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An Outstanding Volunteer



New Boston Recreation was finally able to present and recognize Laura Bernard for all of her achievements with the Fourth of July Association

and all that she has done for New Boston.



Community Service Award

Congratulations to retired New London Fire Chief Jay Lyon, recipient of Colby-Sawyer's 2026 Community Award! Thank you for your years of service, leadership and dedication to our community.

This week in history

SEPTEMBER 4, 1886

Geronimo surrenders

SEPTEMBER 5, 1836

Sam Houston elected president of Texas

SEPTEMBER 6, 1776

USS Turtle first submarine used in combat

SEPTEMBER 7, 1979

ESPN Launches

SEPTEMBER 8, 1986

The Oprah Winfrey Show goes national

SEPTEMBER 9, 1850

California becomes the 31st state

SEPTEMBER 10, 1931

Crime boss Salvatore Maranzano is murdered



Antrim Fire responded to a vehicle that was fully involved upon arrival with building exposures. Eversource checked the overhead utility wires due to heat exposure. The fire was quickly extinguished.

Antrim woman injured falling down flight of stairs

Antrim Ambulance was dispatched to a report of a female who had fallen down a flight of stairs and sustained a traumatic head injury. Due to the severity of the injury with loss of consciousness, DHART helicopter was requested. Antrim Engine 1 secured

the landing zone at Shea Field, with the helicopter arriving on scene in 16 minutes.

Antrim Ambulance A2 stabilized the patient and transported them to the landing zone, where care was transferred to the DHART flight crew before the patient was

flown to a trauma center.

Antrim Ambulance, Antrim Fire, and Antrim PD all responded to the emergency. Special thanks go out to the dispatchers at Southwestern NH Fire Mutual Aid for their seamless assistance during this incident.

Man dies at Warner home after unreported motorcycle accident

A Belmont man was found dead at a home in Warner after police were called for medical assistance, officials said Friday.

Authorities said Charles McWilliams, 58, was involved in a motorcycle crash on Route 127 earlier on Friday in Salisbury and did not report the accident or seek

medical attention.

An autopsy determined that he died from injuries sustained in the crash, according to police.

Driver transported to hospital in single car rollover in Weare

Weare Fire and Ambulance were dispatched for a motor vehicle rollover in front of the safety complex at 144 North Stark Hwy.

Weare Ambulance 2 and Engine 5

responded and found a single vehicle on its roof upon arrival.

It was reported that the vehicle exited the road and collided with a tree, resulting in the rollover. A single occupant was

found inside, conscious, alert and talking.

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Yesteryear

Local history as reported in The Messenger

September 5, 2025
Injured hiker rescued at Miller State Park
Kearsarge Elementary principal resigns after misconduct allegations
Use Caution - Construction of the Route 202 roundabout has begun
Newport police arrest eight people in major drug bust

September 6, 2024
New London Select Board considering Academy Bldg. upgrades
Weare teen killed in single-car crash in New Boston
Morgan Summerton of Sunapee earns Girl Scout Gold Award
Henniker Police make two drug seizures in July

September 8, 2023
Boys who walked away from Camp Wediko found safe
Former Colby-Sawyer coach given 20 years for producing child porn
New Boston approves agreement between police & Space Force
Andy Sanborn accused of Fraud - Wife resigns Gaming Commission

September 9, 2022
Lesperance named Interim NEC President
One woman killed, three others injured in Peterborough crash
Fire Marshal believes ignited propane vapor caused Bradford fire
Father & son lost while hiking Antrim's Bald Mountain

September 10, 2021
Deering Board members criticize Patriotic Celebration
H-D School Board changes policy - mandates masks
Peterborough recovers \$594,000 from scam
Warner Select Board waives Planning Board conditions

September 11, 2020
Deceased Goffstown Firefighter remembered
Weare family attacked by wasps in Antrim
H-D schools order a lockdown as a precaution
Warner Historical Society features program on barns

September 13, 2019
Superintendent Lorraine Tacconi-Moore to retire
Convicted Warner felon faces several new charges
Plan NH Charrette recommendations released
Colby-Sawyer ranked in top 10 of area colleges

September 14, 2018
No injuries reported in Kearsarge school bus accident
Personnel decisions dominate Henniker meeting
Antrim-Bennington Lions Club hosts candidates
Bradford Police capture escaped fugitive

September 15, 2017
Hillsborough man killed, wife injured in Bow crash
Bradford man injured in Dix's Grant UTV crash
Driver killed in head-on at Antrim/Hillsborough line
Historic mural saved at New London 1941 building

September 9, 2016
Shane O'Keefe resigns as Newport Town Manager
Wayward orange flamingos returned to Weare
Tilton Selectmen delay purchase of police cruiser
Man pursued from Northfield to Concord

Meg Hagaman is prepared to be your next County Attorney

If you want safe neighborhoods, strong law enforcement, and a justice system that's tough where it should be, puts victims first, and is worthy of public trust, you should care about who serves as the next Merrimack County Attorney. As the county's chief criminal prosecutor, the role has a lasting impact.

The County Attorney must also be a good steward of taxpayer dollars and be able to manage a team of experienced attorneys, investigators, victim-witness advocates, and support staff.

That takes more than passion, good intentions, or political rhetoric. It requires a skilled prosecutor, proven leader, and experienced administrator. It matters how the County Attorney works with partners, engages the community, and trains prosecutors. And we need someone in that role with the experience of doing those very things while being collaborative, proactive, and level-headed.

I'm Meg Hagaman, and I'm running to be your next Merrimack County attorney because I

believe I fit the bill. I've worked in the trenches with heavy caseloads and delivered results, partnered with law enforcement on complex investigations like sexual assaults and murders, met victims where they are to help bring justice in

their cases, and I've managed teams of all sizes. I'm proven, and I'm prepared. As Merrimack County Attorney, I will do what I've always done over the course of my career — be firm, fair, and follow the facts, while building a

justice system you can trust.

Vote for Meg Hagaman in the Republican Primary on Tuesday, September 8.

Meg Hagaman is a Bow resident and a Republican candidate for Merrimack County Attorney.



Meg Hagaman.



New Boston Rescue responded to River Road for an overturned dump truck that had landed on its side near the riverbank, leaving the driver trapped inside. As of press time there was no report of his condition.



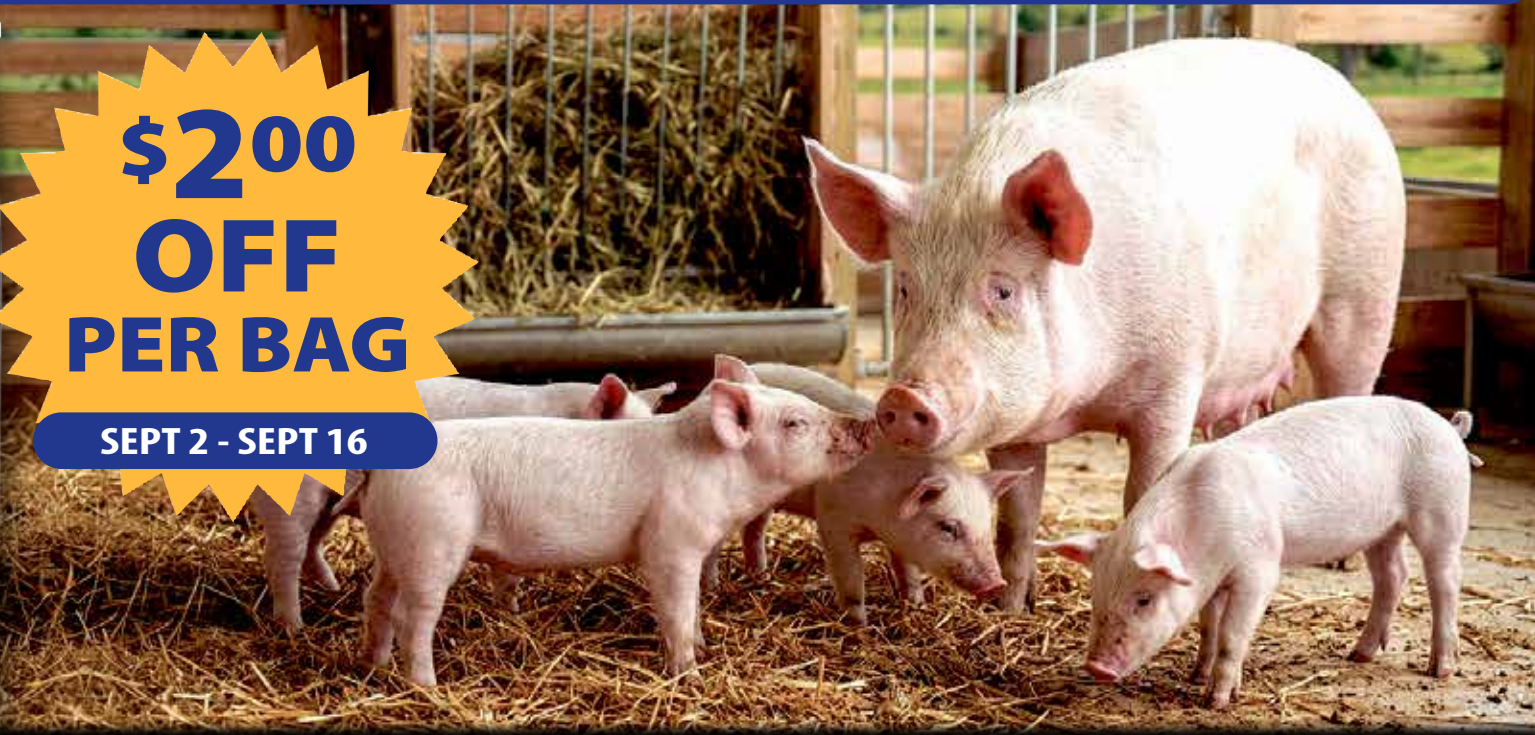
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Hometown Heroes



Congratulations to Hillsboro Officer Smith, pictured to the right of Chief Parsons, on successfully completing the 16-week New Hampshire Police Academy. Smith returns to Hillsboro PD for 16 weeks of field training before hitting the road on solo patrol.



The New Boston Police Department is celebrating Sergeant Matthew Sullivan for 10 incredible years of service. A graduate of the 171st class of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Academy, Sgt. Sullivan began his law enforcement career in New Boston, where he continues to serve the local community. He embodies the true spirit of a dedicated public servant.



Officer Courtney Mancini stands as Goffstown Police Department's newest graduate of the 203rd New Hampshire Police Academy.



Congratulations to Antrim Officer Morrigan Bernier for graduating the 203rd full-time NH Police Academy. Officer Bernier will begin her field training with the Antrim Police Department next week.

Bruce Gezelman announces his candidacy for State Legislature



Bruce Gezelman

Hello all, for those of you who don't know me I am Bruce Gezelman and I am running for the chance to represent District 8 in the state legislature.

I have a degree in Computer science along with a Masters in Education in Social Studies.

I worked for Stop and Shop for 38 plus years. A school substi-

tute teacher in Vernon Ct, along with head lacrosse coach and prior assistant coach at the Rockville high school.

I presently am the Head lacrosse coach at Kearsarge Regional Middle School.

I have served my communities over the years by volunteering in youth sports where I became the President of the local Lacrosse organization, and eventually the President of the Connecticut Valley Youth Lacrosse Organization. A group of 30 plus towns. Having

to work with multiple towns and their individual issues gives me a great background in working with others to create a successful outcome.

I spent summers in my youth

at my Uncle and Aunts farm Durwood and Barbara French in Henniker.

My grandfather Col. Ralph Gezelman retired to there along with other family members.

I owned a camp in the great north woods for 15 years in West Stewart town and retired into Bradford in 2018.

I look forward to representing you in the State Legislature.



Goffstown State Representative Sherri Reinfurt said she and her daughter are recovering after a head-on collision that occurred on Mast Road in Goffstown on Sunday afternoon, August 16, 2026.



Andover Police Chief Joseph Mahoney and Fire Chief Steven Barton investigated a reported fire in the woods off Bradley Lake Road. Following an aerial search, Charlie Giles of the New London Fire Department pinpointed the exact location of the fire using a thermal imaging drone. Ground crews spent six hours battling the terrain to fully extinguish the area.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Gout is the most common form of inflammatory arthritis, with worldwide prevalence of approximately 4%. The accumulation of monosodium urate crystals in gout leads to the clinical manifestations of the disease and if left inadequately treated, leads to chronic arthritis with joint damage. Due to its anti-inflammatory properties, colchicine, an alkaloid drug derived from the autumn crocus plant, is commonly used in the management of gout for both prophylaxis and treatment of gout flares. A recent study on colchicine's potential benefit for cardiovascular disease noted that participants who were taking the drug had fewer joint replacements than those taking a placebo. Since colchicine is commonly used in gout, researchers wondered if colchicine would lower risk of joint replacement in those with gout as well. Further, because osteoarthritis is the most common reason for joint replacement, and because osteoarthritis and gout can occur together, researchers wondered if colchicine could lower the risk of joint replacement in those with both gout and osteoarthritis. A new study published in *Arthritis & Rheumatology* has found that people with gout who were prescribed colchicine had a modest 12% risk of joint replacement compared to those who did not receive the drug. Additionally, those with both gout and osteoarthritis who took colchicine had a 23% lower risk of needing joint replacement.

A new study published in *Diabetes Care* shows that older adults with type 2 diabetes who start treatment with sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 (SGLT-2) inhibitors — such as empagliflozin (Jardiance) and dapagliflozin (Farxiga) — or glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonists — such as semaglutide (Ozempic) and liraglutide (Victoza) — experience slower progression of frailty over one year compared with those starting other diabetes medications. The findings suggest these therapies could help older adults maintain strength, mobility, and independence beyond their well-known effects on blood sugar and heart health.

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Choose your toothbrush: Although studies show that using an electric toothbrush improves oral health, the American Dental Association reports that manual toothbrushes are just as effective. As long as you're brushing properly, it doesn't matter which toothbrush you use. Electric toothbrushes are advantageous for people who have limited manual dexterity or hand braces, because the rotating head can clean hard-to-reach areas.

Bank some bone: Gingivitis is the beginning of what is known as periodontal osteoporosis. Just as the bones in the rest of your skeleton can shrink and become brittle, so, too, can your jawbone. You can strengthen the bones all over your body by exercising regularly and not smoking. And don't forget your calcium! Getting at least 800 milligrams of calcium a day can reduce your chances of developing severe gum disease, according to a study from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Calcium strengthens the alveolar bone in the jaw, which helps hold your teeth in place. Dairy products are the best sources of dietary calcium, but you'll also get good amounts of the mineral from salmon, almonds, and leafy dark green vegetables such as kale and broccoli.

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Librarians Cindy Jewett and Tianna Cardiff joined Harmony Lodge's Leigh Bosse in presenting new bicycles and helmets to Easton Byam and Prudence Kimball, winner of the Mason's Bikes For Books program at the James A. Tuttle's Summer Reading program.



Congratulations to Wilder Comeau, of Bennington, this year's GEP Dodge Library's 2026 Summer Reading Program winner of the Mason's Bikes for Books program. Wilder was presented with his Summer Reading Program reading certificate, and a bike gift certificate, and a helmet by Masons Jon Manley, representing the Masons of Benevolent Lodge #7 of Milford and George Sander-son, PM of Pacific Lodge #45 of Francetown.

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Washington Congregational Church celebrates completion of LCHIP-funded project



The Trustees of the Washington Congregational Church are pleased to announce the completion of an \$85,000 project to paint the exterior of the church and to restore the historic sanctuary window.

Trustees are delighted to wrap up this important project to preserve and enhance the church, which stands as a cornerstone of the Washington Common Historic District - an area listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

This triad of historic white clapboard public buildings is often touted as the most photographed town center in the state.

The Washington Congregational Church is significant for “embodying vernacular versions of classically-derived styles,” as described in the Nomination Papers, and it remains largely unchanged since 1840.

The LCHIP Grant of \$35,000, in addition to the church’s capital campaign contributions and

investments, funded the project. The window restoration was completed by Arch Weathers of Historic Sash Works, and the painting was done by Dave Prue of On Point Property Solutions.

About Washington Congregational Church:

The Washington Congregational Church has provided 183 years of continual service to the community.

The church is used for regular weekly worship services welcoming all faiths, and for community-wide cross-denomination Bible studies.

Weddings and funerals are held at the church for community members.

The church also hosts public cultural events, musical performances and special exhibits or displays in conjunction with town events on the common.

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Appeals Court allows suit against Bow School officials to continue

Appeals court finds parents and grandfather likely to succeed on First Amendment claim after school officials punished silent protest opposing transgender athletes in girls' sports

In a major victory for free speech, a federal appeals court ruled in favor of four New Hampshire residents who were threatened with arrest and banned from school grounds for wearing pink “XX” wristbands to a girls’ soccer game.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit ruled in favor of Institute for Free Speech clients Kyle Fellers, Anthony “Andy” Foote, Nicole Foote, and Eldon Rash, declaring that the plaintiffs “have established a likelihood of success as to their viewpoint discrimination claim arising from the sanctions imposed on them for their passive speech in wearing these wristbands.” The case

now returns to the district court for further proceedings, including consideration of appropriate interim relief.

The case arose from a September 2024 girls’ high school soccer game in Bow, New Hampshire, where the plaintiffs wore pink wristbands bearing “XX” symbols—a reference to female chromosome structure—to silently protest a policy permitting a biological male to compete on an opposing girls’ team.

School officials, accompanied by a police officer, demanded that the plaintiffs remove the wristbands or leave. One parent was asked to leave the sidelines when he criticized officials’ actions regarding the wristbands. The referee halted play until one spectator removed his wristband, and school officials subsequently issued trespass orders barring two of the plaintiffs from school grounds, preventing them from attending their children’s games

and other school activities for an extended period.

The court highlighted evidence that school officials viewed the “XX” message as “hateful,” “anti-trans,” and “exclusionary,” concluding that the record showed a likelihood that officials punished the plaintiffs because of the viewpoint expressed. The court explained that school officials “cannot favor one side of a debate involving parental speech on an issue of prominent public concern, and which, in those parents’ views, concerned the safety of their children.”

The First Circuit also found no evidence that the wristband protest itself caused a disruption, or that any player even saw the wristbands.

Instead, the court concluded that the protest “fell short of harassment and disruption,” and that school officials could not rely on predictions of possible disruption to suppress the right of the



plaintiffs to engage in passive, silent speech.

“This ruling reaffirms parents have a right to silently express their views on controversial issues, including on girls’ sex-based rights, even if school administrators strongly disagree with them,” said Institute Senior Attorney Del Kolde, who argued Fellers before the First Circuit. “If school officials allow expression supporting one side of a political debate, they cannot ban silent, peaceful expression on the other side. Our

clients simply stood up for their First Amendment rights.”

“All we wanted was to cheer on our daughters and stand up for what we believe. Instead, officials threatened us and banned us from school grounds for wearing a wristband. No parent should have to go through that,” explained plaintiff Kyle Fellers. “Today’s decision is a victory not just for our family, but for every parent who believes they have the right to peacefully express their views at a public event.”

NATALIE WELLS ASKS FOR YOUR VOTE ON SEPT. 8th MERRIMACK DISTRICT 8 (*Bradford, Henniker, Warner*)



Paid for by Natalie Wells, PO Box 213, Warner, NH 03278, Natalie Wells treasurer.

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What I support:

- Lower taxes (especially NO sales or income tax)
- Protecting our elections which includes showing a positive ID to vote
- Ensuring parental support for their children’s education and upbringing
- Protecting Title IX which means girl sports and locker rooms are for biological girls only
- Life – birth to death
- Sensible zoning that respects property owner’s rights to be free from intrusive zoning restrictions
- The continued exploration for sensible energy sources
- Ensuring NH remains a caring environment for retirees and our servicemen
- Protecting all our Constitutional rights as Americans

In closing, we are fortunate to live in this wonderful place. It’s an honor that so many see our state as where they want to live and raise their family.

I respectfully ask for your vote, and I hope to see you all at the polls on Sept. 8th when you exercise the most important responsibility as a US Citizen. Voting.

Thank you, Natalie Wells

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Publisher's Perspective

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Responders from Peterborough Fire & Rescue and the Peterborough Police Department work at the intersection of Old Street Road and Route 101 following a two-vehicle crash. One person was hospitalized with minor injuries following an evaluation by Peterborough Fire & Rescue emergency medical technicians.



New Boston firefighters witnessed an 18-wheeler carrying logs overturn at the intersection of Highway 82 and Main Street. Firefighters contacted the New Boston Police for additional manpower. The driver was found to be okay and there were no reported injuries.



Bradford Fire Rescue personnel battled a fully involved car fire near Oakdale Road. The incident required a mutual aid response for an additional engine and specialized water supply after crews identified the vehicle as an EV. Thanks to quick actions by the driver and a call to 911, the driver was unhurt in the incident.



Newbury Fire Rescue, Newbury Police, NH State Police, New London Police and New London Ambulance were dispatched to a serious motor vehicle collision on Route 103A near the Fells. One person was transported by ambulance and DHART helicopter to the hospital.

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Ronald Maynard Elliott

Deering - Ronald Maynard Elliott, 87, of Deering, N.H., passed away peacefully at his home Thursday, August 13, 2026. Born October 7, 1938, in Keene, N.H., Ron was the son of Ralph Maynard Elliott and Fayette Augusta Elliott. Ron was predeceased by his parents and his beloved wife, Aino Korpi (Bigwood) Elliott. He leaves behind his two sons, Ryan Elliott of Henniker and Reed Elliott of Auburn, Maine. A celebration of Ron's life will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 3 p.m. at Duston Country Club, 40 Country Club Road, Hopkinton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 2 Wall Street, Manchester, NH 03101; Granite VNA, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301; or online at www.granitevna.org.



Elizabeth "Betty" Cole

Antrim - Elizabeth "Betty" Cole, age 77, passed away peacefully on August 27, 2026. Betty was born May 10, 1949, in Concord, NH to the late David and Helen (MacKenzie) Hammond. Betty is survived by a sister, Patricia Hammond-Grant of Claremont, NH, a brother, David Hammond of Reunion, FL, a daughter, Michelle (Cole) Benotti and her husband, William of Peterborough, NH, a son, Michael Cole and his wife, Nicole of Land O'Lakes, FL, and a stepson, Brian Cole of Antrim, NH. She adored her four grandsons, Nathaniel Reed and his wife, Tearyn of Peterborough, NH, Jacob Cole of Antrim, NH, Caleb and Riley Cole of Land O'Lakes, FL. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband,



George "Bub" Cole, Jr., and brothers, Donald Hammond and James Hammond. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m. at North Branch Cemetery, Clinton Rd, Antrim, NH. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Betty's memory to Monadnock Humane Society, 101 W. Swanzey Rd., Swanzey, NH 03446.

Lindsey Cormier

Hillsborough - Lindsey Cormier, 43, of Hillsborough, passed away suddenly on August 27, 2026. Born in Keene, NH, on February 28, 1983, she was the daughter of Mark and Maryann Cheung. She is survived by her mother, Maryann Cheung; father, Mark Cheung; and brother, Joshua Cheung, all of Hillsborough, New Hampshire.



Patricia O. Monbouquette

New Boston - Patricia O. Monbouquette passed away in Miramar, Florida, on Thursday, June 26, after a long illness. Patricia was born in Edmonton, Alberta Canada in July 1941. Patricia is survived by her three sons, Marc (Julianne) of Greenland, New Hampshire, Michel (Patricia) of Miami, Florida, and Merrie (Darla) of New Boston, New Hampshire, and her three grandchildren, Cameron, Matthew and Sophia, as well as, her sister, Maxine of Calgary, Alberta, and her brother, Ronald of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and numerous cousins and relatives. A private celebration of life ceremony was held by the family. Donations in her memory can be made to the Alzheimer Association or the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.



Kathleen Joan Sordillo (Viola)

Sutton - Kathleen Joan Sordillo (Viola), age 61, of North Sutton, New Hampshire, passed away on August 4, 2026, surrounded by her loving children. She was born on October 13, 1964, in East Boston, Massachusetts, to the late Joan Elizabeth Sordillo. Kathleen was also preceded in death by her husband, Michael Joseph Viola, who passed away on January 9, 2003. Kathy is survived by her three loving children: William James Palladino Jr. of North Sutton, New Hampshire; Kayleen Ann Hutchings (Viola) of Spencer, North Carolina; and Amanda Marie Viola of North Sutton, New Hampshire; and her three beloved grandchildren, Giovanni, Elizabeth, and Lorenzo. Kathy is also survived by her siblings, Pamela Sordillo of Revere, Massachusetts, and Robert J. Sordillo of East Boston, Massachusetts. She was preceded in death by her brother, Richard J. Sordillo, who passed away on June 23, 2013. Kathy is also survived by her nieces, Robyn Sordillo of Winthrop, Massachusetts, and Jade Marrero of Revere, Massachusetts; and her nephews, Nicholas Macareno of New Hampshire, Anthony Macareno of Virginia, and Robert Sordillo of Chelsea, Massachusetts. Kathy was laid to rest on August 10, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.



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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7

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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS: that the Town of Hillsborough has owned the John Butler Smith House! The 1775 Joseph Gilbert military document will be on display, dated before we were a country! View it 10am-7pm, Fuller Public Library.

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10

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