:30 a.m.** for the purpose of registration or party changes.

TOWN OF DEERING, NEW HAMPSHIRE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Boiler Replacement – Town Hall

The Town of Deering is requesting sealed proposals from qualified contractors for the removal and replacement of the existing boiler system at the Deering Town Hall, located at **762 Deering Center Road, Deering, NH 03244.**

Proposal documents may be obtained from the Town Administrator's Office during regular business hours or by contacting the office at ***(603) 464-7921** or via email at ****administrator@deeringnh.gov**.

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Town of Deering
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By Order of the Deering Select Board

PUBLIC NOTICE

Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC is proposing to register a new wireless telecommunications facility located off Route 31, Windsor, NH in Hillsborough County. The proposed facility consists of a 180-foot lattice tower all within an 80' x 80' fenced in compound. The tower does not require lighting per FAA Study 2026-ANE-847-OE. Any interested persons may review the application by going to the website: www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the Form 854 File Number. Any interested party that believes that this proposed antenna structure causes a significant impact on the quality of human environment, may submit an environmental request by going to the following website: www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. The mailing address for interested parties that would prefer to file a Request for Environmental Review by paper copy: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Any interested party will have 30 days after issuance of this notice to make an environmental request. This notice is in reference to file number A1392425.

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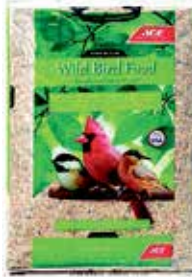
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