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The Festival of Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is an African-American celebration of life from 26 December to 1 January. Dr. Maulana Karenga introduced the festival in 1966 to the United States as a ritual to welcome the first harvests to the home. Dr. Karenga created this festival for Afro-Americans as a response to the commercialism of Christmas.

Superintendent of the Year
Kearsarge Superintendent Winfried Feneberg has been named NH Superintendent of the Year by the New Hampshire School Administrators Association. Feneberg was nominated by Dr. Lorraine Tacconi-Moore, a colleague and former Superintendent of SAU 24. Superintendent Feneberg has led Kearsarge since July 2015.



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Brayden Luciano (L) and Lincoln St. Gelais (R) stopped by to visit Santa at Hillsboro Graphics last Saturday.

Henniker ends "Holiday Hours"

No one knows how or why the policy began

Henniker Town Administrator Joe Devine has discovered an unauthorized activity practiced by employees of the Transfer Station. No one is quite sure why or how the practice started, but it has been going on for many years.

According to Devine, for years, the Transfer Station Employees have been banking holidays hours in a comp time fashion. This practice is obviously one that is not

encouraged, and Devine is recommending the Town pay out all hours accrued so this practice can stop. Currently the payout will look like the following: Chazz Freeman-74.25 hours \$1,565; Kristen Bergeron-209 hours \$5,171; Marc Boisvert- 77.5 hours \$2,081; Total-\$8,817 to pay this out. Devine recommends the board move forward and pay these balances off. The Board unanimously approved.

Town of Hancock appoints a new Police Chief



During Monday's meeting, the Hancock Select Board appointed Sgt. Thomas Horne as the town's new Police Chief. After former Chief Andrew Wood's departure last August the Board conducted a complete review of department operations, including: the number of officers

and cruisers the town actually needed, or forming a regional partnership with other towns. Ultimately the Board decided that Hancock should retain its own department. Horne will be sworn in in January, and unlike former Chief Andrew Wood, will operate under an employment contract developed with the help of the town's attorney.

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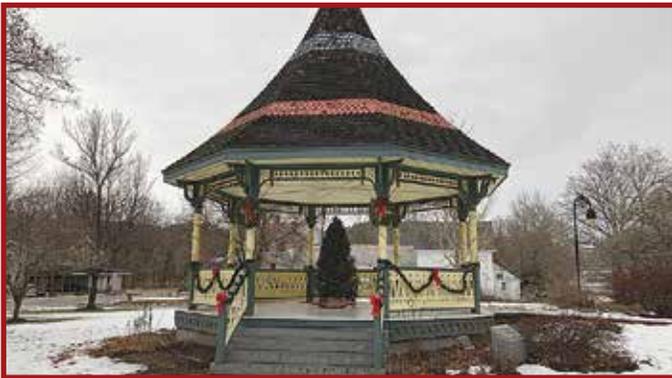
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December 20, 2019

New London Budget up 5.4%
AG clears Weare Police Officers in August shooting
Area saddened by death of Weare Librarian Michael Sullivan
GPS routes Pats Peak traffic on Hopkinton & Henniker back roads

December 21, 2018

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

December 22, 2017

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

December 16, 2016

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

December 18, 2015

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

December 19, 2014

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

December 20, 2013

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

December 21, 2012

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

December 23, 2011

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

December 17, 2010

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

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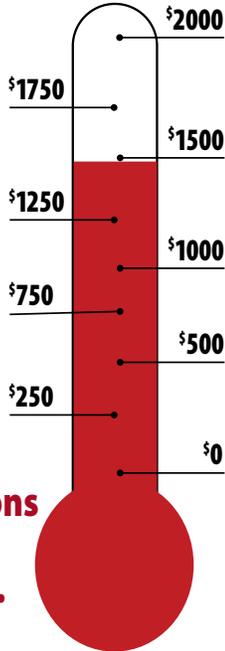
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ConVal Board suspends Winter Sports indefinitely

Superintendent Kimberly Rizzo Saunders has announced that "all district athletic programs will be suspended indefinitely as the district's COVID-19 risk level has risen to orange, which represents substantial transmission of the novel coronavirus." Her announcement was contained in an email after Thursday's emergency school board meeting.

"There will be no changes to academic programming, as the district had already moved to remote learning under the segmented calendar it developed as part of its reopening plan," she continued.

The board will review athletics on January 5th, prior to ConVal students' expected return to in-person learning on January 19th.

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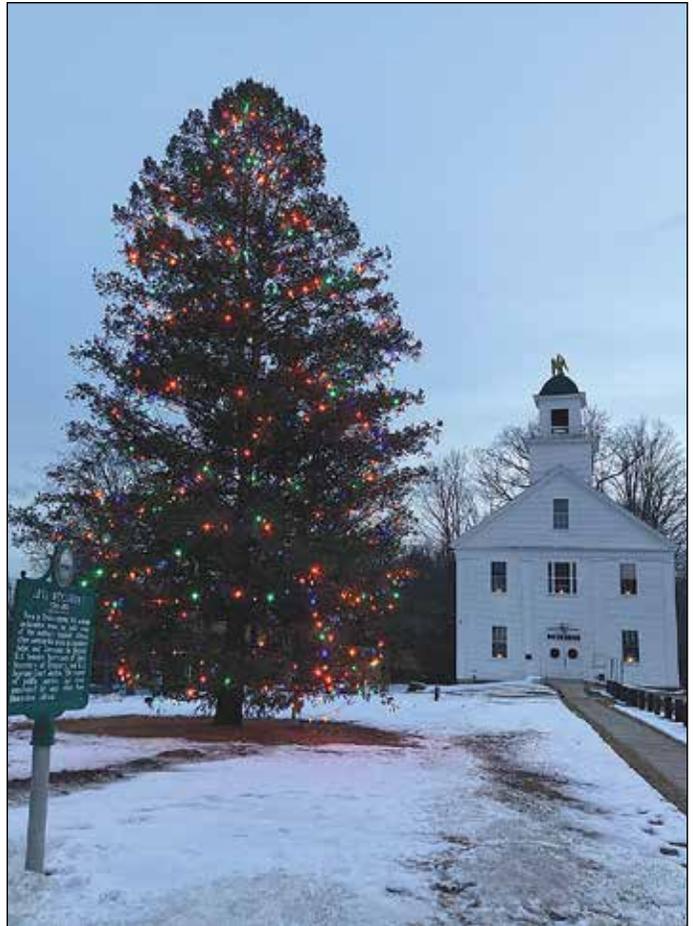
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Francetown has by far the largest community Christmas tree in the area.

Henniker woman is found dead in her car

On November 17th at approximately 6:20 a.m. Henniker Police and Ambulance were called to Prospect Street in the area of Gould Street for an unconscious female in a vehicle. The victim would later be identified as Amy Perry, 37, whose last known address was 58 Prospect Street, Henniker. Lifesaving efforts were started on site as she was readied for transport to Concord Hospital. Perry was later pronounced dead at the hospital. There were no obvious signs of trauma and there is no known danger to the public. Henniker Police were able to locate next of kin to take custody of Perry's young child. This case remains under investigation; there is no known cause of death at this time.

Hopkinton extends remote learning timeline

Superintendent Steve Chamberlain reported the following information regarding confirmed cases to the Hopkinton School Board: Harold Martin School- Six confirmed cases; Maple Street School- One confirmed case; Hopkinton Middle and High Schools- Eight confirmed cases. As a result, for the third time, the Hopkinton School Board moved the educational model to predominantly remote, now through January 19th. If the number of confirmed cases improves significantly, the board would consider a return to hybrid earlier.

Deering approves Christmas Tree in Kiosk

The Deering Select Board reviewed a request from Bill Demotta to install a Christmas Tree in the Bandstand. The Board agreed to allow the installation so long as any lights were not powered from the electrical outlet. The Board reasoned that the use of either battery or solar powered lighting will lessen the chance of fire.

Break-in and robbery reported at Henniker's All In One Market

On December 11 at approximately 5:47 a.m. employees arriving for work reported a burglary that had occurred. There were signs of forced entry observed. The cash register was taken from the store with an undisclosed amount of money and numerous Juul refills.

This burglary is believed to have occurred after 10 p.m. on December 10th to the time the employees arrived on site at

approximately 5:47 a.m.

This case remains under investigation. There are no known suspects at this time. There are no known witnesses to the event. Anyone with information is urged to

contact the Henniker Police Department, 428-3213 or the Concord Regional Crime-line, 226-3100. The market is posting a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the burglars.



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BY SARAH CHAPIN

A new study published in *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* looked at whether generic and brand name levothyroxine therapy affected hospitalization for cardiovascular events for those patients who are more at risk of coronary heart disease and heart failure. Levothyroxine is the most prescribed medication in the U.S., with more than 23 million prescriptions written annually. The retrospective analysis found that cardiovascular event rates were similar for generic and brand-name levothyroxine therapy, with lower pharmacy costs for the generic drug. Hypothyroidism, or underactivity of the thyroid gland, affects the function of many organs in the body, elevating blood cholesterol levels and increasing the risk of heart attacks, heart failure and stroke. Levothyroxine is used to reduce elevated cholesterol and reverse symptoms of hypothyroidism. U.S. brand names for levothyroxine include Levothroid, Levoxyl, Synthroid, Tirosint and Unithroid.

A new study published in the *JAMA Network Open* journal reports that androgen deprivation therapy, a hormone-suppressing therapy used to treat prostate cancer, was associated with a higher likelihood of being diagnosed with Alzheimer disease or dementia compared with no androgen deprivation therapy over an average follow-up of eight years.

Low levels of circulating vitamin K are linked to increased risk of mobility limitation and disability in older adults, identifying a new factor to consider for maintaining mobility and independence in older age, according to a study published in the *Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences*.

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New Boston Fire Department filled the skating rink. They will assess the ice rink on Friday to see if it is ready to open. Sharpen those skates, the rink will open soon.

Deering Police & Fire Warrant Articles

Deering Town Administrator Russ McAllister reported that two warrant articles, one each from the fire and police, have been submitted. The Fire Department submitted a warrant article in the amount of \$90,000 for the purchase of nine SCBAs. The Police Department warrant article for \$27,123 is for new law enforcement management and reporting software. The part-time officers serving on the police force in Deering are full-time police officers from surrounding communities who use IMC software so converting to IMC from Crimestar will help make those officers more productive. The software also is used by the Hillsborough dispatch so all calls for service are date and time stamped allowing Deering officers to import Hillsborough dispatch data into their own reports bringing greater accuracy and consistency to officer reporting.

Bradford Board updated on Police activity

Lieutenant Edward Shaughnessy provided the Bradford Select Board with an update on the Police Department. He reviewed activity volume as well as the status of expenditures against the 2020 budget. The 2020 spending is expected to end the year under budget. Vehicle status was reviewed including the future options of retiring a cruiser and evaluating whether to auction off or retain the vehicle for salvage. The Board discussed the remaining budget and comp time that remained to be used. They discussed the addition of a fourth full-time officer, and instructed the Department to move forward with hiring the fourth full-time officer. The Board also congratulated Lieutenant Shaughnessy on his promotion to Commander of the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit.

Vote for a favorite Warner Holiday display

Vote for your favorite Warner Main Street Business and Organization holiday display at <https://kearsargechamber.org/> The winners get bragging rights for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and voters get a chance to win prizes! Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce will give gift certificates for local businesses valued at \$25 each, to six randomly drawn names from the people that voted. In order to win, you must leave your name, email address, or phone number. The KACC will not use this contact information for anything other than drawing winners and will delete the information afterward. Leaving your contact information is optional. Voting closes on Monday December 21, 2020 at noon. Drawing will be held on Monday December 21, 2020 at 1PM.

TRENCH MOUTH



Dr. Esin Narli-Trangaris

Q: What is trench mouth?

A: Trench mouth is a painful form of gum disease that includes the destruction of gum tissue around the teeth and creation of crater-like ulcers in the gums that are filled with plaque and food debris. This would account for one of the condition's alternative names: acute necrotizing ulcerative gingivitis.

The term 'trench mouth' came from the condition's prevalence among soldiers in World War I. Other symptoms are a grayish film on the gums and a constant foul taste and breath. It is a rare disorder, brought on or exacerbated by factors including poor oral hygiene, poor nutrition, other infections in the mouth or throat, smoking and stress.

Good oral hygiene is essential to treatment. The dentist may recommend a salt-water rinse to soothe sore gums and a hydrogen peroxide rinse to wash away decayed gum tissue. If fever accompanies your condition, the dentist may also prescribe an antibiotic.

The good news is that the condition normally responds well to treatment. Left untreated, though, the infection can spread to other parts of the mouth and jaw. Talk with your dentist about ways to keep your mouth healthy.

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Mike Martin retires after nearly 20 years as a Henniker Police Officer

Mike Martin was hired by Chief Tim Russell as a part time officer in October of 2001, before being appointed as a full time officer with Henniker Police on January 1

2002. Michael had previously worked for the Bradford Police Department as a part time officer.

Michael served as a patrol officer until July of 2015 when he was promoted to Sergeant. He was promoted to Lieutenant in July of 2020.

Lieutenant Martin served as the department's accident reconstructionist, he taught the DARE program at the Henniker Community School for 14 years. In 2008 Michael was awarded New

Hampshire Congressional Law Enforcement Award for His Dedication and Professionalism for intervening in a roadside assault that was occurring while he was off duty in another community. He most likely saved the victim's life that day.

Lieutenant Martin has served the town of Henniker with honor and distinction for nearly 20 years of exemplary service.

A licensed master plumber, Mike will be opening his own business in the near future.



Miss Dugrenier's 3rd-grade class at the Henniker Community School is learning about fossils in science. To add a visual for his classmates, Charlie Ward brought in some of his own fossils that were found by his grandparents on a trip to Arizona several years ago. In this photo, Charlie is holding petrified wood that looks like stone. Tracy Rousseau Photo



Henniker Police Chief Matthew French (L) congratulates Lieutenant Mike Martin (R) on his retirement from the Department.



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Guest Editorial

by Grant Bosse

Reflections On Christmas

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

My Sunday school education did not include flying reindeer, talking snowmen or jolly, old elves.

So I've never gotten all that worked up about complaints over the commercialization of Christmas, or that all the shopping distracts from the religious importance of the season.

Frankly, the secular celebration of Christmas has long dwarfed religious observance.

I'm OK with that. I love the trappings and traditions of Christmas, most of which have nothing to do with the birth of Christ.

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

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

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

Which gets us back a little closer to the true meaning of Christmas. It's not really about the presents, but the gifts we give each other are a reflection of the gift God gave us.

Jesus Christ was born for us, and died for us, that our sins may be forgiven. We celebrate his birth by giving gifts to each other. We may not consciously reflect on the gifts of the Magi when someone opens their new

voice-activated Star Wars droid, but there's a connection.

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

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

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

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

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

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Green Eggs and Ham	Dr. Seuss
The Hoobub and the Grinch	Dr. Seuss
Corduroy The Bear	Don Freeman
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle
The Lorax	Dr. Seuss
The Polar Express	Chris Van Allsburg
Maybe: A Story About the Endless Potential in All of US	Kobi Yamada
• Interest Level Upper Ele. and Middle	
Class Act Graphic Novel	Jerry Craft
The Magic Tree House Jack and Annie Pirates Past Noon	Mary Pope Osborne
Flush	Carl Hiasen
Squirm	Carl Hiasen
The Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer
Hobbits	J.R.R Tolkien
The War that Saved my Life	Kimberly Brubaker Bradle
Percy Jackson	Rick Riordan
The Witches of Willow Cove	Josh Roberts
Endling	Katherine Applegate
Paper Wishes	Lois Sephanban
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Concord Hospital to acquire Laconia and Franklin hospitals

LRGHealthcare has announced that Concord Hospital is the sole bidder to acquire the assets of Lakes Region General Hospital, Franklin Regional Hospital and the Hospitals' ambulatory sites.

Following the initial announcement of LRGHealthcare's Chapter 11 bankruptcy and Concord Hospital's proposed asset acquisition in October, other interested parties had the opportunity to submit bids to purchase some or all of LRGHealthcare's assets.

"While LRGHealthcare received significant interest from other parties, no other party submitted a bid by the deadline," said Kevin W. Donovan, LRGHealthcare President and Chief Executive Officer. "We have always felt that Concord Hospital is a natural fit to ensure the continued provision of excellent care in the Lakes and Three Rivers Region, and we are excited about this step forward."

LRGHealthcare filed a motion to cancel the bankruptcy auction, which was scheduled for December 16. LRGHealthcare plans to move forward with a Sale Hearing, where a Final Order will be issued by the court. Once the parties are granted a Final

Order, they can begin the process of seeking approval from regulatory agencies, including the New Hampshire Attorney General's office and the New Hampshire

Department of Health and Human Services.

LRGHealthcare and Concord Hospital expect to complete this process in 2021.



Boy Scout Troop 2 of Antrim is proud to announce that Michael Redmond, Jr. has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. This rank is only earned by approximately 4% of the Boy Scouts in the United States. He is only the 24th to earn it in Troop 2's long, 107 year history. For his project, Michael overcame the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and led a crew of his fellow scouts, friends, and family in building a gaga ball pit at Memorial Park in Antrim.

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Hillsboro-Deering Middle School Turkey Trot runners lining up at the start, eager to begin the race and win some prizes.

Hillsboro-Deering Middle School Turkey Trot

Hillsboro Deering Middle School was able to continue the tradition of a Turkey Trot race to celebrate Thanksgiving before the students departed for the holiday break. Students from all grade levels in both A and B groups were given the chance to participate, and the top three runners from each grade went home with a prize. Great job to all runners and participants.

Hillsboro-Deering High School National Honor Society Induction

Hillsboro-Deering High School's chapter of the National Honor Society held an induction virtually to celebrate and formally induct eighteen new members into the society on November 19th. The new members will be joining the current members in upholding the four pillars of Leadership, Scholarship, Service, and Character in the school district and community.

NHS Advisor Sarah Paquette commented on the induction saying, "This year's NHS induction looked a little bit different, but we are just as proud of our new members as we always are!"

Congratulations to the new members: Bayley Adams, Jack Blevens, Jaedin Chacos, David Denslow, Hannah Faulkingham, Camron Garcia, Ariana Hargreaves, Serena Havunen, Serenedy Kelley, Alaina McGillicuddy, Kimberly Nadeau, Kelsey Powell, Rose Rioux, Irena Rose, Summer Shifflett, Amanda Shortt, and Lucas Woods.



Superintendent Feneberg, Assistant Superintendent Bessette, and our own Kearsarge Cougar visited all the schools to gift the staff some holiday goodies as a Thank You. Many of the students got a surprise visitor on their video call when the Cougar popped on during the classroom visits.



Rose Kosciuszek



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Stark Performing Arts Concert goes Virtual

The Winter Performing Arts Event at John Stark Regional High School will be a pre-recorded virtual production. The performance will be produced by December 22 and shared with the public on that day. Students have been working hard to prepare for the music department Winter Concert and for the Stage Company's production of "Testing . . . 1, 2, 3." Details about the release of this performance will be shared as soon as they become available at JSRHS.net and Facebook.



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PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET

The Henniker School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2021-2022 Henniker School District budget on **January 12, 2021** at 7:00 p.m.

The public hearing will be held via Zoom.

Zoom information will be posted at <http://www.sau24.org/index.php>

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

DELIBERATIVE SESSION: SESSION 1 MEETING

The Henniker School Board will hold a Deliberative Session: Session I meeting on **February 1, 2021** at 7:00 p.m.

Details for the meeting will be posted at <http://www.sau24.org/index.php>

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

FILING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

Persons interested in filing for school district offices may file for these positions starting **January 20, 2021**. The deadline for filing is 5:00 p.m. on **January 29, 2021**.

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

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

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

Persons wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2021 Henniker School District Warrant must submit such warrants to the Henniker School Board, c/o Office of the Superintendent, no later than **January 12, 2021** at 5:00 p.m.

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VOTING DAY: MARCH 9, 2021



SAU 24 Student Services Director Martha LeMahieu teaches 1st grade at Center Woods Elementary School.

SAU #24 Admins spend a day back in classroom

Each year teachers and staff of SAU 24 are entered into a raffle hosted by SAU administrators. The prize? A day off with sub coverage provided by one of the five administrators from the SAU office. This fun, morale-boosting raffle also gives administrators a chance to be back in a classroom, the very place most began their careers in education. Kicking things off this year, SAU 24 Student Services Director Martha LeMahieu spent a day subbing for first-grade teacher Mrs. Marzinzik (Mrs. M) at Center Woods Elementary School, a place that feels like home to Martha as she taught at the school for 14 years. "It was a wonderful day," explained Mrs. LeMahieu. "The students were so helpful and I was extremely impressed with how well they follow all of the COVID protocols. The sub plans were detailed and easy to follow. Other teachers, paras, and the students were all so helpful. Just a great day," she concluded.

Bradford Selectmen review Transfer Station

Lois Kilnapp, Bradford Transfer Station Manager, provided an update on activity at the Transfer Station. She reviewed the budget against actuals and felt that, although the budget is tight, in total the 2020 budget should cover the costs. Lois outlined a budget request for 2021 increasing by \$3,000. There was discussion regarding whether pricing for disposal should be increased, specific to demolition disposal. There was also discussion around whether demolition should be directed towards disposal through Naughton & Sons as the charges incurred at the Transfer Station do not cover the expenses. Lois will analyze what disposal costs would need to be in order to cover the increased 2021 budget demand. Lois also provided an update on recycled glass options for use with road maintenance. While this would not help the Transfer Station budget, there is potential for use that could impact the Highway Department budget.

ConVal reached 1-year contract agreement

Negotiators for the ConVal School Board and Contoocook Valley Education Association have reached an agreement on a one-year extension of the collective bargaining agreement, which will appear on the March 2021 warrant. The agreement reflects an understanding by both parties of the difficulties operating during the COVID-19 pandemic. The parties have agreed to resume the work of negotiating a more holistic, longer-term collective bargaining agreement in the future.



Greenfield Fire and Police and Wilton Ambulance responded to Mountain Road in the area below the Wapack trail parking lot, for a single vehicle motor vehicle accident. The truck that was pulling a trailer struck a tree, coming to rest on its side. Because of the severe damage to the vehicle and trailer, the vehicle recovery took roughly 90 minutes. The driver walked away without injury.

Goffstown murder suspect fires his lawyer

Jaiden Ciruzzi of Goffstown, who was 16 when he was charged with first degree murder in a 2017 drug deal robbery, fired his public defender this week, likely signaling more delays in a trial for a killing that is now more than three years old. On Tuesday, Hillsborough County Superior Court Judge David Anderson granted Ciruzzi's request for a new lawyer. The move is the latest legal maneuver following the November 2017 shooting death of a Manchester Memorial High School student in a Goffstown parking lot. Police have said the victim, Ian Jewell, went to Goffstown expecting to sell thousands of dollars worth of LSD to Ciruzzi, but Ciruzzi allegedly pulled a gun to rob Jewell. They struggled, and Jewell, who was 18 at the time, was shot and killed. Ciruzzi, a student at Goffstown High School, was 16 at the time of the shooting. Eventually certified as an adult, Ciruzzi has been held at Valley Street jail in Manchester. His public defender, Kimberly Kossick, has filed court papers saying Ciruzzi will claim self defense. Kossick also has filed several successful challenges to the prosecution. Recently, Anderson ruled, over prosecutors' objections, that an expert can testify at trial about adolescent brain development and its effect on delinquent behavior. But in November, Ciruzzi wrote that he believes Kossick is working with prosecutors and conspiring against him to get a conviction. "I do not trust her," he wrote. In agreeing to a new lawyer for Ciruzzi, Anderson did not comment on the allegations. Ciruzzi was scheduled to go on trial in November.



Construction will continue through the winter on Newbury's new Fire Station.

JOHN STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET

The John Stark School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2021-2022 John Stark School District budget on **January 15, 2021** at 7:00 p.m.

The public hearing will be held via Zoom. Zoom information will be posted at <http://www.sau24.org/index.php>.

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

DELIBERATIVE SESSION: SESSION 1 MEETING

The John Stark School Board will hold a Deliberative Session: Session I meeting on **February 5, 2021** at 7:00 p.m.

Details for the meeting will be posted at <http://www.sau24.org/index.php>.

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

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One School District Moderator	1 year term

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Troubles mounting for former Hancock Police Chief Andrew Wood

The Richmond Select Board is reviewing pay records and other files forwarded by their counterparts in Hancock as part of its investigation into the actions of former police officer Andrew Wood.

Wood previously served both towns; as Police Chief in Hancock and as an Officer In Charge in Richmond.

Richmond dissolved its police department in 2019, and Wood “retired” from Hancock in September, while he was under investigation for over stating his hours.

Hancock officials claim Wood reported working in Hancock while also working nearly identical hours in Richmond. Records show that Wood filled out a timecard to Hancock for Jan. 1, 2017 that showed him working from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and another one to Richmond, for the same day, indicating he worked from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meanwhile, Hancock’s dispatch records indicate that Wood worked from 11:25

a.m. to 3:21 p.m.

In his defense, Wood has denied the allegations, saying, “It is virtually impossible to document all of the calls

I receive and the work I perform on my personal time as I must remain accessible to my employees and the citizens of Hancock at all times,” Wood said.



Hillsboro Lions Club President Leigh Bosse (R) thanks John Bramley (L) for his interesting and informative presentation on Hillsboro’s Community Center Project.

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Henniker Select Board decides on Police, Fire and Highway equipment purchases

Fire Chief Jim Morse asked the Henniker Select Board to approve \$6,800 for a field survey to put in a fire pond on Old Concord Road, which will include permitting. Once this project is surveyed and permitted, he then would approach the existing and new businesses and other grant resources to help fund the digging and piping of this pond. Morse said this will help with the additional businesses locating on Old Concord Road and the need for water sources in the area. The Board authorized the Town Administrator to sign a contract with KV Partners for design and permitting for a fire pond on Old Concord Road in the amount of \$6,850.

At the last meeting, the Select Board gave the Police Department authorization to purchase a new cruiser. Due to a mistake in the state bid price process we decided to put the cruiser out to bid instead. Chief French asked to move forward with Grappone for the purchase of this cruiser, although its bid was \$100 higher than Hillsboro Ford. The Board disagreed and awarded the bid to Hillsborough Ford, both as the low bidder

and because the owner lives and pays taxes in Henniker.

Leo Aucoin, Highway Superintendent asked to convert the 2006 yellow freightliner from a dump truck to a tanker during the summer months and have the option to remount the sander body for the winter months. He would like to retire their current 1985 tanker to auctioned at The White Farm next

spring. He wanted to purchase a new International ten-wheeler truck with a 14 foot Tenco multipurpose body and complete plow package to replace the freightliner as a front line truck for snow removal and construction. Although recommended by the Town Administrator, the Board deferred the request pending a review of all amounts available in the Fund Balance.



The Boy Scouts of Weare's Troop 529 recently sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" for the Hillsborough County Nursing Home and wrote over 150 holiday cards for the residents. A Court of Honor took place at Chase Park in Weare, on Sunday morning, December 13th, where fourteen boys received recognition for the 11 rank advancements, 4 special skill awards, and 37 merit badges (including Swimming, Cycling, Stamp Collecting, Genealogy, Wood Carving, Chess, Pets, Personal Fitness, American Business, Citizenship in the Nation, and Citizenship in the World) that they collectively earned.



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Events: Community Bulletin Board

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.

MONDAY DECEMBER 21

HOLIDAY DISPLAY: Vote for your favorite Warner Main Street Business and Organization holiday display at kearsargechamber.org/. The winners get bragging rights for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and voters get a chance to win prizes. Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce will give gift certificates for local businesses valued at \$25 each, to six randomly drawn names from the people that voted. In order to win, you must leave your name, email address, or phone number. The KACC will not use this contact information

for anything other than drawing winners and will delete the information afterward. Leaving your contact information is optional. Voting closes on Monday, December 21, 2020 at noon. Drawing will be held on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 1pm.

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICE: First Presbyterian Church of Antrim's Christmas. Service will be via ZOOM. Have a candle, glow stick or a flashlight.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5

NEW LONDON HIKE: 9am, Clark Pond Hike. Meet at the Clark Pond trail head on Bog Road. This will be an hour and a half, fairly easy hike. Trip leader: Rick Davies.

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NEW LONDON HIKE: Phillips Memorial Preserve Hike. Trip leaders: John Kiernan, kiernannlnh@yahoo.com and Nick Martin, nicolasdmartin52@gmail.com.



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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

John Warren Olson

HILLSBORO - John Warren Olson, 82, of Hillsboro, passed away peacefully, at his home, surrounded by family on December 8, 2020 from complications of Parkinson's Disease. John was born in Concord, New Hampshire and was the oldest of seven children born to Dr. Thor and Hedwig Olson. Besides the love for his family, John was also passionate about all things sports. John was predeceased by his parents, Thor and Hedwig Olson; brother, Walter Olson and his sisters, Susan Olson and Jane Olson; as well as his wife, Elisabeth Olson. John is survived by his son, Michael Olson and his wife, Kristin of Boise, Idaho and his daughter, Catherine McGillicuddy and her husband, Christopher of Hillsborough; four grandsons, William Mulliner, Hunter Mulliner, Connor Olson, Brendan Olson; three step-grandchildren,



Nathan McGillicuddy, Alaina McGillicuddy, and Erin McGillicuddy. John is also survived by his brother, Paul Olson of Maine; and sisters, Bea Donald of Vermont and Nancy Olson of Idaho. No service at this time.

Scott Allen Gerini Sr.

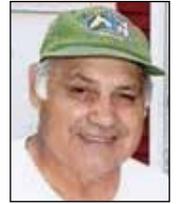
DEERING - Scott Allen Gerini Sr. passed away in his sleep on December 11, 2020 at the age of 61. Scott was born on March 27, 1959 in Concord, NH, the first child of Ruth (Murdough) and Ennio W. Gerini of Hillsboro, NH. Scott is predeceased by his father, Ennio W. Gerini. He leaves behind his mother, Ruth E. Gerini of Hillsboro; his woman of 38 years, Cheryl Powers of Deering; his daughter, Jennifer Gerini-Zipper of Washington, his son, Scott Gerini Jr. of Deering; two grandchildren, Henry and Zoey Zipper of Washington; many aunts, uncles, and cousins and several nieces and



nephews. There will be no calling hours. The family is planning a celebration of life at a later date, to be held at his garage.

Antonio B. Mello

HILLSBORO - Antonio B. Mello, 86, of Hillsboro, NH died Friday December 4, 2020 at Concord Hospital. He was born July 15, 1934 in Azores Portugal to the late Bernardino & Maria (Silver) Mello. He was also predeceased by his wife, Mary A. (Ataide) Mellow who died in 2008, and a son, John Mello. Antonio is survived by one son, Richard A. Mello of Hillsboro, NH; one brother, Gary Mello of MA; 5 sisters, Jane M Phillips of MA, Odelta Maria Rodigus of RI, Grace Smith of NH, Nelli Provost of MA, Mandi Grant of MA, Delcina Zoolsby of NH, Theresa Stevens of MA; 3 grandchildren. Private services & burial will be held at Harvey Memorial Cemetery in Hillsboro, NH in the spring.





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