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This Week In History

February 5, 1883

Southern Pacific railroad completes Sunset Route

February 6, 1988

Michael Jordan slam dunks from the free throw line

February 7, 1964

The Beatles arrive in the U.S.

February 8, 1965

The Supremes'
"Stop In The Name of Love" released

February 9, 1950

Senator Joe McCarthy claims Communists in State Department

February 10, 1970

Avalanche buries skiers in France

February 11, 1990

Nelson Mandella released from prison



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Michael Stellato R.I.P.

NY transplant loved Hillsboro - Hillsboro loved Mike

The town of Hillsboro lost one of its most ardent supporters when Michael (Mike) Stellato passed away on January 22nd.

Born in Queens, NY in 1942, his family moved to Hillsboro after he graduated from high school. Mike quickly decided that there were too many trees and not enough people, so he signed on with the Air Force in 1963. Returning to Hills-

boro in 1967, he decided that maybe too many trees weren't a bad thing and began to settle down and became an integral part of the community. He earned a degree in Business Administration from Hawthorne College and worked as a mechanic and supervisor at OSRAM Sylvania and Frameworks. He also had a stint working at a local store selling fish, and as a hobby shop owner in the 1990s.

Throughout the 80s, 90s, 00s, and 10s, he was deeply involved in the community. He co-founded the local HYAA sports league, and served as a baseball, softball,



and soccer coach. If you are in your 30s or 40s reading this, there's a fair chance you remember taking a victory lap around town in the back of his pickup truck. He was an assistant soccer coach at the high school and an assistant peewee soccer coach, and when he got to the point where he couldn't keep up with the teenagers, he shifted to working the scoreboard at

basketball and soccer games. He was a Cub Scout Den leader, and a veteran member of the local Lions Club. He was a fixture in local Republican politics, to the point that the local Republican Committee named him a Chairman Emeritus (one of only two people to have received the honor).

Joyce and I have known and loved Mike since he came to town and immediately forgave him for remaining a Yankees fan. In fact, he got us together at Manahan Park in 1969. We had our first date that night and have been married for 52 years.

See his Obituary on Page 18.

Proposed ban on Washington shooting range - shot down

The Washington Planning Board held a public hearing Monday evening to discuss several proposed changes to the town's Land Use Ordinance, including one that would add "Outdoor Commercial Shooting Ranges" to the last of items prohibited in town.

Selectman Allan Dube immediately rose to remind the Board that the main objection to a shooting range is noise but the state law defining such ranges includes archery, paint ball, skeet and other activities with no noise, which would also be prohibited. Resident Gary Kendall also objected, saying the town already has a noise ordinance, while Laurie Dube asked, in relation to a range, "If not here then where?"

Selectman and ex-officio member Dan Revain asked "Why" as there was no request or public outcry for such an ordinance.

After the close of the hearing Revain moved to remove the ban before submission to the voters. Chair Andrew Hatch seconded, saying it needed further study. The ban was removed on a 5-1 vote.

Man arrested for Felony DWI in Warner after snowmobile crash

Joseph Held, 61, of Webster, was arrested Tuesday for DWI on a snow-mobile after a crash in Warner.

Just before 8:45 p.m., New Hampshire Fish and Game was notified by state police dispatch of an accident on the Stevens Trail in Warner near an equipment business and Warner Road close to Route 103.

Warner Fire and Rescue teams were able to use a UTV to access the accident scene. Held had struck a tree and was suffering from serious bodily injury, Conservation Officer Kevin Bronson said. Warner Police, Hopkinton EMTs, and NH Fish and Game all responded to assist.

"After the initial investigation, evidence suggests that Held failed to negotiate a turn and crashed into a tree," Bronson said. "It appears that speed and alcohol were the primary contributing factors to the crash."

Held was arrested on a felony driving while intoxicated charge.

Bronson said the department



NH Fish & Game participated in the arrest.

wanted to remind riders to "obey posted speed limits and to not mix alcohol and drugs with snowmobiles." He said that many trails in the state are in good riding condition, "so please enjoy the trails safely."







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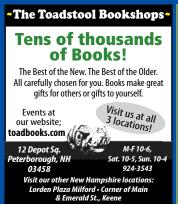
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Henniker voters facing an ambitious 32 article Town Warrant

After nearly a three-hour Public Hearing Tuesday, the Henniker Select Board added \$10,000 to the Operating Budget (Article 4) and reduced the Highway Maintenance Trust by \$100,000 (Article 5).

The major decision made was to change the means of repaying the Wasterwater upgrade bond (Article 6) from a 60/40 split between users and taxpayers to a 100% repayment by taxpayers. As a result, owners of a home valued at \$270,000 will pay an extra \$67.00.

- 3) \$3,200,000 for performing Wastewater Upgrades
- 4) \$6,068,540 for general municipal operations
- 5) \$750,000 added to Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund
- 6) \$115,947 purchase of a Ford F550 Truck with dump body, sander and plow
- 7) \$150,000 added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
- 8) \$60,000 purchase of a wood chipper
- 9) \$2,500 to the Town Technology Expendable Trust Fund
- 10) \$37,000 added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund
- 11) \$62,400 for Property Revalu-
- 12) \$10,000 to the Town Owned Building Expendable Trust Fund
- 13) \$100,000 to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
- 14) \$50,000 purchase of a Skidsteer for the Transfer Station
 - 15) \$30,000 added to the Transfer



Jonathan Norris met with the Henniker Select Board to apply for a tax incentive under RSA 79-E. He is opening a pediatric dentists office at the former funeral home on Hall Avenue and plans to spend up to \$275,000 in renovating the facility.

Station Capital Reserve Fund

- 16) \$80,000 added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund
- 17) \$25,000 added to Fire-Rescue Maintenance Fund
- 18) Revoke Police Building Maintenance Fund
- 19) \$200,000 to establish Police Dept Site Purchase Fund & transfer in all moneys under #17 (above)
 - 20) \$50,000 to Police Site Fund
- 21) \$10,000 to Police Capital Equipment Fund
- 22) \$236,621 for Tucker Free Library
- 22a) \$80,000 for Garaventa Lift at the Library
- 23) \$1 to establish Library Accessibility Expendable Trust

- 24) \$9,990 restoration of granite and mortar on the exterior of the Library
- 25) \$100,000 for road improvements
- 26) \$25,000 added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund
- 27) \$2,500 added to the Parks Equipment Expendable Trust
- 28) \$644,838 for Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 29) \$587,841 for Cogswell Spring Water Works
- 30) Discontinuing the combined elected Town Clerk/Tax Collector position
 - 31) Appoint Tax Collector
- 32) Amend the Henniker Noise Ordinance



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Bradford Select Board reconstituted Greenfield man guilty of planting bomb in car Henniker Select Board ignores Library request Newbury Police Department wants a K-9 unit

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 5 cell towers Kearsarge students' Ethical Leadership 12 towns provide mutual aid battling Bradford 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 Cut of 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 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 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 - 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

Hometown Heroes

Henniker First Responders recognized for life-saving effort

On Sunday January 30th the Henniker Rescue Squad held a short ceremony at the Henniker Fire Department to recognize members of the Henniker Rescue Squad, Henniker Police Department, and Henniker Fire Department, who were part of a cardiac arrest save on December 6th 2021. We would like to recognize their efforts and hard work. They performed admirably and as a result were able to save the life of a Henniker Resident.

Rescue Chief Greg Aucoin said, "I know that I speak on behalf of all departments involved, when I say that we are very proud of the joint effort by all the first responders."

Those involved were: Paramedic Chip Cooper, Henniker Rescue Squad; Firefighter / EMR Mike McManus, Henniker Rescue Squad;



(L-R) Officer Cole Bannister, Officer Rachel Lang, Firefighter Joe Cooper, Paramedic Chip Cooper, Fire Chief Jim Morse.

Firefighter / AEMT Lieutenant Keaton Gagne, Henniker Rescue Squad; Fire Chief Jim Morse, Henniker Fire Department; Firefighter Tyler Adams, Henniker Fire Department;

Firefighter Joe Cooper, Henniker Fire Department; Officer Rachel Lang, Henniker Police Department; and Officer Cole Bannister, Henniker Police Department.

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Hometown Heroes



Robert Kulbacki

It is with deep sadness that
Deering Fire & Rescue announces that former long time
member, Captain and Fire
Warden Rob Kulbacki recently
passed away. There will be a
Celebration of Life for Rob at
the Hillsboro American Legion
Saturday February 19 from 12-4
PM for all to share memories
and visit with Rob's family and
friends. See his obituary on
page 18.

Shaughnessy promoted to Bradford Chief

The Town of Bradford's Select Board is pleased to announce the promotion of Lieutenant Edward Shaughnessy



Ed Shaughnessy

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to the newly created position of full-time Police Chief effective January 1, 2022. Lieutenant Shaughnessy has been a member of the Bradford Police Department for over 16 years. He began his law enforcement career in Bradford as a Patrolman and moved through the ranks serving as Master Patrolman, Detective, Detective Sergeant and, since 2019, as Lieutenant. He is deeply committed

to his community and currently serves as President of BNSYS (Bradford, Newbury, Sutton Youth Sports) and as Commander of the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit. He has been a DARE Instructor for KRES Bradford since 2008 and was named DARE Officer of the Year in 2015.



Newbury Fire Rescue Polaris Ranger UTV has been equipped with winter tracks and is now ready for winter operations. With the tracks. the UTV is able to travel on snowmobile trails to remote locations in the event that a rescue is needed. The unit can respond from the station onto local trails or can be trailered to other trails by department apparatus. The UTV carries a stokes basket and medical equipment and is equipped to carry an injured person out of the woods to a waiting ambulance.

Hillsborough Planning Board deals with multiple issues

The Hillsborough Planning Board held hearings for a Subdivision and a Site Plan Review Wednesday evening.

Surveyor Peter Mellen presented a minor, 2-Lot Subdivision plan for Richard and Douglas Parker on Preston Street. A 4.45 acre lot is being separated from a much larger tract to provide a house lot for Doug Parker's daughter and son-in-law. The Board unanimously approved.

Mellen then presented plans for a 48' x 150', 6-bay building on behalf of Hawkes Motorsports of Henniker. The commercial units are designed to house carpenters, electricians, plumbers and other tradespeople. The Board accepted the plan as complete and scheduled a Site Walk for Saturday

February 12th at 9 a.m.

The Board concluded the night with a work session, discussing their Dark Sky and Gateway Zone projects.



Surveyor Peter Mellen had a busy and successful night before the Hillsborough Planning Board.











Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at New London held their spelling bee on Thursday January 20th. Contestants in the final rounds were challenged by words such as swankiest, sustenance, and trodden. Anya H. of New London became the school champion after correctly spelling reflexology. She will move on to the state semi-final in February with Rory L. of Springfield, the runner up, as her alternate.

ConVal Regional High School Scholastic Art Awards of New Hampshire

CERAMICS AND GLASS

Gold Key: Ronia Foecking, "Dot Mug"; Thomas Sennett, "Jugular"; Ethan Weber, "Pattern Vase."

Honorable Mention: Garret Rousseau, "Flower Vase."

DRAWING AND ILLUSTRATION

Honorable Mention: Sophia Bohl, "Inktober 2021"; Kalyn Ross, "Space."

PAINTING

Silver Key: Anneliese Strong, "Psychological Landscape."

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Gold Key: Esther Janis, "Instruments of Color"; Liberty Kemp, "Noir."

Silver Key: Logan Burnham, "Covid was Here"; Brady Carpentiere, "Silent Cinema"; Emily Clark, "Woven Wisdom"; Jake Daniels, "Over the River and Through the Woods"; Max Depoyster, "Lost in Gender"; Gee Hardwick, "Frets and Pedals"; Jennifer Hopkins, "Brighter Days," "Confident," "Elements"; Liam O'Mahony, "Hold"; Annalese Patrick, "Finding Light in Darkness"; Jasper Vergo, "Grabbing at Success." Honorable Mention: Gabriella Cote, "Gourd Vibes Only," "Guiding Light"; Hayden Derosier, "Winter Wonderland"; Raven Groblewski, "Golden Girl"; Jennifer Hopkins, "History Brought To Light," "New England"; Kyle Howe, "Foot Loops"; Esther Janis, "Into the Rabbit Hole"; Caleb Kleine Norford, "Ancient Archway"; Savannah Lee, "Part of That World"; Fletcher Maggs, "Journey To The Moon," "In the World You Will Have Tribulation"; Liam O'Mahony, "Do You Even Skate Bro?"; Caden Peck, "Marvelous Miata"; Avery Pope, "Face to Face"; Anjali Singh, "One Brick at a Time"; Oliver Theriault, "Shattered Nature"; Jasper Vergo, "One Bird No Stones"; Caitlyn Witt, "That Doesn't Happen to Men."





Henniker Community School's PE teacher Ms. Girard instructs Ms. Mannix's second-graders and first-graders in Ms. Reynard's class as they head out to snowshoe.

New London voters facing big ticket articles

In addition to an operating budget, which is up 6.2%, New London voters are being asked to approve:

\$900,000 Lease/purchase to replace Fire Engine #2

\$600,000 Bond - repairs and renovations to Whipple & Buker \$120,000 Sidewalk repairs

\$64,000 Pickup truck with sander

\$60,000 Repair of bridge Lakeshore and Pleasant Street \$297,039 Six-wheel dump truck

\$68,000 Paving gravel roads

\$40,000 Replacement of Job Seamans wastewater pump \$35,000 Georges Mills Pump Station roof repairs \$35,000 Sewer pipe slip lining

Establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund for Records Management System and fund with \$30,000.

Francestown Operating Budget \$1.9 million

The Select Board and Budget Advisory Committee met to make final recommendations for the Town Meeting Warrant. Voters will be asked to support:

- * Operating Budget \$1,923,139 Recommended BOS 3-0, BAC 5-0
- * Capital Reserve Funding \$571,800 (\$171,800 UFB) Recommended BOS 3-0, BAC 5-0
- * Expendable Trust Funding \$3,800 (100% UFB) Recommended BOS 3-0, BAC 5-0
- * Authorize Library to Accept Gifts other than Monies Recommended BOS 3-0
- * Purchase of Dump Truck \$300,000 (Capital Reserve Funds CRF) Recommended BOS 3-0, BAC 5-0
- * Replacement of Town Bridges \$1,500,000 (Federal Funds 80%, CRF 20%) Recommended BOS 3-0, BAC 5-0
- * Fire & Rescue Radios \$95,000 (Grants \$50,000, ARPA \$5,000, MCFA \$15,000, and CRF \$25,000) Recommended BOS 3-0, BAC 5-0
- * Transfer Station Pavement Rehabilitation \$20,000 (CRF) Recommended BOS 3-0, BAC 4-1.

New England College & Concord Hospital

As we go to press, New England College and Concord Hospital health system are announcing the launch of an innovative collaboration aimed to advance nursing practice in Central New Hampshire. See next week's Messenger for details.

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Publisher's Perspective

Action speaks louder than words

I recently learned that 1. It could cost more than \$150,000 to demolish the Old Post Office building at 2 Bridge Street. 2. T-Mobile has offered the town a \$50,000 rehabilitation grant, and 3. The town has been awarded a \$630,000 Federal ARPA Grant. Rather than concede to the decay in Central Square, I recently met with the Select Board to propose a radical plan to reverse it by transforming and revitalizing a long-neglected asset:

- 1. \$150,000 toward eliminating the mold and restoring 2 Bridge Street and sell it to an investor/developer for the highest bid over \$1.00. I spoke with investor Zander Kempf, who said that based on that commitment, he would have his engineers prepare a "shovel ready" renovation plan eligible for the T-Mobile Grant;
- 2. \$150,000 Purchase building next to the town's parking lot on Main Street;
- 3. \$65,000 Demolish it to double the size of the municipal parking lot. My wife Joyce has the listing on the property and would donate her entire \$15,000 commission to the town to lower the cost. With a \$365,000 Total Investment, here's how it works out: -15,000 Real Estate Commission -50,000 T-Mobile Grant -300,000 ARPA Grant **\$o** Net Cost To Taxpayers with \$300,000+ Grant left over

I was surprised at the negative reaction of Board members who first denied that there is a lack of parking in Central Square but later admitted trying to acguire the vacant Mobile lot next to Mediterrano's and considered demolishing the Old Post Office to increase Central Square parking. Later in the meeting Board members complained that they have lost control over the town's parking lot with residential tenants occupying space for long periods including overnight, only to find that town parking regulations specifically allow and encourage overnight parking in the only municipal lot in Central Square.

I am sorry to be such an adamant critic, but I ask town leaders to take this simple True/False Test.

- 1. There are 17 vacant commercial storefronts in Central Square.
- 2. From the end of WWII until the installation of the traffic light and turn lanes, all those storefronts were occupied by small businesses.
- 3. Since that installation, with the exception of the Planning Board sponsoring the RSA 79 tax incentives, the town has not made a single proposal to reverse the decline.
- 4. It is the duty of the town to provide the infrastructure required for commercial growth in order to lessen the tax burden on homeowners.

I am no genius, and have no special expertise. I make these proposals out of my love for this town, and shame that the most visible part of town is being neglected. At 75, I will not live long enough to see the result of further inaction, but many of you will. I can accept your rejection of my suggestions. IF you show me the alternative. We don't need further discussion or study, we need action.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Again I would like to thank you for making The Messenger available online. Having grown up in Hillsborough and still spending summers there I follow whats going on in local government. Your attempt to clean up and vitalize the central square is a much needed project. The current lack

of parking and the junk yard look is a disgrace to the taxpayers.

Following the selectman's meeting I get the feeling that the committee's study things to death without ever acting on the issues. I hope someday in the near future I could feel proud of the square and my home town.

Frank DerRocchi

Hillsborough woman arrested after crash into the river

On January 29th, at approximately 3:52 am, the New Hampshire State Police received a report of a loud bang in the area of the I-89 Junction with I-93. Responding to the area troopers located a vehicle that had crashed on the ramp from I-89 SB to I-93 NB.

The vehicle appeared to have been traveling at high speed on I-89 SB when it struck a guardrail and then launched over a chain link fence before landing on a walking trail and striking some trees which brought it to a stop.

The occupants had fled from the vehicle by the time troopers got to it, however Bow Officers quickly located a male on the ice on a nearby river behind the Grappone dealerships. Further investigation revealed that he had been driving the vehicle.

Trooper Myrdek and K9 Ragnar conducted a track from the vehicle and located the female owner of the vehicle in a wooded area on the other side of the ramp about a quarter mile away. Both were intoxicated and were

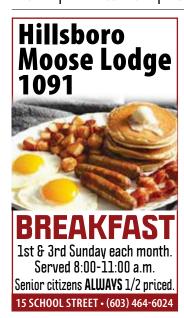


Wynott's car is removed from the river.

taken into custody. The occupants were identified as: Steven Longchamp, 27, of Colchester, VT and Crystal Wynott, 31, of Hillsborough. Longchamp was charged with DUI, Possession and

Transportation of a Controlled Drug, Operating after Suspension – Subsequent, and Conduct after an Accident. Wynott was charged with Possession of a Controlled Drug.















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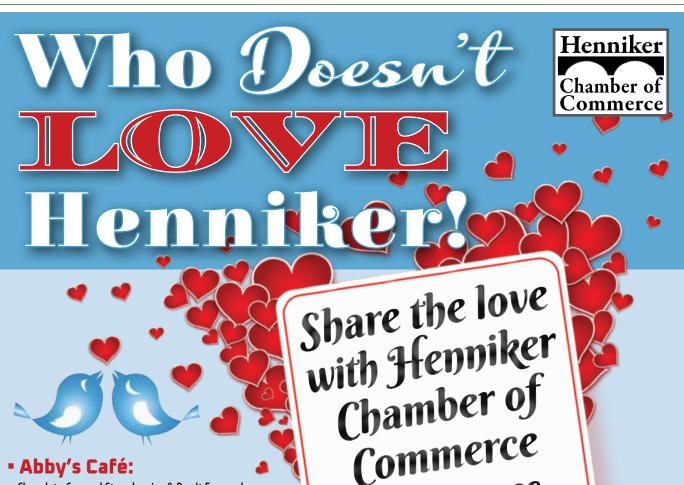
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HOME BUYERS AND SELLERS: PART I



Every year, the National Association of REALTORS* (NAR) releases their profile of buyers and sellers. Here are the major trends revealed in the most recent NAR report.

Home Buying

This past year, the average buyer was in their late 40s, and the median household income was \$96,500. The number of first-time buyers dipped slightly, dropping from 33% to 31%. Of all homebuyers, 12% made the decision to move

into a multi-generational home, with the intention of saving money, having children move back home or to take care of aging family members. However, those buyers who purchased a home after the effects of COVID-19 were more likely to move into a multi-generational home than those who started their search before March. In addition to this, 57% of buyers after the appearance of COVID-19 chose to move to a suburban location, compared to 51% pre-COVID-19.

When looking for a home, 43% of buyers initially started by searching for listings online, while 18% started by contacting a real estate agent directly. Ultimately, 88% of buyers ended up purchasing a home through a real estate agent, and 55% said that they valued an agent's ability to help them find the right home above all. When selecting an agent, 77% of buyers interviewed only one agent, and 91% said they would work with their agent again or recommend them.

Typically, a buyer's home search lasted eight weeks, and they looked at a median of nine homes before making their decision. Out of the nine, they viewed five of those listings online. In fact, this year, 97% of homebuyers used the internet in their home search, which is an all-time high.

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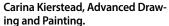
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5	33.0%	7.5%
6	35.1%	27.2%
7	34.1%	10.8%
8	32.9%	23.8%
11	38%	29%
ENGLISH LANGUAGE		
3	45.5%	41.3%
4	45.9%	21.3%
5	54.3%	28.4%
6	50.6%	33.8%
7	48.8%	25.8%
8	49.2%	47.5%
11	52%	54%



BOYS BASKETBALL

Kearsarge 83, Hillsboro-Deering 53: Kearsarge celebrated a balanced victory. All four Stanchfield brothers (Chris, Sean, Hunter, Carl) saw the floor at the same part for part of the game, with Hunter and Carl scoring their first varsity points. Bobby Needham later got to play with younger brother, Austin.

Mascoma 54, Kearsarge 46: Mascoma came out hot on its home court with a 16-11 first-quarter advantage.

Kearsarge 76, Mascenic 54: The Cougars connected on 10 3-pointers in the first half to take a 21-11 lead.

Campbell 82, Hillsboro-Deering 63: The Cougars led 49-32 at halftime and 62-42 heading into the fourth quarter.

Monadnock 42, Hopkinton 41: The Hawks led 40-35 with three minutes to play in the fourth, but scored only one more point the rest of the way.

Hopkinton 68, St. Thomas 61: Hopkinton stepped up its offense and went into halftime leading by 11. The Saints made a comeback in the fourth quarter behind six 3-pointers, but ran out of time.

Hollis-Brookline 62, John Stark 45: After struggling early, the Generals closed the gap to seven points, but were unable to pull back into the game.

Merrimack Valley 52, John Stark 41: Merrimack Valley came out with an aggressive attack, leading 22-5 after the first quarter and 35-13 at halftime.

Milford 62, John Stark 44: Dylan Grivois led the Generals with 11 points.

ConVal 74, Pelham 59: The Cougars avenged their earlier loss at Pelham with a 74-59 victory.

Bishop Brady 95, ConVal 84: Owen Michaels scored 20 points and Joe Gutwein 18 but it wasn't enough.

Goffstown 68, Dover 66: Rob Baguidy hit the game winning jump shot at the buzzer.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Kearsarge 43, Hillsboro-Deering 31: Kearsarge outscored H-D, 24-6, in the second quarter.

Milford 62, John Stark 47: Avery Geaumont had 15 points and Abigail Duclos 12 in a losing effort.

Bow 47, ConVal 27: The Cougars were blanked in the first quarter. **ConVal 56, Bishop Brady 42:** ConVal made it into a Division II playoff berth with a decide win over Brady.

Hopkinton 35, Campbell 32: The Hawks edged out the win in a low scoring game.

Merrimack Valley 48, John Stark 46: Stark took a two-point lead late in the game, but MV tied it up after a big steal and scored with 1.8 seconds left.

BOYS ALPINE SKIING

Goffstown 2nd, ConVal 3rd: Bow 374, Goffstown 348, Souhegan 347, ConVal 343, Keene 343, Hollis-Brookline 333, Concord 329, Merrimack 285.

Hopkinton 1st, Kearsarge 2nd: Hopkinton went 1-2-3 to win the giant slalom at Mount Sunapee, while Kearsarge won the slalom.

GIRLS ALPINE SKIING

ConVal 3rd: Concord 365, Souhegan 365, Keene 357, ConVal 355, Bow 335, Goffstown 324, Merrimack 145, Fall Mountain 70.

Hopkinton 1st, Kearsarge 2nd: Kearsarge finished second in the giant slalom event, but Hopkinton had the more consistent performances across both the GS and slalom races at Mount Sunapee.

Kearsarge 1st, Hopkinton 3rd: Kearsarge won the team giant slalom and Sunapee won the slalom at a race at Mount Sunapee.

SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL PROGRAM REDUCES CAVITIES BY MORE THAN 50%



A school-based cavity prevention program involving nearly 7,000 elementary school students reduced cavities by more than 50 percent, according to a study led by researchers at NYU College of Dentistry.

Dental cavities are the most common chronic disease in children, and one in five elementary school children have at least one untreated cavity. While cavities can be prevented with dental

visits and good at-home oral hygiene, some families experience barriers to seeing a dentist, including cost and parents having to take time off of work.

The study was conducted in 33 public, high-need elementary schools in Massachusetts, where dental hygienists provided care to 6,927 children. The services were provided at no cost to families.

Twice-yearly visits involved dental examinations followed by cavity prevention and treatment, including fluoride varnish, sealants, and minimally invasive fillings to stabilize cavities without drilling. Students also received oral hygiene instructions, toothbrushes, and fluoride toothpaste to take home. If more complex care was required, students were referred to local dentists. Notably, the procedures used do not create aerosols, which limits the risk of transmitting viruses through the air.

After six visits, the prevalence of untreated cavities decreased by more than 50 percent. In one group of schools, cavities were reduced from a baseline of 39 percent to 18 percent, and in a second group, cavities decreased from 28 percent to 10 percent. The prevention program reduced cavities in both baby and permanent teeth.

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It's not uncommon for people who experience a concussion to have moderate to severe headaches in the weeks after the injury. A new study has found a combination of two drugs, both common anti-nausea medications, given intravenously in the emergency room may relieve those headaches better than a placebo. The study is published in *Neurology*, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology. Metoclopramide is an anti-nausea medicine sometimes used to treat migraine. Diphenhydramine is a

common antihistamine that when used in its injected form can treat motion sickness. Higher doses of metoclopramide given intravenously can cause restlessness, so this study combined diphenhydramine with metoclopramide to prevent those symptoms.

A study published in the journal EMBO Molecular Medicine concludes that a vegan diet has a broad effect on children's metabolism. Serum biomarker levels for vitamins A and D, cholesterol forms and essential amino acids were significantly lower in children on a vegan diet compared to age-adjusted omnivores. In addition, DHA (docosahexaenoic acid) is absent from vegan diets. Vegan diets have gained popularity, especially among young adults, and through choices of the families vegan diet is becoming more common in young children, too. The motives behind choosing a vegan lifestyle are ecological, ethical and health-related: vegan diets exclude all animal-based products. It is recommended that a full vegan diet is always supplemented with vitamin B12, vitamin D and iodine, and based on individual assessment the supplementation for calcium, vitamin B2, iron and zinc may be needed. Except for vitamin D, the study did not find differences between diet groups in the levels of these nutrients in young children. All of the participating vegan children used regular vitamin B12, and all but one used regular vitamin D and iodine supplementation.

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Weare Operating Budget is set at \$7,464,993

Weare voters are being asked to support an operating budget of \$7,464,993. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,227,983. Other money items on the warrant include:

ARTICLE 4 (Non-Union Raises-3%) \$62,377 to be used for raises for non-union Town and Library personnel.

ARTICLE 5 (Library Wages) \$6,047 to cover the cost of increasing hourly wages for the Weare Public Library Staff.

ARTICLE 6 (Park & Rec Wages) \$2,692 to cover the cost of increasing the hourly wages for the returning Parks & Recreation Staff.

ARTICLE 7 (2 FT Employees) \$91,103 to hire two (2) full-time Firefighter/EMTs.

ARTICLE 8 (Ambulance) \$350,000 purchase to replace one (1) fully-equipped ambulance for the Fire Rescue Department.

ARTICLE 9 (Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Dispatch) To see if the Town will vote to join the Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact.

ARTICLE 10 (Police Cruiser) \$71,013 to purchase one (1) fully equipped police cruiser.

ARTICLE 11 (Skate Board Park Equipment) \$5,000 for the purchase of three (3) skate park features.

ARTICLE 12 (Special Revenue Fund for Transfer Station) **ARTICLE 13** (10-Wheel Dumptruck) \$260,000 will be withdrawn from the unreserved fund balance.

ARTICLE 14 (Medium Duty Truck Replacement) \$95,000 to be added to the previously established Highway Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacing one (1) fully-equipped medium duty highway vehicle.

ARTICLE 15 (Road Reconstruction) \$575,000 for road reconstruction and resurfacing of roads with up to Two Hundred Eighty Thousand, Nine Hundred Two Dollars (\$280,902) anticipated to be received from the State.

ARTICLE 16 (Master Plan CRF) To establish a Master Plan Update Capital Reserve Fund (\$20,000).

ARTICLE 17 (Cy-Pres) \$10,000 for cemetery improvements.

ARTICLE 18 (Radio Communications-Lease) \$1,581,000 to be offset by a down payment of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds in the amount of Four Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000).

ARTICLE 19 \$30,000 to allow the Conservation Commission to secure contracted services with a Licensed Forester for forestry services including plan updates, harvest layout, harvest management, forest inventory, invasive species control and other related services.

The Deliberative Session is February 12th 9 a.m. at the Middle School. Voting is March 8th 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., also at the Middle School.

Weare Building Inspector/Code Officer's new truck

The Weare Select Board met on January 27th to discuss the potential purchase of a Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer and other department's use vehicle. Town Administrator Bolton shared there was a 2021 Colorado pickup in Keene. At the Board's request, she reached out to a Banks Chevrolet salesperson, a Weare resident, who explained how a 2022 8-speed 4-cylinder 2.7L turbo with GM's bid-assist for municipalities reduced the price by \$9100.00. This pickup minus the bid assist and documentation fee price is \$34,996.00 new. The cheapest one was a 2018 Dodge truck at \$33,487.00, along with a couple 2019's at \$37,000.00 with 26,000 miles. The new vehicle, suggested by the salesperson, is a 2022 Chevy Silverado 1500 LTD Custom Crew Cab with power windows, power door locks for \$34,996.00.

Selectman Van asked about an extended warranty. Town Administra-



tor Bolton responded 3/36 bumper to bumper and 5/60 for the powertrain with a ten year, 100,000 mile, zero deductible for \$3600.00 bringing the total to \$38,596.00. Selectman Van stated this vehicle would time out before mileage, it's a no brainer. Chairman Hippler, Selectman Burdick and Vice Chairman Meaney agreed.

Selectman Van moved, Vice Chairman Meaney seconded the 2022 Chevy Silverado purchase at \$38,596.00 with

the ten year, 100,000 mile warranty. Discussion: Chairman Hippler reiterated what Selectman Osborne mentioned, having the truck undercoated. Selectman Van mentioned Rhino lining the bed. Selectman Burdick mentioned to confirm the undercoating will not void the warranty. Other accessories such as a light mounted on a headache rack, tonneau cover, etc. were discussed for later purchases. The purchase was passed 5-0-0.

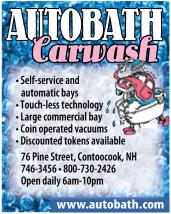
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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Michael R. Stellato

HILLSBORO - Michael Richard Stellato passed away on January 22, 2022,

after a knock-down drag-out fight with aggressive leukemia. Born in Queens, NY October 12, 1942 to Michael F Stellato and Joanna (Tedesco) Stellato, he spent



his childhood in an Italian neighborhood, playing stickball and riding the subway to school. Upon graduating high school, his family moved to Hillsboro. Michael leaves behind his wife, Linda (Yeaton) Stellato; children, Richard William and Kristy Lynn; a granddaughter; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws. A service will be held in the spring. Donations can be made to Hillsboro Rescue Squad or the Hillsboro Lions Club.

Mark John Bicknell

DEERING - Mark John Bicknell, 58, of Deering, NH, passed away at Concord

Hospital on December 14, 2021. Mark was one of five children of the late Jack and Jacqueline (Baxter) Bicknell. He shared 14 years of marriage with Ann (Carreau)



Bicknell who predeceased him in 2015. Mark is survived by children, Bret Bicknell of Phoenix, AZ and Maurisa Lindstedt of Nashua, NH and two grandsons, all of whom he loved very much; his siblings, Dorothy Haenggi and her husband Rick; Scott Bicknell and Jim Bicknell; and Steven Bicknell and his wife Jessica; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and close friends. In Mark's memory, consider making a donation to your local animal rescue. And always be kind to animals. He would like that.

Fern Coffey

HILLSBORO - Fern Coffey, 71 years of age, passed peacefully in her home on Saturday January 22, 2022. Fern was born February 19, 1950 in Manchester, New Hampshire to Wilfred and Pauline DeVarney and was the youngest of 3 children. Fern leaves to cherish her loving memory her husband of 13 years, Robert Coffey, her mother Pauline Hunter, her siblings Sandra Levesque and Bruce

DeVarney, her 5 children Penny Smith-Dalphonse, Tammy Smith, Samantha Marshall, Lindsey Leonard, and Matthew Davis, 7 grandchildren Kaili, Emeri, Jonah,



Julian, Cora, Maya, and Jack, and 3 great grandchilden, Oliver, Elijah, and Joseph.

George E. "Bub" Cole, Jr GREENFIELD - George "Bub" Cole,

Jr, age 76, peacefully passed away on

January 23, 2022, surrounded by his family. Bub was born on December 22, 1945, to the late George and Louise (Sweeney) Cole, Sr. in Concord. Bub is survived



by his loving wife of 51 years, Elizabeth "Betty" Hammond Cole, a brother Gary Cole and his wife Michelle of Swanzey, NH, his three children, Brian Cole of Antrim, NH, Michelle (Cole) Benotti and her husband Willian of Peterborough, NH, Michael Cole and his wife Nicole of Land O'Lakes, FL. He adored his four grandsons, Nathaniel Reed of Peterborough, NH. Jacob Cole of Antrim, NH. Caleb and Riley Cole of Land O'Lakes, FL. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. A graveside service will be held at North Branch Cemetery in Antrim, NH later this spring. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Bub's memory to Hospice at HCS, 312 Marlboro St., Keene, NH 03431.

Sharon June (Ciardelli) Davis

HILLSBOROUGH - Sharon June Davis, 58, of Hillsborough died on Janu-

ary 19, 2022 at Concord Hospital ICU following a 28 day struggle with Covid. Sharon was born on September 25, 1963 in Nashua, daughter of Gary and Marilyn



(Vigneault) Ciardelli. Sharon is survived by her parents, Mev and Gary, her son, Adam Davis of Washington, NH, and his fiancé, Sara Vaillancourt and her children, Allyson Steves and Cooper Davis. She is also survived by a brother, Todd Ciardelli and his wife, Jody, sister, Pamela Ciardelli and her husband, Bohdan Zaryckyj, sister, Holleigh Tlapa and her husband, Paul, all of Milford, several cousins, and her cat, Tabitha. Sharon was loved by her nieces and nephews, Alexeigh, (David), Geena, Autumn, Alli, Aspen, Troy, Gage, Nadia and Ryder. Sharon was predeceased by a beloved niece, Jaiden Lyndi Tlapa, her grandparents, Mario (Muvvy) and Alice Ciardelli, and Gene and Mary Vigneault, her aunt and uncle, Gene and Eleanor Ciardelli, and a favorite great aunt, Jo Noon. A Celebration of Sharon's life on earth will be held at a later date in Milford.

William R. Cole, Sr.

NEWBURY - William R. Cole, Sr., 75, died on January 20, 2022 after a period of

declining health. William was born on April 26, 1946 in Woodbury, CT to the late Norman and Lillian (Hoxley) Cole. He was predeceased by his parents; and siblings,



Norman Cole, Jr., Edith Norton, Walter Cole, Joan McCarthy, Richard Cole, James Cole, Alice Thomas, and Francis Cole. Surviving family includes his wife, Mary Cole; son, William R. Cole, Jr. and Terri of Gordonsville, TN; daughter, Lisa Cole Morris and Richard of Bradford, NH; grandchildren, Lindsay, Christopher, Matthew, Richard, Nicholas, Molly, Natasha, and Catarina; great-grandchildren, Gabrien, Hayden, and Madison; siblings, Donald Cole of Woodbury, CT, Harold Cole of Salisbury Center, NY, Shirley Wescott of Woodbury, CT, Dorothy Merrill of Morris, CT, Arthur Cole and Linda of Port Orange, FL, Nancy Parnishkul of Woodbury, CT, and Judy LaMothe and George of Rochester, NH; and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Robert J. Kulbacki

DEERING - Robert J. Kulbacki, 61, of Deering, NH passed away Monday, January 24, 2022 at Cheshire Medical Center. Rob was born in Peterborough, on May 9, 1960 to the late Frederick C. and Alice O. (Normandin) Kulbacki. He is survived by his son Craig and wife Anna Kulbacki of Washington, NH and daughter Nicole Kulbacki of Hillsboro, NH; his brothers John Kulbacki of Deering, NH, Ryan and



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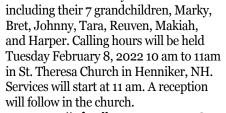
wife Anita Kulbacki of Bennington, NH, Richard and wife Valerie Kulbacki of Hillsboro, NH; sisters Arlene Edes of Keene, NH and Denise and husband Brian Van



Thyne of Illinois; and his grandchildren Alexander, Benjamin, Audrey, Brady, Hunter, Bryson, Jaxson and Amelia. He is predeceased by his brother Frederick Kulbacki Jr. and sister Andrea Kulbacki. A celebration of life will be held February 19, 2022 from 12pm-4pm at the American Legion Post 59 in Hillsboro, NH. A burial will be held in the spring in St. Mary's Cemetery in Hillsboro, NH.

Doris Y. Aucoin

HENNIKER - Doris Aucoin passed peacefully on January 28, 2022 surrounded by family at Concord Hospital. Doris was born on December 3rd 1939, in Manchester, NH. She was the daughter of Germain and Yvette Paradis. In 1979 Doris and Jean Paul bought a property in Henniker, not far from the farm Jean Paul was raised on. Together they began building their forever home. There they loved to gather with friends and family



James "Jim" F. Hansen, Sr.

NEWBURY - James "Jim" F. Hansen, Sr., age 90 of Newbury, NH, passed away on January 22, 2022, with family by his side. Jim was born in Jersey City, NJ on January 12, 1932, son of the late Frederick W. and Blanche (Miller) Hansen. He was this oldest of three children, who survive him, Frederick Hansen and Doris Polis. He is predeceased by his son, James F. Hansen, Jr. Jim is sur-

vived by the love of his life of 69 years, Dolores A. (Clark) Hansen of Newbury, NH; five children, Jo Ann Labelle of Myrtle Beach, SC, Karen (Daniel) Ladd of



Loudon, NH, Steven (Deborah) Hansen of Bradford, NH, Barbara (Tim) Dauphinais of Springfield, NH and Thomas (Marci) Hansen of Marston Mills, MA; 12 grandchildren, Jeremy, Kristy, Jocelyn, Katherine, Jared, Joshua, Matthew, Nathaniel, Natalie, Michael, Jacqueline and Lauren; 18 great grandchildren; brother, Frederick (Barbara) Hansen of Fountain Hills, AZ; sister, Doris Polis of Homer, AK; and a large extended family. A graveside service will be held in the spring at Sunny Plain Cemetery, Bradford, NH. In memory of Jim, memorial contributions may be made to Newbury Fire Rescue, Newbury, NH. Chadwick Funeral Service of New London, NH is assisting the fam-

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Events: Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5

SNOWFAMILIES PLAY DAY: from 10am to 12pm. A perfect way to spend a winter day with the entire family. Make a Valentine's Day card, play in the snow and even learn how to track animals with Susie from the Harris Center (from 10am to 11am). Light snacks will be served. This is a "drop-in" event; registration is not required.

VACCINATION CLINIC: Stoddard Fire Station 9am to 11am. Walk-Ins welcome.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 7

HENNIKER SCHOOL DISTRICT: Board Meeting at 6:15 in the school cafeteria. This meeting will RECESS at 7pm for the Deliberative Session.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8

SPARK JOY: virtual program at Fuller Public Library 7-8:30pm. Certified Konmari consultant, Shannon Honeycutt, trained by tidying expert Marie Kondo, will join us for her decluttering and organizing workshop. Call the library 603464-3595 or email techserv@fullerlibrary.info to register.

CRAFTER'S CORNER: will resume at Fuller Public Library from 1-3pm. Crafting fun with friends and new acquaintances.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 9

WEARE SCHOOL DISTRICT: Board Meeting at 6pm in the Weare Middle School cafe. This meeting will RECESS at 7pm for the Deliberative Session.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11

JOHN STARK DISTRICT: Board Meeting at 6:30pm in the school cafe. This meeting will RECESS at 7pm for Deliberative Session.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12

WINTER CARNIVAL: The Greenfield Winter Carnival initially scheduled for this date, has been canceled.

1920S DANCE: to celebrate Hillsborough's 250th! At the NH National Guard Armory in Hills-

borough from 6:30-9:30pm, live music, food and 250th memorabilia will be sold. Reservations are required due to limited space. Go to our website or Facebook page to sign up through the link or call Fuller Public Library to register.

WINTER WARMER: Fire and Ice (Ice Skating, Sledding and Firepits!) 4:30pm-6:30pm, New Boston Town Hall Ice Rink. Bring your friends and family down to the Ice Rink and Sledding Hill. Enjoy the fire pits, roast marshmallows, and have a cup of hot cocoa. There is no charge and the rec dept will provide the marshmallows and cocoa.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15

TAPESTRY TUESDAYS: 5:30 pm. Join The Center for the Arts and author/speaker Rebecca Rule for the evening, as she speaks to us of community, in her NH Humanities Council talk "That Reminds Me of a Story." Stories speak to us of community. Please note due to Covid-19 masks are required.

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TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen will be holding a budget hearing on the Proposed 2022 Budget on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The Hearing will be held at the Town Office Building, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, NH.

TOWN OF HENNIKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Two Public Hearings are scheduled February 15, 2022 • 6:15 p.m.

Public Hearing #1

The Henniker Selectboard will hold a public hearing pursuant to the provisions of RSA 79-E, to consider an application by West Street Property, Jonathan Norris for Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive for property located at 19 Hall Avenue (Map 2 Lot 160-B). The meeting will be held at the Henniker Community Center (57 Main Street) Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:15 PM.

Public Hearing #2

Pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Article 33 of the 1994 Town Meeting, the Henniker Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing in conjunction with its scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, which starts at 6:15 PM at the Henniker Community Center (57 Main Street) to receive public comment concerning the acceptance of unanticipated money in the amount of \$35,990.57. The money is from a grant received by GOFERR (Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery) to purchase a new stretcher system for the ambulance.



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