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## Merry Christmas!

### White Birch KnitWits

Volunteers from the Active Living Program at White Birch Center have been busy this holiday season. The program's knitting group, The KnitWits, recently donated their time and talent to support some local and statewide causes by trimming their annual Giving Tree with over 200 hand-knit items.



### Newport Volunteerism

The Richards Free Library recently presented the annual Pamela Gay Award for Volunteerism to Sandra Sonnichsen at the annual Volunteer Tea. The Award is named in memory of Pamela Gay, who volunteered countless hours at the library and exemplified the true spirit of volunteerism not only at the library but several other area organizations.



### Franklin PBW Award

Deborah Tessier, VP, Commercial Loan Officer with Franklin Savings Bank, was recently honored by Franklin Business and Professional Women with the 2017 Franklin BPW Achievement award. This honor is bestowed upon a woman who is outstanding in her career, lends assistance to other women in their advancement, offers guidance to youth and young career women, and provides leadership and advancement to the Franklin community.



Ian Reyes checks out Santa at the Red Hat Society Dixie Chicks pancake breakfast at the Newport Senior Center. Paul Howe photo

## Wreaths across Dunbarton

*192 wreaths decorate Dunbarton's veterans' graves*

Wreaths Across Dunbarton, like the national Wreaths Across America program, seeks to lay holiday wreaths at veterans' graves. The initial local program began with a ceremony of General John Stark laying a wreath at the statue of Maj. Caleb Stark, his oldest son, in the town's common area, accompanied by a musket salute. Volunteers then placed 192 wreaths on Dunbarton's veteran graves and war monuments.

Organizer Don Larsen was proud that the town rallied around the project, by raising the

\$1,800 needed by August. Larson's goal is for enough money to continue to lay wreaths for years to come without worrying about finances. With another \$1,000 in private donations and raffle tickets sold at a chili supper, the project had raised about \$3,500. With Capital Well, the Grappone Auto Group and Dunbarton Dental Care having pledged their financial support to the project for the next five years, it appears Larson has started a tradition to be followed for years to come.

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**Yesteryear** Local history as  
reported in The Messenger

### **December 16, 2016**

Franklin welcomes City's Hope for Recovery Center  
Police investigating baby's death in Peterborough  
New Boston's south Branch Bridge project awarded  
NH Motor Speedway constructing snowmobile bridge

### **December 18, 2015**

Goffstown to replace 469 street lights  
Sunapee Police & Fire retain New London Dispatch  
Weare man nominated to Superior Court  
New Boston Police "adopt" a needy family

### **December 19, 2014**

\$10 million to purchase & renovate Villa Augustina  
New Boston Police have surplus funds  
State Board rules in favor of Goffstown  
Franklin Health Center receives \$26,618 grant

### **December 20, 2013**

ConVal students design Peterborough's 275th logo  
Hillsborough man's bail set at \$250,00 cash only  
Henniker PTA embezzler seeks plea bargain  
Victim suing Seastrand in Federal Court

### **December 21, 2012**

More arrests made in Henniker marijuana case  
Weare man killed in single car accident  
Newport church hosts Vigil for the Homeless on Friday  
New Director at Sunapee's Abbott Library

### **December 23, 2011**

ConVal considers school consolidations  
Hancock man arrested for theft of fuel & equipment  
Washington Police arrest eight time OWI offender  
Newport Board and teachers at an impasse

### **December 17, 2010**

Monadnock Hospital employees face salary & benefit cuts  
Pair arrested for Hillsborough home invasion  
ConVal schools to cut 21 positions  
Former police officer sues Weare

### **December 18, 2009**

Hillsborough officials considering a municipal complex  
Antrim boy pulls knife at ConVal  
Hopkinton searching for new police chief  
Greenfield voters ratify property sale

### **December 19, 2008**

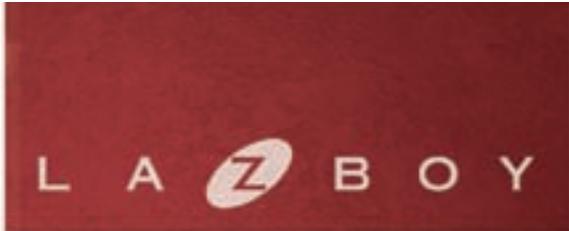
Sean Powers' killer faces family at sentencing  
Francestown man killed in Thornton  
200 feet of Lake Sunapee shorefront protected  
Meals On Wheels opens Antrim facility

### **December 21, 2007**

Domestic quarrel turns deadly in Newbury  
Deering family loses home to fire  
House & Senate approve Charron Post Office naming  
Selectmen want Emerald Lake Commission removed

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# TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

The American College of Physicians (ACP) recommends in an evidence-based clinical practice guideline published in *Annals of Internal Medicine* that physicians treat women with osteoporosis with bisphosphonates (alendronate, risedronate, or zoledronic acid) or denosumab, a biologic agent. The American Academy of Family Physicians has endorsed ACP's guideline. Osteoporosis is a systemic skeletal disease characterized by decreasing bone mass and deterioration of bone tissue that leads to an increased risk for bone fragility and fracture, especially in the hip, spine, and wrist. An estimated 54 million men and women in the United States have low bone density or osteoporosis. About 50 percent of Americans older than 50 are at risk for osteoporotic fracture. ACP's guideline focuses on the comparative benefits and risks of short- and long-term drug treatments for low bone density or osteoporosis, including prescriptions, calcium, vitamin D, and estrogen. The evidence suggests that physicians should treat women with osteoporosis with drug therapy for five years. Continuing treatment after the initial five years may be beneficial for some patients and may be appropriate after reassessing the risks and benefits of continuing therapy.

A new study presented at the Heart Rhythm Society's 38th Annual Scientific Sessions has found that dementia rates increase when anticoagulation treatment is delayed for patients with atrial fibrillation, the most common heart arrhythmia in the world that affects more than 2.7 million American adults. Anticoagulants, or blood thinners, like antiplatelets and warfarin are powerful stroke-prevention interventions and are now being prescribed to millions worldwide. However, there's often a delay in starting anticoagulants after an initial diagnosis of atrial fibrillation for a variety of reasons, including low risk of stroke, exploration of other treatment options like aspirin, older age, multiple comorbidities, and more.

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Greenfield Firefighter David Martin is flanked by deputies Diane Boilard and Karen Day. Martin was awarded Firefighter of the Year during the department's annual end of the year ceremony. Courtesy photo.

## \$10 million error in Goffstown School Tax

Goffstown and New Boston school officials are saying that it was "irregularities and errors" in financial information reported to state officials that resulted in about \$10 million not being applied to tax relief since 2011. The SAU 19 School Board accepted business administrator Raymond Labore's resignation at its regular meeting last Wednesday. Officials determined that unreserved fund balances since fiscal year 2011 were not properly returned for tax relief. In Goffstown, that amounted to about \$9.1 million, in New Boston, about \$1.1 million. The Goffstown School Board is studying all of its options, including whether to return all of the surplus money at the end of the fiscal year, reducing the school portion of the tax rate by about \$6.21 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

## Northfield man pleads to selling carfentanil

Justin Gauthier, 39, of Northfield pleaded guilty to federal drug charges. He will be sentenced in March for possessing methamphetamine, fentanyl and carfentanil with the intent to distribute, as well as a charge of possession of firearms in furtherance of a drug-trafficking crime. Law enforcement officers executed two search warrants at Gauthier's residence during the past two years. As a result of the first search on Aug. 5, 2016, authorities seized methamphetamine, fentanyl, multiple firearms and \$13,980 in cash, according to court documents. Seven months later, officers found additional quantities of methamphetamine, fentanyl and carfentanil, as well as multiple firearms and \$6,791 in cash.

## Authorities arrest trio in Franklin bust

State police said an Operation Granite Shield investigation concluded with the arrests of three people in Franklin. The investigation was a team effort of State Police Narcotics and Investigations Unit, the State Police S.W.A.T. team, Franklin Police, Tilton Police, the DEA and the ATF. Officials arrested Brian Sanborn, Sande Lamanuzzi and Angela Linteau. Sanborn has been charged with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, sale of the narcotic drug heroin, sale of the narcotic drug methamphetamine, nine counts of felony in possession of firearms, two counts of violation of a restraining order and three counts of receiving stolen property. Lamanuzzi was charged with possession with intent to distribute a narcotic drug and four counts of possession of a controlled drug.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**New Year's in Motion**  
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 MONTE CARLO: 6PM-11PM  
 LIGHT HORS D'OEUVRES: 6PM-8PM  
 FOOD TASTING STATIONS: 8PM-11PM

THE MCMURPHY'S: 8PM-12AM  
 COMEDY SHOW: 8PM-10PM  
 PARTY FAVORS: 10PM  
 CHAMPAGNE TOAST: 11:45PM  
 FIREWORKS: 12AM

# Henniker Concert Committee introduces the Acoustic Café

The Community Concerts Committee is pleased to announce the launching of the Only Henniker On Earth Acoustic Café, a series of 3-monthly coffee house and open mic sessions in partnership with New England College. The series will be held on the last Sunday of the month beginning on January 28, in The Pub, Simon Center, New England College from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Each Acoustic Café will feature a named performer. The first group to perform is Picket Hill on Sunday, January 28th. February 25 will feature Cold River Ranters and March 25 our performer will

be Senie Hunt. Local acoustic musicians are also encouraged to sign up for an Open Mic slot at each of the three evenings. Performers will be able to do 2-3 songs during their Open Mike slot, or more, depending

on how many musicians sign up for slots.

There is no cost to attend the Acoustic Café although donations for the musicians will be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be available for purchase in the NEC Café.



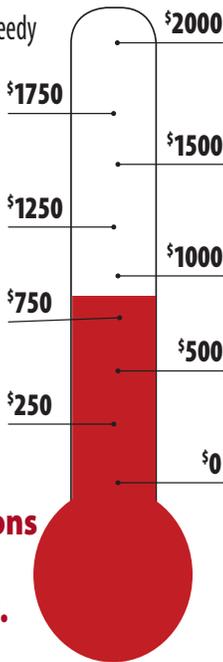
First graders in Lindsay Nye's class at the Henniker Community School recently raised \$990.02 for the Henniker Food Pantry during their week-long school wide coin drive in December. Back row: Mrs. Nye, Abram Foote, Tylan Murray, Maximus Mullen, Mrs. Gagnon; Middle row: Julia Pratts, Josie Wilson, Coalton Foye, Alivia Young, Dejah Marsh, Ryder Umlah, Samantha Matzke; Holding Check: Elliot Chant and Eleanor Parton.

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## Antrim's Stone Church comes alive for Christmas Eve

After being vacant for 20 years one of the areas most beautiful churches is opening most fittingly on 12/24. At The Cross a non-denominational Christ centered church will be having its first of many services celebrating our Savior's birth. The Stone Church located in Antrim on 223 Clinton Road has been owned for the last 20 years by Jim Rymes and he has been renovating the landmark church for At The Cross.

"It started months ago with a call to Jim, we needed a church building for our growing congregation," says Pastor Rick Davis. Jim said, do you want the Stone Church? I said yes, but I know it needs a lot of work. Jim said, I can't imagine anything you want

that I can't do for you. I called my son Nick who is our lead pastor and proclaimed only God can make this happen. We started as 6 Christians in our home a year ago now we get one of the most beautiful churches completely renovated. At the Cross will be holding a Christmas service Sunday morning at 10:30 that will feature a special Christmas themed lesson, "A Random Christmas." Join us as we see God at work, a God who has a purpose as He sends His Angel Gabriel with an incredible message for the young woman Mary. The news will change the course of history and the world forever...in this otherwise random story into God's greatest miracle of all.

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*The family of Nick Kofidis and Hillsboro House of Pizza would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, thoughts and especially their many hugs before and after Nick's passing.*



Hopkinton Boy Scout Troop 77 participated in this wreath laying on Veterans Graves on December 16th.

# Merry Christmas!

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## Woman guilty of Franklin home invasion

Melissa Natal, the woman who was part of a trio accused in a Franklin home invasion entered a guilty plea for her role in the incident. During the August home invasion, a paralyzed mother, Liz Hollins, was left with duct tape around her neck and tied to a bed, while her two children were in the another room sleeping. Defense attorney Jennifer Uhouse told the court Tuesday that Natal genuinely wants to reform her life during her incarceration. Natal will serve three to six years at the New Hampshire State Prison. Despite a prior criminal record, this is Natal's first stint in prison. The cases against the other men accused in this crime are still pending.

## Overtured septic truck closes Newport road

An overturned septic truck closed Maple Street in Newport for about 5 hours Tuesday afternoon. Newport Fire-EMS said the accident happened shortly after 1:00 pm and it was the second of three accidents they responded to between 12:30 -1:30 pm due to slippery road conditions. The driver of the septic truck was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. No leakage from the septic truck occurred and SG Reed Truck Service of Newport uprighted and removed the truck. No other injuries were reported in the other accidents.

## Newport School Board nixes Pay To Play

At its last meeting, the Newport School Board adopted a recommendation of fee study committee, that students in Newport schools involved in athletics, the school band, the math team, cheerleading, FFA or any other organization will not be charged a fee to continue participating in those activities in the 2018-19 school year.

## Franklin's new Three Rivers Foundation – Supporting Education

A new foundation, Three Rivers Foundation – Supporting Education, was formed in November to promote hands-on employer-guided vocational training and educational opportunities for students through a community-based infrastructure that will build and facilitate future employment.

The Foundation will work to develop a collaborative relationship with local businesses, existing labor partners, schools, and students, as well as to encourage prospective students to pursue new opportunities about which they are most passionate. The ultimate aim is to allow the scholarship students to train in, to work in, and to remain connected to local communities.

The foundation will be holding several annual fundraisers, beginning with a golf tournament scheduled for Aug. 2, 2018. All proceeds will support local students through scholarships and real connections to local businesses aligned with trades and skillsets. "This will help raise awareness of career paths for students while helping them become vital contributors to our social and economic system," Three Rivers Foundation President Pecco

### Is Michael Annis competent?

An Antrim man who is facing seven felony-level charges is scheduled to have a competency hearing early next year. Michael Annis, 59, of Antrim is facing five counts of aggravated felonious sexual assault and two counts of kidnapping of a juvenile who was under the age of 13 years old. He is scheduled to have a competency hearing early in 2018. Two other competency hearings have been canceled, one on Oct. 24 and another on Nov. 8.

Beaufays said. "We wish to thank Onions Restaurant, Highland Lake Inn, Franklin Savings Bank, and MB Tractor for their dedicated support. Through this new foundation, the board and its members

look forward to assisting many worthy students in their future career paths."

Donations can be sent to Three Rivers Foundation, PO Box 284, Franklin, NH 03235.



The New Boston Police Department staff partnered with the Congregational church to provide holiday food baskets to residents in need.

### Little information released on Goffstown boy's death

Even as his family and friends mourned Ian Jewell's death, a lack of information has led to speculation on social media. Was it a drug deal gone wrong; Was it self defense; Were there were other teens in the car that day who saw what happened?

When asked about the incident, a

hardware store employee said, "The cops got it wrong." Almost a month after the fatal shooting, Jeffery Strelzin, senior assistant attorney general and head of the homicide unit, would only comment that professional conduct rules and state law keep all matters relating to juvenile cases confidential.

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## HENNIKER SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET

The Henniker School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2018/2019 Henniker School District budget on **January 9, 2018** at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at:  
Henniker Community School  
51 Western Avenue  
Henniker, NH 03242

**The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. and recess for the public hearing.**

### DELIBERATIVE SESSION: SESSION 1 MEETING

The Henniker School Board will hold a Deliberative Session: Session I meeting on **February 5, 2018** at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at:  
Henniker Community School  
51 Western Avenue  
Henniker, NH 03242

**The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. and recess for Session I.**

### FILING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

Persons interested in filing for school district offices may file for these positions starting **January 24, 2018**. The deadline for filing is 5:00 p.m. on **February 2, 2018**.

Persons wishing to file should contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 428-3269 ext. 240.

One School Board Member	3 year term
One School Board Member	3 year term
One School District Moderator	3 year term
One School District Clerk	1 year term
One School District Treasurer	1 year term

### PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

Persons wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2018 Henniker School District Warrant must submit such warrants to the Henniker School Board, c/o Office of the Superintendent, no later than **January 9, 2018** at 5:00 p.m.

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**VOTING DAY: MARCH 13, 2018**



The driver avoided serious injury in this crash.

### Distracted Belmont driver survives crash

A distracted driver drove into a utility pole in Belmont Saturday, causing a power outage and road closure. The driver, Deborah Woodin, 46, of Belmont, was injured in the single-vehicle crash on Dec. 16 and taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. Police said first responders found a 2003 Toyota sedan caught in the pole wire. The utility pole had snapped as a result of the sedan coming to rest on the wire. Power had to be cut in the immediate area of the crash for just under an hour. Authorities said officers determined that the cause of this crash was operator distraction. Once the utility company made the pole safe from falling onto other travel lanes, traffic was opened to one way for several hours.

### Three car Epsom accident closes Route 4

A three-car accident on Dover Road right at rush hour Friday caused heavy tie-ups. Dover Road, also known as Route 4, was closed for nearly an hour after the 5 p.m. crash, as were both Routes 202 and 9. The accident scene was near the intersection with New Orchard Road, close to the Suncook River Veterinary Clinic and the New Hampshire Campground Owners Association buildings. The crash remained under investigation. It was unclear whether there were people injured at the scene though there were no outward calls from area emergency medical departments for ambulances to come to the scene right after the accident.

### One person dead in Chichester accident

One person has died as a result of a crash on Route 4 in Chichester on last Monday night. Before 8 p.m., a sedan collided with a tractor-trailer near the junction with Interstate 393. The man driving the car was killed. The driver of the truck refused treatment. There were no passengers in either vehicle. "It looks like (weather) was the cause of the accident. He spun out of control into the oncoming lane in front of the tractor-trailer," said Chief Patrick Clarke of Chichester Police. "It was a T-bone (type of crash)." The road was closed near the crash site until around midnight. The crash remains under investigation.

### H-D Board approves \$41,450 in stipends

At Monday's meeting the Hillsboro-Deering School Board ratified a Memorandum Of Understanding between Superintendent Robert Hassett and Alex Luhtjarv which amended the District's Collective Bargaining Agreement. The agreement approves stipends ranging from \$600 to \$3,600 for 48 teachers supervising extracurricular activities. The package totals \$41,450, and is effective July 1, 2018.



Grayson, 2, and Anabelle, 7, Sutelman had a great time at the Weare Lions Club's Breakfast with Santa last Saturday.

## Sunapee's 250th Licence Plates available

They are in. The Sunapee 250 Commemorative License plates have been delivered. The license plates will be available for purchase after January 1st, 2018 at the Police Department and Town Clerk's Office for \$25 (extra fee for shipping if ordering by mail). Owners of vehicles registered to a Sunapee address have been granted permission by the NH Director of Motor Vehicles to replace their front license plate with a commemorative plate during the anniversary year of 2018. Owners of vehicles not registered in New Hampshire should check with their state motor vehicle agency about laws regarding replacing and displaying the commemorative license plate.

## Henniker Board pulled in both directions

The Budget Advisory Committee presented the Selectmen with a detailed report outlining suggestions to reduce the proposed 2018 Town Budget by \$300,000. It focused heavily on the town's salary and benefit structure, which the committee feels is overly generous. One specific suggestion was that the town not hire an additional full-time police officer. The Committee's presentation was followed immediately by Police Chief Matt French, asking for a new full-time officer as of July 1st, adding about \$47,600 to the budget. Torn between supporting the Police and holding the line on the budget, the Board delayed a decision until January 8th. Discussion turned to replacing Road Agent Tom Weston, whose resignation was accepted with regret earlier in the meeting. Unsure of the level of qualification the replacement should have and debating Calib Dobbin's suggestion of a Public Works director, that decision was also deferred.

## ConVal to buy additional Chromebooks

ConVal spent about \$221,000 on Chromebooks in the 2017-2018 school year, purchasing 710 laptops for students. The proposed 2018-2019 budget calls for about \$219,800 to be used to purchase an additional 680 laptops.

## JOHN STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET

The John Stark School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2018-2019 John Stark School District budget on **January 12, 2018** at 7:00 p.m.

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Weare, NH 03281

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## Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

### One Solitary Life

**Attributed to James Allen Frances**

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty.

Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He had no credentials, but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends

ran away: He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that One Solitary Life.



## Letters to the Editor

**Letter to the Editor**

In the Dec. 8th issue of the Messenger (Publisher's Perspective: All religions teach the same message), Mr. Bosse's words were brief, but very powerful--Lincolnesque in form and in strong moral fiber. Blockbuster, universal, an eternal message for now and every challenge. Its beauty nearly brought me to tears--of joy no less. Thank you for reminding us we are human first and forever. Best wishes all.

*Andrew P Horton*

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**Dear Editor:**

I recently attended the school board meeting on the thought of buying chrome book computers for grades 2-7. Yes we have to keep up with the times, but on the same note. #1. At a local business this week I gave the clerk .95 cents for a .93 purchase and she had to count it several times to come up with the total. #2. Another time we laid out 4 quarters and asked for the child to take away 50%, couldn't, asked to take away 25% couldn't. Point is, unless we graduate each child with a computer hanging from their neck they're in trouble. Whatever happened to the basics of the real world Not saying it's

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right or wrong, just wondering.

*Eb Chamberlain, Windsor*

**To The Editor:**

The mere mention of teen idols can bring up waves of nostalgia for almost all, especially those that grew up in the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's. Memories of Teen idols of the 1940's such as Glenn Miller, Bing Crosby, Pinups of Betty Grable, Rita Hayworth, the Andrews Sisters brought a diversion and hope to War Time America. The 1950's and 60's had teen idols such as Elvis, Rick Nelson, Tab Hunter, The Beatles, Davy Jones, etc. Remembering the teen idols of that time brings back memories of malt shops, drive ins, dance crazes, the things that connect them to a younger life. And so, after learning of the passing of 1970's teen idol, David Cassidy recently, it certainly sent a wave of nostalgia as I looked back at all the crazy fun of being a pre-teen. I'm sure that those of a certain age can recall the teen idols of the early 1970's such as Bobby Sherman, Donny Osmond, Barry Williams. The most popular one of all was David Cassidy. Although he guest starred on many TV shows, it was his role as Keith Partridge on the Partridge Family that first aired in the fall of 1970 that made him an overnight sensation. His good looks and amazing singing voice made him more popular than the Beatles and Elvis combined. He was on the covers of every teen magazine from Fave to Sixteen and even Rolling Stone. Posters, trading cards, lunch boxes, records, sell out concerts, you almost couldn't go anywhere in 1970 without seeing this pop sensation. I remember practically plastering my bedroom walls as a pre-teen with posters of this icon. I couldn't even remember back in that time the color of the walls. When I think of David Cassidy, it takes me back

to the days of "Bubble Gum And Braces," "Last Bulletin From Childhood" as Cassidy represented a bridge connecting me to my youth. The Partridge Family was based on the real life late 1960's singing family, The Cowsills that had the hits, The Rain, The Park, and Other Things, Hair, Indian Lake, etc. Like many of David's contemporaries, The Carpenters, The Osmonds, The Jackson Five, The Monkees, they were the anti-thesis of music of the drug culture and anti war sentiments that were so prevalent in the late 60's (The Jefferson Airplane, Bob Dylan, Crosby Stills, Nash, and Young). Their music was non-threatening, made no political stand, just music of good times, warm summer days, puppy love, from "I Think I Love You" "Cherish", "How Can I Be Sure", Cassidy clearly made his mark as the quintessential Teen Idol. Sadly though, David Cassidy's Post-Partridge life was not so kind. Substance abuse, in patient stays in rehab, battling those demons, DUI arrests, and the past year, announcing that he was suffering from the early stages of dementia. And so as I learned of his passing, it also brought to mind that time in life when the family gathered in the living room and watch TV and shows like All In The Family and Sanford and Son and laugh at theirs as well as our own ignorance. We didn't take ourselves so seriously back then as one could speak their mind about politics of the day or various opinions and they were respected for it. Not so anymore, in this climate of political correctness. Even good comedy has become a relic of the past. I really miss those days. As for David Cassidy, death has brought an end to his struggles but for us that were those pre-teens, he will be remembered as the Ultimate Teen Idol For The Ages.

*Diane Hill, Contoocook*

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**Boys' Sports**

**BASKETBALL**

**Sanborn 61, Hillsboro-Deering 48:** It was the second quarter that did the Hillcats in. H-D was outscored 18-3 in the frame and despite a strong offensive showing in the second half, it wasn't enough to make up the ground.

**Merrimack Valley 45, Windham 39:** The Pride played strong defense, taking a 13-3 lead after the first quarter, 23-16 lead at halftime and 35-20 lead after three.

**Merrimack Valley 49, John Stark 48:** John Stark held a five-point lead with 1:30 left, but strong defense and disciplined shooting at the free-throw line helped MV erase the deficit and escape with a one-point victory.

**John Stark 71, Milford 55:** The Generals outscored the Spartans, 24-9, in the fourth quarter to secure the victory.

**Kearsarge 62, Pelham 46:** Joe Storozuk knocked down a jumper and a 3-pointer during a key 17-9 run for Kearsarge in the third quarter to pull away.

**Hopkinton 72, St. Thomas 33:** Hopkinton opened up a nine-point lead at the end of the first quarter and built on it in each of the last three quarters, including a 26-point third.

**Hopkinton 41, Mascoma 22:** Hopkinton's defense allowed only three Mascoma field goals and nine points through the first three quarters of play.

**Stevens 56 Newport 51:** It was the home team, the Cardinals, who walked away with the 56-51 victory.

**White Mountain 69, Franklin 61:** The Wildcats outscored the Tornados in the fourth quarter, 22-13.

**White Mountain 60, Winnisquam 37:** The Bears lost their second straight to open the season.

**Prospect Mountain 45, Winnisquam 44:** The Bears had the ball on the last possession of the game with a chance to win but couldn't get a good shot off.

**Manchester West 66, Goffstown 58:** The Blue Knights made most of their free-throw attempts, and the Grizzlies did not. West was 14 of 20 from the free-throw line, Goffstown missed 16 of its 29 free-throw attempts.

**Belmont 51, Laconia 48:** Matt Pluskis buried a 3 at the final buzzer to lift the Raiders over the Sachems.

**Mount Royal 70, Wilton-Lyndeborough 64:** Alex Norman-din had a highlight night yet again as he dropped in 31 points, picked up 16 rebounds and added 5 steals.

**Sunapee 74 Hinsdale 67:** An impressive output from Jordan Chappell and late game heroics by Cade Robinson, led a Sunapee comeback victory over the Hinsdale Pacers.

**HOCKEY**

**Bow 3, Winnacunnet 1:** While Ryan Tobeler led the way offensively, goalies Nate Carrier and Jason Howe split time and did a nice job limiting the Warriors to one goal.

**Dover 5, Bow 2:** The Green Wave has opened its season with three straight wins, the latest a 5-2 decision over Bow.

**Goffstown 3, Portsmouth-Newmarket 1:** Noah Charron scored a pair of goals, and Sebastian Beal had a goal and an assist, leading Goffstown.



# Boys' Sports

**John Stark-Hopkinton 6, Monadnock 1:** The General Hawks rattled off five straight goals to comfortably skate away with the win. Scordo's goal in the second period was the first of his varsity career.

**John Stark-Hopkinton 9, Pembroke-Campbell 1:** The General Hawks came out strong in the first period, peppering the Pembroke-Campbell net with 26 shots.

**Moultonborough/Inter-Lakes 4, Kearsarge-Plymouth 1:** Cody Bannon scored his first career goal, but it wasn't enough for the Cats in Saturday's season-opening loss to the Renegades.

**John Stark/Hopkinton 9, Hollis-Brookline/Derryfield 1:** Benny Madden scored four goals and assisted on another to lead John Stark/Hopkinton.

**Goffstown 2, Timberlane 1:** Goals by Grady Chretien (unassisted) and Max Lajeunesse (Colin Burke and Colby Gamache) helped Goffstown raise its record to 3-1.

**Kennett 10, Laconia/Winnisquam 1:** Shane Gauthier, John Trapela and Matt Cormier each scored their first varsity goal to highlight Kennett's victory.

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**First Team Defense:** Jack Wixson, Jr., Bow; Ben Kimball, Sr., Bow; Matthew Nicholls, Jr., Bow; Zachary Handy, Sr., John Stark; Nick Bartlett, Sr., Merrimack Valley;

**Second Team Defense:** Andrew Shoemaker, Sr., Gilford-Belmont; Nicholas Wheeler, Sr., John Stark; Max Lacy, Jr., Merrimack Valley; Manuel Biskaduros, Sr., John Stark; Matt Burke, Sr., Merrimack Valley;

#### SOUTH

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**First Team Defense:** Dan Curran, ConVal, Aidan Horne, Hillsboro-Deering/Hopkinton; Jake Phillips, ConVal;

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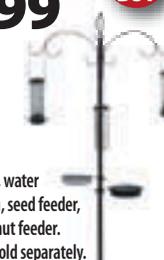
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## Girls' Sports

### BASKETBALL

**Sanborn 57, Hillsboro-Deering 32:** Sanborn took off for a 36-12 lead at halftime and didn't look back.

**Newport 61 Raymond 30:** Newport came out of the gates strong, as their full court press seemed to rattle the visiting Rams.

**Newfound 57, Franklin 23:** Newfound held a 22-11 lead at halftime and outscored Franklin 25-4 in the fourth.

**Hanover 37, Bow 33:** The game was tied at halftime (16-16) and the Falcons took the lead in the third quarter, but the Marauders came back to hand Bow a home-opening loss.

**Kearsarge 67, Plymouth 62, OT:** Madi Courser knocked down back-to-back 3s in overtime, DeAngelis also made a shot from behind the arc and Albright hit some key free throws down the stretch to lift the Cougars to a win.

**Kearsarge 61, Manchester West 8:** The Cougars rebounded from a tough opening-night loss to easily defeat a short-handed Blue Knights squad that started four freshmen.

**Belmont 30, Berlin 26:** The Raiders trailed 23-18 heading into the fourth. Belmont answered the bell and mounted a 12-3 run in the fourth to pull out the win.

**Hopkinton 41, Conant 30:** The Hawks' defense held Conant to 13 points in the second half on their way to winning their second straight game.

**Hopkinton 60, St. Thomas 47:** The Hawks jumped out to a 22-7 first-quarter lead and never looked back.

**White Mountains 63, Winnisquam 34:** The Bears had a rocky start, but outscored the Spartans, 14-12, in the fourth quarter.

**Goffstown 56, Laconia 48:** Kelly Walsh scored 21 points and Livi Brannen added 18 as the Grizzlies earned their first win of the season.

**John Stark 66, Milford 46:** The Generals got on top early and led 40-21 at halftime.

**John Stark 65, Merrimack Valley 57:** Jillian Douzanis exploded for 30 points and was razor sharp from beyond the arc, connecting on five 3-pointers.

**Windham 49, Merrimack Valley 43:** MV held a four-point lead heading into the fourth, Windham went 10-for-12 from the free throw line down the stretch to secure the win.

**Mascenic 45, Pittsfield 31:** The Panthers had a hard time dealing with Mascenic's pressure early on and fell behind by 10 after one, and by 18 at halftime.

**Sunapee 57, Derryfield 37:** Kaleigh Durkee had a big night as she scored 17 for the Lakers as teammate and newcomer Abby Pollari created turnovers and help set up the plays.

**Mount Royal 46, Wilton-Lyndeborough 26:** Alexis Matte scored 21 points, pulled down 6 rebounds, and dished out 5 assists. Sophie LaRose posted a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Amy Alterisio chipped in with 4 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 assists.

**Newport 38, Windsor VT 37:** Newport's Alexis Hurd's 10 foot jump shot in the lane was the difference on Wednesday night.



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