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Happy Hanukkah

As we enter the Christmas season, let us take time to acknowledge our Jewish friends who are celebrating a special holiday of their own. Hanukkah reaffirms the ideals of Judaism and commemorates in particular the rededication of the Second Temple of Jerusalem by the lighting of candles on each day of the festival. Hanukkah is celebrated from Friday, December 11 to Friday, December 18 in 2020.



Entrepreneur of the Year



Bob Wilkins, CEO of SoClean in Peterborough was named the 2020 Entrepreneur of the Year on Thursday by the New Hampshire Tech Alliance. Wilkins has more than 33 years of experience marketing and selling products to businesses and consumers.

NH Senate Policy Director



NH Senate President Chuck Morse has announced the hiring of Grant Bosse, son of Leigh & Joyce Bosse of Hillsborough as Majority Policy Director. Bosse most recently served as Communications Director at the NH Department of Education.



Henniker Fire Chief Jim Morse (L) and NH Fire Marshal Paul Parisi (R) presented Adelaide Meehan with an award for heroic actions.

Henniker girl saves family

Adelaide Meehan recognized for life-saving efforts

On July 30th at about 3:42 a.m. Adelaide Meehan awoke to the sound of glass cracking and breaking. There was an active fire in a barn attached to the house. She saw that the entire outside of the window was covered in flames, and she immediately ran upstairs and called 9-1-1. She then knocked on the locked bedroom door and tried unsuccessfully to wake up her mother, Louisa, and her brother, Finneas. She then ran downstairs to confirm the fire was real and to grab some of her belongings.

It was there and growing fast! Adelaide ran back upstairs and this time was successful in waking up her mother and brother and all escaped unharmed. The fire was in an adjacent barn, which did not have smoke alarms. The house did have working smoke alarms but they did not activate until they were leav-

ing the house.

Adelaide heard the fire and the breaking glass before the smoke alarms activated. The fire destroyed the barn and damaged a large portion of the house. There was smoke damage in the room her mother and brother were sleeping in, as well as the living room and much of the house. Without Adelaide's quick actions, herself, her mom, and brother, could have experienced a much more serious outcome. Adelaide displayed outstanding acts in the area of life safety that benefited the lives and wellbeing of her family members. State Fire Marshal's Award of Excellence in Fire & Life Safety Award program recognizes students pre-kindergarten through high school who perform a brave act in the area of fire & life safety; actions that benefit the lives and wellbeing of those around them.

Deering deliveries delayed by FedEx delivery truck crash

On December 1st at approximately 5:40 pm Captain Cavanaugh and Corporal McAllister of the Deering Police Department responded to a single motor vehicle accident involving a FedEx delivery truck.

Upon arrival officers found that the operator had failed to negotiate the turn from Peter Woods Hill Road onto North Road. The truck had driven off the road through the ditch and

stonewall coming to rest after coming into contact with a tree.

The driver appeared to have minor injuries resulting in the police requesting Deering Rescue to respond to the scene.

While officers waited for the ambulance, officers completed a brief investigation, the operator was issued a summons before being transported to Concord Hospital.

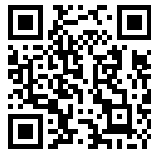


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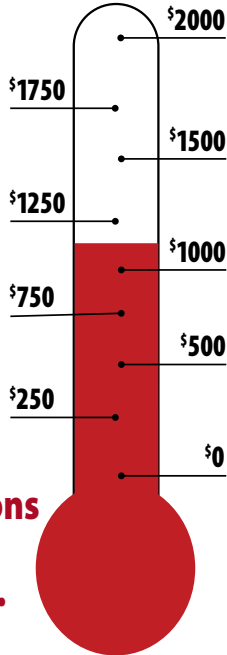
- December 11, 2019**
Hopkinton Fire & Rescue at odds
Antrim student's email threat causes concern at ConVal
Declining enrollment threatens Frankestown school
Goffstown promotes Captain Eric Serene to Police Chief
- December 14, 2018**
Dr. Lorraine Tacconi-Moore named Superintendent of the Year
Quick response by Deering firefighters saves animals
Former Hillsborough man killed crossing a street in a wheelchair
John Stark's "We The People Team" in State Finals
- December 15, 2017**
Committee planning Sunapee's 250th Celebration
H-D Board considering \$600,000 renovations
CACH awarded \$125,000 to complete Franklin rehabilitation
Bow officials bracing for potential \$14 million tax refund
- December 9, 2016**
Several area towns report increase in break-ins
Colby-Sawyer lays off 18 as part of restructuring
New Boston company donates iMac computer to school
Loudon residents favor widening of Route 106
- December 11, 2015**
Henniker man dies in 'Death Alley' two car accident
Low income housing Tax Credits approved for Franklin Mill
Goffstown FBLA Advisor named Advisor of the Year
Vandals destroy 32 gravestones in Newport cemetery
- December 12, 2014**
Antrim Wind Energy files new, smaller proposal
Goffstown Depts work smoothly together during storm
New Boston looking for fire station site
New Boston fire officials recommend changes
- December 13, 2013**
Proposed Newport school budget up 8%
AG closed Seastrand case with no criminal charges
Sunapee man charged with manslaughter
Mother & child injured in fall from Crotched Mt. chairlift
- December 14, 2012**
Newport's SAU #43 presents flat budget-no increase
New hires in New London to pay 15% contribution
Dollar General suspends plans for Bennington store
ConVal School Board cuts budget increase by 50%
- December 16, 2011**
Repairs needed at Cogswell Memorial School
Newport School Board pledges "No Tax Increase"
State Rep from Andover dies at home
Bradford Police Department moving to Bradford Corners
- December 10, 2010**
Four hurt in Weare DWI accident
NH may adopt Kearsarge Snow-E Day program
Newbury Veteran Memorial planned
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Bar Harbor Bank & Trust has recognized Shania Adams for her outstanding contribution to the organization's success in 2020. Adams, a Personal Banker, has been with the Hillsborough Branch for four years.

Hopkinton schools extend Remote Learning

Hopkinton's Harold Martin School had an additional confirmed case on Friday, forcing the school to remote learning for three days beginning Monday December 7th, in hopes that the five-day period of the weekend and the three days would provide time to understand the prevalence of the virus and the next course of action. However, two additional confirmed cases of Covid-19 at the school forced officials to extend remote learning through December 11th.

Maple Street School has had one confirmed case. The hybrid program was continued on Monday. Seven students, contact traced into three groups, have confirmed cases at Hopkinton Middle and High Schools. The students are participating in the remote program, and there was no impact on the in-person school community.

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Fuller Library to be closed after Christmas

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Board briefed on progress at the Fire Station

Ken Holmes updated the Newbury Select Board on progress at the new fire station. There has been a lot of progress since the last update. The concrete cistern is in place. The masonry walls have begun. The underground holding tanks and the septic system were installed this past month. The north parking lot is done with the base paving and half of the south parking lot base paving is done. The administrative area which is in the front near Route 103 is prepped and the plumbing is placed, the concrete slab being poured. More concrete walls to go up in the next couple of weeks. More masonry work happening for the next three weeks. Retaining walls for the south parking lot we would hopefully have done before winter depending on the weather. The project is on schedule and on budget. Holmes will be back on January 4, 2021 with an update.

Hopkinton Board approves all winter sports

The Hopkinton School Board met on Thursday, December 3rd for a regularly scheduled meeting. Major topics discussed included the first presentation of the Superintendent's Budget to the School Board, winter sports for middle and high school students, and the decision matrix. It was noted that the main budget drivers this year are: (1) the second phase of the building project bond and (2) a state-mandated increase to the amount the district must pay into the New Hampshire Retirement System (HSD must pay an increase of 21% for teachers and 14% for other employees). The budget also includes legally-required increases for student support services. At the last School Board meeting on November 19th, the School Board decided not to move forward with indoor community sports such as HYSA basketball, and did decide to move forward with Middle and High School Basketball open-gyms (at the time there was no certainty about ice hockey rink availability, so it was not discussed). At this most recent meeting, Hopkinton Athletic Director Dan Meserve gave an updated presentation on the proposed winter sports guidelines, including 100% mask wearing at all times, shutting down locker rooms except for players to use the restroom during a game, and limited fan attendance. After a lengthy discussion, the School Board agreed to move forward with all winter sports, based on the proposed safety and play guidelines, and will reassess in early January prior to any game-play.

Hillsboro-Deering School Board urged to reconsider staff reductions

Faced with a \$450,000 reduction in state aid and increased costs associated with the Covid pandemic, the Hillsboro-Deering School Board has been considering several ways to reduce expenditures. One proposal calls for a significant staff reduction including the elimination of a High School Math Teacher, the Middle School Music Teacher, and a Middle School English Language Teacher.

As expected, the proposal drew immediate concern from residents who watched Monday's streamed meeting from the adjacent cafeteria. During the Public Comment portion of the meeting, several spoke in opposition to the move.

Former H-D Music Director and NH Teacher of the Year Heidi Welch spoke passionately, urging the Board not to dismantle the award-winning program she and past Administrations had worked so hard and long to achieve.

H-D graduate Leah Dunbar, a product of that program, and now a music teacher herself, was equally adamant that the reduction was an unnecessary step back, that the community would regret for years to come.



This group eagerly watched the streaming of the H-D School Board meeting.

Melissa Multtrop and Michelle Prentis, speaking as both teachers and parents, urged retention of the English Language Arts as essential to overall learning.

Student Representative Cameron Garcia

was shocked to hear of the proposal to eliminate the Music Teacher and said his classmates would be up in arms when they found out about it.

The Board made no decision that night.

A large advertisement for Lumber Barn featuring Milwaukee and Stihl tools. The top left has the Milwaukee logo with 'M18 FUEL' and 'DRIVEN TO OUTPERFORM.' Below it is a cartoon character in a red shirt and Santa hat holding a Stihl chainsaw. The text 'STOP IN & SEE ALL THE MILWAUKEE SPECIAL PROMO PRICES' is written in white. A large green banner says 'HAPPY HOLIDAYS'. To the right, three Milwaukee power tools (an impact driver, a reciprocating saw, and a circular saw) are shown against a red background. Below them, the text 'FREE BATTERY WITH PURCHASE OF SELECT TOOLS' is written in white. The bottom section features the text 'LUMBER BARN' in large white letters, followed by '603-938-5161 RT. 114 BRADFORD, NH'. Below that, a Stihl chainsaw is shown next to a wrapped gift box with the text 'Hard to Wrap. EASY TO GIVE.' The bottom right corner has the text 'STIHL SALES - SERVICE & PARTS' in orange and white.

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

A new study suggests that sunscreen protects the skin's blood vessel function from harmful ultraviolet radiation (UVR) exposure by protecting dilation of the blood vessels. Perspiration on the skin may also provide protection to the skin's blood vessels from sun damage. The findings were presented at the American Physiological Society's (APS) annual meeting. UVR from the sun has been well-documented as a contributing factor to skin cancer and premature skin aging. UVR has also been found to reduce nitric oxide associated dilation of skin blood vessels (vasodilation) by reducing the amount of nitric oxide available in the skin. Nitric oxide is a compound essential for blood vessel health. Vasodilation of the skin's blood vessels plays an important role in regulating body temperature and responding to heat stress, both locally in the skin and throughout the body.

An international study has shown that MDMA, also known as ecstasy, may be a valuable tool for treating post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Published recently in *Psychopharmacology*, the study demonstrated substantial improvements in individuals who had not responded to prior treatments.

Taking beta blockers — medications that reduce blood pressure and treat many heart conditions — can blunt the negative effects of stress and anger on people with a history of atrial fibrillation, or irregular heart rhythm. This strategy could potentially improve quality of life for many of the 2 million Americans with the condition, according to a new study published in *HeartRhythm*. Atrial fibrillation, or AFib, is an irregular and rapid heart rate that increases risk of stroke, heart failure, and other complications. There is no cure for AFib, and while medications and procedures can often help, they are not always successful.

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Last Friday night at 11:00pm, Greenfield Fire and Police were called to the area of 312 Forest Road for a reported single vehicle accident, rollover. Thankfully no injuries. The impact was so great it ripped the passenger tire cleanly off the vehicle and split a 14" oak tree up the middle. The operator was wearing a seat belt. Thanks to Bennington Police for their assistance at the scene.

One person injured in Goffstown home fire

One person was sent to the hospital with burns after the home they were in caught fire in Goffstown. According to Chief Brian Allard of the Goffstown Fire Department, firefighters responded to a report of a fire at 234 Tirrell Hill Road around 3:15 p.m. Friday. An off-duty firefighter who was nearby was able to confirm the home was fully-involved. Allard said the first engine arrived within four minutes and began an aggressive attack. The fire eventually went to two alarms, bringing in additional crews from Manchester, Bedford, Concord, Dunbarton, Hooksett, Londonderry and Merrimack. There were no fire hydrants in the area, so tanker shuttles had to be used to get water to the home. The fire was brought under control at 5:38 p.m. Allard said the home is close to a total loss. There were initial reports of an explosion along with the fire, but Allard said there was no confirmed information about that. No one else was in the home, other than the person who was transported with burns. During the fire, mutual aid crews responded to four additional calls in the town, none of which were major, according to Allard. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Pedestrian injured in Peterborough pileup

Joshua Freeman, 32, of Milford, suffered minor injuries Saturday morning when he was struck by a tractor-trailer while assisting at a multi-car accident on Route 202 in Peterborough. Freeman was driving when his vehicle left the roadway due to Saturday's snowstorm. While he saw an accident he walked over to give what assistance he could. The accident was initially caused when a pickup truck lost control and became stuck in the middle of the highway. A second car was unable to stop, and hit the truck, and a third vehicle, which was able to stop, was hit by a tractor-trailer, which slid sideways, hitting Freeman in the right leg. Freeman was taken to Monadnock Community Hospital with minor scrapes and injuries. All vehicles involved were able to be driven away.

PRIMER ON BRACES



Dr. Esin Narli-Trangaris

Q: What is the value of braces?
A: While their cosmetic role is obvious, straightening teeth into an orderly smile, there are other reasons for braces.

Crooked teeth are harder to keep clean, a problem that can lead to tooth decay, gum disease and, down the road, tooth loss. Misaligned teeth can also be an impediment to talking and chewing and over time can cause abnormal wear on tooth enamel.

Today's generation of braces, also known as orthodontic appliances, can be as visible or as inconspicuous as a patient likes. For instance some brackets, which are affixed to the tooth to hold wires and elastics, are clear or tooth-colored. Advances in the equipment also make braces more comfortable and more efficient than they were in the past.

There are two basic categories of braces: fixed, which are installed and removed by the dentist, and removable, which the patient can put in and take out according to the dentist's instructions for duration of wear. A person generally will wear braces from one to three years, followed by a shorter period of wearing a retainer to hold teeth in place. Talk with your dentist about whether you are a candidate for braces.

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tain this essential funding and fill out the application today. We appreciate your help and support of the schools by doing this. Filling out the application does not obligate you to take advantage of any of the programs, it just helps support the schools and the community.

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Publisher's Perspective



Putting 2020 Behind Us

I am willing to bet that 2020 has not been one of your favorite years. What with increased racial tensions, a divisive election, the cancelation of Olde Fashioned Christmas in Butler Park and the anguish, frustrations and fears over Covid-19, we have all been pushed to the limit and challenged to maintain a positive attitude.

Pastor Paul O'Neil of Hillsborough's United Methodist Church has suggested a

fantastic way to bring the entire community together, put our troubles behind us and celebrate the true spirit of Christmas.

Virtually all of Hillsborough's Churches and civic groups have united behind Pastor Paul to host a Candlelight Community Caroling Celebration on Christmas Eve.

Join us at 7 pm at Butler Park for hot cider, donut holes, and joyfull caroling in what could become a cherished annual tradition.

Covid-19 shifts Great Brook School to remote learning

Antrim's Great Brook School has switched to remote learning until January 4th after learning that an individual has tested positive for COVID-19. In an email, Superintendent Kimberly Rizzo Saunder wrote, "While there were very

few individuals that were potentially exposed, we will be moving Great Brook in person learners to a completely remote model." Saunder did not say whether the individual was a student, teacher or staff member at the school.

Hillsborough's Project Genesis bringing Santa on parade

There are currently 21 spots left to sign up for a visit! The deadline to sign up is Monday December 14th. Due to covid, this event is strictly from a distance. We ask that youth and families stay inside where it's warm and wave to Santa from a distance. We will drop off a small Christmas Treat by your front door and ask that

you do not retrieve it until after Santa has left. Make sure to listen for his special Jingle Bells! We will be out doing stops beginning at 10am on Saturday December 19th. This is for Deering and Hillsboro residents only. Please message us or email youthservicespa@hillsboroughnh.net to reserve your spot!



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Project C.L.I.M.B. students summited 2,936 foot Mount Kearsarge on Friday, November 20, for their first-of-the-year day hike. Students hiked along the Lincoln Trail, which is 4.5 miles from the high school to the summit, through rolling mixed-hardwood forests. With warm weather and clear skies, students could be heard laughing, telling stories, and playing games, despite being masked and socially distanced on the trail. The joy of being together outdoors and away from screens was not lost on members. They ate lunch together on the bald summit of Kearsarge and enjoyed locating the lakes and hills, roads and buildings of their home towns. Eight first time CLIMBers mixed right in with the group, keeping spirits high and sharing highlights at the end of the day. We are looking forward to the next trip and hope new members will continue to join in.

Deering hires a new part-time Police Officer

The Deering Select Board reviewed the Police Department budget with Police Chief Mark Philibert. Cost increases within the budget are from part-time wages. Chief Philibert explained that he is looking to have 3 part-time officers working 20-hour weeks. That will increase overall coverage particularly on weekends and evenings. There will be less reliance on stand-by coverage. Increases in NH retirement employer contributions and health insurance pushed the budget marginally higher within their respective benefit categories. The Board also interviewed a part-time officer candidate in non-public session and when they reconvened in public session they unanimously voted to hire Norman Parker at a rate of pay of \$20 per hour subject to a probationary period of 6 months.

Washington Fire Chief briefs Select Board

Washington Fire Chief Shawn Atkins informed the Select Board that Engine 3 needs tires, and the Board approved the expenditure. The old forestry truck has been purchased and the Chief would like the funds to be earmarked to be placed in the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. Select Board approved. Library Trustee Peggy Carney informed the Board the furnace was serviced with no issues. The Board then discussed organizing a fundraiser to help offset some of the funding to purchase the property next to the library.

Crews address New London sewer main break

New London Public Works crews were kept busy into the early hours of Saturday, November 27th to address a sewer main break. The 10" main was 12' deep, requiring major excavation to get to the broken pipe to repair it, while avoiding the fiber optic and communication lines located above the sewer main.

Assisting town staff were contractors Stearns Septic Service and Clarke & Co.; New London—Springfield Water Precinct and Town of Sunapee Water & Sewer assisted with the loan of equipment. A more permanent repair will be made in the coming days by sliplining the sewer main with another pipe. Public Works staff thanks residents in the area for their patience during the repair, which went to 3am, likely disturbing the sleep of many. And special thanks to the family that came out with brownies for the crews.

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Henniker Select Board deals with tax, sewer, planning & parking issues

SuperScoops owner Joshua Finet appeared before the Henniker Select Board to request that the Board designate one parking space in front of their business for 15 minute parking.

He stressed that his customers are generally in and out quickly but often can't park in front because the spaces are occupied by long term parkers. Member Leon Parker suggested that this would be a good opportunity to relook at parking throughout downtown. The Board voted to refer the matter to the Highway Safety Committee for evaluation.

Town Administrator Joe Devine presented the Board with a new contract with Planning Consultant Mark Fougere to provide services to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, ZBA, Economic Development, and Historic Districts. The contract raises his rate from \$85 to \$95/hour, which is the first increase since he began working for the town a decade ago. The board approved.

Representatives from Underwood Engineering appeared to discuss the upcoming Wastewater Treatment Plan upgrades.



SuperScoops owner Joshua Finet offered to pay for an additional trash can and picnic table in the park across from his store.

They proposed a \$32 million Municipal Bond bank loan over 20 years @ 2% interest. That would result in an annual payment of \$195,000 to be paid 60% by water users and 40% by the whole town.

Tax Collector Kim Johnson was present to review the Tax Lien Abatement and Waiver List. The Board decided that going forward they would like semiannual updates in August and February.

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H-D 2020 Assessments Standards Rankings

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board was briefed on the results of the 2020 grade level assessments. Those at or above grade level have met the expectation of college and career ready standards. Those at one grade level below are not close to meeting those expectations. Those students at 2, 3 or more grade levels below need intensive intervention of foundation concepts.

H-D Elementary Reading Pre K

At Or Above Grade Level.	1 Grade Below Level	2 Grades Below Level	3 or More Below Level
22%	78%	0%	0%

H-D Elementary Reading Grade 1

At Or Above Grade Level.	1 Grade Below Level	2 Grades Below Level	3 or More Below Level
10%	85%	5%	0%

H-D Elementary Reading Grade 2

At Or Above Grade Level.	1 Grade Below Level	2 Grades Below Level	3 or More Below Level
24%	39%	36%	3%

H-D Elementary Reading Grade 3

At Or Above Grade Level.	1 Grade Below Level	2 Grades Below Level	3 or More Below Level
38%	26%	29%	7%

H-D Elementary Reading Grade 4

At Or Above Grade Level.	1 Grade Below Level	2 Grades Below Level	3 or More Below Level
22%	45%	16%	17%

H-D Elementary Reading Grade 5

At Or Above Grade Level.	1 Grade Below Level	2 Grades Below Level	3 or More Below Level
22%	42%	18%	18%

H-D Elementary Math Pre K

At Or Above Grade Level.	1 Grade Below Level	2 Grades Below Level	3 or More Below Level
11%	89%	0%	0%

H-D Elementary Math Grade 1

At Or Above Grade Level.	1 Grade Below Level	2 Grades Below Level	3 or More Below Level
9%	80%	11%	0%

H-D Elementary Math Grade 2

At Or Above Grade Level.	1 Grade Below Level	2 Grades Below Level	3 or More Below Level
18%	56%	20%	7%

H-D Elementary Math Grade 3

At Or Above Grade Level.	1 Grade Below Level	2 Grades Below Level	3 or More Below Level
15%	61%	17%	7%

H-D Elementary Math Grade 4

At Or Above Grade Level.	1 Grade Below Level	2 Grades Below Level	3 or More Below Level
9%	59%	23%	10%

H-D Elementary Math Grade 5

At Or Above	1 Grade	2 Grades	3 or More
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Grade Level.	Below Level	Below Level	Below Level
16%	56%	11%	17%
H-D Middle School Reading Grade 6			
At Or Above	1 Grade	2 Grades	3 or More
Grade Level.	Below Level	Below Level	Below Level
25%	24%	22%	29%
H-D Middle School Reading Grade 7			
At Or Above	1 Grade	2 Grades	3 or More
Grade Level.	Below Level	Below Level	Below Level
25%	20%	13%	42%
H-D Middle School Reading Grade 8			
At Or Above	1 Grade	2 Grades	3 or More
Grade Level.	Below Level	Below Level	Below Level
34%	15%	7%	35%
H-D Middle School Math Grade 6			
At Or Above	1 Grade	2 Grades	3 or More
Grade Level.	Below Level	Below Level	Below Level
15%	37%	25%	23%
H-D Middle School Math Grade 7			
At Or Above	1 Grade	2 Grades	3 or More
Grade Level.	Below Level	Below Level	Below Level
12%	40%	18%	30%
H-D Middle School Math Grade 8			
At Or Above	1 Grade	2 Grades	3 or More
Grade Level.	Below Level	Below Level	Below Level
16%	38%	13%	34%



Alma Mater

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

Cameron Charles Chouinard of Goffstown, NH, a sophomore majoring in aeronautical engineering/mechanical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the fall 2020 semester at Clarkson University.

Elise L. Paquette of New London, NH, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the fall 2020 semester at Clarkson University.

Evan John Turner of Peterborough, NH, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the fall 2020 semester at Clarkson University.

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Alexander Charles Estano of Goffstown, NH, a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering.

Peter David Russell of Warner, NH, a freshman majoring in computer science.

Jackson Christopher Smith of Henniker, NH, a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering.

OTHER COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Paul Petry of New London qualified for the Fall 2020 Dean's List at Belmont University.



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Five Rivers Conservation Trust conserves 118 acres in Warner

Five Rivers Conservation Trust was awarded \$215,000 to help conserve 118 acres of the Pletcher Farm, also known as the Vegetable Ranch in Warner.

“The Pletcher Farm/Vegetable Ranch is an important part of our local food system,” Beth McGuinn, executive director of Five Rivers Conservation Trust, said in a news release announcing the grant from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). Owner/Farmer Larry Pletcher has raised organic vegetable crops

on the land for decades, McGuinn said. “Larry has built quality farm soils using organic methods to increase nutrients and organic matter,” she said. “Conserving this farm will ensure that future farmers can continue to use these soils for agricultural production.” His produce is sold direct to consumers at the Concord Farmer’s Market, Concord Cooperative Market, Local Harvest CSA, Concord Hospital, Warner Local Market, Whole Foods and many other

venues.

The grant will help conserve the 118-acre farm as well as the forested headwaters of Stevens and Willow brooks, identified as priorities for conservation by the town. According to the news release, the farm’s wildlife habitat is ranked highly by New Hampshire Fish and Game, in part because the property is adjacent to a 10,000-acre block of undeveloped land including Mount Kearsarge and Black Mountain.



Paul Smith of Washington was recently elected to his 6th Term as Clerk of the New Hampshire House of Representatives.



Hillsborough Pride Chairman Leigh Bosse (L) and Hillsborough Chamber President Kyle Knapton (R) assist Jeff Bishop and Stephanie Marx as they cut the ribbon to officially open Hillsborough Graphics on West Main Street.

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Hillsboro-Deering High School offering Book Bundles for Students



The Hillsboro-Deering High School Media Center is encouraging students to read and expand their knowledge of literature through Book Bundles. Students,

who during this remote period may

not have access to books, now have the opportunity to borrow books by ordering through a google form provided by the media center at the school. This program, which will be taking place throughout the year, allows students to select a themed bundle from a list provided by the media center, which is then

arranged for pick up at the school.

H-DHS Library Media Specialist Jenny Blaschik commented on this opportunity saying "We do have an online library for digital and audio books, but after staring at a screen all day, many of us want to curl up with the real thing. It has been a brilliant success!"



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Hillsborough working to become area's only "Dark Sky Community"

Adam Charette and members of the town's energy commission presented the Select Board with a comprehensive proposal designed to earn Hillsborough the designation of a "Dark Sky Community."

As a first step, the Commission is asking the Select Board to sponsor a \$62,000 Warrant Article at March's Town Meeting, funding the conversion of the town's 200 street lights to LED bulbs. LED efficiencies will provide taxpayers with \$33,000 in annual energy savings, providing a two-year pay-back on the investment.

The goals of the conversion is to 1. Reduce energy consumption, 2. Lower operational cost of street lights, 3. Improve visibility & safety on the roads, and 4. Reduce light pollution.

Designation as a Dark Sky Community would require adoption of a Model Lighting Ordinance, designed to reduce light pollution. Member Brett Charrington pointed out that current Site Plan Regulations closely mirror the or-

dinance. It also requires broad support from community organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, lighting retailers and homeowners associations.

The Select Board agreed to post the Warrant Article while the Commission continues its work on the second phase of the project.



A cold wind couldn't stop the Henniker Rotary Club from installing Christmas wreaths on the town's light poles.

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Henniker School Staff donates 47 Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors

After a fatal fire on Ray Road in Henniker earlier this fall, the Henniker Community School staff pulled together to raise funds for a smoke alarm, carbon monoxide detector, and battery donation to the Henniker Fire Department.

The idea for this donation came following the HCS Facilities Director and member of the HFD sharing with the school community that following fire calls, the department does a check of devices in the household and provides devices and batteries as necessary to prevent loss of life. After hearing that information, the staff took up the challenge and collected and raised funds that allowed for a donation of 47 smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to the department. "After the devastating loss of life on Ray Road, we thought it was important to help out and to try and prevent something like this from happening again," said Shelagh Mannix, a representative of the Henniker Teachers' Association.

Fire Chief Jim Morse said, "Your donation helps us assist residents in town, who need these life-saving tools. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and

maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. I am proud to

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L-R: Shelagh Mannix, Henniker Teachers' Association, Kaeton Gagne, Henniker Fire, and Henniker Fire Chief Jim Morse.

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 Thursday-12/17 Bowling Tryouts - 3:00pm at Yankee Lanes-Keene (Bus @ 2:20)
 Monday-1/4 Alpine Ski Practice - 3:00pm at Pats Peak

TBD WINTER SPIRIT TRYOUTS

All athletes trying out must have a current physical on file with the school nurse, or one ready to turn in to their coach. All athletes trying out must also have current Impact test results on file with the school nurse, or if need be, can take the Impact test at HDHS on a date to be determined.

This winter, student athletes will need to bring their own form of hydration to every practice and game / meet. Student athletes will also need to bring their own individual hand sanitizer for their own use (teams will have extra as well), and a cloth face covering or athletic mask is required to be worn. From 12/7-12/11, all parents / guardians can go on hdsd.org and click on HDHS then Hillcat Athletics then Athletic Forms, to fill out and submit all paperwork needed for student athlete participation.

Hillsboro-Deering Coaching Vacancies

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2020 All-State Football Team

OFFENSE			
Player	Position	Grade	High School
Mike Oberheim	QB	12	H-D/Hopkinton
Thomas Johnson	RB	12	John Stark
Jack Morrell	RB	11	H-D/Hopkinton
Vincent Waddell	OL	12	H-D/Hopkinton
Alex Brown	OL	12	H-D/Hopkinton
DEFENSE			
Player	Position	Grade	High School
Dylan Barrett	LB	12	H-D/Hopkinton
Thomas Quinn	DB	12	John Stark
HONORABLE MENTION			
Player	Position	Grade	High School
Cooper Coldwell	TE/CB	11	H-D/Hopkinton
Jonathan McMahon	OG/LB	12	H-D/Hopkinton
Jaxon Wood	WR	12	John Stark

Hillsboro-Deering All-State Athletes

- BOYS SOCCER**
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- GIRLS SOCCER**
 1st Team All State / Division III – Gracie Atkins
 2nd Team All State / Division III – Emily Howell
 Honorable Mention All State / Division III – Lexi McClure



Events: Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12

DINA THE DINOSAUR: will make an appearance outside at Fuller Public Library from 10-11am. Stop by for a free craft kit and book from our porch.

CRAFTY CRITTERS & ARMCHAIR YOGA: have suspended meeting and will resume next year 2021 depending on the virus. If you wish to continue working on projects at home and need yarn, contact Barbara Hays at 464-2692 and she'll arrange to meet you. The next project is making 6 inch squares, any color, any pattern and when we reconvene we'll make some afghans.

CATHOLIC MASES: Saint Theresa Parish in Henniker and Saint Mary Parish in Hillsborough are preparing to welcome many of the faithful for Christmas. Safety measures are in place to assure no one contracts the corona virus at Church. Reservations are being made for attendance in both of our Churches and Church Halls. Screens have been set up in our Church Halls. Holy Communion will be distributed in both our Churches and in

the Church Halls. Online reservations can be done at: <https://parishreservations.com/theresamary>

MONDAY DECEMBER 14

WALMART/TARGET SHOPPING TRIP. Pick up at Shaw's at 10am. Call Marie Mogavero at 724-5272. Masks are required.

MILITARY HISTORY: Fuller Public Library's Military History book group will meet virtually at 2pm to discuss The Crowded Hour by Clay Risen. If you would like to participate please call the library at 464-3595.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15

THE MYSTERY BOOK GROUP: Fuller Public Library will meet at 6:30pm to discuss Live Free or Die by Jessie Crockett. Participants can meet in the library or virtually from home. Call the library and let us know if you would like to participate.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16

LUNCHEON AT HANNA'S DINER: We're supporting our local businesses by eating at

the new Hanna's Diner in Hillsboro. Leaving from Shaw's at 10:30. Local pick-up available. Call Marie Mogavero at 724-5272.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19

CRAFT FAIR: Contoocook Legion, 10am to 3pm in the event center. Raffles, food and beverages available.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20

SOLSTICE: First Presbyterian Church of Antrim and the shortest day of the year will host a ZOOM Blue Christmas Service at 5:00pm.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 23

WARNER SHOPPING TRIPS: Pick up at 9:00am at Maple Leaf or the Park-N-Ride. Call Lee Avery at 478-3432 to join these trips. Masks are required.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Laurie Onufer

BRADENTON, FLORIDA - Laurie Ann Onufer passed peacefully at her home in Bradenton, FL on November 23, 2020 surrounded by her family. Laurie had a great love of life and lived it to the fullest and in her own way. She traveled the globe and loved to cook wonderful gourmet foods to share with friends and family. Laurie was a talented, self-taught artist specializing in mixed metal jewelry. Her jewelry creations were as unique as she was. She is survived by her sisters, Kathy Whitman and Janet Uzcategui (Marco) and her brother, Mark Onufer, along with several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Laurie was loved by many and will be greatly missed.



Janice M. Aborn

HANCOCK - Janice M. Aborn, age 93, of Hancock, NH passed away

peacefully at Monadnock Community Hospital on November 16, 2020. She was born in Rumford, ME on January 14, 1927, the daughter of James and Amalia (Rumazza) Murphy. Janice was predeceased by her husband, Norman and son, Peter. Janice is survived by her son, Richard and his wife, Ingrid; her son, Douglas and his wife, Keryl; five grandchildren, Sarah, Jason, Tomasso, Meghan, and Francesca; three great-grandchildren, Desmond, Maxwell, and Annabel; fourteen nieces and nephews. Services will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Janice's name to The American Diabetes Association.

Guy Eugene Conkey

BRADFORD - Guy Eugene Conkey, age 85, passed peacefully with his family by his side in Bradford, New Hampshire on Monday, November 16, 2020. Guy was born in Deshler, Ohio on October 3, 1935 to Norma (née Wingate) and Ray Conkey. Guy is survived by three

children: Christopher Conkey and his wife Susan of Newton, Massachusetts; Kathleen Forgiel and her husband John of Bradford, New Hampshire; and Stephen Conkey of Raleigh, North Carolina. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Elizabeth, Matthew, Lindsey, Caroline, and Alex; six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his wife of nearly sixty years, Marcy; his eldest sons, Raymond and Joe; his parents, Norma and Ray Conkey; his siblings, Audrey ("Kay") Parsels, Carole Lowery, William ("Bill") Conkey, Bud Kernan; and his eldest grandson, Adam Conkey. Donations may be made in Guy's honor to Concord Regional VNA, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord NH 03301 (online-crvna.org) or to Tidewell Hospice in Port Charlotte, FL (online-tidewellhospice.org).



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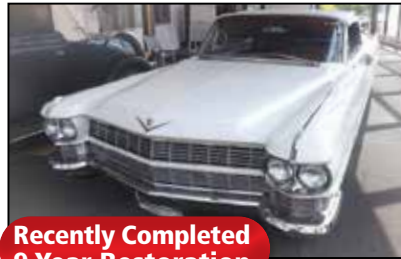
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Go to Henniker.org and follow the directions to register and for more details!

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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