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Happy
New Year
2019

Holiday Cookies For Cops

The Sunapee Police Department recently received a surprise visit from Sunapee Middle High School students



Paul Smith and Olivia Johnson. They stopped in to give the Police and Fire Departments a handmade holiday card and cookies. Pictured are Olivia Johnson, Chief Cahill, Lieutenant Cobb and Paul Smith.

Barbara Kresse recognized

Newport's Richards Free Library presented the 18th annual Pamela Gay Award for Volunteerism to Barbara Kresse at the annual Volunteer Tea. Barbara works with archivist Mary Lou McGuire. Her knowledge of antiques and historical items was invaluable in setting up the parameters used in recording and photographing 243 items. The award is named in memory of Pamela Gay, who volunteered countless hours at the library and exemplified the true spirit of volunteerism.



Authorities have released few details about the recent stabbing.

Hillsborough homicide

New London man stabbed to death in Hillsborough

State and local police continue to investigate the suspicious death of a man found early Saturday morning at a mobile home on Old Henniker Road in Hillsborough. After an autopsy on Sunday, New Hampshire Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald, in a joint release with state police and Hillsborough Police Chief David Roarick, announced that Brett Wilson, 51, of Elkins whose body was found in a mobile home early Saturday, died of multiple stab wounds, and that his death had been reclassified from "suspicious" to "homicide." Authorities also announced that they have identified all parties involved and there did not appear to be

any threat to the general public. They refused to acknowledge if that included any suspect or suspects.

The Concord Monitor reported that a Brett A. Wilson of Elkins had twice written a letter to town officials that his wife had been put on a waiting list for her prescription medication and had spent time at the New Hampshire State Hospital before leaving and facing a sentence at the New Hampshire State Prison. Assistant Attorney General Jeff Strelzin had not heard Wilson's plea for help and could not confirm that the letter writer and the Brett Wilson found in Hillsborough were the same person.

Goffstown fire leaves family homeless for the holidays

A two alarm fire killed two dogs and two cats and left a Goffstown Back Road home uninhabitable, causing tens of thousands of dollars in damage. A passerby saw the blaze at 181 Goffstown Back Road and called 911 about 5:30 p.m.

No one was home at the time of the fire. When firefighters arrived flames were climbing up the south-facing wall of the building from the basement, where the fire is believed to have originated. Mutual aid was called in from Bed-

ford and Dunbarton to aid in fighting the blaze, which was contained by opening up walls to extinguish flames and hot spots. No firefighters were injured.

The remains of two cats were found inside, officials said. Fire Chief Richard O'Brien said the home is uninhabitable and damage is estimated at between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

Officials continue to investigate the cause of the fire, but do not consider it to be suspicious.

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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

December 29, 2017

Hillsborough woman injured in Hancock accident
 Weare Middle School excels at virtual coding competition
 New Boston Police Officer dies suddenly
 Bow officials hope to expand tax base

December 23, 2016

Henniker program turns parking tickets to food
 The Grinch is stealing Goffstown Christmas presents
 ConVal High School Principal on administrative leave
 Gary Snair sentenced to 18 years in prison

December 24, 2015

Newport to eliminate 6 teachers and 2 para-educators
 Ronald Magoon named Franklin Savings Bank President
 Shots fired in Deering father-son dispute
 Police report a grinch stealing New Boston presents

December 26, 2014

Goffstown and New Boston men arrested, third escapes
 Civil suit against former New London Police Chief settled
 Deering Selectmen confront Fire Chief
 Eastern Mountain Sports lays off 41 Peterborough employees

January 4, 2013

Final chapter in Bradford Road Agent saga?
 Neither side happy with ZBA's Forster's Tree decision
 New London Hospital plans \$8 million expansion in Newport
 Hopkinton man named Democrats' Policy Director

January 6, 2012

Woman ejected from car, airlifted to hospital
 Henniker ladder truck back on the warrant
 Young moose rescued from Washington pond
 New London to repair Bucklin Beach bathhouse

January 7, 2011

Antrim Officer awarded Life Saving Citation
 Henniker's Que Pasa closed by fire
 Kearsarge school budget increases \$1.1 million
 Newport kicks off year long celebration

January 1, 2010

Watman resigns as Henniker Selectman Chair
 Frankestown departments are feuding
 Osienski replaces Trow as Bennington Selectman
 Sunapee teachers reach agreement

January 2, 2009

Christmas fire leaves Henniker family homeless
 Rymes airport assessment reduced
 Antrim Senior Center opens Monday
 FEMA may help recover from ice damages

January 4, 2008

Crotched Mountain receives \$295,320 federal grant
 Peterborough Chamber honors Bob Edwards
 In jail for assault, Hillsborough man assaults guards
 Former Hancock man indicted for assault on child

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Coming up: Valentine's Day

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Bow expresses “serious concerns” to State's I-89/I-93 intersection design

Bow officials have submitted a letter to the NH Department of Transportation detailing “serious concerns and opposition” to the department’s design for the intersection of I-89 and I-93 within the Bow-Concord Project portion of the state’s I-93 improvement project. Drafted by Town Manager David Stack and submitted on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board, the letter requests that the DOT pause all additional planning for the intersection until new modeling can be performed that addresses several designs Bow officials believe will negatively impact

the town. Chief among the town’s concerns is a 60-acre tract of undeveloped land abutting Exit 1 off I-89 in Bow.

Officials say the DOT ignored a 2017 zoning warrant approved by 85 percent of the town that changed the parcel from rural zoning to mixed use.

Stack went on to note that the DOT’s proposed highway layout would “disrupt if not destroy” the town’s planned development of the area.

Another concern focuses on the DOT’s proposed elimination of a direct connection between I-89 to Route 3A, the site of several trucking-related businesses that

town officials say have grown out from the route’s heavy truck traffic.

Stack’s letter also outlines several traffic concerns town officials fear will result from the elimination of direct access to Route 3A from I-89, including introduction of “significant traffic” including a “significant number of large trucks” on to town roads with “no discernible benefit to drivers.”

According to Community Development Department Director Matthew Taylor, “The impression of many in town is that our voice hasn’t been heard, and our concerns haven’t been heard or addressed. That’s why that letter went out.”

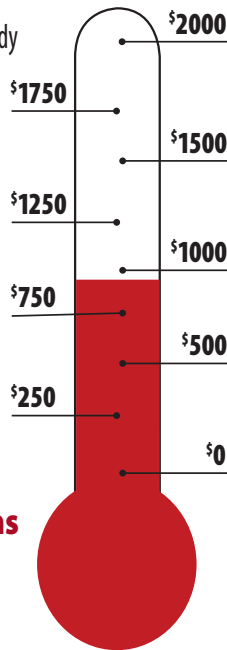
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This year’s contributions totaled \$900 which helped the Club purchase, pack and distribute Christmas Food Baskets to our needy neighbors. Those contributing to this neighbor to neighbor project included: Peter Martin, Jean

Eaton, Don Decowski, Herb Frederick, Christi Macomber, Keith McGuire, Denis & Lana Dunont, Thomas & Constance Fraser, Carol & Walter Henderson, Leigh & Joyce Bosse, Stacy & Randall Belanger, Lorraine Nickerson, James & Ellen McGuire, Walter Radermacher, Alber Young, Sr., Don & Meg Ager, Alan & Jean Ager, Deering Woman’s Guild.

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Bill Gould (r) presents a check to Denise Getts of the Henniker Food Pantry on behalf of the Rick Hall Golf Classic.

Rick Hall Classic supports the Food Pantry

Bill Gould came by the Henniker Food Pantry with a check for \$2,500 that was raised in the 2018 Rick Hall Golf Classic! As many people in Henniker know, Rick Hall cared deeply about his community and donated food and money willingly in his desire to help anyone in need. He most likely would be very satisfied to see funds raised in his memory go to feeding our neighbors who face hunger on a daily basis. This money makes sure the pantry can continue its mission of making a real difference in these people's lives - just as Rick did every day!

Bar Harbor Bank recognizes its employees

Several Bar Harbor Bank & Trust employees were recognized for their outstanding contribution to the organization's success during the bank's annual all-employee meeting. Dennis Borcuk, Systems Engineer in Newport, received the Salisbury Service Award, the Company's highest honor, recognizing outstanding service and helpfulness. Erica Dancosse, Staff Accountant in Newport, received the Professionalism Award, for her calm, warm and professional demeanor. When responding to questions from team members across the Bank, she makes them feel welcome. Catie Faucher, Branch Relationship Manager in Andover, received the Initiative Award for taking on new challenges, striving for the best, meeting customers' needs with respect and integrity.

ConVal asks for consolidation or surcharge

ConVal School District voters will again be asked to support an option to reduce the district's current 11 schools down to five. Voters will be presented with two cost-saving warrant articles this year: One reducing the total number of schools in the district, and another that would charge extra to under-populated schools. The school board actually reviewed a third option, but rejected an article that would have specifically closed Dublin Consolidated School and Temple Elementary School, the schools with the smallest number of students.

Newport school district budget under review

After two hours of discussions, the Newport Budget Advisory Committee failed to present any budget cutting recommendations, needing more information on budget numbers from the Newport School District. "Make sure your numbers are right," Budget Committee member Bert Spaulding Sr. said. "You should treat the numbers you give us like they were poured in concrete." "I would like to see the School District presentation prepared to agree with some of the changes or say what areas we feel will be going if there is a \$1 million cut at the Deliberative Session," said Selectman Jeff Kessler.

39th Anniversary of Franklin's First Day New Year's welcome

New Year's Day, kayaks, and the rushing rapids of the Winnepesaukee River all converge in Franklin for what has become a tradition, First Day Franklin. Tuesday, January 1, 2019 marks the 39th anniversary of kayakers splashing and slicing through snow and ice-filled class IV rapids to usher in a new year.

Each year more spectators gather to see the sight.

Downtown businesses will be open for eating, drinking, and shopping. Paddlers will take to the water between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with novice and intermediate boaters paddling the "Upper" Win-

nepesaukee from Route 140 to the Train Station in Northfield. Advanced boaters will paddle the "Lower" Winnepesaukee from Cross Mill Road in Northfield to downtown Franklin taking out at Trestle View Park.

Spectators are encouraged to attend, with best viewing at Trestle View Park, which is the take out point for paddlers on

the lower section of the river.

The park will feature a heated tent with coffee, cocoa, chili and "Hoppin' John," provided by Choose Franklin, the Franklin Outing Club and Franklin Savings Bank, along with information about the wealth of activities being put on by area organizations this winter.



Spectators are welcome to observe this unique First Day event.



Retirement Party for Patti Gibbons who is retiring after 23 years as Greenfield Postmaster. 1-4 pm Sunday January 20th, at the Meeting House.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

In a study in *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*, researchers found that individuals with lower levels of calcium in the blood are more likely to experience sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) than those with higher calcium levels. Sudden cardiac arrest is fatal for over 90% of patients, and more than half of men and close to 70% of women who die of SCA have no clinical history of heart disease prior to this cardiac event. It is one of the leading causes of death in the United States and kills more people than any single cancer. Many patients who suffer SCA would not be considered high risk under current guidelines.

Rivaroxaban plus aspirin improves survival and reduces stroke and heart attack in patients with stable coronary or peripheral artery disease, according to a new study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. One third of the 55 million deaths in the world each year are from cardiovascular causes. Patients with known coronary or peripheral artery disease are at risk of death, stroke and heart attack. The treatments tested were rivaroxaban 2.5mg twice daily plus aspirin 100mg once daily and rivaroxaban 5mg twice daily, each of which were compared to standard therapy with aspirin 100mg once daily. The primary endpoint was a composite of cardiovascular death, stroke or myocardial infarction. On February 6, 2017 the Data Safety Monitoring Board recommended that the rivaroxaban and aspirin arms be stopped because of a clear superiority of the combination of rivaroxaban and aspirin over aspirin alone. The results indicate that the addition of rivaroxaban to aspirin, compared with aspirin alone, reduced cardiovascular death, stroke, or heart attack by 24%, and improved survival by 18%. Rivaroxaban 5mg twice daily was not superior to aspirin alone.

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Hometown Heroes

Sean Kelly - Weare Police

Weare Police Chief Sean Kelly has notified the Selectmen of his intent to leave the Weare Police Department in April 2019. During his tenure at the Weare Police Department, Chief Kelly has lead a program of continuous organizational improvement with a foundation of honorable, ethical and lawful policing at its core. Twice, Chief Kelly has lead the department to achieve CALEA National Accreditation, making Weare Police Department one of only a handful of agencies in New Hampshire to earn this distinction.



Michael Dowd - Francestown Police

Patrolman Michael Dowd has been promoted to chief of the Francestown Police Department. Dowd, who has served as an officer in Francestown since September 2017, will take over for outgoing Chief Fred Douglas. Douglas will remain on staff as a patrolman until he retires at some point next year. Dowd and Douglas both retired from the Milford Police Department, Dowd in 2017 and Douglas in 2012.



Rookie - Hancock Police

Hancock Police Chief Andrew Wood with his newest officer, Rookie, a chocolate Labrador, is the newest member of the Hancock Department, but Chief Andrew Wood has big plans for the pup, "He's an ambassador for the police department, and he'll help people, like children, deal with difficult situations," Wood said. While it is common for police departments to use dogs for patrols, drug searching, or even physically subduing people, Wood is interested in the use of dogs to relieve stress within police work and within the community.



Paul Lewis - Weare Police

Weare Police Chief Sean Kelly welcomed Officer Paul Lewis who recently graduated from the 177th NH Police Academy, and will now begin his field training. Congratulations and welcome Officer Lewis.



Brian Taylor - Dunbarton Police

Dunbarton's newest full-time police officer, Brian Tyler, graduated from the 177th Full-Time Recruit Academy at the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Academy in Concord. (L-R) Chairman of the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen Mike Kaminski, Officer Michel Gorman, Detective Laura Cattabriga, Chief Daniel Sklut, Officer Brian Tyler, Sergeant Chris Remillard, Officer Jason Patten, Officer Joe Milioto, Officer Ralph McClellan.



Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce announces ambitious 2019 schedule

Hillsborough's Chamber of Commerce is promising a productive 2019 with programs and activities to support the town and its businesses. Held the second Tuesday of the months of January to June, and September to November, the Business Breakfast series, from 8AM -9:15AM, at the American Legion Hall will feature a light continental breakfast buffet with speakers of local business interest every meeting. Non-members are invited with a slightly higher cost, the difference earmarked for the educational grant program.

Meeting Schedules:

Jan. Kick-off meeting...State and Local highway infrastructure...I-93, I-89, Rt 202/9 highway corridors, regional plans, local improvements, sidewalks/paving etc.

Feb. Town meeting warrants explained, town elections with local candidates invited.

Mar. Hillsborough public services budgets/personnel/crime/drug-fire statistics... police, fire, transfer station presentations.

April. Hillsborough future development plans/water-sewer long term plan/future growth opportunities, brownfield sites.

May. Regional meeting with neighboring chambers with a speaker providing outlook on summer tourism in the Monadnock

region.

June. Scholarship announcements...Employment opportunities for graduates...Osram and other employers invited. Kick off of annual Chamber raffle, major prizes/minimal cost/statewide sales.

Sept. Drawing of annual raffle prizes...

Education/school-oriented speakers...

Oct. Economic outlook for 2020...Legislative priorities for BIA...Business outlook in general.

Nov. Annual meeting...Installation of Officers, Community awards. Business after hours scheduled for March, June, and Sept.



John Stark graduate Morgan Dunn, now a 3rd-year student at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, visited with five classes at John Stark as part of a medical school requirement. Morgan Dunn is the daughter of Tom and Heidi Dunn.

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High Honors Grade 10: Spencer Burdette, Caitlin Clark, Teagan Ekstrom, Jaclyn French, Thomas Hardenbergh, Addison Locke, Bridget Lynch, Lauren Martel, Nicholas Miller, Theodore Mollano, Michael Oberheim, Patrick Quinn, Mia Richter, Madison Secore, Emma Tworek, Catherine Westbrook.

Honors Grade 10: Karl Bailey III, Eric Ball, Jordyn Barrett, Andrew Beckwith, Lily Butcher, Rory Campbell, Brooke Carlson, Kasey Czarneci, Elizabeth Dexter, Shea Dickson, Stella Doolan, Kirsten Hanchett, Thomas Hoffmann, Megan Kimball-Rhines, Lilia Klingler, Hayden Lynch, Madeleine Maughan, Maurgan McGrath, Theodore Meagher, Anastasia Miller, Shelby Miller, Emily Nestler, Jazlynn Patz, Nathaniel Platt, Holden Presti, Vincent Waddell.

High Honors Grade 11: Maxine Asmussen, Avery Barrett, Connor Blais, Megan Blanchette, Erin Donahue, Jessica Janinda, Colby Malcolm, Katelyn Meserve, Emily Metzger, Lily Ogden, Eleanor Owen, Luke Reidy, Daniel Rinden, Emma Rothe, Sydney Stockwell, Georgia Westbrook, Ella Whippis.

Honors Grade 11: Zachary Brewer, Catherine Collins, Sanne Doneski, Lillian Eckberg, Christopher Gonzalez, Lucas Lajeunesse, Shea Lambert, Sofia Locke, Benjamin Madden, Daniel Miner, Sophie Potter, Lillie Presti, Lily Sabol, Paige Thorne, Tora Thornley, Porter Tomsick, Paige Wheeler.

High Honors Grade 12: Milena Bedke, Thomas Burack, Allan Faulkner, Sophia Greabe, Anna Hoffman, Myah Kerbyson, Henry Lavoie, Paul Molnar, Elizabeth Morrall, Cooper Otis, Simon Page, Joseph Sawitsky, Peter Sintros, Samuel Thompson, Lily Tobin, Rebekah Underwood, Clara Walling.

Honors Grade 12: Amelia Bassett, Benjamin Bickford, Madeleine Bishop, Brandon Boris, Corey Breault, Grace Clark, Megan Ellsworth, Amelia Fitzgerald, MacKay Grant, Carter Haley, Sage Hubicki, Ryan Hughes, Durk Jorgensen, Colin Lawless, Thayer Maughan, Alexander Miller, Angelica Pasquali, Amelia Thomas, Ivan Zhalkovsky.

HOPKINTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade 7 Gold Honor Roll: Isabel Afflerbach, Margret-Erli Baker, Liam Boyle, Patrick Buss, Anthony Cauley, Sarah Chodosh, Matthew Clarner, Hadley Cook, Gelson Correa, Stephanie Elrick, Meghann Geiger, Grace Hall, John Hardenbergh, Elizabeth Holmes, Emily LaCombe, Nathaniel LeWine, Vincent Louca, Adia Madden, Cynthia Madden, Thaddeus Maughan, Lucas Miller, Conrad Mollano, Carissa Muller, Colton Murphy, Gavin Nestler, David Newsom, John Newsom, Jackson Nylund, Joseph O'Rourke, William Platt, Charlotte Presti, John Reddy, Adam Richter, Madeline Saari, Elizabeth Trafton, Matthew Vendt, Ava Walsh, Harrison Wilson, Owen Wuellenweber.

Grade 7 Silver Honor Roll: Nicholas Bachman, Cameron Bassett, Natalie Blank, Isabelle Brown, Katherine Brown, Garner Coiner, Avery Condon, Nico Covello, Benjamin Daniels, Matthew Dermody, Zachary Hopper, Jackson Kovar, Paige Owens, Alexander Raynard, Tyler Reeve, Ethan Renvyle, Keegan St. Cyr.

Grade 8 Gold Honor Roll: Nicea Armstrong, Kevin Ball, Allan Faulkner, Kalaya Bryant, Claire Buelte, Madison Carmichael, William Chapin, Elizabeth Clarner, Gianna Covello,



Honors

Russell Davis, Ruby Doolan, Andrew Dumont, Hunter Gilliard, Samantha Goldblatt, Gabriel Henriksen, Aliya Kaynak, Alexis Lawler, Sophia Lee, Clara Locke, Amelia Lynch, Paige Martin, Sienna Mills, Elise Miner, Piper Otis, Natalie Ouellette, Harriet Pearce, Hannah Pecce, Steven Reddy, Ava Rothe, Alexander Rubinstein, Terese Ruest, Gina Simpkins, Giselle Spalding, Harold Stokes, Abigail Stone, Sierra Stone, Tayla Tomaz, Isabella Upton.
Grade 8 Silver Honor Roll: Hannah Bennett, Cameron Burgess, Cameron Christopher, Audrey Davies, Malena Delisle, Rose Finlayson, Noah Gregory, Jonah Klingler, Katherine Laboe, Ava Lambert, Nicholas Martel, Natalie Noble, Payton Noble, Robert Rinden, Smith Westover, Lincoln Wilson, Joseph Yanzo.

BELMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TIGER ROLL

Second Grade: Lyllah Anstey, Amaya Arsenault, Samuel Binder, Jia Chiu, Amelia Collie, Mason Dion, Owen Fortier, Camden Glennon, Brooklyn Griffin, Caleb Hooker, Punar Kaur, Evan Lemay, Braydon Lemay, Hayleigh MacKinnon, Ace McCant, Hannah McGee, Jack Mitchell, Neala Murphy, Aubrie Mussey, Zander Ober, Hayley Piatti, Meadow Rogers, Kati Sanborn, Cora Takantjas, Autumn Talbot, Olivia Veroff, Ilithya Vincent, Leiyla Wilson.

Third Grade: Augusta Alexander-Provencal, Sean Andrews, Emily Anstey, Kylie Beau-doin, Jerica Beaulieu, Ella Bedway, Sophia Benwell, Isabella Boynton, Connor Brunelle, Finn Burbach, Kaitlyn Corsaut, Sarah Cribbie, Farrah Cross, Natalee Cullen, Hailey Dutton, Charlotte Ekberg, Morgan Filteau, Allison Hebert, Matthew Kahrmanovic, Ella Lafrance, Jenna Laramie, McKenzie LeClaire, Della Liakas, Olivia McGonagle, Aiden Milmore, Brooke Murphy, Taila Kaye Neal, Aleena Nialetz, Juliette Pagliarulo, Ved Patel, Elisia Perillo, Kira Perry, Allyson Rolfe, Dakota Rouleau, Lillian Sheehan, Amelia Smith, Rowan Sottak, Rozelyn Taylor, Jordan White, Adrian Wilkinson, Jazmine Wormstead.

Fourth Grade: Jacob Akerstrom, Ryan Albert, Caleb Bedway, Jack Binder, Kyle Bryant, Alexia Cooper, Madison Cotnoir, Lexi Coveney, Jordan Defrancesco, Christian Edgren, Daniel Fournier, Savana Fraser, Devlin Gamache, Logan Glennon, Gracie Haddock, Sherry Hafford, Maimoona Khan, Annika Krauchunas, Jaelyn Leung, Taryn Levensalor, Justin Levesque, Wednesday McCant, Lily McDannell-Drouin, Lyla McSheffrey, Autumn Miller, Ryan Monasky, Kayly Morris, Gabrielle Murphy, Olivia Nedobity, Molly O'Connell, Lillian Petersen, Trenton Proulx, Hannah Rouleau, Olivia Smith, Jasper Sottak, Ella Stevens, Delilah Stuker, Sadie Sturgeon, Eli Tessier, Avery Thurber, Gabrianna Turan, Owen Viar.



Members of the Buntin-Rumford-Webster Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Concord NH went to the New Hampshire Veterans Home on Tuesday, December 11th with oodles of items for residents, including personal care items for the Sunshine Cart, which are provided free to residents, Christmas cards, calendars, blankets, and a generous cash donation. From left are Kathleen Sternenber, DAR chapter regent; Margaret "Peggy" LaBrecque, NHVH commandant; Connie Guerin, DAR chapter treasurer, and Susan Durling, a prospective new member. The Veterans Home expressed thanks for their generosity toward the residents.

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Around the towns



Cookie decorating under the supervision of the School Counseling Department during Goffstown High School lunches!



The Henniker Rotary Club installed Christmas Wreaths on the light poles.



The Hillsboro Lions Club again installed Christmas lighting on the light poles downtown.



Newbury Fire Rescue responded to a car into a tree on Sutton Road. The driver was taken to the hospital by New London Ambulance and the car had to be towed.



Presents wrapped and distributed by the New London Lions Club.



Henniker Community School Artist In Residence Shana Brautigam worked with 6th graders Jack Veilleux & Amanda Leonard with the alebrijes they created.



Tanger Outlets in Tilton recently presented a check for \$30,000 to LR-GHealthcare to benefit patients receiving care in the Anderson Ganong Cancer Center at Lakes Region General Hospital.



Franklin Savings Bank presented the Tilton-Northfield Recreation Center with the Richard W. DuBois Community Impact Award along with a \$3,500 grant for a homework room and reading area.



The annual employee holiday luncheon awards were presented to those employees reaching a milestone in years of service to the Town of Sunapee; Officer Timothy Therrien (l) for 10 years of service to the town and Jean Colby, (r) for 15 years of service. Each received their award from Town Manager Donna Nashawaty and Police Chief David Cahill.



Washington's and Hillsboro's finest responded to a "smoke from building" in East Washington last Thursday. They were able to save all of the home. Bob Hofstetter photo.

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Guest Editorial by Grant Bosse

Reflections On Christmas

Chestnuts Roasting on an open fire were not, as far as I can recall, mentioned in the Bible.

My Sunday school education did not include flying reindeer, talking snowmen or jolly, old elves.

So I've never gotten all that worked up about complaints over the commercialization of Christmas, or that all the shopping distracts from the religious importance of the season.

Frankly, the secular celebration of Christmas has long dwarfed religious observance.

I'm OK with that. I love the trappings and traditions of Christmas, most of which have nothing to do with the birth of Christ.

I love decorating the house. (I'm a plastic tree convert, though my wife tries to talk me into a real tree every year.) I love listening to most Christmas carols, though "Santa Baby" should be banned and wiped from our collective memory. I even love wrapping Christmas presents.

My Dad and I used to wrap my Mom's presents together, and he taught me how to do it properly. I have no artistic ability whatsoever, but I can work magic with a roll of paper, a pair of scissors and some Scotch tape. It's one of my few actual skills.

Even when I was a kid, I loved giving presents more than receiving them. I liked new toys as much as any kid, but I started doing my own Christmas shopping very young. That smile and laugh when someone you love opens the perfect gift lasts all year. Which gets us back a little closer to the true meaning of Christmas. It's not really about the presents, but the gifts we give each other are a reflection of the gift God gave us.

Jesus Christ was born for us, and died for us, that our sins may be forgiven. We celebrate his birth by giving gifts to each other. We may not consciously reflect on the gifts of the Magi when someone opens their new voice-activated Star Wars droid, but there's a connection.

That's also why charities rely so much on the Christmas season. We're in a giving mood, and more open to helping strangers as we shop for our family.

This seems like an appropriate time to get in one last plug for the Union Leader Santa Fund. We just passed \$150,000 for this year's campaign supporting the Salvation Army, and could use your help.

I'm disappointed that I didn't make it back to Hillsborough this year to help the Lions Club pack their Christmas baskets. My folks help raise money for the program, which helps feed 400 people each year. Packing the carrots and cranberry sauce is one of my favorite Christmas traditions.

When I was on the radio in the Upper Valley, each of our three stations supported a different worthy cause each December. The news station where I was program director held the Christmas Crusade for Kids, a toy drive for low-income families. The pop station raised money for the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD). The biggest effort was the country station's Giving Trees campaign for David's House.

For the past 30 years, David's House has been a home away from home for families of children receiving care at Mary Hitchcock, and now Dartmouth-Hitchcock. They have never charged a dollar. The story of its founding is heartbreaking and inspirational.

A little boy with terminal leukemia saw other families with sick kids and no place to stay. He saved up \$300.78, and from that seed money, David's House has grown and served more than 13,500 families from around the world.

Every Christmas, at least once, I remember David Cyr, and I remember that there are miracles.

That annual present makes it worth putting up with the lines, and the traffic and the ugly sweaters.

Although it's been said many times, many ways, I hope you all had a Merry Christmas.



Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

To begin with there are two sides to every story, so here is mine.

I find it hard to believe all but one employee of the Villager Newspaper was transferred to the new local paper "Stone



Letters to the Editor

Bridge Post.” That person was me, perhaps the most important person of all, the circulation manager.

In all 14 years at the paper I never missed a day, and no matter the weather, I delivered the paper. I was personally terminated by the new owner, editor, publisher of the Stone Bridge Post, Mr. Michael Pon and he did it in less than 3 minutes. No one or two week notice for me to seek other part time job nor any severance pay and, the reason was he needs to watch expenses and is going to deliver papers himself but, get this, he now hired a salesman—guess I wasn’t good enough for that job.

I am 74 years old and will find another PT job to help supplement my social security income. I am physically fit and healthy so someone will hire me at some point. I do miss my paper clientele most of all, as you were my family of great friends.

Joseph Gould, Sr., Henniker, NH



Alden Betterley, Treasurer; Jill Harpring, V-President; Rotarian Alan Kanegsberg; Courtney McKeen, President; and Brigid England, Secretary. Photo by Eric Anderson.

Bow Early Act Club Raises \$1,718.17 for World Wide Polio Eradication effort

The Bow Early Act Club ran a “Pennies for Polio” fund raiser by placing donation containers throughout the Bow Middle School. The club collected a total of \$1,718.17 and donated it to the Bow Rotary Foundation, to which the Bow Rotary Club matched their \$1,718.17 and donated the total of \$3,440.00 to Rotary International’s End Polio Now Campaign.

The Early Act Club is shown presenting their check to Bow Rotarian Alan Kanegsberg. The Bow Early Act Club comprises approximately twenty 7 and 8 graders at the Bow Middle School. They are supported by one teacher advisor and two Bow Rotarian advisors, Jeannie Richards and Peter Imse.

Rotary International has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since their first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979 and have gone on to help immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries.

So far, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.8 billion toward eradicating the disease worldwide. Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.



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University of New Hampshire senior defenseman Jenna Rheault was selected 25th overall by the Boston Pride in the 2018 NWHL draft on Thursday night.

Rheault, a Deering native and St. Paul's School graduate, has appeared in 18 of 19 games for the Wildcats this season, and 125 total in her career. Rheault has a career stat-line of four goals and 10 assists for 14 points. So far this season, Rheault has blocked 29 shots (second-highest on the team).



A season ago, Rheault was a crucial member of the Wildcats' penalty kill that only allowed 23 power-play goals. So far this season, Rheault and the Wildcats continue to play strong while down a skater, as they've allowed just five power-play goals this season on 62 chances. WHL tied with 12 points (6-2-0) with the Minnesota Whitecaps. The Pride add Rheault to their defensive corps that have allowed the second-lowest goals in the league with 17 on the year.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Fall Mountain 46, Hillsboro-Deering 20: FM started out hot and scored the first 16 points of the game. That stretched to a 28-10 halftime advantage as the Wildcats took control of the game.

Newport 53, Sunapee 47: This back and forth affair was decided late. Newport hit their free throws when it mattered to ice the game winning 53-47.

Laconia 41, Merrimack Valley 38: Laconia led 11-9 after the first quarter before MV came back to tie the contest at 16-all at halftime. The Sachems retook the lead in the third and held on for the narrow win over the Pride.

Goffstown 41, Alvirne 26: Kelly Walsh led all scorers with 22. Sofia Piriz and Livi Brannen added five for Goffstown.

Lebanon 45, Bow 28: Taylor Burnham and Madison Speckman led the Falcons (2-3) with six points each. Lebanon is 5-0.

Sunapee 42, Wilton-Lyndeborough 22: Sunapee used its stingy defense to run past Wilton-Lyndeborough, 42-22. Marybeth Groton led Sunapee with 12 points, while Miah Hamm added 11 and Abby Pollari nine.

Sunapee 50, Mount Royal 33: Sunapee put together a pair of solid halves to beat crosstown rival Sunapee, 50-33. The Knights used a 14-3 edge in the second quarter to take a 28-12 halftime lead.

Kearsarge 39, Stevens 24: The Cougars led 18-16 at the break and rolled in the second half.



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BOYS' BASKETBALL

John Stark 49, Sanborn 48: Christian Barr collected 8 of his team-high 19 points in the fourth quarter where the Generals outscored Sanborn, 16-10, for their first win of the season.

Hopkinton 62, Belmont 47: After a slow start in the first quarter, Hopkinton locked down its defense in the second and won each of the last three quarters to hand the Raiders their first loss.

Gilford 61, Franklin 54: T.J. Laramie scored 23 points, C.J. Gaslin 19 points and Ben Lafrance 7 in the loss.

Alvirne 76, Goffstown 44: Jojo Mpoyo led the Grizzlies (0-2) with nine.

Lebanon 45, Bow 28: Taylor Burnham and Madison Speckman led the Falcons (2-3) with six points each. Lebanon is 5-0.

Kearsarge 52, Lebanon 50: Noah Tremblay knocked down a jumper and added a free throw with 4.7 seconds left to lift the Cougars over the Raiders.

Sunapee 59, Wilton-Lyndeborough 50: Sunapee improved to 3-0 with an impressive road win.

Sunapee 45, Mount Royal 35: Sunapee came from behind to beat crosstown rival Mount Royal on the road.

Farmington 54, Mount Royal 46: The Knights fell behind early in the game and couldn't come back against the Tigers. Brendan Moorehouse led the Knights with 14 points while Andrew Norman-din added 13.

Pittsfield 54, Farmington 29: A sluggish start found the Panthers trailing 10-7 after one quarter, but Pittsfield upped the pressure in the second quarter and pulled away for a blowout victory.



The skating rink at Hillsboro-Deering High School is nearing completion.

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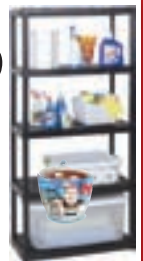
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Newport School District facing a shortage of sixteen teachers

Sixteen unfilled teaching positions are causing havoc with budgeting for the Newport School District.

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"You don't have people in these positions," said Selectman Jeff Kessler. "Why aren't you hiring staff to fill those positions?"

"Because people aren't applying," responded Superintendent Cindy Gallagher. Kessler suggested a proposal from the Budget Advisory Committee to cut the budget by \$2 million, a number that has been equated to cutting 16 teachers because those 16 positions aren't posted.

"I'm not seeing a good case being made by the administration or the board as to why you're sitting on that pile of money and don't have the people," said Kessler. School Board member Virginia Irwin replied that "There are no special educators out there at the present seeking employment in this district.

We have advertised and advertised and advertised ... We are not sitting here

thinking, 'Oh isn't this great, we're going to park all this money and not hire

people.' Don't insult us by saying we're not trying."



Goffstown's DPW installed a new concrete box culvert on Stinson Road right at the beaver dam over the last few weeks. This new 3' x 6' box culvert replaced two failing 18" pipes. Next year guardrail and top coat of pavement will be installed.

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Peterborough targeted for a major solar panel initiative

Peterborough would be one of the towns to encourage homeowners to invest in solar panels. At a recent Peterborough Select Board meeting, Dori Drachman briefed the board about a Solarize Monadnock Campaign, designed to kick off in March.

The campaign, Drachman said, "is to make sure we get as much solar in our community as quickly as we can." Solarize Monadnock plans to join with a local installer to give a discount to those willing to install solar on their homes to generate

electricity. This is the last year installers can take advantage of a 30% tax credit on their solar installation.

Next year, that tax credit will drop to 26%. Peterborough currently has 44 homes with solar panels, but the goal is to

install 25 or more solar systems in Peterborough before December of 2019. The Select Board was so supportive of the idea, that Select Board Chair Barbara Miller asked if they could do more than the 25 installations.



The employees at Franklin Savings Bank sponsored 52 children through Toys for Tots this holiday season. The bank has fulfilled the wishes of over 1,200 children since 1992.



On December 19th, Chichester Police, Chichester Fire, and Loudon Fire Depts. responded to a three vehicle collision. Both drivers were transported to Concord Hospital with injury.

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Motor vehicle accident and assault keep Antrim Police busy

Antrim Police Sgt. Brian Lord was parked at the North Branch Fire Station when he heard the impact of a crash. Upon arrival, he found a Toyota driven by Howard E. Johnson of Henniker was crossing Keene Road and failed to yield to oncoming traffic, and was struck by a Nissan driven by James Mora of Manchester. Johnson had lacerations to his forehead. He and his two daughters were taken to the Concord Hospital with minor injuries. Mora was not injured.

His wife, who is pregnant, was taken to Monadnock Community Hospital.

While at the accident scene, Lord was notified of another accident with a fight in

ConVal drops theft charges

A Theft charge against a former ConVal school district employee from Hillsborough has been dropped. Timothy Baylies, 37, of Hillsborough was previously charged with a felony count of theft by unauthorized taking. He was accused of stealing between \$1,000 and \$1,500 in laptops and other computer-related items from the district during the 2015-16 school year. The charge was dropped on December 7th.

progress.

Lord responded and determined that there had been an altercation between two drivers who were stopped in traffic waiting for the prior accident.

A man driving a Jeep saw a Pontiac Vibe stopped behind him, with a male driver, with a woman and a juvenile pas-

senger. The driver of the Jeep saw the man assaulting the child and confronted him, which led to a confrontation, the driver of the Vibe then drove into the legs of the other man.

The vehicular assault and the alleged assault of the child are still under investigation.



The NH Fire Academy recently completed a Fire Fighter 1 class in Hillsboro. The class was 6 months long with intense training days and nights even in the freezing rain. Those completing the course include: Belmont: Andrew Mozier. Bow: Thomas Modini. Deering: Debra Boyll, Brian Rousseau. Hillsboro: Austin Misiaszek, Paul Mooney, Amelia Newton, Garrett Houghton. Hopkinton: Matthew McCormack, McKayla Reale. Pembroke: Erica Tucker. Sutton: Ben Schwartz. Washington: Gardner Murphy, Dale Havunen, Peter Benson, Thomas Jondall.

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Hopkinton Library repairs and renovation to be completed in March

Elaine Loft, President of the Hopkinton Library Trustees has announced that the library is expected to complete the major construction in March, with finishing touches taking a little longer. When completed, she hopes the renovations will make the space even more accessible and usable as a community resource. The renovations will include:

- * ADA compliant automatic doors for the front entrance.
- * A cafe area to the side of the entrance, which previously held the DVD collection. The cafe will have high-top tables and a coffee machine where people can meet or work on laptops.
- * A glass partition separating the children's area from the rest of the library to reduce noise.
- * Two glass-enclosed study spaces for people to work quietly or meet with a tutor.
- * A ceiling under the cupola to reduce energy heating costs and increase lighting in the space below.
- * Adding a pull-down ladder to access mechanical spaces in the ceiling. Currently,

access is only available by moving a ceiling tile in the bathroom and pulling yourself through that space.

- * Adding storage to existing window benches.
- * Additional shelving and display units.

* Converting a lesser-used porch into storage space.
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TUESDAY JANUARY 1

FRANKLIN FIRST DAY: New Year's Day, kayaks, and the rapids of the Winnepesaukee River all converge in Franklin for what has become a tradition. Paddlers will take to the water between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm.

FRIDAY JANUARY 4

FIRST FRIDAYS: Stars of Tomorrow! at Whipple Hall FREE Dance, Music, Theater, and Art: Performances by our 2018 Scholarship Recipients CenterForTheArtsNH.org

SATURDAY JANUARY 5

CONTRA DANCE: The Monadnock Folklore Society presents the Peterborough, NH First Saturday

Contra Dance featuring Steve Zakon-Anderson calling with the band Birl. The dancing begins at 8:00 pm. The dance also hosts a free jam session for beginning and intermediate musicians at 6:30 PM and a workshop for new dancers at 7:30 PM. Admission is \$10 or \$7 for students and seniors. The dance takes place in the historic Town House in Peterborough,

SATURDAY JANUARY 12

ARTS ON THE GO: Art Trips for Kids! 8:00-3:00 Childrens Art Festival @ Plymouth State University Dance, Theater, and Fine Arts for kids . . . plus "The Little Mermaid." Transportation to and from Whipple Hall, New London \$45. Grades 2 and up Register at www.CenterfortheArtsnh.org

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 at 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

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16

WHIPPLE HALL: 7:00 "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

Nancy A. Santti

ANTRIM — Nancy A. Santti, 74, died peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on Dec. 10, 2018. She was born in Newport on June 5, 1944 daughter of William and Eva (Pakkala) Santti. She lived in Antrim. She is predeceased by her parents and brothers, William, Richard, David, Norman, and Arnold. She is survived by her two children, Tracy Shea and her husband, Jeff of Antrim and her son, Derek Brown of Weare; her two sisters, Patricia Nichols and her husband, John from Kelleyville and Ellen Byron and her husband, Gary from Claremont; three grandchildren, Lily, Jonathan, and Dexter; and several nieces and nephews. There will be a



celebration of life in mid January.

Jacquelyn E. (Ansart) Miller

NEWPORT — Jacquelyn E. (Ansart) Miller, 93, of Luxury Drive, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2018 at the New London Hospital. She was born in Concord on July 30, 1925 the daughter of Louis L. and Carolyn F. (Bagley) Ansart. She is predeceased by her husband, Stanley, and her grandson, Christopher. Jacquelyn is survived by four children, Andrea Desautels of Essex Junction, Vermont, Christopher Miller of Newport, Jan Sargent of New London, and Jeffrey Miller of Newport; five grandchildren, Greg, Renae, Amy, Jackson and Madi-



son; four great-grandchildren, Marley, Sullivan, Kayla and Kelsey; three siblings, Louis Ansart, Jr. of Sunapee, Karen Willis of Newbury, and Ronald Ansart of Warner; nieces, nephews and cousins; and her granddog, Bandit. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 428, Newport, NH 03773.

Lawrence R. Swett

FRANKLIN — Lawrence R. Swett, 90, a longtime resident of Franklin, died on Monday, Dec. 17, 2018, at the Mountain Ridge Center in Franklin after a short illness. Lawrence was born in Hill on May 24, 1928, the son of Nelson and Dorothy (Gray) Swett. He was predeceased by his wife, Joan W. (Burley)



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Swett, whom he married on Aug. 15, 1959; and his brother, Merton F. Swett. He leaves his children, S. Paul Swett of Tilton, Douglas F. Swett and his wife, Angela of Franklin, and Brian S. Swett and his wife, Vicki of Boscawen and daughter, Lori A. Sanborn and her husband, Craig of Maidstone, Vermont; his grandchildren, Alexa Demsey, Matthew Swett, Katelyn Swett, Cody, Kurt, Jillian and Julia Swett, Melanie Gardner, and Derek and Jed Sanborn; and great-grandchildren, Evan, Sadie, Levi, Makayla, Max, and Eli Sanborn. He also leaves several nieces, nephews and cousins. According to Lawrence's wishes, there will be no calling hours planned. Services will be private for his family. Burial will in the family lot in Franklin Cemetery in the spring. Memorial donations in memory of Lawrence may be made to Mountain Ridge Center at 7 Baldwin St., Franklin, NH 03235.

Steven R. Thomas

NEWPORT — Steven R. Thomas, 66, passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 22, 2018 at Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont. He was born on May 15, 1952 to the late Melvin and Winifred E. (Sander-son) Thomas. Steve was predeceased by his parents. Surviving family include his loving wife of 39 years, Donnalee (Howard) Thomas of Newport; daughters, Cristen Courtemanche and her husband, Odie of Lebanon, Alyssa Fox and her husband, Timothy of Marathon, New York, and Sheena Thomas and her husband, Peter Olsen of Woodstock, Vermont; brother, Robert M. Thomas of Plymouth, Massachusetts; sister, Carole Laliberte of Plymouth, Massachusetts; grandchildren, Kileigh, Madison, Mollie, Mason, Olivia, Samantha; and many extended



family members and friends.

James Joseph Mannion

BOW - On December 15, 2018, Ret. Air Force Colonel James "Jay" Mannion, 87, died peacefully surrounded by his loving family in his Bow, NH home. James was born on November 4, 1931 in Concord, NH, to James and Arlene Mannion. James is survived by his wife, Nadeane Mannion; sons, Michael and Jeffrey Mannion; daughter, Lynn Hornsby and husband, Roger, Michelle Novakoski and husband John; his four granddaughters, Courtney Mannion, Brooke, Bailey and Brenna Novakoski. Memorial donations may be made to the Concord Regional Visiting Nurses Association (CRVNA), 28 Pillsbury St., Concord NH 03301 or the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517.



Town of Weare

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to RSA 33:8-a, the Weare Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on **Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:45 PM** at the Weare Town Office Building, 15 Flanders Memorial Road concerning the proposed financing of the following project:

- \$2.5 million – 10 year bond for the preservation and rehabilitation of Town owned paved roads. The Board shall determine the form of the warrant article for the proposed bonding based on testimony received at the public hearing.

Immediately following the bond hearing for the proposed Town Roads, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing pursuant to RSA 32:5 concerning the proposed 2019 Town of Weare Operating Budget, including all separate, special and petitioned Warrant Articles, as well as disclosure of the Default Budget.

This hearing will be held at the Town Office Building conference room, 15 Flanders Memorial Road, Weare, NH. Please note, any person with a disability who wishes to attend this meeting and needs to be provided a reasonable accommodation in order to participate, should call the Weare Board of Selectmen's Office at 529-7535 at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance so that arrangements can be made.

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PUBLIC NOTICE HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL DISTRICT

WARRANT ARTICLES

Persons wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2019 Hillsboro-Deering School District Warrant must submit such warrant articles to the School Board, or one of its members, no later than Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 4:30pm. Persons wishing additional information may contact the Superintendent of School's office at 464-4466.

PUBLIC NOTICE HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

A Public Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 (1/9/19 snow date) at 6:15 pm, in the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School Cafetorium. The purpose is to receive public input on the Hillsboro-Deering School District's proposed 2019-2020 operating budget and proposed warrant articles. The public is encouraged to attend.

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Hillsboro House earns Medicare Top Rating

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This, and ongoing communication with primary physicians at Hillsborough Deering Family Health, who visit weekly, has dropped the facility's re-hospitalization rate to 2 percent from nearly 20 percent, the state's average.

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SeniorLifestyles

Goffstown Police host Annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Lights Tour

For the fourth straight year, Goffstown Police teamed with local businesses and other civic organizations to treat area senior citizens to a free evening of holiday cheer Friday.

Organized in large part by Officer Jacqueline Pelletier, the Senior Lights Tour offered about 65 local seniors the chance to take a guided bus tour of the more festive light displays in town and enjoy hot cocoa and other seasonal snacks while the Goffstown Area High School's Movement and Dance Company performed scenes from "The Nutcracker."

"Caring Hands Transportation donated their buses, the YMCA donated their buses, the McDonald's in Goffstown donated hot cocoa and coffee and Pelletier baked gingerbread cookies at home.

Participants also visited the Goffstown Public Library for an interactive telling of "The Polar Express," read by Sandy Whipple, who retired last spring

from her role as the library's head of adult services and outreach.

"It's absolutely magical," Whipple said of the event. "Everyone is just always in awe as soon as they walk into the library, and I think it's even more magical for the senior citizens. It just brings back the Christmas spirit."

Lifelong Goffstown resident Jean-

nine Tucker, said she and her husband missed out on last year's Senior Lights Tour and were determined not to let it happen again this year.

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* Less than 20 percent of U.S. adults are aware that heart attack (16 percent), worsening of diabetes (16 percent), stroke (13 percent) and disability (10 percent) can occur as potential complications of flu.

The dangers are real. Research shows that individuals with heart disease are up to 10 times more likely to have a heart attack within three days of flu infection and people with diabetes are at six times increased risk of flu-related hospitalization.

"Flu causes inflammation in the body that can result in serious complications,"

said Albert Rizzo, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, American Lung Association. "For the more than 31 million people living with lung disease such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease,

flu can worsen their condition and lead to a loss of lung function." More information for those with certain chronic health conditions can be found at www.nfid.org/flu-chronic-health-conditions.



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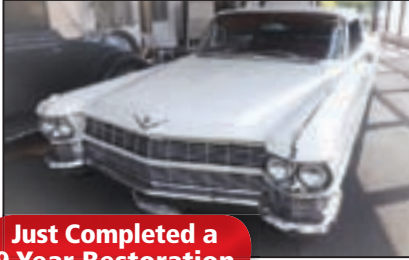
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