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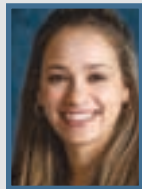
Washington Pastor leaving

The Rev. Dr. Peter Howe, Pastor of the Washington Congregational Church, officiated at his last service and was given a fitting sendoff at the congregation's monthly potluck luncheon. As Peter sails off into the sunset we wish him well. Bob Hofstetter photo.



Newport woman promoted

Bar Harbor Bank & Trust is pleased to announce the promotion of Alison DiPola to Vice President, Human Resources Business Partner. Alison is a Human Resources Senior Certified Professional with 10 years of Human Resources experience. After graduating from Newport High School, Alison went on to earn her bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire, and then a master's degree in Human Resources Management from Southern New Hampshire University. She resides in Newport with her husband, Anthony, and their two children.



Hopkinton Eagle Scout

Alex Swanson of Warner, a member of Hopkinton Boy Scout Troop 77 was made an Eagle Scout during an Eagle Court of Honor at the Warner Town Hall. His Eagle Scout project was a very nice Story Walk at the Warner Library.



NEC President Michele Perkins welcomed all the College's 72nd Commencement on Saturday.

925 NEC graduates

Undergrad, Masters and Doctorate degrees conferred

Bright skies and a cool breeze welcomed attendees at New England College's 72nd Commencement Exercises on Saturday. After bagpiper Eric Goodchild led the faculty and students to their seats, President Michele Perkins welcomed all to the festivities. Sarah Derian, the graduate studies speaker called NEC the perfect foundation to find opportunity. "While we have earned this degree today, we must not forget to look around for unexpected teachers," she said. "They are all around us, all the time." Meaghan Six, the undergraduate class speaker, reported that "New England College wasn't my first choice, but there's a reason it became my last," she said. "There's a camaraderie here that I would argue is

unmatched by other institutions, and that others simply could never understand without being right where we are now. "When you step foot on this campus, you are immersed in the inclusive culture we share."

The commencement address was given by Kirsten Gillibrand, the second-term New York senator, and presidential candidate. She borrowed heavily from her political stump speech, including references to gun control, climate change, the opioid crisis, and opposition to President Donald Trump.

After the speeches and award presentations, 925 graduates received their degrees, including 15 Doctoral Candidates.

Newport husband will not be charged in his wife's death

George "Graham" Clarke, the 77-year-old husband who shot his wife to death last week, will not be charged because of "his deteriorating mental and medical condition." Margaret "Peggy" Clarke, 75, was found dead in her home at 553 Maple St. last Tuesday afternoon, after someone called 911 to report a woman had been shot.

According to the Attorney General, "The accused is suffering from terminal cognitive and physical health issues including dementia and is currently at a medical facility. Under these

circumstances and due to concerns regarding Mr. Clarke's legal competency, no criminal charges will be brought at this time."

Peggy Clarke was shot in the chest, according to authorities. Her death was ruled a homicide by the New Hampshire Office of the Chief Medical Examiner on Wednesday.

Next-door neighbor Steven Benson said he had no indication of Graham Clarke's condition, and said the couple appeared happy. He was shocked by the shooting.



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Hattie Edmunds, family matriarch, businesswoman, community icon mourned

Area residents were saddened to hear of the death of Henniker matriarch and businesswoman Hattie M. Edmunds, who passed away on May 9th, at New London Hospital with family by her side. (see her obituary on page 24.)



Hattie married her deceased husband Clarence W. Edmunds in 1940, in 1942 they bought a grocery and hardware business in Henniker, and founded Edmunds Department Store.

Hattie was a community volunteer and a member of a number of organizations. These included: a member of the 4H Club; a 3rd Generation President of Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War; a 72 year member of Order of Eastern Star where she served as past Matron-six times, past grand Ruth and Treasurer for 25 years; she was on the Board of Directors of Henniker Assembly Order of Rainbow for Girls; she was the Treasurer of Henniker Masonic Association; Supervisor of the Checklist in Henniker for 20+ years; Treasurer of Cogswell Spring Waterworks; 35 year volunteer for the NH Heart Association where she served as the first female state chairman of the board of directors; Board of Directors for the NH Kidney Foundation.

She was the district Director and Publicity Chairman for the NH Federation of Women's Clubs; a member of Henniker and Concord Women's Clubs; Chairman of the Henniker Cook Book; and a 60+ year

member of Rebekahs Assembly; President & Treasurer of the Highland Park Residents Club in St. Petersburg, FL.

Her kindness was felt by all. We will miss the birthday cakes she made for the

employees on their birthdays. The family business is carried on by her son Richard Edmunds, Sr. and his wife Lorraine and grandson, Richard Edmunds, Jr. and wife Jeanine of Antrim.



Newport's Jay Lucas explains the town's Sunshine Initiative.

Newport's recovery could be a plan for Hillsborough's

With Hillsborough's Plan NH Charette scheduled this weekend, Newport native son Jay Lucas, spoke to a well attended breakfast meeting of the Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday. Lucas remarked how similar Hillsborough and Newport are, as Victorian mill towns which have fallen on tough times and a striving to regain their vitality. A successful businessman in New York City, Lucas retains a love for his hometown and has launched "The Sunshine Initiative" to resurrect Newport's economy and community spirit.

He outlined a two pronged approach of long term and more immediate goals. He stressed that attracting new business and revitalizing Main Street would take some time, but something could begin immedi-

ately to revive a vibrant community spirit throughout town. The first steps were taken a year ago when several groups came together to push a warrant article to fund a \$200,000 study of a new Community Center, which passed by a slim 14 votes.

As Lucas was speaking in Hillsborough the polls were opening in Newport on this year's article to support building that \$6 million project. Only \$3 million will be taxpayer funded as nearly \$2 million of the needed \$3 million in private funding has already been pledged.

Lucas said he could feel the positive energy in the room, was confident Hillsborough could make similar progress and wished the town well in implementing the suggestions coming out of the Charette.

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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

May 18, 2018

Newport's PJ Lovely recognized as Champion for Children
Hillsborough Pride brings back the Welcome Wagon
Eleven towns respond to Weare house fire
Franklin man pleads guilty to drug charges

May 19, 2017

One Tilton multiple sex offender convicted, another arrested
H-D School Board taps emergency funds for repairs
Fortner renews personal attack on Chairman Kris Blomback
Stopped for inspection sticker-750 grams of heroin found

May 13, 2016

Franklin woman gets 7-10 years for arson
Mixed reaction to nighttime use of Goffstown Rail Trail
Bow conducts master visioning session
Narrow defeat for Peterborough's ConVal withdrawal

May 15, 2015

Franklin schools may be first to offer Open Enrollment
Bow Police arrest three on drug charges
Man dies in Goffstown motorcycle crash
New London returns Town meetings to March

May 16, 2014

Franklin neighbor alerts police to possible burglary
Goffstown Police Chief comes up through the ranks
Man shot in Dunbarton hunting accident
Deering woman killed in one car crash

May 17, 2013

Weare Police Chief resigns amid department turmoil
New London voters approve option on 1941 school building
Antrim Selectmen ask SEC to reconsider Antrim Wind denial
Work on Frankestown temporary bridge begins

May 18, 2012

Richard Edmunds & Bob Flanders honored
No charges against Hillsborough Police Captain
Henniker Highway Superintendent's fate uncertain
Hopkinton Community Center Committee appointed

May 20, 2011

Newport Selectmen adopt resident's suggestion
Antrim ZBA continues MetTower hearings
Woman shot and killed in Hillsborough
Antrim Selectmen deny Planning Board's legal fees

May 14, 2010

Antrim teen killed in single vehicle accident
New Peterborough principal named
New superintendent named at SAU #24
Newbury plans for new Fire & Police Stations

May 15, 2009

Weare Police welcome Justice Souter back home
Bennington man steals car & crashes
Four men hospitalized after being hit by dump truck
Sunapee considers "CODERED" system



Dancing with the Lake Sunapee Stars was a huge success. Back row: MC: Wally Borgen, Director: Angela Tarleton, Dancers: Rob Kier, Kristi Upton, Amber Gest Palumbo, Gary Stanhope, Renne Patten, Brian Kellogg, Emily Swindell, Brian Callaghan; Judges: Meagan Reed, Lyndsay Lud, Kevin Tarleton and guest dancer: Laura Kiefer; Front row are the Dance Teams from Bedford Dance Center, Kearsarge Conservatory of the Performing Arts and Speaking in Taps. The winning couple (People's Choice Award) was Amber Gest Palumbo and Gary Stanhope of Wilmot.

Contoocook & Newbury hikers are rescued in Pinkham Notch

On the afternoon of Sunday, May 12th, Kyle Wallace, 26, of Newbury and Kenneth Barker, 27, of Contoocook were located safely following an unplanned night out near Mt. Isolation in Pinkham Notch. The pair had embarked on an ambitious day hike on the morning of May 11th, and

became disoriented and pinned down by high winds along the Mt. Isolation trail. The two made a 911 call for assistance which was received by New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Conservation Officers shortly after 9:00 PM. Based upon all available information, coupled with the

fact that the hikers had sufficient gear with them to spend the night, the decision was made to have the hikers shelter in place for the evening and await sun up the following day. On the morning of Sunday, May 12, although tired and hungry, the hikers were found to be uninjured and safe.

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Stay Hydrated to Avoid Dry Mouth

When you're sick, you need plenty of fluids for many reasons. One is to prevent dry mouth. Not only is it uncomfortable—dry mouth can also put you at greater risk for cavities. The medications you might be taking for a cold or flu—such as antihistamines, decongestants or pain relievers—can also dry out your mouth, so drink plenty of water and suck on sugarless cough drops, throat lozenges or candies to keep that saliva flowing.

Swish and Spit After Vomiting

One unfortunate side effect of a stomach flu, among other illnesses, is vomiting. You might be tempted to brush your teeth right away, but it's actually better to wait. When you vomit, stomach acids are coming in contact with your teeth and coating them. If you brush too soon, you're just rubbing that acid all over the hard outer shell of your teeth.

Instead, swish with water, a diluted mouth rinse or a mixture of water and 1 teaspoon of baking soda to help wash the acid away. Spit, and brush about 30 minutes later.

Choose the Right Fluids

When it comes to your mouth and your body, water is always best. Sports drinks might be recommended to replenish electrolytes when you're sick, but drink them in moderation unless they are sugar-free versions.

You might also want something to warm you up. When you have a cold or the flu, you may want something comforting to get through it, like tea. Try not to add sugar or lemon if you can avoid it. Sugar can help to fuel cavity-causing bacteria, and lemon is acidic.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

The use of antibiotics drives the development of antibiotic resistance, a major threat to public health worldwide. But these drugs also carry the risk of harm to individual patients, including children. According to a new analysis published in the *Journal of the Pediatric Infections Diseases Society*, antibiotics led to nearly 70,000 estimated emergency room visits in the U.S. each year from 2011-2015 for allergic reactions and other side effects in children. Most of the visits (86 percent) were for allergic reactions, such as rash, pruritus (itching), or angioedema (severe swelling beneath the skin). The risk of a visit varied by child age and type of adverse drug event. Forty-one percent of visits involved children in this age group. Amoxicillin was the most commonly implicated antibiotic in adverse drug events among children aged 9 or younger, while sulfamethoxazole/trime-thoprim was most commonly implicated among children 10-19 years old.

According to new research from the University of Illinois at Chicago, about one in five children regularly use prescription medications, and nearly one in 12 of those children are at risk for experiencing a harmful drug-drug interaction. The findings from the study, which is published in the journal *Pediatrics*, indicate that adolescent girls are at risk of potential adverse events due to drug-drug interactions, or DDIs. The researchers found that nearly 20 percent of children had used at least one prescription medication. Analysis also showed that medication use increased with age, from 14 percent in children younger than 5 years to 22 percent in adolescents 13 to 19 years. The most common medications were respiratory agents and psychotherapeutic agents. Respiratory agents, used primarily in the management of asthma, included bronchodilators and leukotriene modifiers. Psychotherapeutic agents included CNS stimulants and antidepressants.

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Hometown Heroes



Dunbarton Police Department

Dunbarton Officers Tyler and Gorman had a wonderful time fielding all of the questions and giggles the Daisies Troop had to share.



Franklin Police Department

Franklin Police Officers got to meet two of the Department's Comfort Dog candidates at Community Day! They are purebred yellow Labrador Retrievers who will be trained by Hero Pups, LLC. The Comfort Dog will be used in a variety of ways, including to provide interactions involving children or adults to reduce anxiety and increase communication, to provide comfort for people during times of crisis and to provide aid and comfort to individuals and communities impacted by violence, tragedy or traumatic events.



New Boston Fire Department

The New Boston Fire Department Promoted FF/EMT Derek Danis to Lieutenant of the Central Station Fire Company. (L-R) Chief Dan MacDonald, Captain Rich Little, Brady Danis, Lt. Derek Danis and his wife, Kim Danis. Derek is also the Director of the New Boston Fire Cadet program.

Colby-Sawyer College Commencement under the big white tent

Colby-Sawyer President Susan Stuebner welcomed all to the College's Commencement Exercises last Saturday. Addressing the graduates she said, "this is your day, and we look forward to celebrating you and all of your accomplishments." She then asked for a moment of silence in honor of former adjunct faculty member Dr. Jeanine Ruhsam, who passed away this semester.

Senior Speaker William Hyland was reminded of the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, who wisely said, "If the highest aim of a captain were to preserve his ship, he would keep it in port forever."

While we've built our ships here at Colby-Sawyer, their final destinations should not be the shipyard where they were built. Rather, today is when we begin our next voyage to a new port. Our highest aims are ahead of us."

The Commencement Address was given by Dr. Christine Konicki Bieszczad who equated the graduates to Dragonflies on a Lemonade Road.

"So, dragonflies," she said, "as you fly off today... pick good paths, but make your own when you have to; be brilliant



The class of 2019 at Colby-Sawyer College in New London begins commencement exercises on May 11. Paul Howe photo.

and make wise choices; when life gives you lemons, make some lemonade; and remember to always come back to your home, here on this hill."

An Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters was awarded to Dr. Nancy Ryan Gray, President and CEO, Gordon Research Conferences.

The Susan Colgate Cleveland Medal for Distinguished Service was presented to

Dr. Susan A. Reeves '88 · Chief Nursing Executive; Executive Vice President for Research and Education, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health System.

The Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching went to Christine Konicki Bieszczad - Associate Professor of Natural and Environmental Sciences. The David H. Winton Baccalaureate Award was presented to Huong Thu "Jenny" Nguyen.

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After a fantastic parade, residents celebrated Choose Franklin Day with a varied midway.

Newport Community Center lacks majority

In a surprise to many, an article to raise and appropriate \$6,500,000 for a proposed community center not only failed to garner the needed 60%, it failed to attract a majority, losing by a vote of Yes 443 No 553. By contrast, an article to raise and appropriate \$4,500,000 to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant passed easily Yes 743 No 248. The operating budget of \$9757,500 received approval, Yes 623 No 360. John Hooper II (581), and Jeff Kessler (418) were reelected to the Select Board over Herbert Tellor (366) and Linda Wadensten (277).

Peterborough bans outdoor gun ranges

By a vote of 1,125 yes to 320 no Peterborough voters passed a zoning amendment banning outdoor gun ranges. Zoning Amendment 1 includes new language that deals with gun ranges for recreational facilities. "Shooting ranges shall be required to be entirely enclosed indoor facilities," the ordinance now states.

Apparently no injuries in Newbury accident

Newbury Fire Rescue Car 1, Rescue 1, Engine 4, along with Newbury Police and New London Ambulance responded at 3:44 am to the report of a vehicle that had crashed into a tree on Colburn Farm Road. Upon arrival, the crew found a pickup truck that had crashed into a tree, but no driver. After checking the area, it was determined that the driver had left the scene and no service was needed and the units returned to the station.

No injuries in Franklin two-family fire

A fire that started in a child's bedroom on the second floor of a Franklin home early Friday morning was quickly extinguished by fire crews, officials said. No one was injured in the fire that occurred at 42 W. Bow St. just after 4 a.m., Deputy Chief David Hall said. There was also no extensive damage; both of the families living in the two-story home were able to return to the building an hour after crews arrived. Officials are still investigating the cause of the fire, which they said was contained to a piece of soft furniture.

Cumberland Farms robbery suspect sought

On Monday May 13, 2019, at approximately 0115 hours, officers from the Goffstown Police Department responded to Cumberland Farms at 772 Mast Rd for the report of a robbery. The suspect was reportedly armed with a baseball bat. Upon arrival on scene, officers spoke with the store clerk who described the suspect as a white male approximately 5' 10" tall, 180 pounds, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black bandana over his face, and gloves. The male entered the store wielding an aluminum baseball bat and demanded money from the register. The suspect fled the scene on foot, headed east on Rockland Ave with an undisclosed amount of money. The robbery is still under investigation at this time. If you have any information regarding the case please contact the Goffstown Police Department at 603-497-4858.



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Hillsboro-Deering.....	\$63,253.02
Hopkinton.....	\$41,958.10

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Around Our Towns



Land Protection Specialist Andy Deegan leads a hike on the Webb/Crowell Forest Trail in Sutton crossing over the unique I-Beam Bridge that spans the Lane River. Garrett Evans photo.



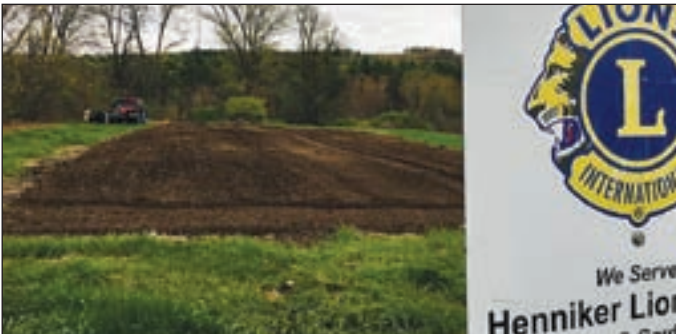
Former Selectman Gary and wife Candy Nichols made a \$1,000 pledge to the Newport Community Center.



NEC's Rosamond Page Putnam Performing Arts Center is taking shape.



Herm Wiegelman (l) and Leigh Bosse (r) of Hillsborough Pride assist owner Norma Skersey (c) with a Ribbon Cutting to open The Blooming Lotus at 39 School Street.



The Henniker Lions Club has again planted its community Garden to benefit the Food Pantry.



The H-D Drama Troupe gave a wonderful performance of "Check Please" on Saturday.



The Hopkinton Lions Club in conjunction with Rymes Propane had another successful Tank Fill Day.



Hillsborough held a Hazardous Materials Collection Day on Saturday.

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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

68% "Not Proficient" at Hillsboro-Deering

Below you will find three more letters from recent H-D graduates chastising me for remarks critical of the school. First of all, thank you and congratulations to these young women for showing loyalty to their school and having the talent and courage to forcefully and eloquently express their opinions.

It is evident that if these women, and those from the past two weeks, were in a class that tested at only 32% proficient in english, they would be in that 32%. However, having acknowledged that does not negate the fact that 68% of their classmates were not proficient.

Let's take a moment to review each of their criticisms.:

1. My criticism is not directed at the school or its students. It is directed at an administration and a succession of School Boards that have done nothing to correct the school's decade old shortcomings.

2. I did not create and administer the standardized tests, the State of NH did. Neither have I implied that test scores are the SOLE criteria to judge the school by. However, they are an entirely valid measure of how H-D students compare with their peers.

3. I did not classify H-D Elementary school as "a school in need of Comprehensive Support and Improvement." The NH Department of Education did that. I did not rate H-D Elementary as 221st out of 231

Elementary Schools. SchoolDigger.com did that.

4. I have, in fact, taught and coached and have some understanding of what a difficult but essential occupation it is. I have also interviewed and talked with other business people who have interviewed H-D students and graduates but failed to hire them because they lack the basic verbal and math skills to perform the job.

5. I never claimed that DECA, the Music Program or National Honor Society are the only good aspects of the school, and I take great offense at the suggestion that The Messenger only reports negative news about the schools. Apparently you have missed out regular Alma Mater features, the Honor Rolls, Duncan-Jenkins reports, Poetry Champions, Geography Champions, Concert and Play Coverage, Spelling Champions, Teacher of the Year Awards, etc, etc, etc. I will point out that in the past few weeks H-D Schools have had a National Honor Society Induction, Grandparents Day, and a play that we did not publicize because we were never notified of the events.

While I congratulate you on your success, please don't let your loyalty and experience prevent you from taking a realistic look at the school system as a whole. I, too, am a proud H-D graduate and that is why I will continue to push and prod until the school board addresses the problems.



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

It seems that you have misconstrued the point of the letters published last week by my fellow alumni Leah Dunbar and Natasha Dahood. As a graduate of the Hillsborough-Deering Class of 2018, what I interpreted from your recent statements is that you think that HD owes students an apology. I am here to tell you that we owe HD a thank you. Your rebuttal to the points of Leah and Natasha stated: "Nevertheless, my challenge is valid. H-D's Deca, Music, and National Honor Society are fabulous, but the success of a few does not equate to success of the school." However, the idea that the school is not successful is perpetrated by the fact that the only narrative about school success is in reporting

about groups such as DECA, the Music Department, and NHS. What you do not report on is the special education professionals who work incredibly hard, the students coming from rough or impoverished backgrounds who are still finding success, and the teachers who work hard to educate at every ability level. To be fair, these stories usually do not make papers such as The Messenger because they do not make good press. Yet as a result, the public is generally unaware of these positive things occurring in our school system. You have never been a teacher, so perhaps you do not understand the complex and multifaceted field of education. The task of educating students today is increasingly demanding on teachers, especially at Hillsboro-

Deering. The school is trying to balance education with so many factors, such as special education needs, poverty, rurality, or the lack of parental involvement. Therefore, it is absolutely impossible to boil down what is going on into simple statistics and test scores. When a metric becomes a target it ceases to be effective as a metric. Yes, even if the tests are flawed they are still a statewide measurement. But, purely evaluating schools based on these scores frankly misses the point. HD is facing so many more factors and stressors than I think you acknowledge, and definitely more than meets the eye. These issues can affect the test scores, but it does not mean that no progress is being made in the schools. It does no good to criticize the schools time and time again without fully understanding the situation. It also does no good to complain that the schools are not doing well enough and then propose that we cut their funding. Cutting funding would in fact have a counterintuitive effect.

I myself can attest to the fact that the education that Hillsboro-Deering schools provide is incredible and definitely well worth it. I would not be where I am today, attending a well-regarded liberal arts college, without the experience I had at HDHS. It is also important to note that many of my peers went on the find success separate from college, creating careers as business owners, EMTs, in the military, and in so many other areas. We owe the teachers and staff at HDHS so much, especially because they worked and continue to work so hard to serve all types of students with different backgrounds and interests. They provide a quality education by not simply teaching to the test, but teaching in a way that fits the needs and futures of the population.

Lillian Denslow, Hillsboro-Deering '18

Dear Editor:

My name is Emily Hatcher & I was a member of the 2015 graduating class. Out of the 80-something people I graduated with, I was maybe 21st in terms of my GPA standing. I was never a part of any afterschool groups such as music, NHS, or DECA. Upon graduating I went off to attend Colby-Sawyer College - a small private liberal arts college located in New London New Hampshire. I majored in community health with a minor in psychology and managed to graduate in three years while maintaining a 3.6 GPA. The tools I learned in my four years of high school I was able to have perfected by my freshman year of college. I have many high school teachers to thank for aiding me to attain my bachelors degree as a 20-year old, and then going on to land my first su-

pervisory job just shy of 21 years old. If we were to judge individuals by their test scores I probably be marked as "unsatisfactory". Trying to be as unbiased as possible, this does not seem like a fair scale. I struggled with testing anxiety, and have trouble sitting still and concentrating on one thing for long periods of time.

I see Hillsboro-Deering as the foundation in which I found my wings. I was a name and not a number. I was constantly provided help throughout whenever I needed it. Test scores are one tool to measure academic progression, however no test score results could emphasize my maturation & prosperity that took place from my freshman year to senior year.

Emily Hatcher, Hillsboro-Deering 15

Dear Editor:

I wanted to reach out in response to last week's discourse surrounding our schools and test scores. I graduated Hillsboro-Deering High School in 2017, and am currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Religious Studies, with a minor in Democracy Studies, and concentration in American Policy. I agree wholeheartedly with Leah and Natasha's letters regarding the inadequacy of test scores as the sole indicator of the success of our schools and students, and I would like to address a similarly misguided assertion that Leah and Natasha are merely outliers at Hillsboro-Deering. It is easy to report on certain extracurricular activities such as the Music Department, DECA, and NHS, and these clubs are well represented in our local newspapers and community conversations. It is, however, a grave and limiting mistake to assume that these programs are the only successes that exist within our schools. These programs could not bear the successes that they continue to see if they were not already built upon a holistically exceptional and capable learning environment. Of course, Hillsboro-Deering did not rob me when Heidi Welch brought us to NYC and Cleveland where we won band competitions that were published about in the paper. But Hillsboro-Deering also did not rob me of a proper education when Lou Yelgin and Alecia Langille, in the counseling office helped me coordinate ELO credit for an internship I took at the State House. Hillsboro-Deering also did not rob me when Noah Denslow took time from his own spring vacation to help his European History class study for the AP test. Hillsboro-Deering also did not rob me when Michael Belisle and Clarice Clark spent their planning periods and afternoons patiently helping me increase my SAT math score by 200 points and realize

that math could actually be fun. Small rural schools and their communities have unique opportunities, and moving to a more urban area has given me a greater appreciation for the experiences and opportunities that my peers and I had at HD. My college friends cannot fathom the relationship that I had as a high school student with my teachers and administration. To them, their superintendent was just a name --I however, remember Dr. Hassett visiting the lunch room to engage with students on a near weekly basis. Our school administrators were available to us, knew us by name, and knew us personally. Our teachers were so dedicated to us, that they were the ones day-to-day that consistently stepped up when our community disparaged us.

Like Leah and Natasha, one might look my involvement in extracurriculars, AP classes, or my current course of studies and call me exceptional: but coming from HDHS, I am one of many. College degrees or prestigious careers are spurious measures of success and exceptionality. Hillsboro should be no more proud of me than they should be of my peers who are working in our community as hairdressers, barbers, first responders, nurses, and mechanics. The community cannot claim my success in certain extracurriculars at HD or as a college student if they also ignore my peers who are succeeding in paths outside of higher education.

We did not spend our high school careers trying to challenge internalized assumptions that surround being from Hillsboro for our own town to still tell our students that they aren't good enough. If you are a citizen of the Hillsboro-Deering community and want our schools to improve (as we all should) I challenge you to do the work of being involved. Show up to our games. Our concerts. Our competitions. Organize fundraisers for special programming. Follow #HDHSPride on Twitter to see what our classrooms are up to. If you believe in HD students, they will believe in themselves. I know because my HD teachers believed in me and my peers: and they made sure we knew it. They especially made sure we knew it every time voices in town made claims about our value or worth or potential without ever having met us. Students are more motivated to succeed when they feel that their community is genuinely and holistically invested in them. This is the message that needs repeating. Our community needs to face the reality that test scores are not the end game. Strong partnerships, community engagement, and hometown pride are far more influential investments.

Meghan Pushee, HDHS Class of 2017.

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Rotary Penny Sale raises nearly \$11,000

The Newport Rotary Club's Penny Sale, held last Saturday evening at the Newport Middle High School Gym, was a huge success and we could not have accomplished all that we did without donations and sponsorships from area businesses. Almost 200 people joined us as we raffled off 306 prizes. We raised almost \$11,000 according to Co-Chairs Bruce Jasper and Tina Blythe. Major beneficiaries of funds raised this year are the Newport Rotary Teachers' Mini Grant Program, the Newport Community Center Fund and the Newport Police Department Cadet program.

The John Stark Equestrian Team places 3rd

The John Stark Equestrian Team, now in its 8th season, placed 3rd out of the 7 schools in New Hampshire High School Equestrian Teams (NHHSET) District II for the season. All team members have qualified to go to the State Finals in Fremont on May 18. District II teams may include middle school students, and schools in District II are Milford, Bedford, Trinity, Derryfield School, Bishop Guertin, and John Stark High Schools. The John Stark team is coached by Susan Russell with Lisa Compagna as assistant coach. The team's practice barns are both located in Weare, Twin Bridge Stables and Periwinkle Farm.



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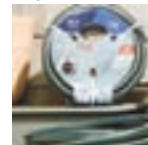
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Campbell 14, Hopkinton 8: Maddie Davis got the win for the Cougars (10-0) as she struck out seven and allowed four hits. Hopkinton 5 fall Mountain 0: The Fall Mountain Wildcats fell to undefeated Hopkinton in D-III softball action Wednesday evening, 5-0.

Belmont 8 Hopkinton 7: Julianna Estremera drove in the game-winning run with two outs in the eighth and Raven Gates made sure the lead stuck, adding on with an RBI single.

John Stark 7, Manchester West 1: This win wrapped up a week where the Generals played four games in five days and won all four.

Bow 13, Hanover 8: Maddie McSweeney, Cassie Murphy and Madison Speckman all had multiple-hit games for the Falcons, along with Geiben-Lynn. Ruby Towne, Katelin Howe and Geiben-Lynn all played well defensively while Lauryn Colby earned the pitching win.

Trinity 13, Franklin 3: Kiera Gilman allowed four hits and struck out 12 in the circle and went 3-for-4 at the plate for Trinity (3-6). Teammates Josie Zelensky and Emma Service also tallied three hits each.

Newport 11, Trinity 3: Leading the Tigers' offense on Tuesday was Jenna Maheu, Shelby Adams, and Libby Tremblay, who all contributed three hits.

GIRLS LACROSSE

ConVal 16, MV 9: The Pride kept the game close, but allowed four goals in the final six minutes to give the Cougars the victory.

Windham 14, ConVal 6: Eight different players scored for Windham, with Ryane Ferrell and Barbara Hume leading the team with three apiece.

John Stark 16, Oyster River 11: John Stark went on a run to score three unanswered goals in the last 7½ minutes.

Derryfield 8, Kearsarge 5: Olivia Strong and Lucy Licata both recorded four goals and Shawna Lesmerises made 15 saves for Derryfield

HDHS FALL SPORTS SIGN UPS

Thursday, June 13th at 2:20pm, in the following locations: Girls Soccer - Room 222, Boys Soccer - Gymnasium; Girls Volleyball - Cafeteria; Golf - Room 221; XC - Gymnasium Bass Fishing - Gymnasium.

HDHS SPRING SPORTS AWARDS

TUESDAY, JUNE 11-6:00 – 7:30 P.M.-HDHS GYMNASIUM

BASEBALL

Fall Mountain 4, Hillsboro-Deering 1: The Hillcats put a run on the board to gain the lead with an RBI-single from Gunner Hagstrom in the top of the third.

Bow 6, Pembroke 5: The Falcons built an early 4-0 lead and escaped with the victory after stranding the tying run on third base to end the game.

Goffstown 6, Nashua North 0: Connor Hujsak went the distance for the Grizzlies striking out eight and allowing four hits.

Goffstown 7, Trinity 6: Colin Burke drove in the game-winning run with a two-out single through the infield in the sixth inning.

John Stark 11, West 1: Brady Philibotte and Nate Isabelle each logged a pair of hits and RBIs for the Generals (10-0). West is 1-9.

John Stark 3, ConVal 1: Rian Queen came up big with a go-ahead two-run single in the fifth inning to break a 1-1 tie..

Concord Christian Academy 2, Sunapee 1: Ritchie Crowley pitched a complete game, with 18 of the 21 outs coming via strikeouts.

Hopkinton 18, Franklin 0: The Hawks scored seven runs in the first inning after two outs to take control early. Franklin's TJ Laramie had a double in the fourth for his team's only hit.

Stevens 24, Newport 4: Stevens got out to a great start and led 3-0 after the top of the first, as Owen Taylor had a two out, two run single in the first inning to get things started.

BOYS' LACROSSE

Pelham 9 Hopkinton 5: The Hopkinton boys' lacrosse team lost its first game since 2016 on Friday, falling to Pelham, 9-5, in a battle of Division III unbeatens. The Hawks had won 43 straight coming into Friday's game.

Hopkinton 16, Milford 4: Corey Girouard led Milford with 3 goals, but the Hawks were too much to handle.

Goffstown 12, Kennett 0: Austin Taylor, Nick Mason, Konnaugh Donovan, and John Erwin each had a pair of goals in the win.

Goffstown 11, Merrimack Valley 8: The Grizzlies took a 7-4 lead into halftime before matching Merrimack Valley's four-goal second half output.

Goffstown 12, Merrimack 3: Nick Mason led the charge for Goffstown with four goals and Griffin Cook added three.

Hollis/Brookline 7, John Stark 6: Cam Fortin had three goals to lead the Generals.

John Stark 12, Alvirne 2: Kayden Easter and Cam Fortin led the way with four goals apiece and Peyton Marden added a hat trick to his two assists.

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Bid specifications are available at the Henniker Town Hall or at https://www.henniker.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/General/page/21071/floor_sealing_2019.pdf under Resource Center. For questions regarding bid specifications, please contact Leo Aucoin, Highway Superintendent at 603 428-7200.



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From the creators of Deadliest Catch and Storage Wars comes an authentic look at the hardship, dedication, and personal triumphs of America's farmers in the new eight-part docuseries THE AMERICAN FARM. The life of the farmer is the great untold story of America, and the filmmakers spent an entire year with five hard-working families across America, including the Robertson family of Bohanan Farm and Contoocook Creamery in Contoocook.

Tell it to the police, not Facebook

Prompted by a Facebook post in which people were discussing vehicle break-ins in Antrim, the police department has issued a reminder to report all crimes to them, not Facebook. If you "see something say something" and give the Antrim Police a call at 588-6613 to report suspicious activity.

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Events: Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY MAY 18

WANTED: Donation of items for the Weare Historical Society to sell during the Town-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday June 1. If you'd like to donate, please contact Terri (529-0425) or Sherry (529-3896).

NEWBURY LIBRARY: Celebrate Endangered Species Day at the Newbury Public Library from 10:30am -1:30pm. Join us to learn more about 6 Endangered Species, make animal crafts, and learn about the everyday actions that you can take. Free and Open to the Public.

BINGO: South Weare Improvement Society (SWIS) will hold a bingo game at Osborne Memorial Hall, 16 Deering Ctr. Rd., Weare, and on the third Saturday of each month through October. Dinner - chicken legs and tossed or pasta salad (\$7), desserts, and beverages are available beginning at 5:30 p.m. Bingo sheets, carryover coveralls, and pull-tabs may be purchased starting at 6 p.m. The games begin at 7 p.m. sharp. Proceeds benefit renovations to the hall, so please do not carry in refreshments. No one under 18 is allowed.

PLANT SALE: The Francestown Garden Club will be selling plants 'you must have' from 9 AM to 12 Noon at the Village Green. We offer a wide variety of plants, mostly perennials, but also some shrubs and annuals, at far less than their retail value – some 800 plants and over 100 varieties. Everyone is welcome so bring your garden plans, your plant list, your questions and your friends.

PLANT SALE: 9 A.M. - NOON Weare Center in front of the American Legion, Paige Memorial Lane/North Stark Highway Sponsored by the Weare Garden Club Benefits the Garden Club Scholarship Fund. Locally grown plants at affordable prices!

HAM & BEAN DINNER: South Newbury Union Church \$12.00 adults, \$6.00 ages 6 - 12 and under 5 FREE. Ham, baked beans, assorted salad and rolls. Dessert and drink included. Handicap accessible with take out available.

GRAPEVINE: Community Open Mic Night: from 6:30-9pm. Local musicians, singers, poets, rappers and comedians welcome! Join our fun, relaxed atmosphere! Come alone or with a group! Come to perform or just to watch! Refreshments

provided! This event is free (donations welcome)!

FUNDRAISER: 5K Run/Walk: to benefit Alzheimer's Research. 7th annual Timmons Team fundraiser. Registration starts at 8:00 am in Northfield NH.

SUNDAY MAY 19

NEWBURY LIBRARY: Sunday Craft Groups Sundays at 3pm ,May 19, June 2nd, 16th, 30. Bring your quilting, knitting, crochet or other craft projects.

CRUZ-IN: Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines for the annual Rotary Club Cruz-In! Running the third Sunday of the month 'til September, this free public event is held in Depot Park downtown Peterborough from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. The event is open to all makes and models of vintage or special interest cars, trucks, motorcycles, and bicycles. The event is free to attendees and all are welcome - there is no fee to display a vehicle. Participating Cruzers, who drive in an antique or special interest vehicle (even tricycles qualify – we always get at least one), will get a chance at a \$25 door prize gift certificate from

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Antrim Baptist Church will be offering a free pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Menu includes plain and blueberry pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, orange juice, and coffee. There will be a free movie event for teens and adults at The Antrim Baptist Church on Sunday, at 6:30 pm. The movie, "Indivisible" will be shown. Popcorn and ice cream sundaes will be served.

ANTRIM HISTORICAL: The Antrim Historical Society will be hosting a free program at 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Antrim. Madelyn Curtiss Klose will be the featured speaker. The title of her talk is, "Reflections of an Hero Found." She will be speaking about her brother, 1st Lt. Burleigh E. Curtis, who was killed in WWII while taking part in a bombing mission over France and whose remains were recently found. With her talk, she will incorporate the 75th anniversary of D-Day, of which Lt. Curtis was a part.

FISHING DERBY: Fisherfield Pond Registration at 7:15 a.m. Free for children 15 and under. Sponsored by Bradford Fish & Game.

ARTS ON THE GO: Art Trips for Kids! 9:00-3:00 Kids Con Festival-Arts and Literacy through Comics! Radison Hotel-Nashua. Transportation to and from Whipple Hall, New London \$45. Grades 2 and up. Register at CenterfortheArtsnh.org

WEDNESDAY MAY 22

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THURSDAY MAY 23

BOOK SALE: Fuller Public Library's Annual Book Sale will run for 3 days this year. All you can bag \$10 or fill a new reusable library bag for \$15. Donations of books in good condition, dvds and music will be accepted through May 18 inside the library. Yard Sale space for Saturday is \$10, sign up by calling 464-3595 or stop in!

GREAT DECISION: State of the State Department 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the second floor of the

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FRIDAY MAY 24

BLACK FLY BLITZ: 5K Run/Walk. Serious runners, casual competitors and avid walkers should mark their calendars for the Wilmot Community Association's (WCA) annual Black Fly Blitz 5K. The race steps off at 9 a.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 in Wilmot Flat. The 5K starts and ends at the Wilmot Town Green at the intersection of Kearsarge Valley and Village roads. Participants can register via the website at wilmotWCA.org through Friday, May 24. Online registration is free for children 8 years and younger; \$20 for youths 9 to 17 and \$25 for adults 18 and older. Online registration closes Friday, May 24. Day-of-race registration will be available for an additional \$5 (children 8 and younger are still free.)

SATURDAY MAY 25

ANDOVER HISTORICAL: AHS museum sites -- the Potter Place Railroad Station and Museum, and the J.C. Emons General Store and Post Office, both in the village of Potter Place -- open to the public on weekends through mid-October. Exhibit features Andover's covered bridges. Saturdays



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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Hattie Mabel (Parker) Edmunds

HENNIKER - Hattie M. Edmunds passed away on May 9, 2019 at New London Hospital with family by her side. She was born in Nashua, NH on July 18, 1921 to parents Laurence J. Parker and Doris M. Wilson Parker. Hattie was predeceased by her husband, Clarence W. Edmunds who she married in 1940, and her brother, Laurence H. Parker. She is survived by her son, Richard L. Edmunds, Sr. and his wife, Lorraine of Antrim NH; her 2 grandchildren, Margaret Edmunds Palango and husband, Vernon of Cary NC, Richard L. Edmunds, Jr. and wife, Jeanine of Antrim NH; her 4 great grandchildren, Hannah Klemmer, Thomas Klemmer, Andrew Edmunds, Brody Edmunds and her niece, Sandra Parker Orr of Pittsburgh PA. She also leaves cousins,



nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family. Donations may be made in Hattie's name to the Henniker Food Pantry, P.O. Box 55, Henniker, NH 03242.

Alana E (Hnyda) Smith

CONTOOCOOK - Alana E. (Hnyda) Smith, 74, of Contoocook, NH died Saturday May 11, 2019 at her home. Alana was born in Brier Hill, PA, on October 9, 1944 to John Sr & Mary R. (Sadosky) Hnyda. Alana was predeceased by her late husband, Dean L. Smith who died in Dec 28, 2017 after 37 years together, and her beloved dog, Blackie. Survived by her mother, Mary Kjersgaard of Matawan, NJ; 6 siblings, John Hnyda Jr of Lake Hiawatha, NJ, Patricia Garon of Centerville, PA, Judy Csaszar of El Cajun, CA, Thomas Hnyda of Fords, NJ, Nancy Magdon of Florida, Pauline Falcone of Flemington,



NJ; 1 son, Arthur Parkman III & wife, Heather of Claremont, NH; 1 daughter, Christine Pfeiffer & husband, Brian Belanger of N. Waterboro, ME; grandchildren, Alexis Parkman of Claremont, NH, Brandon Pfeiffer of Clarksville, TN, Dominic Pfeiffer of N. Waterboro, ME, Kayla Belanger of New Shapleigh, ME, Colliia Belanger of Fairbanks, Alaska, and her best friend, Karen Marin; 3 great grandchildren, Jackson, Harper, Mya. Calling hrs will be held Friday, May 17, 2019 from 5-7 pm in the Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home, Henniker. Funeral Service will be held Saturday May 18, 2019 at 10 am in The Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home, Henniker.

Daniel Paul Heroux

NEWPORT — Daniel Paul Heroux, 61, passed away on May 12, 2019, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, after a short and courageous battle with cancer. Dan was born on Jan. 18, 1958, in Nashua, to Paul Heroux and Cecile (Lemay) Riley. Surviving family include his daugh-

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Lenny of Newport, Madeline Burns and husband, Dennis of Hudson, and Denise Burns and husband, Alan of Merrimack; and many friends and extended family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dan's name may be made to the Scholarship Program at Newport Recreation, 65 Belknap Ave., Newport, NH 03773; or to Sullivan County Humane Society, P.O. Box 11, Claremont, NH 03743. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 17, 2019, at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 32 Beech St. in Newport, with celebration of life immediately following.

Carlyle "Carl" Bragdon Jr
BOW - Carlyle "Carl" Bragdon, 87, of Bow passed away surrounded by his

family on May 9, 2019 after experiencing a period of declining health. Carl was born in Bar Harbor, Maine on May 5, 1932 to Carlyle A. Sr. and Sarah (Scott) Bragdon. Carl was pre-deceased in 2014 by his loving wife, Pat, with whom he shared 59 years of marriage, and by his brother, Robert Scott. He is survived by his two sons, Bruce and wife, Cynthia of Epsom, and Steven and husband, Gerald Sherwood of Chicago, IL; granddaughters, Sarah Waranowski and husband, Peter of Raymond and Katie Presti and husband, Matthew of Denver, CO; and great-grandchildren Adam and Jake Waranowski and Connor and Ella Presti. Graveside services will be held at a future date in Bar Harbor, Maine. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Hospice Care Program, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord, NH 03301



(www.crvna.org), the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association Northeast Chapter, c/o Bill Hayden, Secretary/Treasurer, 6 Black Cherry Drive, Brunswick, ME 04011. Waters Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



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Former County Attorney vindicated in suit by former Weare Officer

Former Hillsborough County Attorney Dennis Hogan claimed vindication this week in a civil lawsuit that stretches back two years, when he was County Attorney. Hogan criticized media for its reporting of the issue, which involved Epsom lawyer Tony Soltani and former Weare police officer, Lisa Censabella, who challenged Hogan's refusal to provide her with docu-

ments from the County Attorney office under the Right to Know Law. The news release deals with a case brought by former Weare police officer.

Superior Court Judge Jacalyn Colburn ruled that Hogan had followed the Right to Know Law when he denied Censabella's access to an internal affairs investigation about another Weare officer. Censabella

has not appealed within the time frame to do so.

Hogan said Soltani had voiced "outlandish conspiracy accusations" during a court hearing in 2017, and he was disappointed that no media reported "the backstory" that Soltani had an ax to grind, that his office prosecuted Soltani in 2013 for misdemeanor or reckless conduct.

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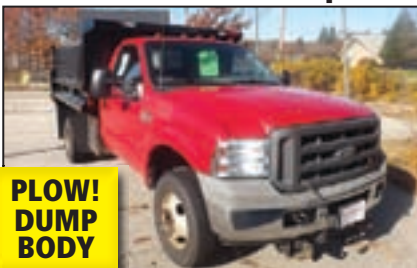
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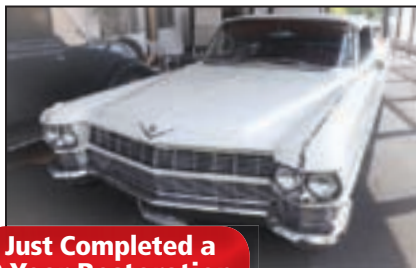


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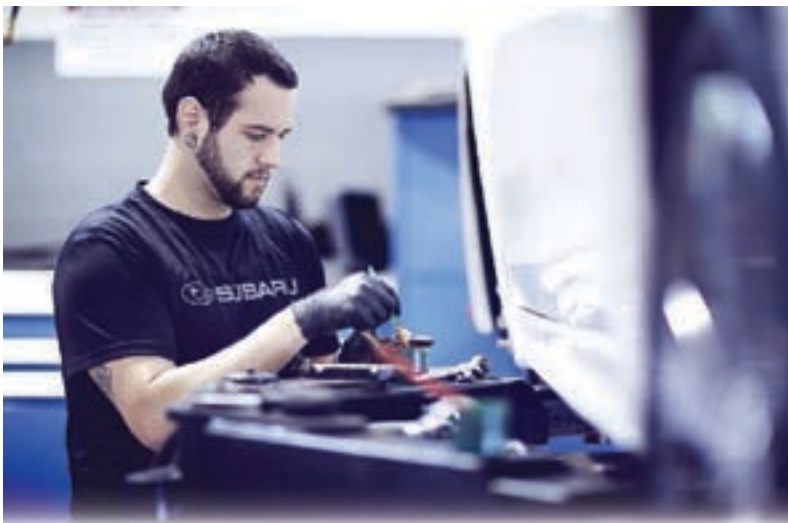
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