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Pictured left to right is Ed Mattson, Kassie Lunderville and Tom Redin in 2014.

Peterborough Firefighter retires after 43 years

On Thursday, February 4th, Peterborough Lieutenant Ed Mattson put on his headset and logged in to the CAD for the last time. This marks the second time that Ed has retired from Fire Mutual Aid and more than 43 years that he has served the System.

This Week In History

February 6, 1778 France joins US in Revolutionary War February 7, 1979 Angel of Death Joseph Mengele dies February 8, 1918 First edition of Stars & Stripes published February 9, 1942 Open liner Normandie catches fire February 10, 1861 Jefferson Davis learns he is **Confederate President** February 11, 1942 Battleships make the "Channel Dash" February 12,1893 WWII General Omar Bradley is born



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Bradford Select Board reconstituted Former Selectman Christopher Frey appointed

Following the abrupt resignations of both Michael James and Jason Allen from the Bradford Select Board on January 25, 2021, Bradford's remaining Board member, Marlene Freyler petitioned the NH Superior Court pursuant to RSA 669:63 to appoint Bradford resident and registered voter Christopher Frey to fill Michael James' vacant seat. Following the court's appointment of a second selectman, two selectmen would have authority to appoint a third selectman and restore the 3-member Select Board to full membership.

However, at the hearing on February 1st, it was disclosed that the judge indicated that he knew little of the town of Bradford, but was concerned that any candidate would be a caretaker and not a partisan who would side with one side or the other in town disputes.

Frey has deep ties to the town, having served as a Selectman, and on the Budget Committee and the Rescue Squad. He agreed with the judge on what his role would be.

He indicated he was retired and wished only to serve in an interim capacity with no desire to run for reelection. His nomination was supported by Town Moderator and retired Judge Brackett Scheffy. With no one in opposition, the judge confirmed the appointment.







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Hillsboro-Deering voters approve a record \$23,640,619 School District budget

Hillsborough and Deering voters convened Saturday at the sociallydistanced high school to conduct the H-D district's annual deliberative session. Moderator John Seedy deftly guided the assembled through the 12 item Warrant.

Article 1, the election of a Moderator and two School Board members will be dealt with during March ballot voting.

Article 3, dealing with Board and officer's compensation drew no comments.

Most of the discussion centered around Article 3, requesting an Operating Budget of \$23,640,619, with a Default Budget of \$23,761,766. Board members explained that the figure, which will require an additional \$2 million in taxpayer funding, results from \$426,424 in increased contractual obligations and a dramatic reduction in state aid. The article generated a lengthly discussion with comments from several individual, but, to the surprise of many, no amendment to reduce the amount was offered.

Simillarily, Article 5, setting H-D's share of the SAU #34 budget at 1,018,442 evoked several comments but no amendments.

Articles 6-10 provided funding for various Trust Fund out of any surplus at the end of the year: \$50, 000 Hvac Fund; \$50,000 special education Fund; \$10,000 Technology Fund, \$10,000 Paving Fund, and \$10,000 Roofs fund.

Article 11, asking voters to approve a 5% Contingency Fund survived a proposed amendment to reduce the percentage from 5% to 0%. It was defeated by a vote of 41 Yes to 43 No.

Ballot voting will be held on March 9th for Hillsborough voters from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Middle school Gym and for Deering voters from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m at the Town Hall.



The High school gym provided space for social distancing

Weare School District Deliberative Session - date TBD

The Weare School District deliberative session has been delayed at least two weeks because Moderator Luther Drake thinks holding deliberative session in the Weare Middle School during the pandemic is dangerous and that concern about the virus will disenfranchise wouldbe voters. February 16 was the latest he could push back the meeting as moderator because after that week it runs into town control of the ballotvoting portion of annual meeting, which is set for March 9. The town of Weare operates under traditional town meeting and has not postponed its meeting or election day.

The school board must invoke the the governor's emergency order for the district to override town control of the balloting, Drake said.

Both the school board and board of selectmen have meetings this week and the situation may change, Drake said.

The Henniker School District and John Stark School District, which is shared by Weare and Henniker, have both delayed their SB2 meeting until at least May.



GUM DISEASE MAY RAISE RISK OF SOME CANCERS



People who have periodontal (gum) disease may have a higher risk of developing some forms of cancer, suggests a prospective study. Researchers found that a history of periodontal disease appeared to be associated with a raised risk of esophageal (gullet) cancer and gastric (stomach) cancer. Previous findings on the relationship of periodontal disease and tooth loss with esophageal and gastric cancer have been inconsistent.

Dr. Esin Narli-Trangaris The researchers examined the association of history of periodontal disease and tooth loss with the risk of esophageal and gastric cancer in 98,459 women and 49,685 men. The results showed that during 22-28 years of follow-up, there were 199 cases of esophageal cancer and 238 cases of gastric cancer.

A history of periodontal disease was associated with a 43% and 52% increased risk of esophageal cancer and gastric cancer, respectively. In addition, among individuals with a history of periodontal disease, no tooth loss and losing one or more teeth were equally associated with a 59% increased risk of esophageal cancer compared to those with no history of periodontal disease and no tooth loss. Similarly, the same group of individuals had 50% and 68% greater risk of gastric cancer, respectively.

The authors point to possible reasons for an association between oral bacteria (oral microbiota) and esophageal and gastric cancer, with evidence from other studies suggesting that tannerella forsythia and porphyromonas gingivalis—members of the 'red complex' of periodontal pathogens—were associated with the presence or risk of esophageal cancer.

Another possible reason is that poor oral hygiene and periodontal disease could promote the formation of endogenous nitrosamines known to cause gastric cancer through nitrate-reducing bacteria.

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Research presented at the 2019 ACR/ARP Annual Meeting found that a six-week treatment with low-dose oral prednisolone substantially improves pain and decreases signs of inflammation in patients with painful hand osteoarthritis. Osteoarthritis (also known as OA) is a common joint disease that most often affects middle-age to elderly people. It is commonly referred to as "wear and tear" of the joints; it is now known that OA is a disease of

the entire joint, involving the cartilage, joint lining, ligaments, and bone. OA is characterized by breakdown of the cartilage, bony changes of the joints, deterioration of tendons and ligaments, and various degrees of inflammation of the joint lining.

A single pill containing low doses of three medications to treat high blood pressure and one to lower cholesterol reduced the estimated risk of cardiovascular disease by 25% in a study published recently in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Researchers found that patients were also likely to stick to a medication routine if they only had the one pill to take.

Vitamin D supplementation may slow the progression of type 2 diabetes in newly diagnosed patients and those with prediabetes, according to a study published in the *European Journal of Endocrinology*. The study findings suggest that high-dose supplementation of vitamin D can improve glucose metabolism to help prevent the development and progression of diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is an increasingly prevalent disease that places a huge burden on patients and society and can lead to serious health problems including nerve damage, blindness and kidney failure. People at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes (prediabetes) can be identified by several risk factors including obesity or a family history of the disease.

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February 7, 2020

No injuries reported in Hopkinton rear-ender Francestown approves new tenants for Village Store Bradford Board pays tribute to John Pfeifle Historic Greenfield Inn has new owner

February 8, 2019

Antrim Planning Board approves cluster of 5 cell towers Kearsarge students form Students Practicing Ethical Leadership 12 towns provide mutual aid battling Bradford house fire New Boston firefighters again asking for new firehouse

February 9, 2018

New Boston gathers to support one of their own Henniker Officer cleared in 2014 shooting incident Amendment to cut H-D School Budget by \$1.3 million fails Consolidation of schools dominates ConVal debate

February 10, 2017

New Boston named Safest Small Town in America Newport Mill placed on Historic Register-sold to investors Tilton may have a new police station Contoocook man injured in Dunbarton

February 5, 2016

H-D school budget cut \$445,000 Franklin man rescues infant son & daughter from fire Bow Selectmen trim \$597,803 from proposed budget Goffstown Police confiscate credit card skimmer

February 6, 2015

Fire destroys Henniker Highway Garage Bow investigating a dozen car break-ins Petition to withdraw Peterborough from ConVal H-D DECCA receives highest recognition again

February 7, 2014

Little discussion, no debate at New Boston session Police Department funding dominates Weare session Electrical fire destroys Francestown home New London Hospital CEO says Fire Chief is misinformed

February 8, 2013

Voters slash \$1 million from H-D School Budget Sunapee teachers to pay 20% of health insurance Bradford voters face choice of Town Hall locations Newport voters approve flat budget - small tax rate decrease

February 10, 2012

Antrim Wind Energy's application filed 2% raises for Hillsborough non-union staff Steve Smith is Newport's Distinguished Citizen John Stark budget reduced by \$737,331

February 11, 2011

Marcinkus forced out by School Board ConVal Board cuts budget Newport to replace its Town Manager Firefighters can't save Henniker house

Bradford Fire Department Captain resigns after arrest for sexual assault



Russell "Rob" Steiz, 51, a captain with the Bradford Fire Department resigned Tuesday after he was arrested on Monday for allegedly sexually assaulting

a woman last spring. Steiz has been charged with one count of aggravated felonious sexual assault in connection with the incident.

Bradford Town Administrator Karen Hambleton said that upon learning of Steiz's arrest on Monday night, town officials informed Steiz "that he could not continue to volunteer with the Bradford Fire Department pending an investigation." Then, on Tuesday, Steiz tendered his resignation. Court documents indicate the alleged sexual assault occurred between May 28 and May 30 of 2020. The investigation is still in its early stages. According to a release from the New Hampshire State Police, the alleged sexual assault occurred in Bradford, and a formal investigation was launched during the week of January 17. Steiz was taken into custody on Monday, and is set to be arraigned at 1 p.m. April 8 at Merrimack County Superior Court. If convicted, Steiz could face up to 20 years in prison for the offense.



Progress continues on Newbury's new Fire Station.



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020 AT 12:22PM

Sarah Parker, 41, of Hillsboro was arrested after officers found her to be with a male who she was ordered to stay away from per bail conditions. Ms. Parker also told officers the male, who was wanted for domestic violence charges, was not with her, and officers located the male inside her residence. After the male was released from custody she was shortly thereafter found with him again. Ms. Parker was later bailed and released.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020 AT 11:08PM

Mark Wilson, 30, of Hillsboro was wanted after assaulting his girlfriend the night prior during a domestic disturbance. Officers received information that Mr. Wilson was back at that residence the next morning. Officers located Mr. Wilson, placed him under arrest and brought him to the Hillsboro Police Department where he was processed and released.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020 AT 10:48PM

Aaron Richard, 36, of Henniker was found operating a vehicle in the Cumberland Farms parking lot. He was found to never hold a license and was given a summons with a court date. The vehicle was parked until someone with a valid license could operate it.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020 AT 5:46PM

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Shannon Gauthier, 43, of Hillsboro was placed under arrest for breach of bail conditions and domestic violence; simple assault.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020 AT 6:06PM

Jade Temple, 21, of Hillsboro was stopped for an observed motor vehicle violation on Henniker Street. The Hillsboro Police Department had an outstanding arrest warrant for Ms. Temple for a prior incident at Cumberland Farms. Ms. Temple was arrested and released.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020 AT 3:47PM

Manuelito Molina, 24, of Hillsboro was identified on a motor vehicle stop as the operator of a vehicle called in for lane control issues. During on scene investigation officers found Ms. Molina to be impaired. Ms. Molina was subsequentily arrested, processed and bailed.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020 AT 12:56PM

Jason Robinson, 41, of Antrim was arrested after officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance. Mr. Robinson was identified and found to have a warrant from Hillsboro Police Department stemming from a previous incident. Mr. Robinson was processed and released with no issues.



Bradford Planning Board recommends repeal of town's Building Code

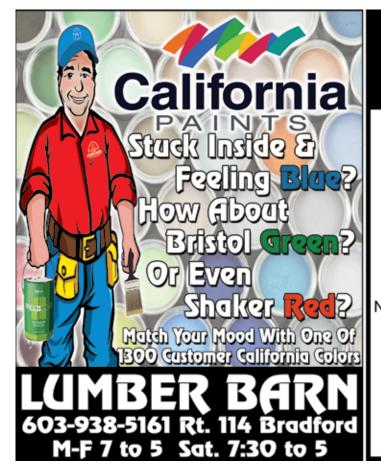
Earlier in January, the Bradford Select Board had decided that the town's Building Code was outdated and referred the matter to the Planning Board. The Planning Board held a Public Hearing to discuss the code. The Board discussed surrounding towns and what their procedure is with a building code enforcement officer.

The Board discussed that ultimately it would be the home owner's responsibility to make sure that any building would meet the state requirements. Mel Pfeifle expressed feeling rushed and feeling more comfortable with having a building inspector for the town. Sonny Harris questioned if the reasoning not to have a code enforcement officer was due to economics. The building permit fees generated as income were discussed from the year 2020; there were approximately \$30k in fees. Sonny Harris questioned the building inspector's salary and

proposed that the salary be based off a percentage of fees. Doug Troy expressed that the removal of the building inspector position would be a saving in net costs as well as the liability. The repeal of the Town of Bradford Code Ordinance would be placed as a warrant article by the Select Board. The recommendation of support or opposition by the Planning Board would be added to the warrant article for the annual town meeting. Much like whether the Budget Committee is in favor or not in favor of items the Select Board may propose. Carol Meise motioned to take a vote to maintain or repeal the Town of Bradford Building Code Ordinance. Doug Troy - Remove, Carol Meise - Remove, Mel Pfeifle - Abstain, Carol Troy - Remove.



The conversion of McKenna's Restaurant into New London's new Liquor Store is on schedule.



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Newbury Police Department wants K-9 unit

The Newbury Police Department is working to start up a Canine Unit. Canine Nash will be duly trained in narcotics detection and patrol work. Newbury Police have teamed up with Hero K9 to set up an online fundraiser to purchase an in-car kennel and a heat alarm system for the canine cruiser. If you are interested in donating or learning more please visit http:// www.herok9.org/campaigns/ k9nash-nh/



Warner Board drops Agro-Tourism Zoning

The Warner Planning Board recently held a Public Hearing to discuss a proposed Zoning Amendment on Agro-Tourism. After a lengthy hearing featuring nearly unanimous opposition from the 25+ residents who spoke, the Planning Board unanimously withdrew the amendment from the Warrant.

Hancock arrests two for Domestic Violence

On January 21, 2021 at 2:45 pm Hancock Police responded to a Forest Road residence for a report of domestic violence. Upon arrival it was determined that a male subject had fled the residence. Frank Fawcett, age 32, was subsequently arrested in Antrim NH. Fawcett has been charged with one count of domestic violence simple assault and one count of domestic violence criminal mischief. Fawcett was arraigned and released on personal recognizance bail until his trial in April.

On January 29, 2021 at 6:45 am Hancock Police were dispatched to a Peterborough Road residence for report of a domestic violence incident in progress.

Responding officers subsequently arrested Benjamin Christgau, age 43, for violation of an order of protection. Christgau is being held at the Valley Street Jail until his arraignment.

Washington postpones Town Meeting TBD

After giving careful consideration to all the responses to the notice regarding "Options for holding our Town Meeting during the pandemic," and in the hope of being able to conduct a more "traditional" meeting, the Washington Selectmen have voted to postpone their Town Meeting Deliberative Session to a later date (TBD). The new date will be posted 14 days before the rescheduled meeting. The "Ballot Portion" of Town Meeting will still take place at its scheduled time and date, March 9, 2021 from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at Camp Morgan Lodge. Please come out and vote for elected officials and Land Use Ordinance changes on March 9th and stay tuned for a new date when we can all get together to debate the articles moving forward.

Greenfield man pleads guilty to planting a bomb in neighbor's vehicle

Alexander Arsenault, 35, of Greenfield, pled guilty to a federal weapons charge, after being arrested and charged with setting off a small homemade bomb in his neighbor's car in 2018.

According to the plea agreement he signed, Arsenault had been arguing with his neighbors. When a small homemade bomb placed in the neighbor's Jeep blew up, damaging the Jeep but not injuring any people, suspicion turned to Arsenault, who had complained about excessive noise coming from his neighbor's home. Joseph R. Bonavolonta, special agent in charge of the FBI Boston Division said in a news release, "Alex Arsenault knowingly and willingly made a home-made explosive bomb, detonated it on their property, and put his fellow citizens in fear for their lives." When police searched Arsenault's house, they found tape and matches similar to what they



The interior of the Conways' Jeep. Courtesy photo.

said had been used in the bomb, and a typed sheet of notes about how Arsenault planned to answer questions from law enforcement about the bomb. Arsenault pleaded guilty to possession of an unregistered firearm and could have faced up to 10 years in prison, but the plea agreement says prosecutors will recommend four years of probation and mental health treatment, and a restitution payment of \$4,547. He has been ordered to stay away from his former neighbors.



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Bradford Deserves Better

Let me begin by saying that while I've met Mrs. Freyler, I have not met the other two former Bradford Selectmen and I have no knowledge of exactly what it was that sparked the controversy between them. My opinion is based only on the way things were done. The Town of Bradford had to go to court in order to continue to run the Town, costing both time and money. Like a couple of spoiled children stamping their feet and taking their marbles with them, two Selectmen disparaged the third and quit. Quitting in the middle of budget season with Town Meeting rapidly approaching is not only childish and unfair to Freyler but to the entire town. Now that a judge has approved Mrs. Freyler's nomination of Christopher Frey as an interim Selectman I hope they will be able to finalize their budget and Town Meeting preparations as they conduct business for the good of the Town.



Letter to the Editor:

Something to Ponder II: George Carlin's letter knocked my socks off, and not only for the truth in it. During this pandemic I took the opportunity to go through old photos and news articles saved by relatives since departed. I found a yellowed newsprint article written in the same format about things have changed and important things lost. Carlin states "This paradox of our time in history" I guess every generation needs to be reminded of the important things in life.

Linda Cole, Henniker

To the Editor:

At the annual meeting of the Republican State Committee, Party Chair Stephen Stepanek said that having Republican majorities in the New Hampshire Legislature means they control redistricting. He said, "I can stand here today and guarantee you that we will send a conservative Republican to Washington, D.C. as a Congress person in 2022." Mr. Stepanek is stating in plain sight that New Hampshire voting districts based on the 2020 US Census will be drawn to favor his party. That is gerrymandering, and it means that every vote cast will not carry equal weight.

In 2011 district maps were drawn behind closed doors by three Republican representatives. The representatives who went to public meetings around the state had no plan to explain the process and no maps to show. When maps finally were released, legislators had one week to review them, and members of the public had 24 hours. Essentially, they were a done deal. One of the most blatant examples of gerrymandering in these maps is Executive Council District 2, which extends from Dover on the Seacoast to Charlestown on the Connecticut River. The redistricting process in 2021 must be transparent, with public input. While districts are essentially based on population, they must also be contiguous, compact, and based on communities of interest. They should not be drawn to favor any political party or candidate. Linda Olson Bundy, Antrim

New London Town Meeting postponed until June 8th

Due to the COVID-19 Health Emergency The New London Town Meeting is postponed until June 8, 2021. The Budget Committee Public Hearing on the FY2022 budget scheduled for Wednesday is cancelled and will be held in May, prior to the June Town Meeting.

Select Board ignores Henniker Library Trustees' request to restore funds

Tuesday's Henniker Select Board meeting opened with a bang and closed with a whimper. During the opening Public Comment segment, Tucker Library Trustee Deb Kreutzer launched a negative, personal attack on Board Vice-Chair Tia Hooper, accusing her of intentionally and deliberately misleading the Select Board into cutting \$14,000 from the Library's proposed budget.

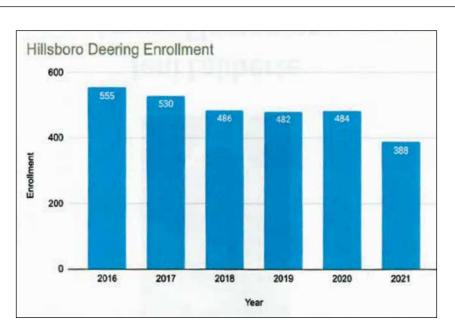
Later, Trustee Chair Patti Osgood more politely requested that the \$14,000 be restored.

However, when further discussion revealed the Library is the bennificiary of not one, but two Trust Funds - one at Charter Trust for \$300,000 and another at TD Bank for \$400,000 - the Board did not even discuss restoring the \$14,000.

Faced with a potential tax rate of 11.64/\$1,000, the Board proceeded to review each budget line item and Warrant Article for areas to cut.

After a 3+ hour meeting the Board managed to cut another

\$29,715, reducing the tax rate five cents to \$11.59/\$1,000.



From 2016 to 2021 H-DES enrollment has dropped 30% (555-388). During the same time the School's Operating Budget has increased 14.9% (\$20,560,677 to \$23,640,619).

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BENNINGTON: Alexis Cleary earning Highest Honors

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CONTOOCOOK: Abaigeal Hughes earning Highest Honors, Noah Kerbyson earning High Honors, Fiona MacDonald earning Highest Honors, Carley Kanter earning Highest Honors, Jennifer White earning Honors, Aidan Horne earning Highest Honors, Erin Donahue earning Highest Honors, Gerard Donahue earning High Honors, Renee Brogan earning High Honors, David Reynolds earning High Honors, Seamus Quinn earning Highest Honors.

FRANCESTOWN: Daniell Rupp earning Honors, Alyssa Spiller earning Honors, Anna Gombas earning Highest Honors.

GOFFSTOWN: Kaitlyn Beauchemin earning High Honors, Mariah Beaudoin earning Highest Honors, Max Lapointe earning Highest Honors, Alyssa Lombard earning High Honors, John Scacchi earning Highest Honors, Vincent Brigagliano earning Honors, Christian Pribyl earning Highest Honors, Adam Zienkiewicz earning High Honors, Nikolas Raven earning Honors, Eryn Pierce earning High Honors, Kyleigh Cooley earning Highest Honors, Jessica Martel earning High Honors, Alyssa Allaire earning High Honors, Carey Foss earning Honors, Rachel Foss earning High Honors, Kaleigh Miller earning Highest Honors, John Labounty earning High Honors, Zachary Menard earning Honors, Krysta Tremblay earning High Honors, Abigail Flegal earning Highest Honors, Victoria Flegal earning Highest Honors, Kaylee Chouinard earning Highest Honors, Trevor Santoro earning High Honors, Megan Lambert earning Highest Honors, Natalia Hall earning Highest Honors, Alaina Winrow earning Highest Honors, Brandon Bartolucci earning Highest Honors, Emily Daniels earning High Honors, Cameron Bourque earning Honors, Bryan Landry earning High Honors, Davis Moore earning Highest Honors, Caleb Hoell of Dunbarton, NH earnina Hiahest Honors.

HANCOCK: Daisy Young earning Highest Honors, Barrett Norton earning High Honors.

HENNIKER: Sara Medvetz earning Honors, Spencer Janelle earning High Honors, Eli Bryant earning Highest Honors, Elza Brechbuhl earning High Honors, Denali Smith earning High Honors, Mariah Wilson earning High Honors, Piper MacLean earning Highest Honors, Myah Kerbyson of earning Highest Honors, Quianna Willard earning High Honors, Nicholas Kenney earning Highest Honors.

HILLSBOROUGH: Lok Cheng earning Highest Honors, Cheyenne Elliott earn-



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NEWBURY: George Henrich earning Honors, William Moore earning Honors, Benjamin Corbyn earning Honors, Matthew Nover earning Highest Honors, Jared Fortier earning Highest Honors.

NEW BOSTON: Rafaela Tonne earning Highest Honors, Sophie Topouzoalou earning Highest Honors, Julia Paguette earning Highest Honors, Kathryn Carlson earning High Honors, William Kennedy earning Highest Honors, Brooklyn Brackett earning Honors, Melissa Mullen earning Highest Honors, Michael Judd earning Highest Honors, Elena Topouzoglou earning Highest Honors, Elijah Boisvert earning Honors, Kaley Johnson earning High Honors, Christopher Hazen earning High Honors, Emily Pearson earning High Honors, Andrew Snitgen earning Highest Honors, Ethan Danielson earning Highest Honors, Paige O'Halloran earning High Honors, Elizabeth Saucier earning High Honors, Lucas Jones earning Highest Honors.

NEW LONDON: Jessica MacDowell earning High Honors, David Wallace earning Highest Honors, Paige Bartlett earning High Honors, Olivia MacKenzie earning Highest Honors, Benjamin Boulton earning Highest Honors, Courtney Goodwin earning Highest Honors, John Hamilton earning Honors, Seamus Barrett earning High Honors.

PETERBOROUGH: Jared Zett earning Highest Honors, Joshua Curran earning Highest Honors, Olivia Mullins earning Highest Honors, Kevin Daley earning Highest Honors, Hannah Garfinkle earning High Honors, Zoe-Isis Tardiff earning Honors, Zoe Werth earning Highest Honors, Schuyler Michalak earning Highest Honors, Carter Hunt earning Honors, Cruz Dellasanta earning High Honors, Isabel Dreher earning High Honors, Daniel Malley earning Highest Honors.

WARNER: Emma Sauerwein earning Honors, John Klucinec earning Honors, Isabelle Mann earning Honors, Hayden Manning earning Highest Honors.

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Samantha Eastman, class of 2023, from Dunbarton, Jakob Britton-Doucette, class of 2021, from New Boston, Katharine Cross, class of 2024, from Dunbarton, Maxwell Lajeunesse, class of 2022, from Goffstown, Natalia Hautanen, class of 2022, from Peterborough, William Holmes, class of 2021, from Goffstown.

Husson University President's List

Dakota L. Martel of Goffstown is a senior who is currently enrolled in Husson's

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Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program. Rachel Meaghean Keon of Henniker, is a senior who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies/Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program. Cameron Xander McGlauflin of New Boston, is a senior who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Psychology program.

Saint Michael's College Dean's List

Maxfield Rossignol, a junior business administration / economics major from Contoocook and a graduate of Hopkinton High School. Lily Sabol, a freshman criminology major from Contoocook and a graduate of Hopkinton High School. Rebekah Underwood, a sophomore psychology / sociology and anthropology major from Hopkinton and a graduate of Hopkinton High School. Emilie Webster, a junior biology major from New London and a graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School. Georgia Flanders, a junior English major from Warner and a graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School.

Other Colleges & Universities

Assumption University has announced that Mikaela Newman, of Hillsborough, has been named to the University's Dean's List. Eastern Connecticut State University's Dean's List includes: Elliot Anderson of Goffstown, a full-time student who majors in Computer Science and Trilby Dawe of Goffstown, a full-time student who majors in Social Work. Coastal Carolina University's Dean's List includes: Myles Green a Marine Science major from New Boston, and Mackenzie Ledger an Undeclared - Undecided, Biology major from Peterborough. Sarah Mattison of New Boston has been named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List at The College of Saint Rose. Springfield College's Dean's List includes: Jacques St. Jean from Goffstown, who has a primary major of English and Erin Dalton from Goffstown, who has a primary major of Health Science/ Pre-physician Assistant. Select students have been named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List students at Roger Williams University include: Lauren Danis of New Boston, Emma Place of Francestown, and Elsa Schloemer of Greenfield. Dean **College** is pleased to announce that Natalie Lapointe of New Boston, NH has earned a place on the President's List for the fall 2020 semester. Courtney Lauster of New London made the list at Missouri State University. Clara Walling, of Contoocook (03229), has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College. Sidney Armstrong of Goffstown excelled during the Fall 2020 semester to earn a spot on the Hofstra University Dean's List. Becker College is proud to announce that Michael Schubert, of Newbury has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. Schubert is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Interactive Media Design, Game Development and Programming. Bryant University is pleased to announce that William Holmes, class of 2021, from Goffstown, has been named to the President's List. New London resident, Zhi Qiang has been named to Husson University's Honors List at Husson University.

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Cooper Pierce (front) and Azariah Pihl (back) from Ms. Mannix's classes at the Henniker Community School agreed that the recent snow provided a perfect day for sledding in Ms. Girard's PE classes.



BOYS BASKETBALL

Bow 75, Hillsboro-Deering 39: Bow held Hillsboro to just eight first-half points as Kyle Martin, Cooper Larrabee and Matt Cardarelli sparked the defense. The Falcons finished the game with 17 steals and 13 assists.

Hopkinton 60, Sunapee 46: Hopkinton threatened to run away with things after racing to a 19-6 first-quarter lead, but ►



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Sunapee didn't quit and closed the gap to 27-20 at half. The Hawks started the second half the same way they did the first and extended the lead to 18 in the third quarter on their way to the home win.

Kearsarge 54, Hopkinton 44: Nolan Grant hit clutch 3-point shots for the Cougars and Kearsarge led by as much as five points in the fourth quarter. The Hawks cut the deficit down to two, but the Cougars went 9-for-11 from the free throw line in the fourth to help Kearsarge secure the win.

Hopkinton 55, John Stark 42: The Generals kept things close early in their game at Hopkinton, but the Hawks upped the defensive pressure to take control on their way to a comfortable win.

ConVal 64, Milford 45: The Cougars won their first game of the 2021 season with Wyatt Davis scoring a game-high 23 and Isaiah Michaels adding 19 points, 11 rebounds and a break-away dunk.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bow 44, Hillsboro-Deering 18: H-D's Zoe Kemp had 9 points followed by Emily Howell with 7 points and Eva LaValley had 2 points.

John Stark 41, Hopkinton 30: Brady Johnson led all scorers with 13 points, Brooke Patnode 8 points, Lilli Stogner 7 points, 10 rebounds and Eleanor Girardet 7 points. Hopkinton had a balanced scoring output with Maurgan McGrath 7 points, Kally Murdough 6 points, and Brooke Carlson 6 points leading the way.

BOYS HOCKEY

Merrimack 7, Goffstown 0: Eliot Medlock had a hat trick and an assist for Merrimack.

Goffstown Athletic Director receives honor

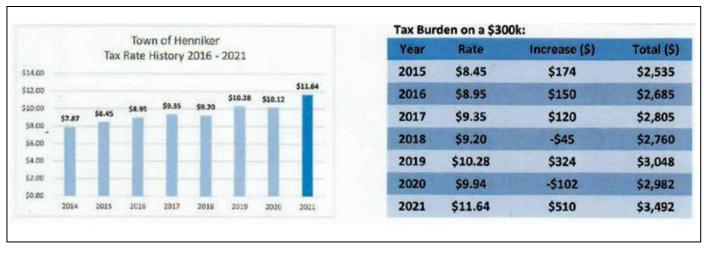
The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) is pleased to announce that Justin Hufft, Athletic Director at Goffstown High School, has been recognized by this association as a Certified Athletic Administrator.

To earn this distinction, Justin has demonstrated the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. The voluntary certification process included a thorough evaluation of the candidate's educational background, experience and professional contributions, as well as a rigorous, comprehensive written examination.

Justin is one of an elite group of interscholastic athletic administrators nationwide to attain this level of professionalism.

The NIAAA is a national professional organization consisting of all 50 state athletic administrator associations and more than 12,000 individual members. It is dedicated to promoting the professional growth of high school athletic administrators and preserving the educational nature of interscholastic athletics and the place of these programs in the secondary school curriculum.





The Select Board held a workshop on the proposed 2021 budget. The proposed tax rate after that meeting is \$1.70 or a 17.12 % increase resulting in a new estimated rate of \$11.64 per \$1,000 of assessed value. On a \$300k house the increase is \$510 a year or \$42.50 a month. See related story on page 11.



Deering to hold Town Meeting in Hillsborough on March 13th

Deering Town Moderator Phil Bryce discussed the state of current legislation allowing Towns to delay their town meeting date explaining that the bill passed the senate, but was stalled in the house chamber.

The preference was to continue with the March 9th voting for officers and zoning ordinance with the Town meeting occurring on Saturday March 13th. Given the need for social distancing it was determined that the Deering town hall was too small to accommodate the usual number of attendees.

The TA was directed to fill out an application to reserve the Hillsborough Deering High School gymnasium for March 13th. The Board reviewed both the Town Warrant and the town's budget. The warrant consists of 7 articles, three of which are money articles. Article 3 raises \$2,205,558 for the operating budget. Article 5 adds funding to already established trust funds in the amount of \$407,238, of which \$298,850 will come from unassigned fund balance leaving \$108,388 to be raised through taxation. Article 6 seeks to raise \$15,000 for the purchase of an automated parking kiosk for beach parking. The funding for the kiosk will come from the unassigned fund balance so it will have no impact on the tax rate. The kiosk will be cashless, dispense parking receipts, and not require anyone to visit the site to remove cash as is now the case. It was pointed out that the amount to be raised is \$20,000 less than the previous year. During the last 5- years the amount of taxes raised has consistently been similar to the current amount.



The former Village Discount Center in Hillsborough has been purchased by New England Development, LLC from Londonderry. Calls to the company asking for their intended use were not returned.





Louis Borey Jr.

WASHINGTON - Louis Borey Jr. entered into eternal rest on Janu-

ary 29, 2021, after a long illness. Married 60 years to his beloved wife, Joyce, together they raised five children; Louis III, Cleopatra, Jonathan,



Abraham and Delilah, who went on to provide them with 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren who brought them great joy. Louis (Lou) and Joyce also raised several foster children over the years. In addition to the direct family left behind, there are also spouses of their children, a half brother and many extended family members and friends. A private family service will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Louis' honor to the NRA foundation.

Lorraine G. Barney

GOFFSTOWN - On January 21, 2021, NH native Lorraine G. Bar-

ney, 89, passed away peacefully in the Hillsborough County Nursing Home. Daughter of George and Lucy Beauchemin, Lorraine is survived by

Lorraine is survived by her eight children: Kimberly Allen-House and husband Peter of Florida, David Allen and wife LeeAnn of New Boston, Michael Allen and fiancé Caroline Wright of Florida, Sabrena Allen-Biron and husband Dan of Florida, William Allen and wife Debra of New Boston, Frank Allen Jr. and companion Celine of New Boston, Jim Allen and wife Laurie of New Boston and Necole Allen and companion Henry Dieckhaus of Florida. Her surviving siblings are Theresa Woodbury (Beauchemin) and Roland Beauchemin. Grandchildren include Jeremy Anderson, Anabelle Audette, Meralee Allen, Trevor Allen, Sarah Allen, Alexa Allen and great grandchild Freya Audette.

Elbridge "Wally" Waldo Grover

NEW LONDON - Elbridge "Wally" Waldo Grover, of Main Street, for-

merly of Melbourne Beach, FL and Reading, MA, died Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at Woodcrest Village in New London. He was born in Glen Ridge,



NJ on November 4, 1921 the son of Elbridge Cook Grover and Harriet Beacher Grover. Waldo was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Priscilla Nichols Grover and a daughter,

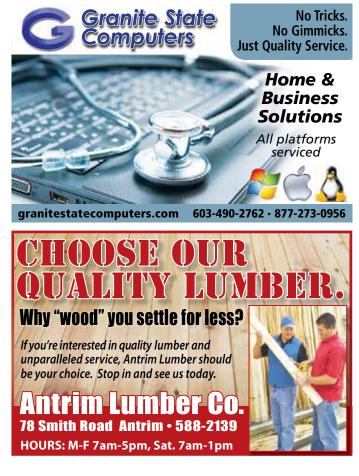
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Susan Nichols Grover. Members of his family surviving include a daughter, Jill Osborn Grace (Daniel) of North Sutton, NH: a son, Peter Waldo Grover (Joyce) of Melbourne, FL; five grandchildren, Jessica Clay (Dan) of Ocala, FL, Pamela Bruss (Nathanial) of Bradford, NH, Nicholas Grover of Melbourne, FL, Jeff Grover (Courtney) of Jacksonville, FL and Catherine Grover Boyce (Keven) of West Melbourne, FL; four great grandchildren, Emily, Anna, Ellie and Daniel; cousins, nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held in the spring or summer and a graveside service will be held in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Reading, MA. Memorial contributions may be made to the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad, 58 Fore Street, Portland, ME 04101 or the Studebaker National Museum, 201 Chapin Street, South Bend, IN

46601 Att: Peggy Soderberg.

Carl Justin Britton, Sr PETERBOROUGH - Carl Justin Britton, Sr., 87, of Peterborough. passed away peacefully at Pheasant Wood Center on January 22, losing his battle with the COVID-19 virus. Carl was born on March 29, 1933 in Keene to parents Elton P. Britton and Rosemond E. (Frizzell) Britton. now deceased. Carl and his wife of 64 years, Marilyn A. (Allen) Britton enjoyed raising their three children, Carl J. Britton, Jr., Stuart A. Britton, and Debra B. Eshbaugh. Carl is predeceased by his parents, his sisters Margaret Kingsbury (husband Robert), Pauline Courchesne (husband Gordon) and Bertha Bressett, and several cousins, nieces and nephews. He is survived by his wife Marilyn, sons Carl Jr. of Littleton, MA (wife Peggy, children Elizabeth and William) and Stuart of North Attleborough, MA (wife Audrey, step-son Jason Hall and wife Alyssa), and daughter Debra of Austin, TX (husband



John Eshbaugh, son Allen Roy and wife Darcy). He is also survived by brother-in-law Ken Bressett, Marilvn's sisters Martha and Avery, brother Robert and companion Ann, all of New Hampshire, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and -nephews, and two great grandsons. A memorial service for Carl will be announced at a later date when it is safe for a celebratory gathering. There will be a private interment in the spring. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in his name to the Contoocook Valley Regional High School music department.

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7:

BRIDGERTON & DOWNTON ABBY fans:

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 8:

SONGS OF EMIGRATION: Storytelling through Traditional Irish Music. The Washington Historical Society, with support from the NH Humanities-to-Go Program, are thrilled to invite you to share in an evening of Irish music and storytelling. 7pm via ZOOM link https://zoom.us/j/99757468544

WOOD BANK: The Warner Energy Committee sponsors a Wood Bank to provide firewood to Warner residents in urgent need. Limited quantities are given free, for emergency relief. Requests may be made to the Warner Selectboard office at 456-2298.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10:

PILLSBURY FREE LIBRARY: at 6:30pm via Zoom. Humanities-to-Go program. All Eyes Are Upon Us: Racial Struggles in the Northeast, from Jackie Robinson to Deval Patrick. Presenter: Jason Sokol.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12:

DEERING WINTER MARKET: will re-open at the Deering Fish and Game Club off Longwoods Road from 4:00 - 7:00pm. Hope to see you there.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16:

TUTTLE LIBRARY: 6:30pm. Remote: Email the Tuttle Library at: tuttlelibrary@gmail for Zoom link. Drawing from personal experience, Irene Buchine addresses the crises and complicated issue of mental illness in children. With sensitivity and through her book, Irene shares knowledge, and hope for children and families struggling with the challenges of childhood depression. This is a collaboration between the James A. Tuttle Library and The Grapevine.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP: will meet at 6:30pm to discuss The Mother-in-Law by Sally Hepworth. You can meet in the library or from home. Call the library for more information. Samantha Gallo, Director, Fuller Public Library Hillsborough, NH 03244

WEDNESDAY MARCH 3:

IRELAND FAMINE: at 6:30pm via Zoom: Humanities-to-Go program, Ireland's Great Famine in Irish-American History: Fateful Memory, Indelible Legacy, by Mary Kelly. Registration required. Call 456-2289 or use registration link at https://www.nhhumanities.org/programs/315 to get the Zoom link.

FRIDAY MARCH 5:

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



Events: Community Bulletin Board

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.

SATURDAY APRIL 10:

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FRIDAY MAY 7:

FIRST FRIDAYS: Gallery Opening Receptions, 5:30-7:30pm. 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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FRIDAY JULY 2:

FIRST FRIDAYS: Music on the Green at 6:15pm. FREE concert at the New London

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 3:

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The following dates are now adopted:

- Deliberative Session Monday, May 3, 2021 at the New Boston Central School gymnasium at 7:00PM.
- Town Election Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at the New Boston Central School gymnasium from 7:00AM to 7:00PM

This decision was made pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order #83 of January 22, 2021 which authorizes the above action to be enacted.



Town of Hillsborough NH PUBLIC NOTICE

Hillsborough Planning Board • Case No. 2021-04 Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 that a Site Plan Review application has been submitted by Jessica Smith of Storage Barn of Hillsborough LLC for property located at 6 Wall Street (Map 25 Lot 15). The application is to construct 2 new self-storage buildings and improve storm water management will be presented to the Hillsborough Planning Board during a regular meeting, Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. using the GoToMeeting platform. Upon a finding by the Board that the application meets the submission requirements, the Board will vote to accept the application as complete and the Public Hearing on the merits of the proposal will follow immediately.

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