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Bradford's Fenton family named 2026 Restaurateur of the Year

The New Hampshire Lodging & Restaurant Association has named the Fenton family, owners of the Appleseed Restaurant and Catering, Sunapee Cruises and Fenton's Landing, as its award winner.

The Fentons consider business to be a family affair. Big Pete and Mary Beth started the Appleseed in 1977, bringing their sons, RePete and Tim, up in the business. Big Pete and Mary Beth are still involved in everyday operations. Meanwhile, RePete serves as general manager at the Appleseed—where he met his wife, Beth, on the job—and Tim is the general manager of Sunapee Cruises, where he met his wife, Lacey, whose family originally started the boat tours.

The Fenton family has built successful hospitality businesses that have become important gathering places for their community and customers. Their longevity reflects not only business success, but also a genuine commitment to creating memorable experiences and making people feel welcome.

Congratulations to the Fenton family. The Fentons and other industry leaders will be celebrated next week at the Stars of the Industry Awards.



The Fenton family.



Help us feed our neighbors in need this Christmas Season

Messenger Publisher Leigh Bosse is pleased to announce that for the 32nd consecutive year, The Messenger, in conjunction with the Hillsboro Lions Club, will be conducting its annual appeal to readers to help the Hillsboro Lions Club feed our needy neighbors this Christmas Season, by funding the distribution of Christmas Food Baskets to needy families in the area.

For several years, Hillsboro churches, with donations from area civic groups, distributed approximately 100 holiday food baskets to needy families each year; at Thanksgiving, Christmas and again at Easter.

In fall 1994, it was decided to focus primarily on Thanksgiving and Easter because of a lack of funds.

Realizing the tremendous hardship that would result, the local Lions Club and The Messenger agreed to step forward and provide this service each Christmas season. Project co-chairs Ron and Kathy Audette announced that applications are available at all H-D schools and the food pantry. Completed applications must be returned by Nov. 30. Baskets will be distributed from 10 a.m. to noon on Dec. 19 at Smith Memorial Church.

To contribute to this neighbor-to-neighbor project, please send your check today to Lions Food Basket at The Messenger, P.O. Box 1190, Hillsborough, NH 03244. Donations of any size are urgently needed. Those who donate to this worthwhile program will be recognized by having their names published in The Messenger.

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Betsy and Kyleigh with community donations from The Merrimack's Henniker Mitten Tree.

Merrimack County Savings Bank launches its Mitten Tree Drive for Winter Donations

Help spread warmth this winter by donating to Merrimack County Savings Bank's (The Merrimack) Annual Mitten Tree Drive.

Now through December 31st, The Merrimack will be collecting new handmade or store-bought mittens, hats and scarves to be distributed to people in our community who need them most.

"Every donation counts and can make a real difference in your community," said Linda Lorden, President of The Merrimack. "Your donation not only helps someone stay warm, but it also supports local food pantries."

For each item collected, The Merrimack pledges to donate $2 which will be awarded to food pantries in local areas, including: Bow, Henniker, Hooksett, Hopkinton, and Franklin.

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New London Select Board asked to study withdrawal from Kearsarge School District

Deb Parker formally requested that the New London Board of Selectmen establish an exploratory committee to study the feasibility, cost and impacts of New London withdrawing from the cooperative school district.

Rich Anderson expressed skepticism, citing the extensive work required, a lack of broad public demand—noting there is no "groundswell"—and potential negative impacts. He highlighted the value of a larger school district for curriculum offerings, such as Latin and art classes, as well as the cost implications of a smaller district. Anderson also referenced a previous vote showing 92% support for the school district budget as evidence of community backing for the current structure, and he expressed concern about further division between towns.

Parker acknowledged Anderson's opinions but emphasized the importance of gathering information and clarification on new legislation, regardless of perceived public interest. She stated the request was not to immediately withdraw, but to study the option.

New England College offers $12,000 Annual Tuition

No income limits. Available to residential and commuter students. Open to eligible graduates of 39 New Hampshire high schools.

New England College has expanded its High School Partnership Program to 39 New Hampshire high schools, offering eligible graduates an annual tuition of $12,000 locked in for up to four years with no family income limits.

The program is available to students who live on campus or commute, giving families the flexibility to choose the college experience that fits their needs while knowing their tuition rate will stay the same.

New England College's high school partners include:

- Bow High School
- Contoocook Valley Regional High School
- Goffstown High School
- Hillsboro-Deering High School
- Hopkinton High School
- John Stark Regional High School
- Kearsarge Regional High School

Eligible graduates of participating high schools must enroll full time in an eligible on-campus undergraduate program. Tuition is $12,000 per year ($6,000 per semester), plus required fees. Room and board are additional for students who live on campus. The tuition guarantee applies to incoming students for up to four years and excludes NEC's Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs.

"We believe that access to higher education can open doors and create opportunities that last a lifetime," said Wayne F. Lesperance Jr., president of New England College. "Expanding our high school partnerships allows us to reach more students, strengthen our connections with local communities and help make a college education an attainable goal for more New Hampshire families."

With 23 additional high schools joining NEC's High School Partnership Program, more New Hampshire students can benefit from a reduced tuition rate and greater certainty about the cost of earning their degree.



The Hillsborough Planning Board approved developer Christopher Knight's request to construct the remaining 12 units of the Butler Court Condominiums, first approved in 1985.



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Colby-Sawyer's MSW Program sets Crossett '26 on new path


Jennifer Crossett

When Jennifer Crossett '26 MSW started as a student in the Master of Social Work program, she envisioned making a career change and becoming a clinical social worker after graduation. Prior to enrolling in the MSW program, she had spent a decade working in higher education, holding several leadership positions at Southern New Hampshire University. During her time in the MSW program, Crossett completed a clinical practicum at CREATE Counseling in Manchester, providing supervised outpatient therapy to children, adolescents and adults. Her second-year practicum with the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) New Hampshire and Vermont chapters focused on legislative advocacy, policy analysis and professional education. In addition, Crossett served as a student representative on the NASW New Hampshire Board of Directors, president of the Phi Alpha Honor Society and a project fellow for INSPIRARE Global. In 2026, she was named NASW New Hampshire's MSW Student of the Year for Colby-Sawyer College. Through her experience, Crossett recognized the opportunities available to her in which she could blend her interest in social work with her talents in higher education and her passion for advocacy and innovation. In January 2027, Crossett will join the staff of Colby-Sawyer College as practicum coordinator for the Master of Social Work program. The following is a Q&A with Crossett in which she reflects on her experience in the MSW program.

How did the MSW program at Colby-Sawyer help you with the next step of your career?

I entered Colby-Sawyer's MSW program as a career changer, initially envisioning a future in clinical social work. While I still have a passion for clinical practice and built a strong clinical foundation during my time in the program, I also discovered an unexpected love for macro social work! Through the diverse coursework and practicum experiences, I was encouraged to explore different areas of the profession and find my own place within it.

One of the things I love most about social work is how dynamic and versatile it is. There are so many different paths to pursue and ways to make a difference, and Colby-Sawyer's MSW program helped me discover possibilities I hadn't even considered when I enrolled. I came into the program thinking I knew exactly where I was headed, but I left with a much broader understanding of the profession and a stronger sense of who I wanted to be as a social worker. I couldn't be more grateful for that!

What was the most rewarding part about the MSW program? Without question, the people! I know it sounds a little cheesy, but the MSW program truly felt like a family. The faculty are not only incredibly knowledgeable and passionate about social work, but they also genuinely care about their students and want to see them succeed. I always felt supported, encouraged and empowered in my coursework and interactions with the faculty.

And that sense of connection extended beyond the classroom. Through the program's cohort model, I formed strong bonds with my peers. We really leaned on one another through the challenges of graduate school and celebrated our accomplishments along the way. Between coursework, practicum hours and everything else life throws at you, having that sense of community from faculty to students made all the difference. I graduated with so much more than a degree. I gained lasting friendships, wonderful mentors and a network of people I know I'll remain connected to long after graduation.

Anything else you'd like to add?

First, I would be remiss if I didn't give a special shout-out to Professor Kate Turcotte, because she's the reason I chose Colby-Sawyer in the first place! From our very first conversation, her passion for the program and genuine investment in students were obvious. That never changed throughout my two years in the MSW program. Dr. Turcotte and the rest of the faculty were always receptive to feedback and willing to listen to students' ideas about how to make the program even stronger. I really appreciated being part of a program where student voices mattered.

Second, I want to acknowledge the social work elephant in the room — the barriers! There are a lot of barriers to entering the social work profession, and I think Colby-Sawyer recognizes that in a way that really sets the program apart. Dr. Turcotte and the faculty understand the challenges students face, but rather than simply accepting those barriers as part of the process, they've been finding innovative ways to make social work education more accessible. They're not just preparing students to become social workers; they're also doing the work to make that path more accessible for the people who want to pursue it. More than ever, the world needs more social workers. And I'm grateful to have been part of a program that's working to make that path possible for more people.

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Weare woman gets suspended sentence for shooting a man because he was Black


Diane Durgin

A Superior Court judge reluctantly accepted a change of plea for a Weare woman who admitted to firing two shots at a lost man's car on her property in October 2024, after reaching a deal that spares her from serving any time in jail.

Diane Durgin, 68, pleaded guilty Monday afternoon in Hillsborough County Superior Court to attempted first-degree assault with a firearm. Prosecutor Mark Ryder said a trial was set to take place this month, but Durgin requested a continuance because of health issues. The agreement calls for a prison sentence of 1½ to 3 years, suspended for five years. "We felt this was appropriate," Ryder said.

Judge David Anderson asked Ryder to justify the deal, given that Durgin's husband, Michael, was sentenced to three months in jail after being convicted by a jury in May of reckless conduct with a deadly weapon for firing a shotgun at the same car. Ryder acknowledged she had greater culpability, but given that health issues would have delayed the trial, his office was satisfied with the deal, which prohibits the couple from keeping firearms on the property as convicted felons.

Durgin and her attorney, Monique Olson, appeared remotely because of a health issue Durgin is facing. A doctor recommended at least a six-month continuance, but both sides agreed to the fully negotiated deal.

On Oct. 20, 2024, X.G., a Black man, drove to Weare to complete the purchase of a part for a tractor-trailer truck he had prearranged with a seller online. He mistakenly pulled into the driveway of Durgin's home on Colby Road around 6 a.m., according to a civil complaint.

Durgin exited her home with a gun holstered to her waist and approached X.G. while calling him a "Black (expletive)" and threatening to kill him, according to the complaint.

Durgin fired two shots as X.G. attempted to leave. Both shots missed the vehicle.

Michael Durgin was found guilty of reckless conduct with a deadly weapon for firing a 12-gauge, pump-action shotgun at the car while it was moving.

Anderson said he was well aware of the facts of the case after presiding over Michael Durgin's trial. He said he thought Diane Durgin should spend at least the same amount of time behind bars as her husband. "I am a little uncomfortable with this because I think the factual case against Mrs. Durgin is stronger than that of Mr. (Durgin)," he said.

Anderson said he found the agreed-upon sentence "troubling to me on a basic fairness level," with Michael Durgin having already served his time in jail.

"But I am sure he supports it as well," the judge said.

Durgin previously filed paperwork saying she might claim self-defense at trial. Durgin claimed that X.G. told her to get into the car and later started driving his vehicle toward her. According to a police affidavit, X.G. told an officer that a woman, later identified as Durgin, approached him with a handgun while he remained seated in his car. X.G. told police he tried to explain why he was on the property after getting lost and stated that Durgin "stuffed a gun in his face." Durgin then fired at his car, according to the complaint.

After the hearing, Ryder said in an interview that X.G. was "on board" with the plea agreement.

"We are just glad the victim wasn't actually injured," Ryder said. "This is the kind of behavior that can't be tolerated in this kind of society."

Diane Durgin also faces civil rights charges for allegedly telling a 911 operator she shot at the car because "the guy is Black."

Just because I disagree with you doesn't mean I hate you. We need to relearn this in our society.



SCHEDULING DENTAL CARE DURING PRENATAL VISITS BOOSTS ORAL HEALTH CARE DURING PREGNANCY: PART II


Dr. Esin Narli

One way to try and increase dental care among pregnant women is to reach them where they already are: their prenatal appointments. To bridge this gap, researchers and clinicians at NYU College of Dentistry teamed up with neighboring NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue.

420 prenatal patients with Medicaid coverage were referred to NYU Dentistry for follow-up dental care; the majority were Hispanic, and roughly half spoke Spanish as their first language. Referrals for dental care took two forms: immediately scheduled dental appointments made before the patient left the prenatal clinic or through a patient navigator. The patient navigator – a bilingual professional – educated patients regarding oral health, reminded patients of their upcoming dental appointments, and followed up after to identify any issues. Nearly 44 percent of patients referred to NYU College of Dentistry followed through with a dental appointment. Both immediate appointment scheduling and the patient navigator increased the chances of a patient receiving dental care, but those who had appointments scheduled at their prenatal visit were 2.6 times more likely to see a dentist than those without appointments scheduled – even more likely than those who worked with the patient navigator.

The authors conclude that integrating oral health screening in a prenatal clinic is feasible and increases engagement with dental care during pregnancy. They are continuing their research to measure whether this care improves oral health outcomes and to better understand how dental screening can be successfully integrated with prenatal care in other settings. "A warm hand-off is key for addressing part of the barriers to dental care during pregnancy. Our team plans to further investigate and optimize interventions addressing both patient-, provider-, and healthcare system-level barriers to dental care during pregnancy," said the lead researcher.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

A large U.S. study published in *The Lancet Healthy Longevity* suggests that older adults hospitalized with delirium may experience better outcomes when treated with trazodone, commonly used to treat depression and sleep problems, rather than commonly used antipsychotic medications. Delirium, a sudden state of confusion that often affects older adults during or after hospitalization, is frequently treated with medications despite limited evidence about which drugs are safest. The findings showed that patients treated with trazodone had a lower risk of death and were less likely to be hospitalized than those who received antipsychotic drugs. Importantly, the study did not find meaningful differences between the two groups in rates of falls or fractures — outcomes that are a significant concern for older adults taking sedating medications. The results suggest that trazodone may offer a safer alternative to antipsychotic drugs for managing delirium in older patients, particularly when medication use cannot be avoided.

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Cardiovascular disease results in around 20 million deaths worldwide and causes around 33% all deaths in the US. Statins are highly effective drugs that lower LDL ("bad") cholesterol levels and have been repeatedly proven to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. However, there have been concerns about possible side effects. Researchers investigating these side effects in tests found similar numbers of reports for those taking the statins and those taking a placebo for almost all the conditions listed in package leaflets as possible side effects. For example, each year, the number of reports of cognitive or memory impairment was 0.2% in those taking the statins, but also 0.2% in those taking the placebo. This means that while people may notice these problems while taking statins, there is no good evidence that they are caused by the statin. Taking a statin did not cause any meaningful excess of memory loss or dementia, depression, sleep disturbance, erectile dysfunction, weight gain, nausea, fatigue or headache, and many other conditions.

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New Boston's Paul Revere bell has been reinstalled in the refurbished tower of the Community Church thanks to the gigantic efforts of Bruce Tostevan, Bill Vickery, Glen Dodge and many others.

NH Recycles honors Francestown's Eddie Hardwick

NH Recycles proudly recognizes individuals and organizations whose contributions have strengthened recycling, improved operations, and supported communities within the Granite State and beyond.

These awardees represent the dedication, innovation, and leadership that keep New Hampshire's recycling system strong.

Operator of the Year: Eddie Hardwick

Eddie Hardwick became Francestown's first Transfer Station Supervisor in June 2025, bringing experience from the Weare and Milford transfer stations.

Under his leadership, Francestown expanded its recycling facility to include two balers, processing more than 80,000 pounds of cardboard and 12,000 pounds of aluminum cans and generating over $10,000 in new revenue.

Eddie has also helped reduce disposal costs, mentored fellow attendants, and earned the appreciation of residents through his kindness and willingness to help. His efforts have strengthened Francestown's recycling program and made a lasting impact on the community.

Franklin Police issue a Shelter-In-Place warning

Police rescued two people from a home in Franklin early Friday morning and took two others into custody.

Officers responded to 267 Smith Hill Road around 3 a.m. after reports of shots fired. Police activated the Franklin Special Operations Unit, which consists of five agencies. Franklin police issued a shelter-in-place warning for the area around 3:30 a.m. and lifted it around 4:30 a.m.

Nobody was injured, and two people were taken to jail, Franklin officers at the scene told WMUR. Police identified the suspects as James Renfrew, 74, and Justin Renfrew, 41. Both were taken into custody without incident, according to police. Officers began clearing the scene around 5 a.m., though a few remained at the house into the morning.

A neighbor said they could hear police talking to someone inside the home over a megaphone. The neighbor said an officer asked if they had heard any gunshots; they did not, though they heard other neighbors say they had.

White Birch Center names Gregg Mazzola Marketing & Advancement Officer


Gregg Mazzola

White Birch Center has appointed Gregg Mazzola as its new marketing and advancement officer. In this role, Mazzola will lead initiatives to strengthen community awareness, expand philanthropic support and advance the center's mission of serving individuals and families throughout the greater Henniker area.

Mazzola has extensive experience in marketing, strategic communications, brand development and institutional advancement, having worked with organizations across higher education and other sectors. His background includes developing integrated marketing campaigns, strengthening institutional visibility, building community relationships and creating compelling stories that connect organizations with the audiences they serve. Most recently, he worked on marketing and communications initiatives for the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law and Colby-Sawyer College.

"White Birch Center has needed someone with Gregg's experience and expertise for quite a while," said White Birch Center Executive Director Marc McMurphy. "We are a very active organization in Henniker, and yet very few people know what we do."

As marketing and advancement officer, Mazzola will focus on enhancing White Birch Center's visibility, developing fundraising and donor engagement strategies, expanding community partnerships and communicating the impact of the center's programs and services.

"I am thrilled to join the White Birch Center and contribute to an organization that makes such an important difference in the lives of individuals and families throughout our community," said Mazzola. "White Birch has an extraordinary history of service, and I look forward to working with its leadership, staff, supporters, and community partners to share its story, strengthen relationships, and build upon its success."


What began several years ago as an idea from then-second-grader Mia Cahill has grown into a meaningful annual effort to support local families facing food insecurity. Sunapee police and Central Elementary School students and staff once again came together to collect cereal for the Sunapee Food Pantry.

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Publisher's Perspective

One Veteran's Challenge to America's Youth

Twice each year we pause to honor those who served in our armed forces. On Memorial Day, we honor those who paid the ultimate price and gave their lives defending our country.

Veterans Day is dedicated to all veterans who served America at the expense of their personal safety. Some call us heroes—we are not! Some say we were brave—we are not! America's veterans are ordinary men and women of whom much was asked in extraordinary times; who overcame their fears to serve a nation that gave them so much; and who fought not for glory, but out of a sense of duty to defend this great continuing experiment in democracy and personal liberty we call America.

I served in Vietnam and was away from my friends and family for one year. Some of my colleagues who fought in World War II were gone for three or four years, and more recently, our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan served extended or multiple tours of duty.

How can today's younger generation get a true sense of what war is like? Imagine for a moment you are a track athlete, and you can go home after running in 100 meets. Trouble is, most runners die by the 33rd meet. That's what fighter pilots faced in Vietnam. They could go home after flying 100 combat missions, but the odds were they would be shot down before the 33rd.

We have a special mission for members of the student council. The only problem is that for every 10 of you who go on this mission, eight will be killed. That's what happened to the Rangers who took the cliffs over Normandy, or the bomber pilots who flew the raids over the German oil fields during World War II.

The soccer team will suffer only 20% to 30% casualties on their next mission, the best odds yet. But the reward for surviving that mission is that you get to go on another with the same odds, and then another and another—just like the Marines who fought at Guadalcanal, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq or Afghanistan. They knew the odds before they went, but they went anyway. Could you do the same? Would you?

If you survive that experience, you are a different person. Your whole outlook and philosophy of life changes in ways others will never understand. With luck and God's grace, you will never have to experience that, but you can still honor those who have.

Soon the future of America will be in your hands. When your turn comes, honor it, improve it and pass along a better life to your kids. That is all the thanks any veteran could ask.

Guest Editorial

Every Day Is Veterans Day

By Grant Bosse

The 11th day of the 11th month was first set aside in 1919 to commemorate the end of World War I a year earlier. Since 1954, the United States has used the day to thank all of those who served in our military.

On Memorial Day, we honor the ultimate sacrifice of the fallen. We do so with ball games and barbecues, and look forward to summer.

Yet it's in the chilly twilight of November that we remember all those who wore the uniform.

Some fought for us and for each other. They bear battle scars on their bodies, and on their souls.

Others served in peacetime, bearing the American flag on their shoulder as they saw the world. But they were willing to fight, and we salute them as well.

Had millions of Americans not stood up to tyranny over the centuries, America might still be here, but the idea of America, the value of America, would have died long ago.

Every day we wake up with the choice of where to live, what to think, how to pray, and how to raise our families is a day we owe to our veterans.

Every day we go to sleep under the blanket of protection our military has provided all our lives is Veterans Day.





Sports

Hopkinton man qualifies for World University Games

Junior Matthew Clarner of the Clarkson University Nordic ski team has qualified for the World University Games, set to take place in January 2027 in Changchun, China.

Clarner was one of eight male student-athletes from the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association named to Team USA. He joins Wesley Sumner of Colorado Mesa University, Paavo Rova of St. Olaf College, Gabriel Lloyd, Sisu Lange and Philip Matthews IV of Paul Smith's College, Graydon Walker of Western Colorado University, and Austin Quillian of the University of Wyoming. At least six of the eight skiers will participate in any given race.

Roughly 1,700 athletes from nearly 60 countries and regions are expected to compete from Jan. 15-25 at Changchun's Beidahu Ski Resort and Songhua Lake Ski Resort. There will be nine Nordic ski events for men and women, including an individual freestyle sprint, a 10K classic, a 4x5K relay and a 15K freestyle, as well as a mixed classic relay.

Clarner, a rising junior from Hopkinton, N.H., finished sixth overall at the USCSA National Championships in March 2026 as a sophomore. He placed fourth in both the 7.5K classic and the 15K freestyle, while also placing 21st in the freestyle sprint. In his first collegiate season with the Golden Knights, he took 19th overall at the USCSA Nationals, coming in seventh in the 7.5K freestyle and finishing in the top 30 in the classic sprint and 15K classic. In his two seasons with the Golden Knights, he has won 10 races.



Matthew Clarner.

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Coach of the Year: Kelly Shirk, ConVal.

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John Stark: Addison DeCew, sr., midfield.

SECOND TEAM

Bow: Shire Kelley, sr., forward; Aubrey Merrill, sr., goalie.
John Stark: Karrington Telgen, sr., midfield; Maxine Lundeen, sr., defense.

HONORABLE MENTION

Bow: Ainsley Herrick, so., forward; Elise Jacques, jr., midfield.
John Stark: Rowin Ledy, sr. goalie; Sage Lambert, sr., goalie; Madelyn Landrigan, sr., defense.

DIVISION III

Offensive Player of the Year: Autumn Meier, Hopkinton.
Defensive Player of the Year: Ava Nolan-Waddell, Kearsarge.
Coach of the Year: Chelsea Williams, Kearsarge.

FIRST TEAM

Hopkinton: Autumn Meier, sr., forward; Ryan Barrett, sr., midfield; Mary Maughan, sr., defense.
Kearsarge: Ava Nolan-Waddell, sr., defense; Reagan Billado, jr., defense; Stella Syvertsen, sr., midfield.

SECOND TEAM

Hopkinton: Lauryn Vetter, sr., midfield; Gigi Upton, jr., defense.

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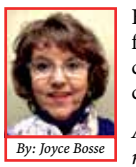
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WHOLE HOME APPROACH TO INDOOR AIR: PART I


By: Joyce Bosse

How much do you know about the non-equipment factors that can affect indoor air? The following quiz can help homeowners identify potential issues that can reduce energy efficiency and thermal comfort.

An HVAC technician should check the attic when making a service call or performing regular maintenance on heating and cooling equipment.

True. Issues in the attic — such as an insufficient level of attic insulation or problems with attic ductwork — can lead to inconsistent temperatures, reduced energy efficiency and other problems throughout the home. The EPA estimates that homeowners can save an average of up to 15% on heating and cooling costs (or an average of 11% on total energy costs) by air sealing their homes and adding insulation in attics, floors over crawl spaces and accessible basement rim joists.

My home is only 15 years old and was built to code, so I don't need to worry about energy efficiency.

False. Building codes represent the minimum threshold for energy efficiency. Advances in building technology and equipment innovations continue to make homes more efficient compared to those built only a decade or so ago.

Insulation is already installed in my attic, so I'm covered.

False. A sufficient level of attic insulation is necessary to help regulate temperatures and avoid heat escaping from a home's interior through the attic to the outdoors. Similarly, in the summer, attic insulation keeps hot attic air from migrating into cooler parts of the home. Recommendations for insulation levels vary by climate zone. An HVAC technician should check attic insulation levels when performing a maintenance visit or service call and can recommend a proper level.

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Bennington Fire, Antrim Fire and Bennington police responded to Antrim Road after a vehicle crashed into a bridge. Antrim EMS evaluated one patient at the scene, who was not transported.



Newbury Fire, Newbury Police and New London Ambulance responded to a report of a vehicle off the roadway and down an embankment. The driver was secured before being brought up the hill to a waiting ambulance.



Newbury Fire, Newbury police and New London Ambulance responded to a report of a vehicle off the road. First responders located the car down a slight embankment, and the driver was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Gilman Conant Shattuck

Hillsborough - Gilman Conant Shattuck, 99, passed away peacefully on October 15, 2026. Born on December 19, 1926, he was the son of the late Roger Conant and Ruth (Sykes) Shattuck. Gilman is survived by his beloved wife, Sieglinde "Sissi" Shattuck; his children, Franz (Jo-Ann) Shattuck, Helen (Daniel) Gillis, Erika (Stephen) Parton, and Roger (Gretchen) Shattuck; numerous nieces and nephews; and a loving extended family. A celebration of Gilman's life will be held in the summer of 2027 in Hillsborough, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Gilman's honor may be made to the Manahan-Phelps-McCulloch Photographic Collection and DAV.org supporting Disabled American Veterans.

Peter Gove

Deering - Peter Gove, 93 of Deering, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2026. Peter was born in Billerica, Massachusetts to the late Harold and Marie (Kilcullen) Gove. Peter is survived by his daughters Deborah Theroux, Laura Lee Gove and her significant other Eric Standke, Melissa Gove and her significant other Roland Watson; his grandchildren, Christina, Angela, Donald, Matthew, Jessica, Sara, Dorothy, Glenn and Robert; many great grandchildren; his brother John Gove and his wife Helen; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his beloved wife of 60 years Coralee (Mazza) Gove; his daughter Cynthia Gove Whalen, and his son Peter J. Gove. Peter was one of eight children and was predeceased by his siblings Marie Gove Cormier, Harold "Mick" Gove, Thomas Gove, Francis "Frank" Gove, Robert Gove and William "Bill" Gove. Calling hours were November 3, 2026 in the Crapo-Hathaway Funeral Home in Taunton MA, followed by Funeral at 11:00 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial followed at St. Francis Old Cemetery in Taunton, MA.



Donna Lee (Johnson) Miller

Bedford - Donna Lee (Johnson) Miller, 65, of Bedford, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, while surrounded by her family. Born on February 4, 1961, in Peterborough, NH, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Barbara (Paige) Johnson. She is survived by her loving husband Duncan Miller; children Brandon Miller and girlfriend Andrea, Kristopher Miller, Cody Miller and wife Karla; sister Vicky Johnson; brothers Doug Johnson, Keith Johnson; and many nieces, nephews and friends. She is predeceased by her parents Frank and Barbara Johnson. Celebration of Life will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at the American Legion, 538 W. Main St, Hillsboro, NH.



Raymond Peter D'Amante

Sunapee - It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Raymond Peter D'Amante. Ray was born on March 16, 1943 and passed away peacefully in his home in Sunapee surrounded by his loving family on Monday, November 2, 2026. Ray was born in Concord, New Hampshire, the son of the late Armante R. and Ida M. (Paveglio) D'Amante. Ray is survived by his loving wife, Cinda (Saeger) D'Amante of Sunapee; his sons, Richard D'Amante of Salem, and Michael D'Amante and his partner Mindunn Rose of New London; his daughter, Dannalea D'Amante and her husband Jason Levin of Pomfret, VT; his grandson, Zack Walters of California; his sisters, Christine Bartlett of Bow, and Linda Dragon of Concord; his brother in law, Mark Saeger of Bahrain; and his sisters in law, Laura Seager of North Carolina, and Donna Spargo of New Mexico. Ray is also survived by the loving memory of his son, Tony D'Amante, who lives forever in our hearts. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother in law Mack Saeger. Visiting hours were held on Monday, November 9th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Waters Funeral Home, 50 South Main Street, Concord, NH. We cherish the presence of all who knew Ray to join us in honoring his life. A private funeral service will be held. In lieu of flowers, we welcome donations in his memory to Breakthrough T1D, 200 Vesey Street, 28th Floor, New York, NY 10281, an organization dedicated to the treatment and cure of Type 1 Diabetes.



Linda Lee Evans

Hancock - Linda L. Evans, 80, of Hancock (Greenfield), NH, passed away at Catholic Medical Center on October 31, 2026. She was born on December 31, 1945, in Concord, NH, to William John and Ella Mae (Lee) Cochrane. Linda is survived by her children, Aaron (Kathy) Evans, of Port Orange, FL, Matthew (Cheryl) Evans, of Hancock, Adam (Angel) Evans, of Francestown, John (Cheryl) Evans, of New Ipswich, and Irene (Mike) Bowman, of Milford; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and her siblings, Shayna Traveler, of NC, and Steve Cochrane, of Canterbury, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Linda's name to Hillsborough County Meals on Wheels (Donate to Meals on Wheels of NH).



Walter "Al" Allen Weber

Florida (Hillsboro, NH) - Walter "Al" Allen Weber, 97, of Orange City, FL, (formerly Hillsboro, NH) passed away on November 3, 2026. Al was born on December 28, 1928 in Kansas City, MO to Mildred Caroline Sykes and Clarence Walter Weber. He is survived by his wife Marilyn Weber. Al will be greatly missed by his family and friends.



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- To discuss the application by David Barkie for a six-lot (major) subdivision of TM 16-69, a 90-acre lot on East Washington Road.
- To discuss the application by David Barkie for a five-lot (major) subdivision of TM 17-14, a 53.96-acre lot on the corner of Rte. 31 S and Smith Pond Road.

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