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New Board of Directors

The Newport Opera House Association is pleased to announce their new slate of Board of Directors. Christopher Jacobs and Alan "Buzz" Hague have taken on the roles of Co-Presidents, while Christopher Gardner has been elected Treasurer. Patricia "Paddy" DiPadova has been appointed Director of Strategic Planning.

Christopher Jacobs recently relocated from Chicago to Newport.

Alan "Buzz" Hague is a life-long resident of Newport, and works in the IT department at Valley Regional Hospital.

Christopher Gardner has lived in Newport/Croydon for his entire life, and is the owner of Gardner & Son Construction.

Patricia "Paddy" DiPadova graduated from Newport High School, and earned her BA from Dartmouth and an MBA from UNH.

Other members of the Board of Directors include Alyssa Stevens, Erin Andersen, Karen Coutu, Neal Kling, and Peter Merritt.

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Franklin first responders were able to rescue two people from a home next door to Paul Smith Elementary School, and transport them to Franklin Regional Hospital for treatment of burn injuries. One of the burn patients, an adult, was helicoptered to Massachusetts General Hospital. Thirteen area towns responded to the scene.

Understanding Mental Illness

John Stark Student Peer Leaders tackle the issue

Retired NH Supreme Court Chief Justice Broderick is visiting John Stark Regional on January 8th as part of his REACT program. Peer Leaders and other student leaders have spent this fall in training workshops around a variety of mental health issues.

The goal is to help normalize mental health and to notice signs that someone might need help and how to reach out to them and get them the assistance they need. This group of student leaders is NOT counseling. These 48 Peer and Student Leaders will facilitate small group conversations with their fellow high school students immediately after Broderick's visit in January.

They will also travel to the Weare Middle

School and facilitate small group conversations with the Weare and Henniker 7/8th grade students following Broderick's visit there in February.

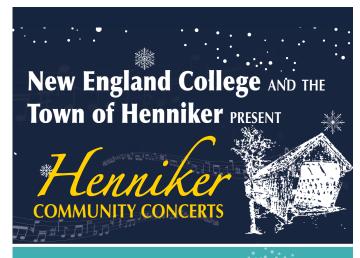
The Peer Leaders training has included viewing the movie "8th Grade" and then participating in fishbowl discussions with adult community leaders (teachers, parents, community members) around the many aspects surrounding mental health issues.

The Peer Leaders have been an established group at John Stark since 2002. Students (seniors & juniors) must apply to be a Peer Leader. This is the first project of this nature the Peer Leaders have undertaken.

Antrim Board rules 175 foot tower has regional impact

The Antrim Planning Board has ruled that the application from Vertex Tower Assets, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLc is complete and that the project would have a regional impact on Windsor, Stoddard, and Hillsborough.

As we go to press, public comment is being accepted at the Jan. 3rd meeting.



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Epsom schools consider pre-employment drug testing New Boston Selectmen review Police Department budget Belmont Selectmen to poll voters on Mill's future Family dog alerts residents to Tilton house fire

January 1, 2016

Goffstown Selectmen working on website improvements
Weare looking to add five new police officers
Bow Police seize guns, drugs & burglary tools
NH First Responders gather to honor Bob Pragoff

January 2, 2015

Three men arrested for Washington burglaries Goffstown woman arrested in Dunbarton Police arrest Franklin woman for fraud New Boston seeks improved communications site

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Antrim Police station dedicated Revolt at Emerald Lake - Commission Chair resigns No injuries in Newport five-car pileup Weare felon arrested receiving stolen flatware

January 11, 2013

Tom Yennerell named Henniker Town Administrator Union OK's merit pay for Kearsarge teachers Newport to remove 52 dead or dying trees on Corbin Road 91-year-old woman charged with vehicular assault

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Hillsborough Police Captain arrested for assault No one injured in Newbury barn fire Sunapee Police Chief and Officers honored New London board upset but will pay ambulance increase

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H-D voters facing a \$20 million budget New London returns three bonds for rebidding \$450,000 EPA cleanup in Hillsborough Bradford Selectmen OK trailer purchase

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Antrim bus driver suspended Hillsborough Food Pantry dedication January 23rd Hopkinton Independent School closes suddenly Henniker wants a Chamber of Commerce

January 9, 2009

Fire leaves Weare family homeless Alabama fugitive arrested in Bennington New London nurse indicted on drug charges Maharishi Academy opening postponed

Selectmen briefed on major changes at New Boston Fire Department

Fire Chief Dan MacDonald and Fire Wards Dale Smith, Wayne Blassberg, Dan Teague and Dick Moody met with the New Boston Selectmen to discuss a proposal for restructuring Fire Department chain of command. The Fire Department proposes to change the reporting structure as the Fire Wards may not be the appropriate group to manage the Fire Chief in the future. This process may take one or two years. Dan Teague noted the Chief position is the primary driver for this proposal as Dan MacDonald will not be Chief forever and the next Fire Chief may not come from within the New Boston Fire Department. The Fire Wards are not available to supervise a full time Fire Chief. This proposal will bring the Fire Chief position in line and consistent with other town departments, the Selectmen and Town Administrator would hire a Chief after an interview process and put a step and grade program in place. Moody noted he is the only Fire Ward that does not agree to disband the Fire Wards.

Dan MacDonald noted the Department has drastically changed and is now one of the biggest and busiest call Fire Departments around. It is not an easy job to run the Department. It takes a lot of time. He does not expect a part time Chief to commit to these needs in the future and be successful. He serves by choice as a part time chief but spends a lot of time doing the work he inherited from New Boston Chiefs that served before him.

Moody said Dan MacDonald has done a phenomenal job and saved many tax dollars with the Fire Department and it is one of the most successful Fire Departments around. He noted surrounding towns who were formerly volunteer departments simi-



The New Boston Fire Department.

lar to New Boston hired Chiefs who then hired paid members. The New Boston Fire Department is still a call department with fifty members. At some point New Boston will need paid firefighters.

The Selectmen asked what the transition expectation is. MacDonald noted it will happen eventually based on call volume and motivation of the Chief. The New Boston Fire Department is fortunate due to the efforts of many people involved with the Fire Department. He said infrastructure and leadership are important to motivating volunteers. The current personnel are inspired to do whatever it takes to make the Fire Department environment work. This is not expected to continue in future

generations. The future Fire Department leadership would be the same as other town departments with sophisticated leadership.

The Fire Wards propose a Warrant Article for 2019 with a new leadership model to begin in 2020 according to the RSA. The Fire Wards approved this proposal with a 6-1 vote at a recent Fire Ward meeting. The Selectmen directed any public inquiry to the Fire Ward meetings that are posted. The Town Administrator will help the Fire Department draft a Warrant Article. Dan MacDonald noted all the Fire Wards have served the Department for many years and this was not an easy decision for them but they did so to better serve New Boston.



Why you **Should Should** use a travel agent:

We had a lively debate recently on the merits of whether to use a live travel agent to book your vacation or to go it alone by using the Internet. Here are some of the reasons to consider a personal travel consultant.

- **1.** You've Googled "Mexico vacation," and come up with 17.8 million responses. Need a little help editing those choices?
- **2.** Remember when you used that obscure website to book your hotel, and when you got there you spent your beach vacation overlooking a parking lot?
- **3.** How many hours were you on hold with the airline when your flight was canceled because of a snowstorm?
- **4.** Did you really mean to spend your honeymoon at that resort whose one tiny pool was filled all day with 12 screaming children?
- **5.** Who knew that when you booked that "villa" in Tuscany, it would be a small room with a kitchenette and no air conditioning? Funny, it looked much better on your computer screen.
- **6.** No one explained to you that in July, it's winter time in Rio, and so you showed up there with nothing but five Hawaiian shirts and three pairs of swimming trunks.
- **7.** How about the time you really needed a restful vacation, and you ended up in New Orleans during Mardi Gras and someone threw up on your shoes?
- **8.** Yes, I guess that hotel must have used a telephoto lens when they took a picture of those guest rooms that you saw on their website.
- **9.** I suppose contacting the Attorney General to resolve the fact that that Internet site has billed your credit card three times instead of once is the only route to take at this point.
- **10.** It was definitely odd that there were no cab drivers at the airport at 3 o'clock in the morning when you finally landed in Costa Rica, but booking a transfer to your very remote hotel would have been a good thing to remember when you purchased your airline ticket and hotel online.



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L-R: David Morgan, President & CEO, Nancy Druke, VP of Program Services, Catherine Green and Sheila Zakre, Board member and Advocacy Committee, Chair.

Future In Sight presents its Access Award

At the 2018 annual meeting and celebration of the Board of Directors the Advocacy Committee of Future In Sight presented Catherine Green from the League of NH Craftsmen with the 2018 Access Award. The purpose of the Access Award is to honor and recognize an individual, organization, or corporation that has demonstrated exceptional and innovative effort to provide enhanced access and to eliminate barriers to those who are visually impaired.

No injuries in Goffstown two-car accident

Goffstown Police are investigating the cause of a two-car accident, just after 5 p.m., last Thursday at the intersection of Wallace and Shirley Hill Roads that led to one car rolling onto its roof. Goffstown Fire and Police responded and safely got the woman driver out of her overturned two-door sedan. The crash tied up traffic for about an hour.

Deering man charged with Domestic Assault

Late in the evening of December 27th, Deering Officer Bell was called out to meet a female complainant at the Hillsboro Dispatch Center. After taking a Domestic Violence Assault complaint and gathering statements and photographs, Officer Bell responded with a Hillsboro PD Officer to complete the investigation at the residence in Deering where the assault happened. After interviewing the suspect, Officer Bell placed Robert Lacz, 73, of Deering under Arrest for Domestic Violence Simple Assault. Lacz was processed and bailed on Personal Recognizance Bail, with certain no-contact bail conditions.

Newport man makes a bad case even worse

Police say Charles Gibson, 62, of Newport tried to back his car up on I-89 in an attempt to ram a police cruiser. A Sullivan County grand jury handed up an indictment alleging five counts of reckless conduct with a deadly weapon. Gibson was spotted driving on Route 10 on the afternoon of April 7 in Grantham by Police Officer Ryan Cameron, who reported that he recognized Gibson and ran his license plate, finding numerous active arrest warrants for him. Cameron tried to pull Gibson over, but Gibson allegedly started speeding away, hitting more than 70 miles per hour in a 30 mile per hour zone before driving over a lawn and onto a side road in an effort to evade police. Police had Gibson's car blocked when he reportedly responded by ramming his truck into one officer's cruiser, then backed up to hit another cruiser while going in reverse, according to the report. During this incident a New Hampshire Fish and Game officer was able to get to the cab of Gibson's truck and place him into custody.

Franklin Savings Bank to renovate three Central Street buildings

This past July Franklin Savings Bank purchased three Central Street buildings, 396, 406 and 436 Central for \$1.4 million hoping to find larger office space for its sub-company, Independent Financial Advisors. Bank President Ron Magoon said the bank wasn't looking to purchase all three of the buildings, but they came as a package deal, and the bank plans to use only one of the buildings for Independent Financial Advisors.

The plan is to renovate and resell the other two buildings, which means the current tenants, a group of apartments and the six businesses, will have to move out. Magoon said the bank is trying to be as sensitive as it can to the tenants currently in place, and hopes to be able to move some of the businesses to another one of their recently purchased buildings.

The bank is considering putting the Independent Financial Advisors office in the first floor of either 396, which currently houses Central Sweets, the Slusser Law Office, a Baptist church and apartments, or 406, which houses a store that sells hedgehogs, a hair saloon, a pawn shop and more apartments. 436

would then be open, and the bank would work with the non-profit PermaCityLife to renovate the two buildings. Magoon said the bank hopes the end result will be a positive contribution to Franklin's revitalization.



These Central Street buildings will soon receive a major renovation.





A large portion of patients taking prescription drugs that could affect driving may not be aware they could potentially be driving impaired, according to research in the November issue of the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs. Nearly 20 percent of people in the study reported recent use of a prescription medication with the potential for impairment, but not all said they were aware that the medication could affect their driving, despite the potential for receiving warnings from their doctor, their pharmacist, or the medication label

itself. The percentages of those who said they had received a warning from one of those sources varied by type of medication: 86 percent for sedatives, 85 percent for narcotics, 58 percent for stimulants, and 63 per-cent for antidepressants. In this study, the type of medication in question was also related to drivers' perceptions about their impairment risk. They were most likely to think that sleep aids were the most likely to affect safe driving, followed by morphine/codeine, other amphetamines, and muscle relaxants. Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) medications were viewed as least likely to affect driving risk.

Women may only need three cervical screens in their lifetime if they have been given the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, according to a new study published in the International Journal of Cancer. The HPV vaccine protects women against the most dangerous forms of HPV, significantly reducing the chance of developing cervical cancer.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force has issued a new recommendation against the use of combined estrogen and progestin in postmenopausal women, or estrogen alone in postmenopausal women who have had a hysterectomy, to prevent chronic conditions such as heart disease, dementia and stroke.

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Tooth decay is the destruction of tooth structure and can affect both the enamel (the outer coating of the tooth) and the dentin layer of the tooth. Tooth decay occurs when foods containing carbohydrates (sugars and starches), such as breads,

cereals, milk, soda, fruits, cakes, or candy are left on the teeth. Bacteria that live in the mouth digest these foods, turning them into acids. The bacteria, acid, food debris, and saliva combine to form plague, which clings to the teeth. The acids in plaque dissolve the enamel surface of the teeth, creating holes in the teeth called cavities.

To prevent tooth decay:

- Brush your teeth at least twice a day with a fluoride-containing toothpaste. Preferably, brush after each meal and especially before going to bed.
- Clean between your teeth daily with dental floss or interdental cleaners.
- Rinse daily with a fluoride-containing mouthwash. Some rinses also have antiseptic ingredients to help kill bacteria that cause plaque.
- Eat nutritious and balanced meals and limit snacks. Avoid candy, pretzels and chips, which can remain on the tooth surface. If sticky foods are eaten, brush your teeth soon afterwards.
- Check with your dentist about use of supplemental fluoride, which strengthens your teeth.
- Ask your dentist about dental sealants (a plastic protective coating) applied to the chewing surfaces of your back teeth (molars) to protect them from decay.
- Drink fluoridated water. At least a pint of fluoridated water each day is needed to protect children from tooth decay.
- · Visit your dentist regularly for professional cleanings and oral exam.

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🊄 Hometown Heroes

Valerie Crone - Sutton Fire Department

At a recent meeting at the New London Fire Department, Sutton Sergeant Valerie Crone was presented with the CPR Life-Saving Pin for her quick actions on September 29, 2018 for immediately beginning life-saving protocol by performing CPR until medical personnel arrived.



Michael Foss - Franklin Fire Department

The Franklin Fire Department has announced that starting January 1, 2019 Michael J. Foss will take the helm as the new Franklin Fire Chief. Congratulations Chief Foss. You will do awsome things for the City of Franklin.



Matthew Pratte - Bow Police Department

Congratulations to Sergeant Matthew Pratte who was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Bow Police Department, on December 17th.



Rich Little - New Boston Fire Department

Lieutenant Rich Little was promoted to Fire Captain. He was pinned by his daughters Sam and Emma. Captain Little took over Captain Brandon Merron's position as he was promoted to Training Captain. Congratulations to you both!!!



Christine Archibald - Henniker Fire Dept.

Lieutenant Christine Archibald has been an active member of the Henniker Fire Department since 2016. She started her Firefighter/ EMT career in Gilford and more recently in Windsor before joining Henniker Fire & Rescue. Lt. Archibald was recently hired as a full-time level II firefighter/AEMT.



Kevin LaChapelle - Franklin Fire Dept.

Franklin Fire Chief Kevin LaChapelle recently resigned after serving the Department since 1996 and as chief since 2012. He was named Emergency Management Director of the Year in 2017.



Webster Lodge sponsors annual Goffstown Children's Christmas Project

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Webster Lodge #24 has been sponsoring the annual Goffstown Children's Christmas Project since early 2000s. It originally began in the early to mid-80s in the homes of Steve & Mary Ann Waldorf & Don & Cathy Ball. They later moved to a space provided by Citizen's Bank. After a few years, that space became too small to accommodate the growing number of families in need. IOOF Webster #24 was approached and the Goffstown Children's Christmas Project was formed

Mary Ann & Steve are still very instrumental in the program along with DeeAnn Riehl & Kim Lowell who get the program kicked-off in early October. They send out donation request letters to local area businesses and other generous donors. They also send out applications to the program to needy families that are provided to us by the Goffstown Network & Clergy Association. Goffstown Ace Hardware allows the use of their entrance space to display a Christmas tree with tags listing what each child (infant to 18 years) in the program would like to receive from Santa.

This year 32 families & 99 children

benefitted from the program. The monetary donations received are used to purchase clothing for each child. Shopping this year was done at the Sears Concord store. Sears provides a great discount allowing the funds to go a long way.

All of the requested items from the tags are then dropped off at various locations in town: Putnam Fuel, the Village Trestle & Sue's Barbershop & Salon. Patrons of the Village Trestle & Sue's Barbershop & Salon also provide toys that were not from tags which allows us to fill-in where needed.

Assistance for boxing & wrapping comes

from other community organizations: CERT Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and many families that want to participate in the giving process.

Allen & Leah Brown host a community wide party in their large business garage. Admission to this event is one unwrapped toy. Hundreds of wonderful toys are collected and donated to the program. Leah & Allen have also donated dozens of winter coats that she purchases in late winter for the next winter season.

Once again, thank you to everyone that helps support this program, without you it would not be possible.



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Brittany Blomquist, Ashleigh Carpenter and Daniel Ladd pose with the toys donated at the Sunapee, New Hampshire branch during Bar Harbor Bank & Trust's first annual Holiday Toy Drive which concluded on December 21.

Bar Harbor Bank collects over 1,260 toys

Bar Harbor Bank & Trust is grateful for all of the toys donated to the Bank's first annual Holiday Toy Drive which concluded on December 21. So many customers and community members dropped off new children's toys at their local Bar Harbor Bank & Trust branch. All Bar Harbor Bank & Trust branches in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont participated, collecting more than 1,260 toys in total. "Thank you for generously donating to our first annual Holiday Toy Drive," said Joe Schmitt, SVP, Chief Marketing Officer at Bar Harbor Bank & Trust. "All the toys have been delivered to local non-profits who distributed them to children in the community, bringing smiles to many young faces this holiday season."

Goffstown asked to approve Keno in town

Peter Georgantas, Chair of the Goffstown Selectmen said he would like the Board to sponsor an article for Keno. The State has said it has generated as much as 10% more revenue in businesses with Keno. It is designed to support kindergarten. We don't have full-time kindergarten, but to support our businesses, we should adopt it to prevent customers from going over the town line to Manchester. Assistant Town Administrator Horne said he's not spoken with any businesses that are interested in it. Chairman Georgantas said we know of at least two. Town Administrator Jacobs said as of August 2018, 65 towns and cities have adopted Keno. It looks like \$11 million is going toward full-day kindergarten state wide. It is easy ballot question language. "Shall we allow the operation of Keno games in the Town?"

Chairman Georgantas made a motion to develop an article for Keno to let the people vote on it and the Board agreed 4-0.

Belmont fifth-grader leads winter coat drive

Belmont's Evelyn Ellis-Haines, a fifth grader at Canterbury Elementary Elementary school organized a clothing drive designed at helping families facing homelessness this winter. With the support of her classmates and teachers, the drive collected over 700 items. The clothing drive was part of Ellis-Haines' Kid Governor campaign to end poverty. The Kid Governor program is a national award-winning civics program for fifth graders led by the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education and the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, with support from the New Hampshire State House and Department of Education. On Christmas Eve, Ellis-Haines delivered her hundreds of winter items to the Salvation Army in Laconia, supplier of the Carey House, which offers shelter to men, women and families in the Lakes Region.

Dunbarton Police Department featuring new lighter duty gear

The Dunbarton Police Department has adopted a new uniform change with a primary focus on officer wellness. Traditional police duty gear can weigh upwards of 30 pounds which can eventually lead to stress on different parts of the body during an officer's career.

This load bearing vest carrier allows the officer to wear their ballistic armor on the outside of their uniform shirt, increasing overall comfort. In addition, it moves most of the gear from an officer's duty belt onto the vest carrier by utilizing modular lightweight load-carrying equipment (MOLLE) pouches. This significantly reduces weight distribution on the hips and lower back and transfers it more evenly throughout the torso. Research has shown that this will help reduce hip and lower back pain or discomfort that's often caused by long term use of a traditional duty belt setup, particularly from sitting in a patrol vehicle for extended periods of time.

To maintain a professional and consistent appearance, we chose a navy blue color scheme that matches our uniform shirt and pants. The vest carrier that we

chose also features plenty of pockets, allowing officers to store additional items such as a body worn camera, medical equipment, pens, notepads, and business cards with ease. Ultimately, officer wellness is paramount. Reducing an officer's susceptibility to injury and pain or discomfort while maintaining a professional appearance is a win-win situation.



Dunbarton's new uniform change with a primary focus on officer wellness.



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Around the towns



John Chase stands with Roland Seymour, who received a plaque recognizing his 14 years of service to the Tilton-Northfield Water District from attorney Sean Chandler.



Visiting Henniker author and cartoonist Marek Bennett works with 8thgrade Henniker Community School student Madison DeGray. Carol Sweny photo.



The Franklin Fire Department donated winter clothing and boots for Franklin Middle School Students.



Members from Tilton/Northfield Rotary and Interact did a great job delivering Holiday food and fruit baskets this year.



Northfield co-workers presented Retiring Town Administrator Glenn Smith with a plaque in honor of his 11 years of dedicated service to the town.



The fortunate Goffstown woman was wearing her seat belt and suffered no injuries. The driver of the other car was unharmed.



The Greenfield Volunteer Fire Department recently took delivery of its All-Poly tanker-pumper.



No it's not a group of Mr. America contestants. It's the Hillsborough Police Officers who grew beards for charity.



Forty-two students and five chaperones who braved the cold, uphill climbs, and buckets of rain to join in Project C.L.I.M.B., Kearsarge Regional High School's outing program, adventured to Lonesome Lake Hut.



The Spaulding Youth Center received a donation of 75 winter coats from NHHEAF. Courtesy photo.









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Messenger Reader's Survey

2019 has special significance for us. It marks the 150th consecutive year that The Messenger has been published and the the 30th year that we have owned it. We grew up reading The Messenger and when we learned in 1989 that it was struggling and about to close, we bought it hoping to preserve a valued part of local history.

During that time, we have always felt that a weekly newspaper can and should be a valuable community resource. In that light, please help us to continue improving our efforts by returning this Reader's Survey.

Leigh & Joyce Bosse

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OOPS: In listing the contributors to the Lions Food Basket project in last week's Messenger, I inadvertently omitted the names of Marlies Radermacher, Jeffrey and Arlene Soule. On behalf of the Lions Club and those who received the baskets, thank you.

Volunteering Feels Good

Are you concerned that members of your family may be caught up in the "what are you going to do for me mode" instead of the "what can I do for others mode?" Well, this might be the perfect time of year to turn things around. Opportunities abound for individuals and families who want to make a difference in the lives of others.

Volunteerism in this country has rebounded and we are at a 30 year high. In NH, roughly 30 percent of those 16 and older volunteer. Older teenagers (16-19) have more than doubled their time spent volunteering since 1989. About 55 percent of youth participate in volunteer activities each year.

College students increased their volunteering by 20 percent between 2002 and 2005. Baby Boomers volunteer at a much higher rate in mid-life than the previous generation.

The 65 and older age group increased their volunteering rate 64 percent since 1974. Since 1989 there has been a 63 percent increase in volunteering with educational and youth serving organizations.

Consider giving something of yourself and encourage others to do a few good deeds as well. You might be the inspiration needed to motivate your family, friends or coworkers to make a difference in someone else's life. Everyone will benefit from those great feelings of satisfaction one gets from helping others. It is a win-win situation. Following are a few suggestions:

- * Donate food to a local food pantry for distribution * Cook something for someone you know who needs a lift * Visit seniors in your neighborhood * Play a game or cards with someone in a nursing home * Assist in serving meals at a shelter
- * Volunteer at any community service organization
 - * Provide comfort to someone in need
- * Get your coworkers involved in a volunteer effort
- * Join the Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis or other service group
- * Donate items you not longer use * Give to your favorite charity
- * Help with the Boy or Girls Scouts or other youth groups
- * Assist with a home or car repair * Call someone that needs a good listener * Give a phone calling card * Help prepare food baskets
- * Buy a gas card to contribute to a worthy organization to share with someone in need
- * Donate personal care items to a shelter.

Hopefully you will find time to do something nice for someone else this year. Maybe you will inspire others to volunteer to make a difference throughout the whole year.

From Bad To Worse

Recently I posted that former Villager Publisher George Maitrand had been seriously ill and hospitalized, and forced to cease publication. Now we learn that he fell and broke his leg. We have been told he was sent to a Nursing Home in Bedford, but have not been able to confirm which one.

If anyone knows of his location please tell us so we can let people know and they can send best wishes.



The Hopkinton Police Department prepared and served dinner to the seniors at the Slusser Center

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Claremont: Hannaford, Market Basket, Huberts Concord: Shaws (2), Hannaford Contoocook: Dimitri's,

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Studio, Pizza Chef, JJ's **Georges Mills:** Georges Mills: Market

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Keene: Price Chopper, Hanaford, Toadstool, News Stand, Monadnock Co-op **Loudon:** Village Store, Eggshell, Subway, Penguin

Manchester: Hannafords (2)

Newbury: Marzelli's, Bubba's, Town Office, Post Office

Newport: Shaws, Coronis Market, T-Bird, Circle K, Quick Stop, Senior Center New Boston: Dodges General Store, New Boston Hardware, Library, Town

Office, Molly Stark **New London:** Hannaford, Hospital,
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The Bow Memorial School girls' basketball team continued its undefeated season by winning the Bow Ho Ho Tournament.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Capital Area Holiday Tournament Preliminary

John Stark 40, Merrimack Valley 36: The Pride led, 16-12, at halftime and led by nine with 2:30 remaining, but the Generals sank five of six free throws down the stretch and connected on key 3s to complete the come-from-behind victory.

Bow 31, Pembroke 28: The Spartans came out with a 16-6 lead after the first quarter, but the Falcons held Pembroke scoreless in the second quarter to get back into the game. The Spartans led 23-18 heading into the final frame, thanks to holding Bow to just two third-quarter points, but Taylor Burnham's 3 with 1:30 left lifted the Falcons to a win. at NHTI.

Bishop Brady 54, Hopkinton 48: The Green Giants used a solid second-quarter effort from all 15 players to build a 10-point halftime lead and got contributions off the bench all game long.

Kearsarge 49, Merrimack Valley 47, OT: Rayna Tucker's layup with eight seconds left forced overtime and Tucker and Camp made key free throws in overtime to secure the win for the Cougars

Capital Area Holiday Tournament Consolation

Hopkinton 44, Pembroke 22: The Hawks jumped out to a 19-5 lead through the first quarter and dominated the Spartans on the boards, 42-14, to win their consolation game.

Capital Area Holiday Tournament Semifinals

John Stark 41, Concord 23: Chelsea Woodsum scored 17 points and Anna Stenger added 15 as the John Stark girls' basketball team beat Concord 41-23 in the semifinals.

Bishop Brady 52, Bow 34: Ami Rivera scored 16 points to lead Brady to a 52-34 victory over Bow in Saturday's other semifinal. Me-



gan Rimick scored eight points and had nine rebounds for Bow.

Capital Area Holiday Tournament Championship

Bishop Brady 71, John Stark 66: Each time John Stark pulled away, the girls from Bishop Brady had an answer. After erasing two nine-point deficits in the first and second quarters, the Green Giants never fell behind by more than four points in the second half and pulled out a narrow win. The Giants are Cap Area champs for a third straight year – and for the fourth time in five years.

Gilford Christmas Tournament Preliminary

Belmont 51, Moultonborough 17: The Raiders opened the game by taking a 16-0 first-quarter lead over the D-IV Panthers to advance to the tournament semifinals.

Gilford Christmas Tournament Semifinal

Gilford 45, Belmont 43: The Raiders led most of the way, but the Eagles took their first lead with 1:50 left in the game

Mike Lee Holiday Bash Preliminary

Farmington 51, Franklin 18: The Tornadoes fell to the Tigers the hosts of the Mike Lee Holiday Bash in their second game of the tournament.

Mike Lee Holiday Bash Consolation

Franklin 32, Lin-Wood 26: The Tornadoes were without two starters, but the bench stepped up and Franklin played good defense, ending their with a consolation victory.



Many thanks to artists David and Laura Maine of The Arts Farm in Deering, NH, for creating and donating the new mission statement plaque for the John Stark Regional High School Counseling Center. The new plaque was unveiled at the school in December. Sarah Glynn photo.



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BOYS HOCKEY

Brian C. Stone Memorial Championship

Bedford 4, Goffstown 3:

Sophomore Quinlan Kerr scored twice to lift the Bedford High School boys' hockey team to a 4-3 victory over Goffstown and its fourth straight Brian C. Stone Memorial Christmas Hockey Tournament Championship Kerr's second goal, which came with 4:45 remaining in the second period, gave Bedford a 4-1 lead and proved to be the game-winner.



Bedford's Parker Roberto shoots on Goffstown goalie Kyle Lasalla.

Peter Hall Christmas Classic Championship

John Stark/Hopkinton 4, Dover 1: As the defending champs and current Division III leaders, John Stark-Hopkinton, defeated Division III rivals Berlin, 5-1, and Division II's Kingswood, 4-2, to win the Valley Division and earn a spot in the finals against Dover (4-0 and in first place in D-II), Brett Patnode scored the eventual game-winner with 4:35 left in the second period.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Gilford Christmas Tournament Preliminary

Belmont 73, Moultonborough 35: Belmont outscored Moultonborough, 23-9, in the first quarter and followed it up with a 45-26 second.

Laconia 47, Winnisquam 44: Kyle Mann scored with :02.9 on the clock to pull Winnisquam within one but the Bears couldn't foul and Laconia pulled out the first-round win.

Gilford Christmas Tournament Semi Finals

Gilford 53, Belmont 51: The Eagles scored a bucket with two seconds left lifting Gilford to a victory over the Raiders

Gilford Christmas Tournament Consolation

Winnisquam 73, Newfound 27: Winnisquam built a 10-point lead during the first guarter and extended it from there with a wellbalanced effort.

Mike Lee Holiday Bash Preliminary

Pittsfield 58, Inter-Lakes 55: With the game knotted at 55-55, Bedell picked off a pass that was deflected by Prentice and raced the length of the court to complete a three-point play with less than a second on the clock.

Mike Lee Holiday Bash Consolation

Franklin 59, Lin-Wood 41: The Tornadoes won their final consolation game Franklin opened the tournament with losses to Portsmouth Christian, 65-47, and Newmarket, 61-55.

Capital Area Holiday Tournament Preliminry

Merrimack Valley 52, John Stark 42: Kyle Dube scored 11 of his game-high 20 points in the third guarter which led to the Pride's win.

Concord 60, Kearsarge 44: Concord had a 16-15 lead at the end



of the first quarter and gradually built on it until the Tide led the Cougars by as many as 19 in the fourth quarter.

Pembroke 60, Bow 50: The Falcons took a 17-8 first-quarter lead, but the Spartans outscored Bow, 19-6, in the second to take a 27-23 halftime lead. The Falcons kept it close in the second half, trailing by two heading into the final frame, but Pembroke ultimately came out on top.

Hopkinton 68, Bishop Brady 50: The Giants jumped out to a 9-2 lead early on and led, 14-10, at the end of the opening quarter, but the Hawks soared in the second quarter, outscoring Brady, 22-9, to take a 32-23 halftime lead and extended it in the second half.

Capital Area Holiday Tournament Semifinal

Concord 52, Merrimack Valley 45: Freshman guard Ivan Yen had a big 3, a steal and sunk a pair of free throws after Merrimack Valley took a lead turning a two-point deficit into a three-point lead and sparking a 10-0 Concord run.

Pembroke 55, Hopkinton 40: The Spartans had a 34-28 lead at halftime over the Hawks and exploded for 21 points in the third quarter to take a 55-38 advantage heading into the final frame.

Capital Area Holiday Tournament Consolation

John Stark 64, Kearsarge 44: The Generals overcame a slow start, trailing by nine points in the first quarter, but used a balance attack to control the second half en route to a consolation victory over the Cougars

Bishop Brady 65, Bow 49: The Falcons opened the game with a 7-0 lead, but it was the Giants who had a 29-23 lead at halftime. Bow opened the second half on a tear, tying the game, 30-30, but Brady pulled away to secure the consolation victory in the Capital Area Holiday Tournament at NHTI.

Smithfield, R.I. 68, Coe-Brown 52: Key players: Coe-Brown – Cayden Donoghue (14 points), Albert Lapiejko (11 points, 6 rebounds), Keegan Paradis (7 points, 4 assists), Cole Hodgdon (6 points), Mason Winiarski (5 points), Spencer Murphy (5 points, 3 assists). Highlights: The Bears closed out the Keene State Holiday Tournament with a loss in their second consolation game.



The Bow 6 boys' basketball team topped Bow 5, 37-32, in the championship game of the annual Bow Ho Ho Holiday Tournament.



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Multi-town high speed chase ends in Hopkinton crash

Efrain V. Perez-Abreu, 35, a Manchester man, is accused of driving over 100 mph on two highways in and around Concord early Monday morning before crashing his vehicle on Interstate 89 in Hopkinton. After crashing his vehicle, near Exit 5 on I-89, Perez-Abreu attempted to evade the officers from multiple towns, who were pursuing him. State Police Sgt. Vincent Grieco and police dog located Perez-Abreu in the woods along the highway. Troopers clocked him traveling at 117 mph on I-93 North in Concord at about 1:45 a.m. A trooper tried to stop Perez-Abreu, but he accelerated, to more than 120 mph as the trooper lost contact with him. Later, officers located the vehicle on I-89 in Hopkinton but were unable to make contact with Perez-Abreu, until he lost control and went off the interstate. Officers from Bow, Hopkinton and Henniker assisted in the chase.

Perez-Abreau is charged with one count each of aggravated driving while intoxicated; driving while intoxicated,

third offense; operating after suspension; operating a motor vehicle after having been deemed a habitual offender; reckless operation; conduct after an accident; and obstructing government administration. He is also charged with three counts of resisting arrest and two counts of disobeying a police officer.



Laconia school superintendent Brendan Minnihan has tendered his resignation.

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Merger of New Hampshire Institute of Art into New England College progressing

The merger of the New Hampshire Institute of Art (NHIA) into New England College (NEC) took a major step forward recently with the Boards of both institutions agreeing to enter into Phase One of a two-part merger agreement. "We have successfully begun the merger process of these two fine institutions and New England College is very pleased to welcome the students, faculty, and staff of NHIA into the New England College community," said NEC Board Chair Lex Scourby.

NHIA, located in Manchester, enrolls

Henniker School District Events

Jan. 7-10: Artist in Residence. Focus--Latin America. Henniker 6th grade students learn to play the panpipes and with Jose Lezcano and Capoeira, a form of martial art and dance from Brazil, with Brandon Marger. There will be a public performance at 7 pm on Thursday, January 10 in the gym. This event is free and open to the public.

Jan. 8: Henniker School District Board Meeting, 6:15 pm in the school library.

Jan. 9: Henniker School District Public Hearing: Budget, 7 pm in the school library. approximately 350 students, primarily in undergraduate art and design programs. NEC in Henniker, has an undergraduate and graduate enrollment of nearly 2,800 students in a variety of undergraduate liberal arts, graduate, and professional programs, including offerings in art and design. The combined institution will maintain the name New England College, with NHIA anticipated to be named the Institute of Art and Design at New England College.

NHIA will operate as a subsidiary to New England College in Phase One. After a period of planning and program integration, both continuing classes and new students from the New Hampshire Institute of Art will be enrolled as New England College students (Phase 2). Plans are for the NHIA campus to continue to operate in Manchester as part of New England College, and students from both campuses will have the opportunity to study at either campus location.

The colleges announced last May that the two institutions would be merging to enhance the delivery of academic programs and streamline administrative services. Officials at the time stated that academic programs align particularly well in the areas of art, design, writing, and education and will be enhanced through joint marketing and programming efforts.

"We are excited to see this merger moving forward," said NHIA Board Chair Tom Stevens. "This will allow the important educational work of NHIA to be both sustained and expanded in alliance with New England College. As the merger benefits are fully realized students can expect enhanced programs and expanded opportunities."

The merger allows all current NHIA students, in good standing, to automatically enroll at New England College as soon as the Fall of 2019. Other than usual modest annual tuition increases, NHIA students can expect their costs of attendance to remain the same. NEC President Michele Perkins said, "Our goal from the beginning has been to improve the educational experiences of all our students and ensure the financial strength of the institutions. We will work hard to continue to live out the mission of both New England College and the New Hampshire Institute of Art as we bring our communities together into one entity."



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Historic Francestown General Store may reopen this spring or summer

If all goes well, the Francestown Village Store will re-open its doors by this spring or summer. The Francestown Improvement and Historical Society, the current owners of the building, has announced plans to begin searching for a proprietor to lease and operate the store.

Phase one of construction, including the structural work and repairs to the 1814 building has now been completed. According to Francestown Improvement and Historical Society member Sarah Pyle, if a tenant/operator is found and they need to open on May 1, FIHS will do everything can to make it happen. Pyle said. "It's all fluid. We are working as hard as we can."

After owners Christina and Rob Whole closed the doors, William Smith, a Nevada man,donated \$125,000 to pay the foreclosure cost and back taxes and gave the property to the FIHS. So far, FIHS has raised \$100,000 of the \$160,000 estimated to complete all renovations needed to the building. Smith has agreed to donate another \$20,000 if the FIHS can match it.

Next, on the agenda is the electrical work and creating an ADA compliant

entryway. The heating system, interior work, replacing windows, and flooring work also needs to be completed. FIHS plans to host

an open house at the store on a Saturday in January to show the public all the work that has been done thus far.



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Contoocook, Henniker & Kearsarge Chambers joint mixer Jan. 22nd

The Tri Chamber of Commerce Mixer is Tuesday January 22 at the Lakehouse Tavern, 157 Main Street in Hopkinton from 5:00 to 7:30 pm.

This unique networking event is jointly sponsored by the Contoocook Chamber of Commerce, the Contoocook River Business Club, the Henniker Chamber of Commerce, and the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce.

The mixer is open to any person with an interest in the Contoocook and Hopkinton, Henniker, and Kearsarge region and will feature information about the member businesses and organizations of the Chambers. The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-

The Contoocook, Henniker, and Kearsarge Regional Chambers of Commerce are active in their respective communities and represent both businesses and non-profits. Each local Chamber of Commerce sets it own dues and sponsors networking and educational events throughout the year. The Contoocook River Business Club is a networking and educational group that meets weekly in Contoocook.

The Tri Chamber Mixer is designed to be

a fun networking opportunity for everyone who does business or works with a non-profit organization in the area. There are door prizes supplied by Chamber members.



Barry Rotman (center) of Upper Valley SCORE receives a sponsorship check from Bar Harbor Bank & Trust employees Meghan Wilkie (left) and Marion Steiner (right). These funds will be used to mentor those interested in starting businesses and deliver educational workshops to business owners who want to establish or grow their business.

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jam session for beginning and intermediate musicians at 6:30pm and a workshop for new dancers at 7:30pm. Admission is \$10 or \$7 for students and seniors. The dance takes place in the historic Town House in Peterborough.

TUESDAY JANUARY 8

RADIO CLUB: The Contoocook Valley Radio Club will be meeting at the Hopkinton Library at 7pm for a "New Year, new projects" presentation, after our regular business meeting, where we will be sharing our DIY projects. All are welcome to bring their amateur radio related project to share, or their questions. Visit www.K1BKE.org for more information.

SATURDAY JANUARY 12

ARTS ON THE GO: Art Trips for Kids! 8-3pm. Childrens Art Festival at 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 CenterForTheArtsNH.org

FRIDAY JANUARY 18

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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





Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Bernard Harvey Marion

DEERING - Bernard Harvey 'Barney' Marion passed from this life

on Dec. 18, 2018 in Concord NH. Barney was born and raised in Tewksbury, a son of Louis M. and Anne A. (Brabant) Marion Barney divided his time post retirement between winters in Flori-



da and his beloved property on Deering Lake in Deering. Barney is survived by his wife Rita (Frawley) (Frain) Marion of Deering and Concord NH. He is also survived by Rita's children, Richard Frain (Cheryl) of Tarpon Springs, Paula Abramson (Bruce) of Boca Raton, Eileen Frain of Chelmsford, Maura Gavin (John) of York Maine, and Kathleen Frain of Boston, as well as their respective children and great-grandchildren. Barney is also survived by his many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his nine siblings, and his first wife Marian (O'Neill) Marion.

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 R. and Winifred E. (Sanderson) Thomas. Steve was predeceased by his parents. Surviv-



ing 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.

Jean Alicia Elliott

LOUDON - Jean Alicia Elliott, 83 of Loudon passed away peacefully at her home on December 26, 2018 with family at her side. Jean was born in Henniker, NH to Irving and Florence (Davison) Demerse in the summer of 1935. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Alfred T. Elliott; her parents, a sister, Rebecca Syer, two brothers,

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Gordon Demerse and Albert Demerse. Jean is survived by her two daughters Lauren Henderson of York, SC; Lisa Henderson of Florence, KY; her sons Brian Henderson of Berlin, NH; Brent Hen-



derson and his wife Jackie of Lenoir City, TN; Francis Merrill of Salisbury, NH; and Daniel Merrill of Phoenix, AZ; her grandchildren Major Brightwell and his wife Kelly, Elizabeth Brightwell, Kyle Sebastian, Megan Bruner, Justin Kenney, Alison Henderson, and Olivia Henderson; her sister Elizabeth Zinn of Spofford, NH; her dear friend Donald Martel and several nieces and nephews and many friends. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105, or at stjude.org

Elizabeth "Betsy" Hatfield

HILLSBORO - Elizabeth "Betsy" Hatfield died peacefully at her home

at Hillsboro House surrounded by family, caregivers, and friends, on December 22, 2018. Betsy was born November 5, 1939, and was preceded in death by her parents Elizabeth "Betty" and



Douglas Hatfield. She is survived by her siblings, Douglas Hatfield and his wife Judith, Robert Hatfield and his wife Margaret, and Susan Hatfield and her husband David Collier. She also leaves many nieces and nephews. A memorial service celebrating Betsy's life will be held on Tuesday, January 8, at 2:00pm, at the Smith Memorial Church on West Main Street, Hillsborough. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Betsy's memory may be made to the Hillsboro House Activity Fund, PO Box 400, Hillsborough, NH 03244, or Smith Memorial Congregational Church UCC, PO Box 672, Hillsborough, NH 03244.

Gerald Edward Lynch

NEWPORT — Gerald Edward Lynch, of Newport, born Nov. 5, 1945

to Margaret Lois (Strange) and Joseph Howard Lynch in Taunton, Massachusetts died peacefully in his home on Dec. 27, 2018. He leaves behind his wife of 35 years, Lynn E. Lynch; daugh-



ters, Laura (Lynch) and her husband Joseph Pearson, and Jill M. (Cabral) and her husband Jason Wyatt; grandchildren, Jacob Strojny, Brendan Wyatt, James Wyatt, and Brooke Wyatt; brother Don Lynch and his wife Rose, sister Jude Lynch; nieces and nephews, Stephen, Michael, Terry, Meribah, Karen and Chris. Gerry was predeceased by daughter Alethea (Cabral).

An open house at Gerry's house will be held for family and friends on Feb. 2, 2019 from noon to 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the New Hampshire Fish and Game

Department and Lake Sunapee VNA Home Health and Hospice.

Vladimir M. Winchell HILLSBORO - Vladimir M.

Winchell, 87, passed away peacefully

on Dec 26th, 2018 at Hillsboro House. Born in Harbin, Manchuria on July 9th, 1931 to the late Olga Makeeva Winchell. He was predeceased by his wife Jaclyn Belknap Winchell in 2001.



Together they raised three children, Robert Winchell of Holland, Valarie Sanel-Reinert of Hillsboro NH and Glen-Kelly Winchell of Leominster MA. He also leaves behind 7 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. There are no services. A Celebration of his life will be held at a later date. If one wishes to make a donation in his memory, please respond to Live and Let Live Farm. The address is 20 Paradise Lane, Chichester, NH 03258.

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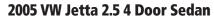
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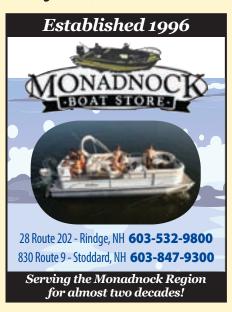
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