

Area

Obituaries

DEBORAH KATHLEEN HURT

EDMONTON - Deborah “Debbie” Kathleen Hurt, 68, passed away Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Butler Funeral Home with burial in the Metcalfe County Memorial Gardens.

Sincerest condolences to all those who have lost loved ones

-Edmonton Herald-News

SNHU Summer 2026 Honors List

MANCHESTER, NH – Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are	named to the Dean’s List.	earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President’s List.	Tanya Rust of Edmonton
	Lauren Scott of Edmonton	Sara Holcomb of Edmonton	Robin Holcomb of Edmonton
	Full-time undergraduate students who have		Anthony Neal of Knob Lick

Op-Ed

The Value of Journalism

By **Mike Scogin**
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The news Thursday that 13 skilled journalists in Lexington were laid off was heart-breaking, but also frightening.

The suggestion that AI can replace reporters who are trained to observe, interpret, and ask the tough questions is unrealistic. AI is a tool and a resource, but it cannot replace a human reporter.

The real danger here is the declining number of journalists in the field. It is not just newspapers. We have witnessed veteran broadcast journalists who have been sidelined as TV goes through its own shakeout.

So, what are we losing? What is the real value of journalism?

•Journalism gives citizens the facts they need to make informed decisions. This information is about our schools, taxes, governments, businesses, medicine, and it is information that shapes our lives. A skilled journalist gathers the information, verifies and presents it in a way that can be understood.

•Journalists hold government entities accountable. The most important responsibility of a journalist and media company is to ask the tough question — the question an elected official may not want to answer. This skill takes courage and patience as it has become common for officials to deflect attention by insulting or criticizing the reporter rather than answer the question.

•Journalism is a historical record. Births, deaths, milestones, new businesses, and tragedies are all part of a community’s record. Much of the history we know of our past is because of the journalists who have gone before us.

•Local journalists tell stories that would

otherwise be untold. Find any local media, be it a newspaper or a TV station, and you’ll find stories the national media are not covering.

•Journalism and local media connect communities in a way no other entity can do.

•We have more information at our fingertips than ever before. In the age of social media, blogs, rumors, and artificial intelligence, the ability to separate misinformation has gotten more and more difficult. Local journalists are the filter who report the stories through verification, attribution, and with accountability.

•Journalism gives people a voice. Their stories are not just about those holding elected office or the powerful. Stories of teachers, farmers, small-business owners, young people, and veterans fill the pages of good community newspapers.

•Journalism is part of the bedrock of democracy. People participate in their communities when they understand the issues. Coverage of public meetings, local debates, and elections provides the information people find necessary for participation.

•Journalists serve as witnesses. Major events are documented by journalists who provide information about what happened and how the community responded. This role is especially important during emergencies and disasters.

•Journalists create accountability. Good journalists acknowledge mistakes, correct the record, and explain how they obtain information. This transparency builds trust.

•The value of a journalist is in their presence. Whether it is at a city council meeting, a sporting event, or community

PATRICIA ANN THOMPSON

EDMONTON - Patricia “Patti” Ann Thompson, 88, passed away Thursday, September 17, 2026. She was born in Versailles, KY, on July 12, 1938, to the late Frank and Helen Holman McGoldrick. Graveside services were held on Sunday, September 20, 2026, at the Edmonton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Metcalfe County Animal Shelter. Butler Funeral Home assisted the family.

JEFFERY CLAY GLASS

EDMONTON - Jeffery “Jeff” Clay Glass, 69, passed away Saturday, September 19, 2026. He was born in Glasgow, KY, on August 6, 1957, to the late Arlie Lawrence Glass and the late Velma Irene “Doby” Gunnells Glass. The family has honored Mr. Glass’s wishes and chose cremation. Butler Funeral Home assisted the family.

Masonic Lodge Raffle Winner



▲ PHOTO | MASONIC LODGE #931
Congratulations to Jeff Thompson for winning the Henry Golden Boy .22 Magnum in the raffle held by Masonic Lodge #931. Pictured are Lodge Master Jeff Compton and winner Jeff Thompson. The money from the raffle goes toward the lodge’s scholarship fund.

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20 Disney's "Little Mermaid"

21 Shoulder ornament

22 Not in favor of

23 Parasitic loafer

25 Examine by touch, as for a physical

26 Former Swedish car

27 Gluten source

28 Genetic ID

30 Man's wig

31 Build

33 Alternative to a blender

35 Gold-medal alpine skier

38 Lowly laborer

40 Ghost sound

41 Supposed realm of existence in the celestial spheres

43 Top of a cup

44 Big rigs

49 Requires

50 Throne, e.g.

51 Pulsate

53 Crate

54 Country singer Willie

56 African nation since 1993

58 Geologic time units

60 Little cut

62 Test run of a new policy

64 Stars and Stripes' home

68 Coin tosses, e.g.

69 Damaged by erosion

70 Pompous reactionary, in Britspeak

72 Giant-screen film format

73 Family on "Dallas"

74 Flax plant grown for its oil

76 Striped jungle cats, in French

81 Pilot

82 Entity

84 Scott in an 1857 court decision

86 Handsome, in Spanish

87 Fiery felony

89 Approx. amount

90 Small possum sometimes kept as a pet

92 Fruity drinks

94 Knock noises

95 Kazakhstan border lake

96 Stream resulting from a high-energy collision of protons

101 Make warped

102 Colorful ring of anatomy

103 Some lawn moisture

104 Transports in a big rig

106 Apple tablet

110 Translates

112 Starts traveling like seven key words in this puzzle

115 Brightest star in Scorpius

116 Knickknack

117 Digression

118 Occupies, as a hotel

119 Gathers

120 Sipping aid

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1 Zooming requirements, for short

2 Song from 108-Down, e.g.

3 — colada

4 Growths on gingers' chins

5 Not well

6 Breathable, visored head-wear items

7 Disturb

8 "Family" actress

9 Actor Russell

10 "Do Ya" rock gp.

11 Muscle-bone connector

12 Courtroom typist

13 Brief slumber

14 Christie of mystery

15 Western bars

16 Tilt skyward

17 Like extras purchased via the program

18 Lauder of cosmetics

19 Pilot

24 "The Seven Year Itch" actor Tom

29 Navy bigwig

32 Thinking logically

33 Rival

34 Singer Perry

35 "Voices Carry" singer

36 "Oh, gotcha"

37 "Hooked on ..." record company

38 Jack of old talk TV

39 Authorizing

42 Onion relative

43 Emu relatives

45 GI tract bacterium

46 Central Georgia city

47 "— the Sheriff"

48 Frank formerly of CNN

51 Caught in a lie, e.g.

52 Pound on, as a door

55 Least vicious

57 Pares down

59 Big name in acrylic plastic sheets

61 Ore, neighbor

63 "Kapow!"

64 Fast Amtrak train

65 Grass-cutting machine

66 "The Baker" actor Koteas

67 Sonata section

68 Lighter igniter

71 Became ecstatic, with "out"

72 Notion

75 Units of work

77 Most culpable

78 X-ray units

79 Sword variety

80 Marsh-dwelling rail

83 Foot back

85 Choose by picking slips of paper, say

88 Hammer users, often

90 Fri. follower

91 Mill fodder

93 Vicinity of the U.S. Capital

94 Apply more heat to

96 Law firm aides, briefly

97 "— we all?"

98 Designer Oscar de la —

99 In current times

100 Volkswagen compact

101 Private pupil

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107 Twosome

108 Verdi opera

109 Actress

111 Old JFK flier

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