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This Day In History

- JANUARY 15, 1942**
Roosevelt tells Baseball Commissioner to "Play Ball"
- JANUARY 16, 1969**
LBJ establishes the Meritorious Service Medal
- JANUARY 17, 1865**
Rain stalls General Sherman's advance
- JANUARY 18, 1919**
Paris Peace Conference opens
- JANUARY 19, 1807**
Robert E. Lee is born
- JANUARY 20, 1981**
Iran releases American hostages
- JANUARY 21, 1943**
Allies approve Cassablanca Directive



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When can I get a COVID-19 VACCINE in NH?

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PHASE 1A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-risk health workers First responders Older adults living in residential care settings PHASE 1B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People ≥ 75 years old Medically vulnerable at significantly higher risk with 2 or more conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family caregivers of those medically vulnerable persons, ≤16 years old not eligible for vaccine Residents and staff of residential facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities Corrections officers and staff working in correctional facilities First responders and health workers not already vaccinated 	PHASE 2A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People 65 - 74 years old K-12 school and childcare staff PHASE 2B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People 50 - 64 years old 	PHASE 3A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medically vulnerable <50 years old at moderately higher risk with 1 or more conditions PHASE 3B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone else not already vaccinated
DECEMBER - MARCH*	MARCH - MAY*	MAY and BEYOND*

Additional details are coming soon. Contact your healthcare provider for more information and visit NH.gov/COVID19 for updates.

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*Estimated time frame depends on vaccine doses allocated to New Hampshire from the federal government and vaccine uptake.

Repeal Building Code

Bradford's Select Board will seek voter approval

The Bradford Select Board discussed asking voters to repeal the Building Code Ordinance enacted at the 1987 Town Meeting. The Board believes the Code that was adopted is significantly outdated as it was enacted before a State Building Code was in place. Now all construction in the State of New Hampshire must follow the State Building Code. Fire Code inspections will continue to be completed by the Bradford Fire Chief.

Once eliminated the Select Board would work with the Planning and Zoning Boards to create a new position to focus proactively on planning and zoning compliance, such as site plan/subdivision review follow ups and review building permits for zoning compliance and provide suggestions to the Select Board as necessary, prior to permit approval by the Board. The Board forwarded the draft document to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing.

Covid-19 identified at Pierce & Great Brook Schools

ConVal School District Superintendent Kimberly Rizzo Saunders has announced COVID-19 cases have been identified at Pierce School in Bennington and Great Brook School in Antrim. In an e-mail to community members, Saunders said, "We are very fortunate

that very few people were exposed, and we will be able to continue our present program... Those families and staff who have been exposed will be directed to get tested and keep their children, or themselves, quarantined for 14 days following their last possible exposure."



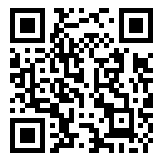
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New Boston Select Board removes proposed new Fire Station from warrant

The New Boston Fire Wards are requesting funding to design and construct a new fire station. Research and needs study have been thoroughly investigated and a plan developed by the Fire Station Building Committee over seven plus years. The increase in the cost of the project this year is \$550,000, a result of projected cost increases that were publicized at the time of the first request for funding.

Construction industry representatives informed us that, based on the initial cost of the project, we could expect a ninety thousand (\$90,000) to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) increase per year, each year the building is not constructed.

Select Board Chair Joe Constance noted this Article has been presented to voters each year for approximately five years and it has failed each year without a simple majority. He brought this up at the December 3 Finance Committee meeting, asking then if support for this proposal has increased and did not receive a clear answer so he senses support has not increased. He agrees there is need for a new Fire Station, but he feels it is clear the electorate does not, voters may support a new fire station but not as proposed. Constance does not support the proposal, does not expect it to pass and requested lower cost alternatives be researched. He appreciates New Boston's fire and emergency services, all in town have benefited from them and the dedication the volunteers have demonstrated over the thirty years he has known them. He proposes a new commission be formed composed of a cross section of town interests (possibly including representatives from the Selectmen, Planning Board, Finance Committee, Fire Wards



The proposed \$3.3 million new fire station.

and citizens representatives (hopefully some with engineering experience), to assess alternatives and bring one or two forward. He proposes a 2022 Warrant Article of \$35,000-40,000 to fund an engineering study and funds for the commission to use researching an alternative more arduously. Constance was involved with the Fire Station research committee in the beginning and feels there were alternatives such as a metal butler building on the town property by the post office. It would cost less than the current proposal, could be expanded later, would house all the equipment along with perhaps decontamination facilities, and the current Fire Station could be rehabilitated as training and administrative office facility. This would create a split department, but the distance is only approximately 1/10 of a mile and not expected to be an impediment. He recommended the Selectmen withdraw this Article from the 2021 Warrant. He noted if these recommendations are not acceptable, the Selectmen should

request other suggestions from each other or others in the community. David Litwinovich noted he has always supported the new Fire Station proposal and the Fire Department volunteers and all they do, but supports not moving this. Karen Scott noted she does not support the proposed Fire Station as presented. She supports the volunteers and understands their needs as she works as an EMT. The current Fire Station accommodates the equipment needed, the trucks and equipment are nearly new. The proposal is for a building that would house the vehicles and equipment the Department currently has. The proposal has failed each year and has not earned a majority vote in recent years. Saying she wants to leave the final decision up to the voters, Scott moved to maintain this Article and move it forward to the 2021 Warrant as presented. The motion was not seconded and died. Constance then moved to remove this Article from the 2021 municipal Warrant and the motion carried. 2-1

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Dr. Esin Narli-Trangaris

If thinking of future children makes you smile—then reach for a toothbrush! While fate determines some fertility factors—new research suggests oral issues may play a key role.

An Australian study compared rates of periodontal disease with the speed at which women conceived. Of 1,956 women (average age 31) seeking to become pregnant, 74% had healthy smiles, while the remaining fourth had cavities. Those with periodontal problems took 42% longer to conceive (7 months vs. 5). Why might this be? The kind of oral bacteria that causes cavities also increases inflammation, which not only impacts placental health, but might even increase the risk of miscarriage or premature birth.

Whether or not you're a wannabe mom, taking care of those choppers can yield big health benefits. Previous research found that people who avoid brushing their teeth were 70% more likely to suffer a cardiovascular event (e.g., heart attack) than those with conscientious oral care. Obvious dietary factors in dental health include avoiding sugary fare—but lesser known findings indicate certain foods, like raisins, cranberries and green tea may reduce cavity risk. Eating more fruit and veggies will also help you avoid obesity—which triples your risk of periodontal disease.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Baqsimi nasal powder, the first glucagon therapy approved for the emergency treatment of severe hypoglycemia that can be administered without an injection. Severe hypoglycemia occurs when a patient's blood sugar levels fall to a level where he or she becomes confused or unconscious or suffers from other symptoms that require assistance from another person to treat. Typically, severe hypoglycemia occurs in people with diabetes who are using insulin treatment. Baqsimi is approved to treat severe hypoglycemia in patients with diabetes ages four and older.

Ketamine has gotten a bad rap as an opioid when there's plenty of evidence suggesting it isn't one, Johns Hopkins experts say. They believe this reputation may hamper patients from getting necessary treatment for the kinds of depression that don't respond to typical antidepressants. In a new paper, the researchers clarify the mechanism behind ketamine's mechanism of action in hopes of restoring the therapy's standing among health care professionals and the public. The researchers published their viewpoint and explanation of the alternative mechanism as a Letter to the Editor in the May 1 issue of the *American Journal of Psychiatry*.

At low doses, statins could protect against bone resorption. But the higher the dosage of cholesterol-lowering drugs, the greater the probability of osteoporosis, an analysis of millions of patient data by the Complexity Science Hub Vienna shows. The paper appears in the current issue of the top journal *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*. Statins are among the most prescribed drugs worldwide. They lower high cholesterol and have been shown to reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases.

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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

January 17, 2020

Deering man killed crossing I-293
 New London voters may create Housing Commission
 Police & Highway funding boosts New Boston budget 10.2%
 Police believe same man burglarized three Dunkin's

January 18, 2019

Henniker Select Board & Budget Committee at odds
 Hopkinton considering the sale of the Bates Library Building
 Aerial mapping shows 1,243 New London parcels are inaccurate
 ConVal School Board drops school consolidation & penalty fees

January 19, 2018

Court rules Bow owes Eversource \$14 million
 Warner ZBA shoots down indoor shooting range
 Eight towns aid Peterborough in fighting garage fire
 Henniker employees to pay more for health insurance

January 20, 2017

\$2 million winner in Northfield
 Hillsborough teenager escapes abduction attempt
 200 Newport neighbors rally to support fire victims
 New Boston Selectmen accept three employee resignations

January 15, 2016

Bow Public Safety Plans approved
 Man arrested attempting to post bail for his pals
 New Boston rallies to aid disabled veteran
 Attempt to reduce Kearsarge budget fails

January 16, 2015

Shaw's Goffstown Plaza sold at auction
 ConVal Union and Board approve merit pay contract
 Henniker School Board rebuffs selectman's questions
 Two people hurt in Hopkinton rollover

January 17, 2014

Another Weare DPW worker leaving for Henniker
 Newport logger convicted of felonies
 Bennington man, Deering woman injured in accidents
 New London burglar quickly arrested

January 18, 2013

MV Kearsarge partially submerged in lake
 Antrim terminates Police Station contractor
 Carbon monoxide hospitalizes 14 from Camp Wediko
 Sunapee man nominated for liquor Commission Chair

January 20, 2012

Petition seeks Steve Marshall's removal
 Hillsborough family homeless after fire
 Bennington woman charged with murder
 James O'Rourke named HDHS Principal

January 21, 2011

Newport Superintendent gone after 6 months
 Sunapee woman killed in South Carolina
 Warner death remains a mystery
 Three injured in Weare two-car accident

MV Kearsarge to be retired after 40 years cruising Lake Sunapee

While the MV Kearsarge slumbers peacefully through another winter season in Sunapee Harbor, The Fenton Family has been reflecting on her 40 years cruising Lake Sunapee, and the future upkeep that she will require. After careful consideration of her needs and our future goals for the comfort and safety of our guests, we've decided it is time to gracefully and ceremoniously retire her.

While we are diligently working on a plan to honor her with the community and Lake Sunapee's brilliant history in mind, we are also embarking on a new adventure.

It is with great excitement that we announce the purchase of a more spacious, expertly-built, dinner boat from Missouri! She is a true beauty. She comes with a wildly rich past, and has many advancements, including air conditioning, additional outer deck space, more energy efficient features, and additional capacity for more guests and larger gatherings (post-Covid of course!). For the next five months, we will continue work on the new vessel to make her look authentic to Sunapee's rich steamer past. We anticipate launching the new boat between mid-June



The MV Kearsarge.

and the beginning of July 2021. Please know this has been an emotional experience for us and we do not take it lightly. Rest assured that the new boat will be the same style as the Kearsarge, with an elevated experience. This spring we plan

to host events to honor the MV Kearsarge before we launch the new boat. We know you'll fall head over heels for her just as we have and we're thrilled to have your help as we warmly welcome her to the waters of Lake Sunapee.

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By: Joyce Bosse

As you discuss your options among different mortgages, be sure you ask how and when the final interest rate you pay is determined—or when your rate is “locked.”

Most lenders will quote a rate and fees at the time you apply for a loan, and then guarantee—or lock—the quote for a specific time. While this lock protects you from paying more for your mortgage if interest rates rise before you close on the loan, it also means you will pay the quoted rate even if interest rates fall.

Lock periods usually run from 10 to 60 days. Longer periods are sometimes available for an additional fee. You generally will want your lock period to be long enough to get you through closing and settlement.

Some lenders, however, will give you the option of letting the interest rate for your mortgage “float,” so the rate can change between the time you apply and the time you close (although the rate is usually set after some specific period before the actual closing).

Allowing the rate to float enables you to benefit from reduced interest rates if interest rates fall between the time of your application and closing. But before you choose a float, make certain that you have the resources to cover a higher monthly payment if interest rates should go up. Otherwise, you could be denied your mortgage.

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Weare Police respond to a pair of accidents

Weare Police were kept busy responding to a pair of motor vehicle accidents on December 22nd. In the first accident, Stephanie Pelletier, 44, of Weare was operating a 2011 Ford easterly on Duck Pond Road when she lost traction due to road conditions on the frozen dirt road, and struck a tree off the eastbound shoulder. Also on the 22nd, Edward Ackerly, 46, of Weare was operating a 2015 Dodge, traveling south on Stark Highway at approximately 45 to 50 miles-per-hour. Ackerly stated Rhonda Caezza, 53, of Sandown, operating a 2002 Ford, pulled out in front of him and he was unable to avoid the crash. Caezza said she was attempting to cross South Stark Highway from a driveway (#768) to Orchard Hill Road. She added that she looked both ways and did not observe any vehicles and the next thing she knew she was involved in the crash.

Francestown Board reviews zoning violations

Code Enforcer John Kendall reported to the Francestown Select Board on his progress with addressing the junkyard violation on Old County Rd. North. He plans to meet with Mr. Pellerin during the week. He updated the Board on the home-based business on Perley Rd. who had been notified of a violation of parking more than one commercial vehicle at his residence. Mr. Landry plans to appeal to the ZBA for reversing Administrative Decision. Mr. Kunhardt requested an update on the site of the house fire on Pleasant Pond Road which John will follow up with a visit to the site and a letter to the Pattens. The contract for Michael Borden to fill in as Building Inspector if Mr. Kendall is not available was discussed.

Hopkinton mother of three needs assistance

The Hopkinton community is reaching out to help a family in need. Jenny Kravitz, the mother of three boys suffered a severe stroke last weekend. Jenny and her husband Scott require assistance right away. There are two ways you can help: Consider providing meals for the family via Meal Train at mealtrain.com/0128n8. Please contribute financially through Venmo at [Jesse-morrill-7](https://www.venmo.com/Jesse-morrill-7) or PayPal at jessemorrill7@gmail.com. Find more details at the Meal Train link.

Antrim's Grapevine awarded \$60,000 grant

Several area organizations were recipients of funding in 2020 through the N.H. Charitable Foundation. It has announced that two local organizations have been awarded funds through its Community Grants Program. The competitive program is open to nonprofits serving Granite Staters in the realms of health and well-being, education, environmental protection, civic engagement, economic development and arts and culture, according to a news release from the Concord-based organization. Area recipients were Peterborough Players (\$60,000); and The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center in Antrim (\$60,000).

Hillsboro-Deering School Budget calls for additional \$2million in taxes

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board held a Budget Hearing vis ZOOM on Tuesday evening. Although the \$24,659,061 Operating Budget reflects only a \$451,512, or 1.8% increase over the current \$24,207,549 budget, Hillsborough and Deering taxpayers will be asked to pay an additional \$2 million or 16% increase in local property taxes to fund it.

The dramatic increase is a result of several factors:

1. Last year's budget was partially funded by a one-time \$913,000 Covid Relief from the state that is not available this year.

2. State aid has been reduced by another \$450,000.

3. The Board has approved a \$451,512 increase in spending.

As a result, if the budget is approved as presented, taxpayers will have to make up that entire \$2 million.

Board members Rich Pelletier and Paul Plater object to the negative impact on property owners, but the budget was approved on a 3-2 vote.

Also approved by the same 3-2 margin were warrant articles funding of the following Expendable Trust Funds, from

any surplus remaining.

\$50,000 Heating & Air Conditioning

\$50,000 Special Education

\$10,000 Technology

\$10,000 Paving

\$10,000 Roofs

The Board is also asking voter approval to set aside 5% of any surplus into a special reserve fund.

Voters will have their say at the Deliberative Session on January 30th. See related story on page 12.



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Deering Library improvements are approved

Gary Samuels reported that the Deering Budget Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen have approved the library budget as submitted. The approved budget includes the additional \$1000 for building maintenance. Gary also presented a draft of an annual report for the library, which the Trustees approved with minor modifications. Gary will submit the Library Trustee's annual report to Town Administrator Russ McAllister this week. Betsy Holmes reported that she attended the Board of Selectmen meeting on December 17th, and presented our plan for the schoolhouse library. She reported that our proposed plan was favorable to the Board, which liked the idea of pursuing the Moose Plate Grant to pay for the proposed heating. Betsy will contact a plumber to get a quote on installing a propane stove and purchasing a stove and tank. Sue Thomas will contact Queen City Roofing, and also inquire about the chimney and truss work that is needed. The new sign for the library may be ready in February, to be installed in the spring. Gary suggested that the Trustees create a plan for use and development of the Schoolhouse building, so that all required items could be included in the grant request. Betsy suggested this be a key agenda item for the February meeting. The sidewalk from the Town Hall parking lot to the library building will be addressed in the future.



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Hopkinton schools stay on remote to Feb 1st

Recently the Hopkinton School Board decided to remain in a remote learning model through the end of January. This decision, based on the district matrix, was in response to the rising Covid numbers in the community and in the schools. At their next board meeting, they will determine what model will be adopted for the start of February.

Warner Winter Parking Ban in fact to May 1st

The Town of Warner's parking ban is in effect and states that no vehicle may be left on any street, road or highway in the Town of Warner between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 06:00 a.m., from November 1st until May 1st of each year. Any vehicle found to be in violation of this ban will be towed away at the owner's expense.

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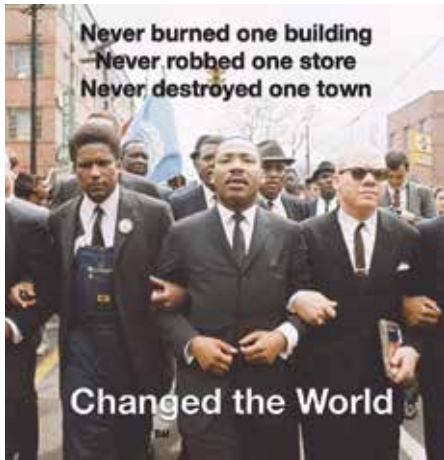
Antrim teen, indicted for father's murder, may invoke insanity defense

Joseph Beam, the 18-year-old Antrim man indicted in September on murder charges has filed a notice to plead "Not Guilty By Reason Of Insanity." Beam was indicted by the Hillsborough County Grand Jury for allegedly killing his father, Jason Beam.

Court records indicate that the younger Beam faces one count of first-degree murder for "physically assaulting" his father "multiple times with a hammer and knife" on November 1,

2019. In their notice of insanity defense, Beam's public defenders Hanna Kinne and Pamela Jones wrote, "Mr. Beam's demeanor and behavior on November 1, 2019 and the days and months beforehand suggest that Mr. Beam was suffering from a mental disease or defect

at the time he allegedly assaulted his father." "Joseph Beam may present a defense that the charged conduct was the product of a mental disease or defect," they concluded. A status conference has been scheduled in Superior court on January 21st.



Officials noticed a lot of people at the New Boston ice skating rink this past weekend, but it was reported that many people are not wearing face coverings. This cannot continue. We expect people to wear face coverings in the skating rink area when it's crowded and you cannot social distance consistently. If the lack of face coverings continues, we will close the rink temporarily, and possibly permanently.



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Publisher's Perspective



Hypocrisy Prevails

Perpetuating The Politics of Hate

Few people dispute that President Trump's pre-riot rhetoric crossed the line and was totally inappropriate. Neither is there any justification for the storming of the Capitol Building, and those who did should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. To the dismay of many Republicans and the delight of many Democrats, the Trump era is over. However, several FACTS need to be reviewed to keep recent events in context.

1. Let us remember that this era of the Politics of Hate escalated immediately after the election of Donald Trump in November 2016. The ink was barely dry on the ballots when Nancy Pelosi and House Democrats began calling for impeachment.

2. Thus began a four year attack on the integrity and legitimacy of the Trump Administration, instigated by Hillary Clinton and the Democratic National Committee, supported by the lies and perjury of the FBI.

3. The Democrats outrage over this riot raises even their level of Hypocrisy. Where was their condemnation of the "Peaceful Demonstrations" shown above that dominated our summer and fall?

4. Can anyone look me in the eye and state that the national media's coverage of the Trump Presidency has been fair and objective?

5. When President Trump banned travel to and from China at the outbreak of the

Covid-19 pandemic, Democrats denounced him as autocratic and over reacting, but when that tactic failed, they pivoted to charges that he wasn't doing enough.

6. Democrats denounce President Trump for separating illegal immigrant's children from their parents at the border, while conveniently forgetting that this policy, required by law, was established by Bill Clinton and followed by the Bush and Obama administrations without protest.

7. Democrats are outraged that the President would dare question election results while conveniently forgetting about Florida's "hanging chads" and Al Gore's challenges in 2010.

8. Now, with President Trump supporting a smooth, peaceful transition of power, a one time opportunity for cooler heads to prevail with softened rhetoric, Democrats, not just Biden, Pelosi and Schumr, but our own Shaheen, Hassan, Kuster and Papas, continue to pour gasoline on the fire by again calling for impeachment.

With the Biden administration taking over in just five days, you would think Democrats would be seeking common ground, healing and a reunification of our once glorious, but bitterly divided country. Instead, they continue to pursue their partisan political agenda, and promotion of the Politics of Hate & Division, at the expense of America's future.

Perhaps it is they who should be impeached.

Hubbard is Kearsarge High School December Student of the Month



Garrison Hubbard, a junior formerly of New London, was selected as the December 2020 student of the month at Kearsarge

Regional High School after being nominated by faculty for the honor. Since receiving the honor, Hubbard has moved out of district.

"Garrison is a wonderful student and proves himself to be a hard worker each and every day," said Abigail Gustafson,

NECC-KRHS partner lead teacher. "He brightens the day of anyone who is around him and always has a positive attitude. He is a phenomenal friend and teammate, and has made such an impact on the Kearsarge community."

Hubbard has been a part of the Kearsarge Basketball team for the past two years, and is known by his coaches and teammates for his sportsmanship and teamwork. He also enjoys skiing.

He has interned at the Upper Valley Humane Society, where he cared for shelter rabbits and cats, and helped maintain the cleanliness of the facility. He also visits Full Circle Farm weekly to participate in therapeutic horseback riding and learn how to care for the

horses. Hubbard additionally spends time at the farm caring for therapeutic donkeys and would walk them around the high school once weekly. He also enjoyed walking the school's therapy dogs down the hallway and teaching them new tricks.

"It's a pleasure to see Garrison recognized as December's student of the month, as his positivity, sportsmanship and overall kind nature have really shone during his time here at Kearsarge," Superintendent Feneberg said. "He is known among his peers, teachers and teammates for being a positive example and we're proud to honor him as December's student of the month."

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The Greenfield Fire Department responded to Woodland Hill Road for a chimney fire. Big thanks to the Department of Public Works for coming out and sanding the hill to ensure the apparatus could back out safely.

H-D Deliberative Session moves to Saturday

School District Moderator John Segedy met with the Hillsboro-Deering School Board to discuss the upcoming Deliberative Session. At Segedy's suggestion, the Board agreed to move the Session to a Saturday to encourage increased voter participation. Respecting Covid-19 precautions, this year's session will be held at the larger High School Gymnasium to allow for social distancing to be maintained. The meeting is now scheduled for January 30th at 9:00 a.m.

New Boston voters asked to support a solar power facility at the town's Transfer Station

Roger Dignard of the Solar Power: Energy Commission met with the New Boston Select Board to request a solar power installation at the Transfer Station. He reviewed a summary he prepared. He noted the Energy Commission has been working with Town Administrator Peter Flynn and Commission member Bill McFadden for street and town building lighting improvements along with a potential solar panel array to offset town building electric usage. Bill and Roger met with Transfer Station Manager Gerry Cornett and determined the facility is a perfect site for solar array install on sloping ground behind the facility. It is more cost effective to install directly on the ground than over the landfill cap. Zero dollars would be invested up front. Long term benefit and options are to buy out the array after the initial tax benefits and incentives have been taken by the investor financing party who would initially install it. This would be five to seven years for maximum incentives and benefits to the investors. After five to seven years the buyout will be approximately \$112,000. At that point, a short-term loan or bond could be taken out with a payment at the current electricity cost of approximately \$29,000 per year for cost neutrality and purchase would be complete within four to five years. The system has an approximately 35-40 year lifespan and the town could realize over 20 years of free electricity, saving at least \$29,000 per year. The Board unanimously approved placing a Warrant Article on the 2021 Warrant.

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Weare Select Board considering major communications upgrades

Lisa Benincasa, AT&T Principal Consultant and Phong Lam, AT&T Business Acquisition Sales Executive met with the Weare Select Board via Zoom to answer questions. The Board is looking for an accurate cost for our Police Department to switch to AT&T as their carrier. Town Administrator Bolton explained the Police have 16 Apple iPhones and 5 Mobile Data Terminals in their cruisers. Lisa Benincasa responded it is \$39.99/month for unlimited talk, text and data, with \$5.00 additional for hot spots. Push to Talk is initially \$2.00/month, phone to phone, with an additional \$5.00/month, for Land Mobile Radio, when the gateway is integrated, total at \$7.00/month.

Selectman Van asked what the time frame would be for just the phones. The answer is about a week. He also asked about dead spots to boost the AT&T signal, as Reservoir Drive has no cell service. Benincasa said to send the exact address of that location so their engineers can look into it. She stated small repeaters called HPUE;

high-powered modem-antennas can be placed in a vehicle at a cost of \$2500.00 to \$3000.00/vehicle. It is also possible to place the HPUE on a building. Town Administrator Bolton will email Lisa Benincasa with information; Chase Park, 347 Reservoir Drive to the intersection of Reservoir Drive/Thorndike Road to

John Connor Road and the Dam. Selectman Van asked Fire Chief Vezina if he would like to be included in the roll out with AT&T. Chief Vezina responded he would need to know the exact cost. Vice Chairman Hippler stated DPW Director Knapp's phone should be transitioned to AT&T as well.



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Peterborough Fire & Rescue crews practiced rescuing persons fallen through the ice with their ice rescue equipment. Cold water rescue suits are used to help crews work in cold water. It is important to train regularly to maintain a high level of proficiency.

H-D resumes classroom instruction Jan 19th

Acting on the recommendation of Superintendent Patricia Parenteau, the Hillsboro-Deering School Board has voted to resume the Hybrid In-School method of instruction beginning on Tuesday, January 19th. Parenteau reports that while Covid-19 infections remain high in Hillsborough County, town rates in Hillsborough, Deering and Windsor are currently running in the low category. Both the Superintendent and the Board caution that the situation could require another switch to full remote.

ConVal budget up 4.04% to \$50,298,177

The ConVal School Board is proposing a 2021-2022 operating budget of \$50,298,177, which is an increase of 4.04%. The budget contains Covid-19 related expenses, including: an option for K-8 students going remote, along with new staff positions dealing with students' mental, social, and emotional health. It also includes an expansion of the pre-kindergarten through a Preschool For All program, with \$144,000 in additional funding, half of what was originally planned for.

Hillsborough unions agree to new contracts

Hillsborough Town Administrator Laura Buono informed the Select Board that both the Town Employee and Police Unions have accepted their new 3-year collective bargaining agreements. The Police Union contract calls for a \$45,335 increase over the 3 years, while the Town Employee increase amounts to about \$48,576 over the same period.

SoClean issues its second round of layoffs

Peterborough's SoClean issued more layoffs as the company deals with lower call volumes and an overall downturn in business. SoClean CEO Bob Wilkins has reported that the company has laid off another group of employees but declined to give the number of employees. This layoff follows more than 20 employees who were let go in September. Wilkins would only say that the company is still trying to sort out the future, while trying to find new jobs for many of the laid-off staffers.



Contamination turned the stream lyme-green.

Weare Fire/ Rescue mitigates contamination

Just after noon on Friday, January 8, 2021, members of Weare Fire Rescue received a report of an unknown contaminant in a stream along North Stark Highway. Once on scene personnel observed a bright green substance in the stream. "It resembled the Chicago River on Saint Patrick's Day," said Fire Chief Robert Vezina. Further investigation traced the source back to a car wash establishment located on North Stark Highway and the chemicals used in the washing process. Mitigation efforts included isolating the source of the leak and containing the product that had settled along the stream's path. NH Department of Environmental Services, Department of Transportation, and the Weare Department of Public Works assisted Weare Fire Rescue.

Washington Library needs only \$37,000 more

The Shedd Free Library Trustees are excited to announce that the Town of Washington has an opportunity to purchase the 2.36 acre parcel of land immediately adjacent to the small lot on which the library sits. Town ownership of this beautiful parcel will provide numerous benefits to the Shedd Free Library and the Town: Additional parking next to the library which would eliminate crossing Main Street (Rt 31), Safer handicap accessibility, Ownership of the land on which the library septic exists providing ease of repair/upgrade, Preservation of Town Center aesthetics, Land for possible future library expansion. The purchase of this land is contingent on approval at Town Meeting in March 2021. The price is \$125,000 and the Trustees are hoping to raise half of this amount, \$62,500, to offset the amount needed to be raised through taxation. The Trustees have already committed \$25,000 from previous donations thus our fundraising goal is \$37,500. Please help bring this purchase to a reality by pledging a donation now and voting for the article at Town Meeting. Thank you!

New Boston Deliberative Session in the gym

Plans for Deliberative Session reviewed with Town Moderator, Town Clerks Office, Health Officer, Highway Department and the SAU. All agreed that by utilizing the safe recommendations by the State such as distancing, sanitizing microphones and check-in tables along with utilizing the ENTIRE GYM with spacing done as prescribed. The main purpose of planning a live meeting is that voters must be checked in and deemed as legal participants in order to vote on the presented articles, especially the amendments if any.

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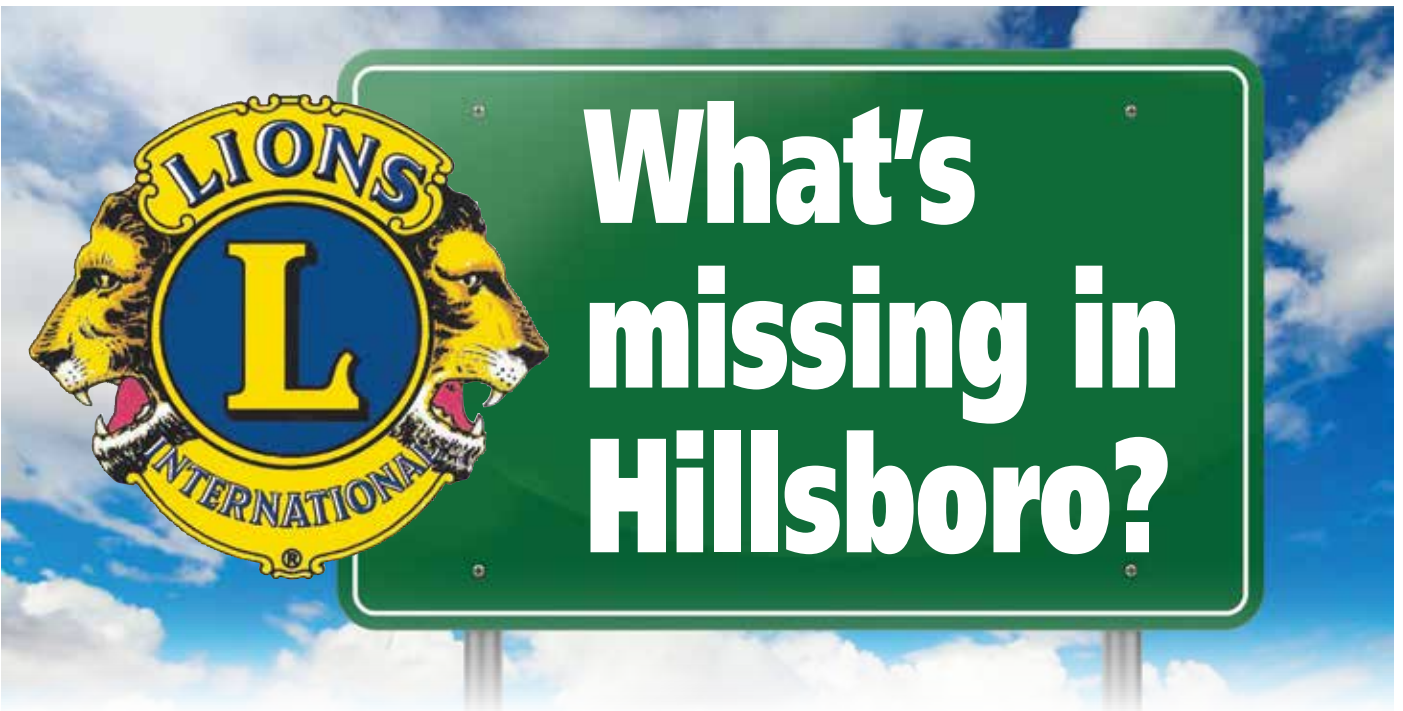
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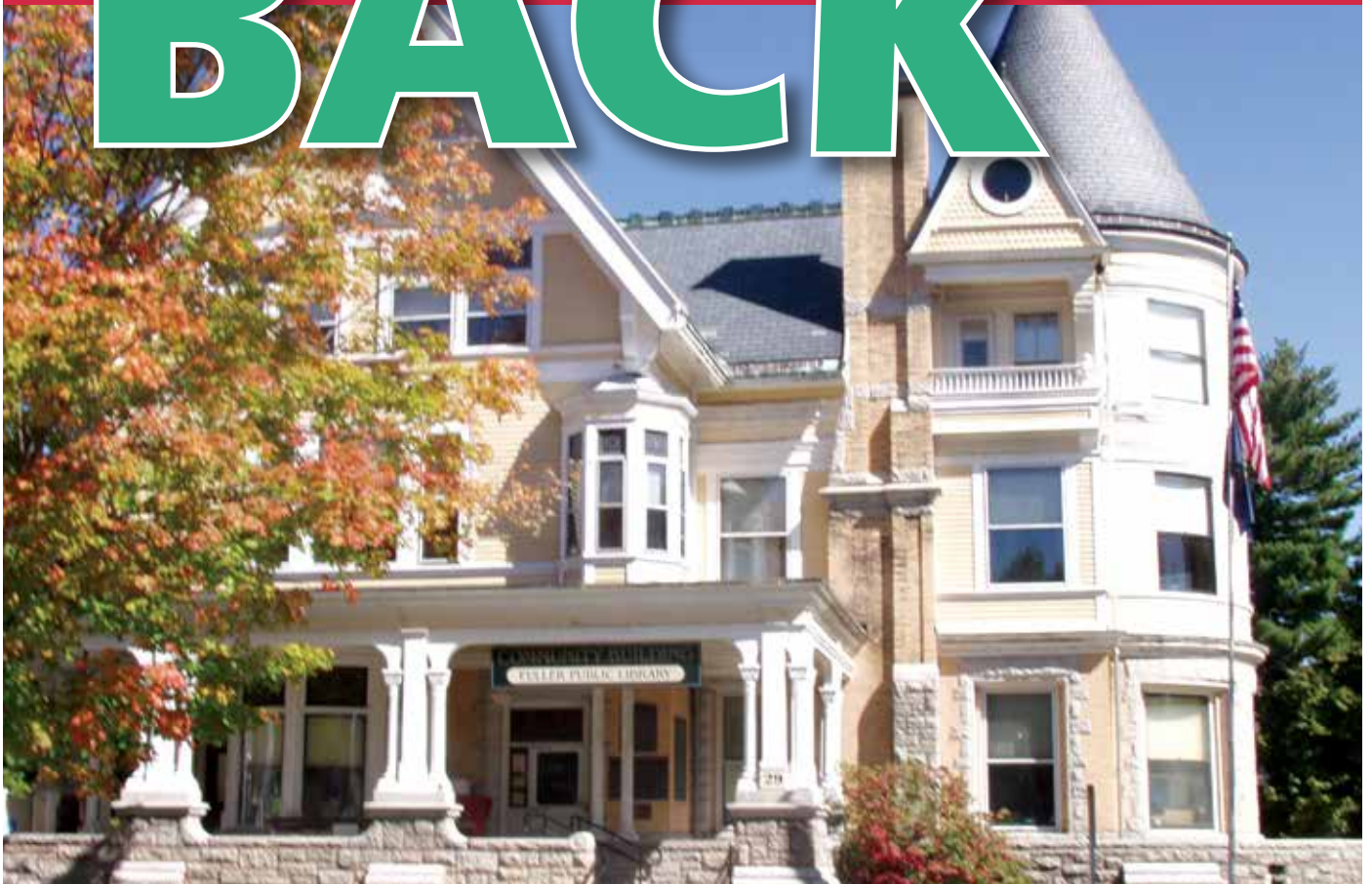
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Mrs. Bodine

SAU #24 students making Dutch Pancakes

Mrs. Bodine stopped by the SAU #24 office recently to pick up some art supplies for her Learn at Home students. Mrs. Bodine teaches art, music, and Family and Consumer Science (FACs) to SAU 24 Learn at Home students in grades 1-5. Originally from the Netherlands, she shared her lesson for Pannekoeken (Dutch Pancakes) with us. Yummy! <https://youtube/pGbc2mcXYZM>

Pannekoeken (Dutch pancakes) Makes 4 large pancakes: 2 eggs, 1 cup flour, 1 cup milk, pinch of baking powder, 1/4 tsp. vanilla extract, salt (if desired). Combine flour and baking powder in a large bowl. Mix with whisk. Add eggs (after breaking them, one at a time, in a smaller bowl).

Mix with whisk and add a small amount of milk as you go to get lumps out. Finish adding all the milk and add vanilla. Heat large frying pan and add small amount of butter; melt. Ladle out enough batter to coat the pan with a thin layer of batter. Flip pancake with a turner and lightly brown the other side. Place on a large plate with a small saucer turned up-side-down. Cover with a large lid to keep warm. Continue cooking until all batter is used up. Serve one pancake at a time; putting syrup in a thin layer in the middle and rolling back up. Cut off one small slice and eat; continue until pancake is finished.

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The Deliberative Session is the first voting session of the School District Meeting process as defined under SB 2. It is conducted for discussion and possible amendment of warrant articles, which will then be put on the official ballot for a vote at the second session, Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

Hillsboro-Deering School Board

NH Fire Marshal releases names of Henniker fire victims

New Hampshire State Fire Marshal Paul J. Parisi, Henniker Fire Chief Jim Morse, and Henniker Police Chief Matt French announced that the two victims of the fire at 41 Ryan Road on November 9, 2020, have been identified and the cause and manner of their deaths has been released by the NH Medical Examiner's Office.

The NH Medical Examiner's Office has identified the victims as 41-year-old Amy Chapman, and a second female victim under the age of five (5). The cause of their deaths was Inhalational Injury (smoke inhalation) and the manner of their deaths was Accidental.

The exact cause and circumstances surrounding the fire remains under investigation.

State Fire Marshal Parisi wants to remind everyone to maintain working smoke alarms in their homes and keep exits clear of debris. Please remember that a candle is an open flame, which can easily ignite anything that can burn. Please consider flameless which can look and smell like real candles. If you have any questions about fire safety in your homes

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Nutrition and supplies

Seek advice from your veterinarian on the pet nutrition that would be best for your pet. Obesity in pets is a growing concern and proper feeding can keep your pet at an ideal weight that supports overall health. Ask if store-brand and generic supplies may be a good option, as these come at a fraction of the cost of name brands. Additionally, consider monthly subscriptions with



home delivery or curbside pickup that are convenient plus may provide discounts that can help you save.

Planned and unexpected veterinary care

A relationship with a veterinarian is essential to your pet's health through every stage of life. There are simple, budget-friendly solutions families can use to build a financial safety net for both routine planned care as well as unexpected illness or injury:

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Wellness plans: Many veterinarians offer wellness plans that cover certain types of care for a monthly fee. Ask your veterinarian about suggestions for your pet's unique needs and available options that fit within your budget.

Physical and mental care

Many pets require grooming, boarding, training and day care to stay physically and mentally well. If your pet has these needs, ask your friends with pets who they recommend and look at reviews of local service providers online. Many offer packages to help make care accessible. You can also shop around to try to stay within a certain price point.

"Pets provide a lifetime of love and they look to us to provide a lifetime of care," says Larsen. "These simple steps will help you save money while providing your pet with everything they need." (BPT)

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Bruce Nazer

DEERING - Bruce M. Nazer, age 60 of Deering, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family, on January 1, 2021. He was born in Peterborough on March 5, 1960, the son of George and Alida (Alves) Nazer. In addition to his loving wife, Kathy Nazer of Deering, Bruce is survived by a son, Jesse Nazer of Guilford, VT, a daughter, Sadie Gabris of Weare, NH, three grandchildren, two brothers, George Nazer Jr of Gilmanton, NH and Larry Nazer of Deering, NH, a sister, Lynne LaSalle of Peterborough, NH and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by a sister, Kerry Nazer, who died in 2014. Burial and a graveside service will take place in the spring at St. Charles Cemetery in Hillsborough. A celebration of Bruce's life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bruce's name to: the NH Audubon at <https://www.nhaidubon.org/donate/make-a-donation/>



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Paul Kelly

ANTRIM - Paul chose January 7, 2021 to be the day to join daughter Katie Kelly Descheneau, who predeceased him in 2018 and his 3 older brothers Louis, Peter and Phil who are waiting for their baby brother to join them in a heavenly game of golf. Paul was born on April 24, 1946 in North Conway, NH to Maurice E. Kelly and Doris Gates that predeceased him. Paul is survived by his wife of almost 54 years Beth, son Craig (Hannah) Kelly parents of Paul II and Paige, daughter Paula (Justin) parents of Owen, Zack, Gavin and Quinn, son Ryan and son-in-law Jeremy Descheneau father of Wyatt and Ryder. All services will be private and held at a later date. Because the Kelly Family has been in the meat business for so many years donations in Paul's memory would be appreciated at The Hillsboro Food Pantry in Hillsboro, NH



or The Grapevine Family and Community Resource Center in Antrim, NH.

Virginia "Ginger" G. Esenwine

WEARE - Virginia "Ginger" G. Esenwine (Johnson) passed away at the Hillsborough County Nursing Home on Thursday December 31, 2020. Born on April 19, 1932 in Lowell, MA she is the daughter of Fred and Agnes Johnson. Beloved wife of Forrest H. Esenwine. She was most proud of her only child, Matt Forrest Esenwine, a nationally-known author of children's literature. She is loved and missed by her husband Forrest; her beloved son Matt and his caring wife Jennifer; grandchildren Lauren, Katherine, Greyson, and Phoebe; her sister Judy Gadbois and her husband Don of N. Chelmsford, MA; Linda Cooper and her partner Rob Gibson of Steuben, ME; Mary Johnson-Lally and her husband Robert of Tyngsboro, MA; brother Paul Johnson and his wife Maureen



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of Cochiti Lake, NM; and many loving nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her brother Edward "Chuck" Johnson of Steuben, ME and Ronald Johnson of Lowell, MA. A graveside service will take place in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, Virginia's family requests that you consider making a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project or your local ASPCA chapter.

Robert A. Waters

CONCORD - Robert "Bob" Waters, 84 of Concord, NH was called by the angels

on January 4, 2021. Bob was born on January 27, 1936 in Hanover, NH to Arlene (Gerry) Waters and Albert Waters. Bob is survived by his loving wife, Diane Waters of 50 years and his 6 children; his daughters Robin Waters and her fiancé Michael Johnson of Lake City, Florida, Tammy Gionet and her partner Patrick Sullivan of Groton, NH, Cathy Tramontozzi and her husband James of Deering, NH,



Tammy Buker and her husband Robert of Hillsborough, NH; his sons Albert Waters and his wife Linda of Lake City Florida, and Donald Fales, Jr. and his wife Rachel of Antrim, NH. Bob is survived by his sibling Shirley Waters of Lebanon, Ohio. He is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Bob Leaves us to join his daughter Terri, his parents, and his four siblings Judy, Mary, Pat & Peter, and his grandson Jesse. Bob lived in Hillsborough, NH for many decades before moving with his wife to Concord in 2018. There will be no calling hours. A graveside service will be held in the spring, in Harvey Memorial Cemetery in Hillsboro, NH.

Eleanor Blair Finlayson

PETERBOROUGH - Eleanor M. Blair Finlayson passed away peacefully on Jan 7, 2021 at Pheasant Wood Nursing Home in Peterborough, NH. Eleanor was born July 22, 1919 to Harold and Cora (Rogers) Whipple, in a farmhouse, in Ledyard, CT. For close to 20 years she lived in Hillsboro NH in

the summer and Hernando FL in the winter with her partner John Hollis of 30 years who predeceased her by just 2 months. Eleanor was predeceased by her husband Clayton E. Blair, ex husband Robert Finlayson, son Gary E. Blair, sisters Hazel Perkins and Lois Robinson. Survivors include her daughters Mavis Vigorito of Dracut, MA and Erla Youknot of Windsor, VT, her daughter-in-law Kate Blair of Southport, NC, her sis M. Jean Williamson of West Yarmouth, MA; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and a great great grandchild. Service will be held at the convenience of the family.



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VIRTUAL ADULT PAINT NIGHT: sponsored by Fuller Public Library. Our instructor Erin will create a video that we will post on our website so you can paint whenever you have the time. We will have a limited number of paint kits available for a minimal fee, or you can use your own supplies. Call the library to register, 464-3595.

SATURDAY JANUARY 23

ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT: The Elkins Fish & Game Club is holding their 7th Annual Fishing Down Under charity ice fishing tournament on Saturday, January 23, 2021 on Kezar Lake in North Sutton. All proceeds from this event will be donated to local people in financial difficulty. Prizes will be given for the longest Perch, longest Pickerel and longest "other" fish caught. Full

details and tournament rules can be found on the club web site: elkinsfishandgame.net

TUESDAY JANUARY 26

TAX HELP: Fuller Public Library welcomes back IRS certified tax preparer Larry Schwartz! Larry will prepare taxes for families, with incomes less than \$65,000 a year, for free. Appointments are available Tuesdays from Jan. 26-April 13, 3-6pm. Call the library at 464-3595 to make an appointment, they fill up quickly.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5

FIRST FRIDAYS: "Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass" with the Art Café at Bar Harbor Bank & Trust; The Photography Café at The New London Inn; John and Vicki Koron at Blue Loon Bakery; All on Main Street, and Mary Borowski and Jill Hacking at Tatewell Gallery on Newport Road -ALL Exhibits Open during regular business hours! Grab your favorite Beverage and Enjoy the Art.

FRIDAY MARCH 5

FIRST FRIDAYS: Virtual Winter Dance Performance. Time TBD. An evening of new works by Kearsarge Conservatory of the Performing Arts. Get the link at www.cfanh.org.

FRIDAY APRIL 2

FIRST FRIDAYS: Poetry Night! "Native American Beauty is Diversity" – Time TBD. FREE Guest Poets and Readings by this year's contest winners - In collaboration with the Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum. A Sign Language Interpreted Event - Newbury Town Hall Community Room.

FRIDAY MAY 7:

FIRST FRIDAYS: Gallery Opening Receptions! 5:30-7:30 FREE "Safe" Opening Receptions for New Exhibits – Dan Brenton at The New London Inn, Anna Marie Ash at Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Gwen Nagel at Blue Loon Bakery, Whipple Hall TBD on Main Street, and Tatewell Gallery and New London Hospital on Newport Road! "Eat, Sip, Stroll, and Enjoy the Art!" ALL Exhibits Open during regular business hours.



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HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

FILING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

Persons interested in being a candidate for the following school district offices may file for these positions starting on January 20, 2021. The deadline for filing is 4:30 pm on January 29, 2021. Persons wishing to file should contact the Superintendent of School’s office at 464-4466.

- 2 School Board Members—3 year terms At Large seats
- 1 School District Moderator—1 year term

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

FILING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

Persons interested in being a candidate for the following school district offices may file for these positions starting on January 20, 2021. The deadline for filing is 5:00pm on January 29, 2021. Persons wishing to file should contact the Town Clerk, Meghan Robicheau at the Washington Town Office, 495-3667 (Thursday 1:00-7:00pm, Friday 9:00am-3:00pm).

- 2 School Board Members - 3 year term
- 1 School District Moderator - 1 year term
- 1 School District Clerk - 1 year term
- 1 School District Treasurer - 1 year term

WARRANT ARTICLES

Persons wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2021 Washington School District Warrant must submit such warrants to the School Board, or one of its members, no later than February 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Persons wishing additional information may contact the Superintendent of School’s office at 464-4466.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
WINDSOR SCHOOL DISTRICT**

FILING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

Persons interested in being a candidate for the following school district offices may file for these positions starting on January 20, 2021. The deadline for filing is 5:00pm on January 29, 2021. Persons wishing to file should contact Cindy Stosse, 478-3115.

- 1 School Board Member—3 year term
- 1 School District Treasurer—1 year term
- 1 School District Moderator—1 year term
- 1 School District Clerk—1 year term
- 1 School District Auditor—1 year term

WARRANT ARTICLES

Persons wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2021 Windsor School District Warrant must submit such warrants to the School Board, or one of its members, no later than February 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Persons wishing additional information may contact the Superintendent of School’s office at 464-4466.

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