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Music Makes It Better

Center Woods Elementary students Elizabeth Recupero and Mason Filteau in Mr. Koziol's class use instruments as a way to teach letter sounds during literacy groups and in math groups, as a rhythm for counting exercises.



Simonds Colonial Studies

Simonds 4th graders had a Colonial Day after finishing a Colonial America unit in Social Studies. Students participated in a feast with traditional Colonial foods.



Center Woods Fidget Cubes

Nik Watson, Arabella Yergeau, Abby O'Shaughnessy, and Jackson Desforges are all smiles during their recess workshop making a sensory cube. All Center Woods Elementary 2nd-graders were given the opportunity to sign-up for a recess workshop to make their own sensory fidget cube with counselor Ashley O'Keefe.



The SAU #34 Board met in an emergency session with the H-D principals, school nurse, town Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director to plan their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 Disruptions

Area Towns & Schools Adopting Pandemic Precautions

Consistent with directives recently issued by the Governor and Department of Education, area towns and schools are implementing precautions designed to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Immediately following the Governor's Sunday news conference, the SAU #34 School Board convened an emergency meeting to begin planning for three weeks without classroom instruction. Superintendent Robert Hassett pointed out that all K-12 students were given chromebooks to take home with them last Friday and with over 90% of district student, having internet access, there was a good base for home learning. A full staff meeting was held Monday to further develop plans for special ed and food service.

After significant discussion and consultation with the school board, Superintendent

of Schools, the School District Attorney, and the local health officer, it has been decided to postpone the Hopkinton School District Annual Meeting, to March 28, 2020, 9:00 am, at the Hopkinton Middle and High School.

In addition, the Henniker Town meeting has been postponed until April 11. A statement by town Administrator Joseph said: "After consultation with the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and the Town Clerk, the Moderator has decided to postpone Town Meeting until April 11, 2020, at 1:00 pm at the Henniker Community School. We feel we are making a responsible decision that is best for the town and its functioning while making every effort to accommodate public health concerns."

A list of other COVID-19 cancellations, or postponements is on pages 16-19.

Antrim's Great Brook School to have a new Principal

With the pending retirement of Great Brook School Principal Jim Elder's upcoming retirement in July, current Francestown Elementary School Principal Katherine Foecking has been appointed as his replacement. In a recent statement to the School community, Foecking wrote, "While I am excited to have

the opportunity to continue my work as an instructional leader at Great Brook School, it is bittersweet as I will be moving on from this wonderful community." Foecking has been principal in Francestown for the last three years, while Elder is retiring after 13 years with the ConVal school system.

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Henniker adopts Operational Changes to deal with COVID-19

The Henniker Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator have released the following statement and operational changes for the Town of Henniker in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

The Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator would like to announce the following operational changes for the Town of Henniker. We continue to actively monitor the COVID-19 situation, which is rapidly evolving. The Town is committed to the continued health and optimal safety of our residents as well as our employees, and we intend to do our part to “flatten the curve” of the COVID-19 pandemic. On Friday evening Governor Sununu issued a state of emergency for the State of New Hampshire. The Governor also directed all schools to close and work toward a virtual environment at least until April 6th. Officials have discussed our position moving forward through this crisis. We respectfully ask that if you are sick you make every attempt to conduct your business online or via phone or email. Employees have been advised to discretely refuse to provide services to any person who is obviously sick with COVID-19 symptoms such as coughing, shortness of breath, and fever. The following measures are currently in place to restrict access to facilities and limit potential exposure of our residents and town staff to the virus:

- The Town Office is open for business but closed for public visitation until further notice. Staff will continue working behind the scenes and will work to respond to you as quickly as possible. Many of our services are already provided online through our website at www.henniker.org. (Some of these items are: Vehicle registration



Henniker Community School, as well as other area schools, are providing meals to go.

renewal, dog license, vital statistics, zoning application, abatement, tax cards). Staff contacts are located on the town’s website. We will continue monitoring email and phone messages throughout this crisis. Until further notice the Building Department will be curtailing non-essential inspections.

We have added a drop box at the front and rear door to make it easier to drop off permits and other paperwork. Please do not include payment at this time, we will follow up. For NEW vehicle registrations and transferring of plates please call the Town Clerk’s Office, this will be done by appointment only.

- The Library is closing for the remainder of the week and will reassess at that time.

- All recycling at the transfer station is suspended until further notice. The trash compactor will be available for disposal of household waste. You may dispose of recyclables with your household waste. We ask that if you can retain your recyclables until the situation abates and recycle them later, it would be appreciated. Additionally, please use discretion discarding bulky waste and wait to discard items requiring a

disposal fee, such as televisions or propane tanks, until the situation abates.

- The Highway Department and Waste-water facilities will be restricting public access. Please call the department if you need their services.

- Police/Fire/Rescue will continue to serve the residents of our town on a “business as usual” basis, however, we ask that you keep all non-emergency calls to a minimum so that they may devote their time to those residents in need of emergency services.

- All non-mandatory committee meetings are hereby postponed. The only meetings that shall continue are the Board of Selectmen, Planning and ZBA if required by RSA.

- All events are hereby cancelled at the Community Center and Grange.

We ask for your patience during this difficult time as we do our best to protect our residents and our staff. We ask you to exercise care in your personal contacts and follow those practices being recommended by health officials. Please check our website and Facebook page for updates. Information from the State of NH can be obtained by dialing 211.



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Yesteryear Local history as
reported in The Messenger

March 22, 2019

Petitioned article on ATVs stirs debate in Henniker
Hopkinton voters reject proposal to sell Bates Building
Antrim Town Meeting at Town Hall - first time in 40 years
Warner voters cut \$34,000 from \$3.3 million budget

March 23, 2018

Attorney General threatens Washington Election Officials
Popular Hopkinton High School grad dies In Kentucky
Warner will have new fire station by end of the year
Marathon Henniker meeting sparks debate

March 24, 2017

No music at NHMS track
Deering man arrested for road rage with a gun
Pay-By-Bag trash program draws lively Hopkinton debate
Sunapee School Board member resigns after husband arrested

March 23, 2016

New Boston voters reject nearly entire warrant
Washington voters again reject Police, Fire & EMS Facility
If it was on the warrant Henniker voters approved it
Dogs & Drugs dominate Deering meeting

March 20, 2015

Bow votes to establish full-day kindergarten
New Boston man named Dean of Students
Goffstown student wins Poetry Out Loud Contest
Francestown Police Chief resigns suddenly

March 21, 2014

Ed Anderson is New London's new Police Chief
Dolly Parton selects Heidi Welch for national award
Ausbon Sargent Trust acquires 54 Andover acres
Hopkinton voters approve \$3 million fire station bond

March 22, 2013

Clerical error nullifies Newport vote
Weare woman to spend 13 months in federal prison
Construction begins on Antrim's new police station
Henniker voters restore cuts to Tucker Library

March 23, 2012

New London dam repairs delayed
Washington Police Chief vindicated
Recount set on Newport support staff contract
Deering kids OK to play in Hillsborough

March 25, 2011

Hopkinton's Lajoie is top Guidance Counselor
Antrim Selectmen rescind Special Town Meeting
Sunapee leases two new police cruisers
Hancock woman killed in two car crash

March 19, 2010

Kearsarge teacher named PE Teacher of the Year
Sunapee approves treatment plant but not library
Newbury house fire quickly spreads
Henniker freezes hiring - cuts budget

Antrim voters debate when to maintain roads to summer cottages

Antrim voters breezed through their 14 article warrant in record time last Thursday evening. Articles approved included:

- * \$62,000 to replace the Fire Department's breathing apparatus.
- * \$245,600 to replace the High Street Bridge.
- * \$41,000 for repairs to the James A. Tuttle Library.
- * \$563,600 into six separate Capital Reserve Funds.
- * \$25,000 to update the town's assess-

ments.

- * \$40,000 for new Police Cruiser.
- * \$30,00 for a new backhoe/loader.
- * \$38,000 for Highway Department radios.
- * \$32,000 for a Fire Department Exhaust Extraction System.
- * \$20,000 for Town Hall air-conditioning.

The \$4,192,739 Operating Budget was the last item considered and passed without comment or debate.

The evening's most debated item was Article 13 which sought to restrict the times the Highway Crew maintains road to summer cottages. The proponents said that these roads were dangerous to maintain and that owners purchased these properties as summer cottages not year round residences. Opponents countered that these property owners pay taxes too and deserve to be serviced. After considerable debate the measure passed by a vote of 33 Yes to 20 No.



New London Town Clerk/Tax Collector Linda Nicklos has resigned her position to pursue other interests. Her last day was March 19th.



Fire Chief Marshall Gale explains the need for a vehicle exhaust extraction system at the Fire Station.

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In recognition of ongoing news reports and the continued spread of the COVID-19 virus, we realize our patients have questions. As dedicated health care professionals, we want you to know that we remain as diligent as ever in protecting the health and safety of our patients and staff. Our practice strictly adheres to and exceeds the standards for infection control by wearing personal protective gear, using hospital-grade disinfectants, practicing the latest sterilization protocols, utilizing single-use disposable materials, and more. Every effort we have in place is to ensure the safety of our patients and staff. We want you to know that we are monitoring this situation very closely, and we will keep you updated regularly.

Symptoms of coronavirus are reported as flu-like, with varying degrees of severity. While we do not know everything about this virus to date, individuals who are elderly and/or immunocompromised appear to be the most at risk of a severe infection. To ensure your health and safety, and the health and safety of everyone at our practice, please reschedule your appointment if you or a member of your household has a cough, fever, and/or flu-like symptoms. In addition, please reschedule your appointment if you have traveled to any areas within the past 14 days that are at high risk for contracting the coronavirus.

At this time our office is open only for emergency and essential care with reduced staff and hours for the next 3 weeks. All other appointments are rescheduled to after April 6th. We thank you in advance and extend our gratitude for your understanding and cooperation. Together, we can help keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office, and one of our staff members will be more than happy to assist you.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

People with depression have low blood levels of a substance called acetyl-L-carnitine, according to a new study published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. Naturally produced in the body, acetyl-L-carnitine is also widely available in drugstores, supermarkets and health food catalogs as a nutritional supplement. People with severe or treatment-resistant depression, or whose bouts of depression began earlier in life, have particularly low blood levels of the substance. Depression, also called major depressive disorder or clinical depression, is the most prevalent mood disorder in the United States and the world, affecting 8 – 10 percent of the general population at any given time, with every fourth person likely to experience the condition over the course of a lifetime. Current pharmacological treatments are effective for only about 50 percent of the people for whom they're prescribed. And they have numerous side effects, often decreasing long term compliance.

About 3 million people in the U.S. are diagnosed every year with bipolar disorder, a psychiatric condition characterized by dramatic shifts in mood from depression to mania. Currently, the standard treatment includes a combination of psychotherapy and prescription medications such as mood stabilizers and antipsychotics. However, an emerging field of research is exploring the use of probiotics — often thought of as “good bacteria” — as a potential new avenue for treatment of bipolar and other psychiatric mood disorders. And a new study reported at the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology Annual Meeting, finds that a probiotic supplement may reduce inflammation of the gut, which is known to exacerbate bipolar disorder. Probiotic organisms are non-pathogenic bacteria that, when present in the gut flora, are known to improve the overall health of the host.

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On Friday, March 6th, women from eight different churches held a bounteous potluck followed by a service that included African music and drama. Thanks to all the women who took part as leaders and readers and to Deer-ing Community Church for hosting it. Fran Charron, Clare Fedolfi, Monique Kayden, Pastor Donna Vuilleumier, Marian Baker, Jean Bartlett. Photo taken by Christine Marcroft.

Bennington voters approve both the entire town and ConVal School District Warrants

That Bennington voters passed all the items on Tuesday's Warrant including a solar exemption provides an optional tax exemption for the value of solar energy system equipment used on properties. Voters approved the operating budget of \$1,818,273 by a vote of 137 yes to 54 no. Capital Reserve Funds for a Fire Truck, a Rescue Vehicle, a Police Cruiser and Highway Heavy Equipment Capital all passed easily. Voters also supported supporting the Grapevine Family and Community Resource Center, Community Volunteer Transportation Company, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Child Advocacy Center of Hillsborough County, Contocook Housing Trust, American Red Cross, and the Hundred Nights Shelter. PASSED 131 yes to 45 no. They also passed every ConVal article, including the solar articles. All ConVal warrant articles passed overall, as well.

Francetown residents honor Abigail Arnold

Francetown residents began this year's Town Meeting by thanking two veteran town officers. Selectwoman Abigail Arnold had over 33 years of service to Francetown, including three terms as Selectman and over 20 years on the Planning Board. Robert “Bub” Rokes was thanked for his 20 years on the Recreation Department. All but one voter approved of the \$1.84 million operating budget, while requests for \$65,000 to improve town facilities, \$215,000 for a new dump truck, and placing \$450,000 into the town's capital reserve funds passed unanimously. A secret ballot was held on the proposed \$10,000 expansion of the stipend program for the Volunteer Fire Department which passed by a vote of 79 Yes, 9 No. Voters also authorized spending \$10,000 for the town's 250th Anniversary Celebration, being planned for 2022.

Greenfield voters approve all warrant articles

Greenfield Treasurer Katherine Heck opened this year's Town Meeting with an explanation of the town's budgeting decisions, beginning with a replacement schedule of the town's 15 vehicles, several scheduled to start in 2024. She said the Select Board had decided to “stagger, rather than stack” expenses. Voters then approved putting \$173,500 into various existing Capital Reserve Funds, as well as the purchase of a new 6-wheel dump truck. Also approved was spending \$121,457 for the recycling center, \$2,400 for a used oil collection center, \$141,119 for the Fire Department, \$264,624 for the Police Department, \$1,012,517 for the town's operation and maintenance, \$479,013 for the Department of Public Works, \$131,786 for the library, \$53,620 for the town clerk's office, and \$500 for the Forest Fire Fighters Expendable Trust Fund.

Deering voters overwhelmingly reject proposed adoption of SB2

And the last shall be first. When Deering's Town Meeting convened Saturday morning, voters immediately moved the last item on the warrant, a petition article to adopt the provisions of SB2, to the front. After a vigorous debate ballot voters had to wait for the result as state law requires such ballot votes to be open for 1 hour. In the interim, they quickly dispatched the remaining articles. The \$2,138,923 Operating Budget and an ap-

propriation of \$504, 550 into 18 separate Capital Reserve or Expendable trust funds passed by unanimous voice votes.

- Also approved by voice votes:
- *\$113,000 to purchase Fire Department protective equipment.
 - *\$49,000 for a new Police Cruiser.
 - * Approve the conveyance of Conservation Easements on four properties.
 - * Approve the gift of a 1 acre tract on

Hedgehog Mountain Road.

* Authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds to "qualified organizations." An amendment to require Select Board approval was defeated.

After completing the business, the SB2 results were announced. Not only did the measure fail to get the 3/5 vote required for passage, it was roundly defeated by a vote of 33 Yes to 86 No.



The New London Select Board has named Lt. Emily Cobb as the town's new Police Chief, succeeding Ed Andersen, who retires at the end of March.



Acting Chief Tom Cavanaugh explains the need for a new SUV Police Cruiser.

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On Sunday morning, the Greenfield Fire Department, Police Department and Wilton Ambulance responded to a single vehicle motor vehicle accident on Forest Road by Rocky Lane. Thankfully, no injuries. The car was perched up an embankment roughly 10 feet and took out several trees before it came to its final resting spot. Thankful no one else was involved or injured in this incident.

Hancock Meetinghouse to celebrate 200 years

The Hancock Meetinghouse Oversight Committee advised the select Board that they would like to have a celebration to recognize the 200th anniversary of the Meetinghouse. There was a discussion regarding creating a display depicting work that has gone into the Meetinghouse over the past 200 years. David Drasba would like to establish an informal committee to coordinate an anniversary celebration, or possibly two committees; one for the historic event another for a social event. October 25th, 2020 is the anniversary date. The Board is supportive of the event.

Greenfield's Crotched Mountain School closed

In response to Governor Sununu's emergency order closing public schools, Crotched Mountain School has announced that it has closed its Greenfield campus to the public until further notice. David Johnson, Vice President of Marketing and Communications said the school continues to serve residents on campus.

Antrim firefighters battle three brush fires

The improper disposal of wood ash caused two of the three brush fires in two days in Antrim. Sunday, firefighters responded to 130 Pierce Lake Road, to battle a brush fire which had spread over plot beneath high voltage power lines. Fire Chief Marshal Gale confirmed that the fire was caused by careless disposal of wood ashes. Then, on Monday firefighter faught another brush fire caused by wood ash disposal at 6 Brookcroft Drive. Earlier that day, the Department responded to second alarm brush fire in Deering.

Crotched Mountain Ski & Ride is closed

Vail Resorts has announced the closure of all its 37 North American resorts, including Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride as a precaution in the COVID-19 epidemic. That decision necessitated canceling Saturday's Spring Carnival and Sunday's Mug Cup event, two traditional season ending events. The company announced that all scheduled employees would be paid.

In times of crisis blood donations are critical

We now face a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations in response to the coronavirus outbreak. Healthy individuals are needed immediately to help patients counting on lifesaving blood. We are at the Hillsboro American Legion on Friday, March 20th 10:30-3:30 and we need YOU. Please help us restock our hospital shelves by coming to donate. Follow this link to make your appointment now: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results...>



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Bradford votes to increase is Operating Budget to \$2,245,038

The empty chairs outnumbered the voters at Saturday's Bradford Town Meeting. Unlike other area towns, Bradford voters discuss and vote on each of the 32 line items in the Operating Budget.

As a result, an amendment to raise the legal line item from \$35,000 to \$55,000

was defeated 25 Yes to 33 No, only to be followed by an amendment to raise it to \$45,000, which passed 32 Yes to 28 No.

The Police Department line was increased from \$505,000 to \$517,625, but a motion to raise the Fire Department line from \$141,995 to \$155,000 was defeated 17 Yes to 43 No.

Over all, the budget was increased from a proposed \$2,217,213.03 to \$2,245,038.61

After some discussion, voters agreed

to discontinue a section of the old Center Road right-of-way which is no longer in use and to begin an alternative to the town's Independence Day Celebration. Fireworks will now be held on June 27th.

Voters also approved \$25,500 for lease purchase payments on a Police Sports Utility vehicle and a John deere Loader at the Highway Department.

A petition article to appropriate \$550,000 for a new Class A Pumper was defeated.



Will Kidder has been named as the new New London Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Will is a New London native and grandson of former Town Clerk, William F. "Bill" Kidder.



Former Fire Chief Mark Goldberg comments on the Department's budget request.

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-Rubyanne


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tragedy is that we
get old too soon
and wise too late.**

**It is easier to build
strong children than
to repair broken men.**
— Frederick Douglass




QUOTES

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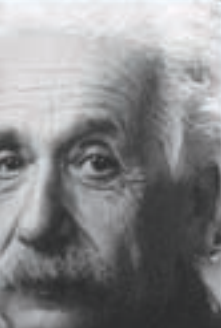
--Eleanor Roosevelt

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give you that it hasn't taken from
you in the first place.**
— Winston Churchill —



AZ QUOTES

**After eating an entire bull, a
mountain lion felt so good he
started roaring. He kept it up until a
hunter came along and shot him...
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keep your mouth shut.**
— Will Rogers —
AZ QUOTES

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— Albert Einstein —
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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

America Responds

America has always been at its best in times of crisis and that spirit prevails as the area takes steps to deal with the Coronavirus.

Hillsboro, Henniker, Weare, Kearsarge and Hopkinton Schools will be serving breakfast and lunch to students. Pick up will be drive through style at the Elementary School. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 11-2. Monday and Wednesday you can pick up 2 breakfasts and 2 lunch. Friday you can get 1 lunch and 1 breakfast. There will also be deliveries through the bus routes on the same days.

In Henniker, Monica Ricio has taken it upon herself to help her needy neighbors. She purchased and bagged 40 meals available at the Henniker Community Center Park so people who need food can get food. She has started a gofundme page so she can continue the effort.

Hopkinton Helps has established a

Delivery Service at (603) 746-8264. If you or someone you know in Hopkinton/Contoocook is practicing social distancing for medical or other reasons in the next few weeks, they have volunteers who are willing to shop and deliver groceries, essential household supplies, and prescriptions to them!

In Washington, the Senior Lunch Group is ready to provide anything that is needed -- groceries, medication from pharmacies, etc.

This is what makes us great, and why I am so proud to be an American. Its not our military power, our economic vitality or our political system.

It is that uniquely American spirit of community, from the colonial days of barn raising to today, that defines us. It may be a cliché, but "when the times get tough" - Americans come together, and that is why we will beat this latest pandemic.



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor and Voters of Hillsborough:

Thank you, thank you, thank you!! I am sincerely grateful for the confidence that you have expressed in me as demonstrated by the results of the March 10 election for the open Selectman seat. I am truly honored and humbled by your support and I will work as hard and as diligently as I can to uphold the faith that you have shown in me.

As promised, I will soon publicize a dedicated e-mail address for the public to use to communicate with me concerning Board meetings, town matters, etc., to the extent that I am able and that it is appropriate.

I also commend and thank Keith Cobbett and Dave Fullerton for their willingness to step up and run for office and to conduct positive campaigns of ideas.

Finally, I owe a significant debt of gratitude to a number of individuals who were instrumental in my campaign including my loving and hard-working wife, Mary, Ed and Meg (Curtis) Sauer, Ken "Mr. Sign-man" Mathews, Bill Collins, Laurie Jutzi, Pat Bradley, Peter Roth and

Molly Stark. Also, to all of the fantastic letter-to-the-editor writers and those of you who were willing to post yard signs on my behalf, I could not have done it without you -- thanks so much!!

Going forward, I am genuinely excited to work with all of you to continue to make Hillsborough a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Again, my sincerest thanks!

Dave Rogers, Hillsborough

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way—better
for each other
because of the worst.

LAURA KELLY FARUCCI

A Prayer During Times of a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced,
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors,
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home,
Remember those who must choose between
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children
when their schools close,
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips,
Remember those who have no place to go.

May we who are losing our marginal income
in the tumult of the economic market,
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home,
Remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically
wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be
the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL DIVISION II

First Team: Mather Kipka, ConVal, Senior;
Second Team: Connor Buffum, ConVal, Senior;
Honorable Mention: Ben Carl, Kearsarge, Senior;

DIVISION III

First Team: Kevin Newton-Delgado, Hopkinton, Senior;
Second Team: Shepyrd Murdough, Hopkinton, Senior;
Jack Ford Scholar Athlete: Shepyrd Murdough, Hopkinton;

DIVISION IV

Honorable Mention: Louis Larosiliere, Mount Royal

GIRLS' BASKETBALL DIVISION II

First Team: Chelsea Woodsum, John Stark, Senior;
Honorable Mention: Anna Stenger, John Stark, Senior;
Jack Ford Scholar Athlete: Chelsea Woodsum, John Stark;

DIVISION III

First Team: Katie Meserve, Hopkinton, Senior;
Second Team: Maorgan McGrath, Hopkinton, Junior;
Honorable Mention: Ellie Owen, Hopkinton, Senior;

BOYS' HOCKEY DIVISION II

First Team: Grady Chretien, junior, forward, Goffstown;
Second Team: Colby Gamache, senior, forward, Goffstown;

DIVISION III

First Team: Evan Turner, senior, forward, ConVal-Conant;
Second Team: Brett Patnode, senior, forward, John Stark-Hopkinton; Tyler Scordo, junior, forward, John Stark-Hopkinton;
Honorable Mention: Carter Pike, senior, defense, John Stark-Hopkinton; Benny Madden, senior, forward, John Stark-Hopkinton; Nick Therrien, sophomore, forward, Kearsarge-Plymouth; Cole Turner, senior, goalie, ConVal-Conant.

Coach of the Year: Chris Turner, ConVal-Conant.

NHIAA ISSUES REVISED SPRING SPORT SCHEDULES

While it was the intention of the NHIAA to play the remaining games left in the tournaments, given the guidelines specified by Governor Sununu, the NHDHHS, and the CDC in response to the escalating public health issue, this plan is no longer feasible. Because of this, the NHIAA has made the difficult decision to cancel the remainder of the 2020 Winter Tournament events. A decision will be made later this week on how to best recognize State Champions in tournaments that were cancelled.

REGARDING SPRING SPORTS

As of now, the first date to practice spring sports will be Monday, April 13, 2020. The first date to play will be Monday, April 27, 2020. We will closely monitor developments with the COVID-19 pandemic and should we need to adjust these dates, we will do so as necessary. It is our intention to hold open tournaments at the end of the regular season for each division.

NEW LONDON RECREATION DEPT. COVID-19 UPDATE:

The start of our spring/Summer programs will be impacted, to what degree we are not yet certain. New London Recreation Dept. is implementing a "pay later" system for all programs as this will



Sports

ensure that you still receive the pertinent information regarding the activity you have registered for. Therefore, please still register for programs at no cost. As we re-evaluate, we will send out information on start dates and fees. Any questions please contact Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director at recreation@nl-nh.com

CURRENTLY TAKING REGISTRATION FOR

Summer Day Camp, Swim Lessons, Sailing Lessons, Jr Adventure Camp, s Ballroom Dancing, Strawberry Festival Vendors, After School Yoga, Granite State Track & Field, Food Truck Festival and more to come!



Tom Fisher, Childhood Cancer Lifeline Board Member, receiving a check from Lori Rowell, Director of Marketing at Pats Peak, for \$1,305, representing the portion Pats Peak donated from the March Midweek Online Lift Ticket Sales. An additional \$5,810 was donated by Pats Peak skiers/riders at cashier locations.



Alma Mater

Roger Williams University Dean's List

Lauren Danis, of New Boston, **Emma Place**, of Franconstown, **Elsa Schloemer**, of Greenfield, **John Van Etten**, of Warner.

Other Alumni

Eva Piernas of Contoocook has been named to the Simons University Dean's List.

Grant Bosse, son of Leigh & Joyce Bosse of Hillsborough has been named Communications Director of the NH Department of Education.

The New York State Broadcasters Association has presented **Brett Bosse**, a Producer at WKBW-TV in Buffalo, NY with its "Outstanding Evening Newscast Award: at its Annual Excellence in Broadcasting Competition. He is the son of Leigh & Joyce Bosse of Hillsborough.

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COVID-19 CANCELATIONS

With reluctance yet keeping safety as the primary goal, Smith Memorial Church has suspended all in-person church activities and events for the remainder of March. This includes all of our activities as well as the groups who meet in our building.

The New Hampshire Maple Producers Association (NHMPA) Board of Directors has been closely watching the effect that COVID-19 is having on our local communities, the state of NH, and our neighboring states. It is with heavy hearts that the NHMPA Board of Directors has chosen to cancel NH Maple Weekend and the remainder of NH Maple Month.

The GEP Dodge Library in Bennington, NH will be closed to patrons from Monday, March 16 through Monday, April 6. ALL programming will be cancelled until after April 6. The librarians will be at work in the library during regular library open hours and will take and fill materials requests by phone, email and through the library's catalog.

In keeping with all the recent recommendations, the Greater Hillsborough Senior Services (GHSS) is suspending all programs and activities including Crafty Critters and the April 14 trip to Foxwoods Casino until further notice.

For the health and safety of our visitors and staff, the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum has cancelled all Maple Weekend activities for March 21 and 22 due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

For our collective health and well-being, as of Monday, March 16, all Grapevine programs are closed until April 6. We will reassess the situation at that time.

In the abundance of caution, given current COVID-19 concerns, we are cancelling our March 22nd Hancock Republican Town Committee meeting. Our guest speakers will be rescheduled for another meeting later this spring.

In light of the increasing concern with the spread of the Coronavirus Christina and I feel it appropriate to close the Hillsboro Heritage Museum to the public through March.

In order to protect us all from even the slightest possibility of contracting the Coronavirus, we are CANCELLING The March Senior luncheon at Camp Morgan Lodge.

The Greenfield Town Office is closed due to the State of Emergency so that the Select Board can evaluate department service models in light of COVID-19. If you have town

Cancellations:

business that you can conduct from home by telephone, mail, or internet, it is strongly encouraged.

To protect our members, staff, volunteers, and the broader community from being exposed to the COVID-19 virus. We have made the decision to close The Fells Gatehouse Office for two weeks effective immediately, through March 27, 2020.

The Greater Hillsborough Republican Town Committee meeting scheduled for March, 23 is cancelled. We will reserve judgement on the April meeting at the moment, and see what the state of affairs is at that time.

Given the current situation regarding Covid-19 and the impact on our community I am suspending any and all meetings regarding the Greater Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce for the time being.

We regret to inform you that the March 29 scheduled Henniker Acoustic Café featuring Off the Cuff at the NEC Pub is cancelled, due to concerns about Covid-19.

Tucker Free Library is closed until further notice. Trustees will reassess on a weekly basis. Staff will be meeting to determine how we can offer our community materials. Check out our website for details as they become available.

In the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic, the health of our staff and community is our greatest priority. We have cancelled the Cottrell-Baldwin Environmental Lecture Series, which was scheduled to take place on March 17, 24, 31 and April 7 at Fox Forest.

In parallel to Kearsarge Regional School District, BNSYS is postponing all scheduled indoor practices and activities until at least April 3rd.

Antrim Grange will be suspending meetings until April 6th. If this date is moved out, we will also follow the town's recommendations at that point.

All Antrim Planning and Zoning Board meetings are being suspended until further notice.

The Hillsboro District Food Pantry will be closed for the next three weeks. We are in the process of putting a plan together to provide food to those in need.

The Henniker Rotary Club is suspending meetings until April.

The Newbury Town Office Building will be closed to the public starting March 18, 2020 until further notice. Any

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By: Joyce Bosse

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Mold is often found in areas where water has damaged building materials and furniture from flooding or plumbing leaks. Mold can also be found growing along walls where warm moist air condenses on cooler wall surfaces, such as inside cold exterior walls, behind dressers, headboards and in closets where articles are stored against walls. Mold often grows in rooms with both high water usage and humidity, such as kitchens, bathrooms, laundry rooms and basements. If you notice mold or know of water-damaged areas in your home, it is time to take action to control its growth.

When should I sample for mold?

You don't need to sample for mold because in most cases you can see or smell mold. Even a clean, dry house will have some mold spores, but not enough to cause health problems. If you smell mold it may be hidden behind wallpaper, in the walls or ceiling, or under the carpet.

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The Hillsboro Lions Club is suspending its meetings until April.

The Masons of Harmony Lodge have cancelled all March meetings.

All Goffstown Facility and Grounds use requests are suspended until further notice. Goffstown TV (GTV) Studios located at Goffstown High School are closed to the public until further notice. Goffstown Public Library will keep the circulation desk open to the public for the pick-up of materials only until further notice. There will be no access to other parts of the library.

Sunday, March 22nd - Join Valley Bible Chapel on Facebook Live at 10 am Sunday morning! Due to concerns related to the coronavirus we will not be meeting in person. Please contact us at 464-3511 for other opportunities to fellowship via technology.

The Fuller Public Library will be closed to the public effective Thursday, March 19 until Saturday, April 5. We will have curbside service for patrons outside Tuesday, March 31 and Thursday, April 2 between 10am and 12pm. Give us a call (464-3595), email (circ@fullerlibrary.info), let us know what time you will be stopping by and we will meet you outside!

The March 27th Harlem Superstars game at Hillsboro-Deering High School has been cancelled.

Effective immediately, the Warner Town Hall is closed until further notice during the COVID-19 emergency. If you have business to conduct, please use email or phone.

Bishop Peter A. Libasci of the Diocese of Manchester said Mass must be closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. St. Mary and St. Theresa will remain open for private prayer.

The Pillsbury Free Library Trustees voted to close access to the library building starting March 18th until further notice. For the next 7 days the Library staff will be taking phone, email or online requests for library materials. They will pull the materials and arrange a time for curbside pickup.

All Hancock Town buildings will be closed to outside group events and programs.

Cancellations:

In an effort to help limit the spread of the coronavirus contagion, Starting March 18, 2020 the Warner Town Clerk's office will be open by appointment only. Renewals can be processed online or thru the mail. We have a secure White Drop Box located at the front entrance of the building that may be utilized as well. (NO CASH PLEASE)

The annual Washington Easter Egg Hunt that was scheduled for April 4, 2020, at 10:00am, has been cancelled. The Parks and Recreation Commission is disappointed that this popular event must be cancelled but recognizes there are health safety hazard implications connected to public gatherings at this time.

Kindergarten Registration for Simonds and Bradford has been cancelled today. If there is a kindergartener that needs to register please call the school directly that your student will attend. KRES-NL - 526-4737 KRES - Bradford - 938-5959 Simonds - 456-2241

How About Some Good COVID-19 News

If it seems that your news feed has been flooded with nerve-racking updates on the COVID-19 outbreaks, have no fear—there are also plenty of positive updates on the pandemic as well.

Here is a list of hopeful headlines on the coronavirus response from around the world.

1. Scientists at the Kaiser Permanente Washington Research Institute in Seattle delivered the first rounds of a potential coronavirus vaccine to several dozen optimistic volunteers earlier this week.

2. Amidst national shortages of hand sanitizers, alcohol distilleries in Atlanta, Portland, rural Georgia, and North Carolina have begun using their facilities to make their own.

3. Satellite readings of air pollution levels over China and Italy show that the regions hit hardest by the COVID-19 have receded.

4. The vaccine being tested in Seattle isn't the only potential treatment for the disease—an immunologist from Johns Hopkins University is reviving a century-old blood-derived treatment for use in the United States in hopes of slowing the spread of the disease.

5. According to Reuters, South Korea recorded more COVID-19 recovery cases on March 6th than new infections for the first time since the nation experienced the largest increase.

6. Authorities told the South China Morning Post this week that the virus had finally passed its peak as the nation's mainland experienced only 11 new cases on March 13th, most of which were from international travelers.

7. At the University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research, scientists have found that two different medications have completely wiped out traces of the disease in test tubes. Not only that, the drugs were given to some of the nation's first COVID-19 patients, which resulted in "disappearance of the virus and complete recovery from the infection."

8. In Toronto, a team of researchers managed to isolate the agent responsible for the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19, which will help researchers around the world develop better diagnostic testing, treatments, and vaccines.



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- * Remain home and refrain from contact with individuals outside of your family. This includes no playdates or sleepovers.

- * Maintain a "social distance" of 6-feet or greater with everyone other than your family.

- * Isolate anyone in your family that may develop symptoms. The symptoms of Covid-19 are: Fever (temperature of 100.4 F or higher) Cough, Shortness of Breath, or Difficulty Breathing.

If you suspect your child may have COVID-19, call your Primary Care Provider first before you bring your child in to see them.

Please call or email the school if your child is sick, as you would normally if we were in school.

With the heightened general concern around COVID-19, your children may ask questions and need reassurance. Children may worry about themselves, their family, and friends getting ill with COVID-19. Parents and other trusted adults can play an important role in helping children make sense of what they hear in a way that is honest, accurate, and minimizes anxiety or fear.

Below are some general principles for talking to children about the virus.

- * Remain calm and reassuring. Remember that children will react to both what you say and how you say it.

- * Make yourself available to listen and to talk. Be sure children know they can come to you when they have questions.

- * Consider reducing the amount of screen time focused on COVID-19. Too much information on one topic can lead to anxiety.

- * Give children information that is appropriate for the age and developmental level of the child.

- * Teach children everyday actions to reduce the spread of germs.

- * Remind children to stay away from people who are coughing or sneezing or sick. Remind them to cough or sneeze into a tissue or their elbow, then throw the tis-

sue into the trash.

- * Get children into a hand washing habit. Teach them to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bath-room; and before eating or preparing food. If soap and water are not available, remind them to use hand sanitizer.

For more detailed information please see Talking to children about COVID-19. If you have further questions, please contact your health care provider first. You can also contact the NH Department of Health and Human Services directly at 603-271-9700.

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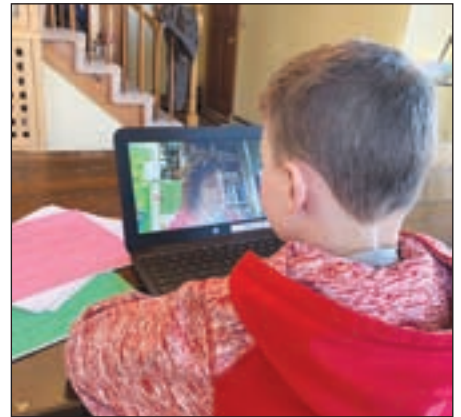
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Wednesday, March 18, kicked off the first day of remote learning for all SAU 24 students. Day one meal delivery on March 18 at James Faulkner Elementary School was completed with the help of (l-r) JFES facilities director Mr. Sheehan, bus driver Mr. Kevin, and Principal Martha LeMahieu, (left photo). Henniker Community School students (and brothers) Elijah and Tucker Kennedy get ready for their first day at home for remote learning, (center photo). Center Woods 4th grader Maddix Cyr enjoys hearing his teacher Mrs. Rauscher continue reading BFF by Roald Dahl remotely, (right photo).

Henniker, Weare and Stoddard schools begin remote learning

Schools in SAU 24 which serve the communities of the Henniker, Weare, John Stark, and Stoddard school districts spent the first two days this week planning for remote learning, the delivery of student meals, and how to get Chromebooks and belongings back in the hands of students.

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Updates from the schools are constantly going to families via the SAU instant messaging system, but you can follow most of them from the SAU 24.org website

where they are reposted. SAU 24 Facebook page and the individual school Facebook pages also carry much of the same information. Recently Superintendent Jacqueline Coe conducted Facebook live interviews with each principal. Those are all on the SAU Facebook page.

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Shannon Camara, Director of Educational Outreach & Special Events from Pope Memorial SPCA of Concord-Merrimack County, receiving a check for \$1,290 from Lori Rowell, Director of Marketing at Pats Peak, (left photo). In addition to the check many pet supplies were donated to the Pope Memorial SPCA of Concord-Merrimack as part of the "Pets Peak" event, (right photo).

Once a year, Pats Peak becomes Pets Peak to benefit SPCA

Between March 9-12, 2020 Pats Peak held their "Pets Peak" event as part of their Midweek March Online Specials.

Skiers and snowboarders purchased a discounted lift ticket online and a portion of the lift ticket sale went toward a donation to the Pope Memorial SPCA of Concord-Merrimack County.

A total of \$1,290 was donated to help needy pets. The total that has been donated

in the past twelve years during the "Pets Peak" event is over \$34,000.

Skiers were also encouraged to bring at least three pet items or supplies to get a \$10 Pats Peak Café Card. Many skiers and riders brought in donations including food, toys and treats for the animals.

Kris Blomback, General Manager of Pats Peak said, "We love animals and it's a fun play on words to have 'Pets Peak.' This is a

great way for all of us to help the animals in need. We are happy to be able to support this worthy cause."

Shannon Camara, Pope Memorial SPCA of Concord-Merrimack County Director of Educational Outreach & Special Events says, "We are so grateful to Pats Peak and the wonderful group of skiers who came out to help homeless pets. This is our 12th year of working together and it is always so much fun!"

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With that in mind, effective Thursday, March 19, 2020 the Town Office has been closed to the public until further notice.

Although the building will be closed, staff will still be here to assist you and multiple transactions can be done either through the mail or online www.town.hillsborough.nh.us/

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EVENTS CANCELLED: Due to worries over Coronavirus, Greater Hillsborough Senior Services has cancelled all March trips.

SUNDAY MARCH 21

WASHINGTON DINNER: Annual Maple and Mud Dinner CANCELLED.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Saturday & Sunday March 21 & 22, United Church of Warner, 43 East Main St, plain and blueberry pancakes, waffles, scrambled eggs, homefries, sausage and beverages, \$10 each, children under 5 eat free. Sponsored by the United Church of Warner and the Warner Historical Society.

MAPLE SYRUP TASTING CONTEST: noon-3pm, Schoodacs porch, 1 East Main Street, taste all the local syrups & vote for the one you think is tastiest, the winner of the first annual tasting contest gets bragging rights and their name inscribed on the "Tastiest Maple Syrup at the Kearsarge Maple Festival" plaque. Sponsored by the Warner Historical Society and Schoodacs.

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."

THURSDAY MARCH 26

SOUP AND BREAD TOUR: from 6 to 8pm - Join us at Warner Town Hall for free soup and bread followed by a talk by Hanna Flanders of Bradford's Kearsarge Food Hub about local farming and a sustainable community, presenting some of the ideas contained in her recent Ted Talk in Concord. Discussion to follow. Sponsored by Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce. Cosponsored by the Warner Energy Committee and the Pillsbury Free Library Limited seating. Donations accepted.

FRIDAY MARCH 27

WARNER CONCERT: Award-winning fiddler Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki will be joined by fellow New Hampshire natives Matt Jensen on guitar and Chris Noyes on upright bass. 8pm-10pm at the Warner

Town Hall. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the door, the Historical Society Office at 15 West Main St., Main Street Bookends or online at warnerhistorical.org.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 1

HILLSBOROUGH SENIORS: Walker Lecture Series: The Art of Silent Film Comedy. The film industry was birthed the first three decades of the 20th century by Sennett, Chaplin and Keaton. Pat Anderson shows how the social and cultural history of the US is reflected in celluloid strips and captured it. Departing Shaw's 6:30pm. Call Linda Kowalski at 603-464-5264 to reserve a seat Transportation \$5 while the program is FREE.

THURSDAY APRIL 2

GREAT DECISIONS: Climate Change from 6:30-8pm on the 2nd floor of the Tuttle Library. An informal conversation about American foreign policy.

FRIDAY APRIL 3

SENIOR CLINIC: Concord Regional VNA is holding Senior Health Clinics at Smith Memorial Congregational Church from 9 a.m. to Noon and



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CENTER FOR THE ARTS: First Fridays! Poetry Night! -Time TBD. FREE Readings by this year's contest winners 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 in your step.

SUNDAY APRIL 5

EASTER EGG HUNT: Butler Park Hillsborough 10 a.m. to Noon. Rain or shine. Sponsored by the Office of Youth Services.

MONDAY APRIL 6

LINEC CLASSES: Spring LINEC (Learning Institute of New England College) classes for seniors and younger adults will begin April 6. These are short-term weekly non-credit classes offered for the sheer pleasure of learning. Among this Spring's topics are: 20th Century Women Poets; A New History of Life; Staying Grounded in Troubled Times; Post War Anti-Communism and the Hollywood Ten; Ancient Civilizations of North America; The History of Christianity; and Denmark and France under Nazi Occupation. For fuller course descriptions, registration info, and instructor biographies visit LinecAtNEC.org, or email, linecregister@gmail.com.

THURSDAY APRIL 9

TALKING ABOUT RACE: 6:30pm, the GEP Dodge Library/Bennington and the George Holmes Bixby Library/Francestown are co-sponsoring: Talking About Race: Staying Curious, Moving Forward and Being Part of the Solution. The program will be held at the Bennington Historical Society, 2 Antrim Road, Bennington, NH and will be facilitated by Al-

len Davis, an educator and social justice advocate. The focus will be on the experiences of three local African American residents: Claire Holston, Luis Rosa and Doug Sutherland, who have generously offered to share what it means to be an African American in the U.S. today. Participants will learn how to move forward individually and as a community to be more inclusive and compassionate.

GREAT DECISIONS: India and Pakistan. from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Tuttle Library An informal conversation about American foreign policy.

THURSDAY APRIL 16

GREAT DECISIONS: Red Sea Region, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Tuttle Library An informal conversation about American foreign policy.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Ethel Amy (Norcross) Crane

EAST WASHINGTON - It is with great sadness we share the passing of our Mom and Meme, Ethel Amy (Norcross) Crane on March 11, 2020 after a long hard-fought battle with dementia. She was the youngest of nine, born on April 29, 1934 in Lyndon, Vermont to Clarence and Verna (McDowell) Norcross. She was previously deceased by her husband of 25 years, Donald Crane in 1985. Ethel is survived by her son David Crane and his partner Julie Ramsey, daughter Pam Butler and her husband Ernie, granddaughters Meredith Butler (Bill Dubuque), Kaitlyn Eaton (Ward), Jocelyn Kulbacki (Dan), Sara Persechino (Matt), grandson Bradley Crane, great-grandsons Ayden Butler and Billy Dubuque, and great-granddaughters Kenley & Lucca



Persechino, Kaleigh Kulbacki and Aspen Dubuque. She is also survived by her oldest sister Constance Goodwin of Nebraska and sister-in-law Jean Kenny of California. She was previously deceased by seven of her eight siblings, Ted Norcross, Norma (Lionel) Delisle, Pauline (Donald) Rainey, Beverly Moffett, Reba (Arnold) Littel, Bruce (Shila) Norcross and Robert (Marilyn) Norcross. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, March 14 at Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home in Hillsboro from 5-8 pm. Funeral services are to be held on Sunday, March 15 at 3 pm in the Washington Center Church with a gathering to follow at the Washington Town Hall. Burial will take place in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice. <https://lakesunapeevna.org/donate>.

Wesley Hunt Wells

HILLSBORO - Wesley Hunt Wells, 97, of Hillsboro, NH died Friday March 13, 2020 at Pheasant Wood Nursing Home in

Peterborough. Wesley was born January 4, 1923 in Bradford, NH to the late Purlington G. and Mamie F. (Hunt) Wells. Wesley is survived by his wife, Irene M. (Demag) Wells of Hillsboro, NH; 1 daughter, Daphne Ann Wells of Hillsboro, NH; a niece, Pammie Demage of Contoocook, NH; great great niece, Emma Farrell of Contoocook. Military graveside services were held Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 11am in the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen.



James Rodrigues

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Julie Schoepf Crocker

PETERBOROUGH - Julie Crocker, MD died peacefully on March 2 in Peterborough, NH, attended by family. Julie Schoepf was born on October 5, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan, to Albin K. Schoepf and Virginia G. Schoepf. Shortly after her birth, the family relocated to Scarsdale, New York. Julie Schoepf Crocker was pre-deceased by her parents, her husband, and her siblings, Kes, Virginia, and Luan. She leaves her



three sons, Augustus Jr., Jonathan, and Christopher, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. A memorial service is planned for 1:00pm on July 11th at Emmanuel Church, 8 Lehmann Way, Dublin, NH. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to the Barbara R. Duckett Scholarship Fund, Home Healthcare Hospice and Community Services, PO Box 564, 312 Marlboro St., Keene NH 03431.

Darlene M. Dockham

WARNER - Darlene M. (Stoddard) Dockham passed away on her terms; surrounded by family, love, and laughter on Friday, March 13th 2020 at the Hospice House in Concord. She was born in Concord, NH on August 17th, 1948 to the late James A. Stoddard and late Marjorie I. Peasley. Along with her dad and mother, she is predeceased by a younger brother, Gary R. Peasley. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Corey, and her fur grand babies, Jasper,

Chevy, Apache, and Keisha, her grandson, James R. Dockham and his family Maranda and Tanest, and great-grand fur baby Maverick (Mavie), granddaughter Cheyanne M. Sprague and boyfriend Travis. Siblings Darryl A. Peasley and wife Mary (Mare), and their boys DII and wife Nikki and their son Logan Alan, Michael and wife Justina, Chris and wife Stephanie, and great niece fur baby Ruby, and Ethan and wife Briana, Midge Jeffers, niece Meghan and her daughter Hannah, Brian Peasley and his family, and Wayne Peasley and wife Donna. Per Darlene's request there will be no services. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. Darlene has asked in lieu of flowers, donations in her name be made to Pope Memorial SPCA of Concord Merrimack County.



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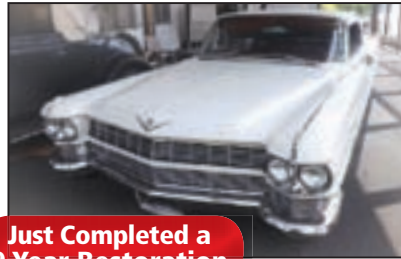
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