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Sunapee's next Chief

Christopher Dabrowski tries on a police uniform during Junior Police Officer Day at the Sunapee Safety Service building January 27. The class was a joint venture of the Sunapee Police Department and the Abbott Library in Sunapee. Paul Howe photo.



Disabled vets in Sunapee

Disabled army veteran Jen Toledano (right) and Sunapee EMT Amelia Gallup chase after the basketball during the wheelchair basketball game between the Sunapee Fire Department and disabled veterans on January 23 at the Sunapee Middle High School gym. Disabled veterans came to the Lake Sunapee area for a week for a winter sports clinic to learn to ski at Mount Sunapee, kayak and skeet shoot. Paul Howe photo.



New Boston residents turned out in force to support paramedic Judy Knight who lost her home in a recent fire.

For Judy with love

New Boston gathers to support one of their own

Recently long-time New Boston paramedic Judy Knight lost her home in a tragic fire. Last Saturday, virtually the entire town gathered for breakfast to show its love and support in her time of need. Also attending were several First Responder families from other towns.

Almost immediately after the fire, her colleagues at the New Boston Fire Department established a Go Fund Me Page and began planning to turn their next Sunday Breakfast into a fundraiser with the entire proceeds donated to

Judy's recovery. Additional funds were raised with raffles of prizes and gift cards donated by local businesses.

The line for breakfast circled the entire interior of the Fire Station. According to Fire Chief Dan MacDonald, he estimates his crew served 449 breakfasts, consisting of vast quantities of eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, french toast, beans, pan fries, juice and coffee. MacDonald was proud to announce that the event raised a total of \$6,785.50.

Henniker Officer cleared in 2014 shooting incident

U.S. District Court Judge Andrea Johnstone has dismissed all claims against Henniker Police Officer Stephen Dennis by the family of Aaron Cadman, who had sought \$5 million in damages, claiming Aaron suffered physical and emotional injuries as a result of the officer's actions.

Cadman, who died in 2016 of a drug overdose, had stolen a truck and led police on a chase, before colliding with another truck, and slamming into a car, injuring two people. Dennis quickly reached the scene, took cover and shouted at Cadman to show him his

hands. When Cadman repeatedly refused, the officer took aim at Cadman's shoulder and pulled the trigger once. Dennis argued that he acted "within the scope of his office and in good faith." Judge Johnstone agreed, saying, "Indeed, it is undisputed in the record that Dennis decided to shoot Cadman precisely because he believed Cadman posed a danger to life or safety of others," she wrote in her 20-page order. "Thus, no reasonable trier of fact could conclude that Dennis's actions were subjectively unreasonable under the circumstances."



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New Boston named Safest Small Town in America
Newport Mill placed on Historic Register, sold to investors
Tilton may have a new police station
Contoocook man injured in Dunbarton

February 5, 2016

H-D school budget cut \$445,000
Franklin man rescues infant son & daughter from fire
Bow Selectmen trim \$597,803 from proposed budget
Goffstown Police confiscate credit card skimmer

February 6, 2015

Fire destroys Henniker Highway Garage
Bow investigating a dozen car break-ins
Petition to withdraw Peterborough from ConVal
H-D DECCA receives highest recognition again

February 7, 2014

Little discussion, no debate at New Boston session
Police Department funding dominates Weare session
Electrical fire destroys Francestown home
New London Hospital CEO says Fire Chief is misinformed

February 8, 2013

Voters slash \$1 million from H-D School Budget
Sunapee teachers to pay 20% of health insurance
Bradford voters face choice of Town Hall locations
Newport voters approve flat budget - small tax rate decrease

February 10, 2012

Antrim Wind Energy's application filed
2% raises for Hillsborough non-union staff
Steve Smith is Newport's Distinguished Citizen
John Stark budget reduced by \$737,331

February 11, 2011

Marcinkus forced out by School Board
ConVal Board cuts budget
Newport to replace its Town Manager
Firefighters can't save Henniker house

February 5, 2010

New Boston weapons confiscated
No pay raises for Weare teachers
New London Winter Carnival accident
HD High School bomb threat

February 6, 2009

Antrim considers regulating windmills
Hopkinton Selectman Chair asked to resign
New Dean of Students at NEC
Henniker woman selected to lead Rotary District

February 8, 2008

Paul Plater discovers error, saves taxpayers \$336,000
HDHS DECA Chapter receives national honor
Greenfield man charged with sex crime
Teen injured at Mount Sunapee

Amendment to reduce Hillsboro-Deering school budget by \$1.3 million fails

At Hillsboro-Deering's deliberative session Monday night, voters faced only 10 warrant articles. It still took nearly three and a half hours to deal with them. The School Board presented an operating budget of \$21,939,631, which reflected an increase of \$271,151 or 1.25% more than the current budget. Unfortunately, because of a reduction in federal and state funding, the budget requires an additional \$601,779 in local taxpayer funding.

State Representative Jim Fidolfi offered an amendment to reduce the budget by \$1.3 million, but after a lively debate it was defeated by a ballot vote of 28 yes-77 no.

Article 8 asked for \$450,000 for a three phase Elementary School Project with \$300,000 to come from any surplus at the end of the 2018 budget and \$150,000 in new taxes. Phase 1 called for improvements to the school's entry including a garden and facade improvements for \$119,504. Phase 2 is for \$153,309 for additional parking spaces and improvements to the existing lot. Phase 3 is a \$261,149 project to demolish the current playground, relocate and construct a new one.

With most of the debate focused on the playground, an amendment was offered to reduce the article to \$250,000, drop any reference to Phases 1 & 2, and build the

playground. It too was defeated by hand vote of 19 yes to 26 no.

The unchanged warrant will be voted on March 13th.



Michelle Prentis urged voters to reject the Fidolfi amendment.

Rotary District Scholarship honors Henniker woman

The Rotary Club of Henniker is pleased to announce the second offering of a district wide scholarship in memory of Janice H. McElroy, who served as Rotary District 7870 Governor in 2011-2012 and was instrumental in securing a Rotary International grant of \$412,000 to help southern Vermont rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Irene. This scholarship is made possible due to donations from friends, colleagues and Rotary Clubs throughout the District 7870.

Prior to her death in 2012, Jan McElroy, a Henniker resident and active Rotarian, requested that any donations received

in her memory be dedicated to establishing a scholarship fund for non-traditional students. It will be awarded to a person who is 21 years of age or older and has completed high school or earned a G.E.D. There must be at least a three-year gap between graduating from high school and full time college attendance or a record of part-time college for three years after graduating from high school.

The scholarship can be used for expenses at a four-year or a two-year college, or for another type of accredited institution, such as a technical or vocational program. The first scholarship award will be a minimum of \$1,000.



Truck snaps Belmont utility pole

Scott Morgan, 51, of Pittsfield, was not wearing a seatbelt, and was thrown from his truck when he lost control, went off the highway and snapped a utility pole in Belmont. Police say weather-related road conditions played a role in the crash.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

The fact that vaccines typically don't work as well in older people presents a challenge to influenza vaccine makers, particularly because the illness often results in serious respiratory infections in frail patients such as elderly nursing home residents. A large randomized clinical trial tested whether a flu vaccine with four times the antigen of a standard vaccine could reduce the risk of hospitalization among those especially vulnerable seniors. The results, published in *The Lancet Respiratory Medicine*, reports that it did so significantly. The relative risk of hospitalization for respiratory illness was 12.7 percent lower for the high-dose group.

An existing medication, FDA-approved Alzheimer's drug "galantamine," slashes inflammation and insulin resistance in patients with metabolic syndrome, a potential therapeutic intervention for a highly dangerous condition affecting 30 percent of adults in the United States, according to a new study published in *JCI Insight*. The drug cut key markers of inflammation — a hallmark of metabolic syndrome — by more than 25 percent leading to reduced insulin resistance. A cluster of four risk factors — increased blood pressure, a high blood sugar level, excess body fat around the waist and abnormal cholesterol levels — comprise metabolic syndrome, which greatly raises risks for cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes.

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a major cause of disability and death globally, but medications have generally failed to benefit patients. A new study published in *The Journal of Clinical Pharmacology* found that memantine, a drug that is used to treat dementia associated with Alzheimer's disease, may be a promising therapy.

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New Boston & Weare men badly injured

The collision of a dirt bike with an off-highway recreational vehicle in Dunbarton on Saturday afternoon left both drivers hospitalized with serious injuries. Keith Cantin, 20, of New Boston was driving the dirt bike when he crashed into the OHRV four-wheeler that Keith Locke, 18, of Weare, was operating on Gorham Pond in Dunbarton about 1:30 p.m.

Locke, who was not wearing a helmet, was brought to Concord Hospital by Dunbarton Ambulance. Cantin got private transportation to Catholic Medical Center for treatment of his injuries. Although the accident remains under investigation, it appears speed and an inattentive operator caused the accident.

Head-on Stoddard accident injures two

A head-on crash on Route 9 Thursday night hospitalized both drivers with serious but not life-threatening injuries. Timothy Hibbard, 49, of Lempster had been driving his 2007 Nissan Altima westbound on Route 9 when he crossed the center line and struck head-on a 2004 Ford F-250 that David Bivens, 37, of Manchester was driving. When first responders arrived they found Bivens was trapped in his truck and Hibbard ejected from his car. Both drivers were brought to Cheshire Medical Center in Keene for treatment. Both vehicles had to be towed.

Franklin family fortunate to escape fire

A family escaped injury from a house fire Saturday after one member was "awakened by the sound of fire crackling" at about 2 a.m. The two-story home at 25 E. Bow Street, was badly damaged by the fire and is uninhabitable. The Red Cross is assisting the families to find housing. Franklin Fire Dept. Chief Kevin LaChapelle said the building did not have any working fire alarms. The fire may have started in the kitchen, which was consumed, but the cause of the blaze is under investigation as of Saturday afternoon.

DOT plans reconstruction of Bow I93 exit

The NH Department of Transportation will hold two public meetings to review and discuss the proposed widening of the I-93/I-89 interchange in Bow northerly about four miles to the I-93/I-393 interchange in Concord. The project also will include interchange reconstruction/reconfiguration at Exits 12, 13, 14, and 15 on I-93, Exit 1 on I-89, and Exit 1 on I-393. The meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Bow Memorial School Cafeteria and Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Transportation Department headquarters. Both meetings are scheduled for an open house from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by a presentation.

Consolidation of schools dominates debate at ConVal meeting

ConVal School District voters quickly passed through the proposed \$45,589,763 budget at Tuesday's Deliberative session. It reflects only a .6% increase of \$281,394 because of a drop in Federal and state funding, the total amount raised by taxes would increase about 5.5%. Also receiving little debate was an article calling for \$1 million to build, renovate and equip the science labs. Most of the discussion focused on a petitioned warrant article that would give the ConVal school Board authority to close schools with low enrollments. Article 10 would change the district's articles of agreement to allow the Board to close schools that drop below 50 resident students for two consecutive years.

Ed Juengst, who organized the petition, said that the warrant article authorizes but does not mandate the board to close schools. He congratulated the board for doing "a great job," but said they are under immense intense tax pressure, which "sometimes forces them to make decisions that aren't in the best interest of the school." Others in favor of the article cited



ConVal School Board Chairman Myron Steere (r) presented Norm Makechnie (l) with a resolution honoring his decades of service as School District attorney.

the ever increasing budget, the decline in enrollment, and the need to repair the district's aging infrastructure as a reason to pass the article.

Calling the article "premature," Dublin resident Corey Boyd, who has a kindergartener and a 2nd grade child, said her kids are doing "wonderful" at Dublin Consolidated School, and she "couldn't imagine

them at a different school," Boyd said.

Other speakers questioned the possibility of extended bus times and the shifting demographics of small towns which no longer have an elementary school.

An amendment to the article defeated on a voice vote and a separate hand count, so the article will appear on the ballot on March 13th.

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A State Trooper escaped serious injury while investigating a crash

State Trooper hit on I-89 in Hopkinton

On February 5, 2018 at 6:15 AM, Trooper First Class (TFC) Malilay was investigating a motor-vehicle accident on I-89 northbound in Hopkinton near Exit 5 when Mohamed Kamara, 38, of Concord, NH struck him from behind. TFC Malilay was on a straightaway at the time of the crash and he had his emergency blue lights on as well several flares deployed. Despite this, he was still struck. Paramedics from the Hopkinton Fire and Rescue evaluated both TFC Malilay and Kamara at the scene and no injuries were reported. Kamara was given a summons for failure to move over for a roadside emergency.

Franklin devastated by SEC's decision

Thursday's 7-0 decision by the state's site evaluation committee to deny the Northern Pass project, saying it could negatively impact the state's property values and tourism industry, caught Franklin officials by surprise. While the decision was applauded in many of the 31 communities in its path, Franklin had the opposite reaction. Newly installed Mayor Tony Giunta said he had the wind knocked out of him. In his inaugural address Giunta described the project as a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity that would provide close to 500 local jobs and close the \$1 million gap in school funding. The power converter station in an abandoned campground was poised to almost double the value of all property in the city – currently about \$550 million – in just two years. The new revenue in taxes was expected to be about \$5 million to \$7 million a year. Interim city manager Judie Milner assured residents that if Eversource decides to appeal, the city will be there to stand by them and support them.

2nd transitional living home in Loudon

People with traumatic brain or spinal cord injuries will have another home in Loudon soon. NeuroRestorative plans to build a second transitional living facility on 3.5 acres on Lower Ridge Road. The facility will house up to six patients. Once a building permit is issued, it should take about six months to get the facility up and running. NeuroRestorative also operates in Deerfield, Chichester and Freedom.

Franklin Savings opening in Goffstown

A new bank was conditionally approved by the Goffstown Planning Board to set up shop next to the town's Rite Aid. Franklin Savings Bank will be housed in the new building. The mutual savings bank has been around since 1869 and has just over a half-dozen other locations throughout the state, including Bristol, Franklin, Gilford and Boscaawen.

Spaulding and Fratzel lead the charge to cut Newport budget

Persistence does pay, as frequent critic Bert Spaulding was successful in cutting the proposed Newport School Budget at Wednesday's Deliberative session. Spaulding's motion to cut \$591,564 from the budget was supported by Selectman Todd Fratzel who said, "Something was missing the last two years. When the budget came up the school board didn't even want to talk about the increase. You have to restructure the district, functional change needs to happen, or you're going to see more foreclosures."

The total operating budget now stands at \$18,050,000 following the reduction, which has a major impact on the projected school tax rate. Heading into Tuesday's deliberative session, the projected operating budget increase was \$930,326 over the 2017-18 budget of \$17.7 million.

At that amount, the school tax rate hike was estimated at \$3.89 per \$1,000 of a property's assessed value. With the reduction, the estimated school tax increase of \$3.89 has been cut \$1.37 per \$1,000 to \$2.52 compared to the default budget tax rate of \$2.58.

Voters will also be asked to support \$233,000 for an Autism Program in the

Middle School. This has an estimated 54-cent tax.



Colby-Sawyer student and sled dog owner Bailey Friedman demonstrates driving a sled dog team during New London Winter Carnival February 3. Paul Howe photo.

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Armed Robbery at Hillsborough gas station

On February 4th, Hillsborough Police responded to an armed robbery at Gas and Go Mobil on Henniker Street. Brandon Kidder entered the station and demanded money. He indicated he had a weapon but did not brandish it. Kidder was captured in Manchester and taken to the House of Corrections.

Only 1 hr for Henniker Deliberative Session

Henniker School District voters attended their first Deliberative Session after adopting SB2 last year. To the surprise of school officials, only three people spoke as the \$7.7 million operating budget and an article to create a full-day kindergarten program were passed along to the March ballot without discussion or debate. A motion to adjourn was accepted less than an hour after the session started.

NEC hosts its 1st Veterans Benefit Expo

More than 20 state, government and private agencies came together to showcase available services for New Hampshire's military members during the Past and Present Military Benefits Expo held at New England College Jan. 19th. Representatives from these agencies, including the Manchester VA Medical Center, were present to meet one-on-one with veterans and answer their questions. Dr. Cindi Nadelman and Karen Barilani, both veterans from the veterans' services office at New England College, organized the event. "When it comes to supporting our military veterans, you can never do enough. That's why it was so gratifying to see so many supportive agencies participate in New England College's first veterans' expo," Nadelman said.

Semi-annual tax collection in New London?

At a recent budget committee meeting there was discussion regarding going back to semi-annual tax collection after statements by the tax collector who feels that going from four times a year to two times a year would reduce the workload of processing 2,800 property tax bills. The pro would be that the town would get the final year tax collection in December, instead of March, which would also be helpful for the water precinct. The con to changing back to semi-annual tax billing is that people have gotten used to paying four times a year and it might be tough to go back to semi-annual. There wouldn't be a change for the cost of mailing as they are already only done twice per year. The savings would be on the processing end in the Tax Collectors office. After further discussion, the selectmen unanimously voted to put the issue of going back to semi-annual tax collection on the warrant without a recommendation.

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New Boston voters asked to support a \$2.51 million fire station bond

As Moderator Lee Nyquist opened the New Boston Deliberative Session Monday night, residents were still arriving and setting up additional chairs. Although several of the 25 warrant articles were discussed, none were changed and will appear on the March 13th ballot. After nearly a decade of discussion, voters passed through a \$2.51 million bond for a new Fire Station. A similar bond was defeated at last year's voting. The proposal also contains about \$45,000 for the demolition or repurposing of the current fire station. According to Fire Ward Wayne Blassberg, the bond will be paid over 20 years, with 3% interest rate projected, meaning residents would pay approximately 32 cents a day for the next two years. Fire Chief Dan MacDonald

is confident that the town can receive grant funding to help cover some of the costs of adding new equipment to the station, such as a washer/extractor for firefighting gear. Also unchanged was the \$4.9 million operating budget, which is up \$223,701 from last year. The default budget is \$4.86 million.

The trustees of the Whipple Free

Library are asking for authority to lease/purchase solar panels to be installed behind the library. Voters will also be asked to adopt a tax exemption for school and municipal taxes for businesses looking to renovate or expand. The exemption would be for 50 percent of the assessed value for any new construction, or added value from addition or renovations to a business.

Stolen Belmont gun used in Boscawen accidental shooting

A gun used in an accidental shooting in Boscawen last month was stolen during a home invasion in Belmont that same day. Investigations into both incidents are ongoing, and police said their work has been slowed as they weighed evidence and waded through conflicting stories and false names from people involved.



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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 HENNIKER COGSWELL SPRING WATER WORKS PUBLIC HEARING

The Cogswell Spring Water Works Board of Water Commissioners/Town of Henniker Water Department will hold a Public Hearing on the newly revised Cross Connection Control Regulations on **Tuesday, February 20, 2018** 7:30am at the office of the Water Department located at 146 Davison Road, Henniker New Hampshire.

TOWN OF HENNIKER PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Henniker Board of Selectmen will hold two Public Hearings at the Henniker Town Hall, 18 Depot Hill Rd, Henniker, NH at **6:30 PM**, on **Tuesday, February 20, 2018**.

- The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss ballot questions regarding the operation of Keno games in the Town of Henniker.
- The purpose of the Public Hearing will be for the second reading of the Henniker Ordinance, Chapter 25, Building Construction Fees.

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Lux, Jr & Whitley for Hopkinton Selectman

The following voters have signed up for elected positions:

1 position-Select Board Member-3 year term; Steve Lux, Jr. Steven Whitley; 1 position-Town Moderator – 2 year term; Bruce B. Ellsworth; 1 position-Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 year term; Jean Lightfoot; 2 positions-Budget Committee Member – 3 year term; Amy Bogart, Jonathan Cohen Virginia L. Haines; 2 positions-Library Trustee – 3 year term; Peter Gagnon, John Greabe; 1 position-Cemetery Trustee – 3 year term; Lynn Clark, Robert A. Wells; 1 Position-Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 year term; Christine B. Hoyt

Loudon man may have his bail revoked

Assistant County Attorney Wayne Coull has filed a motion requesting that a judge revoke a Loudon man's bail due to his repeated failures to comply with a substance abuse evaluation.

Prosecutors allege Bradley Mobbs, 28, of Loudon, who was charged with assaulting a child this past summer, has violated the conditions of his bail seven times since his arrest in June, mainly by using marijuana and cocaine. Mobbs, who is under the supervision of the Merrimack County's Pretrial Services, also failed to comply with required daily check-ins with program staff, according to court records.

Woman drives over ice fishing gear on pond

On February 4th, two Hancock Police responded to a report of a vehicle on the ice at Half Moon Pond that had run over an ice fisherman's equipment. Along with this, there was an apparent verbal altercation and the vehicle was still reported to be on the ice doing donuts. On the arrival of an officer, the vehicle had left and entered Harrisville. An officer located and stopped the vehicle, a 2011 Honda C1t-Z bearing NH registration BONNIE, on Hancock Road in Harrisville. The operator of the vehicle, Bonnie Lapointe, 47, of Hancock, was identified. While conducting a roadside investigation, Lapointe drove off from the stop and the officer pursued the vehicle at a speed that was not in great excess of the speed limit. While disobeying the directive to stop, Lapointe threw unrelated items from her vehicle as she drove. She eventually stopped again after over a mile of disregarding the intent to stop on Jaquith Road in Harrisville near the Hancock town line. Lapointe was taken into custody at that time and was charged with criminal mischief and disobeying an officer. Greenfield Police responded to assist. The incident is still under investigation.



Olivia Rasmussen and Ethan Houde were awarded Student Achievements, Larry Flint Citizen of the Year, and Executive Director of the Library Arts Center Kate Luppold Business of the Year for The Library Arts Center at the Newport Chamber of Commerce annual dinner at the Newport Opera House February 1. Also in the photo were student presenters Newport High School teachers Michele Caccavaro and Kayleigh Durkin. Paul Howe photo.



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Guest Editorial *by Grant Bosse*

Public school monopoly doesn't cut the mustard

One of the reasons I like shopping at Market Basket is the huge selection. On a recent trip, I counted 51 different kinds of mustard. These days the condiment aisle is a lawless frontier, with horseradish and wasabi, and even relish, intruding on the very idea of what mustard is. The big yellow French's bottle reminded me of childhood baloney sandwiches. Fussy little gourmet jars featured garlic and dill and white wine. I have to mention my personal go-to hotdog sauce, Gulden's Spicy Brown. If the free market can provide such rich variety in something as mundane and trivial as mustard, why do we have just one choice for our kids' school?

Imagine for a moment that we organized grocery stores like we do education. We'd use a mix of federal, state and local taxes to support stores in every town, and you'd get to shop for free in the market closest to you. If you wanted to shop somewhere else, you'd not only have to pay for it out of pocket, but you wouldn't get back the property taxes going to your local store, and you'd have to convince the store management to let you go.

We'd stock the aisles of our public grocery store by electing a board to decide which deli meats, crackers and ice cream novelties we needed. And voters would annually approve the grocery store budget. Something tells me we wouldn't have 51 kinds of mustard.

The great thing about grocery stores is that they compete along more than one

axis. I've found Market Basket is best on price. Hannafords has better produce, unless I go to the farm stand near me on Elm Street in Manchester. Shaw's is a little pricey, but the discount card helps, and it carries a few hard-to-find products that my wife really likes. I get to pick and choose from a vast cornucopia unavailable to kings and potentates just a few years ago.

Rich versus the rest

But if you want to decide which public school is best for your child, the only thing that matters is your zip code. Unless you're rich. The rich have always had school choice. The rest of us don't.

This year, the Legislature has a chance to open up those choices to more New Hampshire families. The School Choice Scholarship Act, sponsored by Jim Forsythe in the Senate and D.J. Bettencourt in the House, would provide credit against the business profits and business enterprise taxes for donations to scholarship organizations. These nonprofit groups would then award scholarships averaging no more than \$2,500 to help parents pay the costs of private school, an out-of-district public school or home-schooling expenses.

Since the state's adequacy payments for every child in public school are much more than \$2,500, the bill would more than pay for itself. The scholarships may not be enough to cover the entire sticker price of private or public school tuition, ►

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but it will make school choice much more affordable to many families. Together with the generous financial aid plans available to many private schools, the bill would open up a world of possibilities to students whose current public schools don't quite fit.

Tax credit plan

Backers of the public school monopoly object that tax money shouldn't go to private schools, and it wouldn't. Money from private businesses would be contributed to scholarship organizations, which would make means-tested awards to parents, who would then choose the right school for their children.

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the tax code without raising any constitutional concerns.

But the greatest benefit of the School Choice Scholarship Act is actually to those students who stay in their local public school.

By breaking the de facto monopoly, local schools would have to start treating their students like customers. Maybe they'll try customizing their curriculum to better fit each student's needs. Maybe public schools will someday offer more than one kind of mustard.

This column first appeared in the Concord Monitor of March 4, 2012, when Grant Bosse was lead investigator for the Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy, a free-market think tank based in Concord.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The New Boston Fire Association would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming response to the fund raiser breakfast held on Sunday for their own Paramedic Judy Knights-Weatherwax who recently lost her home and contents to a fire. The generosity of the public will go a very long way in helping Judy get back on her feet. We would also like to acknowledge the following businesses for their contributions: RJP Auto, Dodge's Store,

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Sparse crowd attends Epsom session

The Epsom School Board is asking voters for \$11.42 million for the district's operating budget, with an estimated tax impact of an additional \$1.71 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The default budget is \$11.4 million. Included in that figure is a raise of \$12,000 for Epsom Central School Vice Principal Jonathan Herod. School board member Lucie Weeks said that at his current salary of \$68,000, Herod was making less than some teachers. The board hopes to keep Herod working alongside ECS Principal Patrick Connors. Only 38 of the town's 3,501 registered voters attended Tuesday's deliberative session.

Goffstown favors 24/7 EMT/Paramedics

Goffstown voters spent little time questioning the proposed operating budget of \$21.59 million, with a default budget of \$21.54 million at Tuesday's Deliberative Session. Also sent through were two collective-bargaining agreements with the police department's patrolmen, dispatchers and clerks, and \$20,000 for both the Goffstown Main Street Program and Crispin's House Coalition for Youth. A motion to remove funding from a petitioned article to hire eight new firefighters and EMTs/paramedics was defeated at Tuesday night's deliberative session. The warrant article, submitted by resident Charles Tentas, mirrors one that Fire Chief Richard O'Brien had initially presented, but withdrew during the budget process. It calls for raising \$338,973 to cover the salary and benefits for the positions to provide 24/7 coverage for six months. After that, the cost would be included in the general operating budget.



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Weare Middle School students snowshoeing during the school's Winter Carnival: Diana Stafford, Alexis Rinker, Zach Fifield, Noah Brent, and Harrison McCallum. John Stark students (behind the middle school students) Hailey Turcott-Halley and Jared Peterson Bronda Crosby Photo,

BASKETBALL

Goffstown 37, John Stark 32: Stark hit a wall in the fourth scoring and just missed an opportunity to tie it with 11 seconds left in the game.

John Stark 51, ConVal 29: The Generals used a quick start to build an early lead before opening things up in the third quarter.

ConVal 50, Souhegan 46: At Saturday's annual Hope For Gus basketball fundraiser, the ConVal girls played a game to remember with a big overtime win against rival Souhegan.

Hollis-Brookline 39, Bow 34: Bow held the Cavs to just three third-quarter points, cutting the deficit to three, but it was not enough.

Newport 55, Mascoma 48: The lady Tigers shook off a determined Mascoma squad on Tuesday with an 18-6 point explosion in the third quarter to improve to 9-6 on the year.

Franklin 49, Newport 45: The Golden Tornadoes were down by four points after three quarters, but they turned up the defensive pressure in the fourth to pull out the home win.

Newport 66, Sunapee 53: Selena Corona netted 18 points for the Tigers that included 3 three pointers. Kennedy Pysz contributed for Newport with 12 points while teammates Alexis Hurd and Lacy McNeel each picked up 8 points.

Bow 43, Pembroke 35: Patty Nordin led Bow with 11 points, while Julia Landcastle and Lea Crompton added nine.

Laconia 35, Bow 32: Bow bounced back from a slow start (two points in the first quarter) and took the lead in the third. Laconia regained control in the fourth and protected its lead to the buzzer.

Mascoma 37, Belmont 33: Belmont held a one-point lead at halftime and the game stayed tight down to the closing minutes. Mascoma nailed a 3-pointer with less than two minutes to play and the Raiders couldn't answer back.

Stevens 45, Hillsboro-Deering 25: The Hillcats struggled to



Girls' Sports

score and trailed, 25-11, at halftime. Morgan Racine played well offensively, hitting four 3-pointers.

Farmington 45, Pittsfield 22: The Panthers ran into a tough Farmington squad that kept Pittsfield down with pressure on defense. The Panthers trailed 26-12 at halftime.

Newfound 48, Hopkinton 33: The Bears held the Hawks to a total of 12 second-half points, and only four in the fourth quarter.

Sunapee 50, Nute 17: This focus on the offensive boards helped grow the Laker's lead, as they went into the locker room at halftime up 33-4. Brooklyn Zanis scored 13 for Pembroke. 19-point second quarter that pulled Bow out to a comfortable 23-12 lead at halftime, the Falcons didn't let Pembroke back within six points.

Merrimack Valley 60, Plymouth 31: The Pride's defense clamped down in the second half, holding Plymouth to just eight points to build on its lead. Merrimack Valley led 31-23 at halftime.

NORDIC SKIING

CONVAL: The ConVal Indoor Track team was at Dartmouth this Sunday where they squared off against the best athletes from DII. Ree Bell started the day off strong for the girls team with an 8th place finish in the shot put. Clare Veverka finished 4th in the 3000 meter run in a strong field. Her effort put her 5th in the State and secured her spot at the New England Championships. Clare doubled back in the 1500 finishing placing 5th with a 4:59 for the 'metric' mile. Rachel Hurley was 4th in the 1000 meter run in a season best time and joined in with a New England championship qualifier of her own. The girls team finished 9th overall.

This past Saturday, Schuyler Michalak took a giant step forward in her quest to earn a berth on the NH Eastern High School Championship team by winning the High School Girls A race in the first of the NH Coaches Series races held at Whitaker Woods in North Conway.

The Cougar Nordic team traveled to Wolfeboro on Tuesday to compete in a classic-style sprint elimination race hosted by Kingswood. Capturing first place overall in the girls race was team captain Schuyler Michalak. Also crossing the finish line for the Cougar girls were Bronwyn Tyler-Wall, Eme Tyler-Wall, and Hannah Johnson.



Sunapee High School ski racer Jackie Balch skied to a first place finish in the giant slalom at a high school race at Mount Sunapee Resort February 2. Paul Howe photo.

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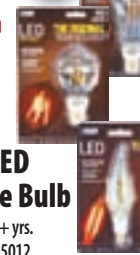
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Pittsfield 91, Farmington 37: In front of a capacity crowd, the Panthers went on an 18-1 run to close the first quarter and never looked back.

Pittsfield 58, Newmarket 57: For three-plus quarters, it was shaping out to be another Newmarket victory, but Pittsfield extracted some vengeance on the Mules with a 58-57 comeback win at Newmarket.

Hollis-Brookline 60, Bow 47: The Falcons were hot from behind the arc, scoring 11 three-pointers, but the Cavaliers scored 18 points in the third quarter to maintain their lead.

Campbell 60, Hopkinton 50: Hopkinton started the game on an 8-2 run only to have Campbell answer with an 18-6 run to end the quarter, and the Cougars gradually built up their lead.

Hopkinton 71, Newfound 44: The Hawks began the contest on an 11-0 run and never trailed to win their fourth straight and 11th overall. Hopkinton received points from 11 players in the win.

Stevens 43, Hillsboro-Deering 27: Any glimmer of a Hillsboro-Deering win was eliminated by back to back Damon Roy three point bombs at the start of the final quarter and the Cardinals cruised the rest of the way holding their opponents to only six final quarter points.

Mascenic 69, Hillsboro-Deering 49: The Hillcats held the first-place Vikings in check early on, leading in the first quarter and trailing by just 10 at halftime against a team that beat them by 35 points in the season-opener.

Winnisquam 51, Fall Mountain 45: Winnisquam trailed by four points to begin the fourth quarter but pulled away on a 17-7 run.

Winnisquam 51, Franklin 45: Winnisquam jumped out to a 13-5 lead after the first quarter and outscored the Golden Tornadoes 17-6 in the second quarter to take a 30-11 half-time lead.

Franklin 66, Newport 58: Harrison Clark scored 16 points in the first half and Jayden Torres scored 11 in the second to lift the Golden Tornadoes into the win column.

Sunapee 51, Nute 13: Sunapee dominated in every aspect of the game. They passed the ball very well on offense, setting up and waiting for the perfect shot on all possessions.

Sunapee 54, Newport 50: Sunapee took advantage of many Newport turnovers, jumping out to a 13-6 lead before a Tigers timeout with 33 seconds remaining.

Souhegan 51, ConVal 36: Del Bonsu-Anane led ConVal in scoring with 13 points.

John Stark 60, Goffstown 42: The Generals took control early and held a 13-point lead at halftime. Strong play in the defensive end helped Stark preserve its lead while forcing Goffstown to commit a total of 20 turnovers.

Merrimack Valley 56, Plymouth 47: It was a grind during the first half, but the Pride found a rhythm in the second half and pulled away to snap a two-game skid.

Kearsarge 57, Hanover 27: Led by Taylor Mattos and Kyle Hernon the Cougars dominated defensively, taking a 25-11 lead into halftime. Everyone on the Kearsarge bench played and eight of the 11 Cougars scored.



Boys' Sports

Pembroke 61, Bow 51: The Spartans used a 2-2-1 half-court trap to take Bow out of its rhythm and force 24 turnovers.

HOCKEY

Goffstown 10, Bow 2: Goffstown came out fast and took control with a 6-1 lead after one.

Belmont-Gilford 5, Somersworth-Coe-Brown 2: Harrison Parent scored the first two goals of the game to give the Bulldogs a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Kearsarge/Plymouth 5, Hollis/Brookline-Derryfield 2: Nate St. Pierre scored twice for Kearsarge/Plymouth. Anthony Velez, Marissa Pickman and Garrett Sprenger added goals.

NORDIC SKIING

CONVAL: The ConVal Indoor Track team was at Dartmouth this Sunday. The boys got off to a solid start with Ryan Murray placing 4th in the shot put with a 45'5" toss, his best of the season. Next up was the 4 x 800 meter relay where George Shiarella, Danny Veverka, Finn Wegmueller and Carter Hunt snagged a 7th place finish. Harrison Kim grabbed a surprise sixth in the 3000 meter run, moving up substantially from his 12th place seed. Evan Coyne ran a savvy race to grab the runner up spot in the 1000 meter run, posting the second fastest time of the day and punching his ticket to the New England Championship meet. Coyne joined Finn, George, and Carter in the 4 x 400 meter relay and despite a baton drop ran their fastest time of the season placing 8th. As a team the boys finished 12th.

The Cougar Nordic team traveled to Wolfeboro on Tuesday to compete in a classic-style sprint elimination race hosted by Kingswood. Competing for the boys were Rowan Inglis, Philip Pope, Eddie Pope, Magnus Carlton, and Leo Boyer.



Newport wrestler Dylan Palmer works on pinning John Stark wrestler Sean Boisvert during a home match Wednesday night. Dylan won his match on a pin to help the team to a 41 - 23 win. Paul Howe photo.

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10

PASTA LOVERS & CHOCOLATE FAIR: 5:30, Hillsboro United Methodist Church. Bring a friend and come out on a winter's night for a hearty Italian buffet, chocolate fountain and other chocolate treats. Come and have a good meal and stay for some good music. Adults \$8, kids 6-12 \$5, 5 and under FREE. Family of 2 adults and 3 or more children \$28. No one will be turned out. Donations accepted if not able to pay asked amount.

FOOD DRIVE: The Goffstown Rotary Club will hold its annual Love Your Neighbor Food Drive, from 8am 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. 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

PUPPET SHOW: 2:00pm – 3:00pm. Lindsay brings her larger than life Puppet Pals to the library! Filled with silliness, active audience engagement, and unique, memorable characters, this series of charming short stories will delight the young and the young at heart! Free and open to all. Tucker Free Library, 31 Western Avenue, Henniker. Questions? Call 428-3471 or www.tuckerfreelibrary.org.

WINTER FESTIVAL: Hopkinton's Kimball Cabins for a Winter Festival brought to you by the Recreation Committee. 12-2pm. Fun wintertime activities: scavenger hunt ice skating (many kids and adult skates available to borrow) snowshoeing (some kids snowshoes available to borrow) snowman building (BYO decorations) games and prizes hot chili and hot dogs for purchase hot cocoa, treats and s'mores are free. Parking is very limited at the Cabins. Please park at Harold Martin School.

DEMOCRATS MEET: Henniker Democratic Party at the Henniker Brewery - 129 Centerville Road, Henniker 2:00 to 4:00. 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.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13

HANCOCK PROGRAM: at 7:00pm at the Hancock Town Library Documentary Film: Shadows Fall North with JerriAnne Boggis. She is a writer, educator, and community activist whose work corrects the historical record on the racial complexity and richness of New Hampshire's diverse past. Free and open to all.

HILLSBOROUGH SENIORS: at the Movies this month, GHSS will be showing "The Queen" at 2:15 at Smith Memorial Church. This is a fictional drama film depicting the British Royal Family's response to the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, on 31 August 1997. No charge.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15

STORY HOUR: 7pm at The Avenue, A Teen + Community Center, 42 Main Street, Antrim. Based off the popular MOTH Story Hour that airs on NPR, The Vine Story Hour invites storytellers to bring their story to the Avenue A "stage". Our theme for this event is "Battle Scars". This event is for adults and older teens. Admission is by donation. Refreshments provided.

ANDOVER COFFEEHOUSE: NH native Andrew Merzi is back in his home state after four years spent in Nashville honing his "genuine songwriting, a unique voice and bruising guitar chops" at the Andover Community Coffeehouse beginning at 7pm in the Highland Lake Grange Hall, 7 Chase Hill Road in East Andover. Coffeehouse admission is free, although donations -- which are shared with the featured performer and the Andover Congregational Church, owner of the Grange Hall are gratefully accepted. Doors to the Grange Hall open at 6pm for food purchases.

CAMP COOLIO: This New Boston program filled up quickly last year and had waiting lists for some weeks. Daily and Weekly tuition costs will be posted the beginning of February. Sign up on line or in our office. For detailed info on this program go to http://www.newbostonnh.gov/Pages/NewBostonNH_Recreation/programs/camp

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16

DEERING SOIREE: On Friday evening at 7:00

pm at the Deering Community Church, the Annual Soiree will bring together a gathering of talented, local musicians. This event again promises to be entertaining and is open to all free of charge. For more information, call Jane Waters at 746-1079.

HILLSBOROUGH SENIORS: Chinese New Year's luncheon at the Deering Town Hall at noon. Suggested donation is \$7.00, call Marie Merrow 464-3067. Catered by Ming Du.

KIDS DANCE: The next Kids dance is: 7-9pm. Admission is \$5 kids. Dances are for 5th, 6th, & 7th grade boys and girls. A DJ provides the music at the New Boston Central School Gym. We follow the New Boston Central School's dress code so please dress appropriately. We have a concession stand with drinks and snacks at reasonable prices available throughout the evening. Volunteer to be a chaperone! We need chaperones for these dances and if we do not have enough volunteers prior to the dance it may be canceled.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17

CENTER FOR THE ARTS: Kindness and Cruelty: Willa Cather in Jaffrey at Whipple Hall, A new musical by Will Ogmundson and Tom Dunn (tickets at Morgan Hill Bookstore, Tatwell Gallery and Online at www.CenterForTheArtsNH.org)

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18

MEET OF CHAMPIONS: Wrestling Tournament New Hampshire Middle School State Finals Kearsarge Regional Middle School. All proceeds raised go to benefit the Kearsarge Youth and High School wrestling programs. The more donations we can get, the more success we will have for our programs.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20

CANDIDATES NIGHT: The 3rd annual Candidate's Night for those running for an elected office in the Town of Bow will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Library's Lower Level (the snow date for the event is Tuesday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m., same location). The filing period for Town offices is Wednesday, January 24 through Wednesday, January 31. The Library will be in contact with all registered candidates to obtain information for our Candidate Info Packets, and to confirm participation on Candidate's Night. Questions? Contact Lori at 224-7113 or lori@bakerfreelib.org.



Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

James Daniel Gruhler

HILLSBORO - James Daniel Gruhler, 64, of Hillsboro, NH died Thursday February 1, 2018 at Concord Hospital. He was born April 30, 1953 in Philadelphia, PA, to Jean Gruhler and Nancy Mary Schumann-Gruhler-Miller. Survived by his wife, Maria C. (Garcia) Gruhler of Hillsboro, NH; 2 sisters, Diane Gruhler-Pesut (son Zachary Weston Gruhler) of Burlington NJ, Donna Gruhler of Greenville, NC; a daughter, Meghan Robicheau, 30 yo husband, Nick Robicheau from Washington, NH, their granddaughters, Harper and Evelyn; a daughter, Jenn Nason, husband, Don Nason & granddaughter, Sophie Lee of Hopkinton NH; a son, Jonathan Garcia and wife, Brandie Garcia & granddaughters, Aleah and Mya of Berwick, ME. Services and burial will be at the convenience of the family.



Elizabeth Ann Ryan

NEW BOSTON — Elizabeth Ann Ryan passed away peacefully on February 1, 2018 following a long illness with Huntington Chorea. She was surrounded by family, friends and the absolute best caregivers/family from Rose Meadow Garden in New Boston, NH. Beth was born in Manchester, NH on May 27, 1962 and was proudly raised by her mother 'Irene' Blanche Foley. Beth's best and proudest gift in life was having her son Connor to whom she was a devoted mother and loved more than anything. She is preceded by her husband, Kevin Ryan and son Connor. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Rose Meadow Garden in New Boston NH or Huntington's Disease Society of America.



Alice E. Wheeler

HILLSBORO — Alice E. Wheeler, 73, passed away at Presidential Oaks on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018. Alice was born on May 17, 1944 in Henniker. She is predeceased by her mother, Josephine Butler, her stepfather, Tom Butler, her sister, Lori Wheeler and her brother, Buzzy Wheeler.

She was survived by her sister, Joyce Bumford of Hillsboro, 2 brothers Thomas Butler of Hillsboro and John Butler of Concord, also by several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews as well as cousins.

A memorial to celebrate Alice's life will be held Tuesday, Feb 13, at 1 p.m. in the Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 32 School St. Hillsboro. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hillsboro Rescue squad, P. O. Box 350 Hillsboro, NH 03244.



Sally M. Day

CHICHESTER - Sally M. Day passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Chichester, NH on Tuesday, January 30th 2018, at the age of 72. Sally lived for 28 years at the Henniker Knolls with her roommate Erin Raymond. Her brother Ray lived in the same apartment complex where the three of them provided support, companionship and assistance to one another. Born on February 6th, 1946, Sally was a long-time resident of Henniker. She was preceded in death by her parents George M. Day and Almira (Murdough) Day, by her sisters Muriel McCallister and Isabelle Day and by her brother Richard. She is survived by her brothers Russell "Digger" and his wife Joan of Contoocook, her brothers George and Ray both of Henniker and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. In 2015, after a lengthy stay in a rehab facility, Sally moved to Chichester to live with Randy and Debbie Harris, enjoying time with the grandchildren. A graveside service will be held in the spring for family and friends at the Henniker New Cemetery in Spring.



Wilson K. Smith

LOUDON — Wilson K. Smith, 81, a lifelong Loudon resident, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018, at his residence following a period of declining health. Born on Sept. 1, 1936, at the Farmhouse in Loudon, he was the son of Gerald and Marjorie (Lowe) Smith. Besides his

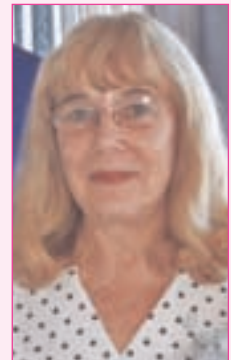
parents, Wilson was predeceased by his wife, Sandra (Curtis) Smith in 2010; a brother, Archer Smith; and a son, Paul Gardner. He is survived by his daughters, Marjorie Smith-Schofield of Loudon and Evelyn

Smith of Loudon; grandchildren, Jessika Martin and her husband, Nicholas and Tyler Smith; three great-grandchildren, Troy, Alayah and Scarlett Martin; aunts, Rita Swain and Clara Volpe; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Pauline Smith, Linda and Rolfe Swain, Sharon and Kerry O'Dougherty; two nieces, Roberta Coffey and Donna Forst and her husband, Brian. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Concord Regional Visiting Nurses Association, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301.



Celebration of Life

There will be a Celebration of Life for Pauline Carlson (who passed away on December 8th) at the Wind-sor Town Hall, 14 White Pond Road, on Saturday, February 17th from 2-5 pm.



This is a potluck affair, so feel free to bring your favorite dish to share. We will also be celebrating Tom Carlson and their life together.



Around the Towns



Karati Classes are ongoing at New Boston Central school.



It was a full house for the retirement of Franklin Fire Department Deputy Chief Robert Goodearl II.



Catherine Comerford, Assistant Branch Manager at GFA Federal Credit Union presents a check to coloring contest winner Desirae Ladebauche.



GFA's Peterborough branch's contest gave members a chance to win \$500. Long-time member Michael Reimer (r), Treasurer for the Peterborough Lions Club, won \$500.



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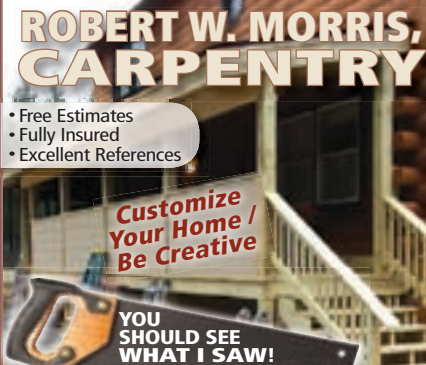
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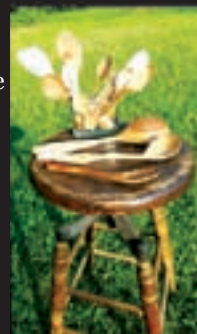
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