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Newport's Best Beard

Dylan Manley was grand champion of the 2016 Winter Carnival beard and mustache contest on February 6. See related story on page 3. Paul Howe photo.



HDMS Geography Bee

Hillsboro Deering Middle School 8th grade student Elizabeth Falconer won the school competition of the National Geographic Bee on January 21, 2016 and a chance at a \$50,000 college scholarship. Elizabeth will take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in each state will then be eligible to compete in their state Bee in April 2016. The first runner up was 8th grader, Amos Ek.



Something is fishy here

Both the Henniker Community School and the Wear Middle School are participating in the Trout in the Classroom program. Henniker para educator Paul Hague fills 5 gallon buckets with river water to prepare the tank for the eggs.



Town Administrator Christine Trovat holds the ribbon tight as the Selectmen cut it.

Highway Dept. restored

Entire department rebuilt and re-equip in one year

It took just a little over a year of planning, cooperation and hard work, but the Town of Henniker hosted the public at a grand opening of its new Highway Department facility on Ramsdell Road. A late January 2015 fire destroyed the garage and its entire fleet, including five trucks and a grader. Only two pickup trucks and a front-end loader were parked outside and survived the devastation.

Town Administrator Christine Trovato welcomed the public and thanked the members of the Building Committee and Equipment Committee for their successful work,

and the highway crew for their dedication in working through the disaster and rebuilding the Department.

In addition to a newer and larger garage, the replaced equipment includes two new 10-wheel trucks, a new grader and a used 6-wheel truck. Two other trucks were effectively rebuilt by the town using a combination of salvaged materials from the other damaged trucks and new materials ordered from Freightliner. Trovato estimated that having this work done in house saved the town about \$30,000.

Volunteers needed for Antrim Community Profile

Antrim residents of our town have started planning a Community Profile, which culminates with a 2-day event in the fall when townspeople convene to identify potential opportunities in the community, develop an action plan and collaborate to create solutions. Community issues addressed include education, natural resources, recreation, economic growth and vitality, healthy families,

community services and transportation. To get the best results a diverse and enthusiastic steering committee is needed to recruit, publicize and organize the event. We need you! For more information contact Michael Rondeau at 588-6885 or Kristen Vance 588-4904. The first meeting is Wednesday, February 17th at 5:30 pm at the Tuttle Library. A light dinner will be served.



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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

February 13, 2015

Trio of Public Safety Building articles on Bow warrant
 Henniker School Board revives playground from budget
 Dr. Cynthia Gallagher named Newport Superintendent
 Hancock Police Chief reinstated

February 14, 2014

Attorney General releases findings on Chief Seastrand
 15 injured in NH Ball Bearing explosion
 \$297,999.67 settles trio of suits against Weare Police
 Washington snowmobile crash kills one

February 15, 2013

SEC says "NO" to Antrim Wind
 Newport may eliminate staff to balance budget
 Sunapee meeting overrules the Moderator
 ConVal para pleads guilty to sex charges

February 17, 2012

New Antrim Police Department on Main Street
 New courthouse in Hillsborough likely
 Hillsborough Town Administrator under fire
 Newport Winter Carnival succeeds despite weather

February 18, 2011

Levine resigns as New London Town Administrator
 Newport mustaches set Guinness world record
 Hillsborough accident brings felony charges
 Antrim Chamber honors Ben Pratt

February 12, 2010

Dr. Alan Genovese named Superintendent of Schools
 Roarick promoted to Police Chief
 Newbury planning veterans memorial
 Antrim landmark destroyed by fire

February 13, 2009

ConVal student threatens to stab teacher
 Warner Cub Scouts revitalized
 New Boston man dies in accident
 Weare school budget at \$13 million

February 15, 2008

Selectmen won't renew Coffey's contract
 Hopkinton considers restrictions on sex offenders
 Is there new life for Warner's Odd Fellows Hall?
 Frankestown budget increased by 1.5%

February 16, 2007

New London Selectmen review regional issues
 Newbury Selectmen unsure of support
 Sunapee withdrawal issue dominates budget meeting
 Child molester gets 20-50 years

February 17, 2006

Developer proposes Hampton Inn in Warner
 ConVal team wins indoor soccer championship
 Court won't reconsider Bio-Energy decision
 Candidates Night scheduled in Henniker

Torch lighting opens the 100th Newport Winter Carnival

Four generations of McCrillis united at the lighting of Newport's Carnival Torch on Friday night. John C. McCrillis lit the flame on the Common that has symbolized the start of Newport Winter Carnival for 100 years. His father, John W. McCrillis skied with the flame from Dartmouth College to Newport to light the torch for Newport's 1st Winter Carnival.

Earlier that day John C.'s son, David and grandson, Cooper along with other members of Newport Recreation Department took turns skiing and running with the torch from Dartmouth recreating the trek the first McCrillis took. After hours of braving the snow and cold weather, the torch team arrived in Newport and handed the flame to John C. McCrillis for the honor of igniting the 100-year-old symbol kicking off the start of Newport Winter Carnival. John C. McCrillis said he was glad to see the trip repeated. Cooper McCrillis was at his grandfather's side holding the skis his great grandfather used 100 years ago. Cooper said it was an honor to be part of the event.

Duane Manly of Bradford, Vt., took first place in the beard contest and the top prize, by competing against the winner of the mustache contest, Michael Dewy of Unity and of the goatee contest, Gary Norton of Charlestown.

The top three winners won axes, while finalists in each category won maple syrup and beard and mustache oil from Vermont Beard & Mustache Co. An attempt to break that record fell well short with 328 entering the contest on Saturday. Newport holds the Guinness World Record for the largest beard and mustache championship, which was established at the Newport Winter Carnival in 2011 with 462 participants.

The 100th-annual Newport Winter Carnival continues through Sunday.



John McCrillis lights the torch as his grandson Cooper McCrillis looks on during the opening of the 100th Newport Winter Carnival on February 5. Paul Howe photo.

Bow's Commercial Development Recruitment Video

The Bow Business Development Commission met on Wednesday, February 3rd. Bow High School Student Aditya Shah showed his draft video for commercial development recruitment.

The video is eight minutes long and was well received. Some suggested improvements that included: adding scrolling text to reinforce what the interviewees say; map of Bow in relation to NH / New England; including a screenshot of the Bow website URL or the Town Manager and his contact information; create a second video – a two minute version of this one; add a clip of the Town Manager at the end to put a face with the contact person; Adi to add himself to the video, perhaps an intro, to explain who he is and to give himself credit. He expects to have the video finalized within a month.

Stuart Arnett of Arnett Development

Group (ADG) briefed the storyboard and website improvements that they are working on. For the storyboard, they will pick one site to start with – the former Town sandpit lot on Route 3-A. The various levels of information to make available – Bow Community, lots and buildings available, and details of infrastructure were discussed.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts – what has been done so far, what research has been accomplished, past decision of the Selectmen, and potential uses and locations were discussed. Educating the public on what a TIF is and does would be essential.

The progress of replacing the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer was discussed and how the position may be re-evaluated to ensure the best services possible.



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Congratulations to Margaret and John Monto.

Montos are Wilmot Volunteers of the Year

The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) named Margaret and John Monto as its volunteers of the year at the organization's Annual Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 30 at the Red Barn. For many years, the Montos have assisted the organization. They have helped with senior lunches, popped popcorn at summer bandstand concerts, led craft workshops, assisted with the summer performances at Timothy Patten Park, participated in Imagination into Art, created reindeer for the Red Barn's front lawn, prepared food for events including the Holiday Craft Fair and the Pie Breakfast. The Montos received official declarations from the state of New Hampshire recognizing their achievement from state Senator Jeannie Forrester and Representative Doug Long. During the meeting, members of the organization approved officers, Nancy Large, president; Judy Hauck, vice president; De Segerson, treasurer; and Kimberlee Esposito, secretary. Members of the board include: Davis, Roy Finney, Amber Gove and, Rachel Seamans, as well as two student representatives from Kearsarge Regional High School, Aidan Terhune and David Wallace.

New Director at Twin Rivers Food Pantry

Reverend Karen Heavey, of Danbury, has been appointed to the position of Managing Director of the Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry, located at "the little brown church", or The St Jude's Episcopal Church building on Central Street in Franklin. "Reverend Karen" began her duties February 5, 2016. As Managing Director of the pantry, Heavey will oversee an eight-town area, including Danbury, Andover, Hill, Franklin, Salisbury, Tilton, Northfield and Sanborn-ton, with a population near 30,000. During 2015 the pantry provided 277,449 meals to the food-insecure in that footprint. Heavey takes the helm at the retirement of Esther Cain, who served in that capacity for over 10 years. Esther and her husband Phil are moving to South Carolina at the end of February. We will miss her "bright eyes and sweet smile."

Henniker Police Chief Committee named

The Henniker Board of Selectmen chose the Police Chief hiring committee at their recent meeting. They include Henniker residents Doug Paul, Mary Ellen Schule, Heidi Aucoine, Mark Lindsley and Bill Christiano, with Tia Hooper as the Selectman's representative. The Board thanked all those who volunteered for this committee.



Fred and Amy in the moOOOorning!



Franklin Savings Bank contributes to City's downtown revitalization

Franklin Savings Bank recently presented PermaCityLife with a \$30,000 donation to support their efforts to revitalize Franklin's historic downtown corridor. The group has acquired seven buildings, all located along the Main Street of Franklin. PermaCityLife is working with a number of potential tenants who are excited to bring their business to Franklin and be a part of the redevelopment of this great mill city.

"Within the last two years, we have seen progress in downtown Franklin with the revival of two buildings and a storefront – all within a few steps of our main office," said Ron Magoon, President & COO. "We are proud to be part of the progress being made through PermaCityLife's vision and look forward to the culmination of their efforts on these projects. It will be nice to see Franklin return to the great little city it once was where people will want to spend time enjoying all that it has to offer. There is a growing sense of pride and community that is simply wonderful to see and feel."

Formed in 2014, PermaCityLife is a nonprofit organization with a vision to

create positive and sustainable economic growth in downtown Franklin, NH. Part of this includes preserving Franklin's historic storefronts and mill buildings. Franklin Savings Bank is proud to sup-

port the group's vision by partnering to provide \$1.3 million in financing to assist with developing specific real estate projects to preserve the history and culture of the city.



Jordan Urquhart, Chef & Owner, Toad Hall Tavern; Marty Parichand, Owner, Outdoor New England; Jenisha Shrestha, PermaCityLife Community Development Asst.; Todd Workman, PermaCityLife Executive Director; Oscar Gala Grano, Take Root Coworking; James Aberg, Executive Director, Franklin Business Industrial Development Center; Tim Morrill, PermaCityLife Secretary; Dave Savastano, VP, Commercial Loan Officer, Franklin Savings Bank; Jo Brown, Owner, The Franklin Studio; Mike Mullavey, PermaCityLife Treasurer; Ron Magoon, President & COO, Franklin Savings Bank; Joseph Kildune, PermaCityLife Art Director

Stark budget triggers nearly a \$7/1000 tax increase

A sparse crowd of only about 20 people attended the John Stark Deliberative Session last Thursday evening. Although the school district's proposed budget is \$65,328 less than the current budget, the estimated tax impact is projected to increase for Weare and Henniker residents. For Weare residents, the proposed budget would increase the estimated tax impact to \$6.90 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. In Henniker, the proposed

budget would be estimated to increase the tax impact to \$6.40 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. With the support staff contract and adding to the special education trust, the total tax impact of the warrant would be \$6.96 per \$1,000 for assessed property in Weare and \$6.46 per \$1,000 in Henniker.

A three-year deal between the School Board and the Support Personnel Association will also appear on the school

district's warrant in March. It increases salaries and benefits for paraeducators, and it introduces a new program that trains paraeducators more acutely in math and literacy teaching, and is implemented over three years, with an estimated increase of \$20,267 in the first year, \$25,519 in 2017-18 and \$18,790 in 2018-19.

Voting will take place March 8 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Henniker Community School and Weare Middle School.

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Progress continues on the new Proctor Dining Common.

Singing Contest to benefit U.S. Soldiers

Sullivan County Cares, a local nonprofit that sends care packages of essential goods to soldiers in the U.S. and abroad, is organizing a competition to find the area's best singer. "The Voices that Care," modeled after the T.V. show, The Voice, is set to be held at the Newport Opera House on Friday and Saturday, April 22-23. The competition is open to anyone age 13 and older and features cash prizes that are yet to be determined. There is no cost of entry, but those planning to participate must register by Feb. 29, as only the first 40 contestants will be able to participate. Interested singers can register by emailing sullivancountycares@gmail.com. Proceeds go toward funding shipping costs and materials for care packages.

John Stark holds mock primary election

On February 2, 2016 students at John Stark Regional High School voted in a schoolwide mock primary election. Over three hundred votes were cast. The results closely echoed national polls that show strong youth support for Vermont senator and self-declared democratic socialist Bernie Sanders. Sanders won the mock election by a landslide with more votes than all other candidates combined. Donald Trump garnered 54 votes, Hillary Clinton 22, Marco Rubio 21 and Ted Cruz 18. Vermin Supreme, who promises a pony to every citizen received 14 votes.

Antrim Elementary PTO holds Winterfest

Come to Antrim Elementary School-PTO's WINTERFEST on Saturday, February 13th, from 10:00 – 3:00 pm, at the Great Brook School gymnasium in Antrim. There will be lots of great food to eat...from homemade chili to pizza to salads. Finish your meal with some yummy homemade desserts. Try your hand at the many games available for young and old alike. There'll be dart throwing, ball tossing, and other games of skill. We have many stuffed animals for prizes. And if you're really lucky, you might win your very own goldfish! We'll have face painting, games, and raffle baskets filled to the brim with delightful items. For you shoppers and crafters, we have a variety of local artists and craft people displaying their wares. You can choose from jewelry, knits, candles, plants and pottery. Valentine's Day is just around the corner.

Colby-Sawyer President to be LSU Dean

President Thomas C. Galligan Jr. accepted the position of dean of Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center. His role there begins July 1. Galligan announced Sept. 1 that he would not seek a third term after 10 years in office when his second term ends June 30. The LSU post is a homecoming for the president; from 1986 to 1998, he taught at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University.

Weare police want 3 new officers, 5 new cursers and a pay raise

The Weare Police Department dominated the discussion at a marathon, 8-hour Deliberative Session on Saturday. The department is asking for an increase in salaries, hiring three additional officers and purchasing five new police cruisers. According to Police Chief Sean Kelly, the increase in pay is necessary to compete with surrounding towns.

The selectmen agree with the chief and has recommended the article. Controversy in the Department has been well documented over the last few years, under the leadership of former police Chief John Velleca. The two-year agreement between the town and the New England Police Benevolent Association called for an estimated increase of \$25,346, and \$30,538 in the second year. The Chief said that adding three officers to the roster is in response to what he has heard in the community, a need for a 24-hour force. Adding the positions would cost about \$116,745.

Kelly is also asking for five new police cruisers to rotate into the fleet and sell its oldest vehicles. The first year would see a cost of about \$91,500, including the pur-

chase of police equipment for the cruisers. An amendment cut the proposed \$5.52 million operating budget by \$129,540, but

was defeated 43-31. If adopted, the budget carries an estimated tax impact of \$3.28 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.



Resident Neal Kurk questions the article call for police raises.

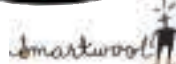
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NHIAA recognizes Goffstown High School Scholar Athletes

The New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association and New Hampshire Athletic Directors Association held their Annual New Hampshire High School Athletic Academic Award Program on Monday, February 1st, 2016. The event was held at The Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. This is the 29th year for females and the 18th year for males to receive this highly distinguished award.

NHIAA high school student athletes from throughout New Hampshire were recognized for achieving academic and

athletic excellence. Award recipients are nominated each year by their school principals based on criteria which requires the high school seniors have a B+ grade point average, a letter in at least two varsity sports their senior year, participate in community service activities and serve as role models to their peers. At the awards ceremony, each student athlete received an award certificate and a commemorative pin. Governor Maggie Hassan addressed the group and presented a Proclamation.

The recipients from Goffstown High

School were: Nicole Andersen, William Baggs, SierraBlondeau, Olivia Brigagliano, Kylie Britton-Doucette, MeiBrown, Kathryn Buciak, Samuel Christy-Rubin, Timothy Comeau, Sarah Cuddy, Sydney Duda, Makayla Fleming, Sydney Gagnon, Molly Genest, Casey Gervais, Colin Holt, Hannah Larochelle, Patrick Leahy, Logan Lemay, Natalie Murphy, Emily O'Hara, Nick Ollila, Siobhan Pelletier, Nicholas Richards, Benjamin Roy, Eileen Savinelli, Alyssa Saykaly, Peter Steckowych, David Temeng, and Rebecca Zylak.

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Honors: Isabelle Baggaley, Gabriella Belcher, Oscar Bernier, Justin Burns, Isiah Debarros, Lily Dell, Lana Kavenagh, Nadia Kazlauskas, Justin Kiblin, Haven Lambert, Paul Marchand, Victoria Marchand, Hayley McIlvene, Shane Myers, Kelsey Nutter, Ella Rousseau, Andrew Skillings, Rommel Somero, Nicholas Tower, Bryson Tyminski, Peter Wetherill.

Grade 7 High Honors: Nisse Anderson, Kyle Ball, Isis Battaglia, Joseph Beam, Angelina Charron, James Cole, Rosalie Cresta, Rosemary Crooker, Burkley Davison, Ella Dishong, Emily Donovan, Julia Donovan, Chloe Halliday, Elizabeth Holland, Perrine Holmberg, Elizabeth Hull, Sarah Hull, Jaxen Ingalls, Anthony Kamieniecki, John Kazlauskas, Luca Kekuewa-Colon, Wylie Kendall, Owen Lantagne, Olivia Laskey-Rigrod, Jacob Lussier, Anya Macdonald, John Martin, James McGuiness, Avery Opland, Sam Palumbo, Matthew Pettine, Madelynn Plourde, Brady Proctor, Kaila Pywell, Madeline Rugg, Maxwell Shumway, Evelyn Simmons, Cale Skillings, Austin Sloan, Ella Whicker, Nathaniel Wilson.

Honors: Emma Anderson, Carter Bennett, Anastasia Bond, Fiona Clough, Gabriel Couto, Jared Crooker, Zander Drew, Ethan Earle, Serena Edwards, Keegan Harris, Hailie Herne, Brayden Hunt, Andrew MacKenzie, Jacob Millett, Connor Sanborn, Grace Shippee, Edward Suchocki-Sulborski, Benjamin Waites, Kendra Wing.

Grade 6 High Honors: MaKenzie Anderson, Maeghan Baribault, Willow Baribault, Zackery Boyd, David DeShane, Molly Dishong, Addison Evans, Madeline Faber, Chloe Griggs, Corey Guzman, Sarah Holdrege, Sabrina Leahigh, Riley Momenee, Quinten Mose, Mary Quintanilha, Oren Robblee, Emily Robicheau-Hall, Hughinn Somero, Alec Stetzer, Olivia Thompson, Mary Visingard.

Honors: Hayli-Marie Aubrey, Hailey Bishop, Logan Burnham, Zander Carginan, Jocelyn Coty, Jordan Drummond, Alana Edwards, Kyle Howe, Noah Huard, Shayla Isotti-Thompson, Ethan Jones, Travis Levesque, Owen McGuire, Parker Nason, Jaxon Salamy, Madeline Shippee, Conor Simmons, Angel St. Pierre, Rebecca Stacy.



On Tuesday, January 26, five iced-in loons were rescued on Lake Sunapee, about halfway between Loon Island Light and Blodgett's Landing. LPC Senior Biologist John Cooley captures one of five loons trapped in the ice on Lake Sunapee. Photo by Linda Howes.

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Rexulti (brepiprazole) tablets to treat adults with schizophrenia and as an add-on treatment to an antidepressant medication to treat adults with major depressive disorder (MDD). Schizophrenia is a chronic, severe, and disabling brain disorder affecting about one percent of Americans. Typically, symptoms are first seen in adults younger than 30 years of age and include hearing voices; believing other people are reading their minds or controlling their thoughts; and being suspicious or withdrawn. MDD, commonly referred to as depression, is also a severe and disabling brain disorder characterized by mood changes and other symptoms that interfere with a person's ability to work, sleep, study, eat, and enjoy once-pleasurable activities. Episodes of depression often recur throughout a person's lifetime, although some may experience a single occurrence. Other signs and symptoms of MDD include loss of interest in usual activities; significant change in weight or appetite; insomnia or excessive sleeping (hypersomnia); restlessness/pacing (psychomotor agitation); increased fatigue; feelings of guilt or worthlessness; slowed thinking or impaired concentration; and suicide attempts or thoughts of suicide. Not all people with MDD experience the same symptoms.

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Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School held their annual Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 21st. The 1st place winner was Madison Ledvina, (r) 2nd Place went to Dionna Joyner (c) and 3rd Place was Alexis Ledvina (l). Congratulations to all who participated in the Spelling Bee.

DEMOCRAT ELECTION RESULTS

TOWN	CLINTON	SANDERS
Andover	177	392
Antrim	136	384
Bennington	57	179
Bow	851	915
Bradford	102	236
Deering	102	203
Dunbarton	204	302
Francestown	149	226
Franklin	426	841
Goffstown	1144	1245
Goshen	46	86
Grantham	369	514
Greenfield	90	240
Hancock	207	363
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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

Congratulations Henniker

Last Saturday marked the Grand Reopening of the new Henniker Highway Department after a late January 2015 fire leveled their garage and destroyed most of its equipment.

The ashes were not yet cool when Hillsborough and Hopkinton crews began plowing Henniker roads. Other towns including Antrim, Deering and Bradford chipped in to help and the state provided four "retired" DOT trucks for Henniker use.

The selectmen and the newly hired Town Administrator wasted no time in

appointing and working with both an Equipment Committee and a Building Committee toward Saturday's result.

By carefully using a combination of new, used and rebuilt equipment, the town restored its fleet, while allowing the trucks to be replaced gradually in the future.

Certainly this \$1.2 million project had a hiccup or two in the process, but considering the magnitude of work done in one year, those involved, and the whole town for that matter, should be proud of their work.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my concerns and my utter disgust at the sentiments written by a Mr. Everett EB Chamberlain which were published in last week's Messenger. As a senior at Hillsboro-Deering High School and the daughter of an elementary school teacher, I have experienced both sides of the school system for my whole life. Mr. Chamberlain's assumptions that HD teachers "just aren't doing their job" is both inaccurate and disturbing.

Our teachers are not to blame. They are working relentlessly to give each student at Hillsboro-Deering an education that helps us succeed and reach our utmost potential as informed citizens. One only needs to visit the school, attend a game or concert, or check out our new Twitter hashtag (#hdhspride !) to see the vibrant, active, and successful community that each and every one of our teachers have been engendering at HDHS. They are doing far more than their job description asks of them every day.

Because of this, the suggestion to move to a merit pay system is particularly unsettling. This type of system, which would pay teachers based on the amount of student successes, could create an environment in which students are viewed as part of the pay scale and vessels to payment. It changes the ultimate objective of the system from one that concentrates on student learning and development to one that

focuses on money and competition.

Additionally, the only way to measure this type of system currently is through quantitative, numerical data - usually found in the form of standardized tests. These tests generate tangible numbers that feel secure because they are easy to see and divide up. They are used in abundance and while they are useful in getting a brief estimate of a student's growth, they do not take into account hidden variables or measure the idiosyncratic skills and needs of students.

Every pupil requires an individualized way of learning that teachers must negotiate in the classroom. Yet when it comes time for testing, every student is issued an identical test, one that is often unable to accurately measure abilities of unique students. So many valuable jobs in the 'real world' rely on intangible skills, ones that are tricky to quantify, and rarely in our adult lives will our worth or merit be judged solely on a number - so why are we depending so much on them now? Changing this mindset is something that will not happen quickly. It will take a lot of careful consideration and discussion between taxpayers, students, and the schools, but it is something that needs to happen. It is essential that we work together to find additional ways of measuring the successes of students.

I understand that there are concerns around the amount of taxes that are paid to support the schools. It is a tough time

for everyone, and it is frustrating when it seems like your hard-earned money isn't helping to improve the education of students. When considering the school system and the budget in the future, I hope taxpayers keep in mind that everyone must make compromises. We also must remember to not take test scores at face value and instead consider the successes found in all aspects of an education.

Our students, and our teachers, are worth far more than numbers on a test.

Leah Dunbar, Hillsborough

To The Editor:

Thank you to all who attended the H-D school district deliberative session on February 1. We thoroughly discussed the 2016-17 budget and explained our ability to make a substantial cut (\$445,000) due primarily to changes in projected student services as well as reduced oil costs. The

school board's proposal is significantly lower than the default budget and, most importantly, will meet the district's needs. We also presented the contract that the school board has negotiated with our teachers, one that will reinforce and retain our faculty, will ensure the sharing of long-term health insurance costs, and is responsive to what our citizens can afford.

Both the budget and the contract will be on the ballot for the voters to approve on March 8. They are the result of your school board working constructively with the school administration and the teachers in the best interest of the community. That cooperative spirit, characteristic of the past few years, is an indicator of responsible and stable leadership and consistent progress for our students and our community. I strongly urge your support.

Steve Hahn, Hillsborough

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Seniors enjoy the entertainment provided by Judy Lowe of SKIT and Wally Borgen's Vaudeville Troupe following the hot lunch served at the WCA in Wilmot on Wednesday, January 20th. Two more members of the Troupe, Charley Frieberg and Bonnie Lewis, will perform a selection from "Almost Maine" at the next Senior Luncheon held at 11:30 a.m. on February 17 at the WCA in Wilmot. Call Margaret at 768 3805 at least a week ahead of time to reserve a place.

\$6,903,345 Hillsborough 2016-17 Operating Budget

Hillsborough voters will be asked to approve a \$6,903,345 operating budget at Town Meeting in March. In addition, the selectmen are seeking to establish several Capital Reserve Funds, including:

- \$40,000 Parks Maintenance & Repair
- \$30,000 Sidewalk Building & Repair
- \$75,000 Police Department Equipment
- \$25,000 Transfer Station Equipment

\$10,000 Cemetery Maintenance

In addition, \$265,000 from this year's surplus is to be placed in existing Capital Reserve Funds for Highway Equipment, Bridge Repairs, Ambulance, and Town Building Maintenance & Repairs

The Fire Department is asking for two large appropriations; \$850,000 for a 10 year lease/purchase on a Ladder Truck and \$246,000 for a 5 year lease/purchase of new Air Packs.



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(L to R) Nick Lester, Thomas Ferguson, Ryan Gillett.

DECA trio qualifies for Internationals

After a month of competing against other high schools in a global competition, a team of three students from Hillsboro-Deering High School has qualified for the DECA International Conference in April 2016 in the area of Sports Management. The three students, sophomores Nick Lester and Thomas Ferguson, and freshman Ryan Gillett, chose the team name of "Illuminatus." They finished in second place in the competitive North Atlantic region of DECA, and fifth overall internationally out of over 300 teams. They will join teams from New York, Texas, Virginia, Michigan, Minnesota, California, and Arizona. The second round competition, which consisted of over several hundred teams worldwide, is now narrowed down to a 16 team round-robin competition that will be taking place at the International CDC in Nashville, Tennessee. "I'm very proud of Nick, Thomas and Ryan, as well as all of our H-D teams who competed so far this season. They worked hard the past several weeks developing practical business strategies for their sports stadium, scheduling, promoting, and marketing concerts and football games. These three will join a team of three students who previously qualified for the Restaurant Management event, along with any students who qualify after the NH DECA State Competition later this February.

Newport Chamber hosts Awards Dinner

The Newport Opera House was packed for the Newport Chamber's annual dinner and award night. WCNL's Steven Smith, past Citizen of the Year, and past Chamber President presented the awards. Dr. Lilyan B. Wright – Newport's 2016 Distinguished Citizen of the Year" said she was surprised she was picked, and doesn't know why she was chosen. Dr. Wright is 95 year old and spent over 6 decades coaching, umpiring, and being a referee for various sports at Trenton State College in NJ before moving to Goshen in 1992. Wright continued her health pursuits giving exercise classes in Newport at the Recreation Center, Senior Center and Woodlawn Health Facility up until last year when she retired. Wright said her goal in life was to keep people healthy. When asked her secret to being healthy, the Dr. said she has always been healthy. Two Newport Seniors were honored with Student Achievement Awards – Jeremy Dewey and Katrina Batista.



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ConVal voters quickly dispose of Deliberative Session

A group of about 100 ConVal voters took less than an hour to deal with the entire Deliberative Session Warrant. The proposed operating budget of \$45.2 million, an increase of \$55,529 over this year's budget, drew no comment or discussion.

The only article to generate any discussion was a petition that would require a third party to assess the impacts of the district closing, combining or relocating a school. It requires any proposal to close, consolidate or relocate a school must include a "current, comprehensive and independent impact study that includes evaluating potential changes in property valuation, local businesses, traffic flow, traffic enforcement, student transportation, student participation in sports, extracurricular activities, class sizes and community outreach." The petition also mandates there be two middle schools — one in Peterborough and one in Antrim. According to the Articles of Agreement, fifth- through eighth-grade students "may" be educated at the middle schools. The School Board has voted not to endorse the petition.



The Weare Middle School Lady Wildcats Basketball team capped off their undefeated season on February 6, beating Hampstead 67-38 to win the Tri-County League Championship. The Lady Wildcats put together their most complete game of the season. Everyone scored and everyone played ferocious defense. They scored 26 points in the 3rd quarter alone. Back Row (l-r): Coach Sherry Johnson, manager Emma Edwards, Macie Lacasse, Chelsea Woodsum, Lilli Stogner, Arianna Maxwell, Brady Johnson, Manager Hannah Dupont, Coach Rod Johnson Middle row (l-r): Anna Stenger, Riley Lord, Brooke Patnode Front row (l-r): Jorja Douzanis, Elizabeth Aubin. Bronda Crosby photo.

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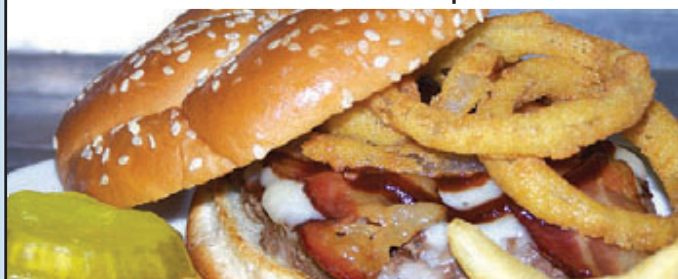
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Newport's Elementary School principal resigns unexpectedly

The Principal of Newport's Elementary School has submitted his resignation after only 7 months in the position Peter Durso signed a one-year contract at an annual salary of \$88,000 plus benefits. Superintendent Cynthia Gallagher announced that a search for an interim elementary principal will begin immediately, and that she will serve in the position for the interim. Gallagher said she has had four inquires already since posting the opening.

Durso submitted his resignation letter, citing "personal reasons" to Gallagher and Linda Wadensten, chair of the Newport School Board. He had informed staff at both schools of his decision on

Thursday, February 4th, two days after the Newport School District Deliberative Session It is effective on February 19th Susan Schoeter, who joined the New-

port School District as an elementary assistant principal for Richards and Towle in January of this year. She will remain at this position.

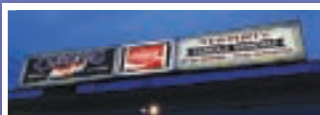


Hopkinton Police Chief Stephen Pecora congratulates Brian O'Connor on his promotion to Corporal. O'Connor has been with the department since April 2010 and earned his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Bridgewater State College. Sara Persechino photo.

Bow Town Meeting change

The Bow Town Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the Bow High School, 55 Falcon Way. The first 30 minutes will be dedicated to the opening ceremonies, with the discussion and voting on warrants beginning at 7:00 p.m

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Stephanie Carl drives to the basket during a 52 - 51 win over Winnisquam at home February 5. Paul Howe photo. Paul Howe photo.

BASKETBALL

Newport 52 Winnisquam 51: With 22 seconds left in the fourth quarter Winnisquam was finally able to tie the game at 50 with a three pointer. Kyrstin Kibbey then hit two free throws to get the lead back with 13 seconds left.

Sunapee 60 Pittsfield 24: After being outscored 47-2 in the first half, the Panthers came back in the second, outscoring. On February 2, JSRHS Swim Team had their final meet. It was also their Senior Meet where they recognized seniors Maddy Ishak, Hazel Johnston, Tori Bamford and Denali Smith.

Sunapee 73 Wilton-Lyndeborough 42: Katie Frederick got the ball rolling in the first quarter, scoring 12 of her game-high 24 points in the opening frame to get Sunapee out to a 19-10 edge.

Sunapee 76 Derryfield 20: Four Lakers scored in double figures and the defense was stingy as Sunapee improved to 16-0 on the season and won its 40th consecutive game. Lexi Hamilton had a double-double with 19 points and 11 rebounds, and also contributed seven steals. Katie Frederick added a double-double as well, putting up 16 points and pulling down 16 boards. Faith Larpenner chipped in with 14 points, Syd Clark notched 11 and Mary Grzanna had nine.

Fall Mountain 44 Franklin 25: The Golden Tornados played hard, but suffered its fifth straight defeat, this time to the eighth-place Wildcats.

Franklin 24 Hillsboro-Deering 15: Despite a second half rally, H-D wasn't able to pick up its first win of the season.

Newfound 79 Hillsboro-Deering 25: H-D played its best quarter all season in the first, battling with one-loss Newfound and trailing 21-11 after the frame.

John Stark 51 Plymouth 31: The Generals (4-9) doubled their win total from last season and avenged a loss from earlier this season in one blow, defeating Plymouth, 51-31, on the Generals' home floor.

Goffstown 41 Plymouth 29: Katie Howe led the Grizzlies (9-5) with 15 points and Sarah Doherty added seven points.

Merrimack Valley 61 Kearsarge 34: Pressure led to 17 steals for MV on Tuesday and helped the Pride take a 16-7 lead after the first quarter and 27-12 advantage at halftime. Devi Kraushaar and Lily Huntoon led the Kearsarge offense with 10 points each.

Kearsarge 40 Sanborn 28: Devi Kraushaar had 15 points as the Cougars built a 22-12 halftime lead and held on in the second half to earn their third straight win.



Girls Sports

Bow 39 Hopkinton 18: Bow was led by Amanda Murray with 13 points and three assists, Lea Crompton and Taylor Darrell each had seven points and, Abbey Horner had six rebounds and four blocks for the Falcons.

SKIING

The ConVal Nordic team traveled on Wednesday to Waterville Valley for its final race of the season in the Division II State Championships. The Cougar skiers all elected to compete in both styles of cross country skiing — classic and freestyle, or skate. The classic race was held in the morning and the freestyle in the afternoon, both using the same 4K course. The girl's side, the team was led by co-captains Sawyer Cawthern and Fenia Benet-Higgins, with skiers Schuyler Michalak, Bronwyn Tyler-Wall, Clare Veverka, and Sage Cawthern. Also present but unable to compete were team members Veronica Parker and Claire Rupp. Congratulations on a great season!!

WINTER TRACK

The Con-Val Girls Winter Track teams wrapped up their season at Dartmouth this weekend. With only two divisions in the entire state and only twelve athletes competing in each individual event event qualifying is an accomplishment in itself. Competing for the girls were Lucy Freeman, Molly Janoch, Alyssa Janoch and Dee Kashulines. The quartet ended on a high note running their best 4x200 meter relay time of the season.

SWIMMING

At the meet, the John Stark 200 Medley Relay (Sarah Ferguson, Anna Ishak, Maddy Ishak and Erin Scott) had a personal best time of 2:15.54. The 200 Free Relay (Maddy Ishak) came in second with a time of 1:56.92. It was a great meet and now the team looks forward the State Meet on Sunday, February 14 at UNH. Three girls have qualified for the State Meet, senior Maddy Ishak and freshmen Anna Ishak and Sarah Ferguson. The team will be joined by senior Hazel Johnstone who will participate in the Free Relay (200 and 400).

National Championship at Crotched Mt

The 2016 U.S. National Telemark Skiing Championships will bring the best telemark racers from all around the United States to Crotched Mountain to compete for the men's and women's National Championships. The National Championships alternate between the Eastern and Western United States with last year's event held at Sunlight Mountain Resort in Colorado. This year, Crotched and New Hampshire was selected to host, which will likely attract a contingent of Canadian telemark skiers as well. The racers will compete in three events including the Classic, Sprint Classic, and the Parallel Sprint. The head-to-head parallel competitions are especially spectator friendly and make for very exciting viewing regardless of one's familiarity with the sport. It is expected that all the U.S. World Cup and National Team athletes will attend.

Hancock Woman's Club scholarships available

The Hancock Woman's Club announces that their annual scholarship will be open to applicants within the ConVal School District. To qualify the applicant must be a current resident within the Con-Val School District and have lived in that area for at least two years. Deadline for filing is March 31. Contact Joyce Perry at 525-3304 for an application or more information.

Public Notice Legal Notice

Town of Weare, NH Voter Registration

Pursuant to RSA 654:27, 28; 669:5, the Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Saturday, February 27, 2016, from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (and, at the discretion of the supervisors, for extended hours) at the Weare Town Clerk's Office, 15 Flanders Memorial Road, to make additions/corrections to the checklist for the Town Election, which will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at Weare Middle School.

Weare residents wishing to become registered voters may do so at this meeting or at the polls on Election Day. Please bring two (2) forms of ID that show your picture, proof of age, and residency. **No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist after this session.**

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COLONIAL COURT I & II	LITTLETON, NH	ELDERLY
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BASKETBALL

Newfound 68 Hillsboro-Deering 56: The Bears opened up a nine-point lead in the first quarter and stayed in front for the duration before claiming a 68-56 win. Cody Brien finished with 24 points.

Plymouth 40 John Stark 38: Cooper Gorski had 18 points and Egan Nickerson 11, but Stark fell behind early, trailing 16-12 at halftime and 27-22 after the third.

Trinity 68 John Stark 45: The Generals hung around for most of the game but could not get the lead under 10 and ultimately fell short. Leading the Generals was Egan Nickerson who had 19 points. Drew McQuarrie had a game high 16 rebounds and Cooper Gorski added 12 points.

Franklin 64 Fall Mountain 45: Franklin used another stellar performance from Kenny Torres, who had his third-straight 30-point game, to dispatch of Fall Mountain.

Winnisquam 83 Newport 36: Rebounding from its first loss of the season, Winnisquam was too much to handle.

Kearsarge 63 MV 58 OT: Trent Noordsij scored 28 points, with 10 rebounds and Tom Johnson added 13 points)as the Cougars outscored MV 9-4 in the overtime period.

Sunapee 64 Pittsfield 34: Sunapee scored 22 points in transition and out rebounded the Panthers 36-18.

SKIING

HOPKINTON: Coach Rob Nadeau is retiring after 17 seasons guiding the Hawks. It was only fitting that the Hopkinton Boys Nordic Team reclaimed the Division IV Championship and his daughter Sara swept both the classic and freestyle races for the third straight year. The Hawks' four scoring skiers, led by Aaron Dobe, who finished runner-up in both races, finished second, third, fourth and sixth in each of the two disciplines to easily outpoint defending champion Inter-Lakes, 778-748. Derryfield (700) was third, followed by Moultonborough (699), Profile (688) and Sunapee (635).

CONVAL: The ConVal Nordic team traveled on Wednesday to Waterville Valley for its final race of the season in the Division II State Championships. The Cougar skiers all elected to compete in both styles of cross country skiing — classic and freestyle, or skate. The classic race was held in the morning and the freestyle in the afternoon, both using the same 4K course. Racing for the Cougar boys was Eddie Pope. Congratulations on a great season!!

WINTER TRACK

The Con-Val Boys Winter Track teams wrapped up their season at Dartmouth this weekend. With only two divisions in the entire state and only twelve athletes competing in each individual event event qualifying is an accomplishment in itself. Chase LaBelle competed in the shot put and threw valiantly despite recovering from an illness that kept him from practicing for over a week. Daniel Kashulines had a solid showing placing 8th in the 300 meter dash. Dalton Coyne dropped nearly two seconds off his previous best time in the 600 meter run and was rewarded with a 7th place finish. Dan and Dalton teamed up with Steele Tamok and Evam Coyne to run the 4x400 meter relay. The team finished ahead of their seeding with a season's best performance.

HOCKEY

Bow 5 Keene 4 (OT): Chris Mead provided the game-winning goal for the Falcons with less than two minutes remaining. Josh Connor, Doug Champagne and Brandan Tibbetts each scored a goal for Bow.

Bow 6 Kingswood 1: Doug Champagne collected three goals and an assist and Ryan Tobeler had two assists for Bow.

Goffstown 3 Dover 2: Sam Greenwood scored at 1:54 of the third period to break a



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2-2 tie. Sebastian Beal and Mike Fortin also scored for the Grizzlies.
 John Stark-Hopkinton 5 Moultonborough/Inter-Lakes 1: John Stark-Hopkinton took a 3-1 lead into the first intermission on a pair of goals from Jake Blanchette and one from Cal Loos.

Edmunds Ace Hardwares Henniker Huskies Squirts defeated the Oyster River Squirts at Jackson Landing Arena in Durham on 1/24/16. It was a shutout for Goaltender, Brady Geddes who showed off his skills in net today! Offenseman, Bobby Arnold scored two goals today, the first assisted by Aiden Chicoine. Gavin Nestler and Henry Powell also scored, and Avery Condon with one goal and an assist as well. Very strong offense today by Aubrey Niemela whose efforts didn't go unnoticed as she was named Player of the Game. Niemela also shared Player of the Game with Goalie, Geddes. Huskies came out on top with a final score 5:0!



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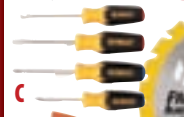
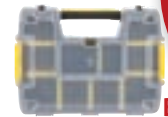
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Marzullo hopes to replace Little in Senate

Gov. Maggie Hassan will nominate the former long-time president of the NH Bankers Association and current State Senator Jerry Little to be the new banking commissioner.

The first-term Republican senator from Weare would have to resign his Senate seat if confirmed and a special election would be held.

Little was with the bankers association from 1989 to December 2011, and served as executive director of the NHBA Insurance Trust.

Deering resident and former Republican Party Vice Chairman JP Marzullo has announced he will run for the seat in the special election.



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John Stark students celebrating the Chinese New Year

Several students from John Stark Regional High School who study Mandarin traveled to the University of NH to attend the Temple Fair Festival in celebration of the Chinese New Year.

The event, sponsored by the Confucius Institute, was a free opportunity filled with cultural learning for the John Stark students.

In addition to an authentic Chinese dinner, John Stark students participated in a number of cultural activities including Chinese brush painting and calligraphy, traditional Chinese dance and music, the Dragon Dance, and a Chinese tea ceremony.

John Stark Regional High School is participating in a two year program and is host, along with the Henniker Community School, to Mandarin teacher Zhang Hai of China.

This Mandarin program at the two

schools is funded with the support of the Cordell Hull Foundation, the Confucius

Institute, and Haban University in China.



Anna Ishak, Maddie French, Michelle Hunter (hidden), and Molly Leuci look into the mouth of the dragon from the Dragon Dance (fellow student Sam Russell in the Nike shirt behind them). Patricia Chiquelin, photo.

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13

ITALIAN NIGHT: Italian Night Buffet & Chocolate Lovers Fair 5:00-7:00 p.m. Come to the Hillsboro United Methodist Church, 16 Henniker St. for an Italian buffet and a chocolate dessert. No charge; donations accepted. Enjoy additional chocolate goodies, including chocolate fountain items, for a donation. Make a craft or Valentines. Jewelry will be available for purchase. All donations will benefit the summer Adventure Camp and Faithseekers youth group.

MOVIE NIGHT: Come join us to see the classic 1942 film "Bambi". Admission is free and complimentary popcorn and a drink will be served. The doors open at 6:30pm and the movie begins at 7pm. Hope to see you all there.

FANCY SCHMANCY: Tea Party at The Grapevine 11am-1pm. Tickets are \$10 each, which include 1 adult and 1 child (max family expense of \$20). Tickets will be sold in advance at the Grapevine and at the door. (Reservations are recommended for preferred seating). Delicious baked goods, light lunch fare and beverages, with tea of course, will be served. Call the Grapevine at 588-2620 for more information.

FOOD DRIVE: The Goffstown Rotary Club is holding its 3rd Annual Love Thy Neighbor Food Drive, Saturday, February 13th, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Hannaford, 605 Mast Road, Goffstown.

The food drive will benefit both the Goffstown Network Food Pantry as well as The Care-Givers Caring Cupboard according to organizers. "We will be trying to fill at least one truck with non-perishable items that we will then distribute to the two food pantries," said Robbie Grady, one of the Rotarians organizing the event.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER: If you are starved for greenery, take a visual tour of public and private gardens around the state at Fuller Public Library in Hillsboro.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17

MASTER STORYTELLER: An evening with Andover's own master storyteller Lauretta Phillips will be held at 7pm in the library of the Andover Elementary and Middle School. The program, offered by the Andover Institute, is open to the public at no charge. Refreshments will be provided.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18

RETIREMENT PLANS: Have you ever wanted to learn more about the different types of retirement plans available? How do you approach retirement planning and manage this huge decision? Independence Financial Advisors will be hosting a complimentary workshop on this important topic at the Community Learning

Center in Tilton on from 6:00 to 7:30pm. To reserve your seat, contact IFA at (603) 934-0400 or toll-free at (800) 821-1776.

CHINESE NEW YEAR: Greater Hillsborough Senior Services (GHSS) presents a luncheon celebrating the Chinese New Year, Year of the Monkey, at 12 noon at the Deering Town Hall. The luncheon will again be catered by Ming Du. Suggested donation \$7. This luncheon is extremely popular so call and reserve a spot today.

CRAFT SWAP: Hopkinton Town Library Craft Swap from 10am - 2:30pm (vacation week) Clean out your closets. Bring your un-used, but usable craft supplies to the library. Drop them off between February 18th and 25th. Bring a bag to the Craft Swap, on February 26th, and take home what you can use.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20

ICE FISHING DERBY: sponsored by the Andover Fish & Game Club Kezar Lake \$10/entry fee. Cash prizes for each category. Register at the bob-house. Derby starts at first light and ends at 1pm.

WINTER OUTING: 28th annual Fox Forest winter outing and potluck supper. Please join us at 1:00 p.m. at the parking lot for a hike/snowshoe/ or X-country ski in Fox led by Program Forester Inge Seaboyer. And bring your favorite dish and join us for a potluck at 5:30 at the Baldwin Cen-

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COMEDY NIGHT: Henniker Community School PTA Family Comedy Event with Ben Pratt, professional comedy illusionist, 2-4pm. Doors open at 1:30. Adults, \$10; kids \$5. Tickets available at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased on line at hennikerpta.org. Advanced ticket holders will have reserved seating in the first three rows.

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FREE SUPPER: Free Community Supper February 21st 5pm. Congregational Church of Henniker.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24

COLORING FOR ADULTS: at the Weare Public Library 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. All coloring supplies will be provided. Feel free to bring your own. Light refreshments will be served. This is a free event that will take place in the Sawyer Room of the Library.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27

HOPKINTON PROGRAM: The Little Nature Museum is sponsoring, "Wind, Water, Fire, and Ice," from 1:30 – 2:30pm at the Community Room, Hopkinton Town Library, 61 Houston Drive, Contoocook with Dave Anderson, Director of

Education and Volunteer Services for the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. Dave has worked for the Forest Society for 2 ½ decades.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28

ASK A MUSLIM ANYTHING: At All Saints' Episcopal Church, at 12 noon, the public is invited to "Ask a Muslim Anything." The Reverend Jamie Hamilton will moderate a discussion between Robert Azzi and all who attend. No topic is off limits and it will be an opportunity for the Monadnock community to engage in conversation about identity, interfaith relations, international affairs and Islamaphobia.

BAND CONCERT: The Kearsarge Community Band will be presenting their annual "(almost) March Madness" concert at 2 p.m. at the New London Outing Club. There will be marches of all kinds by everyone from Sousa to John Williams and from several countries including Germany and Mexico. Also featured will be five (5) of our favorite conductors taking a turn at the podium. Concert is Free and open to the public.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Margaret "Peg" Feldblum

Margaret "Peg" Feldblum, 90, of Concord died at Concord Hospital on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016 after suffering a heart attack. Margaret was born and raised in Newport. She graduated from Newport High School and received her degree from Keene State College in teaching. She lived in Hillsboro with her family, and taught at Hillsboro-Deering High School until her retirement. She was the loving wife of the late Everett Feldblum as well as the mother of the late David Abraham and Sylvia Ann Feldblum. Family members include her niece, Coral Fernandez; the Meltzer and the Blodgett families; and Ken Trube. In memory of Margaret, donations may be made to the National Alliance for Mental Health New Hampshire, 85 N. State St., Concord 03301 at 225-5359 or to the Scleroderma Foundation, 300 Rosewood Drive, Ste. 105 Danvers, MA, 01923.



ers of Denver, CO. She is survived by two nieces as well. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made directly to any of the aforementioned organizations.

Rodney D. Gove

NEWPORT — Rodney D. Gove, 50, of Newport, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2015, at a friend's home. He was born June 8, 1965, the son of Clarence Jr. and Marjorie (Whipple) Gove. The family includes his wife, Michelle Gove of Pittsfield, New Hampshire; his children, Roderick Quaille of Chester, Vermont, Tiffney Osgood of Lebanon, Johnathan Osgood of Newport, Catherine Derby of Springfield, Christopher Quaille of Langdon and Christal Quaille of Chester, Vermont; 19 grandchildren; three brothers, Chipper Gove of Lee, New Hampshire, Johnathan Gove of Franklin, New Hampshire and Jeffrey Gove of Wilmot; one sister, Heidi Gove of Westmoreland, New Hampshire; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society.

Edward Austin Gee, Sr.

Hillsborough, NH — Edward Austin Gee, Sr., 88, died peacefully surrounded by family at the Pheasant Wood Nursing Home in Peterborough, NH, Tuesday, February 2, 2016. He was born in Hillsborough, NH on June 29, 1927. He was the son of the late Andrew and Bernice (Proctor) Gee of Hillsborough, NH. He is predeceased by his wife of 49 years, Madeline L.



(Avery) Gee; a daughter, Linda A. (Gee) DeLeon of Antrim, NH, a son, Edward (Eddie) A. Gee, Jr. of Hillsborough, NH., a sister, Isabel (Gee) Reed of Waltham, MA and a brother, Charles (Charlie) Gee, Sr. Hillsborough, NH. He leaves behind a stepson, Robert Avery and wife, Pat of DeBerry, Florida, a daughter, Diane Ward (Gee) and husband, Jack of Bradford, NH; a sister, Doris Watson (Gee) of Phoenix, Arizona; and a brother, Warren Gee and wife, Beverly of Hillsborough, NH; a sister in law, Minnie (Avery) Sorrel and husband, Alex (Sonny) of Center Sandwich, NH; a sister in law, Virginia (Ginny) Avery of Meredith, NH; and a brother in law, Joseph (Sonny) Dickerson, Sr. and wife, Liz of Ossipee, NH. He leaves behind nine grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. And many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his name to the American Diabetic Association of NH.

Pauline Duval-Cote

GOFFSTOWN — Pauline Duval-Cote, 85, of Hooksett, passed away peacefully on Feb. 6, 2016, at Hillsborough County Nursing Home, after a period of declining health. Pauline was born in Manchester on Oct. 30, 1930, the daughter of the late Arthur Joseph and Ruby Pearl Demers. Pauline is survived by her husband, Robert E. Cote Sr. of Hooksett; sister, Barbara L'Heureux of Manchester; three daughters, Susan Chubb and husband Don of Yarmouth, MA, Brenda Duval and fiancé Don Davidson of Goffstown, and Raelene High and husband Fred of Weare; two sons, Brian Duval of Fredericksburg, VA, and David Duval and wife Susan of New Boston; five

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stepchildren, Debra Martin and husband Dennis of Clayton, GA, John Cote and wife Michelle of Pompano Beach, FL, Caroline York and husband Tim of White City, FL, Robert Cote Jr. of Hooksett, and Carmen Gladstein and husband Barry of Fort Pierce, Fla.; several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews, and extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her grandson, Kyle Duval; brother, Arthur Demers; and first husband, Raymond Duval. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Pauline's memory to the Hillsborough County Nursing Home, Unit A1 Activities, 400 Mast Road, Goffstown, NH 03045, or NH Alzheimer's Association, in memory of Pauline Cote, 166 South River Road, Suite 210, Bedford, NH 03110, or the St. Peter Church, 567 Manchester Road, Auburn, NH 03032.

Barbara J. Martin

NEWPORT — Barbara J. Martin, 62, died unexpectedly on February 4, 2016 at New London Hospital. She was born on February 1, 1954 in Springfield, Vermont to Norman and Josephine (Garcia) Jarvis. Barbara was predeceased by her father. She is survived by her husband, Wilbur G. Martin; mother, Josephine Jarvis of Claremont; children, Keith Martin, Sr. of Claremont, Shawn Martin and his partner, Nicole Adair of Claremont, Steven Mar-



tin of Charlestown, Sally Martin and her partner, Ray Ladeau of Newport, Mandy Martin and her partner, Shawn Cherbonneau of Claremont; brothers, Andrew Jarvis and his wife, Pam of Perkinsville, Vermont, Larry Jarvis and his wife, Karen of Virginia; sisters, Linda Wilcox and her husband, Roy of Claremont, Rose Lovell and her husband, Bob of Claremont, Betty Jarvis of Meriden, New Hampshire; grandchildren, Kristin, Keith, Jr., Ethan, Roy and Chelsea Martin, Madison and Marissa Aldrich and James Wallace and many extended family members.

Richard (Dick) F. Mitchell

HOPKINTON - Richard (Dick) F. Mitchell, 81, died peacefully at home on Saturday, January 30th, 2016 surrounded by much love and after a wonderful life. Born on August 14, 1934 to parents Emily Broadbent of Oldham, England and Henry E. Mitchell of Spencer, Massachusetts. Dick leaves his wife, Sue with many loving memories as well as his daughter, Paula Demers, son in law, Chris Demers and their daughter, Katharine of Concord NH; two sisters, Sandra Johnson of Pica-yune, MS and Coral Carey of Salem, OR; and numerous nieces and nephews. Dick was predeceased by his parents, brother Henry W. Mitchell and sisters, Ellen Vestal, Doris Donovan, Clara McGee and half sister Florence Hutchinson. A Celebration of his



life will be held at The First Congregational Church of Hopkinton in the Spring.

Craig R. Seavey

ANTRIM - Craig Robert Seavey, 31, of Antrim, NH died February 7, 2016 at his home. He was born in Oklahoma City, OK on April 21, 1984 to Craig E. and Dale (Hartford) Seavey. Survived by his parents, Craig E. & Dale (Hartford) Seavey, of Antrim, NH; his Fiancée, Alyssah M. Robidoux of Antrim, NH; 1 son, Dylan R. Seavey of Antrim, NH; 2 Brothers, Bobby Speckman of Lyndeborough, NH, Joe Oswaly of Dover, NH; 1 sister, Chrissy S. Hyer of Antrim, NH, several aunts, uncles & cousins. Celebration of Craig's life will be held Friday February 12, 2016 at 1 pm in the Antrim Baptist Church in Antrim, NH. Donations may be made in his name to the family to help with Funeral expenses Dale H. Seavey 101 Main St Antrim, NH 03440.



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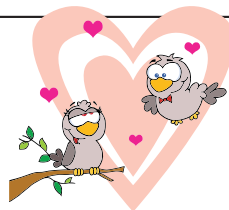
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