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Education Funding Increases

What is driving the escalation in education funding? Below are NH state-wide statistics, which are similar to all area schools.

	2018-2019	2024-2025
Classroom Teachers	-205	-1%
Paraprofessionals	-1,627	-23%
Non Teaching	+2,003	+64%
Administrators	+446	+26%
Support Staff	-1,300	-23%
Enrollment	-14,362	-8%



Hillsboro Lion of the Year

Hillsboro Lions Club President Kathy Audette presents Roger Racette with a plaque signifying his selection as the club's Lion of the Year.

This week in history

AUGUST 21, 1961

Jomo Kenyatta is freed from house arrest

AUGUST 22, 1485

King Richard III defeated at Bosworth Field

AUGUST 23, 1902

Fannie Farmer opens a cooking school

AUGUST 24, 1847

Charlotte Brontë completes Jane Eyre

AUGUST 25, 1939

The Wizard of Oz debuts

AUGUST 26, 1959

BMC's Mini car debuts

AUGUST 27, 1883

Krakatoa volcano erupts



The Town of Goffstown rallies to make a child's wish come true

The Goffstown community truly came together to grant a life-changing wish for Katarina, a local Make-A-Wish child who dreamed of having her own swimming pool.

The Goffstown Fire Department helped install her adaptive pool lift and stairs to ensure that she can swim safely.

Local businesses quickly stepped up to handle the surrounding construction. PRO Landscape Supply donated decorative landscaping rocks, while Dave's Landscaping volunteered to spread the stone,

manage the terrain, and handle last-minute installation needs.

Town officials expedited the project by helping push through the permits. Administrators even brought a building inspector out of retirement to ensure the pool permits were approved in time for the reveal.

The Goffstown Police Department helped her have an extra special escort to her home for her wish reveal, and had an epic water fight with the kids.

Several area businesses donated

catering for the reveal party, which hosted volunteers, donors, and family members. Kona Ice provided snow cones, The Puritan Backroom supplied chicken tenders, and Crumbs & Cravings baked custom cakes and cupcakes for the celebration. Katarina was also presented with special gifts to mark the completion of the project.

It was truly heart warming to see how so many people in this amazing community stepped up to make Katarina's wish come true.

Fracestown considers regulating OHRV use on town roads

Fracestown is considering drafting an ordinance regulating the use of off-highway recreational vehicles, but cautions that it will be a "long and very public process." At last Monday's Select Board meeting, Town Administrator Jamie Pike said that he has been looking into how

other towns handle OHRVs on town roads and highways.

Pike has spoken with Fracestown Police Chief Philbert. Philbert, a Henniker resident and former Hillsborough officer, supports the measure. Both of those neighboring towns already regulate OHRVs.

Philbert noted many residents use OHRVs on roads, adding that police generally intervene only when problems arise.

The Select Board decided that the next step is to consult with the police department, the fire department, the DPW, and the town's Conservation Committee.

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Yesteryear

Local history as reported in The Messenger

August 24, 2025

Eight departments aid battling Patenaude Lumber Henniker fire
Hopkinton man injured in an ATV rollover
Hillsborough Eagle Scout’s project honors Officer Rory Bohanan
Antrim teenager killed, another and one from Peterborough injured

August 23, 2024

Contamination found at New London Cleaners
Four people arrested during Hillsboro & Henniker drug raids
Three people killed, Peterborough father & daughter survive
100 mph pursuit through Antrim, Hillsboro & Henniker

August 25, 2023

Weare rejects all applicants for Building Inspector
In process of hiring a new Fire Chief Deering’s Road Agent resigns
Hollis man dies of apparent drowning at Franklin Pierce Lake
Henniker man killed - teen injured in two vehicle crash

August 26, 2022

Weare approves police communication upgrades
Hillsborough Police add 2nd K-9 for drug detection
Severe mold infestation closes Hillsborough Youth Services facility
New England College student drowns in Contoocook River

August 27, 2021

Grand Opening of Newbury’s new Fire Station
Cyber thieves defraud Peterborough of \$2.3 million
Hillsborough Police searching for truck thief
Several new teachers at area schools

August 28, 2020

Dream of new Hillsboro-Deering playground realized
Weare Fire/Rescue response saves girl’s life
School leader briefs Lions on H-D reopening plans
Warner Board considers Cyr Lumber expansion

August 30, 2019

Hopkinton Boy Scouts celebrate 100 years
Record 1,345 students enrolled at New England College
New London man arrested after tip from the FBI
Warner names Town Administrator search committee

August 31, 2018

New Boston Police being sued
Jeanie Forrester is Tilton’s new Town Administrator
Henniker Police, Fire & Rescue Chiefs meet Board
Northfield woman pleads guilty to fentanyl trafficking

September 1, 2017

Three indicted for Franklin home invasion
Record enrollment at New England College
New Boston man injured in trail bike accident
Antrim signs alternative energy pilot agreements

August 26, 2016

Erin Commerford resigns as Bow Police Chief
Three receive serious injuries in area rollover
Goffstown Police add one new officer, 20 body cameras
New Boston Police secure new AED Units

Hillsborough Select Board retracts bid request for Manahan Park bathhouse

Former Selectman and Park Board member Tom McClure attended the recent meeting of the Select Board to express his concerns over the lack of maintenance and upkeep of town facilities.

He cited multiple overdue building repairs and weeds growing through brick sidewalks,

emphasizing the neglected bathhouse at Manahan Park.

Armed with fresh photos of damages and the filthy bathrooms, he was also critical of the Board's recent Request For Proposal (RFP) for a new restroom - bathhouse/building based solely on a penciled drawing.

He explained that the new

facility also needed a new artisan well and a new septic system, which could easily cost \$500-\$600,000.

With only about \$300,000 available in the Manahan Trust Fund, McClure suggested pulling

the RFP, getting firm bids based on architectural plans and waiting until next year.

McClure's sentiments were echoed by Mark Murdoch alongside Brett and Melissa Taber, who suggested a phased approach:

install the well and septic systems immediately and delay building construction until next year.

The Board agreed and voted to retract the RFP and seek bids from architects, septic designers and well drillers.



Librarian Samantha Gallo and Harmony Lodge Master Stephen Fogelson presented new bicycles and helmets to Draxy M. (L) and Griffin N. (R), winners of the Mason's Bikes For Books Project at Fuller Public Library's Summer Reading Program.



Tom McClure addresses the Hillsborough Select Board.

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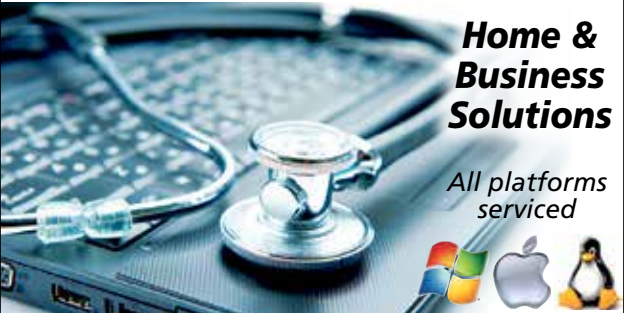
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On the evening of Wednesday, August 5, the Sunapee Fire Department and New London Hospital EMS were dispatched to an address on Chase Street for a crush-related injury involving a patient’s hand. Due to the nature of the injury, the patient’s wedding ring had become trapped and required specialized removal to prevent further injury. Recognizing the need for specialized equipment, the New London Fire Department was requested to respond with their Man vs. Machine Rescue Kit. Fire and EMS personnel from Sunapee Fire, New London Fire, and New London Hospital EMS worked together to carefully remove the patient’s wedding ring without causing any further injury.

Hancock cell tower hearing turns contentious

Hancock residents turned out in force Wednesday to oppose a new cell tower in town, calling the tower a “monster” and a “giant evil robotic structure” that would disturb the rural and historic feel of Hancock.

The criticisms of the planning board was so intense that Kevin Murphy, the chair of the planning board, resigned on Friday. “The contentious nature of these proceedings, including personal attacks, has impacted my wife’s health and I am choosing to prioritize her,” Murphy wrote in a brief resignation letter. “I have also been impacted by a lack of support to mitigate this issue.”

Critics also accused Murphy of being biased against the developer, Industrial Tower & Wireless LLC, and requested his recusal. Murphy denied the claims, and the board voted unanimously against the recusal.

Federal regulations impose a 90-day decision on cell tower applications. Hancock’s deadline was set to expire Aug. 16th, but the timeline can be extended.

The Planning Board opted for the extension and agreed to commission a third-party peer review of a real estate value study submitted by Industrial Tower & Wireless, which concluded that a cell tower would not diminish nearby property values. Residents had raised concerns about its accuracy and said they didn’t trust a report submitted by the company itself.

A peer review is scheduled for September 2nd, when the public hearing will continue. However, resident Dave Carney called on the planning board to throw out the application and force the company to return with more information.

Francestown voters approve moving forward with ConVal withdrawal

More than 100 voters approved four warrant articles at a Special District Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 8, allowing the new Francestown Independent School District to fund transition operations and continue planning its withdrawal from ConVal. The meeting took place at Francestown Elementary School.

Under Article 1, Laura Mafera, Pat Troy, and David Stahlin were elected unopposed to the school board. Voters

also elected Kevin Pobst—the town’s current ConVal School Board representative—as moderator, Susan Kane as clerk, and John Ludlam as treasurer.

Article 2 authorized raising between \$100,000 and \$120,000 for interim operations.

Article 3 established a retained fund balance.

Article 4 created an SAU Withdrawal Planning Committee.

Goffstown officials discuss the homeless campsite at Sarette Field

Goffstown Police Chief Eric Sereno briefed the Select Board on the homeless encampment near Sarette Field that was left in disarray, and asked if the town can create an ordinance with some teeth.

“It’s becoming bigger than a police issue, bigger than a DPW, a Parks and Rec. This is a community problem,” Sereno said.

“The state law talks specifically about just camping on public property, but we’d like to kind of craft an ordinance that talks more like, not just camping but you can’t cook,” Sereno said.

The discussion was prompted by a Police Department memorandum, noting that in recent months officers have tried to “address and remove the occupants of a homeless

encampment located adjacent to Sarette Field, within the water catchment area situated to the left of the field in the wood line.”

Sereno said homeless policies in Manchester have led to the migration toward Goffstown, Hooksett and Bedford. He said that the encampment in Goffstown “is housing more and more people” and the timeline correlates with a period of increased petty theft of bicycles, propane tanks and other items in town.

Members of the Select Board voted in favor of department heads making a recommendation to the board for wording of a new ordinance, and they approved hiring a professional clean-up company to receive DPW workers from the task.

Revisions to the Hopkinton-Everett Lakes Master Plan slated

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New England District will host an open house Aug. 25th, in Contoocook, to share details on draft revisions to the 1978 Hopkinton-Everett Lakes Master Plan. The open house will run from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hopkinton Town Library, 61 Houston Drive, Contoocook. There will be no formal presentation, and members of the public are invited to visit at any point during the session to interact with USACE staff.

The open house will cover proposed changes to the current Master Plan. Team members will share instructions on how to sub-

mit comments, answer questions and gather public feedback. A 30-day public comment period will begin Aug. 25, 2026, and end Sept. 25, 2026.

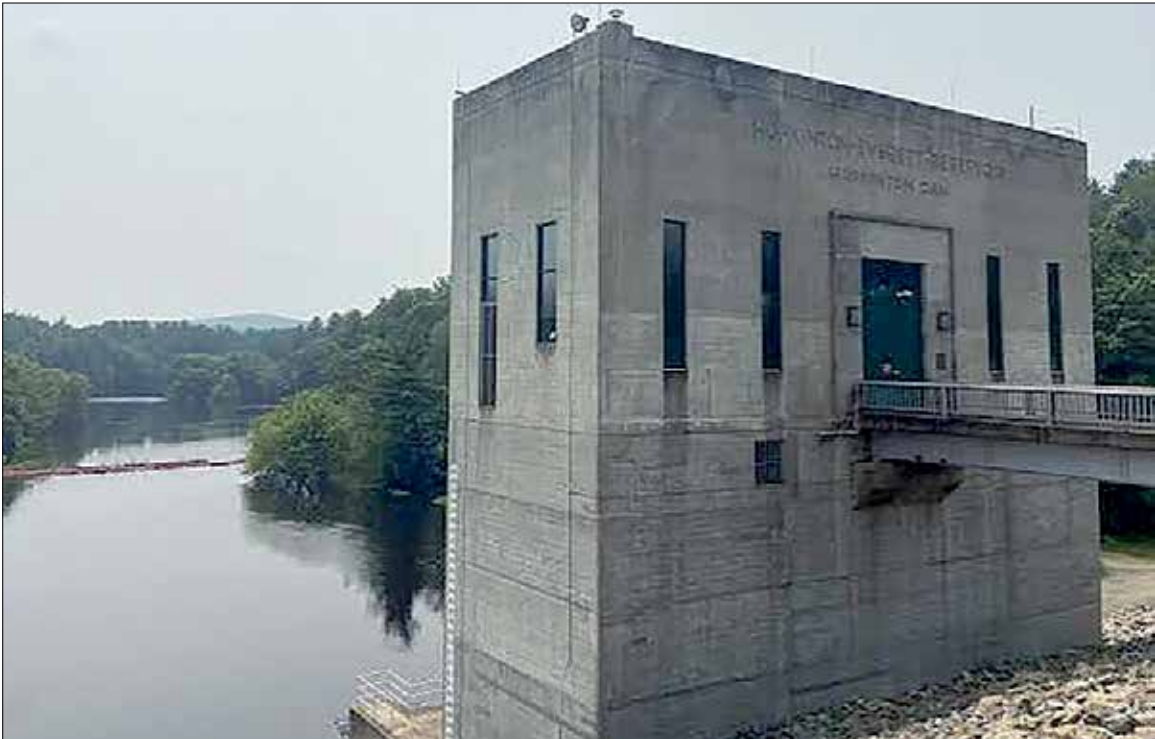
A Master Plan is a strategic land-use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of all recreational, natural and cultural resources throughout the life of a water resource development project. It defines how US-ACE will manage these resources for public use and conservation. The current Hopkinton-Everett Lakes Master Plan needs revision to address changes in regional

land use, population, outdoor recreation trends and USACE management policy.

Key topics to be discussed in

the revised Master Plan include revised land-use classifications, new natural and recreational resource management objectives,

recreation facility needs, and special issues such as invasive species management and threatened and endangered species habitat.



The public has been invited to visit during any part of the open house session.



Construction on Goffstown's Henry Bridge Road is moving along as intended and is targeted for completion by the end of the month.



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BY SARAH CHAPIN

The American College of Physicians (ACP) issued new influenza vaccine practice points that say everyone ages 18 to 64 years who are not pregnant or immunocompromised should receive either a standard-dose trivalent or a standard-dose quadrivalent (cell-based, egg-based, MF59-adjuvanted, or recombinant) influenza vaccine for the 2025-2026 influenza season. Those aged 65 years or older who are not immunocompromised should receive either a high-dose trivalent or a high-dose quadrivalent egg-based influenza vaccine. ACP did not examine evidence or make recommendations for pregnant women or immunocompromised adults. The practice points are published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Influenza A and B drive seasonal epidemics because they are highly infectious, rapidly mutate, and cause a respiratory infection known as the flu. Incidence and severity of influenza vary by year and season but is greatest in the fall and winter. Adults aged ≥ 65 years and adults with comorbidities, such as diabetes, asthma, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), are at greater risk for morbidity and mortality.

According to a new study published in *JAMA Network Open* clinicians may fail to recognize common side effects of drugs like gabapentin — which are frequently prescribed for nerve pain — leading them to prescribe unnecessary medications that cause yet more side effects. This phenomenon, known as a “prescribing cascade,” is increasingly seen as a danger to older patients. In this case, gabapentinoids — which include gabapentin (Neurontin) and pregabalin (Lyrica) — may cause leg swelling, leading doctors to suspect heart failure and then prescribe diuretics that can cause kidney injury, light headedness, and falls.

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



Dr. Esin Narli

In a new study researchers analyzed data from 5,986 adults with an average age of 63 who had no prior history of stroke at the start of the study. All participants completed dental exams that assessed whether participants had gum disease, cavities or both. Participants were then placed in three groups: having a healthy mouth, gum disease only or gum disease with cavities.

Researchers followed them for two decades, using phone visits and medical records to determine which people had a stroke.

Of 1,640 people with healthy mouths, 4% had a stroke, of 3,151 people with gum disease only, 7% had a stroke and of 1,195 people with gum disease and cavities, 10% had a stroke.

After adjusting for factors such as age, body mass index and smoking status, researchers found when compared to people with healthy mouths, those with both gum disease and cavities had an 86% higher risk of stroke. Those with gum disease alone had a 44% increased risk.

The study also looked more broadly and found that people with both gum disease and cavities had a 36% higher risk of experiencing a major cardiovascular event, such as a heart attack, fatal heart disease or stroke when compared to people with healthy mouths.

Participants who reported visiting the dentist regularly had 81% lower odds of having both gum disease and cavities and 29% lower odds of having gum disease alone.

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The Knights of Columbus presented a check for \$5,824 to Rachel Teague, the new Executive Director of the Care Women's Center in Concord by Dock Quinn. Also attending the presentation were Rev Marcel Martel chaplain, and Mike Connolly, Financial Secretary.



Rick Edmunds presented the club with the proceeds from last weekend's Edmunds Department Store cruise-in event. The event raised \$800 and with the 50/50 tickets the total hit \$1000.

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Gun-rights group joins suit against Hillsboro-Deering School District

A gun-rights organization has filed a reply brief in support of a motion for summary judgment in a lawsuit against officials in the Hillsboro-Deering School District, challenging what they claim was an unconstitutional search of an 18-year-old high school senior's vehicle "based solely on the knowledge that he is a legal gun owner."

A hearing date has been scheduled next month on a motion for summary judgment by the Second Amendment Foundation in the case *Harrington v. Crawford*, involving a search in April 2025 of Hillsboro-Deering High School student Jack Harrington's vehicle, which was parked on school grounds.

The lawsuit names the school district and SAU 34 Superintendent Jennifer Crawford, Hillsboro-Deering High School Principal James O'Rourke, Vice Principal Brian McGinn and Hillsboro Police Department School Resource Officer Michael

DeTurris.

Attorneys with Feeney Friedman Getman PLLC, representing Crawford and the other defendants, have filed their own motion seeking summary judgment.

The lawsuit claims school officials searched Harrington's vehicle without his consent following an "aggressive interrogation" by district employees "based only on an overheard conversation that Harrington lawfully owned a firearm." Harrington owns a Glock 43 handgun, court documents show.

"The school's knowledge that Jack was a lawful gun owner outside of school did not justify their search of his truck," SAF Senior Director of Legal Operations Bill Sack said in a statement. "They had no information to indicate he had ever brought the gun to school or had done anything illegal or against school policy whatsoever."

According to court documents, sometime in April 2025

Harrington had a conversation with another student about legally owning a gun while on a bus ride to a varsity baseball game. Harrington described an experience in which he had been pulled over by police while driving on a public road, during which he told the officer he had his handgun lawfully stored in the glove box of the vehicle he was driving. "At no time during the bus conversation did Jack make any threats, violate any laws, or speak inappropriately," court documents state.

Sometime prior to April 24, Crawford, O'Rourke and McGinn became aware of the bus conversation, "or at least became aware of fragments of the conversation," after one or more of the athletes on the bus reported to coaches what Harrington said, court documents state.

"Notably, at no time did Jack tell anyone, including teammates or coaches, that he intended to bring his handgun

to the HDHS campus, that he had ever brought his handgun to the HDHS campus, that he intended to use his handgun in an unlawful manner, or that the interaction with the police officer occurred on the school campus or anywhere near the campus (it did not)," court paperwork reads. On April 24, the lawsuit claims, the defendants removed Harrington from class based on their knowledge that he is a gun owner and "subjected Jack to a coercive interrogation without his parents or an attorney present, in which they demanded permission to search his truck, which was then parked in the HDHS campus parking lot, for firearms."

As noted in the complaint, "... after the Interrogation in which Jack repeatedly refused to consent to a search and after Jack's parents were contacted by phone and similarly refused to consent to a search, Defendants searched the Subject Vehicle anyway,

finding no firearm."

As noted in the motion for summary judgment, "Defendants relied upon a week-old, stale report of a single comment made by Jack and overheard by an assistant coach ... relating to Jack's storage of his handgun in the glove box of his truck while at a gas station nowhere near campus — indisputably legal and constitutionally protected conduct." "At no point during the interrogation, the search, or at any time since, have defendants brought forth a single shred of evidence of unlawful conduct by Jack," the motion states. "Moreover, defendants confirmed that they did not view Jack as a threat to school safety; they did not believe Jack had a weapon on his person during the interrogation; and Jack had no previous disciplinary issues." The lawsuit seeks declaratory relief and judgment that the interrogation and the search were unconstitutional, along with nominal damages.

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Guest Editorial

Stop choosing between college and the trades - do both

By Wayne F. Lesperance Jr. & Matthew Mayberry

For too long, conversations about education and work-force development have been framed as a choice: college or the trades. That is the wrong conversation.

We often talk about higher education and work as though they exist on separate paths. They do not. The strongest educational experiences connect learning with doing, helping students apply knowledge, develop skills and discover purpose throughout their lives.

This is not a choice between college and the skilled trades. It is an opportunity to strengthen both. When education and work are aligned, individuals are better prepared for rewarding careers, employers gain the talent they need, and New Hampshire is better positioned for the future. It is in this spirit that the New Hampshire Home Builders Association (NHHBA) and New England College have proudly launched a new partnership to bring higher education directly to one of New Hampshire's most essential industries.

Through a new series of micro-credential programs, these professionals associated with the NHHBA will gain access to targeted curricula in management, marketing, artificial intelligence and human resources. These credentials meet today's workforce needs by offering practical, relevant learning immediately applicable on the job and on a schedule that meets the busy lives of working professionals.

Builders are entrepreneurs who manage complex projects, lead teams, recruit talent, oversee budgets, market their businesses and serve customers every day. They are business leaders. Success in today's construction industry requires more than technical expertise; it demands strong leadership and business skills.

NEC's micro-credentials provide an efficient way to develop those competencies without requiring employees or business owners to step away from work or commit to a full degree program. Participants immediately gain valuable knowledge to position themselves and their companies for long-term success, all while keeping their options open for additional credits and a possible degree.

Beyond professional development, this partnership offers something bigger: a new vision for workforce development in New Hampshire. Across our state, employers

in every sector are searching for skilled workers and future leaders. At the same time, many adults are looking for opportunities to advance their careers without putting their lives on hold. Traditional educational models do not always meet those needs. They don't have to. By combining higher education's expertise with workplace reality, we create flexible learning opportunities to help people continue earning while they continue learning.

This pairing is crucial to an expanding home-building industry, one that allows experienced professionals to advance into leadership roles and a new generation to enter the workforce. Together, higher education and industry create stronger, more resilient businesses and ultimately help New Hampshire address its housing challenges.

This collaboration also sends an important message to students, families and employers: educational success is not defined by a single path or a fixed timeline. Our approach is particularly helpful for those who stepped off the educational path to balance careers with family needs and meet pressing financial responsibilities. They need educational opportunities that are flexible, affordable and directly connected to career advancement. Micro-credentials answer that need by delivering focused, high-impact learning that can stand alone or serve as a stepping stone toward future academic and career achievement.

When colleges partner with industry associations, education becomes more responsive. Employers help shape curriculum. Faculty bring research and instructional expertise.

Workers receive learning that is both academically rigorous and immediately relevant. Everyone benefits. That's the point. By strengthening the connections between higher education and the trades, we can continue building a workforce prepared not only to meet today's demands but to lead tomorrow's economy.

Building homes requires skilled hands. Building New Hampshire's future requires strong partnerships. This collaboration is an investment in both.

Wayne F. Lesperance Jr., president of New England College, holds a doctorate in law and policy and lives in Henniker. Matthew Mayberry is chief executive officer of New Hampshire Home Builders Association. He lives in Rochester.

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New London and Sunapee First Responders honored at Life Saving Ceremony

On February 18th, New London Communications Center received a 911 call from a resident in Sunapee reporting someone not conscious and not breathing. New London Dispatchers Acacia Mailloux and Madison Kricko started taking information from the caller and instructing them to do CPR while simultaneously toning out Sunapee Fire & EMS, New London Ambulance, and Sunapee Police. Sunapee Police Sergeant Nick Boisvert arrived on the scene at 5:19 p.m. and took over chest compressions from the 911 caller. Sergeant Boisvert also applied an AED (automated external defibrillator) that Sunapee Police keep in their cruisers.

Sunapee Car 1 arrived on the scene at 5:21 p.m. and was the first arriving Fire/EMS unit on the scene, staffed by Lieutenant/EMR Joe Hampson, Lieutenant/EMT Timothy White, and Firefighter/AEMT Sabrina Tucker. Lieutenant/EMR Joe Hampson immediately entered the resi-

dence, assisted Sunapee Police Sergeant Nick Boisvert with CPR by applying rescue breaths, and began a medical assessment. Lieutenant/EMT Timothy White and Firefighter/AEMT Sabrina Tucker entered the residence right behind Lieutenant/EMR Joe Hampson with all the necessary medical equipment from Sunapee Car 1. The crew of three EMS providers from Sunapee Fire & EMS initiated and conducted life-saving measures on the patient right away.

New London Ambulance 5 arrived on the scene at 5:24 p.m., staffed by Paramedics Liam Benshemer and Ryan Ridley, who assumed the roles of patient assessment and advanced airway management. The initial three EMS providers from Sunapee Fire continued chest compressions and coordinated with the paramedics on medication administration and transport preparation, as all five worked together to provide life-saving measures.

Thanks to the fast response from all involved: the 911 caller, Sergeant Boisvert, Lieutenant/EMR Hampson, Lieutenant/EMT White, Firefighter/AEMT Tucker, Paramedics Benshemer and Ridley. The patient regained consciousness, was stabilized on scene, and then transported to the hospital for further treatment.

Multiple other members of Sunapee Fire & EMS also provided support on the scene by performing specific tasks: carrying equipment, assisting with safely moving the patient from the residence to the ambulance, and shoveling the driveway to ensure EMS personnel could access the house. These support roles are crucial for effective teamwork and life-saving efforts. The following members were also present at the scene and recognized for their individual contributions:

- Former Chief Ted Tillson
- Captain/EMT Steve Marshall
- Safety Officer John Gosselin
- Firefighter Corey Oxland



Pictured are members from New London Dispatch, Sunapee Fire & EMS, and Sunapee Police who were involved in the incident on February 18th, receiving life-saving certificates. Top Row Left to Right: Acting Chief Matt Pollari, Firefighter Ryan Gill, Firefighter/EMT Corey Gee, Lieutenant/EMR Joe Hampson, Lieutenant/EMT Timothy White, Police Chief Neill Cobb (accepting the award for Sergeant Boisvert) Bottom Row Left to Right: Firefighter/AEMT Sabrina Tucker, Dispatcher Madison Kricko, Dispatcher Acacia Mailloux, Captain/EMT Steve Marshall Not Pictured: Sunapee Police Sergeant Nick Boisvert, Newbury Police Officer Josh Fisher, Former Chief Ted Tillson, Safety Officer John Gosselin, Firefighter Corey Oxland, Paramedic Liam Benshemer, Paramedic Ryan Ridley .

- Firefighter Ryan Gill
- Firefighter/EMT Corey Gee
- Newbury Police Officer Josh Fisher

At the beginning of the ceremony, the Sunapee Fire Department Association donated a Zoll X Series Cardiac Monitor to the Town of Sunapee and the Sunapee Fire Department. This \$41,000 contribution will enhance daily life-saving efforts.

The department's current cardiac monitor, utilized at all medical calls, is over 15 years old and beyond its serviceable life.

The new monitor was purchased and donated by the Association with funds raised, ensuring no cost to Sunapee taxpayers. The monitor will be placed into service next week, following training for Sunapee Fire & EMS members.

TOWN OF HENNIKER SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST NOTICE

August 27, 2026 Supervisor of the Checklist Meeting, 7:00 at the Town Hall.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be registering new voters. Please bring a photo id, a birth certificate or passport, and proof of domicile. (ie: vehicle registration, utility bill, deed or lease agreement). These requirements are mandatory, if you do not have all required document you cannot register to vote. Also, accepting address changes, and name changes. Please bring documentation of any changes.

TOWN OF HENNIKER PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 6:30pm
Place: Henniker Town Hall Meeting Room,
18 Depot Hill Road, Henniker, NH 03242

Per RSA 231:133, the Town of Henniker Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on September 1, 2026, starting at 6:30 p.m. during the regularly scheduled board meeting. The purpose of this hearing is to gather public comment regarding the proposed renaming of Wood Hill Village Extension for E911 compliance purposes. This private road is located within the Liberty Ridge Mobile Home Park on Old Concord Road.

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By: Joyce Bosse

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Crime Watch

Weare Police Child Sexual Abuse Charges

On July 22, 2026, the Weare Police Department arrested Kurt Chase, 37, of Weare, following an investigation into the possession of child sexual abuse material (CSAM). The investigation was conducted with assistance from the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, the Concord Police Department, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, and the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office. Chase has been charged with five counts of Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material (Class A Felony).

Andover man Felonious Sexual Assault

Thomas McMenamin III, 38, of Agony Hill Road in Andover, on two felony counts of attempted aggravated felonious sexual assault. He was accused of fondling a girl under 13 as an act constituted as "a substantial step toward the commission of aggravated felonious sexual assault" on Jan. 14 in Andover.

Hillsboro man Felonious Sexual Assault

Nicholas Donoghue, 44, of Briggs Street in Hillsboro, on two felony counts of felonious sexual assault. He was accused of fondling a female inmate he had supervisory authority over twice at the Merrimack County Jail on Sept. 19, 2025.

Henniker woman for Resisting Arrest

Ciyona Ann West, born in 2003, of Henniker, was arrested at 10:29 a.m. on July 1 on disorderly conduct, two breach of bail, and two resisting arrest or detention charges after an incident or investigation on Pleasant Street.

Franklin man for Sale of Drugs

Phil Bishop, 56, of Lark Street in Franklin, on a felony count of controlled drug act; acts prohibited-sale of a narcotic drug-cocaine-subsequent. He was accused of selling less than half an ounce of cocaine on Jan. 15 in Franklin. Previously, according to the indictment, Bishop was convicted on a sale charge in Hills North in November 2016.

Franklin man for Possession of Drugs

Dalton J. Blake, 31, of Park Street in Franklin, on two felony counts of possession of a controlled drug-subsequent and three felony counts of possession of narcotic drug-subsequent (methamphetamine, fentanyl, and cocaine) on Jan. 15, March 19, and April 1, in Franklin.

Felonious Sexual Assault in Dunbarton

Clint M. Middlemiss, 51, of Main Street in Manchester, on three felony counts of aggravated felonious sexual assault. He was accused of raping and sexually assaulting a girl between Jan. 1, 2000, and Dec. 31, 2002, in Dunbarton for a period of

more than two months but not more than five years. Middlemiss is a sex offender due to a 2002 conviction.

Franklin woman Possession of Fentanyl

Ashley Brickley, 28, of Terrace Road, Franklin, on operating as a habitual offender and possession of fentanyl charges, both felonies. She was accused of possessing the drug and driving a Nissan Murano on Hodgdon Road in Northfield on March 23 after being deemed a habitual offender by the NH DMV.

Weare man Arrested on Warrant

Robert Donnelly, born in 1985, of Weare, was arrested at 1:31 a.m. on July 7, 2026, on a warrant after an incident or investigation at Cumberland Farms at 47 Fisherville Road.

Franklin woman Habitual Offender

Lisa Lundstrom, 48, of Daniell Street in Franklin, on a felony count of motor vehicles; penalties. She was accused of driving on King Street in Boscawen on Dec. 14, 2025, after being deemed a habitual offender by the NH DMV.

Andover woman for Criminal Trespass

Valerie E. Fredette, born in 1984, of Andover, was arrested at 8:53 a.m. on Aug. 6, 2026, on criminal trespass and breach of bail charges. She was arrested after an investigation or incident at the Speedway Convenience Store, 175 N. Main Street.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Sharon Rose Otterson

Washington - Sharon Otterson of Washington passed away peacefully in her home on August 1st 2026. Sharon grew up and spent her childhood and teenage years in Newport NH before attending Keene State College to get a degree in teaching. In her career she was a teacher and principal across multiple elementary schools in New Hampshire. Outside of work Sharon found joy in gardening, baking and sewing. Nicknamed Roxy by some. Sharon is survived by her children Kris and Katie, her grandchildren Dalton, Ryan, and Alex. She is proceeded in death by her husband George who passed back in September of 2025.



Leif Hansen

New Boston - Leif Hansen of New Boston passed away in his sleep in November. Leif was predeceased by his mother, Cynthia Bridges, and stepfather, Butch Biron. Leif is survived by his father and stepmother, Skip Hansen and Viki VanValen; his twin daughters, Ava and Skye Hansen; his younger brother, Zac Biron; and grandmother, Barbara Bridges.



Beverly Joan Morse

Hillsboro - Beverly Joan Morse, age 90, of Hillsboro NH passed away peacefully at the Merrimack County Nursing Home on July 31. She was predeceased by her parents John and Janice McGregor, her former husband George (Frank) Morse and sons Gary and Jeffery. She was survived by her brother John (Jack) Mcgregor and wife Beverly, her son Michael and wife Donna, daughter in law Beverly A. Morse, grandson Jaccob and cousins, nieces and nephews. She



will be buried in the new Henniker cemetery with a private family service.

Sean Patrick O'Connor

Washington - Sean Patrick O'Connor, 55, of Washington passed away on August 8th after a sudden illness. Sean was born in Cambridge, MA on October 19th 1970, son of Joann O'Connor. Sean is survived by his wife Christine Drane, son Jared and Zachary. Sister-in law Carlotta Girouard, John Girouard, nephew Eli Girouard. Brother & sister in-law Steve and Cindy Drane, nieces, Rory & Victoria. Sister-in-law, Laura Drane. He is survived by numerous cousins, second cousins and extended family throughout MA. A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, August 24, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at The Barn at Bull Meadow, located at 63 Bog Road, Concord, NH. A ceremony will be held from 12:30-1:30 and family, friends, and colleagues are invited to gather, share stories, and honor a man whose life was a masterclass in devotion, passion, and unconditional love. In addition to any stories, pictures or comments written on the funeral website, it is asked that anyone who knew Sean, as a child and young man, would communicate with Jared, his son. Jared is working to complete a book about his father's childhood and has a list of questions that he would like to ask those who knew his father. Any communication would be greatly appreciated. Please reach out to Jared O'Connor at joconnor2004@gmail.com and write in the subject of email "Sean OConnor information." In lieu of flowers, please donate to an animal rescue of your choice or Animal Rescue League NH, 545 Route 101, Bedford, NH 03110 info@rescueleague.org.



Crystal Marie Foster (Davison)

Henniker - Crystal Marie Foster (Davison), 43, of Charles-town, passed away peacefully on August 15, 2026. Born on August 20, 1982, Crystal was born and raised in Henniker,



NH, where she spent most of her life and remained deeply connected to the people and community she loved. Crystal was a devoted mother to Jacob and Elena Miles and a loving wife to Spencer Foster. She was the beloved daughter of Nancy and Mo Davison and cherished sister to Sara Nichols, Becky Davison, and Anne Davison. She was also a treasured aunt to her many nieces and nephews, who were lucky to know her love, her generosity, and her unmistakable spirit. Service will be held Sun., Aug. 23, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Henniker Congregational Church, Route 114, Henniker, NH. Reception to follow at the Henniker Community Center.

William Skoog

Franklin - William James "Billy" Skoog, of Franklin, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully on August 8, 2026, surrounded by family. Billy was born on June 15, 1959, in Brooklyn, New York. He lived his early years in New Jersey before moving to New Hampshire in 1969. For nearly 50 years, his heart belonged to his first love, Davida Skoog, of Andover. After a lifetime of shared memories, she remained by his side until his time came. Billy is also survived by their four children and their spouses: daughter Shannon and Jason Carter, son Daniel Skoog, son Nathaniel and Merri Skoog, and daughter Patience Taylor; his siblings, Elizabeth Skoog and Donald Smith, and Robert and Jane Skoog; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and countless nieces and nephews. His parents, Eleanor Legge and Harry Skoog, and brother, Stephen Skoog preceded him. As he always wished, there will be a party in his honor at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Franklin VNA & Hospice, 75 Chestnut St., Franklin, NH 03234.



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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!

THE FLAMES: 6:00-9:00pm, Newport Town Common. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family, and friends - these nights are all about great music and great community. Free & open

to the public - weather permitting.

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

ZENFLOWER: 6-9pm. Newport Town Common. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family, and friends - these nights are all about great music and great community. Free & open to the public - weather permitting.

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LOONS: Presentation by the Loon Preservation Committee 5:30-7pm. Join the folks from Tracy Library as we welcome representatives from the Loon Preservation Committee to learn more about loons in our region. Visit the Ausbon Sargent events page to sign up through the link provided.

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.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1

HENNIKER CONCERT: Nick's Other Band will perform rock and soul music at the gazebo from 6-8pm. Sponsor: Henniker Family Dentistry. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Community Center.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8

HENNIKER CONCERT: Dave Gerard and Truffle will perform a variety of soul and rock music at the gazebo in Henniker from 6-8pm. Sponsor: Lockes Promise. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Community Center.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9

SKYWATCH: with the NH Astronomical Society, 7:30-9pm. Join us at the Cassey Brook Preserve in Wilmot for a new moon sky watch. All equipment provided. Registration kheath@ausbonsargent.org.

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DEERING PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 that the Deering Planning Board will review the following submitted application(s) for completeness on **September 9, 2026, at a meeting beginning at 6:30 PM at the Deering Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road, Deering, NH.** If the application(s) are accepted as complete by the Board, a public hearing will follow immediately after. Applications continued to a subsequent meeting will not be re-noticed.

The following application(s) have been submitted for review and public hearing by the Planning Board:

Watershed Overlay Conditional Use Permit Application. Ryan Desainde. Map 222, Lot 3 and Fisher Road, in the Agricultural/Residential Zoning District and the Watershed Overlay District. The applicant is seeking to remove stumps and conduct site work for a driveway and potential house location.

The agenda for the meeting will be posted per RSA 91-A:2. Refer to the agenda for a listing of other items before the Board, including applications and public hearings that were continued from previous meetings which may be heard prior to the above applications.

Copies of the Planning Board applications and associated materials are available for review at Deering Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road, during normal **business hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.** Material is also available online at <https://www.deering.nh.us/planning-board>. Phone (603) 464-3248.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS HEARING NOTICE

Be advised that you are hereby notified of a hearing of the Zoning Board on **Wednesday, August 26, 2026**, at 7:00 pm at the Washington Town Hall. Gerald Lane will seek approval for a variance for the property at 2005 Valley Road, Tax Map 25, Lot 86. The variance application to reduce the side setback to 14 feet will be considered by the ZBA. This meeting is open to the public for discussion or concerns.



Town of Hillsborough NH

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Case No 2026-12

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 & 675:7 that the Hillsborough Planning Board will hold a public hearing for a Change of Use Home Business at 23 Gibson Road (Map 11J Lot 395) owned by Brandon Montplaisir. The application is for a Change of Use Home Business for the business office of Monty's Waste Management and to park empty trucks on the property. The property is located in the Residential Zone. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, **September 2, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Offices, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

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 robbyn@hillsboronh.net

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The following application(s) have been submitted for review and public hearing by the Planning Board:

Site Plan Application. Stephen Holdner/Brandon Montplaisir/Bed, Back, and Begone, LLC: Map 208, Lot 10, and 38 Longwoods Road in the Agricultural/Residential Zoning District. The applicant is seeking approval to convert an existing industrial garage to an industrial mattress processing facility.

The agenda for the meeting will be posted per RSA 91-A:2. Refer to the agenda for a listing of other items before the Board, including applications and public hearings that were continued from previous meetings which may be heard prior to the above applications.

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TOWN OF WASHINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE: The Select Board of the Town of Washington NH will conduct a public hearing on **Thursday, September 3, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m., at Washington Town Hall, 7 Halfmoon Pond Rd., Washington NH 03280, regarding proposed amendments to one Town ordinance.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input on proposed amendment to the following Town ordinance:

- 1 The Town Ordinance governing Operation of Off Highway Utility Vehicles ("OHRVs") to update the Ordinance to confirm to current New Hampshire statutory definitions pertaining to OHRVs. **THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT DOES NOT ALTER CURRENT ALLOWED USE OF OHRVS.**

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The following application(s) have been submitted for review and public hearing by the Planning Board:

Watershed Conditional Use Permit Application. Kathryn Melton. Map 235 Lot 23, and 762 Deering Center Road, within the Watershed Overlay District. The applicant seeks to build a shed on the site.

The agenda for the meeting will be posted per RSA 91-A:2. Refer to the agenda for a listing of other items before the Board, including applications and public hearings that were continued from previous meetings which may be heard prior to the above applications.

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