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Franklin Councilor resigns

Franklin Ward 3 City Councilor Steve Barton who was serving his second term on the Franklin City Council, resigned at the council's meeting Dec. 3, citing health reasons. City Manager Judie Milner said the city council will appoint someone to serve the remainder of Barton's term until city elections next October. Those interested in the position will be asked to fill out an appointee profile, citing their qualifications and reasons for applying. The city council will then vote on who they wish to take over Barton's position.



Franklin & Tilton Bankers

Franklin Savings Bank announced today the addition of Renso Cruz and Jon Cayton to the bank's retail group. Cruz and Cayton will assume the role of Branch Manager at the Bank's Tilton and Main offices, respectively. Cruz holds a BA in criminal justice from Florida Institute of Technology. Cayton brings a wealth of experience in the areas of business management, risk management, deposits and residential lending. A resident of Manchester, Cayton served as an Ambassador for the Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce, and is pursuing a BS in business administration at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, NH.



Progress continues on repairing the fire damage to the Hopkinton Library as crews begin replacing the roof on the cupola.

Super Superintendent

Dr. Lorraine Tacconi-Moore NH Superintendent of the Year

The NH School Administrators Association, in coordination with the American Association of School Administrators, has named Dr. Lorraine Tacconi-Moore as the NH Superintendent of the Year for 2019. Dr. Tacconi-Moore, Superintendent of Schools for the Henniker, Weare, John Stark Regional and Stoddard School Districts (SAU #24) will receive a special award during the AASA National Conference on Education in Los Angeles, CA, in February 2019.

Lorraine was selected for this honor by a panel of her peers and from a distinguished group of nominees. Marjorie Burke, Chair of both the Weare and SAU 24 School Boards, and Jacqueline Coe, Assistant Superintendent of SAU 24, noted that Lorraine often takes limited resources and creative thinking in order to optimize the SAU and Districts' budgets to improve all five schools that the SAU serves. Marjorie Burke said,



"Lorraine has a strong focus on doing what is best for kids; their needs are first and foremost in all her efforts to provide optimum opportunities for learning."

Lorraine's educational background includes a Bachelors of Arts from Smith College; a Masters of Art Education from Rhode Island School of Design; and a Doctorate of Education from University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

Lorraine became Superintendent of Schools in SAU 24 in 2010, where she remains today. Dr. Carl Ladd, executive director of the New Hampshire School Administrators Association, stated, "Lorraine is an outstanding representative of the many school superintendents in our state who work everyday in support of public education. She is a strong and vigorous advocate for students and their families, and is a true Champion for Children."

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December 15, 2017

Committee planning Sunapee's 250th Celebration
 H-D Board considering \$600,000 renovations
 CACH awarded \$125,000 to complete Franklin rehabilitation
 Bow officials bracing for potential \$14 million tax refund

December 9, 2016

Several area towns report increase in break-ins
 Colby-Sawyer lays off 18 as part of restructuring
 New Boston company donates iMac computer to school
 Loudon residents favor widening of Route 106

December 11, 2015

Henniker man dies in 'Death Alley' two car accident
 Low income housing Tax Credits approved for Franklin Mill
 Goffstown FBLA Advisor named Advisor of the Year
 Vandals destroy 32 gravestones in Newport cemetery

December 12, 2014

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

December 13, 2013

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

December 14, 2012

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

December 16, 2011

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

December 10, 2010

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

December 11, 2009

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

December 12, 2008

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

Ten departments respond to battle Newport fire at LaValleys

The Newport Police Department received a call last Friday morning from LaValley Building Supply reporting smoke and fire at Building #6, on Sunapee Street. The first units arriving reported that the structure was heavily involved, and the fire was upgraded to a third alarm, bringing in fire departments from the towns of Sunapee, Lempster, Claremont, New London, Goshen, Unity, Grantham, Newbury, and Ascutney, Vermont. Each successive alarm caused the word of the fire to be spread to a wider and wider area around the incident. According to Newport Deputy Fire Chief

David McCrillis, the fire spread to the retail store next to Building #6, but the 10 departments on hand were able to prevent it from moving beyond one structure. Sunapee Street was closed to traffic and the Newport Police Department received assistance with detours from the Sunapee Police Department, Sullivan County Sheriff's Department and the New Hampshire State

Police. The fire was deemed under control by 10:49 a.m., but personnel remained on the scene until after 4 p.m. to watch for "hot spots" underneath the rubble. The cause and origin of the fire remain unknown at this time and although it remains under investigation by the Newport Police and Fire Departments, it is not considered suspicious in nature.



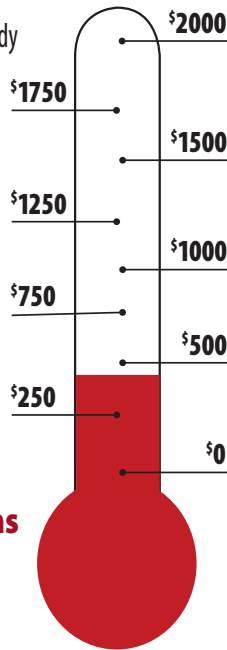
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Quick response by Deering firefighters saves animals

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ers and firefighters had prevented serious fire or smoke damage to the residence. The fire caused local police to close Route 149, otherwise known as Deering Center Road, between Bowen School Road and Old Country Road. Deering Police reported all the four-legged animals managed to escape the fire, but some chickens died in the blaze and the family lost its hay crop in the barn.

On social media, nearby barn owners were making offers of temporary barn space for any surviving animals.

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Michelle Voto and Lara Shook.

Voto & Shook named Scholars Champions

ConVal Dean of Faculty Michelle Voto and Scott-Farrar CEO Lara Shook were both recognized as New Hampshire Scholars Champions during a breakfast ceremony at the Manchester Country Club on December 5, 2018. The “Breakfast of Champions: Celebrating School Business Partnership” event was hosted by the New Hampshire College & University Council. It brought together businesses, educators, and legislators to discuss emerging trends in workforce development. She was instrumental in developing a manufacturing program which has connected CVHS with several local manufacturers including Hampshire Ball Bearing and Hitchener. Michelle also has been instrumental in the partnership with Nashua Community College, which will be offering courses on the ConVal campus starting in January 2019.

Lara Shook is a graduate of ConVal High School. During her high school career, Lara worked part-time at Scott Farrar washing dishes and serving meals to the residents. Initially, Lara went to college with the intention to study teaching. However based on her work experience with Scott Farrar, Lara realized that she really enjoyed working with the elderly population and went on to obtain her graduate degree in eldercare administration.

In the course of the working relationship with ConVal, Lara has hosted several high school student interns, many of whom are involved with special education. Lara is always open and willing to discuss new ideas for internships and ways to collaborate with the students at ConVal High School. She sees the long-term value of connecting and mentoring high school students.

State Police K-9 unit assists in Warner arrest

On Wednesday December 5th, Sgt. Vincent Grieco received a K9 request from Warner Police to assist with a search. Warner PD advised they were out with a suspicious vehicle in the area of Archie Sawyer Rd. and the operator fled from the vehicle. The registered owner was known to local officers as a drug user, was on parole, and had active warrants for his arrest. Warner PD located many drug items in the vehicle and believed that the registered owner was responsible for burglaries in the area. Sgt. Grieco conducted a track with his K9 partner Lincoln. K9 Lincoln successfully located two suspects hiding in the woods. With the assistance of Trooper Dan Livingstone, and officers from the Warner and Bradford Police Departments, both subjects were taken into custody. Prior to being turned over to Warner Police, both parties were treated for cold weather exposure and drug use.



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Former Hillsborough man killed crossing the street in wheelchair

A 70-year-old pedestrian in a wheelchair died after being struck by a tractor-trailer Tuesday afternoon in Tilton. Responding officers found Francis Houghton, 70, a veteran from Tilton, formerly of Hillsborough, down in the roadway with serious injuries. Witnesses told police that Houghton, who was on a motorized wheelchair, may have been crossing the street when he was hit by a tractor-trailer from Massachusetts. The tractor-trailer, which was heading west on Main Street, continued toward Franklin. Some officers remained on the scene with Tilton Northfield Fire and EMS, while others responded to the Franklin

town line, where they located the tractor-trailer involved. Police said the driver, who is from Massachusetts, is cooperating with the investigation and told officers that he did not know he had hit someone.

Houghton was taken to Franklin Region

Hospital, where he later died. He was on his way to his family's house right across the street from where he was hit.

There are no pending charges at this time, but the crash remains under investigation.

\$1 million anonymous donation

An anonymous person has offered to donate \$1 million if the Newport community can raise an additional \$2 million. Together, that would cover approximately half of the overall cost of the new Community Center.

Todd Fratzel, co-chairman of the Newport Board of Selectmen said, "If we come up with \$2 million plus \$1, hopefully we will get voters to bond about \$3 million somewhere between 20 and 30 years."



Attorney Charles "Chuck" Douglas became the eighth recipient Monday night of the Josiah Bartlett Center's Libertas Award. Honoree Chuck Douglas, center, is flanked by The Josiah Bartlett Center Chairman James Sununu, left, and President Drew Cline during the Libertas Award Dinner at the Grappone Center in Concord Monday night.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Repeat intravenous treatment with low doses of the anesthetic drug ketamine quickly reduced suicidal thoughts in a small group of patients with treatment-resistant depression who had been experiencing suicidal thoughts for three months or longer according to a report in the *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*. It is well known that having suicidal thoughts increases the risk that patients will attempt suicide, and the risk for suicide attempts is 20 times higher in patients with depression than the general population. The medications currently used to treat patients with suicidal thinking — including lithium and clozapine — can have serious side effects, requiring careful monitoring of blood levels; and while electroconvulsive therapy also can reduce suicidal thinking, its availability is limited and it can have significant side effects, including memory loss. Primarily used as a general anesthetic, ketamine has been shown in several studies to provide rapid relief of symptoms of depression. In addition to excluding patients who reported current suicidal thinking, many of those studies involved only a single ketamine dose.

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New London First Responders

Culinary students from the Kearsarge High School recently prepared a 3 course meal for members of the New London Fire Department, New London Police Department, New London Police Benevolent Association, New



London EMS, and New London Selectmen to celebrate their annual Pay Out Holiday Dinner. Students, under the direction of Chef Hall, prepared appetizers including shrimp cocktail and chicken wings, dinner which included pork Marsala and roasted potatoes, broccoli Alfredo, chicken with onions & peppers, mixed vegetables, and the baking classes made a variety of cookies and tarts for desserts.

Arthur Merrigan - Bow Police Department

The Bow Police Department hosted a retirement ceremony for Sgt Arthur Merrigan on November 27th, 2018 at the Bow Safety Center to honor him and to thank him for his years of service with the Town of Bow. Chief Margaret Lougee and Sgt Arthur Merrigan paused for a photo together. (Photo by Eric Anderson.)



Hillsboro Police Department

Recently Hillsboro PD has become the organizer/host of a regional K9 training group for the Police Dog Teams from NH and VT. Sgt. Hodgen has been working with the teams on a semi-regular basis to help them train in the various skills necessary to be successful K9 teams.



Peterborough Fire & Rescue Department

Congratulations to Peterborough Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief Joshua Patrick, who earned his Masters of Public Safety Leadership and Administration.



Belmont Police Department

Members of the Belmont Police Department joined officers from around the state, who grew Beards for Bucks to support several charities.



Several people injured in single car rollover on I-89 in Sutton

On Dec 7th Troopers from Troop D and New London Police Department responded to Interstate 89 northbound in the area of mile marker 27.2 in the Town of Sutton, NH for the report of a rollover motor vehicle crash.

Troopers located a 2004 Chevy Express Van 2500 registered out of Massachusetts, which had rolled over on its side on I89 then came to a final rest off the roadway on the left side median.

The operator was identified to be one John Cruz Aquaiza, 46, of Milford, MA.

Aquaiza was traveling northbound on I89 and lost control of the vehicle and veered off the roadway to the left. The vehicle then continued off the roadway where it rotated counterclockwise and

rolled onto the passenger side against the wood line, coming to a final rest off the roadway on the left side median.

Aquaiza was transported to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center with minor injuries. All passengers were transported to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center

with serious injuries; the most seriously injured patient was transported via helicopter. As a result the Interstate was closed for a short time.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation, but it appears speed was a factor.



Multiple people were injured and transported to area hospitals.

Weare man dies in Dunbarton crash

A Weare man was killed in a single car crash on Concord Stage Road in Dunbarton last Tuesday night. Dispatch received a call for a rollover crash on Concord Stage Road. The operator, who remains unidentified by police at this time pending notification of next of kin, was found to be deceased.

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Hillsborough woman arrested in Deering

Following an investigation which resulted in the issuance of Arrest Warrants, Deering Officer Tom Forsley arrested Nancy Grimes, 37, of Hillsboro. Grimes was arrested and charged with Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor following a late October complaint from a parent of the juvenile victim alleging trespass/harassment issues that happened late at night at a Deering residence. Grimes was released on bail pending her January 2019 arraignment.

Greenfield will change ambulance providers

Greenfield will have a new ambulance service provider next year, transferring from Peterborough's ambulance service to Wilton's. Greenfield Select Board Chairman Robert Marshall said that there was no service but the town had an opportunity to get a similar level of service for less money. Under the new agreement, Greenfield will pay 16.33 percent of the money needed to run the ambulance service. With Greenfield participating, Wilton Ambulance will add a third person in the ambulance building from Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Belmont man given 9 year prison sentence

Joseph Callahan, 36, of Belmont has been sentenced to nine years in federal prison Thursday for trafficking methamphetamine. He pleaded guilty Aug. 30 to possessing more than five grams of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. Belknap County law enforcement executed search warrants of Callahan's residence on Arlene Drive on July 31, 2017, according to court records. During the search, authorities seized approximately 24 grams of methamphetamine, Suboxone, digital scales, more than \$13,000 in cash and three stolen firearms. Callahan was arrested at the scene.

Downtown Franklin fire quickly extinguished

Tilton-Northfield and Sanbornton joined the Franklin Fire Department in responding to the single-family home fire located in the downtown section of the city. When they arrived, the owner was already outside, along with eight dogs he had brought out of the building. Fire was visible at the rear of the home, and firefighters knocked it down from the outside before entering for further work on putting it out. Inside damage was limited to smoke and heat. The fire was determined to be accidental.



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John Stark's "We The People Team" to compete in state finals

John Stark Regional High School students taking the We the People class with Mr. Dan Marcus this semester completed round one of the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution competition on Friday, December 7 at the Legislative Office Building in Concord.

The John Stark team advanced to the state finals. During the competition, the students testified before panels of judges to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy.

Five teams competed this year: John Stark, Milford High School, Hollis Brookline High School, and two teams from the Founders Charter School in Manchester.

Three teams advanced to the state finals to be held January 14, 2019: John Stark, Milford, and Hollis Brookline. These teams will vie for the opportunity to represent New Hampshire at the National Finals in Washington, DC.

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution has been taught in NH schools in grades 4 – 12 for 32 years. It is a premier Law Related Education

program of the NH Bar Association. The John Stark team made the state finals

and will compete again on January 14, 2019.



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Hillsboro-Deering High School



Fire Station, Henniker



Slusser Center, Hopkinton



Center Woods School, Weare



Valley Bible Chapel, Hillsboro



Fire Station, Bennington



Library, Dunbarton



Fire Station, Sunapee. Paul Howe photo.



Angela Hutchinson, 37, of Greenfield was traveling north on Peterborough's Granite Street last Wednesday when her 2004 GMC Envoy caught on fire. No one was injured, but the vehicle was a total loss.



The Annual Christmas party for the Washington Fire Department/Rescue Squad was held inside their new state of the art fire station. Bob Hofstetter photo.

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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

Get Well George

I recently learned that George Maidrand has been recovering from a serious illness that has forced him to give up publication of The Villager.

Although a competitor, I have admired his dedication to the profession and his commitment to the town.

As a founder of Hillsborough Reborn, he and I, as Chairman of Hillsborough Pride, share a common vision and goal to make Hillsborough a better place to live, work and raise a family.

Get well soon, George, you still have a lot to give.

The Birth of Jesus Christ

Before we get too consumed with shopping, partying and decorating, lets take just a moment to remember exactly why we observe this holiday. With deference to our non-Christian and non-believing neighbors, we celebrate: The Birth of Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger. And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Tucker Free Library will be conducting a feasibility study

Tucker Free Library's board of trustees has hired Concord-based Sheerr McCrystal Palson Architecture to conduct a feasibility study, providing cost and design options for the library that will be presented to residents at town meeting in March.

They hope to install an elevator and public restrooms on the main floor, and

renovate the attic, currently used for storage, into a community room.

The elevator would provide handicap access to the top floor, turning it into an open space for library programs. Currently, programs are held on the main floor and sometimes disrupt regular use of the library.

Goshen father and son arrested for shooting Newport teenager

An argument over a drug sale led to the shooting of a 17-year-old male in Newport and the arrest of a Goshen father and son on multiple felony charges.

Jordan Richardson, 18, of Goshen, was charged with the felonies of first degree assault, felonious use of a firearm and conspiracy to sell drugs within a school

zone. Kurt Richardson, 41, of Goshen and Jordan's father, was charged with the felonies of conspiracy to sell drugs within a school zone, felonious use of a firearm, reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon and criminal solicitation of a minor.

Both are being held without bail in the county jail.

Mountain Road in Goffstown is reopened after oil spill

Goffstown's Mountain Road has been reopened and 100% of the contaminated soil removed just short of two weeks after

an Irving Oil fuel tanker rolled over and leaked over 1,000 gallons of heating oil near a brook that runs into the reservoir.



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hillsboro-Deering 51, Winnisquam 45: Morgan Racine (17 points), Halie Hurd (14 points), and Fayth Grimes (10 points), led the attack.

Raymond 45, Hillsboro-Deering 41: The Hillcats made a run at the Rams and played solid defense on Raymond's key shooter.

Hopkinton 56, Campbell 39: Junior Katie Meserve scored a game-high 21 points as the Hopkinton girls' basketball team continued its hot start to the new season. The Hawks (3-0) jumped out to a 10-point lead in the first quarter and used that cushion to control the pace from there.

John Stark 39, Kearsarge 22: Kearsarge was down 12-4 after one quarter and continued to fight throughout the game.

Fall Mountain 54, Winnisquam 11: Sarah Seymour had 5 points for the Bears, who trailed the whole game.

Colebrook 35, Mount Royal 30: For Mount Royal, Jacinta Hogan had 4 points, Sophie LaRose 6, Hannah Fraioli 2, and Alexis Matte had 18. The Knights hit two 3-pointers in the final 15 seconds – one as time expired – to send the game into overtime.

Farmington 41, Sunapee 37: Down by three after the third quarter, 30-27, the Sunapee girls team outplayed Farmington for much of the final frame, taking the lead 35-34 with just three minutes remaining, but could not hold on.

Bow 54, Plymouth 34: With only two starters back from last year, there were plenty of questions for the Bow girls who had plenty of answers and cruised to a 54-34 win.

Pelham 53, Merrimack Valley 34: The Pride saw strong defensive efforts from Hailey Kenney and Ky Marquis, and Aislinn McDonald played well on both ends of the court, but MV was still on the wrong side of a 21-19 halftime score. Pelham narrowly led, 30-28, heading into the final quarter.

Newfound 42, Belmont 41: The Raiders had a four-point lead with two minutes to go, but the Bears missed a heave from halfcourt and banked in the off-balance rebound attempt to win at the buzzer.

ConVal 45, Timberlane 24: The ConVal girls' basketball team showed a balanced attack in their season-opening win. Senior Lindsey Carey and freshman Maddie Faber tied for the team lead in points with ten apiece.

ConVal 52, Souhegan 18: Lindsey Carey had 17 in what was another balanced attack for the Cougars. Katie Carey had ten points and Rachyl Parslow six; eight ConVal players scored.

Kearsarge 39, Stevens 24: The Stevens girls started fast and with a purpose, but it was the visiting Cougars that played well down the stretch, holding the Cardinals to just eight second-half points.

Pembroke Academy 39, Bow 31: After falling behind early, the Spartans held Bow to three points in the second quarter to take a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

John Stark 52, Manchester West 7: The Generals jumped out to a 12-2 lead and the Blue Knights suffered through a freezing cold shooting night.

Belmont 48, Prospect Mtn. 39: Lizzie Fleming played one of the best games of her career, finishing with 20 deflections and leading a defense that allowed just three points in the first quarter.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Sunapee 67, Farmington 38: In the first quarter alone, Zach Belisle racked up 12 points, as he set the tone for the Lakers' offensive eruption. He ended the first quarter with a buzzer-beating mid-range jumper in the middle of the floor.

Fall Mountain 50, Winnisquam 45: Lucien Hagland and Alex Flynn dominated the boards and pushed the ball to the wing to lead the break for Fall Mountain.

Conant 78, Newport 31: JT Blaine hit Newport's first bucket with half of the first quarter gone, and Conant ended the first 8 minutes with a 19-4 lead and increased that gap to 50-9 by the half.

Hillsboro-Deering 50, Raymond 49: The Hillcats started the season on fire and built an early 13-1 lead, but the Rams rallied to take a 24-23 edge into halftime. In a back-and-forth second half, Ketterer put the Hillcats ahead for good with a 3-pointer with 14 seconds left.



Sunapee's Brady Grazanna drives to the basket during a home game against Farmington December 7. Sunapee won 67 - 38. Paul Howe photo.

Mascoma 52, Hillsboro-Deering 45: The Vikings took a five-point lead into the locker room, and although the Hillcats tied it up at 42 apiece, Mascoma managed to pull away down the stretch.

Belmont 57, Newfound 33: The Raiders used a great second quarter of unselfish basketball to bust open the game. Eight Belmont players scored and used great pressure to create turnovers and easy baskets.

Belmont 59, Prospect Mountain 50: Belmont tightened up its defense in the second quarter and broke open the game. The Raiders pushed the lead to 20 in the third quarter and held off a Prospect Mountain rally in the fourth.

Hopkinton 75, Raymond 58: Hopkinton took an early 17-11 lead and built on it each quarter to earn a season-opening win on the road.

Franklin 65, Newfound 40: This one was tight through three quarters as Franklin led by just three, 35-32, after three quarter. But the Golden Tornadoes erupted for 30 points in the fourth quarter to run away with their season opener.

Pittsfield 69, Concord Christian 35: The Panthers opened up the second quarter with a 14-0 run, and when the halftime buzzer sounded, Pittsfield had outscored Concord Christian, 27-8.

HOCKEY

John Stark-Hopkinton 9, Kearsarge-Plymouth 2: The General Hawks took a 3-1 lead into the first intermission with tallies from Scordo, Sawitsky and Sauer.

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Hopkinton Select Board meets with newly elected State Representatives

David Luneau, Mel Myler and Mary Jane Wallner, Representatives of the NH House, recently met with the Hopkinton Select Board to discuss relevant topics with the Select Board.

Discussions ensued, with regards to school funding, NH retirement funding, the Governor's budget, family leave bill, property taxes, tax relief, raising rents, abuse of prescription drugs, closing loopholes on ambulance billing and the two recently passed amendments.

The Board inquired about possible changes in utilities evaluations, as Hopkinton does not use the DRA values, as those values tend to be lower than what our assessor values them at. Discussion ensued, with regards to state building codes and adopting a new one.

The Board also inquired about the statute that allows towns to appoint a town clerk/tax collector as opposed to having them elected, noting that elected officials are not evaluated for merit like employees. It was noted that a warrant article could give the Board permission to appoint. Fire-

arms on school grounds and municipal properties were discussed. Discussion ensued with regards to Flood Control money and the need for it to continue. Also discussed was DES permitting, as it

related to a recent incident with beavers building a dam over a Class VI road. Chairman O'Brien thanked the Representatives for coming in to meet with the Select Board.



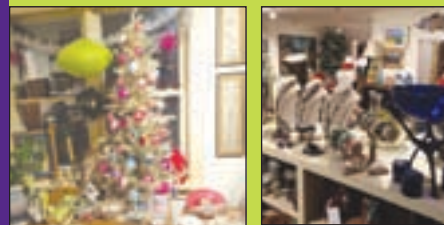
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Declining enrollment may cause ConVal school consolidation

Small elementary schools in the ConVal Regional School District may close under different proposals being considered.

ConVal board member Stephan Morrissey has introduced a warrant article for the coming March school district meeting which would allow the district to close the elementary schools in Temple and Dublin. ConVal covers Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon and Temple. Dublin and Temple's schools are seen as targets of Morrissey's proposal.

ConVal students come together at the high school in Peterborough, and the district maintains middle schools in Peterborough and Antrim. The elementary schools are currently located in Antrim, Bennington, Dublin Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, and Temple.

If the towns want to keep the schools open, ConVal is also considering charging towns with low-enrollment elementary schools a fee in order to keep their schools open. That option would set a minimum enrollment figure, and schools that fall

below it would then be considered for closure.

The ConVal board considered a warrant article earlier this year that would

have closed several schools. The district has seen its total enrollment decline from more than 3,000 students in 2006 to 2,130 this year.



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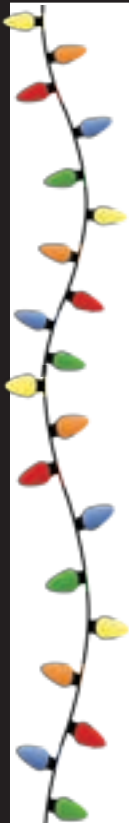


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SATURDAY DECEMBER 15

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE: The Ladies Aid Society of the Union Chapel will hold a Candle Light Christmas Service. Rusty Young will begin the holiday service promptly at 7pm. Special music will be performed by the Smith Church Handbell Choir. All are welcome to attend, please remember to dress warm. The Union Chapel is

located at 220 Sawmill Road, Hillsboro.

COOKIE & GIFT SALE: 11 am-2pm, Henniker Historical Society & Museum. Homemade cookies & more. Great holiday gifts.

BOOK SIGNING: 11am-2pm, "A Century in the Life of Henniker New Hampshire" by Martha Taylor. 1,430 articles, 200 pages, 450 photos.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Have a pancake breakfast with Santa at the Soda Shoppe in Franklin from 8:00 - 10:30am. While you are telling Santa what you would like to see under your tree, a picture will be taken. \$5.00 per person.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Antrim Baptist Church will be offering a free pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 16 from 8:30 to 10:00 am. The menu includes plain and blueberry pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, orange juice, and coffee.

CAROLING & SUPPER: Washington Congregational Church. Supper at 6 pm, caroling at 7pm.

CONCERT: The Kearsarge Community Band presents its annual Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 16th at 2:00pm at New London Outing Club Indoor Center, 114 Cougar Court, New London. "New London's Own", the KCB features more than 40 dedicated local musicians performing concert band music for "just for the fun of it" and sharing their passion with the community. The concert will feature holiday favorites and special guests narrating classic seasonal stories including "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and " 'twas the Night Before Christmas." Free and open to the public. All ages are welcome, especially children, to this fun-filled musical afternoon which is guaranteed to get you in the holiday spirit.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 18

BLUE CHRISTMAS: A Service of Comfort and Remembrance to be held at 7pm at Smith Memorial Congregational Church co-sponsored by the Deering Community Church.

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MONDAY DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE: 7pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, Washington Congregational Church.

CHRISTMAS EVE: 7pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at Smith Memorial Congregational Church in Hillsborough.

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SUNDAY JANUARY 13

ANDOVER PROGRAM: 2:00 A Life History of Richard Potter of Andover, NH "America's First Black Celebrity." Whipple Hall \$17/\$15 members (in advance) tickets on sale at Tatewell Gallery, Morgan Hill Bookstore and online CenterForTheArtsNH.org

SATURDAY JANUARY 19

ARTS ON THE GO: Art Trips for Kids! 10:00-1:00 Crabgrass Puppet Theater-Hopkins Center, Hanover Transportation to and from Whipple Hall, New London \$15. Grades 1 and up. Register at www.CenterfortheArtsnh.org

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16

WHIPPLE HALL: 7:00pm "Crooners, Cabaret, and Chocolate" A Valentines Celebration with the Nancy Tripp Trio. Champagne, Desserts, and Chocolate! Whipple Hall \$30/\$25 members (in advance) Tickets on sale at Tatewell Gallery, Morgan Hill Bookstore and online at www.CenterForTheArtsNH.org

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Eric L. Hays

HILLSBORO - Eric Hays, 52, passed away Saturday December 8, 2018 at his home. He was born in New Britain, Connecticut on September 7, 1964. Eric was predeceased by his father, Donald L. Hays. He will be missed by his family and friends who loved him for his kindness, generosity and sense of humor. Eric was survived by his mother, Barbara. Services will be held at a later date.



Robert ("Bob") T. French Sr.

HENNIKER - Robert ("Bob") T. French Sr. passed away peacefully, at the age of 87, at The Birches on December 7, 2018 surrounded by loved ones. He and his wife of 63 years, Arlene, shared a home in Henniker, NH where he lived his

entire life, having built a home just down the road from his parents. Bob is predeceased by his parents, Alfred L. and Mildred (Connor) French; his brothers, Kenneth and Durwood; and three sons-in-law, Robert Keller, Vincent Trovato, and Ronald Williams. He is survived by his wife, Arlene, and children, all of whom live in NH, Karen Keller-Williams of Barnstead, Linda and William Cote of Loudon, Christine Trovato and Hector Ortiz of Manchester, Dawn and Daniel Pettiglio of Bradford, Robert French Jr and Kelley LaPlante of Henniker, Thomas and Rachael French of Henniker, and Teri Landry and Adam Driscoll of Windsor; his brother, Richard French of Henniker; 16 grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren! In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate



ate donations to the VNA of Concord NH or the Henniker Rescue Squad. There will be a celebration of life on his birthday, March 16, 2019, from 1-4 at the Henniker Community Center.

Janet Ann Bramley

BENNINGTON - On Saturday, December 1, at the age of 77, Janet Ann Bramley (Parisi) of Bennington passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by her family. Born and raised in Fitchburg, MA. Janet lived throughout the country with her husband of 46 years, Dee Bramley, before returning to New England in 1984. In addition to her husband, Janet is survived by her two brothers, John Parisi of Greenfield, NH and Jim Parisi of Fitchburg, MA. She leaves behind 3 sons, Bruce Bramley of Bennington,



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Peter Bramley and John Bramley, both of Hillsboro. There will be a private ceremony in the spring. Donations can be made in her name to the Payson Center for Cancer Care, Concord Hospital.

Geraldine Ann (Demers) Rabideau

ANTRIM - Geraldine Ann (Demers) Rabideau, 84, of Antrim, died Saturday, December 8, 2018, at Catholic Medical Center. She passed peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, following a long fight. She was pre-deceased by her husband Charles, Fabian Rabideau and sons Charles Gerald I and Charles Gerald II. Born at home in Everett, MA on September 21, 1934, Geraldine was pre-deceased by her parents, Arthur A. and Madeline E. (Wixtead) Demers. Geraldine is survived by her loving children, Thomas Rabideau and his wife, Ruth Ann of Pittsburg, IL, Suzette Edick



and her husband, Michael of Dublin, Michele Rabideau of Antrim, Renée Rabideau of Antrim, Matthew Rabideau and his wife, Wendy of Penacook, and Bernadette Todd and her husband, Ernie of Antrim. She is survived by her loving grandchildren, Shawn, Amanda, Emily, Chad, Phillip, Christopher, Michael, Jeffery, Timothy, and Rosalie; great-grandchildren include Gabriella, Chloe, and Grace. She leaves her brother, Vincent Demers, of Bedford, NH; sister, Julia Lemay of Nashua, NH, sister, Jacqueline Smigielski of W. Kingston, RI; sister-in-law, Maryellen Anastasia of Plymouth, MA; as well as nieces, nephews, and many dear friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Geraldine's memory can be made to the Divine Mercy Women's Guild in Peterborough.

Robert F. Fulton, Jr

STELLA, NC - Robert F. Fulton, Jr. It is with great sadness that the family of Robert F. Fulton Jr. (Bob) announce his passing after a long illness on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at the age of 69. Bob was born in

Waltham, MA, raised in Sudbury, MA and spent many years living in Mansfield, MA. He owned and operated Page Auto Service, was a volunteer fire fighter and an EMT while living in Hillsborough. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Nancy A. Fulton; daughter, Kimberly M. Lowther and husband, Bill of Mendon, MA; son, Robert F. Fulton III of New Bern, NC. Grandsons, William and Brian Lowther of Mendon, MA and Logan Fulton of New Bern, NC; sister, Debra Wood and husband, George of South Carolina; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert F. Fulton Sr. and Edith L. Fulton of Hopedale, MA; and his beloved dog, Scout Remington. The family will celebrate Bob's life privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be given to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK, 73123 or online at www.cancer.org



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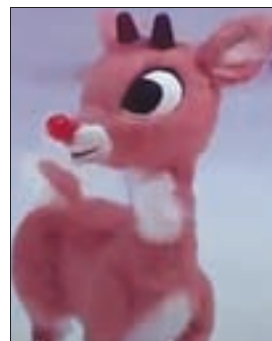
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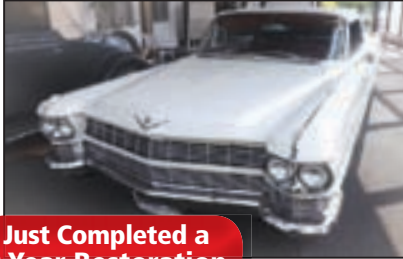
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