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Here are the high schools in
New Hampshire, along with their
U.S. News & World Report rankings:

2. Sunapee
4. Hopkinton
6. Bow
11. Goffstown
33. ConVal
37. Hillsboro-Deering
38. Kearsarge
61. John Stark
73. Newport
75. Franklin

This week in history

AUGUST 28, 1774

Saint Elizabeth Ann Bayley is born

AUGUST 29, 1911

Ishi is discovered in California

AUGUST 30, 1979

SOLWIND discovers the first comet from space

AUGUST 31, 1888

Jack the Ripper claims first victim

SEPTEMBER 1, 1969

Muammar al-Qaddafi leads coup in Libya

SEPTEMBER 2, 31BC

Antony & Cleopatra defeated at Battle
of Actium

SEPTEMBER 3, 1995

eBay is founded



Saying farewell to Cathy Strausbaugh (center, front row) after twelve years in the New Boston Town Clerk's office.

Hillsboro-Deering welcomes new Principal and Special Education Coordinator

SAU 34 welcomes Hillsboro-Deering High School Principal Becky Khan and Hillsboro-Deering High School Special Education Coordinator Amy Dressler.

Ms. Becky Khan began her educational journey over 20 years ago as a classroom teacher, helping students unlock their potential and build confidence through high school mathematics.

She transitioned into school administration to make a broader systemic impact as an advocate for students.

She has served as a high school principal



Becky Khan



Amy Dressler

and assistant principal in both Rhode Island and New Hampshire. Becky has spent her career listening to families, mentoring teachers, and turning schools into vibrant

hubs of community pride and academic joy.

Ms. Amy Dressler has over 20 years experience working with students from the kindergarten level through age 21. Amy has served as a Special Education Teacher and Case Manager, as well as a Special Education Administrator at both the school and district levels. She is well versed in both state and federal Special Education law, and has experience developing and maintaining programs that support students' individual needs, while remaining compliant with Department of Education regulations.

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Yesteryear

Local history as reported in The Messenger

August 29, 2005

Hopkinton Police & Fire dispatched to 2nd accident responding to 1st
Hillsborough man arrested on 10 felony counts
Trial of Kearsarge suit delayed as parties seek a settlement
Hillsborough working to clean up two Brownfield sites

August 30, 2024

New Boston Fire Station groundbreaking ceremony
New London Select Board rejects Buker as future police facility
Scott Hilliard moving on - Andover seeks new Town Administrator
Newbury Select Board approves building new Fire Museum

September 1, 2023

Perpetrator of Bennington & Sunapee felonies recaptured
Goffstown shots through window under investigation
National Guard officer from Weare to be court-martialed
ConVal begins to study feasibility of reconfiguring its 11 schools

September 2, 2022

Dispute between Weare neighbors returns to Superior Court
Thieves use a blowtorch at Dunbarton's Page's Country Store
Justin Hyland named ConVal's first School Resource Officer
Hillsborough's "Long Term Projects" continue to languish

September 3, 2021

Deering told "Cease & Desist"
Weare delays Neal Kurt's confirmation
Goffstown man arrested for shooting girlfriend
Newbury turns out for Fire Station dedication

September 4, 2020

Fall Foliage Festival goes virtual
Decomposed body found in Henniker river
Geese becoming a nuisance at Norway Pond
Goffstown firefighter died at Fire Academy

September 6, 2019

Antrim man indicted for child pornography
Hopkinton schools limiting cell phone use
Warner Men's Club forum on school funding
Rebirth of Friends of Tucker Free Library

September 7, 2018

Tilton officer's credibility challenged
Two Hillsborough men arrested for felony
Hancock woman given 2-year sentence
Goffstown couple arrested at burglary

September 8, 2017

Confederate flag to remain at Epsom School
New Boston Fire Dept inducts Hailey Gelinas
Nevada man donates Francestown store
Franklin Opera House features new curtain

September 2, 2016

New Boston First Responders save two lives
Price of H-D Alternative School \$973,500
Entire Tilton Zoning Board resigns
What kind of person steals flamingos?

Andover abutter seeks ownership of portions of the Rail Trail

The saga of the disputed section of the Northern Rail Trail in Andover continues, with landowner Leonard Caron asking the courts to give him ownership of parts of the mile-long section or at least allow him to cross it as needed with gravel-hauling equipment, using a railroad bridge over the Blackwater River. The request comes in Caron's response to a civil lawsuit that was filed in July by the Department of Transportation. That suit led to the removal of concrete barriers Caron had placed to block access to the popular trail, an action that drew widespread attention.

In his response, Caron is seeking unspecified damages partly because equipment at his gravel operation adjoining the trail has been vandalized, Caron said, and because the state has been "allowing people to stray off the trail, allowing debris to fall onto the railroad bed, and allowing people to snowmobile, ride ATVs and electronic bicycles at excessive

speeds and in the dark on the railroad bed and thereby causing dangerous and hazardous conditions" to him and his employees.

The response was filed in Merrimack Superior Court earlier this month. It asks for a jury trial.

Legal documents in the case go into many pages of detail over ownership and use of the long narrow strip land, dating back to the creation of the Northern Railroad in 1845, through the beginning of the end of commercial railroading in the 1970s and onto the state's obtaining control.

Court documents detail how Caron has long been using or trying to use the trail and railroad bridge to access property which he bought starting in 1994, including 184 acres that contains the Dodge Gravel Pit where he now operates. Among those efforts: In 2004, the state says Caron asked about getting a lease, rather than a temporary use permit, for crossing the land with equipment but the matter



was not followed up, and in 2013, he sought permission to haul gravel "parallel to the track" and over the railroad bridge. That was rejected as being "incompatible" with people hiking and biking on the rail trail and creating a safety concern, partly due to the effect of heavy equipment on the bridge. In late 2024 Caron asked the Department of Transportation, which owns rail trails in the state, for a temporary use agreement to cross the railroad bridge to access his gravel property but

was denied for the same reason as in 2013. The state alleges that he nonetheless kept driving equipment "along the route NHDOT had rejected, including the railroad bridge."

Matters heated up in early 2026 when "a Forest Ranger from DNCR observed tire tracks in the snow on the railroad bridge which led him to believe that Defendant was hauling gravel over the bridge. DNCR also observed that Defendant cut chains" placed to block the bridge. They alleged

his machinery has damaged the bridge and the rail trail itself.

A cease-and-desist order was delivered to Caron in March of this year, spurring more legal discussion, culminating in Caron placing concrete barriers to block off a mile of the trail over Memorial Day weekend. The state sued Caron in early July and the section was reopened July 10 after the two sides reached a temporary agreement allowing Caron partial use of the property on certain days.

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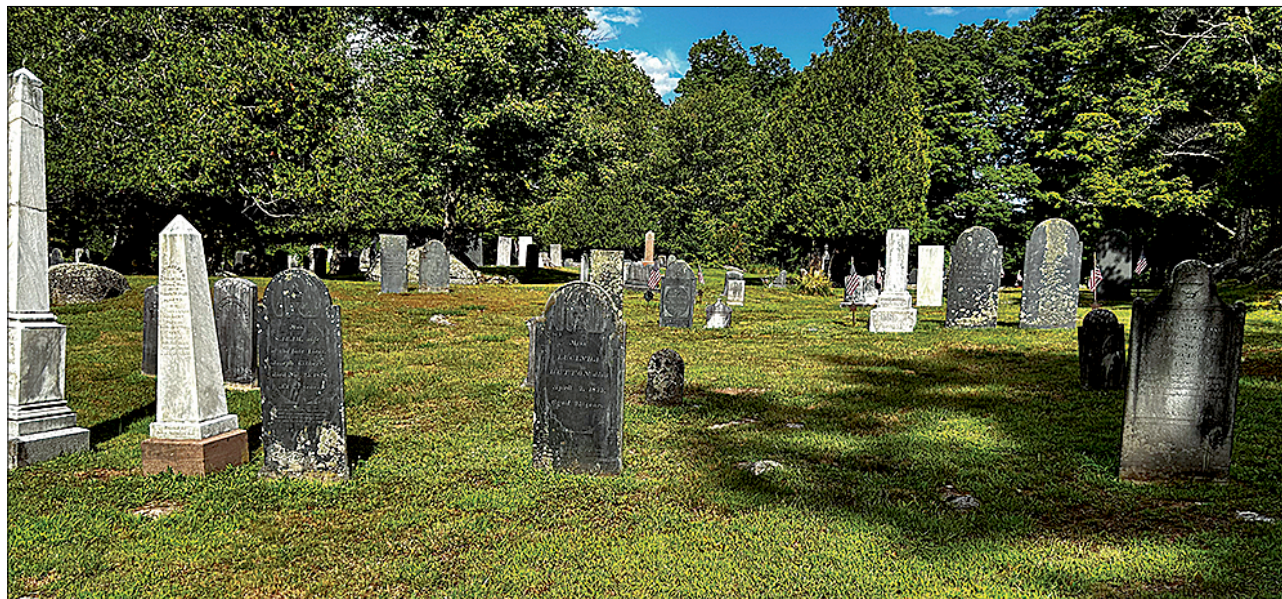
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 Around Our Towns



A huge thank you to Tom McClure and Tom Butler for their hours of restoring over 100 headstones at the cemetery in Hillsborough Center.



History Alive hosted another fantastic weekend of programs at Kemp Park and Jones Road.



The Town of Hancock celebrated Old Home Day last Saturday.

Austin Cottle announces his candidacy for NH House of Representatives

Representing Hillsborough District 30



Austin Cottle

My name is Austin Cottle, and I am running to represent District 30 as your State Representative.

I am an organic farmer and tulip/flower grower, and I take great pride in working the land. I grew up in Antrim, where I learned the importance of faith, community, hard work, and

looking out for our neighbors. My parents instilled in me my work ethics & my strong moral base.

My father served in the 82nd Airborne, and he taught me to love our country and to respect and honor those who have sacrificed to protect our freedoms. His example shaped my commitment to service, self-reliance, and personal responsibility.

I believe we have a responsibility to be good stewards of the land and to protect the communi-

ties we call home.

As your State Representative, I will focus on supporting our seniors, working to reduce the burden of property taxes, and ad-

vancing common-sense policies that benefit families, farmers, businesses, and communities across District 30.

I believe government works

best when it listens to the people it serves and focuses on practical solutions. I would be honored to earn your support and serve the people of District 30.



Timothy Petrakos is proud to announce the opening of Pizza Peddler at 335 West Main Street in Hillsborough.



Republican candidates for NH House District 30, L-R, Austin Cottle, Larry Baker and Tim Morehouse met with the Hillsborough Select Board. It was the first stop on their tour of area Select Boards to gain insight into how state laws and funding effect local communities.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Researchers analyzing the health records of Welsh older adults discovered that those who received the shingles vaccine were 20% less likely to develop dementia over the next seven years than those who did not receive the vaccine. The remarkable findings, published in Nature, support an emerging theory that viruses that affect the nervous system can increase the risk of dementia. If further confirmed, the new findings suggest that a preventive intervention for dementia is already close at hand. In a follow-up study the researchers found that the vaccine may also benefit those already diagnosed with dementia by slowing the progress of the disease. Shingles, a viral infection that produces a painful rash, is caused by the same virus that causes chicken pox — varicella-zoster. After people contract chicken pox, usually in childhood, the virus stays dormant in the nerve cells for life. In people who are older or have weakened immune systems, the dormant virus can reactivate and cause shingles. Dementia affects more than 55 million people worldwide, with an estimated 10 million new cases every year.

A new study from the Canadian Study of Adolescent Behaviors reveals that adolescents and young adults who use pre-workout dietary supplements, such as Bang!, Jack3D, and C4, are significantly more likely to report dangerously short sleep durations. The recommended amount of sleep for this age group is eight hours per night. Pre-workout supplements, which often contain high levels of caffeine and stimulant-like ingredients, have become increasingly popular among teenagers and young adults seeking to improve exercise performance and boost energy. Researchers found that those who used pre-workout supplements in the past year were more than twice as likely to report sleeping five hours or less per night compared to those who didn't take pre-workout supplements. Sleep guidelines recommend that adolescents get 8-10 hours of sleep per night and young adults get 7-9 hours.

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WAYS TO STOP GUM DISEASE: PART I



Dr. Esin Narli

A survey reported in the Journal of the American Dental Association found that a majority of adults have gingivitis, the first sign of periodontal disease and the major reason adults lose their teeth. Gingivitis is simply inflammation of the gums. The gums' usual pale pink color turns bluish red. The tender gums swell between the teeth and bleed easily, especially during toothbrushing.

Caused by plaque and tartar above and below the gumline, gingivitis, if left unchecked, can lead to periodontitis, in which pus collects in deep pockets of the gum, teeth become sensitive to pressure, loosen, and fall out. Research also suggests gum disease can boost the risk for other serious health conditions, including heart disease, stroke, diabetes, respiratory infections and premature birth. But don't despair. Dentists have much to offer that will keep the false teeth away.

Brush Right

You can help prevent gum disease by brushing twice a day and cleaning once a day between the teeth with floss or an interdental cleaner, says the American Dental Association. Block out 3 to 5 minutes two or three times a day for good oral hygiene.

Brush At The Gumline

The plaque-catching area around the gumline is where gingivitis starts, and it is the most neglected area when we brush. Place your brush at a 45-degree angle to your teeth so that half of your brush cleans your gums while the other half cleans your teeth. Then shimmy your brush by moving it in a forward and backward motion.

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The Scouting Way



BSA Troop 529 had a wonderful summer camp at Camp Wanocksett in Dublin. Scouts earned a variety of merit badges, including Camping, Wilderness Survival, Aviation, Pottery, Astronomy, and Space Exploration, and they strengthened their teamwork through patrol challenges.



Antrim's Boy Scout Troop 2 explored Washington, D.C., visited the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum, the Washington Monument, Arlington National Cemetery, witnessed the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, toured Arlington House, stopped at the Iwo Jima Memorial, and more, including catching a glimpse of the White House.

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Driver arrested following pursuit on Interstate 89 in Warner

An Epsom woman was arrested on multiple charges following a pursuit that ended in a standoff in Warner.

At 8:36 a.m., Saturday, August 22, 2026, State Troopers assigned to the Troop D barracks learned that the driver of a vehicle had fled from members of the Lebanon Police Department after they attempted to conduct a traffic stop. A pursuit ensued.

Lebanon Police discontinued their pursuit as the vehicle, identified as a gray 2011 Jeep

Grand Cherokee, traveled south on Interstate 89. Shortly after, a Grantham police officer located the vehicle and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The driver again refused to stop, leading to another pursuit on I-89 southbound.

Troopers joined the pursuit shortly after. Troopers and officers ultimately deployed tire deflation devices, deflating at least one of the Jeep's tires. The driver eventually stopped near Exit 9 in Warner, but refused to get out of

the vehicle. I-89 was then temporarily shut down while Troopers and officers worked to resolve the incident.

The driver was identified as Dawn Marquis, 55, of Epsom. Troopers and officers attempted to communicate with her and encouraged her to surrender peacefully. After she refused again to exit the vehicle, members of the State Police Crisis Negotiation Unit were requested to assist.

Marquis eventually exited her vehicle but continued to resist efforts to take her into custody. A State Police K-9 was deployed. Marquis was taken into custody. She was transported to an area hospital for evaluation.

Marquis was arrested on multiple charges, including felony reckless conduct with a deadly weapon, misdemeanor counts of disobeying an officer and resisting arrest, and violations of

reckless operation and operating without a valid driver's license.

A judge ordered Marquis held without bail. According to the New Hampshire State Police, she was scheduled for arraignment in Hillsborough District Court on August 24, 2026.

Troopers were assisted by members of the Grantham and Hopkinton police departments, as well as the Warner and Hopkinton fire departments.



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In Service to Others



Washington Librarian Donna Stone joined Harmony Lodge Treasurer Larry Gaskell in presenting new bicycles and helmets to Haden Gerano (L) and Brayden Treadwell (R) as winners of the Mason's Bikes For Books promotion at the Shedd Free Library's Summer Reading Program.



Henniker Librarian Erin Morgan and Harmony Lodge's Steven Dillon presented a new bicycle and helmet to Josiah Kringe, a winner in the Mason's Bikes for Books promotion at the Tucker Free Library's Summer Reading Program. The other winner, Bryn Godfrey, was unavailable for the photo.

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Hillsboro elderly man pleads guilty to Cruelty to Wild Animals

On June 13th, 2026, a Conservation Officer received a report from an officer with the Hillsboro Police Department of a man on Bog Road who was intentionally running over Painted Turtles with his side-by-side Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV).

Between the dates of June 6th and June 12th, 15 Painted Turtles were found deceased on Bog Road; all of which had appeared to be run over. On the evening of Saturday, June 12th, a witness observed a man stop his

UTV, exit the vehicle, and pick up a Painted Turtle on the side of the road that was in the process of nesting. The man proceeded to place the turtle in the middle of the road and forcefully step on it with his foot.

The man then drove off. At this point, the witness went over to the turtle which had a severely damaged shell. The turtle was still alive and was transported to New Hampshire Turtle Rescue in Nottingham, to be treated for its injuries.

On June 17th, 2026, Conservation Officers set up surveillance in the Bog Road area of Hillsboro and witnessed an individual matching the reported individual commit the same acts that were reported from witnesses.

The suspect was identified as 78 year-old Charles Puccio of

Hillsboro.

On Tuesday, August 18th, Puccio plead guilty and was convicted of misdemeanor level Cruelty to Wild Animals, Fish, or Wild Birds and two violation level offenses consisting of taking a species of indigenous turtle species during the closed season, and

the unlawful method of taking a reptile.

As of August 19th, the turtle that was injured in this case was still at New Hampshire Turtle Rescue going through rehabilitation. The turtle is expected to make a full recovery and will be released in the spring of 2027.



Over 70 people gathered for a community supper hosted by and held at the "At The Cross" Church, historically known as the "Old Stone Church."

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



By: Joyce Bosse

You meet the requirements for a partial exclusion if any of the following events occurred during your time of ownership and residence in the home.

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- You had no previous work location and you began a new job at least 50 miles from the home.
- Either of the above is true of your spouse, a co-owner of the home, or anyone else for whom the home was their residence.

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- You moved to obtain or provide medical or personal care for a family member suffering from a disease, illness, or injury. A family member includes your parent, grandparent, stepmother, stepfather; child (including adopted child, eligible foster child, and stepchild), grandchild; brother, sister, stepsibling; mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law; and uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.
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- The above is true of your spouse, a co-owner of the home, or anyone else for whom the home was their residence.

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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:

No Tax complaints in New Hampshire.

USA society is mobile. 24% of NH residents want to move out of state in the next five years. Wow, one in four people want to leave NH. Hold your comments please, 45% of Massachusetts residents and 37% of Vermont residents want to move out of state in the next five years. What are the top reasons given.

The #1 reason is tax burden for MA and VT. Taxes and tax burden are not mentioned by NH residents for moving.

The #2 reason is lower cost of living. New England is not cheap. The northeast corridor is more expensive than other regions of the country. Lower cost of living was #1 for NH residents while tax burden does not figure into the decision.

Quality of life is #3.

Warmer climates beckon people south. Out of the six New England States, New Hampshire has the lowest cost of living. MA, ME, and CT have the highest cost of living (in that order). Census data tells the truth.

New Hampshire enjoys the lowest tax burden in the USA. We share this distinction with Alaska - #50.

Our overall tax burden is 10% of income. How do the other New England states fare on tax burden?

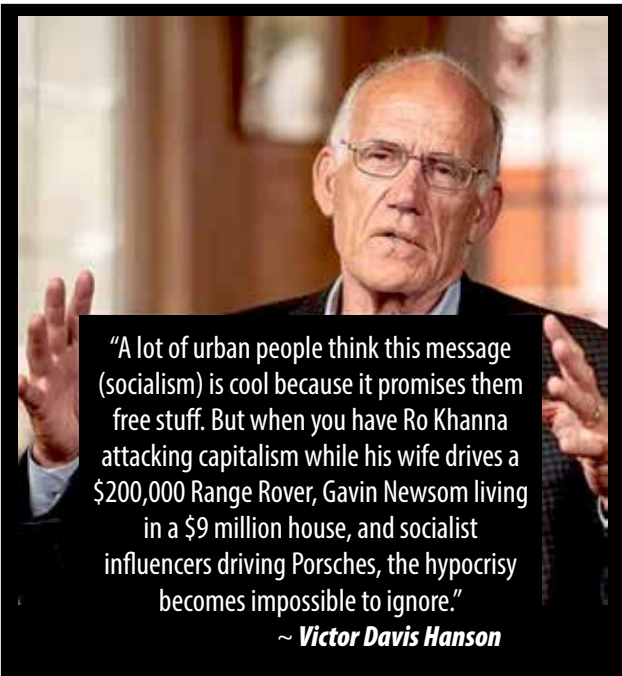
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Pan-Mass Challenge

The Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) brought together over 6,000 cyclists and 4,000 volunteers on August 1-2 to raise money for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Participants from local communities were among those helping support the PMC's mission to fund lifesaving cancer research and treatment. Local Participants Included:

Kathy Carlson of Goffstown
Bill Estes of New London
Matt Wilson of Dunbarton
Martha Wilson of Dunbarton
Kathryn Jenkins of Goffstown

College of the Holy Cross Dean's List

Paul Badau of Hopkinton
Joshua-Stephen Bissah of New London
Charles Hutchings of Hancock
Ryan Metzger of Hopkinton
Caroline Michaud of Dunbarton

Tufts University Dean's List

Max Aframe, Class of 2026, of Contoocook

Noah Aframe, Class of 2029, of Contoocook
Juliet Chehade, Class of 2026, of Hopkinton
Will Chehade, Class of 2029, of Contoocook
Harry Foster-Merrill, Class of 2029, of Newbury
Adelaide Meehan, Class of 2028, of Henniker

Vermont State University Graduates

Stephanie Drew, of Hillsborough, earned an Associate of Science in Nursing.
Tiffany Kagel, of New Boston, earned a Bachelor of Science in Health Science.
Chad Martin, of Henniker, earned a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science.

Emmanuel College Dean's List

Aida Davis of Peterborough
Lillian Owen of Hopkinton
Emily Pirone of Warner
Cassidy Follansbee of Hopkinton
Tracy Rowan of New Boston

Other Colleges & Universities

Claire Elyse Chimienti, a sophomore history major at

Dickinson College, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2026 semester. A graduate of Bishop Brady High School, she is the daughter of Jason and Sonia Chimienti of Contoocook.

Natalie Preble, a class of 2027 Muhlenberg College physics and mathematics double major from Antrim, was recently awarded a prestigious Rossing Physics Scholarship. She is one of only three students across 28 eligible institutions to receive the full \$10,000 award.

Sophia Perron, a member of the class of 2028 majoring in Environmental Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed a professional-level research-driven project titled Automation of Methodologies for Archival Processing.

Hailey Brisson of Weare was named to the Simmons University Dean's List.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Allison “Allie” Paul Mock

Warner - Allison "Allie" Paul Mock, 91, of Denny Hill Road, passed away on Friday, August 14, 2026 leaving a deep-rooted legacy in the community and surrounding towns he loved so well. He was born in Concord, on October 15, 1934 the oldest son of Paul and Winifred (Kimball) Mock. His wife of 70 years, Gloria A. (Guimond) Mock, passed away in July 2025.

He is survived by two daughters, Teresa Ann Mock of Sarasota, FL and Tammy Alison Mock of Warner, NH to carry on the legacy of an older generation; two brothers, Henry Pearson Mock of the Mt. Washington Valley and John William Mock of Bradford, NH; nephews, a niece and cousins. A graveside service will be held on September 26, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in New Waterloo Cemetery, Warner, NH with a celebration of life reception to follow at the Warner Town Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to Kearsarge Trail Snails, Inc., P.O. Box 97, Warner, NH 03278, Warner Volunteer Fire Department, 148 West Main Street, Warner, NH 03278, The First Congregational Church, 1013 Long Street, Webster, NH 03303 or to the charity of one's choice.

Andrew Vaiciulis

Antrim - Andrew Vaiciulis, 69, of Antrim passed away after a brief period of declining health on Sunday, August 16, 2026 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon. He was born a son to the late Leo Vaiciulis and Gertrude (Poplis) on January 13, 1957, in Manchester, CT. Andrew is survived by his sister, Eileen Vaiciulis of Antrim.

Chandis Gibson

Dunbarton - Chandis Lloyd Gibson, born in Stark, NH on May 23rd, 1930, passed away peacefully at his home on



August 9th, 2026, at the age of 96 years old. Chandis leaves behind his wife of 68 years, Marion E. Gibson; his daughters, Linda, Sherrie, Terri and George and Susie from a previous marriage. Also his beloved ten grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents, Robert and Maude Henry, Leatha, Opal, Mildred, Kenneth, George G. Gibson. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Family and friends will be notified. Arrangements have been made.

Benjamin Alan Watson

Peterborough - Benjamin Alan Watson died on August 15, 2026, after a courageous battle with incurable cancer. He was 64. He leaves behind his loving sisters, Debbie and Cynthia, and a family that extended far beyond blood; a vast and loving community in the Monadnock Region and around the world. A celebration of life for Ben took place on August 23, 2026 at Mayfair Farm in Harrisville NH.



Hillsboro - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of George A Lamothe, who left us on August 2, 2026. Born on September 17, 1956, in Littleton, NH, and raised in Hillsboro, NH. George was the son of the late Robert Lamothe and Shirley (Perrier) Hare. He was also predeceased by his stepfather, Douglas Hare, his stepmother, Carol (Heath) Lamothe, his brothers John and Gary Lamothe and his stepson, Sean Magoon

Jr. Though he has joined them, George's legacy continues through the lives he touched and the family he adored. He is survived by his loving wife, Judy (Cole) Lamothe, with whom he shared 38 years. Together they built a happy life for their blended family, filled with love and laughter. George was a proud father to his daughter, Mandy Rajaniemi and her fiancé, Willie Reekes and a devoted stepfather to Timothy (Sarah) and Scott (Kasey) Nalette. His grandsons, Brett (Katrina) and Zachary Rajaniemi and his great-grandsons, Xavier and Zander Rajaniemi, who will follow his spirit and values. His presence will be deeply missed by his sister, PJ (Jean) his brother James Lamothe and step siblings, Sharon (Mark) Vorhees, Terri (Guy) Hemenway and Korey O'Neil. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. His spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Frederick “Dan” Paro, Jr.

Hancock - Frederick Daniel Paro, Jr., 71, passed away peacefully at home after battling a brief illness. Born in Nashua, NH, he lived in Greenfield, NH until moving to Hancock, NH. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his daughters, Sara (Ben) Hardwick and Jessica Paro; his grandchildren, Hannah, Hailey, Hunter, Hazel and Holden Hardwick; his sister, Catherine (Clifford) Shaw and several nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held at Greenvale Cemetery on September 18th at 10:00 a.m., followed immediately by a celebration of life at the Greenfield, NH Meeting House. Casual Attire (Tie-Dye, Tropical Shirts, etc.) is encouraged.



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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 will benefit the Antrim Bennington Food Pantry Expansion.
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 Living-son'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.
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SKYWATCH: with the NH Astronomical Society, 7:30-9pm. Join us at the Cassey Brook Preserve in Wilnot for a new moon sky watch. All equipment provided. Registration kheath@ausbonsargent.org.
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10
TASTY THURSDAY: Free community dinner, 5pm at Smith Memorial Church. This month the menu is three different casseroles - macaroni and cheese, Shepherd's pie,

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11
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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17
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