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Educator of the Year

Pierce School fourth-grade teacher Valerie Germain (left) received the 2025 Educator of the Year Award from the Harris Center for Conservation Education at a ceremony on Sept. 19 in Bennington.



Ryan Towle honored

Davis & Towle President Ryan Towle (center) received the 2026 Insurance Professional of the Year Award from The Insurance Library at a reception in Boston last week.

This week in history

OCTOBER 9, 1967

Che Guevara is executed

OCTOBER 10, 1971

London Bridge makes debut in America

OCTOBER 11, 1975

Saturday Night Live debuts

OCTOBER 12, 1810

Royal wedding gives rise to original Oktoberfest

OCTOBER 13, 1958

Paddington Bear makes his first public appearance

OCTOBER 14, 1964

Martin Luther King, Jr. wins Nobel peace prize

OCTOBER 15, 1951

I Love Lucy debuts



Middle school students joined Newport's Homecoming festivities.

Fatal accident reported in Dunbarton

On the afternoon of Friday, October 2nd, an adult male died after becoming trapped under a car in his driveway, authorities announced.

Members of the Dunbarton Police and Fire Departments responded to a residence on Black Brook Road at approximately 1:34 p.m. following a report of an individual pinned beneath a vehicle.

Upon arrival, officers located the man stuck under a vehicle that he had been working on. Despite life-saving efforts by first responders at the scene, the individual succumbed to his injuries and he was pronounced deceased.

According to the Dunbarton Police Department, next-of-kin have been notified; however, the victim's identity is currently

being withheld out of respect for the family's privacy.

The response required a multi-agency effort, with the Dunbarton police and fire departments receiving mutual aid assistance from the Goffstown Fire Department, Goffstown police dispatchers, New Hampshire 911, and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

Fugitive barricades himself in a Hancock home

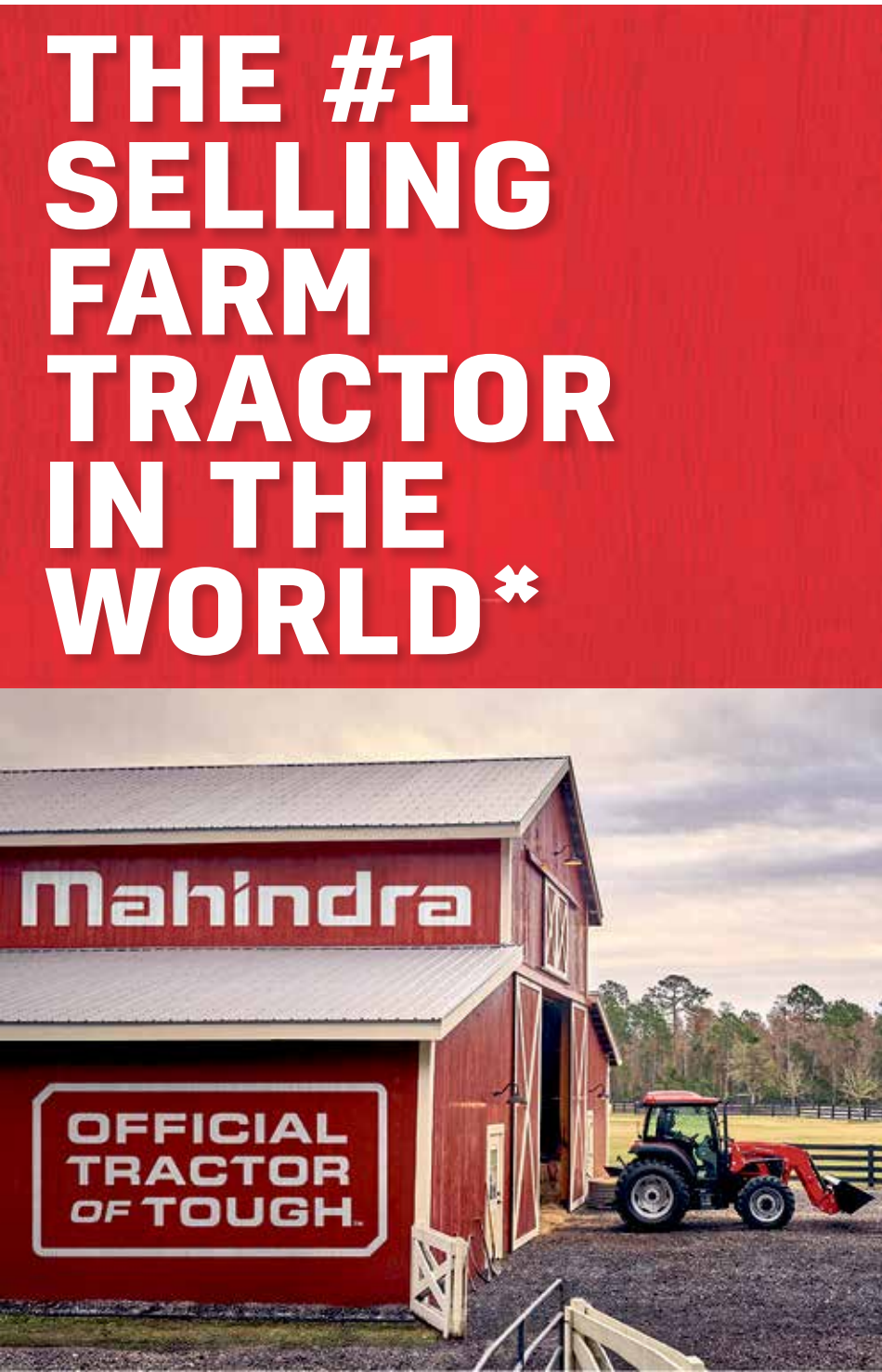
A Jaffrey man faces multiple felony and misdemeanor charges after a multi-town car chase culminated in a 10-hour overnight standoff on Old Hancock Road.

Andrew Waycotte, 40, surrendered to law enforcement at approximately 6:42 a.m. Sunday.

According to authorities, the sequence began Saturday night when a Dublin Master Patrolman pursued Waycotte's vehicle into Hancock. Waycotte allegedly pulled into a private residence, disregarded commands, and barricaded himself inside.

The Peterborough Police Department contained the area and, alongside the Keene Police Tactical Team, negotiated his peaceful surrender.

Waycotte is charged with burglary, reckless conduct with a deadly weapon, disobeying an officer, and resisting arrest.



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Yesteryear

Local history as reported in The Messenger

October 11, 2024

Two Hillsboro police officers injured during arrest
Several H-D girls refuse to play - but the game goes on
One person killed, another injured in fiery New London crash
Man assaulted with a baseball bat at Grimes Field

October 13, 2023

Firefighters arrive to heavy fire shooting from Goffstown home
Former Director of Warner Connects indicted for credit card fraud
Authorities investigate death of 5-year-old Newport girl
Weare man pleads not guilty to sexual assault

October 14, 2022

Police Chief David Roarick retires after 35 years of service
Peter Flynn named as Deering Town Administrator
Henniker man arrested for wrong way driving on I-89
Weare Police investigating report of fake Federal Agent

October 15, 2021

Paroled for death of Sean Powers - Arrested again
Weare Select Board responds to flooding complaints
NH Audubon Society honors Hancock man
Goffstown man added to Firefighter's Memorial

October 16, 2020

Goffstown voters get fraudulent ballot requests
Secretary of State critical of Peterborough
Plans to renovate Buker Building on hold
Extensive search locates Francestown man

October 18, 2019

Three Antrim residents indicted for felonies
Hillsborough man and child die in fire
Peterborough as it was 150 years ago
ConVal trio at Hugh O'Brian conference

October 19, 2018

Goffstown Police looking at human trafficking
Hopkinton School District to upgrade security
Steven Hahn resigns from HD School Board
Court rules for former Weare Police Officer

October 20, 2017

Eversource selling Bow & Franklin
New Boston forest named for Bob Todd
New London divided on 1941 Cupola
Hopkinton seeks input on Warner range

October 14, 2016

\$833,000 to replace Bow's Birchdale bridge
One dead in Henniker multi-vehicle crash
New Boston celebrates footbridge dedication
Hopkinton Rotary Club celebrates 20 years

October 10, 2025

Resident of Contoocook's Deer Meadow attempts to purchase the 60-unit farm
Antrim gathers to honor Christie Ellenwood's 64 years of service
Hillsboro Lions Club hosts 49th Annual Senior Dinner
Andover elementary teacher is "Teacher Of The Year"



Chief Wheeler presented Officer Jesse Stone with the Medal of Meritorious Service.



Newbury Select Board Chair Kristen Schultz swore in Nick Bibeau as Interim Fire Chief.

Newbury Select Board celebrates employee accomplishments

Newbury Police Officer Jesse Stone was honored by town officials Monday night for his immediate response to a patient suffering from severe leg injuries.

Newbury Police Chief Brad Wheeler presented Officer Jesse Stone with the Medal of Meritorious Service and the Chief's Recognition Coin for his decisive

action.

Upon arriving at the scene, Officer Stone applied his tactical tourniquet to one of the patient's legs and improvised a second out of a bootlace for the other, keeping his supervisor and dispatch updated by radio.

Chief Wheeler noted this is the second

time the town has recognized Officer Stone for lifesaving efforts early in his career, stating his swift actions directly contributed to the victim's survival.

In other town business, Select Board Chair Kristen Schultz swore in Nick Bibeau as Interim Fire Chief. Resident Hank Thomas requested a round of ap-

plause for retiring Chief Dave Smith, who is stepping down but remains an active department member.

Interim Chief Bibeau thanked Chief Smith for his two years of leadership and concluded by congratulating Nico Cole-Johnson on passing her advanced EMT classification course.



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School Days



Henniker Community School students welcomed State Fire Marshal Inspector Stephen Dennis and his K-9 partner, Dougie, to the school library last week. In collaboration with Inspector Dennis, HCS parent and resident Mrs. Marquardt organized the event that featured a book reading and a demonstration on how Dougie helps gather evidence at fire scenes. The duo holds a Maine State Police certification under Maine Criminal Justice System standards after logging over 200 hours of specialized training with Maine Specialty Dogs.



Hillsboro-Deering kindergarten students had an exciting visit from Wildlife Encounters. The students enjoyed learning about amazing animals from around the world through an engaging experience. It was a fun and memorable day of discovery.

Suspect rams Hillsboro police cruiser after extended pursuit

On October 5, 2026, at approximately 2:30 a.m., officers of the Antrim Police Department were on patrol in the downtown area of Antrim when they observed a black 2020 Nissan Rogue traveling northbound at a high rate of speed. Officers were then able to initiate a motor vehicle stop of the vehicle on Elm Avenue.

Upon making contact with the driver, officers observed signs that the driver appeared to be under the influence of alcohol as well as having an open container of alcohol in the center console.

The driver became uncooperative and was advised that he was under arrest but he refused to exit the vehicle.

The driver then fled the motor

vehicle stop, and Antrim Police officers initiated a pursuit on Elm Avenue.

Officers from the Hillsboro Police Department subsequently located the suspect vehicle on Old Milk Road in Antrim and attempted to stop it.

The suspect vehicle rapidly accelerated toward the Hillsboro Police cruiser and struck the cruiser head-on, causing damage to both vehicles and injury to the Hillsboro officers.

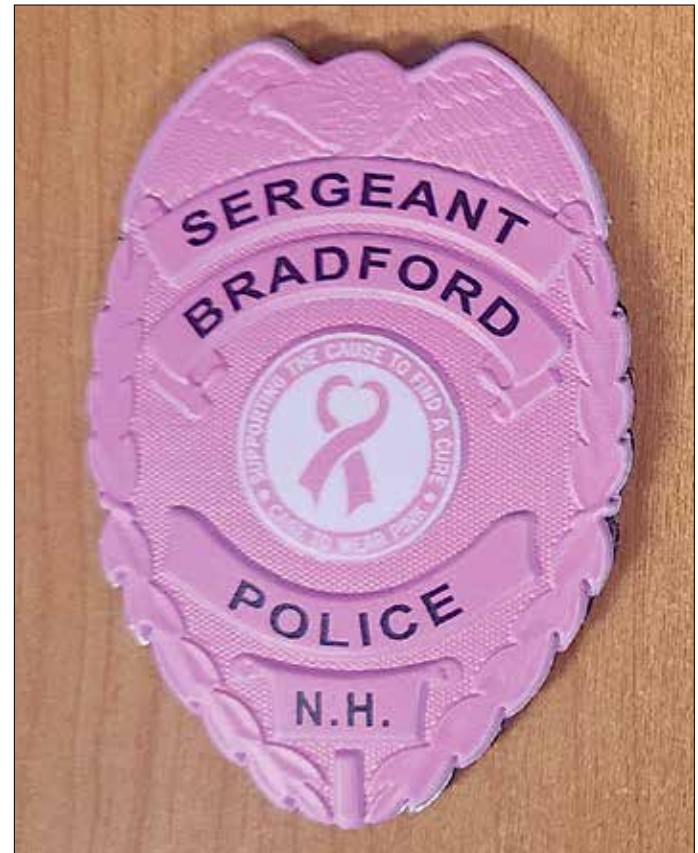
The suspect then drove around the police cruiser, extinguished the vehicle's lights, and continued onto Turner Hill Road.

At the end of Turner Hill Road, the Hillsboro Police officers that were struck were able to conduct

a high-risk motor vehicle stop of the vehicle. Antrim Police officers arrived on scene and assisted in taking the driver, identified as Mr. David Bennett, 36, of Winchester, into custody.

All parties involved in the collision were evaluated by Antrim Ambulance for injuries.

Bennett was subsequently charged with Reckless Conduct – Deadly Weapon, Aggravated DWI, Second-Degree Assault (two counts), Conduct After Accident – Personal Injury, Disobeying an Officer, Resisting Arrest or Detention, Falsifying Physical Evidence, Criminal Mischief, Failure to Keep Right of Center, Transporting Alcohol or Marijuana, and Possession of Marijuana.



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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Tuberculosis is both curable and preventable, yet each year, it still kills more people than any other infectious disease. One reason is that current treatments hinge on rifampicin, an antibiotic that blocks bacterial transcription and forms the cornerstone of a multidrug regimen — and rising drug resistance has revealed the limits of leaning so heavily on a single point of attack. Now, a new study demonstrates one way to rethink that strategy — not by finding a new cornerstone, but by pairing rifampicin with a second inhibitor that strikes the same pathway from a different angle. The findings, published in *Nature Microbiology*, show that rifampicin becomes more powerful when paired with a second compound, known as AAP-SO, and that these drugs can together not only suppress TB resistance but also target the dormant bacteria that standard drugs struggle to kill. The two compounds work by exploiting a weakness in a common resistance mutation: evading rifampicin comes at a cost to the bacteria, forcing it to transcribe genetic material more slowly — where a second drug turns their attempted resistance into a disadvantage.

A new study published in *JAMA Network Open* found an association between glucagonlike peptide-1 receptor agonist (GLP-1RA) use and a lower risk of acute asthma exacerbations in adolescents with overweight or obesity. The findings suggest a potential dual benefit for this population, where a single class of medication could address both weight management and lower risk for asthma exacerbation, thereby potentially reducing the burden of 2 common and interconnected chronic conditions. Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonists are medications like Ozempic, Wegovy, Mounjaro (Zepbound), mimicking the natural hormone GLP-1 to control blood sugar, promote weight loss by reducing appetite and slowing stomach emptying, and offer cardiovascular benefits, used for Type 2 diabetes and obesity by stimulating insulin, suppressing glucagon, and signaling fullness to the brain.

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Dr. Esin Narli

While cavities and plaque may occupy your mind before a teeth cleaning, your dentist is looking for a whole lot more than just those two factors when he peers into your mouth.

You Flossed Right Before Your Appointment – and That’s the Only Time

Sorry, but you can’t fool your dentist into thinking you floss daily by doing so the night before or morning of your visit. The gums of people who only floss right before a visit are bleeding or look damaged, whereas healthy gums are nice and tight and pink. When patients floss right before coming for a cleaning, your dentist can see the slices where the floss cut at the gum because they were overzealous.

You May Be Pregnant

Nearly 40 percent of women will develop gingivitis during their pregnancy. This is caused by increased progesterone, which facilitates the growth of bacteria, causing gingivitis. Some women will develop a deep red lump on their gums called a pregnancy tumor or pyogenic granuloma. (This type of tumor is completely benign and will go away after the pregnancy is over.) Most women are typically pretty far along before their gums start bleeding, so it’s not as though a dentist will magically “discover” that a patient is pregnant.

You May Have a Drinking Problem

Alcoholic patients are cavity-prone because alcohol tends to dry the mouth out. A dry mouth will lead to cavities, because saliva neutralizes the damage-causing acid in our mouths. In addition, alcoholics have ‘chipmunk red cheeks,’ and the smell alone is usually a giveaway.

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Around Our Towns



Greenfield’s Oktoberfest defied the Nor’easter.



The crowds came out in droves for Haunted Hillsborough.



Newport held its annual Homecoming Parade.

Persistence pays off as Hancock Firefighters receive \$429,000 Federal Grant

The Hancock Fire Department has received a federal grant to replace its 38-year-old tanker, after more than a decade of applying.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded nearly \$429,000 to the department through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. It is part of a \$3.7 million package distributed to fire departments across New Hampshire.

Hancock's tanker truck was built in 1988 by the department, with the crew attaching the chassis, tank, pump and valves themselves. Since then, the tanker truck has been patched up over time, Fire Chief Tom Bates said.

It passes inspection every year, but since it was put together and worked on over the past three decades, each firefighter has to be trained on how the truck works and, more specifically, where the valves are for accessing water, given its unique structure.

The grant "helps the town in the long run to keep the costs

down," Bates said.

The department applied for the replacement grant back in 2010, and this year it finally came through. The decision-making process is not disclosed to applicants, but Bates said the tanker's age or the narrative in the grant application may have swayed the decision. Part of the grant requires each recipient to contribute a percentage of the cost, based on its population. The Hancock Fire Department will have to provide 5 percent of the funds, Bates said — about \$21,450, which will be requested at the annual town meeting next March. "Everything is in the early stages. We know the path we need to take," Bates said. "We just need to get everything in place."

The Hancock Fire Department is also working on fire station renovations, creating space for firefighters to safely store their gear, away from tankers and contaminants, to allay concerns about exposure to cancer-causing



From left, (front) Assistant Fire Chief John Pirkey, Chief Tom Bates, Ellen Moran, John Pouliot, Hunt Dowse, Bridges Smith, (back) Spencer Thompson, Capt. Tom Ball, Assistant Fire Chief Mark Thompson, Megan Bedard, Mike Matteson, Capt. Paul Towers, Eric Aldrich (in truck), Dave Lefebvre and Garrett Cassidy. Photo by Marylou Cassidy / Hancock Fire Department.

chemicals.

That project, expected to total between \$1.1 million and \$1.3 million, will be covered in part by \$600,000 in federal money. The rest will come from the Hancock Fire Department Association, the

Fire Station Addition and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund, and donations from area businesses.

Bates said that work is proceeding, but didn't provide a specific timeline for the project.

The fire department also

applied for another FEMA grant for self-contained breathing apparatuses for the crew, but as of Monday, Bates said he hadn't heard a decision. FEMA plans to announce the recipients of additional grants later in the week.

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Scouts BSA Troop 2 of Antrim recently completed an 11.5-mile backpacking and camping expedition on the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway Trail, taking advantage of clear weekend weather and vibrant fall foliage views from the summits.

Larry Baker announces his candidacy for NH House of Representatives



Larry Baker

My name is Larry Baker, and I'm announcing my candidacy as a Re-

publican for the New Hampshire House of Representatives in Hillsborough District 30, representing Hillsborough, Bennington, Windsor, and Antrim.

I'm running to help make life more affordable by controlling costs, lowering taxes, promoting affordable housing, and reducing unnecessary red tape. I believe government should spend responsibly, respect taxpayers, and make it easier for people to build a life here.

My wife and I live in Hillsborough, and together we have four

children. Family is at the center of my life, and I want New Hampshire to remain a place where people can afford to put down roots and plan for the future.

I've served on both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and I currently chair the ZBA. Local service has shown me the importance of listening, asking questions, and understanding how government decisions affect people's everyday lives. That experience also drives my interest in housing and finding practical ways to remove unnecessary barriers.

Professionally, I serve as a Director of Technology in a public school system. While I work in education, I am not an educator; my career and expertise are in technology. In my role, I balance my department's budget with the need to provide students with the

tools they need to learn. I work to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent efficiently and effectively. I believe every child deserves a quality education, and we must deliver that education while controlling costs and keeping property taxes in check. Strong schools and responsible spending

must go hand in hand.

My technology background has taught me to approach problems practically, evaluate options carefully, and find ways to make systems work better.

Those are skills I would bring to Concord.

Outside of work and town

service, I enjoy camping, golf, travel, and spending time with my family.

I would be honored to represent the towns of Hillsborough, Bennington, Windsor, and Antrim. I look forward to listening to your concerns, sharing my priorities, and earning your support.



It was a great day for civics in New London. Secretary Scanlan kicked off the morning with the Democracy Defense Foundation at the Rotary Club of New London, followed by a lively discussion at Colby-Sawyer College.

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Publisher's Perspective

Both Sides of Donald Trump

Let's face it, Donald Trump is his own worst enemy. Anyone in politics must have an ego, but Trump takes it to the extreme. He should stop patting himself on the back and let others do it for him.

I have voted for President Trump three times, and would do so again if he were eligible to run.

I must admit though, that I am embarrassed by some of his statements.

Having said that, Donald Trump is exactly what this country needed at this crucial time.

It took an outsider like Donald trump to deny Iran a nuclear weapon, as Bush, Clinton, Obama, and Biden talked about but did nothing.

It took an outsider like Donald Trump to halt the invasion of nearly 10 million illegal aliens.

It took an outsider like Donald Trump to cut through the volume of unnecessary and overburdening

government red tape, stifling our economy.

It took an outsider like Donald trump to actually eliminate the multi-millions of waste, fraud and abuse, past presidents have promised, but failed to do.

It took an outsider like Donald Trump to decree that only American citizens should receive government assistance.

It took an outsider like Donald Trump to decree that only American citizens should vote in our elections.

It took an outsider like Donald Trump to stand up for women only in women's sports.

It took an outsider like Donald Trump to stand up to extremist Democrats who now support radical socialist, communist and muslim brotherhood policies.

Despite his many faults, I say "Thank God for Donald Trump."



Guest Editorial

Pappas takes Granite Staters for a ride, Washington style

By Patrick Hynes

Congressman Chris Pappas, the Granite State Democrat running for Senate on a solemn vow to fight "corporate special interests," sits on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. His husband, Vann Bentley, works for Uber. Pappas and his husband own up to \$350,000 worth of Uber stock, according to the congressman's own financial disclosure filings.

On May 22, Pappas sat in a committee room in Washington and voted to advance a \$580 billion federal transportation bill. Tucked inside that bill is a provision that would functionally immunize Uber the next time one of its drivers assaults a passenger. Under the language Pappas voted to advance, victims of everything from kidnapping to rape could not hold Uber itself accountable in court unless they could prove the corporation was guilty of "gross negligence" or "criminal wrongdoing." Trial lawyers say clearing that bar is nearly impossible and Uber's lawyers agree.

Even more revolting, the provision applies retroactively. Roughly 4,000 women are already in federal court, right now, suing Uber over assaults by its drivers. Pappas' vote would slam the courthouse door on them.

Uber spent \$1.5 million on federal lobbying between January and March of this year, then another \$1.23 million between April and June. Uber's own filings list the very bill Pappas voted to advance as an active lobbying target. This is the bill his committee handled, it is the company that pays his husband, and it is the stock in his family's brokerage account.

The Union Leader has reported on any number of Uber horror stories over the years. Consider one from October 2023, in which a young woman in Nashua caught an Uber home late at night with two friends. After her friends were dropped off, she felt sick and slid into

the front seat. According to the police report, the driver, a Massachusetts man later charged in Lowell District Court, spent the rest of the ride demanding sex, showing her pornography on his phone, stopping the car to grope her, and then groping her a second time when he arrived at her house. She managed to get out. Uber later removed the driver from the platform.

Now, consider the number of daughters, sisters and mothers who climb into Ubers every weekend from Portsmouth to Manchester to Hanover to Concord. Who is looking out for them?

Three weeks after voting the Uber liability shield out of committee, Pappas signed a letter along with 127 other Democrats politely asking Speaker Mike Johnson to strip out the provision Pappas had just voted to advance. The letter warns the language could be read to preempt state liability laws and shield rideshare companies when their drivers harm passengers. No kidding. A group of California Democrats sent a sharper letter the same week.

In other words, Pappas voted with the corporation and then, when it became politically untenable, papered it over.

This isn't the first time Pappas has voted on legislation that directly impacts his family's bottom line.

In an October 2020 debate on WMUR, Republican challenger Matt Mowers asked Pappas whether he was dating an Amazon lobbyist while voting on legislation Amazon lobbied on. "How dare you?" Pappas snapped. "That is not true, Matt. This is an outrageous charge."

It was true. Pappas was dating Amazon lobbyist Vann Bentley. He would go on to marry him in 2023. That same year, Bentley took his current job with Uber.

Pappas' campaign website, meanwhile, informs prospective donors he "won't take a dime of corporate PAC money." And yet, NH Journal reported last month ►

Guest Editorial continued

that his Senate campaign had already cashed a \$5,000 check from an energy industry corporate PAC, quietly refunded only after reporters started asking questions. The campaign called this a “clerical error.” Individual Uber lobbyists have been permitted to give the Pappas campaign \$5,250, because personal checks from corporate lobbyists apparently don’t count against a pledge about corporate lobbyist money.

The transportation bill now moves to the House Rules

Committee, and from there to the House floor. Chris Pappas will be asked to vote on it a second time. He has a choice: He can vote to protect the Granite State women who ride in Ubers on Friday nights. Or he can vote to protect the balance sheet of the company writing his husband’s paychecks.

This is not a difficult choice.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

To all who believe in a higher power:

Marketing studies human nature, specifically what people fear, desire, and can be persuaded to accept, in order to craft a targeted message. Senator Dan Innes, whose background lies in marketing, is relying on fear-based marketing, attempting to scare well-meaning constituents to vote for him on November 3 without knowing all the facts. He relies on the fear of constituents more deeply investigating the property tax crisis, truly considering those who can no longer afford their homes, and having to soul-search an escalating problem that could render some of his constituents - our neighbors - homeless.

We were raised in conservative Christian households. While our politics have evolved, our understanding of a God who granted the gift of conscience remains unchanged. Within that philosophy, conscience matters more than politics. Our tradition teaches that whatever we do to the least among us, we do to God. Every major faith shares a similar ethic, instructing us not to look away from suffering, measure worth by wealth, or ignore those on the margins.

We wonder if those who publicly display campaign signs for Senator Dan Innes have examined his voting record or considered where the vulnerable appear within that record. When we directly interface with neighbors squeezed by rising property taxes, we see real lives being dismantled by that record - right here in our district.

In his July 24 letter to the editor of The Messenger, Senator Innes acknowledges the tax bill that he and his husband receive just like the rest of us, and effectively deflects the sky-high tax on their 100+ acre farm by blaming the opposing party even though his own party has controlled the subject for well over 20 years. There is something frightfully unsettling and vaguely eugenic about someone with financial security responding so dismissively to those without it.

Before casting your midterm vote for District 7 State Senator, listen to your higher power. Look beyond party loyalty and polished campaign messaging (so much of which states no facts about his opponent, but manipulatively places “desperately grasping at straws” questions in the target audience’s mind). Imagine your circumstances suddenly changing so that the home you expected to grow old in becomes unaffordable while you run out of choices. Ask yourself what you would want an elected representative to see in you: a political talking

point, an “oh, well, it’s someone else’s fault” philosophy or a vulnerable human being.

Before you vote on November 3, ask yourself how you will feel laying your head on your pillow that night, knowing a neighbor down the street might be sleeping in their home for the very last time. Please vote with the least among us in mind.

Vote Rebecca Harned for District 7 State Senate, knowing that the conscience given to you by your higher power will rest easier from that night forward.

Christopher Boteilho and Rusty Gage, Henniker

Dear Editor:

I read a piece in the Messenger recently, comparing Biden and Trump. The Publisher’s Perspective column shared economic data from the first seven months of Biden’s second year (2022) against the same time period for Trump. The author claimed that inflation was 12% during those seven months of Biden’s term. (My research showed a high of 9.1%.) High for sure, but let’s remember that this was post-COVID, when production and distribution networks were in complete disarray. Biden did an amazing job bringing inflation down to about 3% by the time he left office. And now thanks to Trump’s ridiculous and unnecessary attack on Iran, inflation has shown an upward trend since January and is currently around 3.5%.

Gasoline prices were also mentioned, claiming that gas prices rose 69% under Biden. (A meaningless statement by itself: from \$1 to \$1.69?) Yes, gas was nearly \$5 a gallon in June 2022 (again, think COVID) but it dropped to under \$3 by January 2025 (a 40% drop over two and a half years.) By contrast, since January of this year, gas has risen from around \$2.50 to \$4.50 per gallon, an 80% increase in eight months. And, during those same eight months, diesel has jumped from \$3.50 to over \$6.50 per gallon, an 86% increase. I’m not looking forward to paying for heating oil this year.

The article closes by suggesting we remember what Americans were dealing with a few years ago, the implication being we are better off now. At the end of 2024, the US had a remarkably strong economy, the envy of the world, if memory serves. And yes, at present we definitely are not where we want to be. But I would happily trade the mess we have now, under Trump, for what we were enjoying then, under Biden.

Andy Chapman, Antrim

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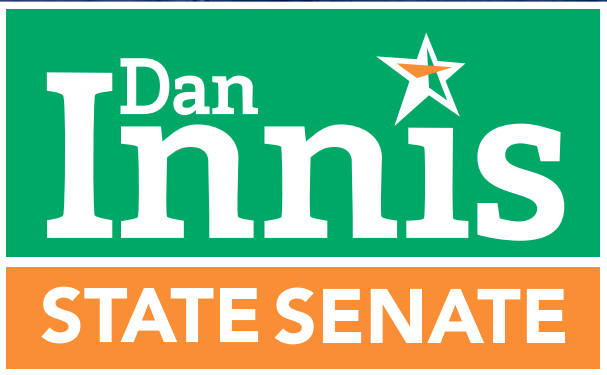
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Weare pipe bomber sentenced to five years in federal prison

A Webster man who pleaded guilty to charges in connection to detonating pipe bombs in Weare in April 2023 was sentenced to five years in federal prison.

Dale G. Stewart, 57, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Samantha D. Elliott Tuesday morning.

Stewart pleaded guilty in April to three counts of possessing an unregistered firearm, specifically a destructive device. He admitted to detonating two pipe bombs on Dustin Tavern Road and Sugar Hill Road in Weare on April 26 and 27, 2023.

As part of the investigation, law enforcement agents found and searched Stewart's vehicle on South Stark Highway in Weare.

An undetonated pipe bomb made of white PVC pipe was recovered, authorities said

"The undetonated pipe bomb contained more than 4 ounces of an explosive material, consistent with the manufacturing of the two pipe bombs that Stewart had detonated earlier," the release said.

Stewart indicated to police that he built the bombs at his home in Webster.

Attorney Mark Sisti represented Stewart, who in a sentencing memorandum sought a sentence of four years.

Although Elliott didn't agree to a four-year sen-

tence, she granted a variance of 30 months to the sentence, for a total of 60 months, Sisti said.

"Dale is very happy with the sentence that was announced by the court. He thought it was a fair sentence," Sisti said in a telephone interview. "He takes full responsibility for everything that he put people through."

Stewart thanks God no one was injured from what he describes as "the stupidest acts he ever was connected with," the memorandum said.

"He is not running from it," Sisti said. "He stepped up and took it. He understands and he knows how reckless it was. He is not anyone who is going to reoffend. He has no prior record."

Sisti noted Stewart had received a traumatic brain injury after a mechanical failure in his car. Assistant U.S. Attorney Cesar Vega recommended a sentence of eight years and one month. He pointed to a previous detonation of Tannerite, noise complaints from neighbors and damage to a vehicle after the detonation of one of the pipe bombs.

"The defendant effectively converted an ordinary commute into a gamble with strangers' lives," the prosecutor wrote. "Shrapnel, blast overpressure, and fire do not distinguish between a driver, a child in a backseat, or an officer who stops to investigate."



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For the 11th consecutive year, The Merrimack has donated \$10,000 and will continue to serve as the Survivor Place Sponsor, a dedicated space for survivors and thrivers to connect during the walk on Sunday, October 25th at Memorial Field in Concord.

“We always look forward to Making Strides and being part of a movement that unites us,” said Linda Lorden, President of The Merrimack. “It’s inspiring to see the waves of pink walking alongside each other in honor of their loved ones who have been affected by breast cancer.”

Making Strides raises life-saving funds that support breast cancer research and provides

patients, survivors, thrivers, and caregivers with access to quality care every step of the journey. Last year, the walk raised more than \$400,000 towards the nationwide initiative.

“We’re grateful for The Merrimack’s commitment to the cause, contributing more than \$100,000 over the years,” said Nancy Mathis, Senior Development Manager at the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of New Hampshire. “This annual event would not be possible without the generosity of our local businesses and organizations.”

Making Strides of New Hampshire amplifies the local passion and resolve in the fight against breast cancer. Together, participants, organizers and volunteers create awareness by supporting survivors, thrivers and their families, while raising money for critical breast cancer

research through the American Cancer Society. For more information on the nation’s largest and most impactful breast cancer movement, visit the event page.



From left: Linda Lorden, President of The Merrimack; Kathy Lombardi, Volunteer; Nancy Mathis, Sr. Development Manager American Cancer Society; Nicole Jorgensen, Sr. Events Manager American Cancer Society; Julieann Hennessy, Co-Chair Survivor Committee Volunteer; Cheryl LaBonte, Volunteer & Diana Johnson, SVP Marketing Officer at The Merrimack.

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Ausbon Sargent easement preserves Warner's 69-acre Foster Farm

Ausbon Sargent is happy to report a conservation easement was finalized on the 69-acre Foster Farm project in Warner, NH, which is made up of forest, wetland and pasture within the Mink Hills.

This property is the first project of the Warner-based community trust called “Kawasiwajo Community Land Trust” (KCLT). Pronounced “kah-wah-See-wad-Zoh,” this organization is a community land trust for the greater Kearsarge region.

Their mission is to create resilience and connection through the intersection of land and housing.

Ellie Brown, KCLT President, shared “The success of this campaign will provide KCLT with the financial stability and tools to find additional mission-driven ways to serve the community through housing and land access in the Kearsarge region. Together, we can create a model for community-led land stew-

ardship, affordable housing, and ecological conservation.”

The conserved area of the property will protect a large wildlife corridor and ensure working forests and farmland for generations to come. It also will protect the beautiful Ballard Brook, which feeds into the Warner River. The area of the property that is not protected by Ausbon Sargent includes a farmhouse, which has been revitalized by KCLT, specifically to house those who are working the land. The need for affordable housing is an issue that KCLT identified as an important factor in protecting this property, and the proximity of the farmhouse to the land was an obvious deciding factor in embarking on this project.

“Ausbon Sargent was honored to be part of this unique project,” says Executive Director Hans Carlson.

“The collaboration between the two trusts will help protect



the local watershed, wildlife habitat, and provide land access for agricultural uses, with an added benefit of accessible and affordable housing for the future.”

A special thank-you to the

forward-thinking individual who purchased the 70-acre Foster Farm property in 2020, with the intent to sell it to the Kawasiwajo Community Land Trust for just 25% of its appraised value. This philanthropic gesture was

a vital component to this project becoming a reality.

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust currently protects 176 properties comprising 14,514 acres of land in the 12-town region that it serves.

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Goffstown Select Board considering traffic safety improvements

Goffstown Police Chief Eric Sereno relayed a series of traffic safety recommendations to the Select Board during Monday night's meeting.

The town's Highway Safety Committee met Sept. 16 to evaluate several high-risk corridors, including the intersection of Lynchville Park Road and Oak Lane. "This has been in front of us a couple times, a couple different issues with line of sight," Sereno noted, emphasizing visibility concerns at the junction.

As a driver comes up Lynchville Park Road and makes a right turn towards Mast Road, a property has significant foliage and vegetation growing that obstructs the line of sight, Sereno said. Line of sight at that intersection has been addressed in the past, when the town placed road markers down to warn drivers of the curve.

"A resident came in and was concerned about the intersection

again. This particular resident lives right at the intersection, watches the cars come around the corner," Sereno said. "One of the things that came up this time around was, we're seeing children walking to the bus stop from Lynchville Park, walking up and turning right by Mast Road."

Sereno said creating a three-way stop could remedy the situation. By placing a stop sign on the top half of Lynchville Park Road, cars coming off Mast Road would be prevented from cutting the corner at high speeds. "We felt, as Highway Safety, that that would be good for the neighborhood, it would be good for the children walking, that cars wouldn't be cutting the corners inside the yellow line," Sereno said.

Board members granted unanimous approval to the safety proposal before turning their attention to other prob-

lematic local corridors. At Sage Court and Cinnamon Drive, the board passed a resident-backed request for a new stop sign to mirror standard traffic controls in the surrounding neighborhood.

The traffic safety package also introduced changes to three other town roadways. Officials approved a new blind driveway

sign on Snook Road, a parking ban on one side of East Union Street, and a transition to an all-way stop corridor at the intersection of Wallace Road and Shirley Hill Road.

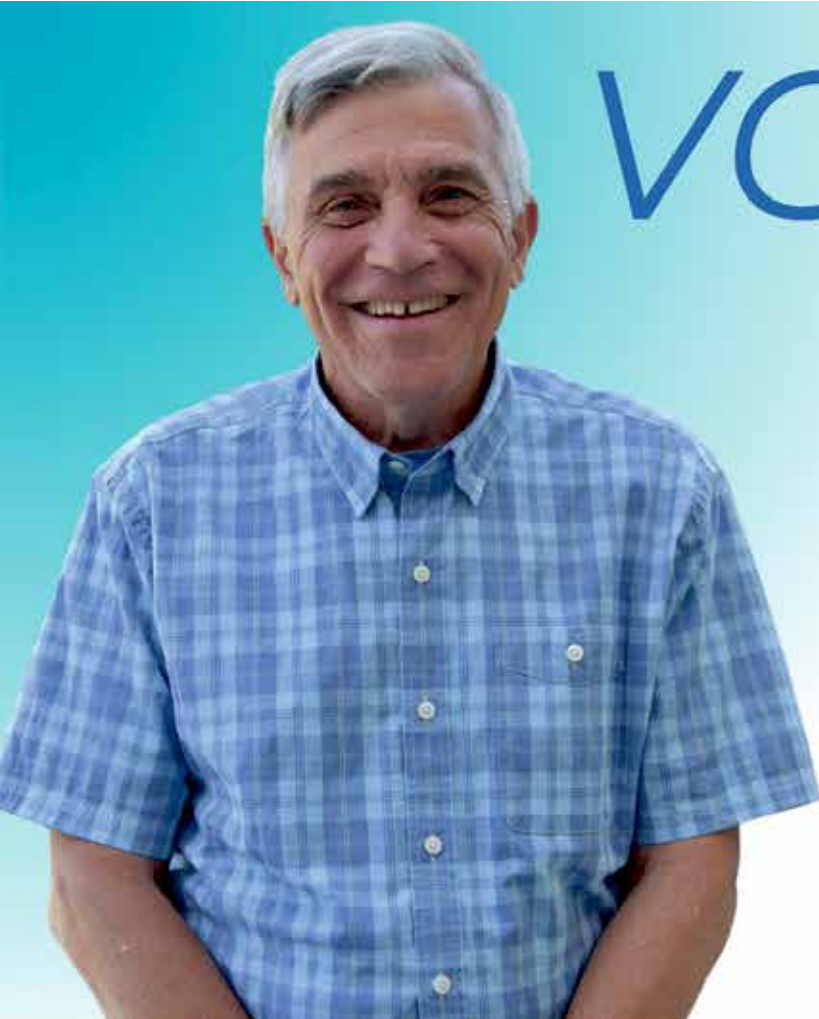
"A resident on Snook was concerned that there was significant speed on Snook. We sent our traffic survey radar out there for a couple of days, if not

a week. We saw one car, which was an anomaly, I think one of them was doing about 50 to 70," Sereno said. "All of them were just about 30 to 35, which is what the speed limit is."

The board took no action on the speed limit but did approve posting a blind driveway sign along that stretch of the roadway.



Black Brook Road at the Tirrell Hill Road intersection was shut down following a single-car accident that downed a utility pole. Traffic was detoured while Eversource repaired the lines and restored electricity.



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NH University System offering free tuition to families earning less than \$100,000

A free tuition program will begin next fall at all colleges of the University System of New Hampshire.

The program, the New Hampshire Promise, was launched on Thursday to make higher education more affordable for Granite State families earning up to \$100,000.

Incoming first-year students who are New Hampshire residents and transfer students who have graduated with an associate degree from a New Hampshire community college are eligible. A GPA of 2.7 or above from a student's prior school is also required.

The University of New Hampshire, Plymouth State University and Keene State College make up USNH.

Students who are admitted to any of the three colleges and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will automatically be considered for the New Hampshire Prom-

ise. Students do not need to fill out a separate application.

The school system spent 18 months working on the program and examining data to make sure the initiative was sustainable, said Kim DeRego, vice provost of enrollment management at UNH and chief enrollment officer for USNH.

DeRego said all of the university system's campuses have been impacted by budget cuts, so administrators have had to make hard decisions to ensure they have funds to invest in priority areas.

"Preserving the student academic experience and providing affordability in the form of scholarship programs like this is one of our top priorities, and so that's really where we're investing," DeRego said.

The New Hampshire Promise will replace the university system's Granite Guarantee program, which provided free tuition to Pell-eligible students.

USNH undergraduates who are currently enrolled and part of the program will remain in Granite Guarantee to prevent any disruption in financial aid benefits.



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By: Joyce Bosse

Tip #5 continued: Work with Contractors You Trust

Property owners should carefully review the terms of any construction contract before signing. Construction contracts regularly define the scope of the work, including the payment terms and timeline, allocate risks between the parties, and sometimes contain dispute resolution procedures or limitations of liability that can significantly alter a business owner's ability to seek recourse should disputes arise.

Special attention should be given to differing scopes of work when comparing different proposals, as they will sometimes explain the difference in cost and may end up being more expensive should more work be required than the scope agreed to by the parties. Also note that some types of contractual terms are unenforceable under the laws in certain states, so you should consult an attorney about the relevant laws in your jurisdiction.

Finally, be aware that contractors and suppliers will generally have certain lien rights that are typically not available to other parties with whom an owner does business. In the event there is a payment dispute, contractors can file property liens, and those liens can be used to force sales of property to satisfy those unpaid balances. In some instances, liens may be filed by parties with whom the property owner never contracted, such as the general contractor's subcontractors or suppliers. A lien may also have significant consequences under a lending agreement and may be considered a default under a loan agreement. An attorney should be consulted immediately upon receipt of a notice of intent to file a lien.

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Hillsboro-Deering 18, Fall Mountain 12: Haven Porter (11 carries, 62 yards; 2 receptions, 71 yards, TD), Mason Poland (6/7 passing, 142 yards, 3 TD passes), Noah Welch (53 yards, 2 TD), Matthew Jouvelakas (10 tackles, TFL, FR), Keagan Lam-os-Garon (12 tackles, TFL).

Interlakes 16, Kearsarge 14: Caleb Moyer, 13-yard TD run; Cameron Brand, 5-yard TD run; Aidan Ruckman, 3 catches for 46 yards; Brody Jeanson, two PATs.

John Stark 17, Hollis/Brookline 6: Junior Ethan Byers returned the opening kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown, and senior captain Cooper Twombly ran for 56 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries, and also had an interception and two tackles for loss on defense, and the Generals played their most complete game of the season to spoil Hollis-Brookline's homecoming with a 17-6 victory on Saturday afternoon.

GIRLS SOCCER

Stevens 2, Hopkinton 1: Rowan Boyle, goal; Wyatt Bouffard, assist; Riley Riendeau, 3 saves.

Hopkinton 1, Sanborn 1: Hawks were scored on early, came back to tie before halftime.

John Stark 2, Kingswood 1: John Stark: Avery Pellerin (goal), Madi Lamothe (goal), Kaitlyn Ouellette (assist), Raegan Dennis (4 saves).

Hollis-Brookline 5, John Stark 3: John Stark: Madi Lamothe, 3 goals; Aislyn Smith, 1 assist; Raegan Dennis, 7 saves.

Sunapee 5, Hinsdale 1: Kaitlyn Andersen, 2 goals, assist;

Rayelle Nester, goal, 2 assists; Elsa Mauder-Rowe, goal.

ConVal 0, Memorial 0: Goalie Amelie Davis with the shutout.

Berlin 3, Kearsarge 2: Bella Collins (1 goal, 1 assist), Cailyn Fitzgerald (1 goal), Hope Lynch (9 saves). Back-and-forth game through 60 mins. Berlin took the lead with 20 left off a corner.

BOYS SOCCER

Concord 1, Goffstown 1: Ethan Belanger received a pass from Sabin Darji to tie the game at 1-1. Nice shot to the left side.

Stevens 2, Hopkinton 1: Rowan Boyle's goal started with a great crossing switch from midfielder AJ Pratts to Bouffard, who laid the ball off for Rowan to hit a quick snipe from distance.

John Stark 2, Oyster River 1: Zachary Morrison (15 saves). Casimer Ferenc goal, assisted by Rylan Grolljahn. Owen Gitchell free-kick goal. Owen Gitchell free kick to go up 2-0 late. Game winner.

Bow 2, Lebanon 0: Two headed goals from Blake Crowell crosses early in the second half proved to be the difference.

Bow 1, Pembroke 0: Ben Reardon sent a long punt over the top to Carter Hall, who scored the GW goal in the 65th minute.

FIELD HOCKEY

Kearsarge 2, Newfound 1: Charlotte Knox with a goal, early in the 4th to ignite the spark we needed.

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Dorothy Jean Murdough

Hillsboro - Dorothy Jean Murdough, known to her family and friends as Jean, 78, of Hillsboro, NH, passed away from illness on September 15, 2026. Born on October 11, 1947, in Lawrence, Mass., she lived a life dedicated to caregiving, education, and her community. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, John “Bud” D. Murdough; her parents, Rev. H.G. and Helen Andersen; and her brother, John Andersen. Jean is survived by her brother, Harry Andersen; her children, Mark D. Murdough and Mary-Anne Murdough; her stepdaughters, Karen Gass and Karina Murdough; and her six grandchildren, Tristan Murdough, Danica Murdough, William Gass, Benjamin Gass, Tyler Goodbout, and Ethan Goodbout. A service will be held on October 10, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the East Washington Baptist Church. A gathering will commence immediately following the service at the East Washington Grange. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the East Washington Grange (make checks payable to EWBC, care of the Purlingbeck Hall Fund, 2234 East Washington Road, Washington, NH 03280).

Jon E. Richardson

Contoocook - Jon Emile Richardson, born on 03/29/1938, passed away on 09/21/2026 at the age of 88. Jon’s wife Doris is the love of his life, and they recently celebrated 66 years of marriage. He is survived by his wife, Doris Richardson, his children and their spouses; Dan & Georgina Richardson, J. Scott & Cheryl Richardson, Toni & Richard Morena, Evan & Jessica Richardson, and his sister, Jean Holmes. He is also survived by his grandchildren; Susan Alexander, Dean Alexander, Heath Searles, Nicole Searles, Alyson Richardson, Owen



Richardson, Alayna Morena, Danielle Morena, and by his great-grandchildren; Ryan Alexander and Emma Ramsey. A Celebration of Life will be held in Jon’s honor on Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 12-3 at Bennett Funeral Home, 209 N Main St., Concord, NH. Light refreshments will be shared amongst memories and stories that Jon left behind in his family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please use your generosity to donate to a charity of your choice.

Sarah Coen

Contoocook - Sarah “Sally” B. (Bean) Coen, 91, of Contoocook, NH passed away peacefully with her family by her side on September 27, 2026, at the Merrimack County Nursing home. She has joined her late husband of 65 years, Richard Coen, who passed in 2023. Sarah was born on June 5, 1935 in Concord, NH to the late John Bean and Doris (Pritchard) Bean. She is survived by her three sons, Allen Coen (Alyssa), Scott Coen (Vicki) and Daniel Coen. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Adam (Kaitlyn) Coen and Heather Coen; her two great-grandchildren, Bennett and Gwendolyn Coen and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Richard A. Coen, her parents John Bean and Doris (Pritchard) Bean, her brothers John (Jack) Bean, George Bean, Robert Bean and her sister Drusilla Cox. No formal service will be held at this time. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Sarah’s memory to the Hopkinton town library, 61 Houston Drive, Contoocook, NH 03229.



Edward Dennis Reardon

New Boston - Edward Dennis Reardon, Jr., 90, of New Boston, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully on September 19, 2026, with family members by his side. Edward was born in Concord, New Hampshire, the fifth of Edward



Sr. and Katharine’s six children. He is survived by sons Michael and Susan Reardon of Clayton, NC, Kevin and Kathleen Reardon of New Boston, NH, daughter-in-law, Melissa Reardon of New Boston, NH, grandsons, Conor and Brennan, sisters Honora and

Katharine Reardon of Concord, NH and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wives, Annette and Jeannette, sons David and Daniel, brothers John, Thomas, and Joseph. A funeral mass will be held on October 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Christ the King Church 72 South Main Street, Concord, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to NH Food Bank, 700 East Industrial Drive, Manchester, NH 03019.

Rose Anne Jenkins

Peterborough - Rose Anne Jenkins, 83, of Peterborough, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family, on October 2, 2026. She was born on June 23, 1943, in Peterborough to Joseph and Mary (Tasca) Duval. Rose is survived by her son Brian Jenkins, his wife, Lynn, and their three children, Sydney, Jasper, and Ted; Rose’s daughter, Virginia Topping and husband, Jeff, of Peterborough, and have four children, Anna, Samuel, Greta, and Henry; two sisters, Ann Marie Aldrich, Melbourne, Florida, and Barbara Duval of Merrimack, New Hampshire. Rose was predeceased by her brother, Joseph Duval, of Greenville, New Hampshire, and her loving husband, Richard I. Jenkins. Per Rose’s wishes, services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to jacksgalore.org/donations in Rose Jenkins’s memory.



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SATURDAY OCTOBER 10-11 - HENNIKER: The Craney Hill Fire Tower will be open to the public 10am-4pm, unless it is raining! For more information call, 603-428-3840.

MONDAY OCTOBER 12

NEW ENGLAND GHOSTS: at Deering Town Hall, 6:30pm. Are you brave? Storyteller Jonah Knight will present a true ghost story from each New England state. This show is interactive, gripping, and gives addresses to visit the real-life locations. PG 13 recommended for spookiness and descriptions of demise. This program is free and open to everyone.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 13

FULLER LIBRARY: Come join us for a Magical Mystery Tour of music and fun facts about the Fab 4, 6pm at Fuller Public Library.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

FULLER LIBRARY: Learn How to play Mahjong at Fuller Public Library 11am-12pm, helping to teach us will be staff and patrons from the Shedd Free Library in Washington. Please call to register, 603-464-3595.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

HARVEST SUPPER: Dine-in at 5 or 6:30pm, pre-order a takeout on pickup at 4pm. \$12 per plate, children 10 & under free. Smith Memorial Congregational Church. Reservations recommended. Call 603-831-3624.

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online registration email TheAreaChoir@gmail.com, visit The Area Choir Facebook page or call 603-848-8848.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21

CANDIDATES NIGHT: Antrim Town Hall. The Antrim-Bennington Lions Club will be hosting the two candidates for the New Hampshire State Senate, Republican Jim Creighton and Democrat David Trumble on Wednesday, October 21st at 6:30pm on the second floor Antrim Town Hall. This Candidates' Night is aimed at Antrim, Bennington and Hillsborough voters interested in learning more about the Democratic and Republican candidates for State Senate.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23

FULLER LIBRARY: Managing Stress at Any Age, 1-2pm at Fuller Public Library, sponsored by Granite Visiting Nurse Association. Please call to register, 603-464-3595.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27

FULLER LIBRARY: Author Ken Sheldon returns to Fuller Public Library to talk about his new book Captain John Manley: Patriot, Privateer, and America's Forgotten First Hero. After years of research Ken has written the first comprehensive biography of this Revolutionary hero. Join us at 6pm, books will be for sale as well.

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Case No. 2026-02

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:7 that the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing for a Special Exception at to allow a multi-family use of greater than four units at 73 School Street (Map 12 Lot 35) in the Village Residential district. A subdivision will be done to create a new lot for the development and a lot for the existing single-family home to remain.

The Public Hearing for this application will be presented to the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment on **Tuesday, October 20, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Department Hillsborough Meeting Room at 15 Central Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire

Please contact Planning Director Robyn Payson at 603-464-7971 or e-mail robyn@hillsboroughnh.net with any questions regarding this application.

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