

One Solitary Life

Attributed to James Allen Frances

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He



grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop

until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials, but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dving, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that One Solitary Life.

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Henniker Rotary Club donates \$1,000 to "ShelterBox"

When natural disasters and conflicts displace people from their homes, we can't wave a magic wand to replace what was lost, but we can provide people with the tools to start the process of their own recovery. To aid these efforts The Henniker Rotary Club has donated \$1000 to support ShelterBox, an international aid organization.

"We are pleased to make this donation to ShelterBox as they have proven to be an invaluable resource to people around the world suffering after being displaced and homeless after natural and other disasters," said Frank Malinoski, president of Henniker Rotary Club.

ShelterBox provides emergency supplies

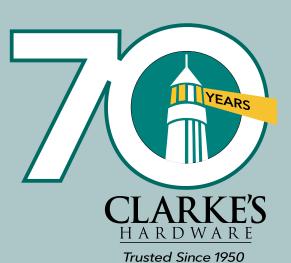
including tents, tools and cooking utensils to those affected to start rebuilding their lives. There are different "boxes" depending on the location and need.

Shelters protect families from burning heat, bitter cold, dangerous animals and disease, and so much more. Since 2000, 1.6 million people have been helped by the organization.

Henniker Rotary focuses many of their community efforts locally but also collaborates with worldwide efforts of Rotary International who have been a Project Partner in Disaster Relief with ShelterBox since 2012. If you'd like to learn more about ShelterBox, visit http://www.shelterboxusa.org

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Messenger readers contribute a record \$2,690 for Christmas Food Baskets

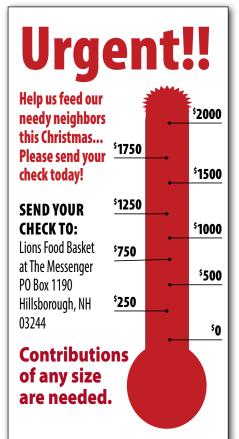
Over the last 26 years Messenger readers have generously supported the Lions Club's appeal for contributions to the Club's Christmas Food Basket Project. This year's overwhelming response raised a record \$2,690 for which the Club and those receiving the baskets are eternally grateful.

Those contributing to the 2020 appeal include: Mark & Samantha Stevens, Thomas & Constance Fraser, Mark Eric Florence & Lynn Hendrickson, Deeann & David Dubois, Paris, Anonymous, Jack & Kim Wells, Mark & Laurie Pallin, Jeffrey & Arlene Soule, Keith McGuire, Julia Hebert, Jim &

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Lions Club Co-Chairs Ron & Kathy Audette report that as a result, the Lions were able to purchase, pack and distribute 50 Christmas Food Baskets, feeding 100 adults and 49 children.

Each basket contained a 20 lb turkey or an 8-10 lb ham (families with more than 5 people will get both), 5 lbs potatoes, 2 lbs onions, cans 1 apple sauce, peas, corn, green beans & cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, turkey gravy mix, 12-30 candy canes (boxed), 2 dozen cookies, whipped topping, 9" pie, 1 lb butter, 1 lb peeled carrots, a can of home style biscuits. With those baskets distributed, the Lions were able to give away free turkeys and hams to other residents in need. Thanks to YOU, many of our neighbors are having a merrier Christmas. See related article on page 8.





Publisher Leigh Bosse (R) presents Hillsborough Lions Club Treasurer Alan Ager with checks totaling \$2,690 contributed by Messenger readers to the Club's Christmas Basket Fundraiser.

Community Center Project needs cookbook recipes

The Hillsborough Community Center project's fundraising sign is now up in front of Eaton Furniture and Flooring. The sign will monitor our long-term efforts to raise funds to build a community center for Hillsborough and surrounding towns.

We are also still looking for family favorite recipes for our cookbook project. Email to renee.woods@hccnh.org.

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Henniker program turns parking tickets to food The Grinch is stealing Goffstown Christmas presents ConVal High School Principal on administrative leave Gary Snair sentenced to 18 years in prison

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Newport to eliminate 6 teachers and 2 para-educators Ronald Magoon named Franklin Savings Bank President Shots fired in Deering father-son dispute Police report a grinch stealing New Boston presents

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Goffstown and New Boston men arrested, third escapes Civil suit against former New London Police Chief settled Deering Selectmen confront Fire Chief Eastern Mountain Sports lays off 41 Peterborough employees

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Final chapter in Bradford Road Agent saga? Neither side happy with ZBA's Forster's Tree decision New London Hospital plans \$8 million expansion in Newport Hopkinton man named Democrats' Policy Director

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January 1, 2010

Watman resigns as Henniker Selectman Chair Francestown departments are feuding Osienski replaces Trow as Bennington Selectman Sunapee teachers reach agreement

All Seasons Campground asks Weare Select Board's help enforcing rules

Tom Silva, President of All Seasons, has asked the Weare Select Board for clarification as to how much it can help with enforcing their bylaws. Campsite lot owners are not allowed to stay overnight at their site during the months of November and March as this is a violation, subject to fines

Mr. Silva, along with his Board of Directors, expressed the frustration they are having implementing this rule. They stated there is an individual who owes unpaid/overdue fees, and has multiple lodging guests, that has refused to leave.

Mr. Silva stated one of the guests has admitted to smashing All Seasons locked water shutoff.

In addition, Mr. Silva is looking for permission to gate off the entrance inside the campground, a town road, for the two months the Association is closed. They have activity at night of illegal dumping. On December 14, 2020 Chairman Meaney explained he has been in contact with Police Chief Moore in reference to the ongoing issues at All Seasons.

Steps are being taken against the campsite owners/lodgers to suspend their

motor vehicle registrations and licenses, as they are not year round residents of the town. All Seasons needs to file a civil complaint with their Association attorney.

Individual property owners such as All Seasons cannot gate off a Town owned road. All Season bylaws need to be brought forth by their attorney for review. Conclusion: a meeting is to be set up next month with All Season's legal representative and their Board of Directors with the Town of Weare's legal representative, Police Chief Moore, Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Bolton.



Santa and his helpers from Hillsborough's Project Genesis toured the area last Saturday bringing candy canes and Christmas cheer to 97 children.



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Alycemae Flanders stopped by Edmunds in Antrim for a chat with Santa. Santa thanked her for her 50 years supporting Operation Santa.



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GLORIOUS INSULTS

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

Hillsborough single mother and two young children survive Sunday fire

Quick action by Hillsborough Firefighters prevented a pre-Christmas house fire from turning tragic. A single mother and her two young children awoke to smoke and



Even The Grinch has been seen helping decorate some of the area's tallest Christmas Trees.

flames at their rented home on West Main Street. Pam Glines, her 12-year-old son Gabriel and 6-year-old daughter Arya escaped unharmed, but they have lost everything including a pet dog and a cat.

The American Red Cross is working to find housing for the family, and Pam's friend Erica Alibrandi set up a GoFundMe page which has already collected over \$5,000 in donations. However, more is needed. Arya is 6 and loves everything outdoors and arts and crafts. She wears a size 7/8 and loves Jojo Siwa and wears a size 12 in shoes. Gabe is 12 and also loves everything outdoors and video games. He wears a size 14/16 in clothes and size 9 men's shoe. Pam wears a size 10 or 12 and wears a size 9 shoe. Anything helps. This year has been hard enough and now a house fire right before Christmas is just heartbreaking.



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are accompanied by symptoms that may include: bloodshot eyes, excessive tearing of the eyes, drooping of the eyelids, runny nose and/or nasal congestion and facial sweating. Some people experience restlessness and agitation. Cluster headache attacks may strike several times a day, generally lasting between 15 minutes and three hours.

A new study has uncovered an increased risk of behavioral problems in children of mothers with epilepsy who took common antiepileptic drugs during pregnancy. In the Epilepsia study, behavioral questionnaires were completed for 181 children aged 6 to 7 years, and for most children both parents completed behavioral questionnaires. Based on parental ratings, valproate-exposed children were most affected, but parents of carbamezepine-, lamotrigine-, and levetiracetam-exposed children also reported behavioral problems.

Researchers have found that vitamin D, if taken for at least three years, could help cancer patients live longer. The findings were presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology annual meeting. In the United States, cancer is the second leading cause of death, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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You, of course, can help yourself considerably and minimize problems by brushing and flossing every day. Keep a toothbrush and toothpaste at work and use them after eating. But whatever steps you take on your own, remember that two visits a year to a dentist for an examination and cleaning are also moves that will save you plenty of money in the long run.

Another serious consideration is that infections in the mouth, which is loaded with bacteria, can spread to other parts of the body and put you at risk for health problems, like stroke, that ultimately are far more serious than a toothache. Talk with a dentist about ways to stay healthy and keep your bills down.

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Preschoolers (parent and teacher) at White Birch community center brought in so many donations to the Henniker Food Pantry that they didn't all fit in the picture.

Lions Club thankful for community support

The Hillsboro Lions Club, on December 19th, prepared and distributed 50 complete Christmas food baskets, with all the fixings, including either a 20lb turkey or smoked ham to those who had completed the request form and returned it to us.

Immediately following this distribution the club distributed, free of charge, the remaining turkeys and hams, approximately 45, to anyone who came to the Smith Memorial Congregational Church site on a "first come, first served" basis until all had been given away. This was advertised in the Messenger for several weeks and communicated to the Churches at the same time.

The following is a listing of the various businesses, publications and charitable organizations who either provided products, advertisements, or services to make this event possible.

Hillsborough OSRAM, #41 turkeys and Hillsborough Food Pantry, #14 turkeys, for a total of #55, 20lb Turkeys.

Our Goffstown family and friends, 40 Smoked hams.

The "Messenger" publication, Free, multiple weeks of advertising and the solicitation, collection and deposit of monies collected for this program to function.

JD Foods and the Warner Market Basket for the reduced or best price on the various produce, canned goods and dairy products to fill every basket.

Smith Memorial Congregational Church for the use of their function hall to put things together and distribute same on their property on Saturday.

TM&M Services for the expeditious snow removal around the church and assistance in the distribution of the food baskets.

The Greater Hillsborough Senior Services group for the decorated Christmas tree ornaments for each basket.

We would also like to recognize the Hillsborough Food Pantry, Hillsborough School Department and all the local Churches / Religious organizations for their assistance in the distribution, collection and return to the LIONS of the "request forms" for this program.

We, the local LIONS, wish all a happy and merry Christmas and holidays with those who participated in the program to enjoy a full belly and warm heart.

Ron & Kathy Audette, Co-Chairs









Hillsborough is a special town, especially at Christmas. The Lions Club again purchased, packed and distributed 50 Food Baskets for area families in need (Top Left); Operation Christmas purchased, packed and distributed 69 bags of toys and goodies for area children in need (Top Right); Project Genesis collected, packed and distributed Holiday Wishlist packages to 28 families (Bottom Left); and the Lions Club gave away free turkeys and hams to those in need (Bottom Right).

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Publisher's Perspective

A special season - for all religions

For Christians this time of year is special as we celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. However, we must also remember that our non-Christian neighbors share that same spirit as they celebrate Hanukah, Ramadan or Kwanzaa.

Despite the current hostilities in the world, the War On Terror and Isis, we must remind ourselves that it is the followers of the late Osama Bin Laden, not the Arabs or

Islam, who are the enemies of World Peace.

What a shame that we have had so many wars sparked by religious pride or racial bigotry.

Whether we honor a different God, or the same God by a different name, we need always remember that all the world's races and great religions share the same moral lessons and values and that on this small planet, we truly are all brothers and sisters.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This year has been one of tremendous disruption, especially to our school-aged students that includes making sure our children are getting the food they need.

To ensure that school nutrition programs were available to any family in need, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued universal waivers, allowing all school districts to be reimbursed for meals provided to any student's family, regardless of income.

These waivers have enabled schools and volunteer organizations to deliver millions of nutritious meals to students in every corner of our state. Because families were not required to verify their income to receive meals this year, some districts are having difficulty registering eligible families under the federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program (F&R).

F&R is one of the keystone metrics for both state and federal education aid targeted by need. It is used to determine districts with a higher concentration of low-income families, which triggers higher levels of financial assistance.

If you are eligible but have not yet signed up for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, I encourage you to do so. Just download a Meal Application from your school's website or request one from your district's food service director. Only one application per household is needed and it takes less than ten minutes to complete. All information will remain private and confidential.

By signing your children up for F&R, you will help ensure that our schools

receive the proper level of state and federal funding next year.

Sen. Ruth Ward, **NH Senate District 8**

To The Editor:

In a recent paper, I read with horror that about 471,000 US households lack running water. The horrifying part, 73% are found in metropolitan areas. 47% or 220,300 households, 514,000 individuals are living in the this country's 50 largest metro areas. New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami, Atlanta and in the Mid Atlantic areas of Washington, Baltimore, Richmond and Virginia Beach.

Are you as horrified as I am? Isn't there something wrong with this picture? Why in 2020 in the USA are there people still living in Draconian housing without running water in each apartment? Where are these cities health department? Why aren't they doing their job?

I was fully aware of the many Native Americans who live in unheated housing without electricity and running water, but hearing re. the hundreds of thousand in metropolitan areas without the bare necessities of modern living, RUNNING WATER, just floored me.

The major networks don't report on these situations, 60 Minutes, 20/20 don't do in depth reports either. They go into war zones, why are the afraid of going into these types of housing? It's no wonder those areas have had the majority of CO-VID infections and deaths.

Jeannine Aucoin, Henniker





Washington Fire & Rescue and Auxiliary did a wonderful job by offering a drive through gifting for all the students in the Washington Elementary School. Thanks go out to Santa and his helpers and all the parents who brought their children. Bob Hofstetter Photos.



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While most of us are complaining about the shoveling and slick roads, kids have a different perspective.

Bement Bridge repairs shut down for winter

The Bradford Select Board discussed waiving the purchasing policy for an emergency repair for a front-line highway vehicle repair. All Board members were in agreement. A request for extension was requested by Neil H Daniel's Construction on the substantial completion date for the Bement Bridge. There is no anticipated impact to the Town on the project cost. The Town will recommend Daniel's shutdown for the winter later this month and resume when conditions allow.











There is still time to view all 45 of the wonderful entries in Henniker's Holiday Lights Contest. Tia Hooper photos.

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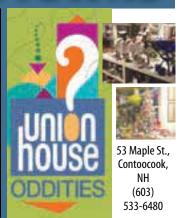
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Jack Barnes, Varsity Cross Country;
Ali Hardcastle, Girls Varsity Soccer;
Rory Maqoon, Varsity Football;
Jackson Souther, Boys Varsity Soccer;
Kadie Forrestall, Girls JV Volleyball;
Natalie Smith, Girls JV Field Hockey;
Elizabeth Hatfield, Girls JV Soccer

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4 Year Awards - Cross Country

Libby Barnes, Madison McDonald

4 Year Awards - Field Hockey

Noelle Barrieau, Olivia Dame, Delaney Forrestall, Meg Girardet, Sydnee Pelletier, Kacie Weston

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Christopher Audet, Thomas Johnston, Jake Parsons, Ryan Plamondon, Thomas Quinn, Nate Tower, Jaxson Wood

4 Year Awards - Girls Soccer

Elizabeth Downing, Alexandra Hardcastle, Brooke Porth, Bella Ro

4 Year Award - Girls Volleyball

Brianna Bodner, Lauren Desrosiers, Izzy Nelson, Brooke Patenode, Lilli Stogner, Alyssa Villernaire

4 year Award Golf

Nick Lundeen, Colin Warecki

Scholar Athlete Award - Cross Country

Jack Barnes, Jacob Garside, Alex Keirstead, Izabel Korbet, Brianna Langdon, Madison McDonald, Devin Patterson, Lydi Piscina, Wyatt Sohl

Scholar Athlete Award - Field Hockey

Noelle Barrieau, Gracie Bolduc, Haile Brisson, Olivia Dame, Emma Davis, Aubrey Fischer, Edie Fischer, Delaney Forrestall, Meg Giardet, Olivia Hargreaves, Jackie O'Donnell, Bella Pelletier, Natalie Smith

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Christopher Audet, Tyler Fredette

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Jack Davis, Caleb Hauptman

Scholar Athlete Award - Boys Soccer

CJ Brennan, Jason Creen, Evan Lamphere, Miles Lanier, Orry Murdaugh

Scholar Athlete Award - Girls Soccer



John Stark Awards

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Scholar Athlete Award - Girls Volleyball

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The cost is \$700 per team and includes weekly races, a lift ticket from 3pm to 9pm on race nights, prizes and après-ski party each race night. This racing series competes in a dual Giant Slalom format with teams of five to seven skiers or snowboarders at least 21 years of age and older. The top five best times for each night are calculated with individual and team rankings and are based on a points system to determine finishes. Prizes are awarded to individual men, women, and teams, both weekly and cumulatively.

The top five teams from each night qualify to race in the finals and enjoy the complimentary banquet. Banquet tickets are available for purchase for non-qualifying racers and guests. The racing series is sponsored by Amoskeag Beverages, Coors Light, S&W Sports and Grappone Automotive. Registrations are going on now at www.patspeak.com or call the Pats Peak Race Department at 1-888-PATS-PEAK (1-888-728-7732), ext. 115. Individuals or those who don't have a complete team can be placed on other teams by contacting the Race Department.



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Mary Henry.

SAU #34 Welcomes a New Business Manager

SAU #34 is proud to welcome Mary Henry as the new Business Manager as of December 14, 2020. Mrs. Henry has earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting & Finance, an associate's degree in Business Management from Granite State College, and she is working towards her MBA. Mrs. Henry comes to us from another New Hampshire school administrative unit and prior to working in school districts, she worked in the manufacturing industry. She brings with her another perspective to school business, as she is also currently serving in her fourth three year term with the Fall Mountain Regional School Board, Mrs. Henry commented on her new position saying, "I am very excited about working here with the SAU #34 and school district staff. The district shares a passion for education like myself." SAU #34 would also like to thank Mr. David Jack for his work as interim Business Administrator. He was a tremendous asset throughout the budget season. Superintendent Patricia Parenteau commented, "We are truly fortunate to have hired Mary Henry with her unique experience and to have found Dave Jack from Municipal Resources, Inc to serve during the interim period."

Decision on Shattuck's subdivision continued

The Francestown Planning Board opened yet another hearing on a Subdivision Application for Mellissa D. and Ronald A. Shattuck, Jr. Jason Reimer, Attorney for Francestown residents group, stated that receipt of a response to his request for information about intensity of use from the town did not occur until November 30th, so he requesed a continuation for time for a professional review of the information received. The agent for the Shattucks, J. Lefebvre, of Meridian Land Services stated that the owners will not extend statutory 65 day deadline (of December 24th) but the Board advised that without a granted extension, it is possible the application may be denied due to insufficient information. After further discussion the hearing was again continued.

Storm keeps Newbury Departments busy

The Newbury Select Board received updates from the town's department heads. Highway Administrator Cal Prussman reported that the storm brought down several trees. The worst was Rollins Road with wires down and blocking roads on Clark Pond. Province Road, Stoney Brook and Baker Hill were also closed for a while. Police Chief Brad Wheeler said there were multiple cars off the roads at the same time. He is trying to get prices for a new cruiser but the state bids are not out yet. Fire Chief Henry Thomas reported 5 motor vehicle crashes, several wires down and 10 inspections.

H-D Middle School Music and English Teacher positions restored

Faced with a flood of opposition to proposed staff reductions at Hillsboro-Deering Schools at the last School Board meeting, Superintendent Patricia Parenteau returned Monday with several modifications.

The Middle School Music Teacher and English Language positions were restored to the budget. In their place Parenteau suggested eliminating a Middle School STEM Teacher and Elementary School Computer Teacher. The High School Math Teacher and a part-time Middle School Office professional would remain cut.

Currently the proposed 2022 Budget stands at \$24,659.061, an increase of

543,115,389 or 2.25% over the current budget.

Member Rich Pelletier stated that a \$543,0000 increase, coupled with a \$450,000 reduction in state aid would trigger a \$1 million increase in property taxes which he could not support. A vote is expected at the Board's next meeting.



Autumn G. and Carly A. at Hopkinton Recreation had a great idea to organize homemade holiday cards for the seniors at the Slusser Center! Thank you to all the school kids who made these creative cards full of holiday cheer and to their teachers who helped to coordinate this project.



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Weare Middle School 6th Graders become Imagineers in Unified Arts Class

The Unified Arts Team at Weare Middle School got creative earlier this fall when attempts to fill a temporary art position for a teacher on leave were unsuccessful.

The solution? Enrichment Coordinator Wil Crabtree took over the section and taught a six-week Imagineering class to a group of 6th-graders. The class was designed to mirror the Imagineers who create the various Disney-theme parks. In the class, students had to design and plan a theme park.

Anna Chasse imagined Journey through the Caribbean for her project. In this adventure, visitors journey into a vast ocean world to discover islands, pirates, and traps.

Her concept was to have visitors cross an ocean where pirates would find them, and players needed to figure out how to escape. Her concept was similar to how escape rooms work but on a theme park scale.

"Creating the slideshow, including all the elements of my theme park was my favorite part, and I liked that the learn-



Weare Middle School 6th grade student Anna Chasse with her model of Journey through the Caribbean.

ing was at my own pace and I used my ideas," commented Anna. "I learned a lot, including I never thought I'd experience Disneyland at school!"

"There were many excellent lands created by our students on a wide variety of topics from the American Civil War to "Pluto II." Anna chose a West Indian theme, and when looking at her portfolio, it was easy to see exactly her vision and how it could be built. It would be a fun place to visit," said Crabtree.

The art teacher has now returned from leave, and the very successful Imagineering class has become part of the enrichment program offered at Weare Middle School.

"There are so many levels of learning in this class," said Crabtree. "Students learn to tell stories through the theme park experience, but they also dig deeper into many other areas, even career exploration. Students learn about all the different professions in a theme park ranging from structural engineers to visual artists. A student's imagination can take them down many different learning paths. It's always exciting to see what students create."



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Weare third grade students study Impressionist Painters

Third-grade students at Center Woods Elementary School learned about the group of Impressionist painters called "The Fauves" or Wild Beasts, whose work flourished in France at the turn of the century, in Ms. Morrocco's art class.

Favism-style features the use of vivid color and strong brush strokes. The stu-

dents then created portraits and self-portraits using ink, chalk, and modge podge in the Fauvism style.

Self-portraits by: the trio above.



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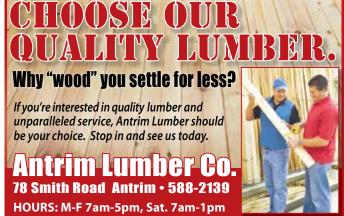
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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Leonard Zipper

NEW JERSEY - Leonard Zipper, 73, of Randolph, NJ, passed away on December 12th at home. Born in Hillside, NJ, he and

his late wife. Christine. to whom he was married for 49 years and who predeceased him in 2019, resided in Randolph for over 40 years. Educated as an accountant at New England College in NH,

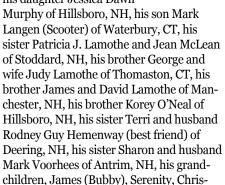


he held a Masters from Fairleigh Dickinson Univ. in NJ. Survivors include his son, Aaron (Jennifer) of Washington, NH, sister, Leslee Zipper of Somerset, NJ and brother, Alan (Joy) of Ohio, as well as grandchildren, Zoey and Henry. Services were held Sunday at 1 pm at the J. L. Apter Memorial Chapels, 1 Baker Ave. in Dover. Interment will be at the Washington Center Cemetery in Washington. For details, call funeral home at (973)366-1700.

Gary Robert Lamothe

ANTRIM - Gary Robert Lamothe, 59, of Antrim, NH, passed away December 14,

2020 at Concord Hospital from Heart Complications. Gary graciously entered this world on December 2, 1961 in Concord, NH to Robert and Shirlev Lamothe. He is survived by his daughter Jessica Dawn



his niece Mandy Marie Lamothe, MA, and several nieces and great-nieces and nephews and one great-great nephew, along with many cousins and lifelong friends. Gary is pre-deceased by his parents, Robert W. Lamothe and Shirley A. Perrier-Hare and his brother John M. Lamothe. Graveside services will be at St. Charles Cemetery in the Spring of 2021.

Martha Shea

ANTRIM - Martha Shea, 71, died peacefully on Saturday December 19, 2020, at her Antrim, NH home. She was

the beloved wife of Joseph G. Shea. Martha was born in Nashua, NH on July 22, 1949 and was the daughter of the late Jack R. Major and Marion Major. Martha is survived by her husband of 51 years.



her daughter Jennifer, son Jeffrey and his wife Tracy, her three grandchildren, Maegan, McKenna and Dexter, as well as ▶

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her brother Jonathan and sister Monica. At the request of the family, services will be held at a later date in the spring.

George Albert Pollard

HILLSBORO - George Albert Pollard,

69, died December 7, 2020, at his home. George was born in Newburyport, MA, July 26, 1951. He was one of 12 children of the late Charles A. and Patricia (Little) Pollard. He is survived by his daughters,



Angela Pollard and fiancée, Dan Maliszewski of Newbury, Jennifer Fowler and husband, Dan of Hampton, NH; his son, Ted Pollard of Haverhill, MA; four grandchildren, Michael, Derek and wife, Samantha, Cameron, and Joel; great-granddaughter, Ryleigh; four sisters, Polly, Grace, Dorothy, and Mary; five brothers, Bruce, Herbert and wife, Janis, Peter, Roger, and Daniel and wife, Kellie; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his

father, Charles A. Pollard, mother, Patricia (Little) Pollard, sister, Abby Pollard Sykes and brother, John Pollard, and three stepbrothers, Chuck, Dick and Donnie Pollard. Memorial services will be held in spring 2021 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newburyport, MA. The Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home & Cremation Service Hillsboro, NH is assisting the family. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association: 7272 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231 www.heart.org

Shirley H. Crowley

PETERBOROUGH - Shirley H.
Crowley, 78, of Peterborough and formerly of Rindge, died peacefully on Monday,
December 14, 2020 in Keene after a brief battle with cancer. Shirley was born in
Peterborough, NH on October 19, 1942, daughter of Raymond and Florence (Simons) Hannon. In addition to her parents, Shirley was also predeceased by her husband, Thomas J. Crowley on July 27, 1992, and her son, John T. Crowley

on June 6, 2007. She is survived by her daughters, Kathy Letourneau of Jaffrey, NH and Shauna Chamberlain and her husband, Peter, also of Jaffrey; her daughterin-law, Norma Crowley



of Wilton; her grandchildren, Danielle Letourneau and Shawn Mahoney of Jaffrey, Alysha and Eric Bourgoine of Hancock, Matthew Chamberlain of Jaffrey, and Thomas and Timothy Crowley of Wilton; her great-grandchildren, Dustin and Dylan Adams, Sienna Mahoney, Skylar and Maverick Bourgoine; a large extended family and many friends. There will be no calling hours or services at this time but will be announced in the spring with hopes of safer times to gather. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Thomas J. Crowley Memorial Scholarship Endowment, c/o Advancement Services, Keene State College, 229 Main Street, MS-2701, Keene, NH 03435, or to any local food pantry.



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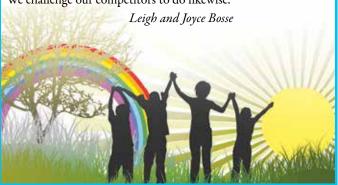
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