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One Solitary Life

Attributed to James Allen Frances

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He had no credentials, but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that One Solitary Life.



Adrianna McCullagh from Newport talks with Santa Claus during Christmas in the Livery in Sunapee Harbor. Paul Howe photo.

New London Budget Up 5.4%

Includes 16.3% Increase in Capital Reserves

The New London Selectmen completed their fiscal year 2021 budget and turned it over to the Budget Committee. It represents a 4.3% increase in the operating budget and a 16.3% increase in transfers to capital reserve accounts for an overall budget increase of 5.4%. The Selectmen's budget includes a 1.5% cost of living increase for town employees and funding for the pay scale that was established by the Board in 2016 that provides step increases of 2.5% for employees that achieve an acceptable annual evaluation. The increase for employee health insurance was a modest 0.9%. Other budget items of note: A position in the public works department going from part-time to full-time;

Part-time staff in the finance office;
\$5,000 reduction in the legal budget;
\$6,580 reduction in planner services; the addition of \$40,000 to fund a Building Inspector position;

Removal of \$3,000 for the police department K-9 (expectation is for donations, and not tax dollars, to support the program);

\$6,000 for cleaning of the Elkins and Bucklin beach bathhouses;

Removal of \$5,900 for software to track building permits;

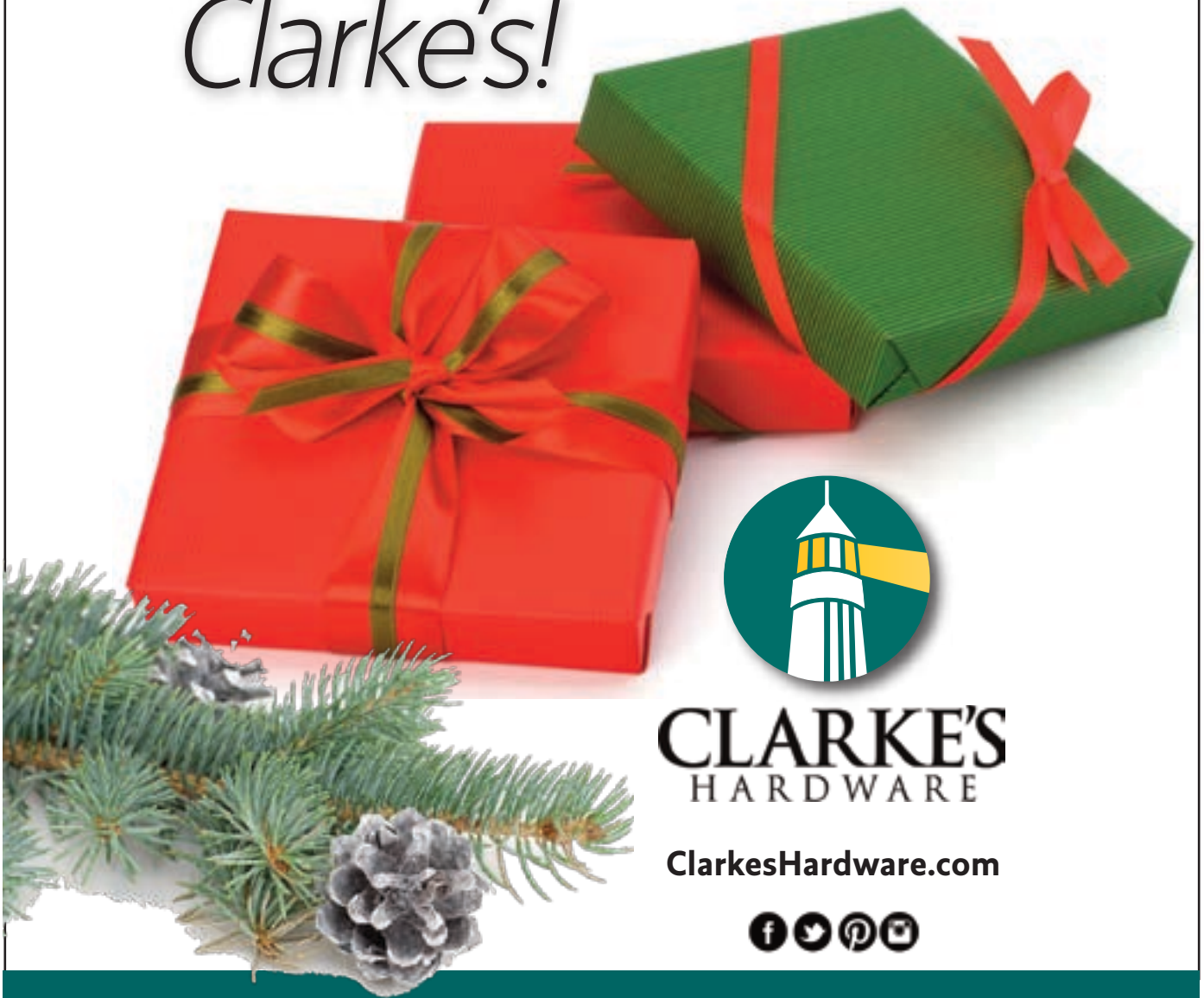
Reduction of the Conservation Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund from \$50,000 to \$10,000; Reduction of \$1,400 for Merrimack County Attorney services for the police department. Request for a full-time fire department training and code enforcement officer was not funded. The Budget Committee will review the entire budget and may decide to fund items the Selectmen decided not to fund, or vice versa. These meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend to learn about the various funding requests that will be considered at Town Meeting on March 11th.



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Attorney General clears Weare Police Officers in August shooting

Attorney General Gordon MacDonald has released the body camera footage and a report clearing two Weare Police Officers involved in an officer involved shooting last August. According to the 22-page report, Sgt. Austin and Officer Paul Lewis acted within state law relating to the use of deadly force, said. Autopsy results show that Jeffrey Clough-Garvin, 43, was shot in the right chest, left shoulder and left upper back but was not hit in any vital areas, but then turned his gun on himself, inflicting a fatal injury to his left lung. Weare Police

Chief Christopher Moore expressed his sympathies for Clough-Garvin and his wife and said he supports the actions of both

officers. Maguire is returning to duty. Lewis is still recovering from his wounds and is currently limited to administrative duties.

Peterborough couple suing the town over child's injuries

Luke and Emaline Bergeron are suing the Peterborough Recreation Department after their child was injured by the metal bleachers at Adams Field earlier this year. Their lawsuit alleges that the town was negligent for allowing the bleacher to fall into a dangerous condition that led to the injury of their child. According to the lawsuit,

Luke Bergeron was playing on a team in a softball league administered by the Department, when he suffered a large laceration on his thigh as he ran into the uncapped edge of the bleacher.

The suit alleges the town was negligent because the bleachers were missing end-caps, leaving sharp metal edges exposed.

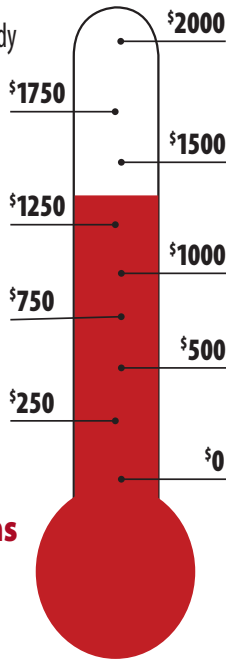
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The Recreation Committee hosted a great Breakfast With Santa and donated the \$500 proceeds to Hopkinton's Operation Christmas.

Diane Ricciardelli named Warner's Town Administrator

The Warner Board of Selectmen has announced the appointment of Diane Ricciardelli as the new Town Administrator. The Board led the interview process which included resident representatives, and town employee representatives. Diane brings extensive management experience

to the Town Administrator's office, spanning budgeting, project planning, community engagement, policy and proposal writing, and human resource management. Most recently, she has served as the Land Use Administrator for Warner. Diane's appointment is effective with the new year.

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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

December 21, 2018

H-D Budget up \$695,421.21 to \$23,586,738.40
Pair of Kearsarge students recognized for overcoming challenges
Henniker tax rate to increase 13%
H-D Elementary needs Comprehensive Support & Improvement

December 22, 2017

\$10 million error in Goffstown School Tax
Franklin's Three Rivers Foundation supports education
H-D Board approves \$41,450 in stipends
ConVal to purchase additional Chromebooks

December 16, 2016

Franklin welcomes City's Hope for Recovery Center
Police investigating baby's death in Peterborough
New Boston's South Branch Bridge project awarded
NH Motor Speedway constructing snowmobile bridge

December 18, 2015

Goffstown to replace 469 street lights
Sunapee Police & Fire retain New London Dispatch
Weare man nominated to Superior Court
New Boston Police "adopt" a needy family

December 19, 2014

\$10 million to purchase & renovate Villa Augustina
New Boston Police have surplus funds
State Board rules in favor of Goffstown
Franklin Health Center receives \$26,618 grant

December 20, 2013

ConVal students design Peterborough's 275th logo
Hillsborough man's bail set at \$250,000 cash only
Henniker PTA embezzler seeks plea bargain
Victim suing Seastrand in Federal Court

December 21, 2012

More arrests made in Henniker marijuana case
Weare man killed in single car accident
Newport church hosts Vigil for the Homeless on Friday
New Director at Sunapee's Abbott Library

December 23, 2011

ConVal considers school consolidations
Hancock man arrested for theft of fuel & equipment
Washington Police arrest eight time DWI offender
Newport Board and teachers at an impasse

December 17, 2010

Monadnock Hospital employees face salary & benefit cuts
Pair arrested for Hillsborough home invasion
ConVal schools to cut 21 positions
Former police officer sues Weare

December 18, 2009

Hillsborough officials considering a municipal complex
Antrim boy pulls knife at ConVal
Hopkinton searching for new police chief
Greenfield voters ratify property sale

**Coming up: Happy New Year
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ConVal students working to raise suicide awareness and prevention

Sparked by a middle school student's death by suicide earlier this fall, ConVal students, Cruz Dellasanta, 17; Hannah Doherty, 18; Callie Boisvert, 14; Abbey Shumway, 14; and Catrina Kipka, 17, are starting conversations on suicide and mental health. At ConVal, Doherty and Dellasanta started a hope garden last month by getting faculty, students and community members to plant 1,000 yellow tulip bulbs.

The garden is part of the Yellow Tulip Project — started in Maine in 2016 — which aims to provide a space for conversations about mental health. The yellow tulip represents happiness, according to the project's website, and serves as a reminder that even in the darkest places, there is always hope.

Doherty and Dellasanta plan to put a plaque in front of the garden in the spring, explaining its meaning and listing national suicide-prevention resources, such as the suicide hotline.

Once the tulips bloom, the pair also plan on hosting an assembly, alongside the other students working on this issue, with hopes it becomes a tradition at ConVal.



(L-R) Cruz Dellasanta, 17; Hannah Doherty, 18; Catrina Kipka, 17; Callie Boisvert, 14; and Abbey Shumway, 14.

In a separate project, Boisvert and Shumway held a 5k race, raffle and bake sale at the Peterborough High School last Sunday.

While recognizing the need to bring awareness to suicide, the girls also noticed

a gap in mental-health services statewide. To help, they donated the money raised during the event — about \$1,500 — to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, which has only one Granite State chapter in Nashua.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

More than one in eight U.S. adults (12.6 percent) used benzodiazepines in the past year, up from previous reports. Misuse of the prescription drugs accounted for more than 17 percent of overall use, according to a study published online recently in *Psychiatric Services in Advance*. The researchers defined misuse as any way a doctor did not direct, including using the drug without a prescription, or more often or longer than prescribed. Misuse was highest among young adults 18 to 25 (5.6 percent) and was as common as prescribed use. Benzodiazepines are a class of medications used to treat conditions such as anxiety and insomnia. They include Alprazolam (Xanax, Niravam), diazepam (Valium), clonazepam (Klonopin), lorazepam (Ativan) and others. Researchers analyzed data from the 2015 and 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Maintaining sufficient vitamin D levels may help to prevent the onset of inflammatory diseases like rheumatoid arthritis, research published in the *Journal of Autoimmunity* has discovered. In addition to its well-established actions on the skeleton, vitamin D is a potent modulator of the immune system. In particular, vitamin D can suppress inflammation in autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis. Patients with rheumatoid arthritis are frequently vitamin D deficient and may receive vitamin D supplementation.

A team of scientists discovered that a component of fish oil not only protects cells critical to vision from potentially lethal initial insults, but also from those that occur in the future. The study showed that the omega-3 fatty acid, DHA, and its derivatives "precondition" photoreceptor and retinal pigment epithelial (RPE) cells to survive. The results are published in the journal *Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology*.

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Dr. Esin Narli-Trangaris

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On the panel (left to right): Lauren Zervos and Jillian LaBrecque from John Stark Regional High School and Eve Hodgdon from Pinkerton Academy talk about what they find effective at their schools to promote safe driving among teens during the recent NH Highway Safety Conference.

Stark Peer Leaders at Safety Conference

Peer Leaders from John Stark Regional High School were invited to speak on a panel at the 2019 NH Highway Safety Conference in November to present what they do as Peer Leaders to encourage safe driving among their peers at school. Each year the JSRHS Peer Leaders bring speakers and run hands-on demonstrations regarding safe driving practices for all grade levels at John Stark. The conference was held in Concord and was a collaboration between the NH Office of Highway Safety, the Buckle Up NH Program with the Injury Prevention Center at the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, and AAA of Northern New England.

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Area saddened by unexpected death of Weare Librarian Michael Sullivan

Area residents were shocked to hear that Michael Sullivan, 52, of Henniker, passed away December 10th. Mike was an author, a librarian, entertainer, active member of the Lions Club and all-around good guy.

Although he had no children of his own, he had a special way with kids, whether it was juggling, playing chess, making origami or playing his guitar and singing. More important than doing all this with the kids was his passion to teach them how to do it themselves.

It was always a given that at any family get together Mike was sure to be at a table, surrounded by the kids, playing chess with one while teaching three others, and making origami with the others.

He never showed up without his chess board and his little plastic container of paper squares.

Michael was loved and admired by the communities in which he served as Librarian, most recently the Town of Weare.

Mike always wanted to share his knowledge and talents. He was such a talented writer that he could take "war stories" that he heard around the family table (an un-



Area residents were shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Henniker resident and Weare Librarian Michael Sullivan. His obituary is on page 23.

fortunate side effect of a family of cops and EMTs) and turn them into children's books (in which the characters were named after

his nieces and nephews).

He will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of crossing paths with him.



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Music from the Past in New Boston Jan 9th

The New Boston Historical Society presents "Music from the Past: Dulcimer & Harpsichord with R.P. Hale" on Thursday, January 9th at 7:00PM, in the New Boston Community Church. Harpsichordist and period musician R.P. Hale will present a performance featuring music of the Mexican Baroque, as well as exploring the kinds of music one would have heard in Colonial-era New Hampshire. His concert will include a virginal-harpsichord and double-bass hammer-dulcimer, both of his own construction. Refreshments will be served afterwards at the New Boston Historical Society Museum across the street. See our new exhibits of metal toys, kitchen implements, and WWII memorabilia. All are welcome to attend this free event.

CFA 2019 student scholarship recipients

Come experience the amazing talent of the CFA student scholarship award recipients, Friday, January 3rd, at 7:00 pm at Warner Town Hall. Each year the Center for the Arts recognizes and awards scholarships to area students who would like to pursue any form of artistic opportunity. The CFA 2019 student scholarship recipients were: Hunter LaBelle, Alia Gonzalez, Rette Solomon, Lily Magoon, Allison Callaghan, Jakob Vedova, Helen Armstrong, Brooklyn Mitchler, Vivian "Mak" Eldridge, Oliver Andrews, Courtney Goodwin, Emily Swindell, Lindsey Patten and Mason Martell. We are proud to share with you an evening highlighting the talents of these scholarship recipients. All First Friday events are free and open to the public.

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GPS routes Pats Peak traffic on Hopkinton Henniker back roads

In recent weeks, Henniker and Hopkinton residents have attended their respective Select Board meetings with concerns over the volume and speed of traffic using Hatfield and College Hill Roads for access to Pats Peak.

The problem is that many online GPS services such as Google Maps and Waze instruct westbound traffic that the best way to the Peak is to take Hatfield Road off Route 202, rather than Route 114 and through town, as Pats Peak recommends. Pats Peak General Manager Kris Blomback said that their website gives the

proper direction, but when people punch up Pats Peak in their phone or GPS, it directs them to Hatfield Road.

Both boards are considering what can be done, including installing flashing speed limit signs or "local traffic only" signs on College Hill Road which may not

be possible, because as Hopkinton Town Administrator Neal Cass cautioned, "Public roads are public roads, they're open to the public." Another suggestion offered is to put up a sign on Route 202 at Hatfield Road informing people that the Pats Peak exit is a few miles ahead.



Hillsboro Ford and Hillsboro Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram donated food raised from their food drive they held to benefit the Hillsboro District Food Pantry. Becky Podsadowski and Alice Roberts also presented \$500 checks from each dealership.

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HENNIKER SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET

The Henniker School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2020-2021 Henniker School District budget on **January 14, 2020** at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at:
Henniker Community School
51 Western Avenue
Henniker, NH 03242

The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. and recess for the public hearing.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION: SESSION 1 MEETING

The Henniker School Board will hold a Deliberative Session: Session I meeting on **February 3, 2020** at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at:
Henniker Community School
51 Western Avenue
Henniker, NH 03242

The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. and recess for Session I.

FILING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

Persons interested in filing for school district offices may file for these positions starting **January 22, 2020**. The deadline for filing is 5:00 p.m. on **January 31, 2020**.

Persons wishing to file should contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 428-3269 ext. 240.

One School Board Member	3 year term
One School District Clerk	1 year term
One School District Treasurer	1 year term

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

Persons wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2020 Henniker School District Warrant must submit such warrants to the Henniker School Board, c/o Office of the Superintendent, no later than **January 14, 2020** at 5:00 p.m.

Persons wishing additional information may contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 428-3269 ext. 240.

VOTING DAY: MARCH 10, 2020

JOHN STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET

The John Stark School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2020-2021 John Stark School District budget on **January 17, 2020** at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the library at:
John Stark Regional High School
618 North Stark Highway
Weare, NH 03281

The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and recess for the public hearing.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION: SESSION 1 MEETING

The John Stark School Board will hold a Deliberative Session: Session I meeting on **February 7, 2020** at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at:
John Stark Regional High School
618 North Stark Highway
Weare, NH 03281

The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and recess for Session I.

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One School Board Member (Henniker)	3 year term
One School Board Member (Weare)	3 year term
One School District Moderator	1 year term

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Guest Editorial

by Grant Bosse

Reflections On Christmas

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

My Sunday school education did not include flying reindeer, talking snowmen or jolly, old elves. So I've never gotten all that worked up about complaints over the commercialization of Christmas, or that all the shopping distracts from the religious importance of the season.

Frankly, the secular celebration of Christmas has long dwarfed religious observance. I'm OK with that. I love the trappings and traditions of Christmas, most of which have nothing to do with the birth of Christ.

I love decorating the house. I'm a plastic tree convert, and I love listening to most Christmas carols, though "Santa Baby" should be banned and wiped from our collective memory. I even love wrapping Christmas presents.

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

Even when I was a kid, I loved giving presents more than receiving them. I liked new toys as much as any kid, but I started doing my own Christmas shopping very young. That smile and laugh when someone you love opens the perfect gift lasts all year.

Which gets us back a little closer to the true meaning of Christmas. It's not really about the presents, but the gifts we give each other are a reflection of the gift God gave us. Jesus Christ was born for us, and died for us, that our sins may be forgiven. We celebrate his birth by giving gifts to each other. We may not consciously reflect on the gifts of the Magi when someone opens their new voice-activated Star Wars droid, but

there's a connection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Hanukkah is the Jewish Festival of Lights and it remembers the rededication of the second Jewish Temple in Jerusalem, in Israel. This happened in the 160s BCE/BC (before Jesus was born).... During Hanukkah, on each of the eight nights, a candle is lit in a special menorah (candelabra) called a 'hanukkiyah'.

Bradford forester fined \$10,000 for 9 separate timber violations

Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald and the New Hampshire Forest Protection Bureau announced that on October 24, 2019, the Merrimack County Superior Court ordered Michael B. Carter of Bradford to pay a \$10,000 enhanced civil penalty under RSA 227-G:10. RSA 227-G:10 authorizes the Attorney General to petition the superior court to impose enhanced penalties on individuals with multiple forestry-related criminal convictions. Mr. Carter pleaded guilty to nine separate forestry-related offenses between

2013 and 2015.

Allegations of timber harvesting related violations are investigated by state forest rangers. Penalties for these crimes range from civil fines to misdemeanors and felonies. Under the enhanced penalty law, each conviction is assigned up to three points, depending upon the severity of the

infraction. RSA 227-G:10 authorizes New Hampshire courts to impose enhanced civil penalties when an individual's timber violation convictions total eight or more points within a seven-year period. Funds collected through civil penalties imposed under this statute are placed in a fund for forest protection and management.

Proposed Warner ATV renewal agreement draws heavy opposition

The Warner Select Board recently held an open discussion about renewal of the ATV agreement between Bound Tree ATV Club and the town. After a short presentation by Bound Tree, the Board was addressed, verbally and in writing, by numerous residents and landowners objecting to the renewal. Chair Clyde Carson then announced that the topic will be placed on the first agenda in January.



The Hillsborough Police raised a total of \$680 for the Granite State Childrens' Alliance in their Novembeard Fundraiser.

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Boys Sports



Sunapee's Zach Belisle tries to prevent Mount Royal's Brendan Moore-house from driving to the basket during a game at the Sherborne gym. Sunapee won 53 - 46. Paul Howe photo.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Sunapee 53, Mt. Royal 46: The Lakers scored 17 points in the third and fourth quarters to pull away. Mount Royal's Andrew Normandin led all scorers with 17 points. Zach Belisle was high scorer for Sunapee with 14 points.

Raymond 71, Hillsboro-Deering 50: Nathaniel and Josh Krafon combined for 20 points in Raymond's 71-50 win over Hillsboro-Deering. Zack Coombs led all scorers with 16 for Hillsboro-Deering and Ben Ketterer added 10.

Mascenic 59, Hopkinton 44: Mascenic took a 30-24 lead into halftime. Kevin Newton-Delgado scored eight of his team-high 17 points in the third and the Hawks tied things up 37-37 Sam Stauffenecker scored 11 of his 30, to regain the lead and win the game.

Windsor VT 78, Newport 40: Windsor opened with a 10-0 run against and had a 29-12 lead after 8 minutes.

FRANKLIN MALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

The Male AOTW is Sophomore **ASHER GRAVES** of the Indoor Track team. Asher finished 5th overall and scored points. He also competed in the 55 meter dash and the long jump.



Bowling Green sophomore Tayler Mattos, of New London, is increasing his role with the Falcons this season.



Girls Sports



Mount Royal's Sophie Larose watches her teammate Emma Treese try and block Sunapee's Abby Pollari's shot during a game at the Sherborne gym. Sunapee won 58 - 26. Paul Howe photo.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sunapee 58, Mount Royal 26: Sunapee held Mount Royal to 26 points in the game and put the game away in the third quarter, scoring 20 points to Mount Royal's 7 points.

ConVal 36, Timberlane 30: Julia Donovan led ConVal to the win with 12 points, with Emma Hixon closely behind with 10.

John Stark 42, Kearsarge 34: Anna Stenger scored 17 points, to help the Generals survive 23 turnovers.

Kearsarge 44, Stevens 41: Caroline Camp's late free throws sealed a comeback victory after a see-saw game.

Hopkinton 57, Campbell 38: The Hawks used a 33-13 run in 2nd and 3rd quarters to open up a tight game.

Bow 45, Pembroke 32: With the score 10-9, the Falcons made four straight layups to increase their lead to nine, Just like that Bow was up 20-9.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Brady/Trinity/West 5, ConVal/Conant 0: Evelyn Irizarry scored two goals and added an assist, and Haley Hildreth and Courtney Ingham added a goal and assist each for the winners.

FRANKLIN FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

The AI's Village Pizza and FHS Female Athlete Of The Week is Junior **JADA LAPIERRE** of the girls basketball team. Jada had a great week of hustle in practices and games and is a member of the Student Athletic Leadership Team.



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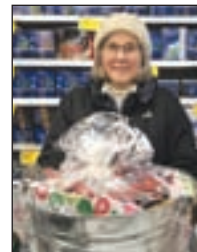
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Forum on Francestown School postponed

A winter storm caused the postponement of an open forum scheduled to discuss the future of Francesown's Elementary School. Titled "Beginning a ConVal Community Conversation" it was designed to discuss the ConVal School District's organizational structure, in light of declining enrollment in the Frances-town school. It has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday at the Francestown Elementary School. This forum will be followed by the regular School Board Meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

Grant provides 24 hour Goffstown coverage

Goffstown now has firefighters on duty 24 hours a day, as part of a trial for the next 26 weeks, as a result of the Department's successful bid for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant from FEMA. It would allow the department to hire four new full-time firefighters, who completed their training last week. It allows Goffstown's two fire stations to transition from 12-hour shifts to 24-hour shifts. Goffstown Fire Department Chief Brian Allard said this arrangement will reduce the town's need for mutual aid from other towns, which in turn would save the town money. The 26-week time frame came as part of a provision in the contract between the Professional Firefighters of Goffstown and the town, and could become permanent after examination near the end of the trial period.

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New Boston man seriously injured in Route 101 rollover

More than 6,000 gallons of gasoline that poured from an overturned tanker involved in a crash that closed Route 101 Monday night likely will take several months to clean up. A rollover crash of a gasoline tanker closed both the eastbound and westbound lanes for almost eight

hours Monday, as firefighters worked to contain the spill of more than 6,000 gallons of gasoline. Reports indicate that the crash happened when a westbound Volvo driven by Desiree Gulyban, 25, of Hampton, veered from the left travel lane into the right lane and collided with the 2018 Mack

tractor pulling the tanker. The truck driver, Jeffrey Beaulieu, 28, of New Boston, was thrown from the cab and sustained serious injuries. He was taken to Portsmouth Regional Hospital, where he was listed in fair condition. Gulyban was transported to Exeter Hospital with minor injuries.

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While member Rich Pellitier argued that the budget was still too high and unaffordable by taxpayers, Chair Kathryn McGinn countered, saying more staff was needed to assist H-D's overburdened teachers restore discipline.

She said the budget increase was necessary because the district had been operating on a status quo, without budget

James Coffey out in Stoddard

Former controversial Hillsborough Town Administrator James Coffey is being replaced from a similar position in the Town of Stoddard. Stoddard currently is soliciting candidates for the position but here is no indication as to whether Coffey's departure is voluntary, forced or a mutual decision. It does come on the heels of the Fire Chief lodging formal complaints against him.

increases for several years.

McGinn reasoned that this was the year to add to the staff because of a unusually large, \$900,00 payment to the district by

the state. Pellitier then asked, "What happens next year, without that 900,000? Do we lay off all those people. No one offered an answer."



District Governor Sue Lindberg (c) inducted Beth Gallagher (l) and Peter Blakney (r) as the newest members of the Hillsboro Lions Club as their sponsors Tracy and Stephen Gallagher look on.

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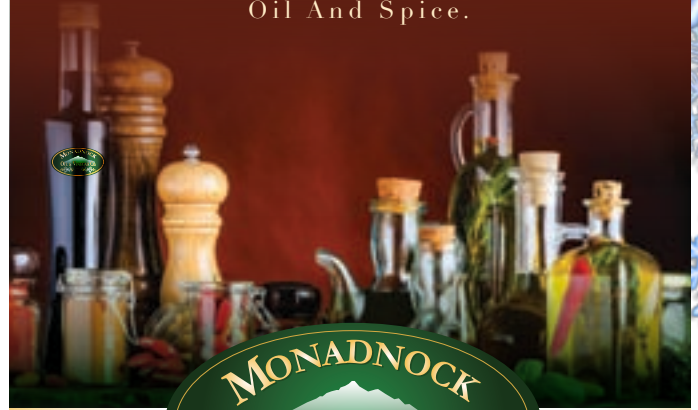


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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Michael E. Sullivan

HENNIKER - Michael E. Sullivan,

52 years old, passed away unexpectedly on December 10, 2019.

Mike was an author, a librarian, an entertainer, active member of the Lions Club and all-around good guy. Michael was predeceased

by his Mother, Helen Sullivan (Boudrow) and survived by his Father, Edward Sullivan; 4 sisters, Virginia Chapman, Rita Law, Jeanne Sullivan, Dorothy Spoerl and three brothers, Sean Sullivan, Laurence Sullivan and Donald Sullivan, as well as too many nieces and nephews to mention. Michael was loved and admired by the communities in which he served as Librarian, most recently the Town of Weare. Services will be Saturday the 21st at 10:30 at St Theresa's Church in Henniker, NH.



Priscilla Delaney Cox Byfield

HOPKINTON - Priscilla Delaney Cox Byfield, 94, of Hopkinton, NH, passed away peacefully on November 22, 2019, at the Hospice House in Concord, with her loving family by her side. She was born on June 8, 1925, in Syracuse, NY, the youngest daughter of Laurie Davidson Cox and Gretchen Sanborn Cox, of Henniker. Predeceased in 1982 by her husband Phillips Byfield Jr, and a brother, Laurie Davidson Cox Jr., and sister, Barbara Cox Ellsworth.



She is also predeceased by a son, Gregory Cox Byfield in 2013. She leaves behind three sons; Phillips Byfield III and his wife, Sara of Bradford, Kip Byfield and his wife, Janet of Bradford and Stephen Byfield of Henniker. She is survived by four grandchildren: Jessica Dunlap and her husband, Bob, Tyler Byfield, Nathaniel Byfield, Delaney Ordway; six great-grandchildren; her beloved niece Gretchen Beanlands, nephews, cousins, many close friends, neighbors and colleagues. A private burial was held on November 26 in the Henniker Cemetery where she was buried beside her husband. A celebration to include all who knew her will be held in June.

Norman Austin Bennett

PETERBOROUGH - Norman Austin

Bennett, 90, passed away Thursday, December 12, 2019 at Hillsboro House, Hillsboro, NH after a short stay. Born in Hillsboro on April 4, 1929 to Merrill and Yvonne Bennett, he was one of 11 siblings. Norman is survived by his four children, Lynn Williams of Owl's Head ME, son, Richard Bennett of Owl's Head, ME, daughter, Teresa Crowe and her husband, Rick Crowe of Peterborough, NH, and daughter, Annette Mather and husband, Paul Mather of South Thomaston, ME. Grandchildren Pam Bryer and her husband, Zac Cornish of Rockland, ME and their three children. Grandchildren Jacob Lyons, Erin Lyons, Elizabeth Lyons, Reuben Lyons, Annie Morozko, Alexandria Lyons, Cyrus



Lyons, Bennett Mather, and Samuel Mather. He is also survived by his sisters, Evelyn Holdner and Gail Brown. Norman is predeceased by his wife, Barbara (French) Bennett. Also predeceased by his brothers, Francis, Earl, Leonard, Marshall, and Robert as well as sisters, Elaine Paquin, Yvonne Sullivan, and Anita Mooney.

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J. Dudley Colcord

WARNER - J.D. Colcord Pilot, Com-

mander, Selectman, State Rep, County Commissioner, Father and Friend. JD believed in service: to his country, his community, his family, and his friends. He spent his life trying to make things better, and we believe he succeeded. Born in 1935 in Sunapee to Clyde and Elizabeth Colcord, JD is survived by his daughter, Laura, his sons, Kevin (aka "Scott") and Peter, daughters-in-law, Dee and Judith, his five grandchildren: James, Annie, Alex, Austin, and Chris, and his great-granddaughter, Freya, as well as 50+ members of the extended Ferguson Clan. He leaves behind countless friends and neighbors whose lives he touched. A celebration of JD's life will be held on December 22 from 1 to 3 pm at the Warner Town Hall. In lieu of food, gifts, or flowers, please consider making a donation to: Edna Mckenna Fund, Merrimack County Nursing Home, 325 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH 03303.



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SATURDAY DECEMBER 21

A WINTER SOLSTICE: A Solstice ritual in song and spoken word. Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Main St. An inspiring program honoring the longest night, and celebrating the return of the light.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Join the Washington Congregational Church for one or more of the following activities: (1) caroling on the town common at 5pm; (2) supper in the church fellowship hall at 6pm; and (3) caroling in the church sanctuary at 7pm.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: First Presbyterian Church of Antrim, 73 Main St. Antrim will hold a community wide Blue Christmas Candlelight Service on Sunday 5pm. All are invited to this special service that has been put together especially for those of us who are not feeling particularly merry and bright right now. The service will include prayer, scripture, music, candle lighting and meditation time. We will also hold a special candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 7pm.

MONDAY DECEMBER 23

HILLSBOROUGH SENIORS: Crafty Critters Lissa will guide us in decorating wood ornaments. She is providing all the materials including the ornaments, some with a design already on them, some just plain, so you can create your own. There will be a charge of

\$5.00 an ornament. Please call Barbara Hays at 464-2692 to reserve a spot. See you at St. Mary's at 10am.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: There will be a Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6pm at Valley Bible Chapel, 14 W Main Street, Hillsboro. Please join us as we worship the Lord Jesus in readings and song!

CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION: Midnight at the Hillsborough Center Congregational Church, all are welcome. We will be reading the Christmas story and singing carols. See the beautiful creche, (the church will be warm).

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Washington Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: at 7pm. All are invited to join Washington Congregational Church for a service of singing and celebrating the Christmas story.

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE: 5pm, East Washington Baptist Church, 2234 East Washington Road, Washington, NH. We welcome all.

FRIDAY JANUARY 3

HEALTH CLINIC: Concord Regional VNA is holding Senior Health Clinics at Smith Memorial Congregational Church from 9am to Noon and Maple Leaf Village Apartments, 10 Center Road on Wednesday, January 15 from 9am to Noon. All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10, however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure

screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.

CENTER FOR THE ARTS: First Fridays! Stars of Tomorrow, 7:00pm, free. 2019 Scholarship Recipients perform dance, music, theater, art. Whipple Hall www.centerfortheartsnh.org/first-fridays. New London.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8

BOOK SIGNING: Local author Christine Duffy Zerillo to offer readings and book signings of her new historical fiction novel called Still Here, at 6pm in Gibson's Bookstore in Concord, New Hampshire and on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 6:30pm in the Fuller Public Library, in Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

SATURDAY JANUARY 11

CENTER FOR THE ARTS: Michael Brown in "Looking over the President's Shoulder" at 2pm, Whipple Hall, New London. Tickets on sale at Tatemwell Gallery, Morgan Hill Bookstore and online.

SUNDAY JANUARY 12

MUSIC ON NORWAY POND: Kicks off the new year with Boston's professional ensemble Labyrinth Choir, bringing the best of Broadway and Hollywood to Hancock. Enjoy ensemble selections from Les Misérables, Dear Evan Hansen, Hamilton, Sister Act, and A Star Is Born, and solos from West Side Story, The Music Man, Hairspray, Sweeney Todd, plus so much more.

Town of Washington, NH

Notice of a Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held Monday, January 7, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall.

- To consider an updated ordinance to replace the existing Noise Ordinance, originally adopted by the town in 2002.

Copies of the proposed language are available in the Town office or on the Town website. The public is invited to attend or write the Planning Board prior to the hearing.

TOWN OF HENNIKER

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

CHANGE IN SATURDAY HOURS

New Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Saturday Hours, Effective January 11, 2020: 8:00am to 10:00am.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office is open the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

Send your Community Events to: LeighB@tds.net

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL DISTRICT

WARRANT ARTICLES

Persons wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2020 Hillsboro-Deering School District Warrant must submit such warrant articles to the School Board, or one of its members, no later than Tuesday, January 8, 2020, at 4:30pm. Persons wishing additional information may contact the Superintendent of School's office at 464-4466.

TOWN of HENNIKER

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7

LEGION MEETS: Antrim's American Legion Post 50 will hold the monthly meeting at the post home on West St. at 7:30pm. All members, veterans and guests are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAYS: Gallery Opening Receptions! 5:30-7pm. FREE. Opening Receptions for new exhibits all on Main Street, New London. The New London Inn, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Blue Loon Bakery, and Whipple Hall on Main Street and Tatewell Gallery on Newport Road! "Eat, Sip, Stroll, and Enjoy the Art!"

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8

CENTER FOR THE ARTS: Crooners, Cabaret, and Chocolate" 7pm, Whipple Hall, New London. A Valentine's Celebration with the Nancy Tripp Trio. Music, champagne, desserts, and chocolate. Tickets on sale at Tatewell Gallery, Morgan Hill Bookstore and online.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16

ON NORWAY POND: MONP's major choral concert highlights Gabriel Fauré's beloved Requiem, featuring our own Norway Pond Festival Singers' mixed chorus and organist Mary Ann Fleming, joined by harpist Maria Rindenello. Soloists include Philip Stoddard, an

award-winning singing actor and recent graduate of the Marcus Institute for Vocal Arts at The Juilliard School, and the spellbinding treble soloist Litha Ashworth, a New England Conservatory (NEC) sophomore.

FRIDAY MARCH 6

CENTER FOR THE ARTS: First Fridays. Colby-Sawyer Dance Ensemble 7pm. FREE. Laura Shepherd directs the Colby-Sawyer College Dance Company in this beautiful production at Whipple Hall, New London.

SATURDAY MARCH 14

CENTER FOR THE ARTS: St. Patrick comes to New London. 7pm. Irish step dancing and music at Whipple Hall, New London. Tickets on sale at Tatewell Gallery, Morgan Hill Bookstore and online.

SUNDAY MARCH 21

MUSIC ON NORWAY POND: Launches Spring with the return of Choro Bastardo's amazing jazz pianist and composer Henrique Eisenmann, asking "To what degree can I challenge your perception of melody, of tonality, of pulse? Maybe the joy of art is exactly to focus on these less expected pathways, these new directions filled with surprise and excitement."

FRIDAY APRIL 3

CENTER FOR THE ARTS: First Fridays. Poetry Night! Time: TBD; FREE. Readings by this year's contest winners at Newbury Town Hall Community Room.

SUNDAY APRIL 19

MUSIC ON NORWAY POND: Welcomes Byron's Daughter, a five-piece, all-female musical collective, who will blend jazz, folk, and free improvisation in a way that's sure to put a spring into your step.

FRIDAY MAY 1

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SATURDAY MAY 16

MUSIC ON NORWAY POND: The Junior Mints' spring show may be the season's last—but it'll be far from least. There's really nothing like young people performing the classic Gilbert and Sullivan operetta Pirates of Penzance.

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Buckle up ... and check your tires

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Hankook found that, had it been part of the driving test, most Americans said they would have gotten the worst grade on tire-related maintenance. Specifically, 40 percent said they would perform the worst at changing a tire, followed by checking tire tread (16 percent) and filling up tires with air (15 percent).

Navigate the parallel parking spot

Let's face it: parking can be tricky. There's a plethora of distractions and frustrations and a limited number of parking spots, particularly near popular locations. And while you may get the basics of parallel parking down from driver's ed, the Gauge found that nearly two-thirds (64 percent) of Americans still said parallel parking was the most difficult driving skill to master.

But perhaps practice does make perfect, because more than two-thirds (69 percent) of Americans still consider themselves "good" or "expert" parallel parkers.

Don't rely on technology alone

You may not have learned to use a backup camera in driving school, but nowadays, new cars often come equipped with this helpful technology and more! The thing is, it's easy to become too reliant on nifty gadgets and new technology. In fact, according to the Gauge, one-third of Americans (34 percent) rely solely on their backup cameras when backing up their vehicle. Of those with backup cameras, only 10 percent aren't using the camera at all when backing up.

So don't let lane-keeping assist or GPS navigators keep you from the basics (like turning your head to check your blind spot). Remember that these are tools meant to assist you and not to be your primary go-to.

Hankook Tire wants to encourage drivers to continue learning about best practices and the rules of the road - whether that be a refresher on what you learned back in driving school or something completely new, like changing a tire! When it comes to the real-life test of maintenance and parking, here's hoping you get a passing grade!

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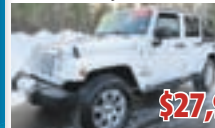
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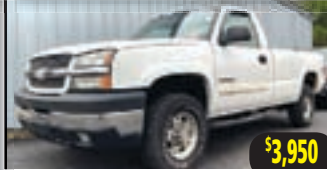
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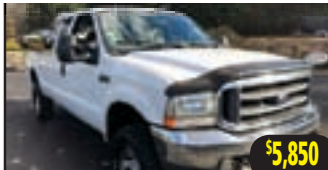
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