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Direct to Santa

Children can drop off letters to Santa Claus at the special mailbox at the Library Arts Center in Newport until December 23. If a return address is included children will receive a letter back from Santa. The mailbox with a direct line to the North Pole is open for mail during gallery hours Tuesday through Friday 11am to 4pm and Saturday 10am - 2pm. Paul Howe photo.



15-75 years in jail

Jayson Setoute, 19, pleaded guilty to first-degree assault, conspiracy to commit first-degree assault and kidnapping charges. He was sentenced to spend 15 to 75 years behind bars. The charges stemmed from an incident in Goffstown on March 9, when a 20-year-old man was lured from his home and beaten with a gun and baseball bat before being forced into the trunk of a car, according to authorities. He was driven to another location where he was beaten again and abandoned. A second person charged in connection with the case, Isaiah Williams, is slated to go to trial on Jan. 11, 2016.



Is there a future Steven Spielberg in the group? Marc Payeur photo.

Lights, Camera, Action

Scouts from Weare Troop 24 Tour WMUR studio

The Scouts from Weare Troop 24 recently began work towards earning their Movie-Making Merit Badge. The Scouts have learned about all aspects of movie-making, including writing scripts, creating storyboards, learning about camera lenses and angles, along with identifying lighting sources and what's needed in order to create a compelling movie. The Scouts, pictured here with Weare Webelos

Den 2, attended a tour led by Chris Flaherty, an employee of WMUR and the father of Ryan Flaherty, a Scout in Troop 24.

The Scouts had a great time meeting the TV personalities of WMUR and learning about the studio from Mr. Flaherty. The work on the movie-making merit badge concluded with a special Movie Premiere night where the Scouts had the opportunity to showcase their movies.

Henniker man dies in 'Death Alley' two car crash

Todd Goss, 52, of Henniker, was killed and John Auprey, 46, of Penacook was airlifted to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, in serious condition, after a two-car crash on Route 202/9, also known as "Death Alley," in Henniker late Monday afternoon.

State Police reports indicate that both Goss and Auprey were traveling west on Route 202/9, with Goss traveling in the breakdown

lane at a high rate of speed. When Goss attempted to merge into the travel lane he struck the rear of the Auprey's car, forcing both off the road.

The accident occurred just west of the Dunkin Donuts, near the intersection with Route 127, not far from the accident that claimed the life of Hopkinton Police Officer Sean Powers, 24, of Hillsboro in 2008.



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New Boston Selectmen release their Preliminary Warrant

The New Boston Selectmen have released their Preliminary Warrant for review. Articles 2 through 5 are zoning amendments.

Article 6 The operating budget includes routine, and for the most part, recurring expenses related to staffing, supplies, utilities, vehicles, maintenance, repairs, and the like required for the day-to-day operation of the town departments. The figure has not yet been set.

Article 7 asks voters to raise and appropriate \$110,000, to be placed in the existing Fire Department Vehicle Capital

Reserve Fund. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 8 seeks to raise and appropriate \$19,500 for planning, designing, and engineering an estimate for construction of a new fire station to be located on Route 13, at Map 8, Lot 110-2.

(Majority vote required)

Article 9 asks for \$85,000 to be placed in the existing Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 10 asks for \$30,000 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund to be used for the 2021 complete town wide revaluation update.

Article 11 seeks \$80,000 for completing the required revaluation update.

Article 12 asks voters to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be placed in the existing Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 13 funds \$85,000 for improvements on Dougherty Lane.

Article 14 is for \$40,000 to be added to the existing Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.

Explanation for Article 14. The funding under this Warrant Article is consistent with the CIP recommendation and scheduling for bridge repair and replacement projects. In order to keep up with the high cost of bridge repairs in the future, the Road Agent has a long term plan for the future upkeep and construction. In order not to spike the appropriation for some years, the CIP Committee spread the Capital Reserve funding to be consistent each year.

Article 15 seeks an as yet unspecified amount to be added to the expendable trust fund for the purpose of offsetting the cost of police 'detail' coverage incurred by New Boston non-profits when they sponsor public events in New Boston that require security.

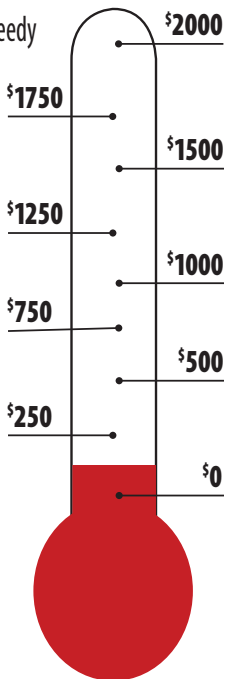
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A wayward hawk knocks out power in Bow Saturday

Unitil officials have confirmed that a hawk was responsible for causing widespread power outages experienced in the Concord area last weekend. The Concord Monitor reported power outages were first reported around 8:20 a.m. Saturday and affected about 13,000 customers in Concord, Bow, Dunbarton, Canterbury and Boscawen.

The majority of affected customers were in New Hampshire's capital city. Spokesman Alec O'Meara said the hawk clipped a main transmission line near the center of the utility's electrical system in Concord. The location of the line was the reason the outage was so widespread.

O'Meara said Unitil officials are unsure how the hawk came into contact with the transmission line, but it didn't survive.

Power was restored to the community by about 9:40 a.m.



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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

December 12, 2014

Antrim Wind Energy files new, smaller proposal
 Goffstown Depts work smoothly together during storm
 New Boston looking for fire station site
 New Boston fire officials recommend changes

December 13, 2013

Proposed Newport school budget up 8%
 AG closed Seastrand case with no criminal charges
 Sunapee man charged with manslaughter
 Mother & child injured in fall from Crotched Mt. chairlift

December 14, 2012

Newport's SAU #43 presents flat budget-no increase
 New hires in New London to pay 15% contribution dollar
 General suspends plans for Bennington store
 ConVal School Board cuts budget increase by 50%

December 16, 2011

Repairs needed at Cogswell Memorial School
 Newport School Board pledges "No Tax Increase"
 State Rep from Andover dies at home
 Bradford Police Department moving to Bradford Corners

December 10, 2010

Four hurt in Weare DWI accident
 NH may adopt Kearsarge Snow-E Day program
 Newbury Veteran Memorial planned
 Alternative School may return to airport

December 11, 2009

Woman saves dog from burning Antrim house
 Newbury bell tower restored and replaced
 Sunapee man named NH Liquor Commissioner
 Bohanan Farm easement approved

December 12, 2008

Homeland Security investigating Hillsborough phone bill
 Kearsarge Community Center plans scaled back
 Monadnock Paper Mill lays off 14 employees
 Mount Sunapee sold for \$132 million

December 14, 2007

Michael Black unveils commercial development plan
 Bradford Dunkin' Donuts near approval
 New manager at Crotched Mountain Resort
 Hancock bridge to be replaced by DOT

December 15, 2006

Antrim may create Department of Community Services
 Several accidents keep Washington Police busy
 Mount Sunapee donates \$2,000 to Kearsarge Ski Team
 H-D DECA qualifies for international competition

December 16, 2005

Sutton breaks ground on new police station
 State delays ruling on Deering airport
 Hopkinton man arrested for older murder
 Scholarships to honor deceased New London employees

Low Income Housing Tax Credits approved for Franklin Mill

With its recent approval, Low Income Housing Tax Credit's renovation of the Franklin Mill is a little closer reality. In June, nonprofit CATCH Neighborhood Housing announced the Franklin City Council's plan to renovate the Franklin Mill, building into 45 affordable housing units. CATCH currently leases over 300 apartments in Concord, Penacook and Bow, but this will be its first development in Franklin. The \$10 million project calls

for three levels of one- and two-bedroom apartments, and will receive \$754,000 in Low Income Housing Tax Credits. CATCH is purchasing the building from Franklin Riverside Lofts, owned by Ed Forster, who is working with Franklin revitalization

champion Todd Workman, CATCH and the city. Permaculture – an effort to reuse, recycle and repurpose – will be emphasized in the project said Workman, who plans for the concept to extend to Franklin's total revitalization effort.

1945 Time Capsule in Weare

A time capsule has been opened by a 90-year-old man in Weare. Leon Taylor remembers it was a Sunday in 1945 when his father hid the capsule inside a fireplace on the family land in Weare. "So he said, 'I've taken some newspapers of the day and mother puts it in a canning jar and we'll seal it up in the buttress of the fireplace,'" Leon said. Now that he is 90, Leon wanted to go back in time. With the help of his family last week, they found that glass jar inside the brick and mortar.

"They opened it up and sure enough it was all about that day the Japanese surrendered," Taylor said. Leon unearthed 1945 newspapers still crisp and rich with history. "Especially the Boston post, that was my newspaper, I loved that," Leon said. "I loved the way they made the headlines." Leon got to see his father's handwriting once again and the ration stamps take him right back to his days as a boy in Weare. "I was just old enough to have my license and I had a gasoline rationing book," Leon said. "And I think they allowed me 6 gallons a week for my model A, which was pretty good on gas." Leon will take some time reliving the old memories then, with help from the historical society, he wants to add modern day items and rebury his dad's time capsule for another generation.



Major improvements are planned for this Franklin Mill.

Goffstown FBLA Advisor named Advisor of the Year

For the second year, Goffstown High School's Future Business Leaders of America attended the fall Leadership Workshop at Southern New Hampshire University.

The workshop provides local Goffstown High School FBLA chapter members an opportunity to become acquainted with FBLA, and offers a foundation that can be adapted to each chapter's needs and goals.

Local chapter presidents and representatives attended the workshop designed specifically to promote networking, team building and leadership skills. Additionally, the workshop included a motivational keynote speaker who addressed the group

with enthusiasm on topics, such as self-discipline, tenacity and motivation.

The group was challenged to create a piggy bank to raise money for the Make A Wish Foundation - the piggy bank needed to be a "game"; incorporating the Future Business Leaders of America's national theme, "Connect;" and conveys originality and creativity. GHS FBLA won a Gold Seal Award for their efforts.

Krista Scarlett, Goffstown High School's FBLA adviser and LifeSmarts Coach, was awarded an Advisor of the Year plaque from FBLA National Leadership Conference.



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Chamber seeks nomination for Citizen, Business & Employee of the Year

The Greater Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the annual dinner will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School from 6:00 - 8:30 pm with the doors opening at 5:30 pm.

A full course dinner will be served offering appetizers, steak tips, lemon chicken, and a vegetarian pasta medley, salad, rolls, and dessert. Entertainment will be provided by Hillsboro-Deering High School musicians under the direction of Heidi Welch.

Each year, the Chamber solicits nominations for the Citizen of the Year and the Business of the Year. New this year is a request for Employee of the Year nominations.

Nominations are due Thursday, January 7, 2016. Forms and criteria for nominees are available for download at hillsboroughnhchamber.org

Tickets are \$25.00/person prior to the event or \$30.00/person at the door. Tickets may be purchased online or at the following Hillsborough merchants: Achille Agway, Bank of New Hampshire, Gallant Photography, Lake Sunapee Bank,

MetLife Auto & Home, Premier Printing, Santander Bank, Sewing Sisters, Sweet

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Participants in our No School Day Art Camp last Friday made memory boards as well as other fun art projects all day, at the Allard Center YMCA in Goffstown.



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Sunapee residents take the Loony Lunge

Sixteen veterans and newcomers gathered on the shore of Sunapee Harbor Saturday to partake in the annual Loony Lunge. The Lunge has been a part Sunapee's Magical Christmas celebration since 2008. It was the third year for Lexi Miller a student at Sunapee Middle High School she was happy there was no snow on the ground this year. After the Looney Lunge, Miller said the water was a little cold. Fred Heineman of Newport, was a newcomer to the event and said it was just like summer. Fred did confess he takes cold showers each morning, and he plans to participate next year.

Living Nativity - Free Christmas Story Performance at Newport Opera House

On Sunday evening Dec 16 at 6:30 the public is invited to a free event presented by My Father's House Ministry, at the Newport Opera House. A Living Nativity brings about the majesty and awe of the first Christmas with live animals, actors, music and dance. There will be special performances by the Mount Royal Academy choirs and Star Dancer Studios dance team. Admission is free. Donations for the Newport Food Pantry are gratefully accepted at the door. The season we all celebrate can begin with this opportunity to remember and celebrate the real reasons for this holiday.

Bennington man faces 4 felony charges

Caleb Koivula, 27, of Bennington has been indicted on several charges in connection with the July theft of a truck and trailer. Authorities say that, in July, Koivula sold a truck that did not belong to him for \$200 and a trailer that he knew had been stolen for \$400. Koivula faces four class B felonies, three counts of receiving stolen property and one of theft by unauthorized taking, each of which carries a potential three and a half to seven years in prison and up to \$4,000 in fines. Koivula was previously convicted of theft by unauthorized taking in 2013.

HDHS/HDMS Winter Concerts on 12/16

Wednesday, December 16 at 6 p.m. the Hillsboro-Deering Middle and High School music departments will combine to present the "Community Holiday" Winter Concert Program in the HD middle school cafeteria featuring a variety of musical selections as well as a sing-along combining all of the band and chorus students. The concert is FREE and open to the public.



The students of Hillsboro-Deering Middle School collected non-perishable food items for the Hillsboro Food Pantry. Mr. Silverman's 7th grade advisory, pictured, collected the largest amount of food items at 137. In total over 800 food items were collected and donated. Thank you to all that participated, you really make a difference to so many.

Hancock man arrested for assaulting cop

Thomas Heissenberger, 22, of Hancock, who was arrested Saturday night at ConVal High School in Peterborough after a standoff with police was arraigned Monday and continues to be held on \$100,000 cash bail. Heissenberger was arrested on four charges; felony reckless conduct and criminal threatening and misdemeanor resisting arrest and criminal mischief. Police received a call about a distraught man who had his vehicle stuck in the mud on the practice football field at ConVal High School. When Officer Christopher Martin found Heissenberger stuck on the practice football field, Heissenberger pointed a semi-automatic pistol at Martin, ordering him to back up and to leave. During an hour-long negotiation, Heissenberger told Martin he had planned to kill himself. Martin insisted he not follow through with that plan. Judge L. Phillips Runyon set a probable cause hearing for Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. and ruled that cash bail would remain \$100,000.

Hopkinton opposition to Redhawks Football

Chairman O'Brien welcomed Steve Yianakopolos from Red Hawks Football to the Hopkinton selectman's meeting, noting that football is a positive thing for the Town, but there is concern about the fields and future costs. Yianakopolos stated he feels the challenges are about the lighting, field times and field lining. He further stated the team does fundraising and is responsible for their uniforms. Mrs. Krzyzaniak stated she was opposed to football from the beginning. She further stated the Town was told that taxpayer expense would be kept at a minimum. We need roads repaired before we spend more money on fields. Krzyzaniak further stated that for the Red Hawks Football to put more of a burden on the town it is not acceptable; the cost is too much.

Man robs Shop Express at knifepoint

On Monday night, a man brandishing a knife jumped over the counter at the Shop Express, grabbed cash from the register drawer and ran, fleeing before police could arrive. Police said the robbery happened at 6:15 p.m. at the 449 Central St. store. The robber is described as a white man in his mid-20s to early 30s, about 6 feet tall and weighing between 170 and 190 pounds. Police released photographs of the robber, taken from the store's video surveillance, and are asking anyone who recognizes the man to call Concord Regional Crimeline or the Franklin Police Department.

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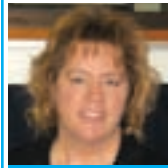
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By SARAH CHAPIN

Taking the medication metformin hydrochloride was associated with reduced risk of developing the sight-threatening disease open-angle glaucoma in people with diabetes, according to a study published online by *JAMA Ophthalmology*. Medications that mimic caloric restriction such as metformin can reduce the risk of some late age-onset disease. It is unknown whether these caloric mimetic drugs affect the risk of age-associated eye diseases such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, cataract or glaucoma.

Anastrozole provides a significant benefit compared with tamoxifen in preventing recurrence after a lumpectomy and radiation therapy in postmenopausal women ages 60 years or younger who had DCIS (ductal carcinoma in situ), a common diagnosis of non-invasive breast cancer. In women over age 60, it works as well as tamoxifen. These findings were presented at the 2015 American Society for Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting.

The roughly nine million Americans who rely on prescription sleeping pills to treat chronic insomnia may be able to get relief from as little as half of the drugs, and may even be helped by taking placebos in the treatment plan, according to new research published in the journal *Sleep Medicine*. The findings, which advocate for a dosing strategy of smaller and fewer doses of sleep drugs and use of placebos, would decrease the amount of medication needed to maintain medication effects over time. The new approach allows the individual to maximize their clinical gains with respect to falling and staying asleep while reducing side effects and cutting prescription drug costs. Chronic insomnia is characterized by difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep at least three nights a week for at least one month.

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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

Calling a liar a liar

Political pundits of all persuasions are astonished and confused over the groundswell of popularity of Donald Trump. Personally, I find Trump to be a self-centered egotistical buffoon. His appeal though, is real and it is deep, across all racial, generational and economic lines. In its simplest terms, Trump is popular not for what he is, but for what he is not - a politician.

Self funded, he is the antithesis of elected officials who cater to special interests and big donors. Speaking directly without mincing words, he is the complete opposite of candidates who vacillate and refuse to take a position or answer questions. The more entrenched politicians condemn him, the more he proves his point. Trump's candidacy eagerly feeds on the wide-spread distrust of officials who say one thing and then do another, who lie and get away with it.

That cancer affects more than national politics, its infection can be found in local politics including here in Hillsborough.

I am saddened to tell you that you have a School Board and Administration that are about to lie directly to voters and taxpayers faces at next year's budget hearing and deliberative session.

Last year there was prolonged debate over making the Redhawks football program a JV sport in combination with Hopkinton. Having failed to convince voters to approve a \$40,000 H-D football program in 2011, organizers proposed a joint program entirely funded by boosters, without any taxpayer funding. Throughout the debate this fact was specifically and repeatedly stressed.

At that hearing, Principal Jim O'Rourke said, "...when maybe we do have to pickup some costs, then it would go to the taxpayers so you would have to vote on it IN A WARRANT ARTICLE. (emphasis added).

With the exception of Paul Plater,

who was and is opposed to football, not a single board member or administrator contradicted or qualified that statement, and all supported and voted to approve it.

At that meeting Superintendent Robert Hassett said, "This was not a budget item, I told Jim that I wouldn't support football unless he could put something forward that did not impact the budget, because the homework I did was in 2011 the voters said NO we're not paying for football. I've spoken to people on both sideSof the fence on this. The majority of the people I've spoken to have said we didn't vote against football, we voted against the cost being added into the budget, and those are two different issues."

Despite repeated requests to be true to their word, the Board and administration have nattily tucked this \$7,000 into the operating budget, depriving voters the chance they promised to vote on. Please understand, I support the football program, which just completed a successful, undefeated season. It is a great program giving our students the opportunity to interact with Hopkinton. \$7,000 is a modest sum for us to pay, and yes, I do expect it will be more in the future.

In the past, when critical of Board actions, I have been quick to point out that these are honorable people doing the best job they can, even when we disagree with them. I can no longer issue that qualifier.

The tragic shame of this is that they just don't understand that lying about this rather minor \$7,000 item destroys their credibility. If they will lie about this minor \$7,000 item, what are we to believe when they tell us about the new \$700,000 Alternative School, a \$500,000 budget increase or the newly approved teachers contract? You be the judge.

Dunbarton Dispatch moved from Bow to Goffstown

Dunbarton Police Dispatch has moved from Bow PD to Goffstown PD.

Please bear with them as they complete the migration.

They thank the Bow Police Department for the many years of serving the employees and the public and look forward working with Goffstown.



Beginning on the left and moving forward...Amanda St. Lauren (grade 4), Brian Wakeman (grade 4), Isabella Swingle (grade 3), and William Swingle (grade 5).

James Faulkner Elementary School mixes it up

James Faulkner Elementary School in Stoddard recently participated in Mix It Up at Lunch Day. Mix it Up Day was launched ten years ago by the organization Teaching Tolerance.

On the last Tuesday of October, participating schools encourage students to move out of their comfort zone and eat

lunch with a different group than usual. In Stoddard, students were randomly assigned to sit at a different lunch table for the day.

The idea is to have students get to know other peers, make new friends, practice respect, and get out of their current lunchtime circles for a day.

Vandals destroy 32 gravestones in Newport cemetery

Vandals recently destroyed 32 gravestones in Maple Street Cemetery in Newport.

Officials estimate it will cost nearly \$30,000 to make repairs and place the headstones back on their bases. A resident, who walks through that cemetery twice a day, noticed the damaged gravestones and called the police Town

Manager Shane O'Keefe told Newport Selectmen that because the headstones are not the property of the Town, no insurance is available to cover the repairs. O'Keefe labeled the vandalism a "thoughtless act." Police Chief Jim Burroughs called it "morally reprehensible." "This action rises to the level of a Class B felony" he said.

A "Journey to Bethlehem" returns a Hancock tradition

"Journey to Bethlehem" recently returned to Main Street Sunday after an 11-year hiatus. The interactive Nativity play was started by former First Congregational Church of Hancock pastor Matthew Crebbin in the 1990s, said church member Amy Wilson, who organized the event this year. "It went for about 10 years and it sort of died out and we brought it back this year," Wilson said. "The idea is just to show the Christian center (of Christmas)." Instead of a Christmas pageant inside the church, "Journey to Bethlehem" is an outdoors, interactive, telling of the Christmas story, as told in the Gospel of Luke, Wilson said.

"It takes you through the entire story," she said, and gives a living experience.

Church members dressed as Magi led groups of people throughout the town center for the Nativity experience. The journey started in the sanctuary of the church, from there to the Bethlehem Inn, which is the Hancock Inn down the street, where the innkeepers tell their story.

Residents also brought their sheep, donkeys and goats to add to the living Nativity scene. It's a wonderful way to tell the Christmas story, Wilson said, and the mild December weather certainly helped revitalize the tradition the church hopes to continue into the future.

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Newport dominates Stevens, loses to Monadnock

Newport 49 Stevens 16: The Tigers' dominating defense forced 34 Cardinal turnovers resulting in a convincing 49-16 victory.

Stephanie Carl opened the with a layup, the first of seven straight Tiger points and a 15-3 run sending Newport into the half with a 22-6 lead. A 17-4 third quarter sealed Steven's fate. Kyrstin Kibbey led the Tigers in scoring with 12. Alexis Hurd was next with her 11, Carl netted nine and Anna Pysz had seven.

Monadnock 45, Newport 35: The Tigers battled back from a halftime deficit, hitting 8-of-10 free throws in the fourth, but their rally fell short. Alexis Hurd scored a game high 13 points, and Stephanie Carl hit for 9.

Falcons avenge tournament loss to Campbell

Bow 54 Campbell 45: The Bow High girls' started the new season on a bright note, avenging a loss to the team that knocked the Falcons out of the playoffs last year. Campbell opened a 9-7 lead to end the first quarter, but Bow came back to grab a 25-18 lead by halftime. In the third, the Falcons depth paid off, as they outscored the Cougars 18-8 to take control. Amanda Murray finished with 15 points. Lea Crompton had 13 and Erin Boldwin added 11 and was a force on the glass. But this win was as much about Bow's depth as it was the leading scorers. The 54-45 victory was all the sweeter because it came against Campbell.

Hawks & Cougars defeat Hillcats

Hopkinton 58 Hillsboro-Deering 23: The Hawks' Katelyn Symonds scored 10 of her 23 points in the first quarter, shooting 4-for-8 from beyond the arc. Abby Houston added 8 points, and

3 blocks. For H-D, Kiersten Clough had 5 points and 6 rebounds with Emma Moore netting 4 points and 10 boards.

Kearsarge 50 Hillsboro-Deering 32: Kearsarge got off to a fast start, forcing turnovers and holding Hillsboro-Deering to just 2 first quarter points. With a 29-12 halftime lead the Cougars were in control throughout. H-D had a strong fourth quarter offensively with Nicole Mooney and Kiersten Clough scoring five points each. Kearsarge was led by Caitlin Prescott with 13 points, followed by Kaitlyn Kleckner with 10 points.



Newport's Brooke Beaulieu looks to pass during a home game against Stevens on December 4. Newport won 49 - 16. Paul Howe photo.

Defending Champion Lakers dominate opening

Sunapee 73, Moultonborough 21: The Lakers jumped out to a 29-5 first quarter lead, increasing it to a 47-8 halftime advantage. Game over. Lexi Hamilton led the way with 16 points. Sydney Clark scored 14, Katie Frederick added 13 and Faith Larpenter 8 points with five assists.

Franklin's domination of Winnisquam ends

Winnisquam 42 Franklin 29: A neighborly rivalry took a new path Tuesday, as Winnisquam's 42-29 victory over Franklin snapped a 4-game win streak for the Golden Tornadoes. Winnisquam took a 21-15 halftime lead. The Bears upped their "D" in the thirds as Franklin scored only four points to trail 32-19 entering the final stanza. Franklin's Lauren Marsh led all scorers with 14 points with Mackenzie Weatherbee contributing eight.

All-Stat Golf Teams

Division II

First Team: Taylor Post, Senior, Goffstown;

Division III

First Team: Doug Champagne, Bow; Lucas Muzzey, Kearsarge; Second Team: Ronan Lucey, Bow; Colin Plumb, Bow; Player of the Year: Doug Champagne, Bow.

Division IV

Kearsarge – Caitlin Prescott (13 points), Kaitlyn Kleckner (10 points); First Team: Jacob Cole, Hillsboro-Deering; Corey Nelson, Franklin; Dawson Campbell, Newport; Nick Fairnery, Hopkinton; Cameron Gebo, Newport; Second Team: Mike Platt, Sunapee.

New Boston events celebrate the Christmas season

Community Church

The New Boston Community Church Choir together with the Hillside Methodist Church Choir of Grasmere invite you to their Christmas cantata performance, "A Noel Celebration, Sounds and Stories of Christmas." This is an opportunity to celebrate anew with music, scripture and

the story of Christmas as written by Lloyd Larson. Mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m., at the New Boston Community Church. Fellowship and goodies follow.

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Honorable Mention: Steven Dang, Senior, Goffstown; Ian Pszenny, Senior, Goffstown; Pat Leahy, Senior, Goffstown; Joey Poisson, Sophomore, Goffstown; Josh Tucker, Junior, Goffstown

DIVISION II FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS NORTH CONFERENCE

Offense: Justin Norris, RB, Junior, Kearsarge; Riley Antle, RB, Senior, Kearsarge; Austin Hogancamp, DT, Senior, Kearsarge; Cam Webster, S, Senior, Kearsarge;

WEST CONFERENCE

First Team Offense: Zach Hamilton, Tackle, Senior, John Stark; Chase LaBelle, Tackle, Senior, ConVal; Drew McQuarrie, QB, Junior, John Stark; Cody Ledoux, RB, Senior, John Stark; Cooper Gorski, WR, Junior, John Stark; Liam Baldwin, WR, Junior, ConVal

First Team Defense: Shawn Lavigne, Defensive End, Junior, John Stark; Joe Lagasse, Defensive Tackle, Junior, John Stark; Dan Curran, Defensive Tackle, Sophomore, ConVal; Dillon Obuchowski, LB, Senior, ConVal; Ryan Gordon, LB, Senior, John Stark; Brandon Carland, Defensive Back, Senior, ConVal; Philip Thibeault, Safety, Senior, John Stark
Specials: Jack Glew, Kicker, Junior, John Stark; Leif Mailloux, Kick Return, Junior, John Stark

Coach of Year: Rod McQuarrie, John Stark

DIVISION III FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS SOUTH CONFERENCE

Offense: Christopher Robbins, RB, Senior, Bow; Max Johnson, OL, Senior, Bow; A

Defense: Nate Alford, DE, Junior, Bow; Gavin Lacourciere, Linebacker, Senior, Bow;

Special Teams: Mac Kimball, Kicker, Junior, Bow; Alex Hoeker, Kick Returner, Senior, Bow

NORTH CONFERENCE

Offense: Noah Wade, RB, Senior, Newport; Kenny Torres, RB, Senior, Franklin; Stephan Nix, WR, Senior, Newport; Christian Lawrence, OL, Senior, Newport;

Defense: Patch Kaplan, DL, Senior, Franklin; Tyler Hall, DL, Junior, Newport; Dylan Gardner, DL, Senior, Newport; CJ Lawrence, Linebacker, Senior, Newport; Ryan Grevior, Linebacker, Senior, Franklin; Max Joyce, DB, Senior, Franklin;

Special Teams: Tyler Sharron, Kicker, Junior, Newport; Tyler Maheau, Long Snapper, Senior, Newport

GOFFSTOWN'S CONNOR BOURQUE RECOGNIZED

Goffstown High School senior Connor Bourque was recently named New Hampshire's Gatorade Football Player of the Year, after helping the Grizzlies to a 12-0 record and the Division I championship, the school's first football title. Bourque rushed for 1,554 yards and 16 touchdowns this season, while also catching 17 passes for 163 yards and two touchdowns. He also returned



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two kickoffs for touchdowns, and in one game, scored seven touchdowns. Bourque is the first Goffstown player to receive the award.

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Edmunds Ace Hardware's Henniker Huskies Squirts beat the Rochester Blackhawks Squirt team on 11/21/15 at home at Lee Clement Arena. Superb goal tending by Brady Geddes. Henry Powell set the bar with the first goal assisted by Gavin Nestler and Ethan Guevin. Strong offense by Bobby Arnold who scored in the first period assisted by Parker Saunders. It was a great day for the offense who passed the puck well which was evident by all the assists on goal. Ethan Guevin had several shots on goal. Gavin Nestler scored in the second period assisted by Ethan Guevin and Aubrey Niemela. Kiernan King also scored in the second period assisted by Bobby Arnold and Harold Stokes. Zachary Hopper with his first goal this season keeping the momentum going in the 3rd period which was assisted by Gregory Walker and Colton Murphy. Gavin Nestler scored twice today with the last goal for the Huskies. Goalie, Brady Geddes almost had a shutout but Rochester scored with 10 seconds left on the clock in the 3rd period for a final score 6:1. Parker Saunders was named Player of the game.

Edmunds Ace Hardware's Henniker Huskies Squirt played 2 great games on the holiday weekend. At Proctor Academy Teddy Maloney Rink on 11/28 they tied Kearsarge 3:3. Harold Stokes started the Huskies off with the first goal assisted by Avery Condon. Two goals scored in the second period by Kiernan King and Bobby Arnold which put the Huskies in the lead but Kearsarge tied it up in the 3rd period. Excellent goal tending by Gregory Watson. The Squirts played in their home rink at New England College on 11/29 against The Keene Squirts. Aiden Chicoine with the first and last goal of the day, the last assisted by Brady Geddes. Bobby Arnold scored 4 goals and assisted 2 today. Way to go Bobby. Also scoring was Harold Stokes, Ethan Guevin, and Boden Cyr assisted by Zachary Hopper. Joey Ouellet kept the puck in the zone and phenomenal defense by Boden Cyr who was also named Player of the Game. Superb goal tending by Paulo Vazquez with a shutout and final score 9:0 Huskies.

The Tooky Mills Henniker Huskies Mites arrived in Dover with fire in their hearts once again. If there was a score to be kept, it would likely not have resulted in a win for the Huskies. The goals that were scored by the Huskies were followed by a new display of celebration by #6, Jackson Lochmandy. The 1st goal he scored had Lochmandy show his enthusiasm with a dance that was reminiscent of a celebration seen at the prior night's Michigan State Football game. The Mites continued to show their pride as #7 Brie Cyr had her first career start in net and looked pretty good. Overall a great set of games.



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Stark National Honor Society volunteers

November 22 was a very rainy day, but that didn't dampen the spirit or the efforts of the John Stark Regional High School National Honor Society. As a community service project, NHS members volunteered to help community members who needed assistance in getting leaves raked up before winter. One of the recipients of this service was Weare resident and Weare School Board Chair Marge Burke. "I could not have asked for a nicer group of teenagers to do yard work for me," said Burke. "And, Meg (Megan McNally, NHS President) was very efficient organizing the project," Burke continued.

National Honors Society President Megan McNally happily reported that the project generated a great volunteer turnout of new and returning NHS members.

Antrim man points BB Gun at police officers

Andrew Hart, 21, of Antrim has been indicted on charges of pointing a weapon at police officers on March 17th. Authorities say Hart pointed what appeared to be a firearm at Officer Robert McAllister and Sgt. Tom Grella, but it was later identified to be a BB gun. Hart is charged with two counts of criminal threatening, and enhanced class. Threatening an officer in the line of duty is a class A misdemeanor and can result in 12 months in the House of Corrections or up to a \$2,000 fine for each charge.

Hillsboro-Deering get a positive review

Hillsboro-Deering High School received some good news recently. In a letter to Principal Jim O'Rourke, the New England association of Schools & Colleges informed him that, as a result of their recent decennial evaluation, the school would continue to be accredited. O'Rourke was particularly pleased as only three years prior, the school had lost its accreditation and was on a watch list. Evaluators commended the school in 21 separate areas, giving recommendation for improvement in 11 others, which the school is already working to improve.

Pair is arrested after Deering accident

Deering Police Chief Jim Pushee was called out for a reported vehicle crash "somewhere" on Longwoods Road. As he began the crash investigation, evidence soon pointed to alcohol and drug involvement. Chief Pushee did arrest Shawna Gates, age 18, of Bennington for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs and Transportation of Alcohol by a Minor and Sabrina De Bem, age 20, of Hancock, on charges of Underage Possession of Alcohol, Possession of Drugs in a Motor Vehicle, and False Reporting of an Accident.

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