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Deering employees lunch

The Deering Selectmen recently funded an employee appreciation lunch for town employees. Chief Philibert presented Police Administrative Assistant Trisha Whisman with an award thanking her for her hard work on behalf of the department and the town.

Bradford's new Fire Chief

The Town of Bradford is pleased to announce that Jeffrey LeBlanc will serve as its new part-time Fire Chief. Jeff is an experienced fire and emergency services officer and is currently serving the towns of Plainfield and Deering. He also teaches Fire Science at the Lakes Region Community College in Laconia. Jeff will be joining the Bradford Fire Department on August 16, 2020.



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Honoring 75 years service



Newbury honors John "Mike" Croteau for 75 years service. See story and photo on page 3.



By delaying until July, H-D was able to celebrate a nearly traditional Graduation Ceremony.

Hillsboro-Deering holds a nearly traditional graduation

Hillsboro-Deering High School's Class of 2020 celebrated its Covid-19 delayed Commencement Friday morning, socially distanced on the Soccer Field. Following Thursday afternoon's Parade, the School Board and Administration managed to give the seniors a nearly traditional ceremony.

After marching in to the sounds of Pomp and Circumstance, Class President Gunner Hagstrom led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed all to the ceremony.

Retired Superintendent Robert Hassett reflected on his eight years at Hillsboro-Deering, while urging the graduates to live by the words of the Serenity Prayer: "God, grant

me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference." Principal Jim O'Rourke then presented medals to Salutatorian Cooper Brien and Valedictorian Amos Ek.

Teacher Phil Swasey serenaded the class with the Neil Young song, "Long May You Run," before O'Rourke and Assistant Principal Joy Clancy presented each graduate with his or her diploma as they received congratulations from Hassett, Superintendent Patricia Parenteau and School Board Chair Katheryn McGinn.

As Gunner Hagstrom led the changing of the tassels, the class of 2020's unique senior year came to a close.

2020 N.H. Craftsmen's Fair is going virtual via Zoom

The N.H. Craftsmen's Fair, the nation's oldest craft fair, is usually held at the Mount Sunapee Resort, but as with many large gatherings, the pandemic has forced it to go virtual. From now through Aug. 9, 145 of the most talented local craftsmen are showing off their work through live conversations on social media and Zoom.

"We're very excited to have created a similar

experience that people can enjoy online," said Miriam Carter, executive director of the League of N.H. Craftsmen. "We wanted to be able to be sustainable during this really challenging time. All nonprofit arts organizations are struggling. Our members who are artists and depend on the livelihood that they get from the annual craftsmen's fair are at risks. We needed to do something," Carter said.



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Newbury honors "Mike" Croteau for 75 years service on the Fire Dept.

The Town of Newbury and several state officials gathered Monday evening to honor John "Mike" Croteau on his retirement from the Newbury Fire Department after a remarkable 75 years of service. Mike's father, George, was a long-time member and chief of the Newbury Fire Department, and in 1945, 15-year-old Mike joined the department too. At first, Mike helped put out brush fires caused by trains that ran from Boston to Newbury Station. When Mike was 18, he fought the fire on Mount Sunapee that claimed 1,700 acres. Hundreds of firefighters worked for 7 days straight to battle the fast-moving fire during one of the worst fire seasons ever recorded in New Hampshire history.

Beyond his work at the fire department, Mike was an engineer for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for 33 years, and the Town of Newbury often called upon his expertise for site work and design. While working for the State, he continued to serve the fire department, serving as the fire chief, as well as forest fire warden.

Mike dedicated many hours of his time to the Newbury Fire Department in addition to firefighting by helping with fundraising efforts, including the annual bingo nights and auctions. His dedication to his community also went beyond his exemplary fire department service; he also volunteered for many town groups, boards, and activities and has always stepped up when something needs to be done.

In 2012, Governor John Lynch commended Mike for 67 years of service as a firefighter, and in 2015, he received the Fire Service Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Hampshire Police, Fire, and EMS Foundation.

Mike's commitment to his community and the Newbury Fire Department

is a shining example of the spirit of New Hampshire, and he serves as a role model for all Granite Staters. He has been a critical part of the department for 75 years, and he has put himself at risk day after day to protect his fellow citizens. His town, State, and country are better because of his dedicated efforts.

New Hampshire State Fire Marshal

Paul Parisi spoke on Mike's service. Captain Doug Minor of the NH Division of Forests and Lands spoke of Mike's long time role as Deputy Fire Warden. Proclamations from Governor Sununu, Senators Hassan and Shaheen and Congresswoman Kuster. Mike was presented with the Town of Newbury retirement rocking chair and a retired firefighter license plate.



John "Mike" Croteau, seated in his engraved rocking chair, is surrounded by the many who saluted his 75 years with the Newbury Fire Department.

Hillsboro-Deering approves hybrid school opening plan

Tuesday night's Hillsboro-Deering School Board meeting was dominated by a discussion of the Administration's recommended procedures and protocol for reopening the schools this fall, as relayed by the principals of the three schools.

Superintendent Patricia Parenteau reported that three alternatives were studied; 1. Full in-classroom instruction, 2. Full remote learning, 3. A Hybrid system.

The administration recommended and the Board approved the hybrid AA/BB system whereby classes would be divided

into two groups. The "A" group will receive in-school instruction on Monday and Tuesday and remote instruction on Thursday and Friday. The "B" group will receive in-school instruction on Thursday and Friday and remote learning on Monday and Tuesday. All students will be taught remotely on Wednesday.

The schedules will be constantly reassessed with the hope of gradually moving to full in-school learning, but with the ability to shift to full remote if Covid cases increase.

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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

- August 2, 2019**
 Masons honor Arvanetakis as Community Builders
 Separate Newbury Fire & Police facilities proposed
 Missing Hillsborough woman's body found in her storage unit
 Teghan Coyle wins New Boston scholarship
- August 3, 2018**
 New Peterborough Brewery in GAR Hall
 Weare gazebo demolition delayed pending restoration plan
 Goffstown's Uncanoonuc Dam project on schedule
 Franklin Police Officer arrested for stalking
- August 4, 2017**
 Sununu kills the goose
 Board seeks additional \$859,000 from Antrim Wind
 Belmont man dies of self-inflicted gun shot wound
 Franklin man arrested for second degree murder
- July 29, 2016**
 New London Fire Department gains valuable training
 Accident claims life of Northfield Highway employee
 OSRAM acquires Tennessee company
 Car collides with two motorcycles in Newport
- July 3, 2015**
 OSRAM Sylvania donates truck to Fire Department
 Franklin School Board wants NH's first Art Car
 Friends of Goffstown Rail Trail donate \$11,850
 Hopkinton & Hopkinton Fair Association settle differences
- August 1, 2014**
 Franklin man convicted of arson
 Goffstown committee considering Rail Trail Grant
 29 teens busted at New Boston booze party
 Dunbarton to renovate Town Hall
- August 2, 2013**
 Weapons seized in separate Henniker drug busts
 Newport man thrown from motorcycle
 Hancock man indicted on felony assault charges
 Warner Selectmen outline goals and objectives
- August 3, 2012**
 Pats Peak celebrates its 50th Anniversary
 Warner dedicated to Jim Mitchel Community Park
 50th Anniversary of Hopkinton-Everett Dam
 Two young children survive Weare crash
- August 5, 2011**
 Is the 744th moving to Manchester?
 Newport military grave markers stolen
 Signs continue to anger Henniker residents
 Contoocook campers receive property tax bills
- July 30, 2010**
 Weare PO's K-9 Mica succumbs to cancer
 Peterborough Food Pantry moving to former armory
 Hillsboro Police and dispatch union certified
 Washington couple given 24 days in jail

Elkins Fish and Game Club provides a facelift & new kiosk at Pleasant Lake

The public boat ramp area at Pleasant Lake received a facelift recently. Through a joint project of the Elkins Fish and Game Club (EFGC) and the Pleasant Lake Protective Association (PLPA), a new kiosk and lake signage were installed, welcoming residents and visitors to this beautiful lake. The old lake signage had been there for many years and was in disrepair. In 2019, members of the PLPA felt it would be a good time for an upgrade.

They were celebrating their 50th anniversary and wanted to commemorate the event. They reached out to the EFGC, celebrating their 125th anniversary, to see if they would like to help. Representatives of both groups discussed ways to improve the look and functionality of the signage and presented a plan to the Town of New London.

After receiving approvals from the Selectmen and the New Hampshire DES, representatives of the EFGC and PLPA finalized the design and material details for a new and more permanent structure.

The new kiosk is constructed of weather resistant materials, which provide durability and stability while also providing an



aesthetically pleasing look. The kiosk has a map of and information about Pleasant Lake and also includes sections for boating and fishing information. Included are informational panels for each of the organizations.

All the labor and material costs for the removal of the old signage, and the fabrication and installation of the new kiosk were paid for by the PLPA and EFGC. The old sign was saved and can be seen at the Ice House Museum on Pleasant Street. The Elkins Fish & Game Club, the oldest con-

tinuously operating fish and game club in New Hampshire, once owned the property, formerly known as Melendy Park, where the dam and public boat ramp stand today. Members were responsible for controlling the water flow at the dam and rebuilt the dam several times.

They also stocked fish into Pleasant Lake for many years. The club turned over ownership of the property to the Town of New London in 1974.

The Pleasant Lake Protective Association, made up of dedicated New London residents, performs many functions and organizes many activities for the betterment of Pleasant Lake.

The group activities include watershed conservation, fish conservation, wildlife conservation, improved water quality, prevention of invasive species, boating safety, and many other lake related projects and programs.

The PLPA and EFGC are proud to have made this donation to the Town of New London. It is their hope that visitors to Pleasant Lake will stop by the kiosk and take time to read about the lake and about these two civic minded organizations.

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NEW STUDY EXPLORES THE LINK BETWEEN OBESITY AND GUM DISEASE



Dr. Esin Narli-Trangaris

Obesity and gum (periodontal) disease are among the most common non-communicable diseases in the United States—and studies show these chronic conditions may be related. This new study explores the effect of obesity on non-surgical periodontal care and evaluates potential pathways that may illustrate the connection between the two conditions.

The connection between obesity and gum disease isn't as simple as cause-and-effect. Instead, the relationship centers on what both diseases have in common: inflammation.

Examining a plethora of existing studies, researchers found that data showing increased body mass index, waist circumference and percentage of body fat to be associated with an increased risk to develop gum disease, also known as periodontitis. Most studies analyzed data from population subsets at one point in time, as opposed to studying the same population over a longer period.

They concluded that changes in body chemistry affect metabolism, which, in turn causes inflammation—something present in both maladies.

Periodontal disease occurs in patients more susceptible to inflammation—who are also more susceptible to obesity.

This information can inform how health-care professionals plan treatments for patients suffering from obesity and/or gum disease.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

In a *Geriatrics & Gerontology International* study of 752 older adults with hypertension followed from 2008-2010 through 2012-2013, using sleeping pills on a regular basis was linked with use of an increasing number of blood pressure medications over time. The association was observed regardless of sleep duration and quality, body mass index, diet, physical activity, and hypertension control. Although additional research is needed to understand this link, the findings suggest that sleeping pill use may be an indicator of a future need for greater hypertension treatment and the need to investigate underlying sleep disorders or unhealthy lifestyles that may contribute to hypertension.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Evenity (romosozumab-aqq) to treat osteoporosis in postmenopausal women at high risk of breaking a bone (fracture). These are women with a history of osteoporotic fracture or multiple risk factors for fracture, or those who have failed or are intolerant to other osteoporosis therapies. More than 10 million people in the U.S. have osteoporosis, which is most common in women who have gone through menopause. People with osteoporosis have weakened bones that are more likely to fracture.

In a study reported in *Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutic*, 44 men with liver injury attributed to over-the-counter bodybuilding supplements, experienced a uniform and distinctive pattern of signs and symptoms that were often prolonged, difficult to treat, and accompanied by disability and weight loss. All participants in the study had jaundice (a yellowing of the eyes and skin) and most had generalized itching leading to hospitalization in 71 percent of patients, although none died or needed a liver transplant. Investigators commonly found that the ingested products often contained illicit anabolic steroids not accurately listed on the label.

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Early Thursday July 30th, Bradford Fire Department was dispatched in Mutual Aid to Henniker for a 2nd Alarm building fire on River Road. Bradford supplied a Tanker and crew for interior fire fighting. Unknown at this time is the cause of the fire or if any injuries were reported.

Monadnock Hospital lays off 21 employees

Monadnock Community Hospital recently laid off 21 employees as a result of the loss of revenue caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Earlier this spring, the Hospital had furloughed 100 employees, comprising about 20% of its staff, but had recently reinstated 75% of those furloughed, although some of the employees originally furloughed were not brought back.

State warns against using mailed seed packets

The Henniker Police Department has received calls for service from Henniker residents looking to report seeds they received in the mail. State Agriculture Officials are warning New Hampshire residents not to plant packets of seeds that may arrive in the mail, unrequested, and with return addresses in China. You can contact the NH Dept. of Agriculture for guidance at 271-1324.

The USDA is requesting you mail the seeds to USDA Plant Protection and Quarantine, Attn: Stephen Lavelle, 222 Holiday Drive, Suite 1, White River Junction, VT 05001. Please do not simply dispose of the seeds, do not plant the seeds, or handle the seeds.

Greenfield Trails Association raised \$2,000

The Greenfield Trails Association raised more than \$2,000 on Saturday during The Greenfield Trails Association Strava Challenge. 35 mountain bikers entered the 26-mile, time trialed race, with 3,000 feet in elevation gain, taking off in intervals of five while recording their pace on the Strava app. Another 20 gravel riders entered a 50-mile ride with 4,800 feet in gain. The mountain bike course took riders from the center of Greenfield up the Crotched Mountain ski slopes, to the foothills of North Pack and back. Gravel riders rode through Francestown into Deering before returning to Greenfield. The proceeds will be used to purchase a Snowdog, a machine used for grooming snow-covered trails for winter bicycle riding, as well as sponsorships for some of the dedicated riders on the Contoocook Valley Chain Gang racing team.

Hillsboro Lions Club is hosting back to back forums on Fall school reopening

The Hillsboro Lions Club is hosting a series of open air forums dealing with the logistics of getting children back to school this fall.

On August 11th the club will host NH Commissioner of Education Frank Edelblut who will speak about the Commission's back-to-school guidance during the current state of emergency.

On August 25th the club has invited SAU #34 Superintendent Patricia Parenteau and H-D School Board Chair Kathryn McGinn. The pair is expected to brief the Club on local plans and policies for reopening the schools this fall.

Both meetings will be held at the Manahan Park Pavilion at 6:30 p.m. Parents, teachers, staff and the public are welcome to attend. Social distancing will be observed and attendees are asked to wear a mask while standing and mingling.

New placements arranged for 18 of former Crotched Mountain children

The Guild School in Concord, Massachusetts, a school for children ages 6 through 21 with mild to severe intellectual disabilities and behavioral, medical, and mental health challenges, has offered to take on 18 Crotched Mountain School students in the wake of the Foundation's announcement that it will close the Greenfield campus by the end of the year, CEO Amy C. Sousa said. The Guild received 15 referrals immediately after Crotched Mountain announced its intent to close.



Commissioner of Education Frank Edelblut.

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REFINANCING PART II: ADJUSTING THE LENGTH OF YOUR MORTGAGE



By: Joyce Bosse

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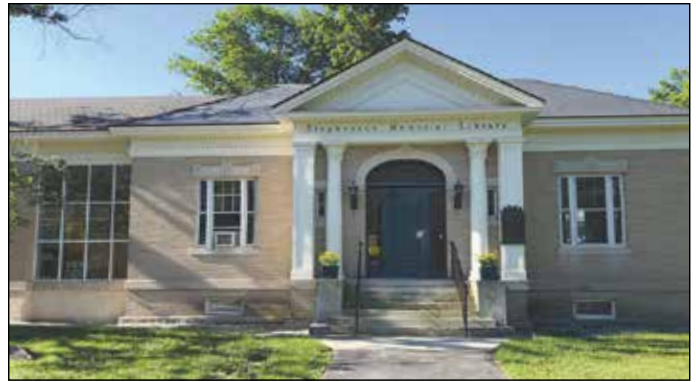
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For example, compare the total interest costs for a fixed-rate loan of \$200,000 at 6% for 30 years—Monthly \$1,119, Total interest \$231,640—with a fixed-rate loan at 5.5% for 15 years—Monthly \$1,634, Total interest \$94,120.

Tip: Refinancing is not the only way to decrease the term of your mortgage. By paying a little extra on principal each month, you will pay off the loan sooner and reduce the term of your loan. For example, adding \$50 each month on the principal of the 30-year loan above reduces the term by three years and saves you more than \$27,000 in interest costs.

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Greenfield's Stephenson Memorial Library was designed by noted school and library architectural firm of McLean and Wright. Built in 1909, its yellow brick and granite Classical Revival-style became popular following the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Today, the library continues to be a center of education and community events.

Hancock group's peaceful vigil in Peterborough

The Hancock Community Conversations on Race Group held another peaceful vigil on Saturday, August 1st. The group lined up along Route 101 and Route 202 in Peterborough, with participants wearing masks and standing six feet apart.

Firefighters' quick response quells Hopkinton fire

Tuesday afternoon, the Hopkinton Fire Department as well as several mutual aid companies were dispatched to a home on South Road for a possible building fire. The initial call was reported by a landscaper for smoke conditions as seen from outside the structure. Upon arrival, crews gained entry to find light smoke in the home. During the interior search, the cause was determined to be from an overloaded electrical circuit supplying a fish tank. This is an opportunity to remind homeowners about proper use of electrical power strips. In this particular case, multiple power strips were connected together, which is referred to as "daisy chaining." Make sure to inspect all power strips and never overload them.

Hancock considers Hanstock Music Festival

The Hancock Select Board discussed holding the Hanstock Music Festival this year, which is tentatively scheduled for September 12th. David Young believes the event can be held and still meet CDC social distancing guidelines, and asked about the possibility of using Moose Brook Park. There is no electricity there according to Tyler Howe. Andrew Wood suggested it would be best to hold the event in an open space, not the Hancock Depot. This would not be a Town sanctioned event, but the majority of the Select Board authorized use of the bandstand and Common for the event. Young will move forward with planning and will follow up with the Board in the next 2 to 3 weeks. A decision to move forward with the event will be made at that time.

Pine Rock Manor wants 5K fundraiser

Because of COVID-19 the Alzheimer's Association has discontinued their usual fund raising walks for Virtual ones. However, Pine Rock Manor has asked the Selectmen for permission to hold a 5K in Warner to benefit their patients and staff. The Board deferred an answer until they have more specific information. Kearsarge Elderly House, a non-profit group, has to be run by a Board of Trustees. Unfortunately, although they need five trustees, they only have three and are looking for two more volunteers so that they can continue to do business.



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New London implements pass system for Bucklin & Elkins Beaches

The town of New London has implemented a “Beach Pass” program for Bucklin & Elkins Beaches to ensure attendance is limited to “Residents and their guests.” This program will verify proof of residency needed to enter the town beaches. Once this card is issued it can be used to verify residency to the beach staff upon entry. Those residents who prefer not to get a beach pass can continue to use their driver’s license and proof of property ownership to enter the beach. To receive your Beach Pass card simply bring your residency documentation and all eligible family pass holders to: New London Recreation Department, Whipple Town Hall, 25 Seamans Road, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am -1:00 pm. To coordinate a time call 526-6401. Cost: The Beach Pass program is free and cards will be valid until September 30, 2023. (Replacement cards are \$20 each.)

Who is eligible for a New London Recreation Beach Pass? All New London residents (year-round and seasonal) ages 12 and older that can provide proof of residency as follows: a. Driver’s license (or other government ID) w/ physical New London address or b. New London tax or utility bill with

supporting photo identification (for those who are seasonal residents). Each person (ages 12 & up) listed on the application must attend to have their picture taken at the New London Recreation Department office. Each beach pass will be issued at that time with photo. Children under 12 must be accom-

panied by a parent/guardian when entering the beach and thus do not need a Beach Pass. Visitors must be accompanied by a New London resident to enter the beach. Proof of residency, using the beach pass or other acceptable form, must be presented at each visit to the town beaches.



U.S. Senator Tom Cotton (R-AK) (l), and Hillsborough County Republican Committee Chair Chris Ager (r) presented Greater Hillsborough Area Republican Committee Chair Bob Nash (c) with a plaque naming the club as the “Best New Club.”

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ConVal School Board to vote on multi-tiered school reopening plan

The ConVal School District has released a 58-page document with a multi-tier strategy determined by the level of COVID-19 in the community. School officials said the idea is to be flexible and fluid enough to continue instruction even in the worst circumstances. "This is the single most challenging professional situation I have ever found myself in," said Superintendent Kimberly Saunders.

The stakes are high, with schools trying to protect children, teachers and staff from a potentially deadly virus. Saunders said her biggest concern is transportation.

"We are one of the largest geographical districts in the state of New Hampshire," Saunders said. "I have no interest in having students on buses for an hour and a half."

Private transportation of students is strongly encouraged, but busing will be offered. Masks will be required.

A team will meet daily to monitor the latest data and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state Department of Health and Human Services.

With moderate to minimal community transmission, families can opt for remote learning or in-person instruction.

"It's been difficult, doing remote learning with two parents who work full time," said Tanis Robinson, of New Boston. Robinson's family is in a different district, SAU 19. The district has crowded elementary schools, so a hybrid model will be adopted. Robinson, an ICU nurse who works overnights, said she's worried and stressed.

"All of our tax dollars are also going to

the school, and now I'm playing teacher three days a week, and let's be honest, math triangles? They didn't have those when I was in school, so I don't even know how to do them," she said.

The ConVal School Board plans to vote Tuesday night on the proposed reopening plan. Informational meetings at each school start this week for families.



SuperScoops is now open in Henniker. (L-R) Dominic Lopez-Finet, JLO Lopez-Finet, Joshua Finet, Laura Lopez-Finet and Bogart Lopez-Finet. They offer 22 varieties of homemade ice cream with in-house or online orders at superscoops.com

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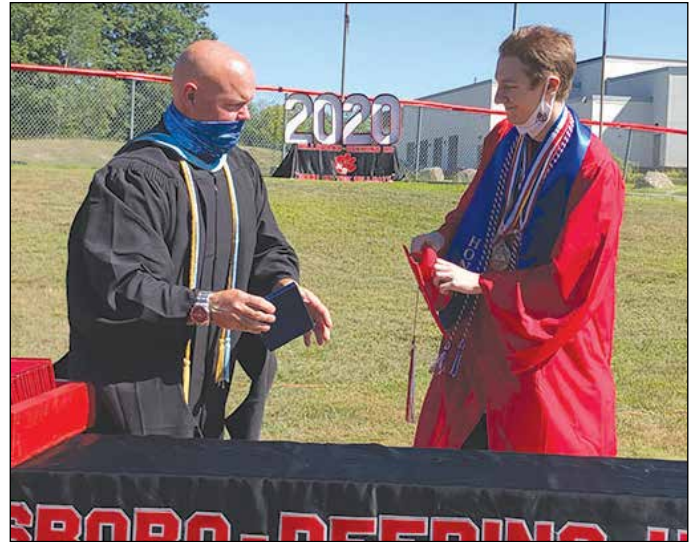
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Publisher's Perspective

A Standard to Live By

As a young man I was fortunate to join the Hillsborough Chapter of the U.S. Jaycees.

The friends I made, the experiences I had and the lessons I learned have greatly influenced the person I am today. I cherish those memories.

As we, as a nation, struggle with the Covid-19 pandemic, the politics of hate and increased racial tension, I often reflect on the philosophy that we shared. It is a standard I have tried to live up to and firmly believe the world would be a better place if we all followed:

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And that service to humanity is the best work of life.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am running for the New Hampshire State Legislature in Hillsborough District 38 and was recently talking to people who have traditionally supported Republican candidates. I was talking to people in District 38 who were concerned about the negative turn the political environment has taken. The first family we visited described the threats that they have received over the past couple of weeks. They were targeted by 3AM drive-by harassment; they were frightened by threatening letters in the mail; and they were perturbed by continued litter that is dumped into their yard. The last time I experienced this level of threat was as a brigade commander in Uruzgan, Afghanistan in late 2010. In rural Uruzgan, I met with many families and tribal elders who relayed accounts of "night letters," threatening knocks at the door, and threats of bodily injury directed at people who supported the Government of Afghanistan. We were able to overcome these threats by improving the quality and professionalism of the police and building trust with the Afghan government. The flashback I experienced reference Afghanistan, triggered by a visit to beautiful New Hampshire, is very disturbing to me.

In Afghanistan I was always thankful that I lived in the United States where people are not threatened because they believe something different or are part of a different political party. After I left the first house in District 38, I went to

three more historically Republican family homes. I was saddened to find similar stories. One family was very supportive of my views but afraid to put a sign out because of potential threats to her children and her family. Another lady who had worked hard with her husband to save for their dream home had been threatened by her neighbor and on Facebook because of the signs she had in her yard. She bravely accepted one of my signs and put it in her front yard. Still, a fourth family who had displayed signs in the past, refused to take a sign this year because of the threats to others. Clearly, my view of the United States as a place where people can have civil discussion and freedom of expression is not currently reflected in all of District 38. I believe that the United States is the greatest country in the world and that New Hampshire reflects the traditions and culture I value. I am running for office to uphold freedom of speech and a civil society where we are all Americans even though we do not always agree with each other. I see a New Hampshire where people are encouraged to voice their opinions and excited to work together to solve the most challenging problems. New Hampshire has tremendous people who should not be threatened by the very few that seek to destroy our freedoms. As your State Representative in District 38 I would make preserving your freedoms and liberties a priority.

James Creighton, Antrim

Weare Police Department recognizes five members for exemplary service

During Tuesday's Weare Select Board the following awards were presented to Police Department personnel;

The Police Star is awarded to Sergeant Austin Maguire, who on August 1, 2019, successfully and intelligently performed an act of extraordinary heroism while engaged in personal combat with an armed adversary under circumstances of imminent personal hazard to the officer's life.

The Purple Heart is awarded to Officer William Paul Lewis IV, who, on August 1, 2019, was seriously wounded under

honorable conditions, as a result of hostile behavior by another.

Lieutenant Frank Hebert was awarded a Certificate of Commendation for his leadership which significantly contributed to the Department's successful passing of the New Hampshire Police Training and Standards Council inspection on July 07,

2020.

Sergeant Brandon Montplaisir and Administrative Assistant Emily Dauphinais were each awarded a Letter of Recognition for their contribution to the Department's successful passing of the New Hampshire Police Training and Standards Council inspection on July 7, 2020.

Francetown Museum plans its reopening

According to curator Bill McAuley, the Francetown Heritage Museum has nearly completed its second floor addition and is planning to reopen Labor Day weekend. Visitors will be able to peruse the reorganized collection which now includes bound guidebooks with a corresponding page and description for each unique piece. Those interested in visiting the museum can contact Bob McAuley at 547-8320 for updates and the latest protocol for preventing COVID-19 during visits.



Sergeant Austin Maguire (l) and Officer William Paul Lewis IV (r).

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Caitlin Bettez Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Sarah & Philip Gehring Memorial Scholarship, Lila Murphy Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship Trust, Tim Henson Vocational Education Award.

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Cooper Brien Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Eleanor Campbell Charitable Foundation, Henry G. Martin-Lions Club Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship Trust, Hillsboro Trust Scholarship - Haslet, Osram Sylvania Engineering Scholarship, Ray Hodgkins Memorial Award.

Anthony Brown Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship.

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Max Costello Lawrence Brothers Scholarship.

Cody Edwards Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, H-D Support Staff Scholarship.

Amos Ek Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Eleanor Campbell Charitable Foundation, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship Trust, Hillsboro Trust Scholarship - EM Barnes, Principal's Award for Citizenship.

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Madison Jones Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Lila Murphy Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship Trust.

Sawyer Jones Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Hillsboro Fire Dept Scholarship, HDHS Business Department Scholarship,

Ernest Gould Good Citizenship Award, Principal's Award for School Spirit.

Kieren Kenny Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship.

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Scholarship - Combined Scholarship.

Emma Macdonald Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship Trust, Hillsboro Trust Scholarship - Manahan, HDHS Business Department.

Thomas Martins Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Henry G. Martin-Lions Club Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship Trust, William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben Scholarship, Hillsboro Trust Scholarship - Haslet, John Philip Sousa Band Award.

Nathan McGillicuddy Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Eleanor Campbell Charitable Foundation, Hillsboro Trust Scholarship - EM Barnes.

Joseph O'Brien Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Eleanor Campbell Charitable Foundation, Henry G. Martin-Lions Club Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship Trust, William E. & Lorraine W. Dubben Scholarship, Hillsboro Trust Scholarship - G & S Smith Scholarship, Contoocook Valley Board of Realtors Scholarship.

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Joseph Picard Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship Trust, HDHS Business Department Scholarship.

Tempest Przybyla Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship, Clifford & Dorothy Blanchard Scholarship Trust, HDHS Business Department Scholarship.

Morgan Racine Duncan-Jenkins Trust Scholarship.

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Roger Williams University Dean's List

Emily Chamberlain of Stoddard, **Lauren Danis** of New Boston, **Emma Phipps** of New London, **Emma Place** of Francestown, **Elsa Schloemer** of Greenfield.

Warner Board to hire two part-time workers

Citing an opportunity to provide professional assistance to both the Planning Board and the public, the Board discussed hiring a person to assist the Town and with the process of people navigating through the Planning Board. Chair Clyde Carson noted that although the Town couldn't afford a full time person, he felt that someone part time would help.

There is some money in the Planning Board budget, and since the person would work remotely there would be no need for additional office space. The standard rate is \$55.00 per hour before the applicant goes before the Planning Board, to be paid by the Town, and \$65.00 after the initial presentation and to be paid by the applicant as part of the application fee. The Select Board voted to hire Matt Monahan at the rate of \$55.00 per hour, or \$65.00 for more complicated work, through the end of the year. At that time, they'll revisit the situation. They also discussed hiring a part time administrative assistant to the Board of Selectmen. After some discussion it was decided to offer 20 hours per week during most of the year with more hours as necessary during peak times with the rate of pay in accordance with the Town pay grades and using the current job description.

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FRIDAY AUGUST 7

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SATURDAY AUGUST 8

H-D PLAYGROUND: Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School and the HDES PTO would like to invite the community to volunteer for our rescheduled Playground Build. We are on schedule to begin assembly of the new playground on Saturday, August 8 and will finish on Sunday, August 9. Mulching will be done the weekend following. We are looking for any capable adult to help make this playground great for our kids, they deserve it! Hand tools are provided at the build. We are in search of wheelbarrows and shovels for the first day. Volunteers can sign up through our post on the Hillsborough Community Facebook page or PTO members Facebook page or by this url: <https://tinyurl.com/y2xlxthb> Please contact PTO.HDES@gmail.com with any questions. For more information, please contact Deanna Neal at PTO. HDES@gmail.com

MONDAY AUGUST 10

EQUALITY: All are invited to celebrate Women's Equality Day and the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage by joining a special Zoom program of Washington Historical Society on "Jennie Powers: The Woman Who Dares" presented by Jenna Carroll from Cheshire County Historical Society. 6:30pm business mtg (members only), 7:00pm program. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/92117025017> to join the program.

TUESDAY AUGUST 11

HILLSBORO LIONS CLUB: Meets at the Manahan Park Pat 6:30pm. Guest speaker is Commissioner of Education Frank Edelblut who will speak on the Commission's guideline for school reopening. Parents, teachers and the public are welcome to attend. Social distancing will be observed and all are asked to wear a mask while standing or mingling.

MICHIGAN AVENUE: This NH/Boston-based band plays the real deal Chicago blues. Its name is the hallowed address of Chess Records in Chicago, Henniker Summer Concert Series. 6:30 - 8:00pm. Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park. Free although donations are accepted. Masks, social

distancing. No rain date.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12

GIRL SCOUTS: of the Green and White Mountains will be at Grounding Stone Farm, 289 Maple St. Contoocook, on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 4 to 6pm. Families from Goffstown, Dunbarton, New Boston, Contoocook, Hopkinton, Henniker, and Weare are particularly invited to take advantage of this opportunity. Tour the farm, pick your own blueberries, and chat with a Girl Scout representative about what Girl Scouts do. Find out more about our plans for animal dance parties and robot-building parties for incoming kindergartners.

THURSDAY AUGUST 13

NEWBURY CONCERT: At the Harbor 6:30-8:00 pm. Nick's Other Band, classic rock.

LISTEN & LUNCH: Mary Kay Robinson - Flute. Bring your folding chair, blanket and relax 12-1pm, at Peterborough's Depot Square.

FRIDAY AUGUST 14

MUSIC IN THE PARK: Ball In The House. This R&B/Soul/Pop a cappella group is based in Boston.



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SATURDAY AUGUST 15

HAZARDOUS WASTE: Francestown's household hazardous waste collection day is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 15 at the town's transfer station on Todd Road. Residents can drop off unwanted chemicals free of charge. The following items will not be accepted: latex paint products, biohazard material, explosives or ammunition, radioactive material, or large cylinders such as acetylene tanks. The event runs from 9am to noon and is hosted by the Francestown waste disposal committee.

SUNDAY AUGUST 16

HISTORY ALIVE: a FREE event for local people. Everything will be outside, please wear masks, follow social distancing. Program includes: two church services, two NH Humanities speakers on Barns of NH and on Irish immigrants to NH. A community picnic (byo basket of food/beverage), Irish music, a tour of cemetery, lookout, and walking tour of center, plus reenactors will have a tent and exhibit of life as a revolutionary soldier, and will end with a parade around the center led by an antique

bicycle. Come celebrate the end of the pandemic summer.

FELLS PROGRAM: 5-7pm. In its annual visit, Opera North will celebrate Italian Carnevale with favorite songs and arias on the veranda that the Hay Family would have known and loved from Rigoletto, La Boheme, and much much more! Please bring your own picnic to enjoy as you listen to the music. \$25 per person. Advanced registration is required, space is limited to 50 people. Call 603-763-4789 x3 or register at www.thefells.org.

TUESDAY AUGUST 18

TATTOO: A 5-piece group of acoustic guitar, trombone, sax/flute, stand-up bass, keyboard/accordion, drums and vocals. Henniker Summer Concert Series. 6:30 - 8:00pm. Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park, Free. Masks, social distancing. No rain date.

THURSDAY AUGUST 20

LISTEN & LUNCH: David William Ross - Classical Guitar. Bring your folding chair, blanket and relax 12-1pm at Peterborough's Depot Square.

SATURDAY AUGUST 22

YARD SALE: 8am - 2pm. Benefit. Purling Beck Hall Roof, 2278 East Washington Rd., Washington. For a space call Ron at 495-3186. Donations welcome. No food items will be sold.

WEARE YARD SALE: Town Wide 8am - 2pm rain or shine. Maps - \$2, available at Stone Memorial Building.

TUESDAY AUGUST 25

HILLSBORO LIONS CLUB: Meets at the American Legion. 6:30 Business Meeting. Guest speakers are Superintendent Patricia Parenteau and HD School Board Chair Katheryn McGinn. Parents, teachers and the public are welcome to attend. Social distancing will be observed and all are asked to wear a mask while standing or mingling.

NICK'S OTHER BAND - Our summer series concludes with this classic rock band covering artists from Delbert McClinton to Ray Charles, Van Morrison to the Allman Brothers. It's an evening of dancing in the streets to your favorite contemporary artists! Henniker Summer Concert Series. 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park. Free although donations are accepted. Masks, social distancing. No rain date.

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Alice Ruffle

(Dutton) Moulton

WALES – Alice Ruffle (Dutton) Moulton, 85, a resident of Wales, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, July 27, 2020. She was born on August 27, 1934, in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, the daughter of Walter B. Dutton and Marguerite L. (Fellows) Dutton. She is survived by her daughter, Tamara Rouleau of Wales; two sons, Timothy M. Moulton and wife, Rhobe of Wales, James E. Moulton and wife, Peggy of Hanover, Pennsylvania; 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, George A. Moulton; a brother, Edwin Dutton and a sister, Agnes Dutton. A private graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family.

Dorothy "Dot"

(Morrill) Gilman

WEARE - Dorothy "Dot" (Morrill) Gilman, 83, died July 30, 2020 at Bel Air

Nursing and Rehab Center in Goffstown. Dot was the daughter of W. Stanley and Ruth (Foote) Morrill. She is survived by her daughter, Susan St Pierre of Wesley Chapel, Florida; her daughter-in-law, Dale (Cleveland) Gilman of Weare; her three granddaughters, Cassidy Gilman of Weare, Jacqueline Gilman of Manchester and Jillian Gilman and great granddaughter, Harlyn Gilman of Litchfield, along with grandson, Joshua Wedge of Manchester. Her son, Anthony "Tony" Gilman predeceased her in 2007 and her husband, John, in 1974. Burial will be at the convenience of the Family.



Violet (Kauffman) Jones

NEW LONDON - Violet (Kauffman) Jones passed peacefully on July 19, 2020 at the Sullivan County Healthcare care facility in Unity, NH at the age of 107 years old. Violet was born on June 13,

1913 in Leesport, PA to Alfred and Edna Kauffman. Surviving family members include her two daughters, Elaine Vecino, Dunbarton, NH and Pamela Chalfant, St. Johnsonville, NY; four grandsons, Matthew Shapiro, New London, NH, Benjamin Shapiro, Atlanta, GA, William Chalfant, Contoocook, NH, Michael Chalfant, Contoocook, NH; four great grandchildren, Ava Shapiro, Samuel Shapiro, Joshua Chalfant, Jacob Chalfant; nieces and nephews in Pennsylvania and Virginia. Violet will be laid to rest at Birch Hill Cemetary, Mohrsville, PA.



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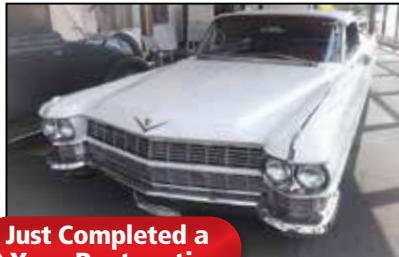
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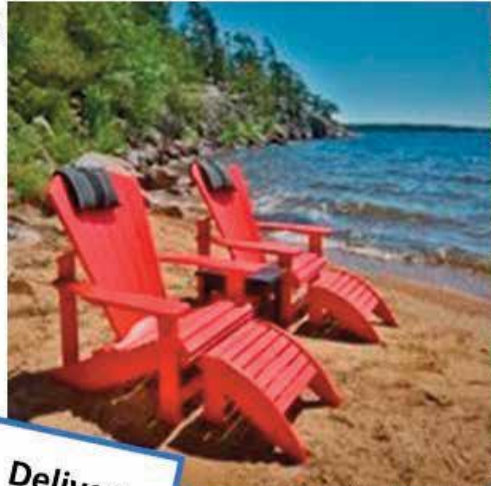
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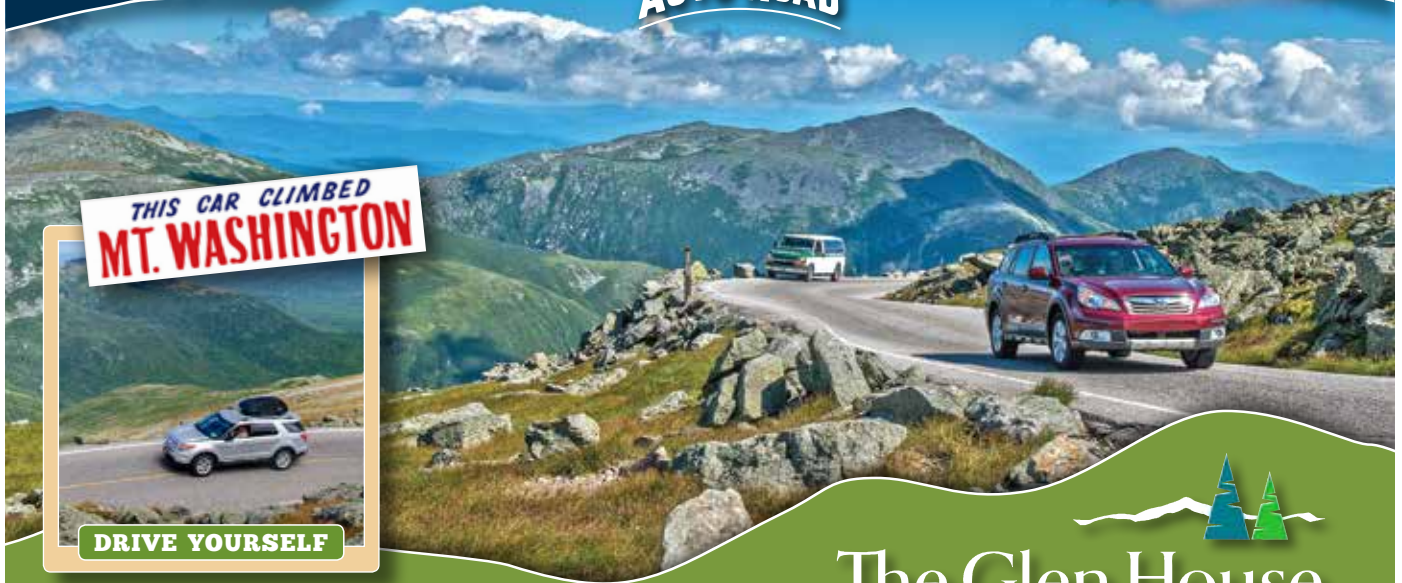


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