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New Peterborough Admin

The Peterborough Select Board has announced that Nicole MacStay, Deputy Town Administrator, will replace retiring



Town Administrator, Rodney Bartlett, effective January 1, 2021. Bartlett announced his retirement earlier this year.



NH Brewer of the Year

The NH Lodging & Restaurant Association added a new Stars' of the Industry award category this year. Brewer of the Year is awarded to an individual who has supported and advocated for the brewing industry, has provided opportunities for growth for staff, and has set the standard for high quality product and service. Awarded to Devin Bush (C) of Henniker Brewing Company.

New Hopkinton Firefighter

Hopkinton welcomes its newest full time Firefighter/Advanced EMT Rich Maltais! Rich began his first shift with the department last week,



but has several years' experience with another local department.



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Area Lions Clubs are gearing up for their Annual Christmas Tree Sales. Consider buying a tree from the Lions. Support those who support your community.

Covid closes H-D Schools

Elementary, Middle & High Schools forced to remote status

With three out of five buildings on full remote status because of lack of adequate staffing due to the pandemic, and the prospects of infections rising over the next several weeks, through the Winter Holiday Recess on December 23rd, SAU #34 Superintendent Patricia Parenteau made the difficult decision to close the schools and return to full remote

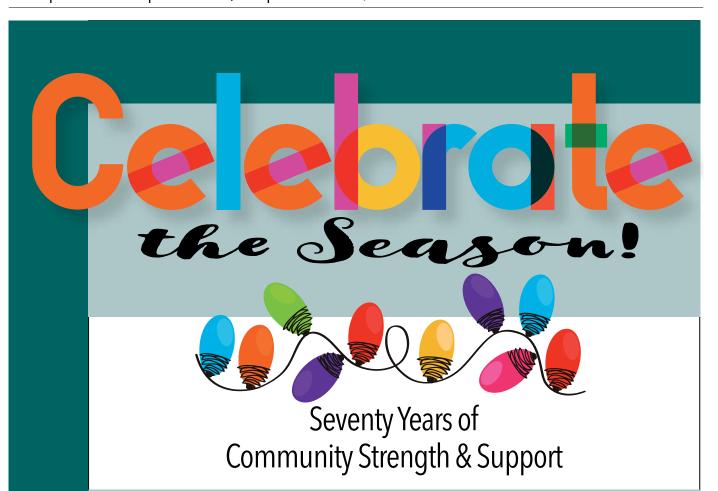
learning. The shift to remote status is effective from November 30th until Martin Luther King Day, with a return to the Hybrid Learning Plan on January 18, 2021.

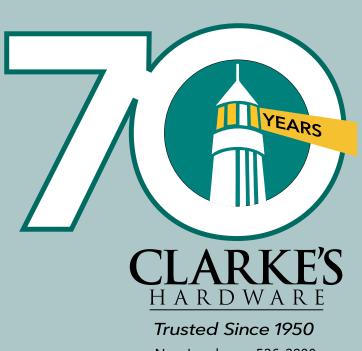
Parenteau stressed that Food Service Director Michele Dupont and her staff will continue to provide meal deliveries during the period of remote learning.

Hillsborough's Project Genesis hosts video cooking show

Alyssa Bender, the Program Assistant at Hillsborough's project Genesis misses being able to cook with the youth and teach them new skills in the kitchen. In its place, she is launching Project Genesis' own cooking show! Once a week, she will make a video and post it on Genesis' Facebook page. On Mondays each family will be able to pick up a meal kit at Genesis between 2-4pm. This will include the ingredients and instructions for the meal. With supervision, they can try and learn how to cook that meal by following along with staff

in the video. The videos will begin with basic kitchen skills and things everyone should know before cooking. A sign up for the meal kits and a menu for the next few weeks will be posted soon. Sign up each week and there will be a meal kit ready for you the following Monday. Youth can earn a certificate for each Kitchen Basic 101 classes they sit in on. A short quiz will be posted with the videos. Once completed, email the answered quiz to youthservicespa@hillsboroughnh.net for community services hours!





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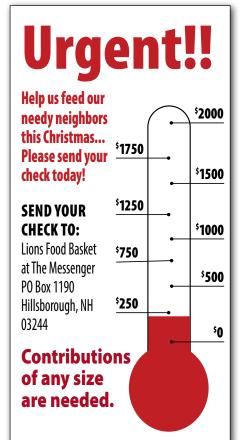
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Hopkinton Rotary donates portable ventilator to Fire Dept.

Hopkinton Rotary recently had the pleasure of presenting Chief Jeff Yale of the Hopkinton Fire Department with a portable ventilator able to be used with both ambulances.

The Zoll ventilator was provided through a combination of donations from the Hopkinton Rotary, matched and enhanced by Rotary District 7870 as well as the Rotary International Foundation. Following a series of state required training sessions, all Hopkinton EMTs will be certified on the ventilator.

A benefit of the ventilator is that upon turning a patient over to hospital staff, the patient's pulmonary information acquired by the ventilator can be transferred to hospital equipment. This is exactly the type of community project Hopkinton Rotary finds most meaningful and impactful. Thank you subscribers of Flags Over Hopkinton for helping fund this effort.





Hopkinton Fire Chief Jeff Yale, center, receives the donation from members of the Rotary Club.

H-D School Board considering several staff reductions

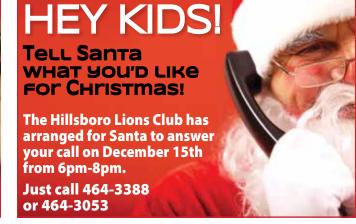
The Hillsboro-Deering School Board held a Budget Workshop Monday evening. Currently, the proposed budget stands at \$24,604,505.00, an increase of \$489,115 or 2.3% of the current budget.

To achieve this figure, the Board is proposing several cuts, including: Eliminating a math teacher at the High School; an ELA position at Middle School, reducing a Middle School para to .5 and cutting the Middle School band/music director. The plan is to have a High School music teacher teach both High School and Middle School.

Also being eliminated is the School Resource Officer position.

Publisher Leigh Bosse has announced that for the 25th consecutive year, The Messenger, in conjunction with the United States Post Office and the North Pole Express will again be assisting Santa Clause in responding to the overwhelming volume of letters from children promising cookies and milk while requesting their Christmas presents. In addition, the Hillsborough Lions Club has revived a tradition, by arranging with Santa to take your phone calls. SEE BELOW.







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November 29, 2019

New Boston welcomes Hailey Gelinas home after transplant Drivers injured in Greenfield & Hancock accident Bernie Sanders holds political rally in Hillsborough Flu outbreak closed Washington Elementary School

November 30, 2018

Hopkinton to move grade 6 to Middle/High School Wendy Curry fills vacancy on Weare School Board Antrim's Festival of Trees is all about community US Marshals capture fugitive in Deering

December 1, 2017

Hopkinton woman shot while riding in Elm Brook Park SWAT Team & hostage negotiator needed in Bow AG clears Belmont Police Officer in shooting death Judge rules against New London doctor

November 25, 2016

Loudon neighbors object to greenhouse light & noise Wayno Olson - the man, the myth, the legend Newport considers increased water ban Northfield man killed In Tilton accident

November 27, 2015

Combining Newport town & school finances delayed Franklin's mayor supports Northern Pass Contoocook man admits to DWI charge Bow woman arrested on shoplifting charge

November 28, 2014

Goffstown neighbors upset at Nursing Home sign Franklin Savings Bank donates \$5,500 to Choose Franklin New Boston tax rate increased \$1.21 Goffstown High School given special recognition

November 29, 2013

NEC students arrested for assault with a brick First Lego Robotics Club begun at Weare Middle School Newport Monument dedicated to Sarah Josephia Hale Renovation of Greenfield Meeting House

November 30, 2012

New Kearsarge teachers' contract calls for merit pay Friction between Newport's two boards Hopkinton voters fail to approve \$1.3 million garage bond New London and Mount Royal Academy bid for 1941 school

December 2, 2011

Antrim Wind Energy proposed PILOT payments
Hillsborough school tax rate up 28.6%
Hopkinton Town Offices burglarized
Andover student's ornaments featured in DC

November 26, 2010

Church volunteers highlight plight of the homeless Work begins on historic Hillsborough landmark Hillsborough man's death sparks Alzheimer's research Warner women hear of "Spies In Time"

Henniker Rotary assists Hillsborough Police & Fire with emergency supplies

As cases of coronavirus climb locally and nationally, our community first responders continue to ensure they are wellprepared to assist the greater Hillsborough-Henniker region.

The Henniker Rotary Club has partnered with the Hillsborough Police
Department in community preparedness, by providing funds for the purchase of 672 Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MREs). With a shelf-life of five years, these MREs are packaged, shelf-stable, high-caloric meals that are intended to be distributed to both Hillsborough police/fire employees, as well as community members, during times of power and water outages, food scarcity, and natural disasters.

Lt Derek Brown of the HPD said, "The plan is to split the allotment between the Fire Department and Police Department. We will keep the meals available for use by both agencies."

"The Police and Fire Departments generally staff extra personnel for major storms, and these meals could come in helpful in the event of another ice storm or major flood event." Lt Brown said. He also indicated that the Fire Department will plan

to use MREs when fighting major brush fires, as the firefighters stay in remote locations for extended periods, and that MREs will also be consumed during Search and Rescue missions.

The Henniker Rotary Club secured a "Global Grant" by partnering with our Rotary District and with Rotary International to fund these emergency supplies.

Rotary International is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who unite to create lasting changes in their community, and globally.

To learn more about joining the Henniker Rotary Club, please contact George Mobley at HennikerRotaryMembership347@gmail.com



L to R: Police Chief David Roarick, Rotary President Frank Malinowski, Fire Chief Ken Stafford, Jr.









Kearsarge High School delivered 43 breakfast bags around the district to American Legion Post # 40 in Wilmot, American Legion Post #39 in Warner, to homebound veterans, and to veterans who work within the KRSD. Our culinary arts program under the coordination of April Hall provided the breakfast bags, and both our Student Council under the direction of Rebecca Schrader and students in Nicole Densmore's classes made Thank You cards that were distributed in our deliveries.

ConVal adopts #ConValCommunity Pledge

Superintendent Kimberly Rizzo Saunders is pleased to share that students and staff at Contoocook Valley School District are taking the #ConValCommunityPledge to do their part to stay healthy over the holidays, and are encouraging members of the broader community to join in. Students and staff have created a video that features students and staff from ConVal Regional High School, Great Brook Middle School and Antrim Elementary School discussing the pledge and promising to wear their masks, wash their hands, watch their distance and socialize in small groups to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading in the community. In the video, students also shared their reasons for taking the pledge, which include wanting to return to school to continue learning, visit friends, and participate in sports and theater. The Peterborough Fire Department also made a video taking the pledge. To take part in the pledge, members of the community are encouraged to take a video or photo of themselves taking the pledge and share it on social media with the hashtag #ConValCommunityPledge.

Happy Holidays from Fuller Public Library!

The main floor of the Library is open: M&F 12-5, T&TH 9-8 and SAT 9-1. Face coverings are requested, hand sanitizer is available. You can order materials online, call 464-3595, or email circ@fullerlibrary. info. Pick-up inside or contact free on the porch. Library cards are FREE for Hillsboro residents and HDSD students. Bring proof of residency or a school ID. Live out of town but work in Hillsboro? Show us proof for a FREE card too. Use your library card to watch Kanopy movies, listen or read books on your electronic device, and borrow library passes to visit local museums. Copying, faxing, WiFi, printing and limited computers are available. Visit our Book Nook sale area for books, puzzles and more. Visit our website: fullerlibrary.info. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Thank you all for your continued support.

Two Francestown teens injured in accident

On November 24th, Francestown Police responded to a single car motor vehicle accident on Mountain Road by East Road. The driver, Matthew Gilcreast, 17 years old of Francestown, had lost control of the vehicle, a 2003 GMC pickup, causing it to strike an embankment and roll over. Francestown Ambulance responded to the scene, where Gilcreast and a juvenile passenger were treated for minor injuries and released. Mike's Towing removed the car from the scene.



Former Chief Andrew Wood

Former Hancock Police Chief Wood under investigation by 2nd town

A second town is investigating the submission of fraudulent time cards by former Hancock Police Chief Andrew Wood. Richmond officials have announced plans to review Wood's time cards he submitted as supervisor of the police department. Richmond's action comes after media learning of reports that Wood had submitted false time cards while he was Chief of Police in Hancock. The Monadnock Ledger-Transcript recently reported that Hancock's Select Board found dozens of time-card discrepancies which gave the town cause to fire him, had they been discovered before he resigned in September.

In his resignation letter, Wood stated, "With the events involving law enforcement throughout this country, I have decided that I have completed all of the tasks that I set out to accomplish in Hancock."

Richmond dissolved its police department in 2019, and signed a contract with the Cheshire County Sheriff's Department to provide coverage.

Peterborough wants summary judgement against Gun Club

The Town of Peterborough has filed a motion for summary judgement in its case against the Monadnock Rod and Gun Club over land use violations, arguing there is no factual dispute that the club is in violation because the club never sought any permits for the expansion, and it filled in the wetlands in order to complete the expansion.



TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



A type of blood pressure lowering medication, called a calcium-channel blocker, may be linked with an increased risk of a type of bowel condition called diverticulosis, according to a study published in the journal *Circulation*. This condition causes small bulges or pouches to appear in the lining of the intestine. Particularly affecting the elderly (as many as 65 per cent of over 85s may be affected), diverticulosis can in

some cases lead to a medical emergency if the pouches become infected or burst. High blood pressure affects one in ten adults across the globe, and increases the risk of heart attack and stroke. The most common treatments for high blood pressure are lifestyle changes and medications. The research finding comes from a team of scientists who investigated the effectiveness and side effects of three common blood pressure medications: ACE-inhibitors, beta-blockers and calcium channel blockers.

A new landmark clinical trial published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* shows that a drug lowers the risk of kidney failure by a third in people with Type 2 diabetes and kidney disease. The trial involved 4,401 participants in 34 countries. The drug, canagliflozin, improves on a nearly two-decades-old therapy that is currently the only treatment approved to protect kidney function in people with Type 2 diabetes. In the trial, canagliflozin also was found to reduce the risk of major cardiovascular events. Canagliflozin increases the excretion of glucose through the kidneys. It has already been approved by the Food and Drug Administration to lower blood glucose in patients with Type 2 diabetes and to reduce the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events in patients with Type 2 diabetes and existing heart disease.

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THE RISKS OF TEETHING BRACELETS, NECKLACES AND OTHER JEWELRY



Teething jewelry includes necklaces, bracelets, and other jewelry worn by either an adult or child, used by parents and caregivers, marketed to relieve an infant's teething pain. It may also be marketed for use by people with special needs, such as autism or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, to provide sensory stimulation or redirect chewing on clothes or body parts.

Dr. Esin Narii-Trangaris

The beads of the jewelry may be made with various materials such as amber, wood, marble, or silicone. Jewelry marketed for teething is not the same as teething rings or teethers, which are made of hard plastic or rubber and not wearable by an adult or child.

There are serious risks associated with using jewelry marketed for relieving teething pain— choking, strangulation, injury to the mouth, and infection among them. Other concerns include potential injury to the mouth or infection if a piece of the jewelry irritates or pierces the child's gums.

What You Can Do to Ease Teething Pain

If your child's gums are swollen and tender, gently rub or massage the gums with your finger, or give your child a teething ring made of firm rubber to chew. Make sure the teething ring is not frozen. If the object is too hard, it can hurt your child's gums. Parents should supervise their children so they don't accidentally choke on the teething ring.

Parents and caregivers of children with special needs who may require sensory stimulation should talk to their child's health care provider about safer options and treatment. The use of jewelry marketed for relieving teething pain and to provide sensory stimulation carries too many risks.

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Greenfield Firefighters recently conducted training on chimney fires as 'tis the season. Good time to remind everyone to inspect and clean your chimneys regularly.

United Methodist Church offers gift cards

Hillsboro United Methodist Church would like to simplify your life by offering gift cards for purchase from home. There are over 330 different gift cards available to purchase. The list includes. Amazon.com, I-Tunes, Game Stop, Apple products, Kohl's, Wal-Mart, TJ Maxx, Shaw's, Costco, Lowe's, Home Depot, Dunkin Donuts, 99 Restaurant, Fresh Start Floral in Henniker, and many more. For a complete list, go to www.scripzone.com and click on "Retailer List." The companies will give a donation to the church in return for your purchase. You will always receive 100% value on the cards. You may order at the church on Sunday mornings, or go to our web site hillsboroumenh.com and download an order blank, or email joneil2@comcast.net with your order. Then mail a check to the church at HUMC PO Box 692, Hillsboro, NH 03244. Attn: Gift Cards. A handwritten note with your name, address and phone number is also accepted. After receiving payment, Gift Card orders will be submitted on Sunday evening and obtained by the following Sunday. Cards can be mailed to any address or delivered to Hillsboro addresses or be picked on Sunday morning.

Henniker Select Board income & expense

The Henniker Select Board approved several expenditures at their last meeting: \$3,400 Transfer Station gate repair; \$4,399.61 Highway Department Wing purchase; \$8,300 Mini Splits for the Rec Center; \$6,498.77 Police Department step increases.

The Board also received new revenue items: \$8,200 from the sale of the Highway Skid Steer; \$6,500 of that was returned to the Waster Water account, the value of the skid steer it transferred to Highway; \$1,416.30 Health Insurance refund, a portion of which was returned to employees.

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Local musicians seek to unify America with updated anthem "America The Dream"

As the nation moves forward from a divisive election, protests, and a relentless pandemic, a musical ray of hope and healing is emerging from an unlikely collaboration. New Hampshire folk singer Steve Schuch has teamed up with composer and virtual choir producer Shelbie Rassler, a graduate student at The Juilliard School. Their humble goal: bringing Americans together with an inclusive new version of "America the Beautiful."

"I wanted to create a reimagined version of this beloved song that reflects the dreams we hold in common," says singer/songwriter Schuch. "Beyond the song itself, a critical piece was creating a new web site with free tools to encourage constructive conversations about what this dream of America means for each of us." Schuch was inspired to create the updated anthem, called "America the Dream," while planning a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Day in his hometown of Hancock, NH.

He imagined a familiar song everyone could sing together, honoring both the dreams we have achieved and the ones we still hope to attain. It would weave





New Hampshire folk singer Steve Schuch and composer and virtual choir producer Shelbie Rassler.

"America the Beautiful" with Dr. King's dream for all America. Could singing help bring a fractured nation back together? It was worth a try.

Schuch remembers the uplifting sound that day of children's voices, together with parents and grandparents. "We sang it again a few weeks later. Both times, people kept asking me, 'Why isn't this being sung everywhere?' And a light bulb went off," says Schuch.

The project began with the simple idea of making free sheet music available

all across America. It could be usedin elementary classrooms and community, school and church choirs – anywhere people wanted to sing.

The arrangements run from basic lead sheet (melody, lyrics and chords), to versions for adult and children's chorus, a cappella scores for full choir, and even a symphonic version. Several more are in the pipeline, including a "Nashville" version. For music videos, free downloadable sheet music and other resources, visit AmericaTheDream.org.



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Publisher's Perspective

Even In Tough Times - We Can Still Give Thanks

Maybe you feel you haven't got very much to be thankful for this year. What with the nasty election, the brashness of our youth, the moral decline and Covid, Covid, Covid.

But, take another look at the sunshine dispelling the clouds. You still have the greatest gift of all to be thankful for: You still have belief.

Belief in God, who created the light, so you could see the wrong and do something about it.

Belief in America, which still holds the torch of freedom high and carries it proudly

around the world.

Belief in most people everywhere, who find happiness in kindness, and reward in helping others.

Belief in your own community, the beauty surrounding you on all sides, the pride that prods progress toward better living for all.

And belief in yourself, the example you set for others, the confidence you show in tomorrow, the rich inner life you find in Faith. Yes, the good still overpowers the bad in this wonder filled world of ours. You can give thanks...with "Thanks-Living."

Power to be restored at Bradford Town Hall

A \$35,000 grant request has also been submitted for COVID related expenses and, while this will be received as unanticipated revenue, it will help offset any budget overage. The Board also received an update on getting permanent power into the Town Hall. Eversouce will need to do some tree trimming and removal to place the new power line. Jason will reach out to the property owner to seek permission to do the tree work. No update was available regarding record storage or whether the

water pump needed to support the future sprinkler system can operate on single phase power.

Karen noted that the circulator pumps for the heating system have failed and need to be replaced in order to heat the building. There was no water in the pumps which caused the circulators to burn out. This will cost approximately \$1,000 and should be checked on a monthly basis once repaired. The Board supported moving forward with the repair.

Hillsborough Committee's 250th Anniversary Cookbook

The Hillsborough Community Center Fundraising Committee is publishing a cookbook that focuses on family-favorites and is collecting recipes from the community. Please email your favorite recipe(s) to renee.woods@hccnh.org by 12/31. This effort will coincide with Hillsborough's 250th anniversary.

This is an exciting project that will touch many in the local area. Funds raised will be used to purchase land and build a new multi-use community center. Plans include meeting and event space, a basketball court, indoor walking track and exercise space, professional kitchen, swimming pool, community garden, and covered outdoor exercise area. HCC will serve Hillsborough and surrounding towns and will be accessible to all. Your tax-deductible gift to this worthwhile project will help make this Center become a reality. The board of directors is also seeking bequests, acreage for the facility, and able-bodies for breaking ground and construction. For more information please contact us at director@hccnh.org.









Ava Fournier, Nora Smith, Carolyn Towle and Chase Lambert, students from Mrs. Chauvette's 5th-grade, love it at Henniker Community School.





The Monadnock Rotary Club distributed face masks to First Responders, (left photo); The Goffstown Rotary Club donated \$850 to the Goffstown Network via the NH Food Bank, and distributed their share of the masks from the Rotary Million Mask Challenge along with school supplies gathered from our members and the community.





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Rick Willgoose, who rang the bell, was assisted by Bob Hunter.

Henniker Church Bells "ring out thanks"

At 11:45 AM on Friday, November 20, church bells rang in Ring Out Thanks — a gesture of appreciation from the Henniker Congregational Church to the staff and students at HCS for their hard work during these trying times. The ringing involved Rick Willgoose climbing up four stories (by ladder and scaffold) into the tower to manually ring the bell. This kindness from our neighbors was greatly appreciated by everyone at the Henniker Community School.

"Share A Prayer" with St. Andrew's Church St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Hopkinton invites you to

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Hopkinton invites you to share the prayers that are in your heart this Advent. What do you hope for the world, for your neighbors, and for yourself? What burdens would you like to lay down? What grief needs healing? What thanksgiving needs celebrating? Throughout the Advent season leading to Christmas, we'll lift up to God all the prayers we receive by mail and email, and deposited by hand at our giant outdoor Advent Wreath. (email: office@standrewshopkinton.org; address: 354 Main St., Hopkinton, NH 03229)

Deering Select Board answers tax questions

There have been many questions about the recently issued tax bills. Specifically, why did they go up? Was it because of the town wide re-valuation process? No, the re-valuation did not make taxes go up. The table below highlights the tax rate and the amount of taxes raised by component of the tax rate; municipal, county, local education, and state education. The total tax effort for 2019 is \$5,583,652. The municipal portion of that total amount represents 29.71% while local education represents 59% of the total tax effort. In 2020 the municipal portion represents 27.52% and the local education portion represents 61.89%. For more information please contact the Town Administrator, Russell McAllister at 603-464-7921.

Greenfield hosts annual Project Care

Greenfield Welfare Department's Project Care Poster will be posted at the Post Office soon. Please consider getting a gift for someone listed.

Please consider giving a gift this year to help families in need this Holiday Season with the Christmas Care Box. The following is a list of items that are needed and will be given out to families by the Welfare Dept. • Gas, Grocery & Clothing Gift Cards (Mail these to the Welfare Dept. PO Box 256, Greenfield, NH 03047 Attn: Leah Conway, or leave in the drop box outside the Town Office building M-F); please leave the following items at the Post Office in the "Christmas Care Box" • Diapers, Wipes, Pullups in all sizes • Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue • Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Floss • Shampoo, Conditioner, Bath Soap, Hand Soap • Laundry & Dish Detergent.

Substitute teachers help keep SAU 24 schools open

Substitute teachers have always played a key role in keeping schools running smoothly but in this time of COVID-19, the need for substitute teachers has never been greater. "Keeping our schools open depends on having adequate staff and we absolutely could not be open without our substitute teachers," said SAU 24 Superintendent Jacqueline Coe. Due to the need being so great for substitute teachers this

John Stark Poinsettia Fundraiser

The John Stark Regional High School Senior class is selling poinsettias grown locally at Murray Farms in Concord to support senior class events and activities. These beautiful poinsettias are available in red, pink, or white. A small 6 1/2" pot with one plant is \$12 and a large 7 1/2" pot with 2 plants is \$20. Orders are due by Dec. 4 and will be ready for pick up the following week (exact dates and times will be announced on Dec. 7.) Pick up will be a contactless drive-through at the high school. The order form and payment information are available on the John Stark website. www.jsrhs.net.

year, SAU 24 recently raised the per day rate to \$95 for substitute teachers.

Colleen Couhie of Weare, an SAU 24 substitute teacher since 2004, cites variety in the workday as one of the reasons she loves working as a substitute teacher. "It is the diversity of the work and the ability to experience different classes, different students, and the daily challenges that arise every school day that keeps me so happy in this position," said Couhie. "It's always interesting, and the kids are always amazing." Substitute teachers have a great deal of flexibility in their schedules, too. They decide what days they can sub and what days they cannot. "I don't have to ask for a day off. I just let the school know that I cannot work on that day," commented Couhie. "I'm also a Supervisor of the Checklist in Weare, and there are days that I have commitments, and it's no problem. It allows me to make my own schedule," said continued.

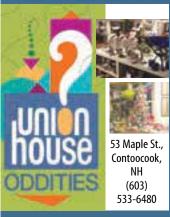
Colleen Couhie also sees it as a way to give back to the community and as a long-time resident of Weare, she knows



Substitute Teacher Colleen Couhie.

a lot of the kids she sees at school. "There is no better feeling than to help a student and make a difference in a kid's life," said Couhie. If you are interested in being a substitute teacher in SAU 24 schools, consider applying today. You may access the application here: http://bit.ly/sau24sub.

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New England College has completed its Fall Term and closed the campus until after the first of the year.

Grizzlies fall in Division Championship Game

Goffstown had a hard time keeping the Nashua North offense out of the end zone in Saturday's Division I championship game. The Grizzlies didn't have much luck keeping the North defense or special teams out of the end zone either. North scored on its first four offensive possessions, added two defensive touchdowns and returned a kickoff for a TD in its 49-21 triumph at Bedford High School. North received three touchdowns from quarterback/defensive back Curtis Harris-Lopez, two from slot receiver/defensive back Jayden Espinal and two more from running back/defensive back Issac Smith. Perhaps the game's biggest momentum swing came after Goffstown's Jeremy Henault hauled in a 45-yard touchdown pass from his brother, QB Jarrett Henault. That TD cut North's lead to 21-14, but Smith returned the ensuing kickoff 66 yards for a score.

Hillsboro-Deering Fall Athletic Awards

Most Improved Golfer Award - Liam Greene Most Improved Golfer Award - Alaina McGillicuddy

Cross Country

Relentless Perseverance: Emma Curley Exceptional Attitude: Elizabeth Labier Outstanding Leadership: Nathaniel Ledvina Best Teammate: Elias Ek

Boys Varsity Soccer

MVP Award-Loganclough Golden Boot Award - Mason Ferwerda Defender Of The Year Award - Riley Jones

Girls Varsity Soccer

Golden Boot - Emily Howell Golden Gloves - Gracie Atkins Coaches Award - Abigail Vondette

Girls Varsity Volleyball

MVP Award - Kaitlyn Schoeneman Team Spirit Award - Zoe Kemp Most Improved Player Award - Grace Boisvert

Girls JV Volleyball

MVP Award - Haley Hathorn Team Spirit Award - Ella Austin Most Improved Player Award - Isabel Swirko

Bass Fishing

MVP Award - Rachel Vanolmen Most Improved Player Award - Benjamin Labier



Jason Robinson, 41, of Antrim was arrested after officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance. Mr. Robinson was identified and found to have a warrant from Hillsboro Police Department stemming from a previous incident. Mr. Robinson was processed and released with no issues.

Howard Johnson, 42, of Hillsboro was arrested after officers conducted a motor vehicle stop in which he was found to be the operator of the vehicle and was confirmed to have a suspended driver's license. Mr. Johnson also had an active bench warrant stemming from a previous incident.

Jeff Johnson, 20, of Henniker, NH was placed under arrest for an active warrant for criminal mischief and criminal tresspass.

Jason Robinson, 41, of Antrim was arrested after an Antrim Police Department officer observed the defendant driving in Hillsboro and was aware Mr. Robinson's license had been revoked as a Habitual Offender. Officer Vaillancourt requested the Antrim officer to stop the vehicle until he arrived. The driver, Mr. Robinson, was confirmed to be a habitual offender for which he was arrested without incident. He was booked, bailed and released.

Wayne Wagner, 56, of Hillsboro was stopped for a motor vehicle violation on Henniker Street. A subsequent investigation revealed that Mr. Wagner was operating under the influence of alcohol and he was arrested for DUI. Mr. Wagner's NH operating privileges were also suspended for a previous DUI conviction. He was bailed and released.

Brandon Kidder, 26, of Hillsboro fled in a vehicle from an attempted motor vehicle stop on Route 9 that continued into Henniker. The vehicle reached speeds of 117 MPH and forced vehicles off the road in both directions nearly causing collisions before it lost control. went off the road and crashed. The defendant refused to come out of the vehicle, resisted arrest and had to be tased in order for the police to take him into custody. A subsequent investigation revealed the defendant was operating under the influence of drugs. He was admitted to Concord Hospital for injuries he sustained in the crash and was bailed from the hospital.

Nicholas Johnpier, 38, of Hillsboro was arrested by Plymouth Police Department after they confirmed an active warrant from the Hillsboro Police Department. The warrant originated from a previous incident in which the defendant assaulted his girlfriend.

Shannon Gauthier, 43, of Hillsboro was arrested on a Hillsboro Police Department warrant for Possession of a Controlled Drug, Schedule 1-4, after being found in possession of Lorazepam during a traffic stop on July 16, 2020. She was bailed and released.

Jeremy Constine, 24, of Hillsboro was the operator of a vehicle stopped by Sqt. Hodgen. Mr. Constine had an outstanding warrant originating from a previous incident in which he was found in possession of Methamphetamine. Mr. Constine was arrested without incident and was later processed and released.

Bryan Coombs, 23, of Hillsboro was arrested on a warrant for Theft by Unauthorized Taking and Loitering/Prowling after several incidents at Bara Dental.

Michael Arsenault, 33, of Henniker was stopped on Route 9 for an observed motor vehicle violation. Mr. Arsenault was placed under arrest for possessing a controlled drug after a plain view seizure. A search incident to arrest revealed that Mr. Arsenault was in possession of cocaine, crack cocaine, and suboxone.

Warrn Johnson, 37, of Hillsboro was arrested for stalking for violating the criminal bail protective order.





Warner Select Board approves purchase of two Highway Dept. trucks

The Warner Select Board held a Public Hearing for the purpose of purchasing an F550 Truck. Highway Superintendent Tim Allen has been trying to fix the 2016, but with multiple problems, it seems more cost effective to purchase a 2020 F550 from Hillsboro Ford.

Some of the truck's features would include a diesel engine, automatic transmission, hydraulic system, manual controls, and a Fischer plow for the amount of \$70,430.

B. the purpose of purchasing a new Freightliner, which would replace the 1997 they currently have. The new truck would have a 7 year, 150,000 mile warranty on the engine and drive train and a 5 year unlimited warranty and would cost \$189,685.

C. to do work on the drainage problems on Pumpkin Hill and Mason Roads. The Board had contacted Mark Moser and North Point and it is estimated that Mason Road would cost \$8-10,000 and Pumpkin Hill \$12-14,000.

After the public hearing the Board voted to purchase both vehicles and transfer \$125,000 to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund, as authorized at the 2020 Town

Meeting and to authorize the road repairs and take the money from the Road Construction Fund. The Board had a request from the Boys and Girls Club to use the Town Office after the Thanksgiving holiday. Because the Town Office has remained closed to the public, and with COVID-19 numbers rising, the Board felt that it would not be prudent to allow groups to use the building and therefore denied the request.



Members of the John Stark Regional High School Leos Club participated in the Route 114 highway cleanup earlier this week. Leos are a high school service organization under the Lions Club. Other projects the Leo Club at John Stark participates in during the year include food and gift drives for the holidays and Red Cross Blood Drives.







Hillsboro-Deering DECA team qualifies for International Conference

After two weeks of competing against other high schools in a global competition, one team of students from Hillsboro-Deering High School have qualified for the DECA International Conference in April 2021. The conference is scheduled to take place in Anaheim, California, but a backup virtual event is also being planned.

In the Virtual Business Retail Management Competition, three students, seniors Cassidy Marshall, Chloe Braun, and Emma Curley finished in second place in the North Atlantic region of DECA, and seventh overall internationally out of over

Hillsborough's New Tax Rate

The Town of Hillsborough 2020 tax rate has been set at \$28.73/\$1,000 valuation, down from the current \$31.56/\$1,000.

The Town Rate remains the same at 410.68; The Local school Rate is down from\$17.62 to \$15.22, The State Education-Rate is down from \$2.13 to \$1.81 and The county Rate drops from \$1.13 to \$1.02. Emerald lake residents will pay an additional \$2.40/\$1,000.

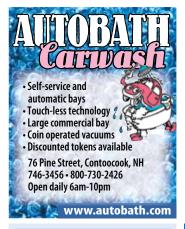
900 teams. They will join teams from Ontario, Texas, Georgia, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and California, in the world finals. These first-round competitors will be combined with the winners of the January qualifier into a field of 16 teams competing for top world honors next spring at the International CDC.

"Even in a COVID year, our students pulled together to compete. I am so

proud of their resilience and ability to be successful in a different environment. The students love competing against and connecting with competitors from around the country and world to do this. The competition was intense as ever. We had several teams compete in each event and some came very close. We hope to have more qualify next round," said H-D DECA advisor Marc Payeur.



Chloe Braun, Cassidy Marshall, and Emma Curley.

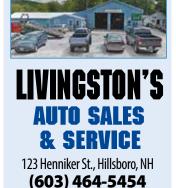




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As planned, ConVal Schools transition to full remote after Thanksgiving

Tuesday was the last day of inperson classes at ConVal Schools until January 19th. Unlike other districts which recently made similar decisions, ConVal has included this option in a plan which officials began drafting in June and was approved by the school Board in August. The District's scheduled remote-learning period has has given families the opportunity to plan for where their children will be during the day, and teachers additional resources to adapt to online instruction.

The District, which includes Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon and Temple, plans a similar remote-learning period after the spring break from March 29th to April 16th.

ConVal school buildings will remain open during the upcoming remotelearning period, and teachers will have the option to teach from their classrooms or from home, and students who need special education services and those who do not have adequate Internet access at home, will be able to have in-person instruction.

Elementary and Middle High School students have been divided into two

cohorts based on hometown, and had been alternating weeks of in-person and remote classes. All families also can choose to have their children learn fully remotely.



Kearsarge Student Council and National Honors Society organized a non-perishable goods drive for the Kearsarge Cares Food Pantry. Staff and students are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items (e.g. canned goods, pasta, granola bars) and/or toiletry items (e.g. feminine hygiene products, toothbrush, toilet paper).



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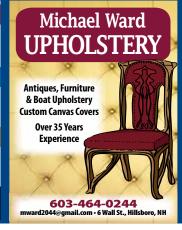
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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Ian R. F. Bishop

PETERBOROUGH - Ian R. F. Bishop, 36, of Peterborough passed away on

Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at the Palliative and Hospice facility adjacent to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Lebanon, after a courageously fought battle with leukemia. Ian is survived



by his fiancée, Lydia Burleigh; his parents, Jacqueline Bishop of Beaver Dam, WI and Russ and Danielle Bishop of Peterborough; his sister, Ashleigh Bishop; an extended family of loving grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins; and a large number of very dear friends. A 2004 graduate of John Stark Regional High School, he enlisted in the US Army following graduation and served as an infantryman during his two tours of duty in Iraq. After settling in Peterborough, Ian enjoyed a very happy life with Lydia and her two daughters, Willow and Nora. He was overwhelmed by the support he received in the 15 months since his acute myeloid leukemia diagnosis. A graveside service, with full military honors, was held at Pine Hill Cemetery, Sand Hill Road, Peterborough, on Saturday November 21st. CDC guidelines for social distancing were followed and face coverings were required. Please consider making a donation in Ian's name to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center. DHMC, Lebanon, NH. Ian felt profound gratitude and appreciation for those who treated and tended to him during his stays there.

Marion D. Colella

WINDSOR - Marion D. Colella, 99, of Windsor, widow of Daniel J. Colella, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 20, 2020 in Windsor, NH. Marion was born in Hartford, CT. Prior to her move to New Hampshire, she lived in New Britain most of her life. Surviving is a son, Daniel J. Colella Jr. of East Hampton; four daughters, Susan R. Colella of Portland: Cynthia C. Anderson of New Britain; Dolores M. Larson and her husband, Ted of

Harwinton; and Karen M. Turbyne and her husband, Jacques of Windsor, NH. She also leaves 11 treasured grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren. Besides her husband, Daniel she was



predeceased by a brother, Raymond Nay. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday (November 25, 2020) at St. Joseph Church, 195 South Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery, New Britain, CT.

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It's a great opportunity to help bring our community together in a safe, fun and COVID friendly event. We plan to produce a list of addresses who have entered the contest. Beginning Wednesday December 16th you'll be able to drive by all the properties and view the displays.

Go to Henniker.org and follow the directions to register and for more details!

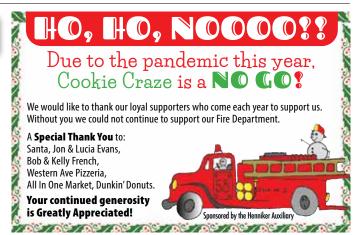
Deadline for entries is Monday, December 14th

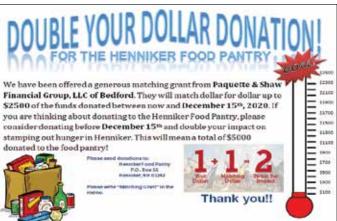
Houses must be decorated and lit between Tuesday December 15th-Sunday December 20th from 4:30pm to 10:00pm

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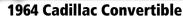




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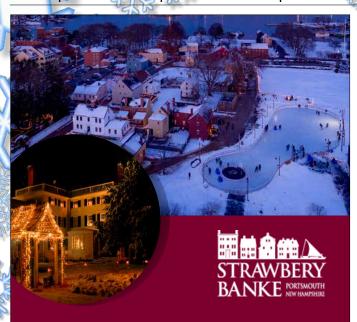
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Adults \$15; Children \$10 **Tickets must be purchased in advance.**No ticket sales at the door.

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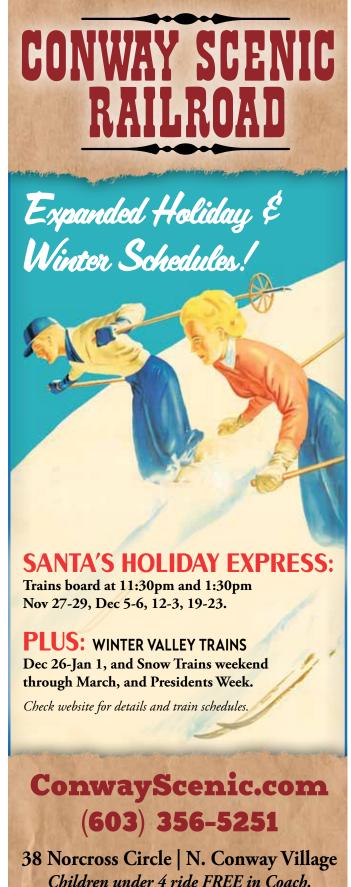


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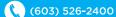
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