

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!"



Hillsborough's American Legion Post #59 held its annual Kids' Christmas Party.

Henniker Police & Fire requests

Select Board approves two new cruisers and a fire pond

Police Chief Matthew French appeared before the Henniker Select Board Tuesday evening, requesting approval to encumber funds from the 2022 budget year to be applied to the purchase of a new cruiser.

The estimated total is \$63,794. With the purchase of the new vehicle, the department would replace the 2016 Ford Explorer which currently has in excess of 125k miles on it.

Based on information from the local car dealership they are anticipating a one year wait on delivery of new police vehicles. The chief requested to use

these funds and complete a purchase agreement as soon as possible, before December 31, 2022.

He also requested approval to purchase a second cruiser with 2022 budget funds.

The Board approved. The Board also approved Fire Chief Jim Morse's request to sponsor a 2023 warrant article to raise and appropriate up to \$81,000 to construct a fire pond at 1105 Old Concord Road. The fire pond will be essential to extinguish and prevent the spread of fires to this region of the town which includes timber and fuel businesses.



WMURTV viewers rated Wicked Sweet Cakes and Treats in Bradford as having the 2nd best soup in the state and Charlie's in Goffstown in a tie for 4th place. Wicked Sweet Cakes and Treats offers homemade soup, along with its selection of tasty pies and cakes. Charlie's offers a tasty soup of the week, like this chicken corn chowder pictured above right.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, thanks to the Henniker Rotary Club's wreaths (left photo), and the Hillsboro Lions Club's banners (right photo).

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Deering Conservation Commission conducting a Natural Resource Inventory

Several successive master plans for the town of Deering have emphasized our community's desire for open spaces and protecting the quality of the natural environment. Deering's health, welfare, and quality of life are closely tied to the natural resources that support the town and its residents. To protect these resources we need to identify and map them. The protection of our natural resource base is largely

dependent on decisions made by town boards, and a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) can provide them with the information needed to incorporate natural resources at every level of decision-making and planning.

With this goal in mind the Deering Conservation Commission has partnered with the Central NH Regional Planning Commission to develop an NRI for Deering. By describing our natural resources: water, agricultural soils, wildlife habitat, historic sites, recreational areas, and vistas, we can provide a strong foundation for decision making. Moreover, the NRI process will encourage community participation in support of land use planning, voluntary land protection and improved resource protection measures.

The NRI includes an inventory and mapping of natural resources, including various water, agricultural, wildlife habitat, recreational, scenic, and cultural resources. A process called co-occurrence mapping shows where in town these resources overlap the most. This can be used to identify which areas provide the most natural resource value and thus a higher priority for protection, versus parts of town that provide fewer natural services. When conducting this co-occurrence analysis, it is possible to include community preferences in the analysis by weighing certain natural resources heavier than others, resulting in a map that most accurately shows which areas of town best support the natural resource needs of the community.

While the members of the Conservation Commission and the NRI working group are deeply involved in cataloguing and evaluating natural resources, it is very important to hear from Deering residents. Nobody knows your neck of the woods better than you. What about town is important to you? What are your favorite scenic and recreational sites? Do you have your own favorite pond or marsh? Big tree? Trail? Scenic vista? Please share with us!

The NRI working group and the Central NH Regional Planning Commission have developed a survey to help answer some of these questions. Please take a few minutes to take this survey and let us know what is most important to you!

To reach out to the NRI working group, contact Gary Samuels through the Conservation Commission tab on the town website, or Craig Tufts at the Central NH Regional Planning Commission at cttufts@cnhrpc.org or 603 226 6020.

Link to Survey through the QR code on the photograph or <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DeeringNRI>



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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

December 24, 2021

Local Girl Scouts join Wreaths Across America
 Covid spike at Monadnock Hospital
 Weare students Food Drive aids Food Pantry
 Newbury Fire 7 Rescue kept busy over the weekend

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's 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

You can't keep a good teacher out of a Henniker school classroom

Destiny, fate, or just good luck for the kids of Henniker, retired Henniker teacher Lorraine Aucoin has returned to the classroom by filling a leave of absence for a math interventionist.

In 1986, when then first-year new teacher Val Dyer began her career as a classroom teacher at the Henniker Community School, Lorraine was her mentor.

Now it's 2022 and Val is mentoring Lorraine, who is new to the position of math interventionist.

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Val Dyer (left) with Lorraine Aucoin (right) works with Henniker student's math skills.

"I just love it," said Lorraine, who recalls she and Val and their looping classrooms in the old, now gone, portable classroom at HCS. "I am back in the

classroom with kids, I get to work with Val, and the 3-and-a-half-day schedule is perfect for me. I still have time for my fitness class at White Birch."

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

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Antidepressants and other psychiatric medications are associated with an almost doubled risk of premature death in patients with heart conditions, according to research in the *European Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing*.

Patients with asthma often experience a worsening of asthmatic symptoms at night in so-called “nocturnal asthma.” According to reports, more than 50% of asthma deaths occur at night, exposing a link between nocturnal asthma symptoms and asthma deaths. Although some have proposed several triggers that explain the pathogenesis of nocturnal asthma, the precise mechanisms regulating this asthma phenotype remain obscure. Now, research published in the *American Journal of Physiology Lung Cellular and Molecular Physiology* has discovered that melatonin, a sleep hormone, worsens asthma. Asthma patients suffer from bronchoconstriction, where the smooth muscles of the bronchus — the pathway that moves air to and from your lungs — contract. To ease this, many take a bronchodilator, a medicine which widens the bronchus. However, melatonin, which is often prescribed for insomnia, favors a state of bronchoconstriction and weakens the relaxing effect of a bronchodilator.

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Members of the New Boston Police Department and staff at the New Boston Space Station conducted active shooter training on the Space Force installation.



Pack 2 got to tour the Antrim Firehouse and were given the opportunity to see all of the different emergency response vehicles up close.



Fire Chief Bryan Nowell was a storytime reader at Bradford Elementary School.



In the true spirit of Christmas, members of the Hillsboro Lions Club (Left Photo) purchased, packed and distributed Christmas Food Baskets, while volunteers from Operation Christmas (Right Photo) collected, sorted and distributed toys for our less fortunate neighbors.

New London Select Board exploring purchase of land for Police Station

The New London Select Board entered nonpublic session for consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

Town Administrator Kim Hallquist informed the Board that Joe Hogan,

owner of the former Bewley property, called to ask if the Board would be interested in buying only the 7-acre lot on Newport Road across from Hanaford as he has a buyer for the two house lots behind the Gallery.

Ms. Hallquist noted that she spoke with Police Chief Emily Cobb who feels that either location would be suitable for a police station so she

would have no objection. The Board discussed that spending less than the \$600,000 asking price for all three lots would be preferable and the location would work as the site for a new police station.

The Board directed Ms. Hallquist to contact Mr. Hogan to explore the price for purchasing the 7-acre lot on Newport Road.

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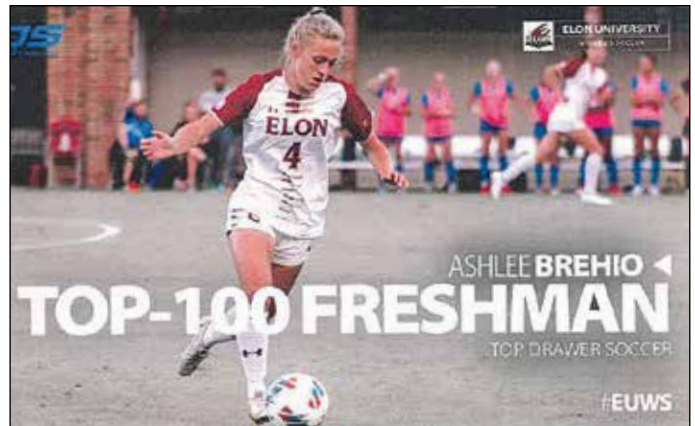
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Sports



Ashlee Brehio.

Ashlee Brehio is one of Top 100 Freshmen

Ashlee Brehio turned in one of the best freshman seasons in the Elon women's soccer program's Division I era this fall. On Friday, she was rewarded for her efforts by being named to TopDrawerSoccer.com's Postseason Top 100 Freshmen list. One of five CM freshmen on the list, Brehio checked in at No. 79 after not appearing in the website's midseason rankings, released on Oct. 14.

A native of Hopkinton, NH, Brehio finished the regular season tied for third among CM freshmen in goals (six) and sixth in points (12). Both of those marks led the Phoenix, as did her 39 shots and 19 shots on goal.

Her six goals tied for the third most by an Elon freshman since 2002 and helped her become the first freshman to lead the Phoenix in goals since Meredith Christopher in 2017. The 10th Elon freshman to receive CM All-Rookie accolades, Brehio became the first to also make the league's first or second team by claiming second-team honors.

Boys Basketball

Bow 73, John Stark 31: Logan Montgomery led the Generals with 15 points. Dwayne Johnson added 9.

Hopkinton 80, Fall Mountain 33: The Hawks broke the game open with a 30-9 second quarter to decisively win their first game under new head coach Matt Miller.

Hopkinton 71, Raymond 28: The Hawks opened the game on a 16-0 run behind Joppa shooting 4-for-5 from the 3-point land.

Hopkinton 49, Conant 38: The Hawks jumped out to an 18-9 lead at the end of the first quarter, a 26-19 lead at half-time and a 36-25 lead through three quarters.

Mascoma 53, Kearsarge 31: Many young Kearsarge players saw valuable minutes on the floor, including freshmen Jacob Messer and Mason Christensen with their first varsity minutes.

Campbell 61, Kearsarge 36: Six players scored their first varsity points, but Kearsarge made too many mistakes defensively and gave up too many turnovers.



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Sports

ConVal 75, Milford 56: Joe Gutwein led the Cougars attack with 34 points.

Goffstown 69, Central 63: Four Grizzlies scored in double points.

Girls Basketball

Fall Mountain 43, Hillsboro-Deering 40: Fall Mountain created some defensive pressure and converted that into easy transition baskets which was the difference in the game.

John Stark 40, Souhegan 26: The Generals took a 12-4 lead in the first quarter and did not let Souhegan get within 10 points the rest of the way.

Bow 62, John Stark 37: Eleanor Girardet led the Generals with 13 points, and 6 rebounds, Abby Duclos followed with 9 points, and 4 rebounds.

Hopkinton 51, Fall Mountain 28: Elise Miner and Beth Taylor combined for 13 points in the first quarter as the Hawks led wire-to-wire in the season opener.

Conant 34, Hopkinton 23: Conant jumped out to an early 13-2 lead and fought off the scrappy Hawks in the second half.

Kearsarge 55, Campbell 28: Kearsarge won the battle between two Cougar teams on Kearsarge's home floor in head coach Ed Tenney's return.

Milford 37, ConVal 28: Morgan Bemont led the ConVal attack with 15 points.

Kearsarge 64, Mascoma Valley 33: Tessa Marinello tallied 23 points to lead the attack.

Hockey

Kingswood 2, Kearsarge-Plymouth 0: The Cats gave up two goals in the second period in a loss at home to the Knights.



Author Judith Sanders signs a copy of her book, *The Huntsman*, during her book signing held at the Main Street Grill at Angus Lea in Hillsboro. The event raised over \$1200.00 for the local Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention.

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Guest Editorial *by Grant Bosse*

Reflections 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.

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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.

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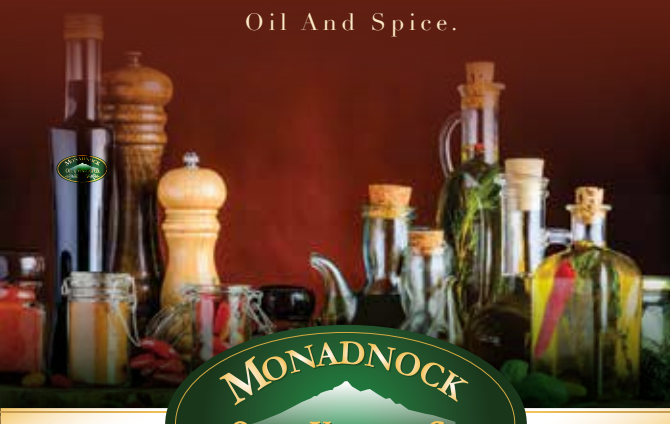
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Left Photo: Hillsboro Police responded to Route 202/9 Eastbound when a tractor trailer truck slid across the road at the Henniker town line. Right Photo: A wrecker rights a box truck which rolled onto its side on the southbound side of Interstate 89 near Exit 8 in Warner during last Friday's storm.

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Meeting seniors where they are

No matter your age, the ongoing pandemic has caused tremendous changes in our lives, including an increase in physical and mental health issues because of social isolation. Many seniors were understandably cautious due to a heightened health risk and experienced a greater disruption of trusted routines. More good news? We continue to see a return to our lifestyles and activities.

A recent nationwide poll by Tivity Health®, a leading provider of healthy lifestyle solutions, including SilverSneakers®, the nation's leading community fitness program designed for older adults, shows that seniors no longer just work out at the gym or home, but enjoy the freedom to exercise how and where they please:



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Seniors can change the fitness industry

The fitness industry is changing. According to the International Council on Ac-

tive Aging, a large and growing number of products and services are being developed to allow people to fully enjoy the gift of a longer life, which requires a foundation of good health. Exercise remains critical for seniors to maintain a healthy immune system that's able to fight off disease and consistent exercise can improve balance and strength and help prevent falls. One trend the pandemic saw was the rise of digital and virtual care, and it's here to stay. About one in four seniors are currently using a device to monitor their health and well-being, and the use of video calls to socially connect with friends and family has steadily increased in the past few months.


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"Fitness is more than just a workout," said Jen Burgmeier, 2022 SilverSneakers Instructor of the Year. "I have SilverSneakers members who attend classes both in-person and virtually, and I love that they have a choice to work out when and where they want. One of my members recently said that 'the laughter and camaraderie coming through her computer screen makes you feel like you could conquer anything!'" Don't wait until January to jump-start your fitness journey. For more information visit silversneakers.com. (BPT)

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By: Joyce Bosse

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Daymon Allen Murdough

HENNIKER - Daymon Allen Murdough, 78, passed away peacefully in his home on December 16, 2022. As a founding member of the Henniker Rescue Squad, he was always proud of this accomplishment and the progress it made every year. He leaves his wife, Rita, of 56 years; also his children, Ana Jara of CA, Sarah Chapin, Becky Murdough-Osgood and husband Rick, Jeremiah "J" Murdough and partner Jen Rockett, and Matthew Murdough and partner Erica Butler, from NH. He will be missed by many, especially his 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, and multiple nieces and nephews. Burial will be held at the discretion of the family at a later date. Donations may be sent to the Hen-



niker Rescue Squad, 216 Maple Street, Henniker, NH 03242.

Audrey Diane (McLaughlin) Rhoades

WASHINGTON - Audrey Diane (McLaughlin) Rhoades passed away December 1st at her farm in Williston, Florida after a long, courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. She was born on January 19, 1947 in Washington, DC, the daughter of the late USMC Major Melvin W. McLaughlin and Florence (Evans) McLaughlin. Audrey is survived by her husband, William A. Rhoades; son, Christopher McLaughlin Rhoades (and wife-to-be, Rachel Pesaturo) of Hudson, NH, foster son, Sebastien Fillion (wife, Jennifer Horel Fillion and her two teenagers, Blakeney and Robbie) of Butler



AL. Also, Audrey's two sisters, Nancy (McLaughlin) Stevens of Raleigh, NC and Sally (McLaughlin) Truckenbrod of Bethel, VT and their daughters, Erin Mullaney, Sarah Moos, and Molly (Stevens) Williams. A memorial service will be scheduled in Washington, NH in the spring of 2023.

Charles "Charlie" Belden

NEW LONDON - Charles "Charlie" Marston Belden died peacefully on December 11, 2022 in Keene, NH at the age of 94. He leaves behind; Caroline and Dr. Edwin Harrington of Mankato, MN; Stephen and Mary (Parson) Belden of Hopkins, MN; Betsy and Mark Makuch of Storrs, CT; and Melinda and Steve Silverstein-Belden of Nelson, NH; 14 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and numerous nieces



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Erick Leadbeater

CONTOOCCOOK - Erick Leadbeater, age 80, of Contoocook, New Hampshire, passed away at home on Thursday, December 15, 2022. He was born July 2, 1942, in Concord, NH, the son of Edward C. and Lucille Leadbeater. Rick was predeceased by his wife of 40 years earlier this year and leaves behind daughters Karen McKinney Jantzen of Contoocook, NH, and Kathryn McKinney Ashraf of Wellesley, MA; grandchildren Doak, Zakry, Zoe, and Phoebe Jantzen as well as Lexi and Nicholas Ashraf; sisters Mary Leadbeater and Ruth Pratt, both of Contoocook, NH; and, an extensive

network of cousins scattered from Maine to South Carolina. The family will gather for a private celebration of life in the apple orchard this spring. For those who wish to do something in remembrance, please consider one of the organizations that Rick held in high regard: New Hampshire Audubon, 84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH 03301; Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord, NH 03301.

Craig "Chappy" Burton Chapman

CONTOOCCOOK & MAINE - Craig Burton Chapman, "Chappy", 73, of Contoocook, NH and Portage, Maine, passed away surrounded by family at the Hospice House in Concord, NH on December 18, 2022. Craig was born in Ashland, Maine to the late Beverly and Mildred (Beaulier) Chapman on August 13, 1949. August 13 is inter-

national lefthanders day and Craig was a very proud lefthander. He enjoyed meeting other lefthanders and telling them about his birthday being on that day. Craig is survived by his three children, Amy Baron of Contoocook, NH, Steven Chapman of Nashua, NH and Sarah Chapman of Revere, MA, as well as five grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Carlene of Lebanon, Maine and three brothers, Doug of Ashland, Maine, Dale of Ottumwa, Iowa and Merritt of Waldoboro, Maine, along with many nieces, nephews, and friends. Craig is predeceased by a brother and a sister. No services are planned at this time.



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SMITH CHURCH: A Traditional Christmas Eve Service at 7pm in the church and on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/smithmemorialucc>. Our traditional service of Scripture, carols, prayer, handbells, special music and candles returns as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: 4pm Christmas

Eve Candlelight Service Sunday Dec. 25 at 10:30am, Christmas Service.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 27

LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP: Create your lantern for the New Year's Eve parade for the final 250th Event. HDES Art Teacher Mrs. Brett will be at Fuller Public Library from 10am-12 and 2-4pm.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31

SCOTTISH HOGMANAY: 250th Final Event: New Year's Eve, High Tea from 3-4:30pm followed by a lantern/torch parade starting at the library parking lot to Grimes Field. Fireworks and a bonfire will wrap up our year long celebration. Check HillsboroughNH250.org for more information.

TUESDAY JANUARY 3

ANTRIM: American Legion Post 50 will hold their monthly meeting at the post home, 7 West St. at 7:30pm. All members, veterans and guests are welcome to attend.

THURSDAY JANUARY 5

CRIBBAGE: Play Cribbage at Fuller Public Library every Thursday from 1:00-3:00pm.

TUESDAY JANUARY 24

April 11: Free Tax Prep Services with Larry Schwartz at Fuller Public Library, Tuesdays 3:00-6:00pm. Appointments required, call 603-464-3595.

Please send your Community Events to:
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 - ~ Valley Bible Chapel (savory foods)
 - ~ Smith Memorial Church Vestry (scones)
 - ~ Hillsborough Heritage Museum (sweets)

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- **Presentation by NH Scot** 4:45 p.m. at Fuller Library
- **Torchlight Parade** from the Library to Grimes Field 5:00 p.m.
- **Bonfire** — Turn your troubles into smoke! Grimes Field
- **FIREWORKS** 5:15 p.m. at Grimes Field
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JOHN STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET

The John Stark School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2023-2024 John Stark School District budget on **January 13, 2023** at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at:

John Stark Regional High School

618 North Stark Highway

Weare, NH 03281

The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and recess for the public hearing.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION: SESSION I MEETING

The John Stark School Board will hold a Deliberative Session: Session I meeting on **February 10, 2023** at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at:

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618 North Stark Highway

Weare, NH 03281

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FILING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

Persons interested in filing for school district offices may file for these positions starting **January 25, 2023**. The deadline for filing is 5:00 p.m. on **February 3, 2023**. Persons wishing to file should contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 603-428-8863.

One School Board Member (Henniker)	3-year term
One School Board Member (Weare)	3-year term
One School District Moderator	1-year term

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

Persons wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2023 John Stark School District Warrant

must submit such warrants to the

John Stark School Board, c/o Office of the Superintendent, no later than **January 10, 2023** at 5:00 p.m.

Persons wishing additional information may contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 603-428-8863.

VOTING DAY: MARCH 14, 2023



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 4, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Hillsborough Town Office, 27 School Street to consider the following amendments to the Hillsborough Zoning Ordinance:

- Amend Article II General Provisions section 226-6 Definitions to add the following definitions and their permissions to the Zoning Ordinance. Construction Services, Contractor's Storage Yard, Entertainment Establishment, Entertainment, Live, Event Venue, Manufacturing, Pet Grooming, Commercial Hydroponics Facility.
- Amend the Table 4 Chart of Uses, Residential Uses Note number 2, to Divide note number 2 under Residential Uses in the Central Business District into two separate notes. Note number 2 will state that Dwellings at street level require a Special Exception. New note number 3 will reduce the minimum floor area of any dwelling unit from 600 square feet to 300 square feet for a one-bedroom dwelling unit. Units two bedrooms or more require an additional 120 sq. ft. per additional bedroom."
- Amend the Table 4 Chart of Uses to add Residential Solar Energy Systems permitted on any residential structure, and Commercial Solar Collection Systems permitted in the Commercial Zone and Residential Zone.
- Amend the definition of Light Industry in Article II General Provisions section 226-6 to remove the requirement allowing no more than 30 employees and adding the language "outside the enclosed building"
- Amend Article III General Provisions section 229-12 to add Conditional Use Permits to the Zoning Ordinance.
- Amend the language of Article IX Administration and Enforcement 229-59 H to update the language to state building permits are valid for one year as per State Building Code.
- Amend the Zoning Ordinance to adopt a new Article XX Dark Skies Ordinance and the associated map.

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.

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HENNIKER SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARINGS: JANUARY 10, 2023

SAFE FUNDS

The Henniker School Board will hold a public hearing in accordance with RSA 198:20-b for the purpose of accepting unanticipated revenue funds from the Security Action for Education (SAFE) Grant to support school security and safety improvements for K-12 public and nonpublic schools throughout New Hampshire on January 10, 2023 at 6:55 p.m.

BUDGET

The Henniker School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2023-2024 Henniker School District budget on January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held in the cafeteria at:
Henniker Community School
51 Western Avenue
Henniker, NH 03242

The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. and recess for the public hearings.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION: SESSION I MEETING

The Henniker School Board will hold a Deliberative Session: Session I meeting on **February 6, 2023** at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at:
Henniker Community School
51 Western Avenue
Henniker, NH 03242

The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. and recess for Session I.

FILING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

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One School Board Member	3-year term
One School District Clerk	1-year term
One School District Treasurer	1-year term

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

Persons wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2023 Henniker School District Warrant must submit such warrants to the Henniker School Board, c/o Office of the Superintendent, no later than **January 10, 2023** at 5:00 p.m. Persons wishing additional information may contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 603-428-8863.

VOTING DAY: MARCH 14, 2023

WEARE SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET

The Weare School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2023-2024 Weare School District budget on **January 11, 2023** at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at:
Weare Middle School
16 East Road
Weare, NH 03281

The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and recess for the public hearing.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION: SESSION I MEETING

The Weare School Board will hold a Deliberative Session: Session I meeting on **February 8, 2023** at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at:
Weare Middle School
16 East Road
Weare, NH 03281

The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and recess for Session I.

FILING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

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Persons wishing to file should contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 603-428-8863.

One School Board Member	3-year term
One School Board Member	3-year term
One School District Clerk	3-year term
One School District Treasurer	3-year term

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

Persons wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2023 Weare School District Warrant must submit such warrants to the Weare School Board, c/o Office of the Superintendent, no later than **January 10, 2023** at 5:00 p.m.

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VOTING DAY: MARCH 14, 2023

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TOWN OF HENNIKER, NH PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Tuesday January 03, 2023 • 6:30 PM

Public Hearing

The Town of Henniker will hold a public hearing during the regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting on January 3, 2023, at 6:30pm at the Henniker Community Center, 57 Main Street under RSA 31:95-b III (a) to accept unanticipated funding in the amount of \$17,690.39 from HB 1221 Reimbursement of NHRS Police and Fire Contributions. The Board of Selectmen is soliciting public input on appropriate use of funding.

Public Hearing

The Town of Henniker will hold a public hearing during the regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting on January 3, 2023, at the Henniker Community Center, 57 Main Street and immediately following hearing of unanticipated funds to hear public input pursuant to RSA 231:43 Power to Discontinue for the complete discontinuance of a portion of Class VI Goodwin Road bisecting property 9-592 and a complete discontinuance of a portion of Class VI Patch Road bisecting property 9-592. The regularly scheduled meeting will take place after the public hearing.

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