# "Your Local Weekly Since 1869 A Tradition Worth Keeping" Free ◆ Our 152nd Year ◆ Issue 4 ◆ January 22, 2021

#### **New Peterborough officer**

Peterborough Police Officer Jesse Byam

has completed his field training. He joins the Department with 4 years of Full-Time experience from the New Boston Police Department. He



completed his field training with Master Patrolman Sweeney and Sqt. Xenakis.

#### N.H. Retailer of the Year

The Toadstool Bookshops, with locations in Keene, Peterborough, and Nashua,

have been named the NH Retail Association's 2021 NH Retailer of the Year. Owners Holly and Willard Williams



accepted their awards last week.

#### This Week In History

**January 23, 1870** 

US Army carries out Marias Massacre

#### **JANUARY 24, 1865**

Confederate Congress resumes prisoner exchanges

#### JANUARY 25, 1942

Thailand declares war on the U.S.

#### **JANUARY 26, 1863**

Joseph Hooker takes over Army of the Potomac

#### **JANUARY 27, 1791**

Excise tax sparks Whiskey Rebellion

#### **JANUARY 28, 1945**

Burma Road is reopened

#### **JANUARY 29, 2002**

President George Bush names the "Axis Of Evil"

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# Is remote learning working?

#### ConVal examining claims of teachers reducing class time

ConVal School District officials are investigating claims by some elementary school parents that their students aren't getting enough live, teacher-led instruction during remote learning sessions. These concerns were first aired in responses to a survey issued to elementary school parents before the holiday break. Assistant Superintendent Ann Forrest reported that 51% responded and that although 82.7% felt there was "just enough" live teacher-led instruction, 37% said their child was getting not enough live

instruction. School Board member Rob Short, an elementary school parent himself, reported examples where his children were let out of class after 15 minutes, despite the live classes being scheduled for longer. Forrest responded saying the survey results prompted the administration to confirm that teachers were following the district's guidelines. Superintendent Rizzo Saunders confirmed that administrators are looking into the claim that some classes weren't lasting as long as they were supposed to.

#### Bennington woman faces multiple charges after chase

Angela Elliott, 33, of Bennington, was



arrested on charges she stole a van, crashed into a mobile home and led police on a chase before being stopped by tire-deflation devices in Keene. Troopers responded to a report of a van stolen out of Chester-

field. State Police, along with Chesterfield and Keene police located the vehicle, but when they attempted to stop it, it "quickly accelerated away at a high rate of speed." The van, during which the operator drove aggressively and recklessly, was crossing into oncoming traffic, driving off the roadway, and at one point colliding with a mobile home that was being transported. The van was stopped at the intersection of Route 9 and Route 101 in Keene after road spikes were deployed. Elliott was arrested on charges of theft by unauthorized taking, reckless conduct with a deadly weapon and disobeying an officer. She refused bail and is being held in Cheshire County Superior Court on Friday.



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#### 1,100 feet of Contoocook River shoreline preserved in Hopkinton

Valuable farm land and 1,100 feet of shoreline on the Contoocook River have been permanently conserved through the dedicated efforts of the former property owners and the Town of Hopkinton.

When Chip and Cathy Chesley decided to sell their land several years ago, they asked Hopkinton's Open Space Committee to consider buying a 5.7-acre parcel of prime farmland and forested shoreland upstream from Tyler Bridge. Travelers on Penacook Road have long enjoyed the scenic view across the property's field to the Contoocook River and the corn fields of Bohanan Farm across the river. The recent purchase helps achieve Hopkinton's Master Plan goal of permanently preserving prime farmland and undeveloped river frontage.

The property will be called Tyler Landing Town Forest, a reference to the ferry that shuttled travelers across the Contoocook River from this property in the late 18th and early 19th centuries before a bridge was built.

The Conservation Commission intends to establish a hiking trail along the river as well as a hand-carry boat launch, giving the community recreational access to the river.

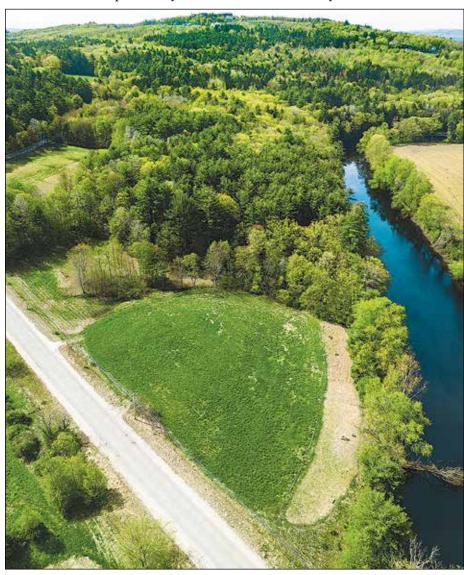
In addition to recreational uses, the field along Penacook Road will continue to be farmed by the neighboring Contoocook Creamery at Bohanan Farm, and two refugee families will continue to maintain garden plots on the property.

In addition to its agricultural, scenic

#### **More Lions Food Basket Money**

With Tuesday's arrival of holiday delayed mail, the Hillsboro Lions received donations from Jane Dutton and Steve Ellis, bringing this year's total to \$3,010. Again, thanks to all who gave.

and recreational value, the conserved shoreline helps protect the water quality downstream at Concord's Riverhill water intake, one of the sources of water for Concord's municipal water system. The purchase was jointly funded by a grant from the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund and funding from the Hopkinton Conservation Commission's forestry account.





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# REGULAR DENTAL VISITS MAY



That twice-yearly trip to the dentist could do more than keep teeth and gums healthy: It may decrease the risk of pneumonia by reducing the amount of bacteria in the mouth, suggests

Nearly one million Americans become ill with the infection every year and 50,000 die. While it is more common among older people and those with conditions such as AIDS or lung disease, anyone can develop pneumonia. Based on an analysis

of a national database of more than 26,000 people, the new research found that people who never get dental checkups had a much greater risk of pneumonia than those who visit the dentist twice a year.

Researchers analyzed data obtained from the 2013 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, which asks about healthcare utilization (including dental care), costs and patient satisfaction. They found 441 of 26,246 people in the database had bacterial pneumonia (1.68 percent) and that those who never had dental checkups had an 86 percent increased risk of pneumonia compared to those who had twice-yearly appointments.

The body contains 10 times as many microbes (bacteria, fungi and viruses) as human cells on or in the body, from the skin to the gastrointestinal system (including the mouth). Some microbes are good and some are bad, but even bad microbes only cause disease under certain circumstances. In some cases, bacteria can be accidentally inhaled or aspirated into the lungs and cause pneumonia. Bacteria that commonly cause pneumonia include streptococcus, haemophilus, staphylococcus, and anaerobic bacteria. Routine dental visits may reduce the amount of bacteria that can be aspirated.

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An increasing number of Americans are using opioids to treat their migraine headaches, despite the fact that opioids are not the recommended first-line therapy for migraine in most cases. That's according to the Obser-Vational Survey of the Epidemiology, tReatment and Care Of MigrainE (OVERCOME) study, a web-based patient survey of people living with migraine. Clinical guidelines from the American Headache Society encour-

age the use of triptans, a class of drugs introduced in the 1990s that stop about 75 percent of headaches within an hour and half, and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as aspirin and ibuprofen as firstline treatment for migraine headaches in most cases. The use of opioids as treatment for migraine headaches is typically reserved for patients in whom the use of triptans or NSAIDS is contraindicated.

According to a new study published in JAMA Ophthalmology, among adults aged 40 years or older, higher serum cholesterol levels were associated with higher risk of Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma while 5 or more years of statin use compared with never use of statins was associated with a lower risk of POAG.

According to research from Mayo Clinic, more than 20% of adult diabetes patients in the U.S. are likely treated too intensively. This has caused thousands of potentially preventable emergency department visits and hospitalizations for hypoglycemia (low blood sugar). The team showed that overly intensive glucose-lowering therapy—when patients receive more medication than is required based on their hemoglobin A1C level—was common across the U.S., and directly contributed to 4,774 hospitalizations and 4,804 emergency department visits in a two-year period. Their findings were published in Mayo Clinic Proceedings.

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#### January 24, 2020

Hopkinton Select Board & Rescue Squad at impasse New Boston voters asked to support \$2.9 million Fire Station Warner Select Board adopts 2010 ATV Agreement Deering Police Chief James Pushee retires

#### January 25, 2019

HP Fairfield purchases Hopkinton facility Eight towns provide mutual aid for Weare fire Henniker Select Board cuts \$48,516 from budget Hillsborough sewer & water fees up \$90-\$120/quarter

#### January 26, 2018

Weare Selectmen accused of padding the default budget Hopkinton Board withdraws \$30 million school bond Andover Selectmen seek expanded Comcast cable service Belmont man sent to prison for 41 months

#### January 27, 2017

Newport Board approves \$500,00 Senior Center grant Chichester Forest Fire Warden Steve Stock retiring Armed robbery at Belmont's Penguin Market New London named a "HeartSafe Community"

#### January 22, 2016

Bomb threat at Sunapee Middle/High School Silver named New Boston's Planning Coordinator Henniker Police Chief to Washington Newbury seeks \$4 million for new Police and Fire Stations

#### January 23, 2015

Goffstown voters to decide form of government Henniker Selectmen & School Board at odds Vehicle break-ins in Bow and Goffstown Four survive Bradford house fire

#### January 24, 2014

Goshen Board welcomes Mount Sunapee expansion Newport Police & AG investigation nets nine drug arrests New London exploring alternatives to hosting Dispatch Center Weare Selectmen continue to rebuild Police Department

#### January 25, 2013

Heidi Welch one of four National Finalists ConVal Board won't support closing Great Brook School Sunapee firefighters save Bly Machine Co. Newport man arrested for sale of drugs

#### January 27, 2012

Remillard retires Heart attack claims life of Rev. Peggi Boyce Antrim man arrested for hashish possession Newport's coaching position on hold

#### **January 28, 2011**

Virginia Irwin named Newport Superintendent Warner home invader has been identified Hopkinton to revisit pay-by-bag program \$206,447 for Newbury's Veterans' Hall

#### Henniker fire victim remains in intensive care at Boston Hospital

Fire Chief Jim Morse reports that a man was flown to a Boston hospital after being seriously burned in an apartment fire at 706 Western Avenue in Henniker early Sunday morning.

The man had alerted two people inside the main home and all three had left the building when firefighters arrived just after 1 a.m. Morse said that "The apartment part of the building was fully involved when firefighters arrived, and had heavy flames showing."

The man suffered burns to his hands, head and back and was first taken to Concord Hospital before being airlifted to Boston where he was admitted to the intensive care unit.

The fire had spread to the second floor of the main home, built in about 1815, and it took about an hour to knock down the blaze, with firefighters remaining on scene for several hours.

Morse praised the work of his firefighters, saying, "It was an excellent stop by the crews."

Several large trees in the front yard made it difficult to position the multiple ladder trucks required to access the rear of



Hopkinton crews assisted Henniker over the weekend at this 2-alarm structure fire on Western Ave.

the home. The fire burned through the roof in the apartment while the main home has mainly smoke and water damage, making both units uninhabitable. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Firefighters from Hillsborough, Hopkinton, Bradford, Warner, Weare, Concord and Bow assisted.



#### WHY LANDLORDS SHOULD WANT TO WORK WITH AGENTS—PART I



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Keeping vacancies open is expensive for landlords. Landlords want qualified applicants to fill their vacancies. A real estate agent with a screening process will be able to decide if an applicant is a good fit for a property before the application process begins. A real estate agent can call the landlord after a client submits an application

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Tanner Bell (L) a 4th-grade student from Center Woods Upper Elementary School, and Kaitlyn Osborne (R) a 6th-grade student at the Weare Middle School recently won their respective school's spelling bee. This year's school bee was held via Zoom. The school bee is the first step in the Scripts National Spelling Bee. The purpose of the Scripts Spelling Bee is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives.

#### Greenfield ambulance jumps up to \$102,895

The Chair welcomed Wilton Ambulance and Town of Wilton staff to the Greenfield Select Board meeting. Wilton Selectperson Kellie Sue Boissonnault provided introductory remarks followed by an introduction of Sherry Miller, the Ambulance Director. Following the introduction, Selectperson Kellie Sue Boissonnault provided an overview of the Wilton budget, the Wilton budget process, an outline of how the Wilton Budget Advisory Committee works, and an update regarding a new billing agency that has been hired to manage the billing for the ambulance program. Billed revenue in the ambulance program for 2020 is approximately \$325,000. Collected revenue in 2020 is approximately 65% of that number, or \$215,000 to date for the year. The projections for the budget were adjusted with the collected revenue and a new annual figure was calculated. As a result Greenfield's share of the Wilton Ambulance program fees is \$102,895 for 2021 compared to \$57,800 in 2020. The number of calls in Greenfield has dropped significantly from when Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center was running a hospital.

#### New Hancock Chief seeks department upgrades

Police Chief Horne informed the Hancock Select Board that it needs to take a serious look at IT requirements for the Police Department, which will require some additional equipment, to be purchased with funds from the Police Equipment Fund. The Chief has coordinated with a vendor to evaluate requirements. Instead of re-keying the Police Department Horne would like to install a key fob system for which he is awaiting a quote. To replace the Ford Crown Victoria cruiser Horne is looking at either a Dodge Durango or a Chevy Tahoe, pursuit rated, as opposed to a Ford, because there have been some reported issues with the Ford. The costs are \$36,900 for Tahoe, \$35,700 for Durango, with outfitting to be about \$15,000. This vehicle will replace the Crown Victoria and Ford Explorer; department will go to two vehicles.

## Hillsborough Police, Fire & Rescue respond to two accidents

On January 13th, the Hillsboro Police Department responded to a two car motor vehicle accident on West Main Street near Red Coat Realty.

Investigation into the crash revealed that a 2006 Jeep Liberty operated by Jeannette Brissette, age 75 of Deering, rear-ended a 2014 Subaru Outback operated by Barbara Druid, age 63 of Washington. Both vehicles sustained moderate damage and had to be towed from the scene. There were no inju-

ANY INDAY

Work has begun on the Red Fox Crossing Bridge at Emerald Lake with completion in March.

ries reported due to the accident.

On January 17th, the Hillsboro Police Department responded to a two car motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Route 9 and West Main Street.

A 2013 Chevrolet Silverado operated by Faustin Correa, age 61 of Williamsburg, MA pulled out of West Main Street attempting to take a left hand turn to travel West on Route 9 and failed to see a 2015 GMC pickup operated by Jacob Niquette, age 26 of Manchester, NH, which was travelling East on Route 9 at the time of the accident.

Both vehicles sustained major damage and had to be towed from the scene. There were no injuries.



Neither driver was injured in this rear-ender, but crews had a difficult time separating the vehicles.



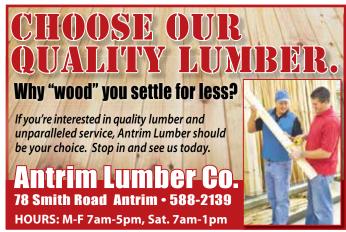




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Jack Lapointe and Zach Arlen, members of Miss Dugrenier's 3rd-grade class at the Henniker Community School ventured outside for Social Studies and to get some fresh air. They read in pairs, socially distanced, and learned about currency and supply and demand. Great learning in the great outdoors. Tracy Rousseau photo.

#### **Greenfield buys a new Public Works Truck**

The Greenfield Select Board discussed the Department of Public Works' pick-up truck that was diagnosed by Hillsboro Ford with a failed piston. The cost to repair, rebuild, or, install a new motor ranges from \$8500 to \$9500. The vehicle is a 2011 model with 122,000 miles and significant body deterioration. The conclusion is that the truck has reached its end-of-life and the town and the dealership are reviewing whether this is a manufacturer's issue. The primary difference between the State Bid specification and the F350 found in Hillsborough is in the larger engine, bigger rear differential, towing package and larger alternator, which are items that are a benefit given the commercial grade work that is performed in town. The Board reached consensus that the time frame is too long a wait to procure a new vehicle and to purchase a 2021 SRW F350 (in Agate Black) from Hillsborough Ford with end of year funds.

#### ConVal has returned to in-person learning

The ConVal School Board, on the recommendation of the District's COVID-19 Monitoring Team, unanimously voted to move the District back to the green phase of their COVID-19 Reopening Plan, which permits winter sports to resume and allowed students to return to school in-person on January 19th. Board Chair Rich Cahoon cautioned that the District could not sustain its green, in-person status unless all community members follow public health advice.

#### **Town of Weare finalizing Warrant Articles**

Weare Town Administrator Naomi Bolton informed the Select Board is still waiting on the Planning Board finalizing on their Warrant Articles. The Articles have been written with the intention of transparency and consistency from wording in prior years. Non-union raises at \$59,953.00, two additional EMS staff, PARC raises, Building Inspector, Fire equipment. Police cruiser states \$61,000.00 to purchase one fully equipped front line cruiser, DPW 10 Wheeler for the purpose of replacing an existing plow truck, Trash trailer at \$115,000.00 to replace existing trailer. Bridge reconstruction is \$25,000.00, Road reconstruction is \$525,000.00 with the anticipated amount coming from the State at \$276,150.00 leaves an estimated remaining balance of \$248,850.00 to be raised by taxation. Government building \$20,000.00 funding for unanticipated failures to aging infrastructures. Last three are per usual except Conservation expenditure is at \$140,000.00 instead of \$150,000.00 withdrawn from the Town Forest Account. Estimated tax impact is noted.

#### Henniker Committee's plan for flat tax rate \$1,309,500 for Capital Improvements

During Tuesday's meeting Henniker's Capital Improvements Committee presented its comprehensive 187-page report to the Henniker Select Board, classifying projects according to the urgency, need for realization, recommended sequencing of funding and timeline of estimated expenditures, costs and yearly tax impact comparison. The plan was unanimously approved by the Henniker Planning Board on January 13, 2021.

Tia Hooper, Vice Chair of the Henniker Select Board, who also chairs the CIP committee, presented the plan and explained that the CIP is a "valuable part of the community planning process. The capital improvement program links local infrastructure investments with community priorities, goals, and economic development. It also bridges the gap between planning and spending, between visions of the future and the fiscal realities of improving and expanding community facilities. It's a plan for the distribution of capital costs and it is a means of avoiding the unpleasant large fluctuations that we have seen within the Henniker tax rate and it also avoids bonding." The committee also noted that the committee reviewed the funds appropriated at 2020 town meeting and found

some funds were "Inadequately funded" to accomplish that purpose. To properly fund each the committee is recommending \$1,309,500 be allocated to the following Capital Reserve Funds and projects:

- 1. \$50,000 Fire Department
- 2. \$70,000 Ambulance (\$60K from Surplus)
- 3. \$150,000 Highway
- 4. \$2,500 Parks & Recreation
- 5. \$10,000 Police Department
- 6. \$100,000 New Police Station
- 7. \$20,000 Town Buildings
- 8. \$125,000 Technology
- 9. \$750,000 Road Maintenance
- 10. \$25,000 Revaluation
- 11. \$10,000 Bridge Repair

The total CIP for FY 2021 would add \$2.78 to the tax rate, this does not include revenues that would also be used to offset expenditures that are included in the plan.

The CIP plan presented shows a steady almost flat rate for more than 10 years. Without the plan the tax rate could fluctuate \$2-\$8 dollars for the anticipated expenditures needed in the near future.

Bill Marko, Vice Chair of the Henniker Planning Board and committee member added that, "the flat tax rate coming from the CIP Plan, by applying these efforts we have a fairly flat tax rate and that is plannable, people and businesses can plan on that as they look forward....There are a lot of reasons to adhere to this plan. Maybe the board has learned from the mistake of last year when you didn't fund the highway capital reserve fund, now we have to place it on a warrant article and see if it passes. A lot of study and thought has gone into this for the benefit of all of us." The Board of Selectmen will begin deliberating the full municipal budget January 29, 2021.



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#### **Something To Ponder:**

#### By George Carlin

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character,

steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember to spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind. And always remember, life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by those moments that take our breath away.

- George Carlin



### **Letters to the Editor**

#### Dear Editor,

Since my election to the NH State Legislature in Hillsborough County District 38, I have had the honor of communicating directly to my constituents on many different topics. A citizen recently asked me about my thoughts regarding the January 6, 2021 proposed floor amendment from Representative Cushing, Hampton, NH to allow introduction of a bill to clarify that hate speech is not appropriate conduct for elected officials by adding hate speech, harassment and other behaviors to the list of legislative ethics violations.

I agree that hateful messages should not be condoned and that any disparaging comments posted by people across the state, regardless of political party, are counter to Granite State values. I do not, however, believe that the solution is more regulations and resolutions.



## Letters to the Editor cont.

The Constitutions of New Hampshire (article 22) and the United States (1st Amendment) both protect the freedom of speech for all citizens. I disagree with the many people and corporations trying to hinder free speech from their own perspectives.

New Hampshire already has laws that address freedom of speech issues when words and actions are hateful, harass others, or incite violence, whether in the State House or anywhere else. There are many RSAs that already address this behavior: NH RSA 651:6 I(f); NH RSA 354-B:1; NH RSA 354-B:3; NH RSA 354-B:4, NH RSA 354-B: 3, II; Chapter 378, Section 2, of the Public Laws of New Hampshire; House Rules (no. 16); and the House Ethics Guidelines (pg. 1). If people violate these laws and rules then appropriate action should be taken.

I believe that Granite Staters should develop a climate of cooperation and respect both in the legislature and in the state as a whole by our actions, not by creating more redundant rules.

I look forward to setting the example and treating all people with respect and dignity at the state level as I have done throughout the world in previous jobs.

Rep. James Creighton

#### Hello to Hillsboro and Deering Community Members.

We have a very important upcoming event on Saturday January 30 as it relates to our school budget process. Our Deliberative Session is slated that evening at the Hillsboro Deering High School at 9am. We hope to encourage all registered taxpayers to come out and hear what the school board has proposed for our town.

We are a Senate Bill 2 (SB2) town and it is a type of town meeting. The first part is a Deliberative session. At a Deliberative session the board shares all the items to be included on the ballot and it is an opportunity for taxpayers to not only provide comments and feedback but to make changes. Should a tax payer want to add or take away from the proposed operating budget or warrant articles you can do so in writing at the deliberative session. That change would then need to be seconded and the taxpayers in attendance would then vote on that change right then and there. The warrant articles are then sent to the ballot for voting day.

A Deliberative session is just as important as coming out to the polls to vote! It is the first opportunity for tax payers to have their voice heard. The second part of SB2 is the voting session on March 9.

We would like to encourage all to come out. We have changed our date from a weeknight to a Saturday morning. We will be socially distancing and will be doing everything we can to keep everyone safe during the COVID pandemic. We look forward to seeing everyone on January 30.

The Hillsboro Deering School Board

#### **Dear Editor:**

Hypocrisy! I'm giving you the benefit of the doubt! That your Editor Prospective piece, you are just showing your ignorance to how Sexist and Racist it is!

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# Letters to the Editor cont.

You are part of the problem, you have been peddling misinformation, just like the Republican party machine! Keeping people in fear or fellow Americans! And sewing devide! You continue to cherry pick semi factual information as if it was fact!

I know you are untitled to your free speech but you are not untitled to changing fact! I know you will have some halfassed defense and get in the last word!

Jess Kulbacki, Hillsborough

#### **Dear Editor:**

Congratulations for having the fortitude to point out the double standard/hypocrisy on protests and riot at our nation's capitol. It is sad that there had to be a rush to judgement by the US House of Representatives. While I understand that the impeachment is only a charge that still must be proven, you would think that a part of the legislative branch would want to have time for a little more investigation before proceeding. It appears that they may have jumped the "gun" as more information comes out.

Bruce Jasper, Newport

#### Dear Editor:

Happy New Years and THANK YOU to this community for a very successful Operation Santa 2020. Santa's Elves did an excellent job assisting 68 Children to have a wonderful Christmas. We also Thank the following Community businesses for their assistance: Antrim Lumber who built the stands for the Christmas Tree Sales, Chief Gale and the Antrim Fire Department for the Assistance to Santa Claus' visit at Tenney Farm who we also Thank for the use of their parking area to sell Christmas Trees. The Bank of NH, Trends of Fashion, Edmunds Hardware and Tuttle Library for hosting donation cards! However, it was the generosity of the people of Antrim/Bennington Communities who donated to Operation Santa that made all the purchases possible. THANK YOU again for all YOUR support. Have a Happy, Healthy 2021!

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#### Shattuck's lose one battle-another pending

After months of deliberation the Francestown Planning Board voted 5-1 to deny Ron and Melissa Shattuck's application to subdivide a parcel at the corner of Stevens Road and the 2nd NH Turnpike. Board members cited their duty to follow the intent of the town's master plan, their ability to call for more than just minimum zoning and regulatory standards, and perceived discrepancies between the application and the town's subdivision regulations as well as the intent of town subdivision and zoning ordinances. Representatives from Meridian Land Services and the Shattuck's lawyer insinuated they would be filing an appeal. The Shattuck's application for a commercial riding arena on the same property is still under consideration.

#### **Washington seeks input on Town Meeting**

Washington is holding an "Informational Session and Preliminary Warrant Discussion" on Feb.17th via ZOOM. At this meeting the proposed optional town meeting procedures shall be outlined and warrant articles discussed. After this meeting, the public will be asked to contact the Selectmen's office via email, telephone or USPS mail, with any questions, thoughts or concerns. The "Deliberative Meeting" is set on Feb. 24th Via ZOOM.



Working Together as One Team, Peterborough and Jaffrey Fire & Rescue along with NH Fish & Game conducted their Annual Cold Water/Ice Rescue Training at Cunningham Pond.





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#### Hillsborough Town Meeting at High School

Moderator Leigh Bosse and Checklist Supervisor Chair Joyce Bosse met with the Select Board to discuss procedures for the 2021 Town Meeting. Leigh suggested that voters deserved a traditional in-person meeting to be able to observe, question, debate and vote the town's business. Unfortunately, to maintain Covid-19 social distancing, it is impossible to hold the voting and the evening meeting in the same location. The 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. voting takes up the entire Middle School gymnasium and there is not enough time to break it down and reset the hall with chairs to accommodate the Town Meeting. As a result, voting will be held as usual at the Middle School, but the Town meeting will convene at the High School Gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.

#### Henniker Budget Committee to cut \$80,000

The Henniker Select Board dealt with an extensive agenda Tuesday night. In addition to receiving a comprehensive report for its CIP Committee (see article on page 9), the board met with Moderator Cordell Johnson to discuss the upcoming Town meeting and NEC's newly promoted provost Dr. Wayne Lesperance to discuss the College's plans for February's return of students to campus. The Board conducted a public hearing on the proposed \$.2 million Wastewater Treatment Plant Bond, which will be split at 60% / 40% between users and non-users.

The Budget Advisory Committee made several recommendation for budget cuts, including:

- 1. Cut \$14,000 from the Tucker Free Library
- 2. Reduce White Birch's allocation to \$50,000
- 3. Reduce Beautification Committee to \$2,500
- 4. Cut the Historic District by \$250
- 5. Eliminate all unnecessary paid minute takers
- The Committee estimates these cuts will save \$80,000 annually.

#### Developer says Board is "anti-development"

Comet LLC's plan to build a stand-alone Dunkin near Market Basket in Warner has taken on a new life after a contentious Planning Board hearing in early January. At that hearing Comet Chairman Paul Kneeland said, "My sense is that there's an anti-development sentiment in Warner." Board Vice-Chair Don Hall echoed the sentiment saying Kneeland "hit the nail on the head." Chair Ben Frost countered, claiming it was not the Board, but state agencies who are dealing with a backlog of work. After a lengthy discussion four of the six Board members agreed that they would likely approve any agreement between Comet and the state. The Planning Board resumes its discussion February 1st.

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#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**Hopkinton 60, Pembroke Academy 56 OT:** Maurgan McGrath drained a 3 pointer with 2.5 seconds to go to tie the game and send it into overtime as the Hawks came back from a 16-point deficit to pick up their first win.

**Bow 59, Hopkinton 33:** The Falcons held the Hawks to just five shot attempts and one bucket in the first quarter to take a commanding 17-2 lead. Hopkinton regained composure in the second quarter, but the Falcons still took a 31-11 halftime lead and rolled to a 64-31 win.

**Bow 64, Hopkinton 39:** Bow held the Hawks to six points in each of the first two quarters and took a 33-12 lead into halftime.

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

**Kearsarge 75, Hillsboro-Deering 40:** This was the season opener for both teams and Kearsarge jumped out to a 21-7 lead after the first quarter and pushed it to 45-20 by halftime. Zack Coombs, 24 Points, 3 rebounds for the Hillcats.

**Pembroke 75, Hopkinton 68:** Pembroke Academy got great contributions from its bench to help build a 39-24 halftime lead and then answer the Hawks when they made runs in the second half.

**Bow 46, Hopkinton 44:** The Division III Hawks held their own against their bigger rivals but couldn't close the gap.

**Bow 47, Hopkinton 45:** The Falcons held an 18-16 lead after a high-scoring first quarter in Hopkinton, but the game turned into a defensive struggle, resulting in Bow's second two-point win of the week against D-III Hawks.

**Goffstown 59, Bishop Guertin 54:** The Grizzlies outscored Bishop Guertin by only one point in the final eight minutes, overcoming Bishop Guertin's nine points in the final minute en route to a 59-54 victory in the Division I opener for each team.

#### Jeff LeBlanc succeeds Dan Gorman in Deering

Selectman Bill Whisman read excerpts from Fire Chief Dan Gorman's resignation letter, and Board members thanked Gorman for his contributions to the department during his tenure, including standing up the Per Diem ambulance program, improving response rates, purchase of a forestry vehicle and new tanker. The Board then appointed Jeff LeBlanc as the Interim Fire Chief. LeBlanc had been the Deputy Fire Chief and was one of the original hires for the per diem ambulance program. Finally, the Board voted to hire Cadence Solsky as an EMT with the fire department at \$13 per hour.

#### **Kearsarge forced to return to remote status**

Due to a significant number of staff members who have been identified to a positive COVID-19 case while working at the school last Friday, Kearsarge Regional High School pivoted to At Home: Remote Learning through Friday January 22, 2021. All identified KRHS members that have been identified as close contacts and requiring quarantine have been notified and have begun their required 10 day quarantine period in alignment with NH DHHS guidance.



#### Sharon Arts Center Gallery repurchased by Peterborough Depot Square LP

The Sharon Arts Center Gallery building on Grove Street in Peterborough has been purchased by Peterborough Depot Square LP from New England College. Depot Square is owned by Stan Fry and Cy Gregg. The Partnership previously owned the building, and sold it to Sharon Arts Center over 10 years ago.

After the closure of the Sharon Arts Gallery in August of 2019, the building has sat vacant for well over a year, prompting Fry and Gregg to reacquire the 5,400-square-foot property. "We were disappointed New England College closed Sharon," Fry said. "Sharon Arts was an integral part of the arts community in the area.

Further, having abandoned space in a strategic location in the downtown core, was not good for the economic vitality of the area."

Fry and Gregg's purchase of the building will make it possible for the property to be developed in line with what is already in the downtown area. "We have a few ideas, but there are no specific plans for the space," said Fry. He also added, "We have been very pleased with positive response we have received to the purchase, and have already

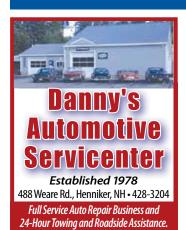


**Sharon Arts Center Gallery** 

received several inquiries as to how the space might be repurposed."

Many of the downtown shop owners are relieved to hear the news, and excited that "the property is back in good hands," says Tammy Woodard, owner of Underneath it All, Michaela Chelminski, owner of Peterborough Art Academy and Tribal Rugs by Hand in Depot Square has seen many changes over the past 20 years, "the lights going out at the Sharon Arts Store was very sad and bad for business." "We are all delighted with the purchase and have faith that things will improve."

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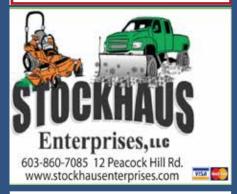




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# **Obituaries:** Friends & Neighbors Remembered

#### Jacqueline Sylvia (Cross) Fineblit

FLORIDA - Jacqueline Sylvia (Cross)

Fineblit, scholar, businesswoman, volunteer, wife, mother and grandmother, currently living in Boynton Beach, FL, died on January 19, 2021 at the age of 94. In Hebrew scripture Jackie



would be considered "Eshet Chavil", a woman of worth, valour and strength. A skilled writer, editor and public relations professional, she utilized these skills professionally at the fledgling WMUR-TV station, the local AAA and ultimately, as co-owner and partner with her husband Lionel, in the family-owned business, Pearson's Jewelry. Her family, daughter Ruth and her husband Jay Zax, son David and his wife Susan Fineblit, daughter Judith Anderson and former son-in-law Arthur, grandchildren, Amy (Zax) and her husband Ray Guimond and Evan Fineblit,

niece, nephew and cousins celebrate her long, productive and fulfilling life. There will be a private graveside service at Manchester Hebrew Cemetary.

Donations in her memory may be made to Jewish Genealogical Society of Palm Beach County, Inc, PO Box 7796, Delray Beach, FL 33482-7796 or the adoption program at Waypoint (formerly Child and Family Services of NH), PO Box 448, Manchester, NH 03105, or the charity of one's choice.

#### **Adriaen Broedi Thibeault**

HILLSBOROUGH - Adriaen Broedi Thibeault, 21, of Hillsborough, NH, entered God's Kingdom on January 13, 2021 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Born on November 25, 1999 in Alamogordo, New Mexico, he was the son of David M. and Danita L. (Swimm) Thibeault of Hillsboro, NH. In addition to his parents. he leaves his loving siblings, Alessaundra Caitlyn Thibeault, Arelya Darah Thibeault, Akira Fionna Thibeault, Analiese Gabriella Thibeault, Alayna Hadassah Thibeault and

Azariah Ian Swimm Thibeault, all of Hillsborough. He was preceded in death by his Papaw, Donald R. Swimm (Oct. 28, 2019) and Grandma Jan, Jane C. Swimm. His other grandparents include, Frank and



Donna Thibeault, Stephan and Ruth Field, and Benita (Fannin) Jameson and W. Eugene Jameson, and his great-grandmother, Memaw Jeanie, Regina Ruth (Osborne) Stone. He also leaves behind his beloved aunts and uncles, Danetta (Swimm) Anderson and Paul Anderson, Clarinda (Swimm) Falcone and Cameron Fisher, and Kelly (Botkin) Sayre and Corey Sayre, Joseph R. Botkin, Chris and Allie Jameson, Michael Jameson, and Bradley Jameson. An outdoor Celebration of Adriaen's Life will be celebrated in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name and memory may be made to First Responders, Civil Air Patrol or Camp Manahan of Hillsborough.

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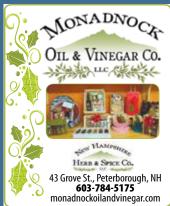
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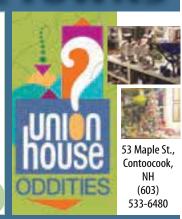
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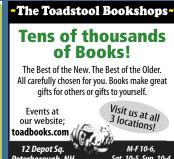












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# **Events:** Community Bulletin Board

#### **TUESDAY JANUARY 26**

**LIONS MEET:** At Hillsborough American Legion 7:00pm. New or prospective members always welcome. Come and see what we are all about.

**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.

#### **SUNDAY JANUARY 31**

**TUCKER FREE LIBRARY:** Oil, Ice, and Bone: Arctic Whaler Nathaniel Ransom presented by Helen Frink. In January 2016, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association announced the discovery of the wreckage of two sunken whale ships off the Alaskan coast. Oil, Ice, and Bone tells the story of these vessels and how they came to be lost in the greatest whaling disaster in American history.

#### **MONDAY FEBRUARY 1**

**FUN BAG:** Teens and kids. Call to reserve a Fuller February Fun Bag, 464-3595, (Fuller Public Library). Bags will include: a book, a craft, a bookmark and other special treats. Bags can be picked up February 13-20 either inside or on the porch.

#### **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2**

**HOW TO DAY:** Fuller Public Library's How To's Day program returns with an online AARP program titled Downsizing and Decluttering. This free webinar will help participants understand why stuff is important and will tackle practical, easy-to-follow tips that will get your home, office, or vehicle organized in no time. Call 464-3595 for the online link, or email techserv@fullerlibrary.info.

#### **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4**

**BOOK DISCUSSION:** Fuller Public Library's book group will meet to discuss My Own Words by Ruth Bader Ginsburg at 6:30pm. You can meet from home or in the library, masks are required. If you would like to be added to our

email list, give us a call at 464-3595.

#### **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.

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The purpose is to receive public input on the Washington School District's proposed 2021-2022 operating budget and warrant articles.

# TOWN OF HENNIKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### Tuesday, February 2, 2021 @ 6:15pm

Pursuant to RSA 32:5,I,V the Henniker Select Board will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of reviewing the 2021 Municipal Budget and related warrant articles.

The Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday; February 2nd, 2021 will be held electronically in order to comply with social distancing measures in effect due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. This is in accordance with Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive order 2020-04. Access is being provided by telephone as well as by video, utilizing Zoom. All members of the Select Board can communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting.

Instructions on how to participate can be found here or questions can be directed to the Town Administrator email or 428-3221

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To participate over the phone:

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# PUBLIC NOTICE HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board will conduct a Deliberative Session on its 2021-2022 Budget and Warrant Articles on Saturday, January 30, 2021 (snow date 2/1/2021) at 9:00am in the Hillsboro-Deering High School Gym. Adherence to NH DHHS guidelines such as social distancing, wearing masks, use of hand sanitizer, etc. will be followed.

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

# PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF WINDSOR WINDSOR SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Pursuant to RSA 32:5, the Windsor School Board and the Town of Windsor will hold a public hearing on their proposed 2021-2022 School and Town Budgets on Wednesday, February 9, 2021 (snow date 2/10/21), in the Windsor Town Hall.

- School Board Budget Hearing and Meeting at 6:00 pm
- Town Budget Hearing immediately following

#### Fown of Weare

#### PLANNING BOARD • AGENDA NOTICE

The Planning Board will be holding a public hearing on **Thursday**, **January 28**, **2021** via Zoom for the Town of Weare, **beginning** at **7:00 PM**.

Site plan application from 158 Deering Center Road LLC, c/o Iannazzi for AG (USA) Paintball Corp., for the purpose of proposed expansion of parking, site improvements (including drainage and structure) and catering concession trailer. The property is on Map 411, Lot 21 in the Rural Conservation/Historic District Overlay.

Final approval of Subdivision regulations revisions

Discussion/Comments per RSA 674:41 for Building on a Class VI road. Property is on Jewett Road, Map 410,lot 16.

Minutes from January 14, 2020

Anyone interested in attending this hearing/meeting via Zoom please send an email request to: <a href="mailto:nbolton@weare.nh.gov">nbolton@weare.nh.gov</a> or kdearborn-luce@weare.nh.gov

COVID guidelines prevent us from holding our meeting in the building, we recommend you contact Kelly Dearborn-Luce, the Land Use Coordinator at 603-529-2250 prior to the zoom meeting for more information.



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