

Merry Christmas

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Before we get too consumed with shopping, partying and decorating, let's take just a moment to remember exactly why we observe this holiday. We celebrate:

The Birth of Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger. And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"



Weare Middle School students at the Henniker Community School presented the play, Sally Cotter and the Censored Stone. The performance was open only to family members of the cast and crew due to Covid precautions. Retired Henniker Community School teacher Beth Spaulding was the Director of the production.

COVID Spike at Monadnock Hospital

Hospital forced to transfer about 38 patients per month

Monadnock Community Hospital officials report that the hospital has seen its highest number of COVID-19 inpatients, consistent with a statewide spike in cases of the disease. Monadnock had seen about one or two patients per day throughout the pandemic, but recently, that daily count increased to an average of six. Of all COVID-19 patients currently in the hospital, nearly 80% are unvaccinated. They range in age from six months to 92.

The increase in COVID-19 inpatients is particularly hard because people with the viral disease typically need longer than average hospital stays to fully

recover.

Because the hospital lacks an ICU Unit, COVID-19 patients that are in need of extensive care, such as a lung bypass machine or ventilator, must be transferred to another hospital. Prior to the pandemic, Monadnock was sending out about 30 transfers a month, but that number has increased to about thirty-eight patients per month, all due to COVID. A similar lack of available beds throughout New England complicates the matter even more.

Officials continue to encourage people to get vaccinated and wear a face mask.

Local Girl Scout Troops combine to participate in Wreaths Across America

A combined Girl Scout troop from Peterborough and Hillsborough teamed up with the organization Wreaths Across America to honor the legacy of those who served our country by laying wreaths at Pine Hill Cemetery on Saturday.

Girl Scout leader KaitLynne Foote said the goal was to teach her troop to remember the sacrifices made by people in their own community.

“That way, there’s more of a personal connection than what’s in the history book,” she said.

The troop had assistance from the non-profit organization Rolling Thunder as well as the Monadnock Squadron, a local unit of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

“These people gave their lives for this country,” said Todd Kilanski, Rolling Thunder president.

“It’s part of our duty to thank them for their services to be able to keep us free today.”



David Tilley of Henniker spoke about the plight of homeless veterans at a Wreaths Across America ceremony in Merrimack.

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Community volunteers are essential to The Grapevine's success

Kate Carnaroli and her family of Hillsborough came to the Grapevine in 2018, after hearing about the Better Beginnings program from a friend. She was looking for a place to go where her boys, Parker (now 5), and Kaleb (now 3), could socialize and meet other children. Kate shares that the boys have grown very comfortable at the Grapevine, "They love it and always ask if it's Tuesday," she laughs, "I say the group is for them but really, it's for me!"

Kate says she didn't realize how beneficial being a part of a parent group would be. "I love having the time to talk, vent and learn from other parents and to know that everything I say is confidential and isn't going to be shared outside of the group. Having this program helps us reset."

And now that her son Parker is 5, he has graduated to the Grapevine's Learning Vine preschool. Kate loves that it is an outdoor based program. "I think he learns better that way, actu-

ally. In addition, both of the boys are still in a playgroup together, and I see them working together and how good it is for them."

And as a volunteer parent, Kate has helped with several Grapevine events and is looking forward to getting more involved. She is also excited about the opportunities at Avenue A Teen Center for her stepdaughter, who is 12. Kate sums it up by sharing, "The Grapevine seems to have checked all the boxes for the things our family needs right now!"

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The Carnaroli family.

Newbury Fire & Rescue kept busy over the weekend

Newbury Fire Rescue and Newbury Police responded on Sunday afternoon to a report of an injured person in the woods off of Gillingham Drive.

Emergency medical personnel hiked through the snow to locate the individual and provided first aid on scene to stabilize the patient. The crew used a stokes basket

carried by eight responders to bring the person out of the woods to the waiting ambulance. The patient received additional medical care from the paramedics on the ambulance and was transported to the hospital. This was one of eight emergency calls that Newbury Fire Rescue responded to on this busy weekend.

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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

December 25, 2020

Hillsborough mother and two children survive fire
H-D Middle School teacher positions restored
Weare third graders study impressionist painters
Weare campground asks selectmen to enforce rules

December 27, 2019

Henniker veteran receives a Quilt Of Honor
Hillsborough Planning Board approves "Life Forest"
New Boston Police seek hit & run driver
Frigid cold hampers Bradford firefighters

December 28, 2018

New London man stabbed to death in Hillsborough
Goffstown fire leaves family homeless for the holidays
Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce promise ambitious
Peterborough targeted for major solar panel initiative

December 29, 2017

Hillsborough woman injured in Hancock accident
Weare Middle School excels at virtual competition
New Boston Police Officer dies suddenly
Bow officials hope to expand tax base

December 23, 2016

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

December 24, 2015

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

December 26, 2014

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

January 4, 2013

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

January 6, 2012

Woman ejected from car, airlifted to hospital
Henniker ladder truck back on the warrant
Young moose rescued from Washington pond
New London to repair Bucklin Beach bathhouse

January 7, 2011

Antrim Officer awarded Life Saving Citation
Henniker's Que Pasa closed by fire
Kearsarge school budget increases \$1.1 million
Newport kicks off year long celebration

Weare students conduct Food Drive to aid Weare's Food Pantry

Earning Community Service hours during Flex Block is a new initiative undertaken this year at Weare Middle/Center Woods Upper Elementary School. Developed by social studies teacher Holly Wilson, this new program allows teachers and staff to register projects they need help with and how many students will be needed to complete the task. Students then sign up for the projects they wish to be a part of and earn community service hours for their work. The projects have ranged from decorating hallway bulletin boards to the most recent canned food drive with the Weare Food Pantry.

"The bulk of my curriculum focuses on civics, and I was excited to initiate a program where kids could participate in a civics-related activity such as Community Service," commented teacher Holly Wilson.

A very dedicated group of students led the school food drive which ran from November 22 to December 10.



Weare students support the town's food pantry.

Prizes were offered to the top four homerooms who brought in the most goods. On the final day of the drive, community service students packed up the 2,555 items collected for the food pantry.

The winning homerooms for the food drive were: First Place—Mrs. Gawthorpe, 5th grade, 2nd place—Mrs. Chasse, 7th grade, 3rd place—Ms. Deware, 4th grade, and 4th place—Ms. Wilson, 8th grade.

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However, growing evidence from a number of studies links the body's inflammatory response to increased rates of cognitive decline, suggesting that it would be worth exploring whether the treatment of gum disease might also benefit the treatment of dementia and Alzheimer's Disease.

A number of studies have shown that having few teeth, possibly as a consequence of earlier gum disease, is associated with a greater risk of developing dementia. The presence of teeth with active gum disease results in higher body-wide levels of the sorts of inflammatory molecules which have also been associated with an elevated risk of other outcomes such as cognitive decline or cardiovascular disease. Research has suggested that effective gum treatment can reduce the occurrence of these molecules closer to levels that are seen in a healthy state.

Previous studies have also shown that patients with Alzheimer's Disease have poorer dental health than others of similar age and that the more severe the dementia the worse the dental health, most likely reflecting greater difficulties with taking care of oneself as dementia becomes more severe.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Scientists have identified a group of drugs that may help stop a leading cause of vision loss according to a new study published in the journal *PNAS*. The drugs, known as Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors, or NRTIs, are commonly used to treat HIV. The new discovery suggests that they may be useful against dry macular degeneration as well, even though a virus does not cause that sight-stealing condition. A review of four different health insurance databases suggests that people taking these drugs have significantly reduced risk of developing dry macular degeneration, a condition that affects millions of Americans. People taking NRTIs were almost 40% less likely to develop dry macular degeneration. Previous research had determined that NRTIs may help prevent diabetes as well.

Prolonged androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) can impair cardiorespiratory fitness and increase risk of cardiovascular death in prostate cancer patients with high risk of cardiovascular disease, according to a study in *JACC: CardioOncology*. The findings contribute further data supporting the need for cardiovascular disease (CVD) monitoring in patients who are living longer after successful cancer treatment. Approximately 1 in 9 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during their lifetime, and it is the second leading cause of cancer death for men in the United States. Furthermore, CVD is a leading cause of death in men who have a history of prostate cancer. ADT with radiation therapy is a standard primary treatment for prostate cancer as an alternative to surgery and is frequently used in patients with metastatic, recurrent and localized high-risk tumors. More prolonged use of ADT in certain patients with prostate cancer is increasingly employed following studies that demonstrated improved cancer outcomes compared to short-term ADT exposure.

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Hometown Heroes



John Stark Regional High School senior Nathan Nichols received his Emergency Medical Technician Certification from Granite State Emergency Medical Services this month. Nathan takes part in the Emergency Service II program through the Concord Regional Technical Center (CRTC). He is the son of Kevin and Kelly Nichols of Weare.



Newbury Officer Fisher and K9 Nash received a check for \$2,000, for the Newbury K9 program. These funds were raised by a resident of our town named Millie, who did a community service project as part of her process to obtain her black belt in karate.



Scouts from Weare Troop 529 delivered a basket of goodies to Concord Hospital ICU staff to show appreciation for all of their continued hard work.



Weare Cub Scouts visited the Fire Department.



Nothing is more traditional than a lighted tree in the Town's gazebo, including those in Bennington (L) and Weare (R).

Henniker Select Board considering police restricting interaction with staff

The Henniker Board of Selectmen is considering a new policy on communications between Board members and town employees.

A primary reason why Board members have virtually no role regarding individual town employees is that applicable law provides that Selectmen will act as a body, not as individuals. The Board of Selectmen is meant to serve as part of a Board,

not individually. Indeed, the law requires that with limited exceptions, the board will conduct town business only through duly convened meetings "in full view of the public."

Thus, when an individual Selectman takes unilateral action, their conduct may well lose the sanction of law. The Selectman member may then lose certain protections and immunities from liability, and their

actions may more easily be rescinded or disputed. The matter is scheduled for Second reading at the Board's next meeting.

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Guest Editorial *by Grant Bosse*

Reflection On Christmas

CHESTNUTS ROASTING on an open fire were not, as far as I can recall, mentioned in the Bible.

My Sunday school education did not include flying reindeer, talking snowmen or jolly, old elves.

So I've never gotten all that worked up about complaints over the commercialization of Christmas, or that all the shopping distracts from the religious importance of the season.

Frankly, the secular celebration of Christmas has long dwarfed religious observance.

I'm OK with that. I love the trappings and traditions of Christmas, most of which have nothing to do with the birth of Christ.

I love decorating the house. I'm a plastic tree convert, and I love listening to most Christmas carols, though "Santa Baby" should be banned and wiped from our collective memory. I even love wrapping Christmas presents.

My Dad and I used to wrap my Mom's presents together, and he taught me how to do it properly. I have no artistic ability whatsoever, but I can work magic with a roll of paper, a pair of scissors and some Scotch tape. It's one of my few actual skills.

Even when I was a kid, I loved giving presents more than receiving them. I liked new toys as much as any kid, but I started doing my own Christmas shopping very young. That smile and laugh when someone you love opens the perfect gift lasts all year.

Which gets us back a little closer to the true meaning of Christmas. It's not really about the presents, but the gifts we give each other are a reflection of the gift God gave us.

Jesus Christ was born for us, and died for us, that our sins may be forgiven. We celebrate his birth by giving gifts to each other. We may not consciously reflect on the gifts of the Magi when someone opens their new

voice-activated Star Wars droid, but there's a connection.

That's also why charities rely so much on the Christmas season. We're in a giving mood, and more open to helping strangers as we shop for our family.

I'm disappointed that I didn't make it back to Hillsborough last year to help the Lions Club pack their Christmas baskets. My folks help raise money for the program, which helps feed 400 people each year. Packing the carrots and cranberry sauce is one of my favorite Christmas traditions.

When I was on the radio in the Upper Valley, each of our three stations supported a different worthy cause each December. The news station where I was program director held the Christmas Crusade for Kids, a toy drive for low-income families. The pop station raised money for the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD). The biggest effort was the country station's Giving Trees campaign for David's House.

For the past 30+ years, David's House has been a home away from home for families of children receiving care at Mary Hitchcock, and now Dartmouth-Hitchcock. They have never charged a dollar. The story of its founding is heartbreaking and inspirational.

A little boy with terminal leukemia saw other families with sick kids and no place to stay. He saved up \$300.78, and from that seed money, David's House has grown and served more than 13,500 families from around the world.

Every Christmas, at least once, I remember David Cyr, and I remember that there are miracles.

That annual present makes it worth putting up with the lines, and the traffic and the ugly sweaters.

Although it's been said many times, many ways, I hope you all have a Merry Christmas.



Rick Edmunds presented Edmunds ACE Hardware's 2021 donation of \$500 this year to Maria Colby of Wings of Dawn, along with many donated items and an anonymous donation of another \$500.

Zoning Amendments on Hillsborough Warrant

The Hillsborough Planning Board is asking voters to approve two amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Warrant Article I would amend Article III Use Districts section 229-21 Dimensional Standards. The purpose of this article is to extend the Lot Area and Frontage exemption for lots in existence prior to March 8, 1977 to all zoning districts and to those lots in existence prior to March 8, 1977 that were merged, but are still non-conforming; Warrant Article II would add the definition of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to Article II General Provisions Section 229-6 to the Table 4 Chart of Uses as a Permitted use in the Commercial and Central Business Districts and by Special Exception in the Village Residential District.

Grapevine Projects July 2020 to June 2021

The Grapevine served 1,266 children, youth and adults across our region.

204 Teens & Adults served at Avenue A Teen & Community Center.

134 Families received Free Tax Preparation and Budget Assistance.

110 Parents & Children supported in our Home Visiting Program.

33 Families enrolled in our Better Beginnings and Hillsborough Playgroup Programs.

16 Families received emergency firewood from our Community Wood Bank.

40 Individuals received intensive case management support.

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Hopkinton Senior, Captain Annie Higginbotham (left photo) was selected to the All Region Team from New England by the United Soccer Coaches Association. Out of 280 girls nationwide this fall, only 69 were selected from the New England Region. Annie was also selected to the NH All-State team, which she has been representing Hopkinton since her sophomore year. Hopkinton Girls Varsity Soccer Coach Mike Zahn (right photo) was named the 2021 Girls' High School Region 1 Coach of the Year by the United Soccer Coaches Association within Region 1 (all New England States including New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia). To qualify for consideration, a coach must have a successful record for the season and exhibit knowledge of the game, rapport with the team, team image, style of play, positive field behavior, involvement in local, state and other national coaching organizations, outside involvement such as clinics and camps, community involvement, rapport with other coaches and officials and a cooperative and considerate relationship with media to name a few. Mike will be presented with this special achievement at the annual convention later next month in Kansas City. Mike is also 1 of 12 coaches nominated for the National Coach of the Year award. Photos: Jeff Sullivan

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First-Team Defense: Toby Halpern (DL) Goffstown, Sr.; Ryan Cote (LB) Goffstown, Sr.; Caden Perry (DB), Goffstown, Sr.; Rob Baguidy (DB) Goffstown, Sr.; Finn O'Neil (DB) Bedford, Sr.

Honorable Mention: Goffstown: Seth Osborne, Sr., Will Sasso, Sr., Cole Martel, Sr., Nick Barry, Sr., Danny LeClair, Jr., Josh Webb, Jr.; Concord: Austin Wells, Jr., Zack Doward, Jr., Divon Duncan, Jr., Jaycee Haskell, Sr.

DIVISION II WEST

Second-Team Offense: Cody Sutkus (RB) John Stark.

DIVISION III

First-Team Offense: RB, John Fraioli (Kearsarge), Jr.; OL, Gareth Armstrong (ConVal), Sr.

First-Team Defense: DB, George Jallah (Kearsarge), Sr.; LB, Alex Clark (Kearsarge), Sr.

Second-Team Offense: RB, Wyatt Hutchinson (ConVal), Sr.; OL, Connor Pillsbury (Kearsarge), Sr.; OL, Jack Chambers (Kearsarge), Sr.

Second-Team Defense: DB, Zach Hodge (Kearsarge), Sr.; LB, Andrew Clark (Kearsarge), Sr.; LB, Anders Sailer (Kearsarge), Sr.

Honorable Mention: Jerome Donohue (Kearsarge), Sr.; Parker Goin (Kearsarge), Soph.; JJ Davis (Kearsarge), Sr.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Goffstown 78, Winnacunnet 58: The Grizzlies had balanced scoring led by Rob Baguidy, with 29 points.

Souhegan 67, John Stark 40: The Sabres led by 10 points at halftime and put the game out of reach in the third quarter.

Kearsarge 47, Monadnock 39: The Cougars played great defense all night, especially in the second half, holding the Huskies to 13 points after halftime.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

St. Thomas 62, Hillsboro-Deering 38: Highlights: The Hillcats dropped their first home game of the season to the Saints, but put more points on the board than they did in their season-opening 51-24 loss to Hopkinton.

John Stark 44, ConVal 32: The Generals led 17-9 at halftime. ConVal took a one-point lead early in the fourth quarter, but Stark regrouped and went on a 14-2 run to close out the game.

John Stark 43, Souhegan 37: After a very slow start, the Generals came to life in the second quarter to take a 23-11 halftime lead.

BOYS HOCKEY

Kearsarge-Plymouth 6, Monadnock-Fall Mountain 3: The Cats trailed 3-0 halfway through the first period, but Kearsarge-Plymouth scored a goal late in the first and netted three more in the first two of the second period to take the lead.

Lebanon-Stevens-Mount Royal 3, John Stark-Hopkinton-HD 2: Highlights: Avery Condon scored his first career goal in the second period to tie the game, 1-1, and tipped in a Guevin shot from the blue line to give the General Hawks a 2-1 lead. Lebanon scored a pair of goals in the third period to claim the season-opening win.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Exeter 11, ConVal 1: Sabrina Leahigh scored ConVal's goal and Francesca Ketola had 25 saves.

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► Monday, January 3, 2022

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VNA Foot Care Clinic - at COA at 9:00am-2:00pm. \$25. Please call COA at 603-748-1731 to schedule an appointment.

Chair Exercises - 10:30am. This low impact exercise program is perfect for those looking for an easy, effective exercise routine. This is a walk-in program. Masks required.

Bingo! - 1:00pm. Ten games for \$5. Ten bingo sheets with 6 cards on each sheet. Participants must be 55 years old and older.

French Discussion Group - 4:15pm. Join this casual, friendly group to practice your language skills and have fun. Participants at all skill levels are welcome! Join in person or via Zoom.

► Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Outdoor Recreation for Seniors - 10:00am. Join this active group to hike, kayak and more! Please call COA at 526-6368 to register prior to your first activity.

Memoir Writing Group - 10:00am. This is a walk-in program.

Painting Group - 1:00pm. Bring your current painting project to work on. This is an informal group, and we'd love to have you.

Hand & Foot Card Game - 1:00pm. This is a walk-in program.

Poker - 1:00pm. This is a walk-in program.

Senior Learning Network Zoom Presentation - 2:00pm Amon Carter Art Museum's Art of the American West. Join us as we view the Carter Legacy galleries housing the original collec-

tion of Frederic Remington and Charles Russell objects. Call COA at 603-526-6368 to register. Space is limited!

► Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Line Dancing - 10:00am. Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church, New London. Line dancing includes a variety of styles of dancing, needs no partner, and is lots of fun! Please call COA at 526-6368 to register prior to your first class.

Needlework Craft Group - 1:00. Love to cross stitch, do needlework, quilt, knit or crochet? This is a walk-in program.

Parkinsons Peer-to-Peer Support Group - 1:00pm

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► Thursday, January 6, 2022

Outdoor Recreation for Seniors - 10:00am. Join this active group to hike, kayak and more! Please call COA at 526-6368 to register prior to your first activity.

Chair Exercises - 10:30am. This low impact exercise program is perfect for those looking for an easy, effective exercise routine.

Mahjong - 12:30pm. This is a walk-in program.

Scrabble - 1:00pm. This is a walk-in program.

► Monday, January 10, 2022

Tom & Tom's Men's Discussion Group - 9:00am. We want to hear your stories and we'll share a few of our own. Call COA at 526-6368 to join via Zoom.

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Bingo! - 1:00pm. Ten games for \$5. Ten bingo sheets with 6 cards on each sheet. Participants must be 55 years old and older. This is a walk-in program.

► Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Outdoor Recreation for Seniors - 10:00am. Join this active group to hike, kayak and more! Please call COA at 526-6368 to register prior to your first activity.

Book Discussion Group - 10:00am

We Came, We Saw, We Left by Charles Wheelan. This book is the insightful and often hilarious account of one family's gap-year experiment, chronicling nine months across six continents with three teenagers. What could go wrong? Location: Tracy Library, New London, NH. Please call COA at 603-526-6368 for registration information.

Memoir Writing Group - 10:00am. This is a walk-in program.

Painting Group - 1:00pm. Bring your current painting project to work on. This is an informal group, and we'd love to have you.

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Senior Learning Network Zoom Presentation - 2:00pm

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► Wednesday, January 12, 2022

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Chair Exercises - 10:30am. This low impact exercise program is perfect for those looking for an easy, effective exercise routine.

Needlework Craft Group - 1:00. Love to cross stitch, do needlework, quilt, knit or crochet? We'd love to get to know the folks who enjoy the same hobbies we enjoy.

Caregiver Peer-to-Peer Support Group - 1:00pm. There ►

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Mahjong - 12:30pm. This is a walk-in program.

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► Monday, January 17, 2022, COA Closed

► Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Outdoor Recreation for Seniors - 10:00am. Join this active group to hike, kayak and more! Please call COA at 526-6368 to register prior to your first activity.

Memoir Writing Group - 10:00am. This is a walk-in program.

Painting Group - 1:00pm. Bring your current painting project to work on. This is an informal group, and we'd love to have you.

Hand & Foot Card Game - 1:00pm. This is a walk-in program.

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Senior Learning Network Zoom Presentation - 2:00pm Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. The Library is located in Ann Arbor on the University of Michigan's campus. Join Kristin Phillips, Public Affairs Specialist, as she gives you a glimpse inside the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum. Call COA at 603-526-6368 to register.

► Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Line Dancing - 10:00am. Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church, New London. Line dancing includes a variety of styles of dancing, needs no partner, and is lots of fun! Please call COA at 526-6368 to register prior to your first class.

Chair Exercises - 10:30am. This low impact exercise program is perfect for those looking for an easy, effective exercise routine. This is a walk-in program. Masks required.

Needlework Craft Group - 1:00. Love to cross stitch, do needlework, quilt, knit or crochet? We'd love to get to know the folks who enjoy the same hobbies we enjoy.

► Thursday, January 20, 2022

Outdoor Recreation for Seniors - 10:00am. Join this active group to hike, kayak and more! Please call COA at 526-6368 to register prior to your first activity.

Chair Exercises - 10:30am

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Mahjong - 12:30pm. This is a walk-in program.

Humanist Discussion Group - 1:00pm. Welcome to those who are interested in delving into a variety of humanist and non-theist topics. We share our knowledge and experiences related to the challenging questions of religion, spirituality, and how they influence our lives. This is a walk-in program.

Scrabble - 1:00pm. This is a walk-in program.

► Monday, January 24, 2022

Tom & Tom's Men's Discussion Group - 9:00am. We want to hear your stories and we'll share a few of our own. Call COA at 526-6368 to join via Zoom.

VNA Foot Care Clinic - at COA at 9:00am-2:00pm. \$25. Please call COA at 603-748-1731 to schedule an appointment.

Chair Exercises - 10:30am. This low impact exercise program is perfect for those looking for an easy, effective exercise routine.

Bingo! - 1:00pm. Ten games for \$5. Ten bingo sheets with 6 cards on each sheet. Participants must be 55 years old and older.

► Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Outdoor Recreation for Seniors - 10:00am. Join this active group to hike, kayak and more! Please call COA at 526-6368 to register prior to your first activity.

Memoir Writing Group - 10:00am. This is a walk-in program.

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Hand & Foot Card Game - 1:00pm. This is a walk-in program.

Poker - 1:00pm. This is a walk-in program.

Senior Learning Network Zoom Presentation - 2:00pm Mitchell caverns are the only limestone caves in the California State Park system. Call COA at 603-526-6368 to register.

► Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Line Dancing - 10:00am. Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church New London. Line dancing includes a variety of styles of dancing, needs no partner, and is lots of fun! Please call COA at 526-6368 to register prior to your first class.

Chair Exercises - 10:30am. This low impact exercise program is perfect for those looking for an easy, effective exercise routine.

Needlework Craft Group - 1:00. Love to cross stitch, do needlework, quilt, knit or crochet? We'd love to get to know the folks who enjoy the same hobbies we enjoy.

► Thursday, January 27, 2022

Outdoor Recreation for Seniors - 10:00am. Join this active group to hike, kayak and more! Please call COA at 526-6368 to register prior to your first activity.

Chair Exercises - 10:30am. This low impact exercise program is perfect for those looking for an easy, effective exercise routine. This is a walk-in program. Masks required.

Mahjong - 12:30pm. This is a walk-in program.

Scrabble - 1:00pm. This is a walk-in program.

► Monday, January 31, 2022

Tom & Tom's Men's Discussion Group - 9:00am. We want to hear your stories and we'll share a few of our own. Call COA at 526-6368 to join via Zoom.

VNA Foot Care Clinic at COA at 9:00am-2:00pm. \$25. Please call COA at 603-748-1731 to schedule an appointment.

Chair Exercises - 10:30am. This is low impact exercise program.

Bingo! - 1:00pm. Ten games for \$5. Participants must be 55.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Marlies Elisabeth Radermacher

HILLSBORO - Marlies Elisabeth Josephine (Fischer) Radermacher, 90, died Wednesday December 8 comfortably at her home in Hillsboro NH with family by her side. Marlies was born on June 22, 1931 in Bendorf, Germany to her parents Georg and Franziska (Opp) Fischer. Marlies was the second of four children and the only daughter. She met her husband Walter of 65 years on August 9, 1951 at a wine festival on the Rhine. They were married in October 1956 and together they emigrated to the United States. Marlies became a U.S. Naturalized Citizen in 1962. She is survived by her husband Walter, daughter Ursula, son Klaus and his wife Lisa, her grandsons Erik Rader-



macher (wife Kathryn Radermacher), Max Radermacher (fiancé Gabrielle Raymond), and Jakob Radermacher, her brothers Hermann (wife Karin) Fischer and Gerhard (wife Lotte) Fischer and sister-in-law Gisela Fischer. She is predeceased by her parents and her older brother Josef Fischer. A wake and funeral service begins at 10AM on Saturday, January 8 at St. Theresa's Church in Henniker NH.

Pauline Hollinger

NEW LONDON - Pauline Hollinger died Sunday, December 12, 2021 surrounded by her family. Pauline was born at home on August 20, 1924, in North Uxbridge, MA, the youngest child of Ignazy and Paulina Wittek. Pauline was predeceased by her husband Edwin, her sons Michael and John, her parents, her brothers Walter, John, Joseph and Stanley. She is survived by her children Jeff Hollinger

(Christy), Fred Hollinger (Pam), Elizabeth Schulz (Dave), Roberta Aufranc (Dennis), Diane Cook, Mary Craigie (Alan), Susan Callaghan (Paul), Christine Hollinger, and Paul Hollinger (Lara), 20 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. A funeral mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, New London, NH on Saturday, December 18 at 11 a.m. Reception to follow at Maple Hill Farm. Burial will be in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Catholic Charities of New Hampshire.



James L. Ryley

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Malcolm A. Merrill

HOPKINTON - Our loving Dad, Grandpa, and Great Grandpa, Malcolm A. Merrill, of Hopkinton, passed peacefully surrounded by his children on Thursday, December 16, 2021. His spirit lives on through his loved ones, friends, and students. Malcolm Albert Merrill; born January 8, 1930 to his father, Fred Dexter Merrill, and mother,

Eva Rosella (Avery) Merrill. Malcolm is survived by his children, Brian Merrill and his wife, Bonnie of Lewes, Delaware, Susan Smith and her husband Paul of Concord, NH, Sandra LaCombe and her husband, Arthur of Barton, NY, and predeceased daughter, Sally and her husband, Scott of Trumansburg, NY. He leaves 10 grandchildren and one deceased grandchild, and 10 great grandchildren, as well as his beloved cousin, whom he considered a brother, Vincent Levasseur of Thornton and his wife, Judy. He also thought the world of his longtime neighbors, who became exceptional friends. He is predeceased by his one true love, June E. Merrill, his parents, Fred and Eva Merrill, and siblings, Mary Merrill and Fred



D. Merrill, Jr. The family will hold a Celebration of Life at a later time, for family, friends and community members to come share their stories of his influential life. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to a charity of your choosing.

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CHRISTMAS EVE: At The Cross 3:00-4:00 pm. To celebrate the Miracle of Christmas and Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Smith Church will post a brief 3pm Children's Christmas Eve service on our Facebook page, Smith Memorial UCC | Facebook. Also we will have an almost traditional Christmas Eve service at 7pm in person and live streaming on Facebook page. Masks are required.

SATURDAY JANUARY 1

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SATURDAY JANUARY 8

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Town of Hillsborough NH LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Case No 2021-19 LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 & 675:7 that the Hillsborough Planning Board will hold a public hearing for a Minor Subdivision application on Sulphur Hill Road (Map 10 Lot 21) submitted by Peter Mellen of Donald R. Mellen Surveyor, LLC on behalf of Jerryl L. and Steven A. Leksutin Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Offices, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

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 may follow immediately. Copies of the application may be viewed at the Office of Community Planning, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire. Anyone with questions about this application should contact Robyn Payson, Planning Director at 603-464-7971.

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Town of Hillsborough NH PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Hillsborough Planning Board pursuant to RSA 675:3 II, on January 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Hillsborough Town Office, 27 School Street to consider the following amendments to the Hillsborough Zoning Ordinance:

- Amend Article III Use Districts section 229-21 Dimensional Standards to extend the Lot Area and Frontage exemption for lots in existence prior to March 8, 1977 to all zoning districts and to those lots in existence prior to March 8, 1977 that have been merged, but are still non-conforming.
- Amend Article II General Provisions Section 229-6 Definitions and Word Usage to add the definition of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and to add same to the Table 4 Chart of Uses as a Permitted use in the Commercial and Central Business Districts and a use allowed by Special Exception in the Village Residential District.

Copies of the proposed ordinance changes are available for public inspection at the Town Office during regular business hours, and available on the Town web site – www.town.hillsborough.nh.us. Questions related to the proposed amendments can be directed to Robyn Payson, Planning Director, at (603) 464-7971, or via email at robyn@hillsboroughnh.net.

Hillsborough Planning Board

Town of Weare

PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Board will be holding a public hearing on **Thursday, January 13, 2022** at the **Town Office Building beginning at 7:00 PM.**

Final Hearing on Proposed Zoning Amendment No. 1: (which reads):

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 set forth in the town warrant as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Weare as follows: To remove the last two portions of Article 3.4.2 so the ordinance ends at "conformity to this ordinance" and strike the rest of the article beginning with "except that the Zoning..." (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Common Driveway Request: Nevin Houle & Madalyn Lover – request approval for common driveway, River Road, Tax Map 409-077

Recommendation to accept Hilbren Road: Owner is looking for Planning Board recommendation to proceed to the Board of Selectmen for a public hearing to have the road accepted and maintained by the Town. This is pursuant to Subdivision Regulations, Article 7.2, Section 2.b: *A performance bond may be reduced upon actual completion of public improvements and then only to the ratio that the public improvement dedicated bears to the total public improvements for the subdivision. In no event shall a performance bond be reduced below twenty-five (25%) percent of the principal amount.*

Minutes: November 18, 2021

Town of Weare

ZONING BOARD AGENDA LISTING

January 4, 2022

7:30 PM START

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Case #01-2022: Timothy S. Trudel (owner); Jasmine Trudel (applicant)
37 Colby Road, Tax Map 412 Lot 002, Rural Agricultural Zone
Special Exception - Article 19, Section 19.10.1
Applicant is seeking a special exception to construct an attached ADU to the existing home.

Case #02-2022: Aubuchon Realty Co., Inc. (owner); Dollar General (Applicant)
455 South Stark Highway, Tax Map 412 Lot 248, Commercial Zone
Variance – Article 34, Sections 34.10.3.2
Applicant is seeking a variance for the construction of three (3) total signs where one (1) is allowed; 120.04 square feet of total signage where 64 square feet is allowed.

Minutes: December 7, 2021

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