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February 14, 1914

Pioneering pilot Hannah Harkness is born

February 15, 1942

Singapore falls to Japan

February 16, 1804

USS Philadelphia burns in Tripoli Harbor

February 17, 1919

Harlem Hellfighters march in New York City

February 18, 1943

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New Hopkinton Superintendent

Michael Flynn holds three Masters Degrees

The Hopkinton School Board has announced that Michael Flynn is the new Superintendent of Schools effec-



tive July 1, 2021. Mr. Flynn lives in Windham with his wife and three children.

For the past eight years, he has been part of the Timberlane and Hampstead School District com-

munity, most recently serving as Executive Director overseeing Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment as well as serving as the Technology Director. Mr. Flynn holds three Masters degrees: of Business Administration (MBA), Business Education, and Educational Administration and Supervision.

Beyond his educational, business, and school district leadership experience, Mike is an incredibly hard working, dedicated individual, eager to help champion the Hopkinton School District forward, building upon our strengths and tackling our challenges.

He prides himself in always being able to see the good in people, as well as his communication and relationship-building skill sets. Mike will be transitioning into the district throughout the spring, so he can hit the ground running come July.

Please be sure to extend him a warm welcome virtually, over email, or in person, once we are able to be out and about again safely.

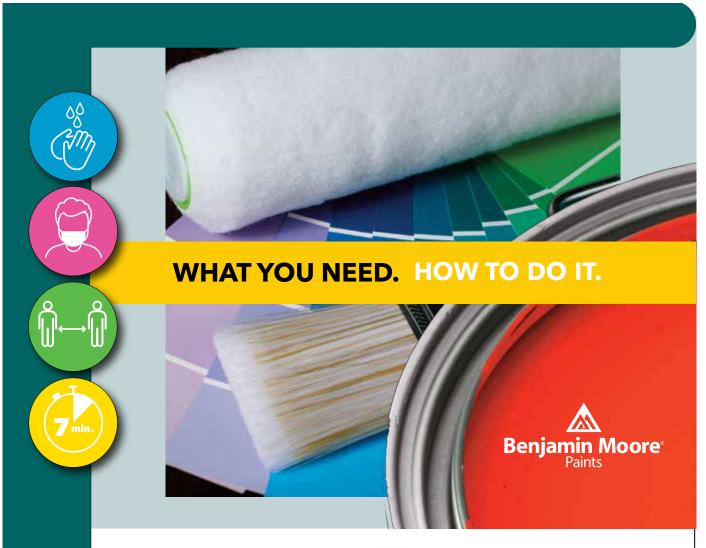
Hillsborough Chamber Town & School Candidates' Night

The Greater Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce has announced plans to hold a Candidates' Night, via ZOOM, on March 3rd, beginning at 6:00. p.m. for those running for Select Board or School Board from either Hillsborough or Deering. Candidates will be given 3 minutes to introduce themselves and

explain why they are running, followed by questions from the public. The order will be determined by a random draw.

Candidates interested in participating should email Moderator Leigh Bosse at leighb@tds.net.

Further information, including the ZOOM link will be available shortly.







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New London voting on June 8th, Town Meeting June 9th

Following extensive discussions with Town Moderator Michael Todd, Assistant Moderator Ann Bedard, Town Clerk Will Kidder and Election Volunteer Coordinator Tina Helm, the New London Board of Selectmen voted to postpone the annual Town Meeting, originally scheduled for March 9th, to June 8th with the business meeting to be held on June 9th.

The discussion of whether to postpone included the fact that the business portion of the annual meeting (held the day after the election) usually has about 250 people in attendance. Given the need for social distancing, it was determined that there is no facility large enough to hold that number of people, so an outside venue will be needed; June will be a better month for an outside meeting.

The town election, when votes are cast to elect town officers — selectmen, budget committee, town clerk and other officers — typically sees about 1,000 voters. The Public Works garage was seen as the best place for that event, and June would be the safest time to hold it. As a member of the seven-town Kearsarge Regional School District, voting will take place on the same day for all towns, March 9th. Because of the challenges with finding a place to vote in March, the School District

will allow New London voters to use the newly completed Professional Development Center on Cougar Court for voting. There will be more information in the coming weeks with dates for public hearings, location of voting and business meeting for the Town Meeting in June.



New duties and positions for New London office staff

Lynn Lewis, pictured above left, who currently serves as the Deputy Tax Collector/Assistant Town Clerk, will assume the duties of the Finance Officer when Wendy Johnson retires in mid-March after nearly 10 years in the position.

Lynn joined the town office staff in 2019.

Dianne Bottari, pictured above right, will replace Lynn in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office, leaving her position of Administrative Assistant in the Selectmen's office, a position she has held since 2015. Congratulations to Lynn and Dianne! A search for a new Administrative Assistant is underway.

Helping in the office during this transition are Ann Bedard and Linda Jackman, both experienced former office staff who have stepped up to help. Thank you, Ann and Linda—it's great to have you back!



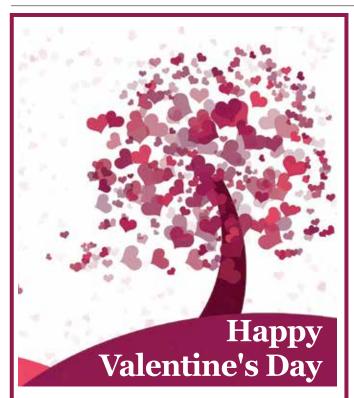
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February 14, 2020

Henniker & NEC returning to normal after shooting Antrim Select Board supports hiring 6th police officer Hopkinton town budget increases tax rate by 7.87% Deering approves PILOT Agreement for Solar

February 15, 2019

Hillsborough teen tries to steal two cruisers
Hopkinton couple donates large conservation easement
Ice jam causes flooding in Goffstown, New Boston
ConVal drops charges against Hillsborough man

February 16, 2018

LRGHealthcare program closures

Deering may change Fire Department hiring process
Goffstown embezzler gets 2-5 year sentence
John Stark Board proposes \$229,795 budget reduction

February 24, 2017

It's Chief vs. former Chief in Loudon
Juvenile charged with gun threat at John Stark
Tilton man injured when thrown from his snowmobile
Warner man convicted of multiple sexual assaults

February 19, 2016

H-D Elementary Principal resigns
Goffstown woman guilty of forging checks \$1 million
PETA protest of Newport's Greased Pig On Ice
New Town Clerk/Tax Collector in New London

February 20, 2015

Deering Fire Chief quits after explosive meeting Franklin fire leaves tenants homeless Bow man guilty of mail fraud & tax evasion Lux challenges Langwasser for Hopkinton Selectman

February 21, 2014

NEC arrest gives new meaning to "Panty Raid" Committee wants to keep New London Dispatch Bradford Selectmen reject fire truck proposal \$8,000 to defend Weare Police Officers

February 22, 2013

Newport gun range approved Sunapee Superintendent a finalist for ConVal job Antrim's new police cruiser totaled during chase Merit raises for Francestown employees

February 24, 2012

Woman wanders away from Pats Peak Sunapee man killed in snowmobile accident Warner Fall Foliage plans in limbo Weare Selectmen discuss bridge replacements

February 25, 2011

Newport names Paul Brown Interim Manager New London seeks to adopt 18 month budget Cleveland rocks with H-D music again Union rejects Monadnock Paper Mill contract

Warner Select Board sets voting for March 9 - Town Meeting outdoors May 1

The Warner Select Board started their meeting last week with a request from Rebecca Corser to change "Columbus Day" to Indigenous Peoples Day. She listed some of the reasons and noted that 14 other states, as well as many cities and towns in New Hampshire have already done so. Andy Bullock from the Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum and Sherry Gould, a local resident, also spoke of the history and culture of the Abenacki. The Board took their comments under advisement.

The Board heard Town Moderator Ray Martin speak about changing the town election and business meeting in accordance with the Governor's emergency order #83. While the order allows for several alternatives, the Board ultimately decided that in the interest of both efficiency and safety to hold the elections on March 9 in the manner of last year's General Election, and the town's business meeting outdoors on May 1,

time and place to be determined.

The Board adjourned in order to attend a Zoom meeting of the Budget Committee's public hearing. While there were questions, comments and some criticism of the way the Solar Array finances have been set up, there was little change to the Budget. A vote to reduce the ambulance budget by \$3000 passed. After the public budget hearing and committee recommendations, the Board reconvened and adopted all recommendations by the Budget Committee, making next year's total increase to the tax rate approximately 1.60%.



The rafters have been installed on the truck bay of Newbury's new Fire Station.



SMOKERS AT HIGHER RISK OF LOSING THEIR TEETH, RESEARCH SHOWS



Dr. Esin Narli-Trangaris

A new study has confirmed that regular smokers have a significantly increased risk of tooth loss. The study results show that male smokers are up to 3.6 times more likely to lose their teeth than non-smokers, whereas female smokers were found to be 2.5 times more likely.

Tooth loss remains a major public health problem worldwide. Globally, close to 30% of 65-74 year olds have lost all of their natural tooth

Most teeth are lost as a result of either caries (tooth decay) or chronic periodontitis (gum disease). Smoking is a strong risk factor for periodontitis, so that may go a long way towards explaining the higher rate of tooth loss in smokers."

Smoking can mask gum bleeding, a key symptom of periodontitis. As a result, the gums of a smoker can appear to be healthier than they actually are.

The association between smoking and tooth loss was stronger among younger people than in the older groups. In addition, the results clearly demonstrated that the association was dose-dependent; heavy smokers had higher risk of losing their teeth than smokers who smoked fewer cigarettes.

The good news is that quitting smoking can reduce the risk fairly quickly. Eventually, an ex-smoker would have the same risk for tooth loss as someone who had never smoked, although this can take more than ten years.

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Lipophilic statins were associated with significantly reduced hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) incidence and mortality, but an association between hydrophilic statins and reduced risk for HCC was not found, according to a study are published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Atorvastatin, lovastatin, and simvastatin are lipophilic, whereas pravastatin, rosuvastatin, and fluvastatin are more hydrophilic. Approximately 500,000 cases of HCC

are diagnosed worldwide each year, related primarily to chronic infection with hepatitis B virus or hepatitis C virus. In the U.S. and Europe, incidence of HCC has tripled since the 1970s and mortality is increasing more rapidly for HCC than for any other cancer.

A drug commonly used to manage symptoms of Alzheimer disease and other dementias—donepezil—is associated with a two-fold higher risk of hospital admission for rhabdomyolysis, a painful condition of muscle breakdown, compared with several other cholinesterase inhibitors, found a study in *CMAJ* (Canadian Medical Association Journal).

Increasing medications for blood pressure when discharging older patients from the hospital may pose a greater risk of falls, fainting and acute kidney injury that outweighs the potential benefits, according to a study published in *JAMA Internal Medicine*. Among more than 4,000 patients who were at least 65 years old and hospitalized for non-cardiac conditions, the researchers found that being discharged with intensified antihypertensives did not reduce cardiovascular events or improve blood pressure control after a year, but did increase the risk for readmission and serious adverse events within 30 days.

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Goffstown Rotary Club honors Deb Chabot

The Rotary Club of Goffstown is pleased to present Deb Chabot with the Richard C. Hopf Citizen of the Year Award for her work supporting local restaurants and the Goffstown Network last spring, during the early days of the pandemic. Deb helped devise a plan to challenge local residents to support restaurants, and in return, she and others would donate money for every order placed. The plan raised over \$5000 for the



food pantry AND helped our friends whose businesses were suffering as a result of restrictions on dining out.

Deering delays Town Meeting to April 17th

At the recent meeting of the Deering Select Board, members reconsidered their previous decision to hold ballot voting on March 9th and Town Meeting on March 13th at Hillsboro-Deering High School. After further discussion, it was decided to delay Town Meeting until Saturday April 17th at the High School.

Warner Town & School voting on March 9th

The Town of Warner will be holding elections for town officers, voting on Zoning Amendments, and the KRSD budget on Tuesday, March 9. This notice will be updated with polling hours and special rules due to CO-VID-19 when the information becomes available.

If you would like to vote by absentee ballot, you may download a request form and select your reason for your request. Concern for COVID-19 is one of the reasons that you can request an absentee ballot.

ConVal Operating Budget set at \$52,583,177

About 95 ConVal voters flew through Wednesday's Deliberative Session in about an hour, approving of all 13 warrant articles without debate or discussion. The \$52,583,177 operating budget is up \$1,954,610, or 4.04% above the current budget. If rejected, the default budget is set at \$51,065,984. Voters will also be asked to approve a one-year contract with the ConVal Education Association which increases salaries and benefits by \$847,899.



A pair of unusual rescues last week for Weare First Responders

On Saturday, February 6, 2021, a woman suffered injuries after falling into a trash compactor at the Weare Transfer Station on Merrill Road.

The 55-year old woman fell about twelve feet from a ledge over the trash compactor suffering injuries to her upper body and head. To reach the woman, Weare Fire Rescue personnel climbed into the hopper to assess her injuries. She was removed utilizing rope rescue equipment then transported to Concord Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

This was the second unusual rescue for personnel last week. On Wednesday, February 3, personnel responded to an injured man on one of the Town's many snowmobile trails.

The man was helping the local snowmobile club remove a motor vehicle that had been stuck on the trail for several days. While at-



It was a busy week for Bradford Fire & Rescue.

tempting to retrieve the vehicle, the trail-grooming machine struck the 70-year old man causing an open fracture to his leg. Fire Rescue personnel, working with members of the snowmobile club, accessed the injured man who was located

approximately 2 miles from the trailhead. After assessing and treating his injuries, Fire Rescue personnel placed him into a Rescue Boggan and he was towed by one of the snowmobile club members to the awaiting ambulance.



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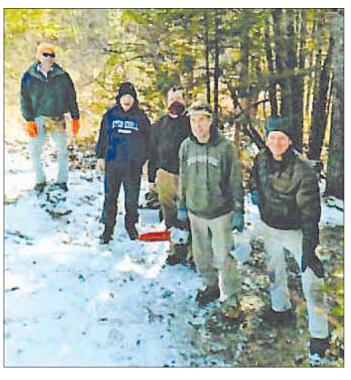


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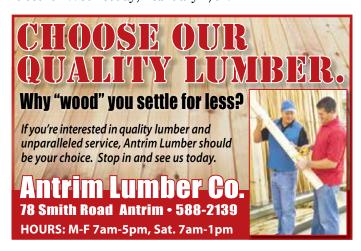


Commission thanks New London Trail Adopters

The New London Conservation Commission thanks their Trail Adopters, past and present, for their contributions to the trail system. The Commission recently refreshed their roster and they now have sixteen active Adopters patrolling their 30-miles of trails. The Adopters reconnoiter their trails seasonally and after weather events, do routine trail maintenance and make suggestions for improvements. Their trails have seen record usage in 2020. Thank you Adopters for your help! Thank you hikers for helping to keep the trails clean. Interested in becoming a Trail Adopter? Contact Commission trail steward Mark Vernon, mtvernon@tds.net

Weare School & Town voting on March 9

The Weare School Board has voted to keep their vote with the town, so the ballot vote for the Weare School District will be March 9, 2021. The Deliberative Session is set for Wednesday, February 17th.



New London Select Board meets with the Citizens Advisory Committee

The New London Citizens Advisory Committee met on the Zoom platform with Paul Gorman, Chair of the Planning Board, as the guest. Present were the Board of Selectmen and 13 members of the CAC. Mr. Gorman reviewed the process that the Planning Board has implemented over the past two years to update the Master Plan, which is updated every 10 years.

The Board was encouraged with the widespread town participation, having had 950 returned questionnaires from the town's population of approximately 4,500 residents.

In this way, town departments are informed about how the residents of New London would like to see the town grow and develop in a number of areas, not just land use and development. It was Mr. Gorman's opinion that the greatest difference between the last

Master Plan and this one was in the area of housing, specifically workforce housing and affordable housing; these will be more specific recommendations regarding housing.



Deering Fire Chief Jeff LeBlanc met with the Select Board to recommend the promotion of Captain Pat Murdough to Deputy Chief and Lt. Kris Parece to Captain. He also requested hiring Tiana Garland as an EMT. The Board agreed.



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Publisher's Perspective

A few questions and a prayer for America

During this dangerous time of hate, division and suppression of thought, can we as Americans, at least, agree on a few basic beliefs?

Can We Agree:

- 1. That no matter the color of our skin, we are all human beings who deserve the same rights and respect.
- 2. That Christian, Jew, Hindu, Muslim, or Buddhist, we are all children of God.
- 3. That America's strength is derived from the diversity of its races, cultures and customs.
- 4. That if Democracy is to survive, a vigorous debate is required, but only if ALL opinions are allowed to be heard.
- 5. That Racism still persists in our country but, America has done more to promote racial equality and economic freedom than any other nation on earth.
 - 6. That Poverty and homeless-

ness still plague us, but Americans are the most generous people, as individuals and as a nation than any other country on earth.

- 7. That if the United States is so repressive and evil, why do millions of people line up annually to come here, legally and illegally.
- 8. That there are no such lines seeking admission to Russia, China, or socialists countries.
- 9. That Peter Jennings, Walter Cronkite, Chet Huntley and David Brinkley used to report the news objectively, allowing us to interpret the events ourselves.
- 10. That violent extremists from the left and the right, KKK, Antifa, Proud Boys and BLM, must be denounced.

Dear God, please bless, and unite America in this time of crisis, and protect us from those who seek to divide and destroy us.



Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

On Saturday, January 30th, the School District Deliberative Session was held. I was surprised to discover that you had to go in person meeting in order to vote. These days, almost all large public gatherings have been held on zoom or other electronic means. There was no provision for anyone who expected it to be held via zoom.

In this town, it meant that very few of us older residents of Hillsborough were able to attend and the majority who attended were younger people with children in the school. Naturally they would more likely support the school board in whatever budget was suggested. For many of us older people, finances are scarce to come by. Our taxes have doubled this year. The schools depend on taxes from both older people as well as our summer residents to pay for

much of their programs, even when we have no children in the schools, nor do we benefit from the schools.

I understand that an amendment to Article 11 about giving the schools permission to retain up to 5% as a contingency fund lost by just 2 votes right towards the end of the long meeting. I would urge everyone, especially my fellow senior citizens and all those who have limited incomes, to vote NO to Article 11 on Tuesday the 9th of November. This will not affect the main budget, but it could save us tax payers close to \$500,000.

Marian Baker, Hillsborough ***********

Dear Editor:

I agree with your contention (Publisher's Perspective, January 29, 2021) that we must learn from History or we are doomed to repeat its mistakes. Much can be learned, indeed must be learned, from our ▶



recent history if we are to preserve the Constitutional Republic our founding fathers left to us.

One lesson we can learn from the events leading up to the Insurrection of January 6th is that there is a set of objective facts and truths which must be acknowledged before we can just "move on." Kellyanne Conway once famously asserted that the Trump Administration was presenting a set of "alternative facts" when it came to crowd size on Inauguration Day 2017. Unfortunately, this practice continued throughout the administration. This is a lie; there are NOT alternative facts. There is truth and there is fiction.

You state that there is "talk of a roundup, purge and reeducation of anyone who supported Donald Trump." Such talk is divisive and dangerous and should not be countenanced. I would submit, however, that people - politicians, media and citizens alike - who supported, and still support, the Big Lie of election fraud must be told that they are wrong, that they were lied to. People who support US Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (now the face of the Republican Party) must be told that her rants about Jewish Space Lasers, staged school shootings and other Qanon conspiracies are lies - pure and simple.

There was no voter fraud that would have led to the overturning of the election. Chris Krebs, former Director of CISA, and a lifelong Republican said the 2020 election was "the most fair and accurate election in our history." William Barr, US Attorney General at the time, and a fierce Trump loyalist, said the Dept. of Justice found no "fraud or irregularity" that would have overturned the election. Over 60 election fraud and irregularity lawsuits were rejected or dismissed by State and Federal Courts. Many of these decisions were made by Trump appointed Judges. Even the US Supreme Court, including the three Trump appointed Justices, rejected, in one sentence, a lawsuit seeking to overturn the election.

Trump supporters must be told, by the 147 US House Reps. who voted to overturn the election even AFTER the insurrection, by their elected US Senators and by Trump himself, that they were lied to, over and over again. Until we all arrive at ONE truth, ONE set of facts it will be hard, if not impossible, to simply "move on."

As you exhorted the Democrats to take back their party, I would plead with you, and other Republicans, to repudiate the lies - big and small - and, once again, be proud to be the GOP, the Party of Lincoln.

Paul Nugent, Newbury

Greenfield pastor indicted on 20 sex charges

Greenfield pastor Christopher Lawton, 43, has been indicted on 20 aggravated felonious sexual assaults regarding crimes allegedly committed against a teenage girl he counseled over the course of a year.

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"NO-COST" MORTGAGE OPTIONS—PART I



By: Joyce Bosse

A "no-cost" mortgage is one in which a buyer is allowed to pay some or all of the discount points and other closing costs over time instead of paying them in cash at closing. The lender may refer to this as financing the finance charges.

No mortgage is truly without costs. By choosing a "no-cost" mortgage, the borrower may pay a higher interest rate on the loan in exchange for reducing

the amount of money at closing. Generally, the interest rate on a "no-cost" mortgage ranges from half a point to a full point above the market rate. (A "point" is 1 percent of the outstanding principal balance of a loan.)

Fees commonly financed and paid by the lender in a no-cost loan include points and processing fees and fees for credit reports and appraisals. A "no-cost" mortgage makes the most sense when the buyer is likely to move or refinance within a relatively short period. The following example shows why.

A buyer wants to finance a \$150,000 mortgage with a 30-year fixed rate loan. Under loan A the buyer would receive a mortgage at 4 percent with fees of \$2,500. Under loan B, the buyer would take out a "no-cost" mortgage at 4.5 percent. (This example assumes the costs for each loan are identical, but that might not be the case in real life as lender programs may differ.) The buyer would pay \$500 per month interest on loan A or pay \$562.50 per month on loan B, or \$62.50 more per month. In just 40 months the extra monthly amount will equal the up-front costs.

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New Boston couple suing insurance company for \$2 million policy limit

Jeffry Beaulieu and his wife, Alicia, of New Boston recently filed suit against A.I.G. Property and Casualty Insurance Company over the serious injuries he suffered in the Dec. 16, 2019 crash after he was thrown from the truck and became covered in fuel as more than 6,000 gallons of gasoline spilled out along the side of Route 101.

According to authorities, Beaulieu was operating the tanker truck owned by JP Noonan Transportation Inc. westbound in the right lane of Route 101 when Desiree Gulyban's 2003 Volvo veered into the left side of the truck.

The impact forced the truck off the highway and caused it to roll over. It ended up down an embankment, where 6,000 of the 11,000 gallons of gasoline in the tanker leaked out, as Beaulieu was ejected from the tanker truck.

Gulyban, 26, has been indicted on one count each of felony second degree assault and reckless conduct



Jeff Beaulieu survived this crash.

with a deadly weapon. The charges accuse Gulyban of swerving her car out of her travel lane and/or talking on the phone while she was driving.

Gulyban's vehicle wasn't insured, but the suit said Beaulieu was covered under JP Noonan's insurance policy.

Beaulieu demanded the \$2 million policy limit under the unin-

sured motorist coverage provision, but A.I.G. has refused to pay it and has breached its contract, according to the suit.

Rainboth said Beaulieu has suffered permanent injuries, which include scarring from burns resulting from the gasoline spill. A.I.G. has not yet filed a formal response to the suit in court.





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Teacher brings a personal connection to Henniker & Weare students

SAU 24 Learn at Home teacher Sue Fountain has been trying different ways to reach out to her Learn at Home students with a personal touch all year. Fountain teaches 4th and 5th-grade students from Henniker Community School, Center Woods Elementary, James Faulkner Elementary, and Center Woods Upper Elementary.

"My students are learning 100 percent remotely and it can be hard and so isolating. I teach math and science, but I think it's important to bring them some of the personal connections that would occur if they were at school in a traditional classroom along with the academic lessons," said Mrs. Fountain.

Some of her ideas of how to connect sprang from when she read the book From Me to You to students. It's a story about a rat who is lonely until one day an anonymous note written on bright paper changes everything and shows how far a little love can go.

"It made me think, who doesn't like to get mail? So, I bought some red envelopes and wrote a letter to all my students about how much I liked being their teacher and mailed them home,"



SAU 24 Learn at Home teacher Sue Fountain.

said Fountain. "I heard from parents and students alike. They loved it!"

Fountain has continued to mail letters and notes home to all her 44 students about twice a month. One time it was a bookmark project. "I sent each student a bookmark-sized white card and asked them to write down five or so things that help them get rid of stress with my examples of what helps me (take a nap, listen to music, look or go outside, enjoy nature, etc.). I included a self-addressed envelope addressed to

me at school they could return them to be laminated."

Up next, Valentine's Day. Mrs. Fountain has offered students who want to participate the opportunity to drop off at school a valentine for each of their classmates. She plans to sort them all, bag them up, and get them to the intended students. "Valentine messages are so sweet and uplifting. When a parent asked how we might celebrate Valentine's Day, I knew I had to figure it out."





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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Coe-Brown 56, Hopkinton 49: Hopkinton led for most of the first half before Coe-Brown took a 1-point lead at halftime. Jennifer Bettencourt then scored six of her 14 points in the third as the Bears extended the lead to 10 points, to hold on for the road win.

Hopkinton 29, John Stark 26: Senior Maurgan McGrath and sophomore Sierra Stone scored key points down the stretch as the Hawks pulled out a 29-26 win at home against John Stark.

Kearsarge 41, Merrimack Valley 35: It was a tight first half in Penacook and Kearsarge took a slim 22-21 edge into halftime. The Cougars started clicking on the offensive end in the third and built a 33-26 lead by the start of the final quarter.

Merrimack Valley 40, Kearsarge 33: This was tight in the first half and the Pride took an 18-13 lead into halftime. Macy Gordon hit four 3-pointers in the third quarter and MV opened up a 32-19 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

Lebanon 44, Kearsarge 34: The Cougars trailed D-II Lebanon by five after the first quarter, but came back to take a 21-20 halftime lead. It was a two-point game after three before the Raiders pulled away in the end. **Merrimack Valley 39, Hillsboro-Deering 22:** H-D stayed close in the first half and trailed by eight at halftime, 20-12, but MV outscored the







Hillcats 17-4 in the third quarter to take control. Emily Howell had 8 points followed by Zoe Kemp with 6 and Rose Rioux hit 4 points for the Hillcats. **Bishop Brady 67, John Stark 40:** Libby Hicks came out firing, hit four 3-pointers in the first quarter as the Giants raced to an early lead at home.

BOYS BASKETBALL

John Stark 58, **Bishop Brady 43:** The Generals used a 16-8 run to close the game and earn their first win of the season. Montgomery, just a freshman, had eight of his 11 points during that fourth quarter run, including two 3-pointers.

Hopkinton 60, John Stark 21: Both teams struggled to score early, but Hopkinton finally found a rhythm with a 17-point third quarter to take control

Kearsarge 47, Merrimack Valley 43: Chris Stanchfield had 11 points and three steals in the Cougars' win on Wednesday.

Kearsarge 50, Merrimack Valley 46: Stanchfield then dropped 27 points on the Pride, and went 4-for-4 from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter, in Thursday's decision.

BOWLING

Stevens 2, Hillsboro-Deering 0: The first two meets of its season were canceled, but the Hillsboro-Deering bowling team finally got rolling last weekend against Stevens. Junior Alaina McGuillicuddy led H-D with a 127, but Stevens won the meet, 2-0.

Keene 2, Hillsboro-Deering 0: Ethan Benn had the high two-game total for the Hillcats on Saturday, while Savannah McDaniel had the high single total. Both are freshmen. Abigail Benn, Ben Boothby, Addison Dillon and Abagail Carroll also competed H-D.

BOYS NORDIC SKIING

Hopkinton 3rd: Michael Eggers-Emerson (6th), Matt Clarner (8th), Parker Wuellenweber (12th), Will Chapin (15th)

GIRLS NORDIC SKIING

Hopkinton 1st: With three skiers in the top five, Hopkinton had just enough to beat out second-place Gilford, 386-383.

ConVal: Top honors for the girls went to co-captain Eva Calcutt, who came in fourth overall. On the boys' side, novice skier Nathan Klonel moved far up the ranks from his first race and finished the hilly course in a very respectable twelfth place.

ConVal: Six members of the ConVal Nordic team traveled to Plainfield for a tri-school event. Co-captain Eva Calcutt once again led the Cougar girls, taking a very respectable fifth place. Nathan Klonel represented ConVal in the boys race, finishing the 5 K classical course in 21:21.

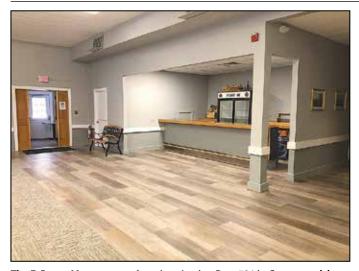


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Philip Shawn Dyment and his wife, Michelle of Meredith, and Kimberly Ribbans and her husband, Edmund of Weare; her cherished grandchildren, Kayla Miner, Shawn Patrick Dyment, Ashley Ribbans, and Trevor Ribbans; sisters, Sharon A. Dale and her partner, John Movalli of Center Ossipee, and Mary Kline and her husband, Larry of Gloucester, MA: brother, Harold Dale and his wife, Anne of Gloucester, MA; and her sister-in-law. Sharon "Sheri" Dale of CA. Donna is also survived by her sister-in-law, Joan

Dyment; sister-in-law, Judy Dyment; brother-in-law, Kenneth Dyment and wife, Ellen; brother-in-law, Ronald Dvment and wife, Nancy; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to one of Donna's favorite charities are encouraged: Puppies Behind Bars providing trained service dogs to disabled vets at www.puppiesbehindbars.com, Concord Regional Visiting Nurses Association at www.crvna.org, or The ALS Association at www.als.org.

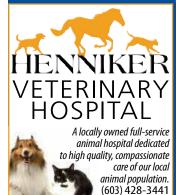
Veda May (Whipple) Hosmer

NEWBURY - Veda May (Whipple) Hosmer, 85, of Newell Road, died Monday, February 1, 2021 after a brief illness. She was born in Newport, NH on February 1, 1936 to Ralph J. and Emma (Eastman) Whipple. Veda married Charley Hosmer on Nov. 11, 1956 and spent their lives together in Newbury. She is predeceased by her husband of 58 years,

Charley in 2015; two sisters, Claire Heman of Concord, NH and Marjorie Gove of Wilmot, NH; and three nephews, Timothy Patten of Wilmot, NH, Rodney



Gove of Newport, NH and Jon Gove of Franklin, NH. She is survived by two daughters, Debbie Hosmer of Sutton, NH and Elizabeth "Betsy" Seufert and her husband, Chris of Fort Myers, FL; two grandchildren, Nicole Cable and her husband, Chris of Wichita Falls, TX and Eric Seufert of Mesa, AZ; two great grandchildren, Andrew and Lauren Cable of Wichita Falls, TX; two sisters, Betty Lou Moore of New London, NH and Elaine Tracy of Charlestown, NH; nieces, nephews and cousins. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. in Millwoods Cemetery, South Sutton, NH.





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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.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21

ONE ROOM SCHOOLS: Rural NH has many traditions that reverberate through time, especially when it comes to education. Join us at 2pm to

learn about New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality. Hundreds of one-room schools dotted the landscape of New Hampshire a century ago and were the backbone of primary education for generations of children. Steve Taylor explores the lasting legacies of the one-room school and how they echo today. Email the Tucker Free Library for the Zoom Link.

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.

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Town of Weare

PLANNING BOARD MEETING

February 25, 2021 at the Weare Town Office Building, at **7:00 PM. AGENDA**

<u>Lot Line Adjustment</u> application for R. John & Rodalyn Knox for properties on Cross Road, Tax Map 406, Lot 32 and South Sugar Hill Road, Tax Map 406, Lot 33.1. The property is in the Rural and Commercial Districts.

<u>Site Plan Review</u> application for Safelystor LLC for property on 424 South Stark Highway, Tax Map 109, Lot 8. The application is to construct one storage unit (115x40) and to reduce the outside storage area. The property is in the Commercial District.

Anyone interested in attending this hearing/meeting via Zoom please send an email request to: nbolton@weare.nh.gov 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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