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## Spelling Bee Champs

The Henniker Community School, Weare Middle and Center Woods Schools in SAU 24 have completed their school

spelling bees and their top spellers are headed to the NH State Spelling Bee on February 24. The top spellers are:

from Henniker, Lauren Meade (6th grade);

from Weare Middle, Sarah Guillemette (7th grade) and from Center Woods, Brylie Gelinas (3rd grade).

Sponsored by the Union Leader, the State Bee

will be at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord at 1 PM on Saturday, February 24. The top speller from this meet will

represent the Granite State

at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May in Washington, DC.



Brylie Gelinas,  
3rd Grade



Sarah Guillemette,  
7th Grade



Lauren Meade,  
6th Grade



Even members of the Fire Department are not immune.

## New Boston house fire

### *Seven area towns provided mutual aid support*

On Friday January 26 at 3:09 pm, New Boston Fire Department was dispatched to a chimney fire with possible extension into the walls. The address was familiar to the responders because it was one of the fire department's members. Since the house is close to the road on Rte. 13 extra PD units were requested to the scene to close down the road. Upon arrival the Chief reported smoke coming from the eaves in the front of the house and requested a second alarm response.

Investigating further and working with the homeowner, it was determined the fire was in the basement where a wood stove was active. The homeowner had already made several attempts to extinguish the fire. The fire spread from the basement to the first and second floors via the space around the chimney and a duct passage that ran from the basement to the second floor. The major damage to the home

was in the cellar. Fire crews through a lot of hard work minimized the damage to the first and second floors. Mutual aid departments from Milford, Mont Vernon, Francestown, Weare, Henniker, Goffstown and Bedford fire departments responded with engines and tankers since there is not an adequate firefighting water supply nearby the scene.

The fire was placed under control by 4:30 pm. There is an ongoing investigation to determine the cause of the fire. The residence is not inhabitable, but a temporary alternate living location has been provided.

During the operation, New Boston Highway Department also responded to assist with traffic control and provide sand for the icy areas. The firefighters would like to thank New Boston Pizza for providing the firefighters with plenty of pizza and the New Boston Auxiliary for the sandwiches and cookies.



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

**February 3, 2017**

21 bed Treatment Center opens in Antrim  
 Tilton family of eight homeless after fire  
 Rule #1 Don't slam into a parked state police cruiser  
 Ruger sells historic Newport mill building

**January 29, 2016**

Elderly Franklin man homeless after fire  
 Bow may discontinue New Boston dispatch service  
 Suspected Goffstown bank robber caught  
 Greenfield Inn under new management

**January 30, 2015**

Newport Superintendent ousted  
 Bow presents plan for Public Safety Building  
 Goffstown Police seek information on stabbing  
 Sunapee traffic stop leads to drug arrest

**January 31, 2014**

David Lantz is Newport's Citizen of the Year  
 Bomb threat clears Kearsarge Middle School  
 Henniker adopts "Pay to Play" athletic program  
 New Boston couple assaults police officer

**February 1, 2013**

Doug Mumford named Hopkinton Fire Chief  
 Five towns discuss potential withdrawal from ConVal  
 Martha Taylor named "Outstanding Woman"  
 Sunapee seeking new Highway Director

**February 3, 2012**

Plane crash kills daughter  
 Peterborough crash leads to DWI arrest  
 Newport High School Principal suspended  
 Warner teen indicted on felony charge

**February 4, 2011**

Newport concert to benefit Keith Walker  
 John Stark team in national Finals  
 Jim Coffey's trial set for April 7  
 Kearsarge Blizzard Bags getting noticed

**January 29, 2010**

Snowmobiler killed in Stoddard crash  
 Teens charged with Hillsborough break-ins  
 Double domestic assault in Weare  
 Founder sues Hopkinton School

**January 30, 2009**

Weare accident closes Route 114  
 Greenfield fire destroys home  
 Weare and Town Administrator agree to mutual separation  
 Newbury Selectmen oppose Planning Board

**February 1, 2008**

Leo Corriveau named Superintendent of SAU #34  
 Antrim's Ben Pratt won't seek re-election  
 Several arrests follow Pats Peak thefts  
 Weare man charged with plot to assault officer

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## Duncan-Jenkins Trust distributes \$334,000 to H-D School District

The Trustees of the Duncan-Jenkins Trust hosted their 16th Annual Recognition Dinner last Thursday. In his report to the Hillsboro-Deering and Washington education community, Trustee Douglas Hatfield was happy to report that in 2017, the Trust distributed \$63,000 for Student Enrichment programs, \$153,000 for scholarships, and \$118,000 for Teacher Enrichment programs. The programs ranged from allowing teachers to participate in foreign travel, bringing authors and special programs such as No Strings Marionettes into the school classroom, and allowing teachers to attend workshops, conferences and training sessions, not only in the local area but throughout the United States.

These travels included Costa Rica, France, Chichen Itza, Cuba, and Iceland as well as others. Part of the Student Enrichment grants included in-school programs such as Children's Stage Adventures, No Strings Marionettes, and Artist in Residence. Examples of the out-of-school programs were visits to the Currier Museum, the Tsongas Industrial History Center in Lowell, Massachusetts, and the Mount Washington Observatory on the cog railroad. These are programs that the teachers would not be able to attend without the benefit of the Duncan-Jenkins Trust as our tax dollars simply do not allow for those

### Pats Peak chairlift malfunctions

Several people were rescued Monday night when a chair lift malfunctioned at Pats Peak in Henniker. The problem started around 8:15 p.m. People had to be evacuated from 10 chairs at different levels of the mountain. Henniker fire officials said they do not know what caused the problem.

expanded opportunities.

Looking forward, Hatfield reported that because of renewed investment growth in 2017, the Trust will have \$116,000 avail-

able for distribution under Student Enrichment grants; approximately \$129,000 for scholarships, and \$170,000 for Teacher Enrichment grants.



Hillsboro-Deering and Washington schools again benefit from the generosity of the late Sally Jenkins.

## Cost to demolish Bow Community Building cut in half

The proposed price tag to demolish the Bow Community Building has been cut nearly in half. New estimates have the cost of demolition, debris removal and asbestos clean up at the 3 Bow Center Road location at \$106,700 as opposed to the \$200,000 figure previously proposed. In 2013, the state fire marshal inspected the building and sent the town a violation letter, saying they had three years to bring the building up to compliance.

Along with 18 community events and clubs, the building also housed fire department trucks and equipment until it moved

across the street to the new public safety building this past summer.

Should the warrant article pass, selectmen said their intent is not to leave residents without a space for community programs. One of the ideas they're exploring is to put aside the cost of running the building each year — about \$50,000 — into a fund for the future construction of a new building.

Others, however, have voiced concerns about the demolition, saying that it could have detrimental effects on the town's recreation programs.

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### **GHSS seeking \$13,000 from Hillsboro**

At last year's Town Meeting two warrant articles totaling \$13,000 were combined and the funds allocated to Greater Hillsborough Senior Services. The group is asking for the same amount this year. The selectmen had asked that GHSS provide an accounting of how it used the taxpayers' money. At Tuesday's meeting the Board agreed that this year's accounting was improved but not satisfactory. During the discussion it was disclosed that the GHSS \$7,000 surplus from last year had grown to \$10,000 and the group had an additional \$28,000 in a separate "Bus Account." Although no vote was taken, the consensus seemed to be to approve another \$13,000.

### **Peterborough drops ban on drive-throughs**

The Peterborough Planning Board has dropped a controversial proposal to ban drive-throughs in town. According to Planning Board Chairwoman Ivy Vann, the proposed zoning code was designed to support and encourage village-like and pedestrian friendly development by eliminating all drive-throughs in the mixed-use district. However, Vann said that last week the committee got some "blow back," and the Planning Board was not willing to sacrifice its entire zoning changes over the question of drive-throughs.

### **Antrim Wind case at the Supreme Court**

The NH Supreme Court heard oral arguments in an appeal against the approval of a wind project in Antrim last Thursday morning. The appeal, filed by 11 individual appellants and two groups was filed after the NH Site Evaluation Committee approved a nine-turbine wind project to be built along Tuttle Hill and Willard Mountain. A similar wind-energy project, proposed in 2009, was denied. A spokesperson for the Supreme Court said it will likely take three to six months for the court to issue an opinion in the case.

### **ATV riders fall through ice in Newbury**

Three ATV riders escaped injuries after two ATVs fell through the ice on Lake Sunapee. Newbury Fire Chief Henry Thomas said the riders were on the beach when Rescue 1 and a New London Ambulance arrived. The three warmed up in the rescue truck until relatives came to pick up the riders. The ATV owners have arranged to have the vehicles pulled from the lake bottom. Chief Thomas reminds anyone going on the ice that the drastic changes in temperatures over the last month have resulted in areas of thin ice, which is dangerous especially for vehicles.

**TAKE YOUR MEDICINE**

**BY SARAH CHAPIN**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Endari (L-glutamine oral powder) for patients age five years and older with sickle-cell disease to reduce severe complications associated with the blood disorder. Endari is the first treatment approved for patients with sickle-cell disease in almost 20 years. Until now, only one other drug was approved for patients living with this serious, debilitating condition. Sickle-cell disease is an inherited blood disorder in which the red blood cells are abnormally shaped (in a crescent, or "sickle," shape). This restricts the flow in blood vessels and limits oxygen delivery to the body's tissues, leading to severe pain and organ damage. According to the National Institutes of Health, approximately 100,000 people in the United States have sickle cell disease. The disease occurs most often in African-Americans, Latinos and other minority groups. The average life expectancy for patients with sickle-cell disease in the United States is approximately 40 to 60 years.

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The use of medications to treat attention-deficient hyperactivity disorder is linked to significantly lower risk for substance-use problems in adolescents and adults with ADHD, according to a new report in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*. The majority of the ADHD medicines used by people in the study were stimulants such as Adderall, an amphetamine, and Ritalin, or methylphenidate. A significantly smaller number used nonstimulant ADHD medication such as Strattera, or atomoxetine. The risk of substance use problems during periods of medication use was 35 percent lower in men and 31 percent lower in women in the study.

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## Weare Representative wants work for welfare requirement expanded

A State Representative from Weare wants the new work requirements created for New Hampshire's Medicaid recipients to apply to those receiving food stamps and welfare.

Last year, NH Lawmakers approved new provisions requiring able-bodied Medicaid participants to work between 20 to 30 hours per week, depending on how long they'd been covered.

Rep. Neal Kurk, (R-Weare) is proposing implementing the same requirements in the other programs. "It implements a very basic philosophy that is rampant in the Granite State, and that is: All people

should be treated equally, and that when we wish to help our less fortunate neighbors, we should do so when they're less fortunate, but not when they are not less fortunate," he told the Health, Human

Services and Elderly Affairs Committee. Critics, however, argued that changing the requirements for TANF and food stamps is premature given that the Medicaid waiver is still pending.

## Hillsboro reviews recycling

Faced with a nearly \$10,000 increase in tipping fees and transportation charges, Hillsboro voters will have the option of paying the extra or eliminating plastic and tin can recycling. Transfer Station Supervisor Luke Levesque said the increase is because Keene will no longer accept our loads which will need to be sent to White River Junction.



Flanked by Mike Moore, (l) and Jim Fadden, (r) Shawn Atkins of the Atkins Family Sugarhouse of Washington was presented with the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association's Carlisle Award for making the best maple syrup in the Granite State at the association's winter meeting.

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Participating in the presentation and receipt of a check in the amount of \$11,850 to The Grapevine Family and Community Resource Center are Pelagia Vincent, 100 + Women Who Care Monadnock member; Kyra Hall, an Avenue A teen; Jacqueline Roland, Avenue A Coordinator; Oceana Ahrenberg, Avenue A teen; and Melissa Gallagher, Grapevine Executive Director.

## NEW BOSTON FIRE ASSOCIATION BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Come join us for our monthly breakfast. This month, **all proceeds** will go to NBFD Paramedic Judy Knight, who was displaced from her home due to a house fire on January 26th. Judy has faithfully served the citizens of New Boston for 30 years. Help us give back to her for her selfless service.

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## Bow man injured in snowmobile rollover

Norton Compton, 63, of Bow, was transported to the hospital via helicopter after a serious snowmobile crash in the area of trail 142 in Pittsburg. Compton was operating a snowmobile and following a friend. The trail took a sharp left turn, causing Compton to drift off the designated path. He attempted to get the machine under control but ended up rolling the snowmobile over on top of him. Compton's riding partner went back and found him injured at the crash scene and called 911 immediately. The Pittsburg Fire Department was notified of the severity of Compton's injuries and established a landing spot for a DHART Helicopter that was in route. Compton was transported by the DHART Helicopter to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center for treatment of his injuries. This crash is still under investigation, however, it appears that the rider's inexperience was a primary factor in the crash. Friday was Compton's first time riding a snowmobile.

## Northfield assault leads to 2 hour standoff

An assault that began in Northfield last Thursday morning ended with a nearly six-hour standoff in Franklin at which two men were taken into custody after nightfall. One of the men, David Fielding, 34, of Northfield was charged with second degree assault, reckless conduct, simple assault (domestic violence-related) and violation of a protective order. The other man, Shawn Jaques, 35, of Northfield, was not charged in connection with the incident. Northfield Police officials said Fielding is accused of pistol-whipping a woman at a residence in that town and then holding off police for several hours before giving himself up in Franklin. The men refused to leave the house until police used tear gas to get them to leave the building and they were taken into custody. No one was injured as a result of the standoff.

## Weare man given 18 months in prison

Jody Swett, 38, of Weare, convicted of domestic violence crimes, will spend a year and a half behind bars after he admitted keeping guns and ammunition in his Weare home. Swett was sentenced to 18 months in prison for possessing the guns, which is prohibited following his conviction in October of 2016 of punching the then 17-year-old son of his girlfriend at the time in the mouth at their Nashua home. Swett was also convicted in 2015 of grabbing his own then 9-year-old son by the face and pushing him.

# Boscawen suspect bites police K9, assaults officer during arrest

On January 21st, while handling a motor vehicle collision Boscawen officer Glen Chislett was notified of a 29 year old male who had sustained a gunshot wound to his leg. The male was in a separate vehicle that was unrelated to the accident and had stopped in traffic. The officer, along with Boscawen Fire and Penacook Rescue, administered first aid to control bleeding and he was transported to the Concord Hospital for treatment. There were several other people in the vehicle who stated that the shooting occurred at 1 Corn Hill Road in Boscawen.

Units from NH State Police, Concord Police Department, Webster Police Department and the Franklin Police Department responded and established a perimeter around the house. Several people were detained at the on-set but there were several others refusing to come out of the house and that there were firearms inside. After approximately an hour and a half, the remaining people inside the residence walked outside.

The homeowner notified police that there were subjects hiding in a camper

in the backyard so entry was made and a State Police K-9 entered. The K-9 located Justin Santagati hiding under blankets and was ordered several times to come out but he refused. The K-9 was sent in to assist in

his detention which resulted in Santagati being bitten. Santagati became combative and attacked the K-9 resulting in the dog being bitten and a Trooper being assaulted. Santagati was subsequently tasered.



Residents of Bow attended an open house of the new Heritage Room in the lower level at the Baker Free Library on Saturday, January 27th. Members of the Heritage Commission were on hand to discuss the historic materials now available to the public and to answer any questions. Photo by Eric Anderson.

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After ten days of competing against other high schools in a global competition, two teams of three students from Hillsboro-Deering High School have qualified for the DECA International Conference in April. The Sports and Entertainment Management team, (l) of sophomores Gunner Hagstrom, Nathan McGillicuddy, and Max Costello, finished in first place in the North Atlantic region and fourth overall internationally out of over 300 teams. The Retail Management team, (r) of senior Dustin Vancleave, junior Zach Urban, and sophomore Caitlin Greene, also finished in first place in the North Atlantic region and second internationally out of over 350 teams. Both teams will compete in the finals in Atlanta, Georgia.

## New Boston community rallies to support paramedic Judy Knight

Members of the New Boston Fire Department have come to the aid of one of their own who was displaced after her house caught on fire last Friday. The New Boston Fire Association created a Go-FundMe page on Sunday to help raise money for homeowner Judy Knight.

Knight has been a paramedic for the town for three decades.

In less than 24 hours, the campaign was nearly halfway to its goal. The GoFundMe page can be found at [www.gofundme.com/judy-knighthouse-fire-relief-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/judy-knighthouse-fire-relief-fund). The association will also be

holding its monthly benefit breakfast on Feb. 4 with all proceeds going to help Knight. The breakfast will be held from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at New Boston Central Fire Station. Knight's Mont Vernon Road house suffered significant damage in the fire. (See page 1 for details).

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## Goffstown man killed, Tilton woman and child injured in crash

NH State Police received a report of a rollover motor vehicle accident on the Everett Turnpike southbound in the area of mile marker 15.

Troopers from the Troop B responded to the scene along with the Merrimack Police and Fire Departments. Once on scene, Troopers confirmed that two vehicles were involved in the crash; a 2006 Toyota Corolla was up against the guardrail in the center median. The Corolla was operated by Heather Vitale, 31, of Tilton. The Passat was operated by Gregory Tracy, 63, a dentist from Goffstown. Preliminary investigations revealed the Passat was traveling southbound and sideswiped the Corolla, causing it to skid across the right lane

### New Boston Beacon available

Congratulations to Keith Gentile and his staff for publication of the initial issue of the New Boston Beacon. As a monthly publication, the Beacon can explore issues in more depth, while The Messenger keeps you abreast of more recent activities, not only in New Boston, but in a much broader area.

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and into the breakdown lane before hitting the dirt embankment and sliding onto its roof. Tracy was trapped inside the vehicle. Merrimack Fire and EMS attempted to render aid to Tracy, but advised Troopers

at the scene that he had succumbed to the injuries received in the collision. Vitale and her small child were transported to the Elliot Hospital as a precautionary measure. See his obituary on page 21.



This was one person's prediction for Hillsborough's future. Robin LeBlanc of Plan NH will host another on February 12th in the second floor meeting room at the Fuller Public Library at 10:30 am.

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# Around the Towns



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Ryan Mango, visiting artist James Marshall, Seth Marquardt, Izabel Korbet as part of Henniker Community School's Artist in Residence program on Africa.



John Stark French Students attend the Brandeis University Concert Series: Fafali: Music and Dance from Ghana.



The Antrim-Bennington Lions Club prepared and served the recent Community Supper at the Presbyterian Church.



The Franklin Fire Department conducted Ice Rescue Training recently.



Congratulations to the winners of the Mountain View Middle School Geography Bee. Gavin P was the overall winner and moves on to the next round.



GFA recently celebrated the opening of its new Peterborough branch at 99 Grove Street, at the intersection of Junction 101 & 202.



Shanna Beckwith of the Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention presented Hillsboro Detective Derek Brown with a "Partner In Justice" Award.



Holly Blanchard and Nikki Lahey visited the Tilton-Northfeld Rotary Club to present the club with a plaque in recognition of the club's support of Make-A-Wish NH and their Rafting For Wishes event.



Anna Pysz and Mason Martell (l) danced a Samba to a first place finish and Gabe Edwards and Jazy Durgin (r) danced a Rumba to a first place finish at Saturday Nights Dancing with the Newport Stars at the Newport Opera House. Paul Howe photo.

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## Common Sense Conservative

By **JP Marzullo**

I wrote this before the shutdown and now the Government is open for business for at least a few weeks. I thought it was still worthwhile to talk about. No wonder no one trusts Congress, they can't come to an agreement on anything. Democrats are continuing to "resist" anything the President is for, even if it does help the American people. They even attacked the Tax cuts, which has put more money in the average citizens pocket.

Bonuses by some of our biggest companies have been given to employees since they have received tax credits, yet several prominent Democrats are making comments like \$1,000 is nothing. Well maybe to them it is nothing but for those hard working families it means a lot.

It was the Democrats turn to use a shutdown of the Government as leverage to get what they want. When the Democrats were in power it was the Republicans doing the same thing. The first thing that Congress does is say "Senior Citizens and our Military will not be receiving their checks until "we get our way" really, and that's what we elected you to do? Grow up you sound like a bunch of elementary school kids throwing a tantrum. Sorry I didn't mean to make elementary school kids feel bad. Disgraceful tactics, no matter what Party is threatening a Shutdown. What if we tell Congress that they won't be paid if there is a Government shutdown? Now, that might just get their attention don't you think? Or next time our elected officials are in the State let them know

exactly how you feel about their childish behavior.

If as some of the Democrat leaders in the Senate said, people will die, and healthcare will be compromised is true, then why the heck would they vote for a shutdown? Something that I've never been able to figure out and that is the statement when the Government is shut down "nonessential workers" do not need to come to work. If they are nonessential, why are we paying them? Just a reminder there is an election coming up in 2018 please remember the tactics that are being used when you go to vote.

Of course they won't want to be reminded of it and they will simply blame the President, it is tradition after all, the Republicans blamed the previous President. Congress is broken! Our State is different in that there are many times when both parties actually agree to do what is right for our citizens whether their Party leaders like it or not.

Now if we can just keep Lobbyists, Unions and Activists from other States out of here and let us decide what is best for New Hampshire that would be great, one can only hope.

It appears that some think it is better to divide than actually try to unite our citizens as recently indicated by changing the name of the Martin Luther King celebration by a UNH professor, instead of highlighting how Dr. King united the races he called the forum "Unpacking Whiteness" isn't that racist? I grew up in the 60's and was motivated and inspired ▶

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by the likes of Dr. Martin Luther King and JFK. I am not sure if there are any leaders like them around today that our young people can look up to. Oh wait, they do

look up to celebrities and athletes. Dilly Dilly! Most politicians only think about what is best for their Party, not what is best for the country.



## Letters to the Editor

### Dear Editor:

I would like to correct an error that I made in my letter to the editor last week. My letter stated that there was a difference of \$4,312.44 per student between H-D and the N.H. state average in FY2017. The difference of \$4,312.44 per student was actually the difference between the H-D FY 2017 cost and the H-D FY 2010 cost. Thank you for making this correction.

**Paul Plater H-D School Board**

### To the Editor:

The topic of a new playground has been a big topic this year during school budget season and I wanted to provide some additional information and background on how we got to where we are today in regards to the need for a new playground for the elementary school.

The Hillsboro Deering Elementary School Parent Teacher (PTO) was approached 2 years ago by facilities to partner and champion the design of a new playground for the elementary school. At that time it was known the playground was aging and not meeting the needs of our students. Knowing that a replacement plan would be a large undertaking the PTO spearheaded the process of designing a new playground.

I learned a tremendous amount about playgrounds, our playground, and the role a good playground can plan in childhood development and the impact on academics.

To say there is a lot more to a community playground is an understatement!

What I learned:

- Our current playground is out dated at over 15 years old, and is rapidly deteriorating to a point where soon it will be unsafe for students.

- Our current playground is not ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. Students with any accessibility issues are not able to utilize our playground and are isolated from friends and peers.

- Our current playground has safety concerns when it comes to line of sight. Current playground designs to date have clear line of site in all directions so faculty and staff can clearly see what is happening when standing in one place. The current playground has several line of sight obstructions based on design.

- Our playground is unique & they don't make playgrounds like ours any longer.

- Our situational needs are unique in that we have to accompany a wide age range & developmental needs for play. (pre-K through grade 5)

What we did:

- Researched local vendors and met with 3 sales representatives. We provided a walkthrough of our current playground and shared what our design vision is for a new playground.

- 1 vendor didn't return a design, one came back with several revisions that didn't ▶

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## Letters to the Editor cont.

truly meet what we wanted and the 3rd came up with a beautiful perfect design on the first try (with some slight tweaks).

- Toured local playgrounds in Concord, Weare, Henniker and other local communities that the vendors had designed to get a feel for what they offered.

- Asked the students of HDES to design a "dream playground"... unfortunately a pool was a little bit of a big ask but it did allow us to determine what students liked and wanted to see more of.

Fundraising:

- The PTO has always maintained a "playground fund" to cover minimal expenses such as clean up needs, wood chips etc. and we historically funded that account through box top proceeds.

- Girls on the run did a bake sale and raised \$500 in just 2 days to put towards our new playground-with the caveat that they wanted the funds to be allocated towards new equipment that was ADA compliant!

- The PTO in 2017 donated 40% of our fundraising profits towards the playground account and are doing the same in 2018.

- McDonald's approached the school and offered to do a fundraising campaign that raised \$3130.00 in one weekend. \*please note. At this time the PTO has not been aggressively fundraising for our playground as we did not have a timeline or firm commitment of support from our schools. I couldn't in good faith solicit funds without having a concrete timeline for implementation or ask for money and have it sit for potentially many years. We have received school support and there absolutely is opportunity for us to diligently outreach to local businesses, grants, additional fundraisers etc. to off set more of the cost of a new playground.

Although there is a large price tag associated with this project please know that this is an investment in our community that can be utilized not only for school aged students but for our community as a whole. Grandparents can bring their grandkids to play, families can enjoy often as this playground is open after school for families and in the summer.

This is not something that we've entered into lightly as all those involved know that this is a big ask but we are at a point where we need to replace our playground or it soon will be unsafe for students to enjoy.

I personally would love to see our community come together and rally to support something as positive and wonderful as a new playground!

**Kathryn McGinn, HDES PTO President**

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### To The Editor:

Every year around budget time there are comparisons made between the Hillsboro-Deering school budget and other towns within the surrounding area. To make such comparisons without knowing the underlying drivers of each budget is folly. A more productive endeavor would be to look at our school budget to see what is driving the costs and what we can do to control and or reduce them.

The most significant cost in our budget is teacher salaries. Well over 25% of our budget is devoted to this line item. Teacher salaries are governed by contract with the teacher's union. All salaries and benefits are clearly defined within the contract. The budget the board is presenting this year reflects the increases for the 3rd year of a 3 year contract. The only way to reduce this cost would be to further reduce the staff. Over the past few years we have reduced the teacher count ►



## Letters to the Editor cont.

by approximately 10% as our student population has decreased.

Another significant driver is the cost of special education. Currently almost 25% of our budget is due to this item. The board has no input into this budget item as it is driven solely by student IEPs (Individual Education Plan). This line item is our most volatile expense. Because of items such as out of district placements our budget for this line item could deviate by over 1 million dollars in any year.

Health insurance is another large budget item that can deviate significantly from year to year. Over the past couple of years we have sought to shift a greater burden of the health care costs away from the district and more to the employees. Currently the teacher's pay 15% of the cost of health care and by the end of the support staff contract they will be paying 15% as well.

There are other drivers that effect the budget. Items such as busing, administrative costs, maintenance, debt service, support staff and food service. Collectively these items are a much smaller part of our overall budget and do not fluctuate significantly from year to year.

Unfortunately over the past couple of years state adequacy aid and the state portion of retirement funding for our employees has been reduced. Because we are receiving less revenue from the state there is a need to seek additional revenue from local tax dollars to maintain the same level of education we are providing. This decrease in revenue coupled with the increases built into the teacher and support staff contracts have made the budget process very challenging.

I would urge all Hillsboro-Deering residents to attend our deliberative session on Monday February 5th to hear our presentation on the budget. This is the last opportunity the citizens will have to hear about the budget from the school board and offer input into the budget process.

**Rich Pelletier, H-D School Board**

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### To the editor:

Statistics are often interpreted to support a particular argument, but presenting numbers that are just plain wrong is going too far. In his letter to The Messenger last week Paul Plater compared the FY2017 cost per pupil in Hillsboro-Deering to that of the state average. His figure for H-D (\$16,963) was correct, but his figure for the state average, which is actually \$15,310, was more than \$2600 too low, leaving the false implication that a significant budget cut was reasonable. Even a correction and apology do not make up for putting out incorrect information.

The school board and the administration have been working on the budget for several months, balancing providing the resources for a strong educational program for all students with respect for what the community can afford. While our cost per student is less than that of Henniker, John Stark, ConVal, the more important point is that the budget and accompanying warrant articles will meet the needs of all H-D students, will support excellent teaching, academic, athletic and extracurricular programs, and will improve and maintain attractive and well-functioning buildings and grounds.

The Deliberative Session for the Hillsboro-Deering School District is on Monday, February 5, at 6:00 PM at the Middle School. I strongly encourage all citizens to attend.

**Steve Hahn, Vice-Chair, H-D Board**

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## Girls' Sports

### BASKETBALL

**Newport 61, Sunapee 43:** Newport quickly went up 5-0, leading to a Laker timeout just over a minute into the contest. **Newport 50, Hillsboro-Deering 22:** The Hillcats kept it close early, but Newport took a 16-10 lead in the second quarter and extended it with 11 unanswered points to end the half.

**Fall Mountain 54, Hillsboro-Deering 9:** Fall Mountain took a 9-3 lead after the first period, and headed to the locker room leading 24-5 at the break.

**Conant 58, Hillsboro-Deering 16:** The Hillcats struggled to score against a very good Conant team.

**Hopkinton 32, Mascoma 13:** The Hawks held Mascoma to five points in the second half en route to a 10th straight victory.

**Franklin 54, Somersworth 21:**

Key players: Franklin – Hannah Hicks (15 points), knocked down a shot at the halftime buzzer on Friday night to give the Golden Tornadoes a 10-point lead at the break.

**Belmont 42, Franklin 25:** After taking a 15-13 lead into halftime, the Raiders added more with an 8-0 run to open the third quarter.

**Belmont 48, Raymond 27:** The Raiders played strong defense, led by Sargent, Fleming and Galambos, to take a 27-10 halftime lead and 36-14 lead after three.

**Lebanon 35, Bow 29:** The Raiders led by 15 points at one point. Bow cut Lebanon's advantage down to three points in the fourth quarter but could not tie the contest.

**Goffstown 36, Bow 31:** Kelly Walsh scored 11 points and Olivia Brannen finished with seven to lead the Grizzlies (5-4). Patty Nordin led Bow with 12 points.

**John Stark 52, Kearsarge 32:** The Generals jumped out to an early lead and controlled the tempo of the game.

**Pelham 52, John Stark 45:** Stark was outscored 16-8 in the second quarter as Pelham pulled away.

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Sunapee's Cari Pierce tries to block Newport's Greysan Beaulieu's shot during a game in Sunapee January 29. Newport won 61 - 43. Paul Howe photo.





## Girls' Sports

halftime lead and 36-14 lead after three.

**Hopkinton 41, Campbell 24:** The Hawks combined the hot shooting of Amelia Thomas and Maughan McGrath with a solid defensive effort to win their ninth straight.

**Mascoma 39, Winnisquam 36:** The Bears led 20-14 at half-time and 32-26 after the third quarter, but missed some layups down the stretch and the Royals came from behind.

**Epping 39, Pittsfield 38, OT:** Pittsfield led 17-8 at halftime, but Epping adjusted and held the Panthers to just one point in the third to take a 23-17 lead.

**Mount Royal 32, Pittsfield 24:** Alexis Matte led the way with 10 points in 32 minutes of playing action. Sophie LaRose contributed with eight points.

**Mount Royal 49, Farmington 46:** Mount Royal held off a late surge from the Farmington Tigers to win, 49-46.

**ConVal 53, Kingswood 44:** Lindsey Carey recorded 32 points, draining six 3-pointers to lead the Cougars.

**Bishop Brady 80, Merrimack Valley 59:** The Giants piled up 26 points in the first quarter, had 68 going into the fourth and saw all five of their starters reach double-digits.

**Gilford 46, Hopkinton 42:** The Golden Eagles built a 16-point lead after three quarters before Hopkinton came storming back to make it a one-point game in the final minute.

### NORDIC SKIING

**CONVAL:** The ConVal Nordic team traveled to Waterville Valley to compete with 7 other schools in a freestyle (skate) race hosted by Plymouth High School. Schuyler Michalak, was the first cougar to finish, followed by Cougars Bronwyn Tyler-Wall, Eme Tyler-Wall, and Hannah Johnson.

### Area women athletes excel at College

The Assumption College Department of Athletics has announced that Meghan Cramb, of New Boston, has earned a spot on the 2017-18 Assumption College Women Basketball team. Cramb, Class of 2021, is competing during the Greyhounds winter season.

The Assumption College Department of Athletics has announced that Courtney Fisher, of Peterborough, has earned a spot on the 2017-18 Assumption College Women Track and Field team. Fisher, Class of 2018, will compete during the Greyhounds indoor season this winter, which began in early December, and the outdoor season, which opens on March 23 at the Bridgewater State University Bears invitational.

### Chichester house fire ruled accidental

A two-alarm fire that left a single-family home in Chichester uninhabitable Wednesday was started accidentally. Crews responded to the home at 195 Canterbury Road about 6:15 a.m., to find heavy flames and smoke pouring from the structure. Chichester Deputy Fire Chief Matthew Cole said the occupant of the home had already evacuated by the time crews arrived. Chichester fire Chief Alan Quimby said it took firefighters about an hour to extinguish the flames, though crews remained at the scene until early Wednesday afternoon to help a man salvage belongings from the wreckage.

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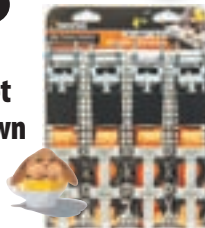
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## Boys' Sports

### BASKETBALL

**Sunapee 68 Newport 59:** Cade Robinson picked up 27 points in the game while Zach Balisle had 14. Robinson had quite the night on the free throw line making 15 of 22.

**Newport 65, Hillsboro-Deering 43:** The Hillcats trailed by 16 points at halftime, but played the Tigers more evenly in the second half.

**Conant 60, Hillsboro-Deering 30:** The Hillcats trailed 25-13 at halftime and never recovered.

**Pembroke 43, Merrimack Valley 41:** With the game tied in the waning moments, Pembroke delivered in the clutch with the game-winning hoop as time expired.

**Bishop Brady 54, Merrimack Valley 45:** The Giants opened the game with an 8-0 run and then overcame 21 turnovers on their way to the home win against a, "tough, well-coached MV group."

**Kearsarge 73, Souhegan 68:** The Cougars took a 58-55 lead into the fourth quarter where they went 11-for-13 at the free throw line to

**Kearsarge 59, John Stark 40:** The Cougars led 11-9 after the first quarter and extended their lead to 32-17 at halftime and 50-22 after three.

**Pelham 50, John Stark 37:** Pelham took a 27-15 lead over the Generals into the halftime break.

**John Stark 54, Lebanon 51:** Christian Barr came off the bench and scored 15 points, including five of the Generals' 10 in overtime, as John Stark (4-5) defended its home court and defeated Lebanon, 54-51. Parker McQuarrie chipped in eight points with 11 rebounds,

**Hopkinton 67, Campbell 40:** The Hawks used their size to their advantage, holding Campbell to single digits in the first and second quarter.

**Hopkinton 62, Gilford 47:** Sophomore forward Kevin Newton-Delgado poured in nine of his team-high 18 points in a first quarter dominated by the Hawks.

**Mascoma 45, Winnisquam 41:** Kyle Mann scored 20 points,



Newport's Kyle Fish goes up for the layup as Sunapee's Sean Shisko tries to block the shot during a game in Newport January 29. Sunapee won 68 - 59. Paul Howe photo.



## Boys' Sports

and Phil Nichols 10 in the loss.

**Campbell 71, Winnisquam 36:** Campbell came out hot and took a 23-6 lead in the first quarter.

**Pittsfield 86, Epping 69:** Pittsfield had a 22-point lead late in the fourth before Epping started committing fouls. The Panthers went 17-for-22 from the line in the last 3:30.

**ConVal 73, Kingswood 52:** Ben Henry scored a game high 15 points and teammates Connor Buffum and Mather Kipka each contributed 12 points for ConVal

**Mount Royal 67, Farmington 49:** After one, the Knights lead 15-6. It was more of the same in the second with Mount Royal stretching the lead to 17 going into halftime.

**Pittsfield 84, Mount Royal 37:** The two scorers for Mt. Royal were limited as Andrew Normadin had just 13 points and Alex had 7.

**Bow 60, Goffstown 51:** Ryan Andrews scored 12 of his 21 points in the third quarter to help the Falcons take control.

**Wilton-Lyndenborough 61, Sunapee 52:** Cade Robinson netted 25 points in the losing effort. Brady Grazzana picked up 18 points as well for Sunapee.

### HOCKEY

**Belmont/Gilford 9, Hollis/ Brookline/Derryfield 1:**

Belmont/Gilford (45-1) recorded four goals in the first period and another two in the second to take a 6-0 lead into the final frame.

**Kennett 3, John Stark/Hopkinton 0:** Kennett goalie John Biggio posted his third straight shutout (four on the season) as Kennett downed John Stark

**Monadnock 6, ConVal/Conant 0:** Cole Turner stopped 34 shots for ConVal/Conant (2-5).

**Monadnock 8, Kearsarge/Plymouth 2:** Kearsarge/Plymouth (1-6) got a goal each from Garrett Spencer and Alex Nangle.

### NORDIC SKIING

**CONVAL:** ConVal Nordic team traveled to Waterville Valley to compete with 7 other schools in a freestyle (skate) race hosted by Plymouth High School. Jackson Burnham was the first ConVal skier to complete the course, followed by Eddie Pope, Rowan Inglis, Philip Pope, Magnus Carlton, and Leo Boyer.



**The Henniker Huskies Mites** lost to the Rochester Premier Mite Green Team on 1/27/18 at Home at Lee Clement Arena. Despite some good efforts by Sarah Pollard, Benjamin Morris and Nolan Punska, the huskies Defense couldn't keep Rochester out of our net. Finn Travers scored the lone goal for Henniker assisted by Liam McGrail. Brie Cyr, Goalie had several saves but Rochester prevailed with a final score 13:1.

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# Events: Community Bulletin Board

## **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3**

**OPEN HOUSE:** The trustees and staff of the Belmont Public Library will host a 90th Anniversary Open House at 1 p.m. Although the Belmont Public Library was established in 1893, the current library building was dedicated on Feb. 4, 1928. Throughout 2018, the library will be celebrating 125 years of service to the community and ninety years in the same building.

**OPEN DOOR:** Ladies Night! All Women! Be there!! Hillsboro's Smith Memorial Church. 7:00-7:15 Cathy Main 7:15-7:30 Sharon Dowling 7:30-7:45 Lizz Ferdina 7:45-8:00 Martha Carlson-Bradley 8:00-8:15 TBA 8:15-8:25 Intermission 8:25-9:00 Peg & Cheryl, our annual Nice & Naughty Performance, with a brand new set.

**PLAY DAY:** Snow Families Outdoor Play Day from 10 to 12: Join us for a morning of fun for all ages on Saturday, February 3rd; 10am -12pm at The Grapevine, 4 Aiken Street. We will be hosting a fun gathering for families to create snow(man) families, bird feeders, do some snowshoeing, and enjoy warm treats. There is no fee to attend but if you would like to contribute to the gathering by way of cocoa, coffee, marshmallows, supplies or help planning, contact Lisa Hennessy at the Grapevine.

**CONTRA DANCE:** The Monadnock Folklore Society presents the Peterborough, NH First Saturday Contra Dance featuring Will Mentor calling with the band Anadama. The dancing begins at 8:00 pm. The dance also hosts a free jam session for beginning and intermediate musicians at 6:30pm and a workshop for new dancers at 7:30pm. Admission is \$10 or \$7 for students and seniors. The dance takes place in the historic Town House in Peterborough,

## **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4**

**QUILT PROGRAM:** The Wilmot Historical Society will present a program on quilts featuring Pamela Weeks, the Binney Family Curator of the New England Quilt Museum at 2 p.m. at the WCA's Red Barn in Wilmot Flat. Author of the book Civil War Quilts and articles on quilt history, Weeks also lectures nationally. She is known to weave world history, women's history, industrial history, and just plain wonderful stories into her presentations. Refreshments will be served.

## **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6**

**ANTRIM LEGION:** American Legion Post 50 Antrim, will hold their monthly meeting at 7:30pm at the Post home on West St. All members, veterans and guests are invited.

**HOW TO'S DAY:** The ABCs of Bees 6-7pm at the Fuller Public Library. Have you ever wondered how many bees it takes to make a teaspoon of honey? Interested in starting your own hive? Join us for an evening with local beekeepers for some questions and answers.

## **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7**

**SIGN UP:** Spring Baseball, Softball and Teeball sign ups are Please visit [http://www.newbos-tonnh.gov/Pages/NewBostonNH\\_Recreation/programs/baseball](http://www.newbos-tonnh.gov/Pages/NewBostonNH_Recreation/programs/baseball) for more information.

## **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8**

**HILLSBOROUGH SENIORS:** Thrift Shopping Trip Hitting the road to ferret out some great bargains. Planning to shop at least 3 locations and lunch at Red Robin at the Mall of NH. Leaving Shaw's at 10 am. Fee is \$7. Call Linda Kowalski @ 464-5264, snow date 2/27.

## **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9**

**PASTA LOVERS & CHOCOLATE FAIR:** 5:30pm, at Hillsboro United Methodist Church. Bring a friend and come on out on a winter's night

for a hearty Italian buffet, chocolate fountain and other chocolate treats! come have a good meal and stay for some good music! Adults: \$8.00, kids 6-12 years: \$5.00, 5 and under: Free. Family rate: \$28.00 (2 adults and 3 or more children). No one will be turned away. Donations accepted if not able to cover the asked amount.

**NEWPORT OPERA HOUSE:** The 102nd Winter Carnival Queen Pageant Friday, February 9 Show your support for this year's Queen Contestants, Princes and Princesses. Enjoy an evening of song and dance, talent competitions, and interviews, as outstanding young women from our community compete for the title of Winter Carnival Queen.

## **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10**

**FOOD DRIVE:** The Goffstown Rotary Club will hold its annual Love Your Neighbor Food Drive, from 8 am to noon at Hannaford Supermarket, 605 Mast Road, Goffstown. The drive is being held to help fill the shelves of two area food pantries: Goffstown Network and the Weara Food Pantry.

**NEWPORT OPERA HOUSE:** Winter Carnival Dance Saturday, February 10. Continue your Winter Carnival celebration at this popular annual event. Dancing to live music in the Newport Opera House is the perfect way to warm up after a day of outdoor winter carnival activities.

## **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11**

**DEMOCRATS MEET:** Henniker Democratic Party at the Henniker Brewery - 129 Centerville Road, Henniker 2:00 to 4:00 (plenty of time to get home for the Super Bowl). Come for good live music, potluck smorgasbord and state office elected officials discussing current legislation, voter concerns and preparing for the statewide elections this coming November. Free entry but donations accepted. Cash bar.



## **TOWN OF DEERING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Deering Planning Board will be holding a public hearing concerning a site plan review for a lot line adjustment for Karl and Susan Bearor, 25 Locke Farm Road, Tax Map 240, Lots 1 & 6. The meeting will be held on February 14, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Deering Town Hall.



## **TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE 2018 Proposed Town Budget**

The Town of Hillsborough Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Hall, 27 School Street, for the purpose of hearing public comment on the 2018 Proposed Town Budget.



# Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

## Gregory A. Tracy

GOFFSTOWN — It is with great sadness that the family of Dr. Gregory A. Tracy announces his passing on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at the age of 63. Greg was the son of Phyllis Taggart and Paul Tracy. He is preceded by his Mother, Father, and brother, David. He will forever be remembered by his adoring and loving children Sarah and Sean Tracy of Goffstown, NH, and Caitlin Tracy of Lowell Massachusetts. Spring Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery.

## Elizabeth J. "Betty" (Richard) Shea

SUNAPEE — Elizabeth J. "Betty" (Richard) Shea R.N., 87, of Sunapee, and formerly of Plaistow, died Sunday, January 28, 2018 at New London (NH) Hospital. Born, raised and educated in Haverhill, MA daughter of the late Henry V. and Dora (Quinn) Shea. Predeceased by her husband, Henry M. Shea in 2015 and her son, Michael H. Shea in 1994, she will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by a daughter, Anne E. Yates of Andover, NH, grandchildren, Jennifer A. Richardson and her husband, Alan of Bradford, NH, and Matthew S. Shea of Plaistow, a great granddaughter, E. Paige Richardson of Bradford, NH, and nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by her sister, Arlene Chandler.

## Jonathan Michael Gagnon

TILTON — Jonathan Michael Gagnon, 27, of Tilton, formerly of Nashua and Pittsfield, passed away peacefully on Thursday morning, Jan. 25, 2018, at the Concord Hospital, which he considered a

home away from home with all his friends where he was so well-known and loved. Jonathan was born in Nashua on April 26, 1990. Members of his family include his mother, Laurie (Veiga) Gagnon of Tilton; his brother, Peter (Bro) Gagnon and grandmother, Mary-Jane (Emerald) Veiga both of Hollis; his aunt and uncle, Constance and Bela Kiss of East Falmouth, MA; and several cousins. Jonathan was predeceased by his grandfather, Arthur F. Veiga; and his aunt, Michele "Shelly" (Veiga) Chartier. Also his service dog Molly. A random act of kindness done in Jonathans name, or donations may be made in Jonathan Gagnon's memory to, Spaulding Youth Center, Attention Developmental Office, 72 Spaulding Road, Northfield, NH 03276.



## Robert F. Sharon

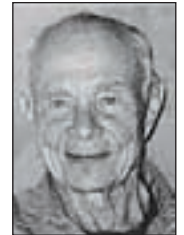
FRANKLIN — Mr. Robert F. Sharon, 75, former Franklin City Councilman, died on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018 at Mountain Ridge Center in Franklin. He currently resided at Newbury Elderly Housing. Bob was born in Newton, MA on Feb. 23, 1942, the son of Francis and Margaret (Browne) Sharon. His wife, Emma (Cilley) Sharon, died in 2013. Family members include two stepchildren, Allen W. Avery of W. Jefferson, SC. and Barbara M. Gordon of Lexington, NC; a brother, Richard Sharon



of Wentworth; and a sister, Marion Wojul of Littleton; his wife's family, and nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Bob may be made to Franklin Opera House, 316 Central St., Franklin, NH 03235.


## Abbott West Lahti

NEW LONDON - Abbott West Lahti, of New London, died peacefully of congestive heart failure on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018 at Wheelock Terrace in Hanover. Abbott, son of Matthew and Dorothy Lahti, was born in 1930 in Cambridge, MA. He is survived by his wife; his sons, Mark and Russell Lahti; his step-daughters, Alison and Kristin Froling; and his five grandchildren: Jacob and Nicholas Dores-Lahti, Lillian Lahti, and Hazel and Ben Froling. Memorial contributions may be made to the NH Alzheimer's Association, 166 South River Road Suite 210, Bedford, NH 03110.



## Dr. Andrew Cohen

BOW — With deep sadness, we announce the passing of Dr. Andrew (Andy) Cohen from pancreatic cancer on January 28, 2018. He was born on June 10, 1966 in NJ. His loss is deeply felt by his wife, Michelle and children, Haley, Autumn and Eli. He also leaves his parents, Barbara and Eddie, and siblings, Craig and Traci. His family would appreciate donations to organizations that promote research and ultimately a cure for pancreatic neuroendocrine cancer.



## TOWN OF DEERING PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Deering will hold a public hearing on February 14th at 7:00pm downstairs in the Town Hall to review and accept comments on the proposed 2018 annual budget and Town Warrant.

Send your Obituaries to: PO Box 1190,  
Hillsborough, NH 03244 or email [leighb@tds.net](mailto:leighb@tds.net)

## PUBLIC NOTICE HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board will conduct a Deliberative Session on its 2018-2019 Budget and Warrant Articles, Monday, February 5, 2018 (snow date 2/6/18) at 7:00pm in the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School Cafetorium.

The deliberative session is the first part of the School District Meeting process as defined under SB 2. It is conducted for discussion and possible amendment of warrant articles which will then be put on the official ballot for a vote at the second session, Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

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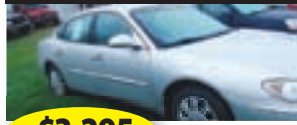
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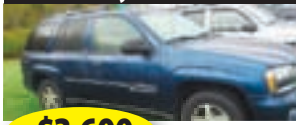
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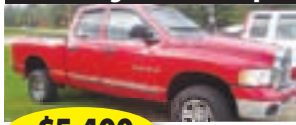
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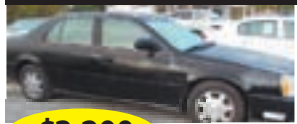
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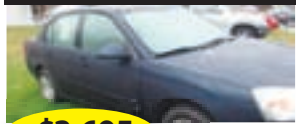
**2005 Cadillac DeVille**



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100,000 MILES, 4 DR.

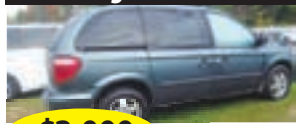
**2007 Chevrolet Malibu LT**



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150,546, 4 DR.

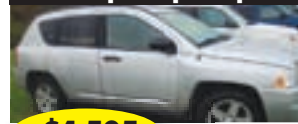
**2006 Dodge Caravan SXT**



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167,254, 4 DR. MINI VAN

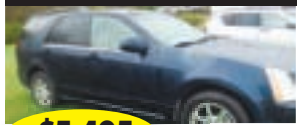
**2007 Jeep Compass Sport**



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150,126, 4 DR. 4X4

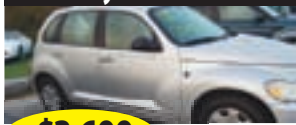
**2005 Cadillac SRX SUV**



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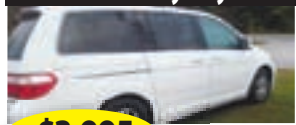
**2006 Chrysler PT Cruiser**



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91,596, 4 DR. WAGON

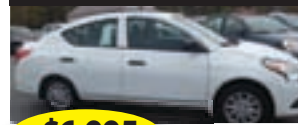
**2005 Honda Odyssey EX-L**



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206,680, 4 DR. MINI VAN

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