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A New Year's Resolution

For Christians this time of year is special as we celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. However, we must also remember that our non-Christian neighbors share that same spirit as they celebrate Hanukkah, Ramadan or Kwanzaa. Despite the current hostilities in the world, we must remind ourselves that it is the followers of the late Osama Bin Laden, not the Arabs or Islam, who are the enemies of World Peace. What a shame that we have had so many wars sparked by religious pride or racial bigotry. Whether we honor a different God, or the same God by a different name, we need always remember that all the world's races and great religions share the same moral lessons and values and that on this small planet, we truly are all brothers and sisters.

This Week In History

December 31, 1907

The first New Year's Eve ball drops

January 1, 1959

Fidel Castro overthrows Fulgencio Batista

January 2, 1905

Japanese capture Russian naval base

January 3, 1870

Construction begins on Brooklyn Bridge

January 4, 1853

Author Solomon Northup obtains his freedom

January 5, 1970

Bodies of United Mine Workers dissident and his family found

January 6, 1919

Former President Theodore Roosevelt dies



Ed Hebert (L) receives a 50-year service pin from Antrim Troop 2 Scout Leader Mike Redmond, Sr (R) at a recent Court of Honor. Ed has actually had more than 52 years of service, receiving several awards from BSA. He's also done multiple 50-mile hikes and canoe trips and has put in over 2000 hours of service. He's participated in every Summer Camp and has traveled to over 22 States with Troop 2, including a trip to Yellowstone and many trips to Annapolis.

Pats Peak Celebrates 60 Years

Longest continuously operating ski area run by same owner

Pats Peak, New Hampshire's premier family snowsports destination, celebrates 60 years of skiing this season. The 2022-2023 season marks the 60th season under the Patenaude family ownership, which makes it the longest continuously operating ski area run by the same owner.

Pats Peak will be celebrating the 60th Birthday on Saturday, January 7, 2023. To commemorate this day Pats Peak will be celebrating with a Birthday Party Celebration. The day's events include: The River 92.5 DJ playing music outside in the Base Area; a Birthday

Party Celebration with a 60-FOOT LONG Birthday Cake; an Après-Ski Party in the Sled Pub with Live Music by The McMurphy's; Fireworks Display at 10:20 p.m. to end the night. Guests will also sing "Happy Birthday" to Pats Peak during the birthday party and cake cutting event at 2:00 p.m. in the main lodge. Other birthday touches will be throughout the mountain during the day including a 60th Ice Carving and other surprises.

"Family is what we have been all about for sixty years," says Kris Blomback,

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Messenger readers contribute \$1,800 to Lions Club's Christmas Basket Project

Messenger readers again responded generously to the Hillsboro Lions Club's Christmas Basket appeal. As a result, the Club was again able to deliver a full Christmas dinner to area families in need.

Those who contributed to this neighbor to neighbor project included: James & Ellen Denis & Lana Dumont; McGuire, Peter Martin, Judith Page & Christina Chadwick, Jeffrey & Arlene Soule, Tom & Tammy McClure, Alan & Jene Ager, Don & Meg Ager, Deering Community Church Women's Guild, Crystal & Gerald Booth, Nichilas & Julie Buccarelli, G. Chlapowski, Alberta Simpson, Thomas & Constance Fraser, Richard Head & Melinda Gehris, Jane Dutton, Leigh & Joyce Bosse, Stephen & Doris Ellis, Keith McGuire, Wanda Robie, Colleen & Colin Duggan, Jed & Nancy Schwartz.



Messenger Publisher Leigh Bosse (R) presents Hillsboro Lions Club Treasurer Alan Ager (L) with checks totaling \$1,800 contributed by Messenger readers to the Club's Christmas Basket Project.

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General Manager of Pats Peak. "The Patenaude brothers had a vision 60 years ago and we are excited to continue the traditions of Pats Peak. We are excited to celebrate with a 60-foot birthday cake so all our skiers and riders can come in to enjoy a piece of cake to celebrate Pats Peak's history," says Blomback.

Pats Peak opened for skiing on January 5, 1963. The four Patenaude brothers – Joe, David, Wayne and Stuart – combined Yankee ingenuity with the several businesses owned in the family to hand-fashion a ski area. Back in 1962, the four Patenaude

brothers spent a lot of time skiing. They also spent a lot of time standing in lift lines. They decided to go home to Henniker and build their own ski mountain.

The Pats Peak Lodges are built from lumber cut from the mountain that was owned by their father, Merle Patenaude. Beams 30 feet long were hewn at the family's sawmill. Construction of the main lodge began in the spring of 1962 by the brothers, friends and family. The Peak Chair, a 1961 Model, was built in the fall of 1962 in time for opening in January 1963.

Pats Peak was the first moun-

tain in New Hampshire to have snowmaking in the 1960's and was instrumental in getting other ski areas operational. Pats Peak is a learn-to-ski and snowboard mountain. Generations have learned to ski and ride at Pats Peak.

Pats Peak remains today what it was decades ago: a first-name place where friends and families return every season. It's where you can feel safe letting your kids roam the mountain while allowing yourself to explore new terrain on your own. Every year Pats Peak continually focuses to improve its facility and experience for skiers and snowboarders.

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December 31, 2021

Henniker Town Administrator Joe Devine resigns
Henniker removes Select Board Vice-Chair Tia Hooper
Several Town Libraries receive Federal ARPA Grants
Second Peterborough bridge under repair

January 3, 2020

Bradford neighbors respond to Christmas fire
Only minor injuries in Antrim accident
New London Select Board approves LED conversion
Francestown receives two preservation grants

January 4, 2019

John Stark students tackle Mental Illness
Antrim Board rules 175' tower has regional impact
Major changes coming to New Boston Fire Department
Deering man charged with domestic assault

January 5, 2018

Concerns raised on drones over Andover
Hillsborough man injured in snowmobile accident
Hopkinton's new Dog Park a community success
Merrimack Valley High hosts Recycled Percussion

January 6, 2017

Epsom schools consider pre-employment drug testing
New Boston Selectmen review police budget
Belmont Selectmen to poll voters on Mill's future
Family dog alerts residents to Tilton house fire

January 1, 2016

Goffstown Selectmen work website improvements
Weare looking to add five new police officers
Bow Police seize guns, drugs & burglary tools
First Responders gather to honor Bob Pragoff

January 2, 2015

Three men arrested for Washington burglaries
Goffstown woman arrested in Dunbarton
Police arrest Franklin woman for fraud
New Boston seeks improved communications site

January 10, 2014

Antrim police station dedicated
Revolt at Emerald Lake Commission, Chair resigns
No injuries in Newport five-car pileup
Weare felon arrested receiving stolen flatware

January 1, 2013

Tom Yennerell named Henniker Town Administrator
Union OK's merit pay for Kearsarge teachers
Newport to remove 52 dead or dying trees
91-year-old woman charged with vehicular assault

January 13, 2012

Hillsborough Police Captain arrested for assault
No one injured in Newbury barn fire
Sunapee Police Chief and Officers honored
New London Board upset but will pay ambulance increase

Newly formed John Stark Outdoor Club ventures into rock climbing

The new Outdoor Club at John Stark was envisioned by teacher Mark Roskamp and is up and running with activities with Roskamp co-advising with JSRHS School Psychologist Tammy Zielinski. Earlier this fall, they took a group of students on a hike in Newbury, and most recently they took a group indoor rock climbing in Manchester. They are currently planning a club trip to go skiing/snowboarding.

On the indoor rock climbing trip, some students had experience rock climbing while others did not. By the end of the trip, all students were able to belay and climb. Students climbed an old elevator shaft that spans three stories.

There are many benefits to rock climbing," said School Psychologist Zielinski. "The first is the importance of good, solid communication that must happen between the belayer and climber so that each one knows what is happening to the other. The climber and belayer are not facing each other



Left to right: Mark Roskamp (co-advisor), Rachel Berube, Izabel Korbet, Rebecca Mussey, Caleb Hauptman, Cody Hood, Isabelle Wintle, Leah Chapman, and Tammy Zielinski (co-advisor).

in a climbing situation so good verbal communication is essential. The sec-

ond benefit is an increased level of trust within oneself and in others.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

A study of an investigational gene therapy for sickle cell disease has found that a single dose restored blood cells to their normal shape and eliminated the most serious complication of the disease for at least three years in some patients. The study was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

In patients with untreated advanced melanoma, the combination of immune checkpoint inhibitors relatlimab and nivolumab doubled the progression-free survival benefit compared to nivolumab alone, with a manageable safety profile, according to the results of the Phase II/III published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Patients with COVID-19 in the intensive care unit (ICU) prescribed full-dose blood thinners are significantly more likely to experience heavy bleeding than patients prescribed a smaller yet equally effective dose, according to a recent study published in *Hospital Pharmacy*.

Boosting levels of the neurotransmitter norepinephrine with atomoxetine, a repurposed ADHD medication, may be able to stall neurodegeneration in people with early signs of Alzheimer's disease, a study published in the journal *Brain* suggests. This is one of the first published clinical studies to show a significant effect on the protein Tau, which forms neurofibrillary tangles in the brain in Alzheimer's. In 39 people with mild cognitive impairment (MCI), six months of treatment with atomoxetine reduced levels of Tau in study participants' cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), and normalized other markers of neuro-inflammation. The study points toward an alternative drug strategy against Alzheimer's that does not rely on antibodies against Tau or another Alzheimer's-related protein, beta-amyloid. A recent FDA-approved drug, adacanumab, targets beta-amyloid but its benefits are controversial among experts in the field.

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Each year the Goffstown Rotary Club recognizes someone who has made a difference in our communities with the Richard C. Hopf Citizen of the Year Award. Rich Hopf was the charter member of our club, and this year, Officer Jacqueline Pelletier of the Goffstown Police Department received the award for 2021.

ORAL MUCOSA



Dr. Esin Narli

Q: What is oral mucosa?

A: Oral mucosa is the name for the soft flesh that lines the inside of the mouth. There are three types of oral mucosa: lining mucosa covers the inside of the cheeks, the lips, the soft palate and the area under the tongue; specialized, or gustatory, mucosa covers the top of the tongue. Your taste buds are a form of oral mucosa. The third type, a hardier form sometimes called masticatory mucosa, that can stand up to chewing, covers the gum and hard palate.

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Hopkinton Rotary Club President Mike Byrne (R) recently presented Human Services Director Alicia Presti with a \$3,000 donation for the Town's Energy Fund. Rotary has made this annual donation for a number of years now and Mike has spearheaded the effort from the first.

Town of Washington celebrates the legacy of Sarah Shedd

Story and photo courtesy of
Cheshire County Historical Society

Sarah Shedd was born in Washington, New Hampshire, in April of 1813. She was the second of four children of John and Lydia Shedd. Sarah attended local schools and went on to attend the Mount Holyoke Seminary in Massachusetts.

Unfortunately, Sarah's time at Mount Holyoke was short lived. Her father died when she was 15 years old and she sacrificed her own education to go to work to earn money to pay her brother's college tuition. She moved to Lowell, Mass., to work in the textile mills there so that her younger brother Joseph might attend college and train for the ministry.

Sarah was one of the first generation of young women who found work in New England's large cotton mills — the employees became known as "mill girls." While in Lowell, Sarah was a frequent contributor to the Lowell



Offering, a magazine written and edited entirely by the young women at the mills. She was well known for her writing and a book of her poems was published after her death.

Sarah returned to her hometown of Washington after her brother had completed his education. She became a schoolteacher and taught in the Wash-



ington schools for the rest of her life. She never married but cared for her mother until Mrs. Shedd died in 1860.

Although she is remembered for her poetry, Sarah Shedd left a more important legacy for her hometown. When she passed away in 1867, Sarah left her life's savings, \$2,500.00, to be used for the formation of a free public library in the town.

Today, 140 years after it was built, the Shedd Free Library stands as a memorial to this Washington native who wanted the youth of her town to have more advantages than had been available to her as a young woman during the early 19th century.



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Crime Watch

Warner man arrested for felonious assault



On November 30, 2022, Detectives from the #NHSP #TroopD barracks received a report of a possible sexual assault of a juvenile victim in the town of Warner. Since that report, Troop Detectives have been working to investigate these allegations. On December 20, 2022, as a result of their investigation, the following individual was arrested: Conor Hallenborg, 21. Hallenborg was charged with Aggravated Felonious Sexual

Assault (Victim under 13), Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault (pattern), Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault. Hallenborg was held at Merrimack County Correctional Facility pending his arraignment at Merrimack Superior Court.

Hillsborough woman charged with arson

Lynne Geddes-Morin was indicted on two counts of arson at her residence, 276 Second New Hampshire Turnpike in Hillsborough, which she knew was an occupied structure, on August 18. She was also charged with reckless conduct in the indictment released by Hillsborough County Superior Court. Geddes-Morin "recklessly engaged in conduct that placed or may have placed another in danger of serious bodily injury or death when she started a fire near the building at 276 Second New Hampshire Turnpike, a residential building with people inside," according to the indictment. If convicted, Geddes-Morin faces 3 1/2 to 7 years in prison.

Henniker woman-driving after revocation

Melissa E. Weston, born 1981, of Henniker was cited at 9:40 p.m. on November 20, 2022, on driving after revocation or suspension and suspension of vehicle registration charges after an incident at 369 N. State Street.

Hillsborough man-felonious sexual assault

Michael Lovejoy, of Hillsborough, was indicted on seven charges of aggravated felonious sexual assault to a female under the age of 16. The alleged acts occurred between September 1, 2021 and August 2022 in Deering. He was also indicted on 15 charges of felon in possession of a dangerous weapon. If convicted, Lovejoy could spend 10 to 20 years in prison for the sexual assault and 3 1/2 to 7 years for the weapons charges.



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Jeremy Keough is grateful for the Warner Police Department and Warner Fire Department for their assistance in his motor vehicle accident in which he walked away.

Ausbon Sargent Trust receives \$80,000 LCHIP Grant to preserve 71.66 Bradford acres

Governor Sununu announced \$4.3 million in matching grants to support thirty-four land conservation and historic preservation projects across the state by the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). The grants will assist municipalities, non-profit organizations, and community groups in rehabilitating 17 historic structures and permanently conserving more than 2,700 acres of farm, timber, and ecologically significant land in all ten counties of the state, including the Bradford Bog Headwaters property in Bradford, NH.

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust has received an \$80,000 grant award to support the purchase and protection of 71.66 acres of land in the town of Bradford, NH. The property helps to protect the Bradford Bog headwaters, the Abenaki ancient healing springs site, and the Atlantic White Cedar bog and wildflower sanctuary. It is "highest ranked" wildlife habitat and



The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust now protects 163 properties comprising 13,345 acres of land in the 12 towns it serves.

is an important regenerating forest, a haven for many threatened species of birds.

When asked about the importance of this project to the area, Bradford Conservation Commission Chair Ann Eldridge shared the following:

Many years ago, when the Bradford Conservation Commission created general focus areas in the town in conjunction with UNH and the New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan, we knew that citizens prioritized water protection and wildlife as well as access to recreational trails. This property has

it all. With access to the Bradford Bog area as well as the Aiken Town Forest, this is a real piece of that puzzle. It is exciting that the mostly unfragmented wetland landscape in this area will be enlarged for passive recreation and for wildlife that requires big spaces.

Bradford Conservation Easement

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust finalized a conservation easement on 91.9 acres of land in Bradford, NH. Stephen and Sandra Bravo donated a conservation easement on their 91.9-acre piece of property to ensure it would be protected from development, forever.

The property is highly ranked for wildlife habitat, and both agricultural and forestry soils. It is made up of forestland and open fields, and streams that run across it flow into Lake Massasecum. Although this property is not open for public access, it does provide for a public benefit, which is the protection of the area's watershed.

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Publisher's Perspective

Attention Congress - Do Your Job

I came across this column by Mat Staver, Chairman of Liberty Counsel Action. In my opinion it is the most rational approach yet to the problem of illegal immigration in this country. You can't blame the problem on the immigrants who simply share our desire for a better life for their children. It is the system that is broken and needs to be fixed:

“It is time to forge a just immigration policy that acknowledges that we are both a nation of immigrants and a nation of laws. Our current immigration system is broken and it needs to be fixed. We need to secure our borders. This is a matter of national security. We need to enforce our laws. We are a nation that believes in the rule of law.

We need to provide opportunities for undocumented immigrants among us, who wish to pursue an earned pathway to some form of legal status, to come out of the shadows. Such a pathway would be subject to appropriate penalties, waiting periods, background checks, evidence of moral character, and a commitment to full participation in American society through an understanding of the English language.

An earned pathway to legal status is not amnesty. I oppose amnesty. And I ask those who label an earned pathway to legal status as amnesty to stop politicizing this debate needlessly and to acknowledge the difference. The time to forge a rational consensus

is now. America is a country of immigrants, a melting pot of individuals from various ethnicities and cultures. This country was established based on our rich heritage of immigration, and, in accordance with a just immigration policy, this country will continue to thrive. America deserves a just immigration policy that secures, not closes, our borders; enforces the laws; provides a temporary guest-worker program; and one that otherwise offers a pathway for earned legal status.

We are compelled by our common faith and heritage to acknowledge that the history of immigration is filled with stories of triumph and tragedy. While Latinos are often the subject of today's immigration debate, nearly every American today can trace their ancestry to one or many foreign lands. America's astounding success can be largely attributed to the fact that we are a nation of immigrants, and we have proven to the world that people from diverse backgrounds can come to America, live in peace with their neighbors, pursue their dreams, and succeed. The overwhelming attraction of America is her freedom. As the world's standard-bearer for freedom, America's light shines as hope for the world. We must never quench the torch of liberty. We must always stand for the freedom that makes our shores the object of desire for people without hope. America must always stand for liberty. It is the privilege of a freedom-loving people.”



Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

I was compelled to write in response not only to the opinion piece written by Barbara Cavanaugh, Deering letter to the editor 12-16-2022

but to anyone who feels that obscene material has a place in school. It is true, it is not misinformation that students can access obscene books on the reading application Sora. ►



Letters to the Editor

Any parent can log on using their child's password and see for themselves. I will preface this by stating that questioning obscene books is not a book ban but an evaluation of appropriateness of a book available to students. This is also not directed at the LGBTQ community. There are books in question that discuss rape as a normal first-time experience among other violent and disturbing situations. The parent referenced in the article has done a tremendous amount of research and out reach to the school board, education commissioner, and groups concerned with the rise of pornography our students have access to. This parent has done the work to inform parents who may not have the time to research for themselves and who just assume this type of material could not possibly be available to their child on a school approved reading application. The parent referenced has education and training as a social worker and sexual abuse counselor in the correction system which in my opinion gives her authority to speak on the matter.

This is an issue nation wide and not limited to one person's opinion or a small segment but many are speaking out at school board meetings and across social media. These books do not encourage healthy relationships or navigation of modern society, at best they are sex manuals and at worst dangerous with one book in particular having a hyper link to adult dating sites and directions on how to access it and to the author's Instagram site. The titles that come to mind first are This Book Is Gay by Juno Dawson and Flamer by Mike Curator, there are many others check for yourself. If these applications are so dangerous why isn't the state investigating. Educational institutions, Libraries, and Museums are exempt from obscenity laws. Legislation is being presented this session that addresses the issue as well. Sora works around the legality of obscenity by offering parents an opt out. The district purchased the Sora application and with the purchase it came with a library of six thousand free books, other books are available for purchase. So, I guess it comes down to you get what you pay for. With so many quality books available that will actually enrich our students lives I just do not understand why the school district feels the need to allow these books to continue to be available. Some of these titles may fit into the inclusion and diversity category but even so I would imagine the parents of a trans or questioning child would want them to have exposure to wonderful literature and biographies and not be objectified. So, you see, this is not about being the morality police this is about allowing our students to be just that students to have access to books and materials that enrich their lives and foster a love of reading.

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New Books Inspire Antrim's Children

On December 9, Antrim's children were treated to storytelling from Marty Kelley, and brand-new books through a Children's Literacy Foundation Rural Libraries grant awarded to the James A. Tuttle Library. Marty Kelley led interactive presentations at Antrim Elementary School and the First Friends Preschool. Youth Services Librarian Laurie Cass-Griggs introduced children to new books both the school and public libraries have received through the CLiF grant.

The grant allowed librarian Cass-Griggs to select \$2,000 worth of new books for the library's children's collection. This allows libraries to update their collections and expand nonfiction and fiction options for their young patrons.

"Many of our younger patrons have asked for more graphic novels. The grant from CLiF has enabled us to create a new graphic novel area in the Children's Room. One of the best parts of this grant is the collaboration component between the library and the school. I feel that the children of Antrim are lucky to have so much educational support in their community," Cass-Griggs said.

The grant supports public libraries in New Hampshire and Vermont towns of 5,000 residents or fewer to partner with schools and childcare centers to encourage a community-wide commitment to literacy. The Antrim Elementary School library will also receive \$500 worth of new books, and a book giveaway.

CLiF works closely with the public librarian to coordinate the grant over the course of one school year. This includes:

- \$2,000 in new, high-quality children's books for the public library (selected by public librarian)
- \$500 in new books for the school library (selected by school librarian)
- A total of four storytelling presentations at the elementary school and childcare centers
- Brand-new books for all participating children from birth through grade six
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Sports

Girls Basketball

Bow 58, ConVal 23: Bow led 24-2 after the first quarter thanks to defensive intensity.

John Stark 54, Concord 42: Concord made multiple runs to keep the game close, but John Stark had a strong scoring touch at the rim to secure the Generals' spot.

Hopkinton 62, Pembroke 57, OT: Clutch foul shooting in overtime by Ava Lambert and Murdough led Hopkinton to the victory and a spot in the Capital Area Classic semifinals against MV.

Boys Basketball

ConVal 66, Bow 62: Down by 19 at the half Bow battled back to take a hard fought victory.

Plymouth 65, John Stark 63: The Generals trailed going into every quarter, but took the lead in the final minute but couldn't hold on for the win.

Concord 75, John Stark 35: Concord opened the game with aggressive team defense and unselfish play to take a 23-5 lead after the first quarter to secure a spot in the Capital Area Classic semifinals.

Hopkinton 71, Pembroke 58: Trailing heading into the fourth quarter, Hopkinton locked down defensively and out-scored Pembroke 24-7 over the final eight minutes to secure a spot in the Capital Area Classic semifinals.

Hopkinton 59, Kearsarge 34: Hopkinton had a 17-3 second quarter to take a 17-point lead into halftime.

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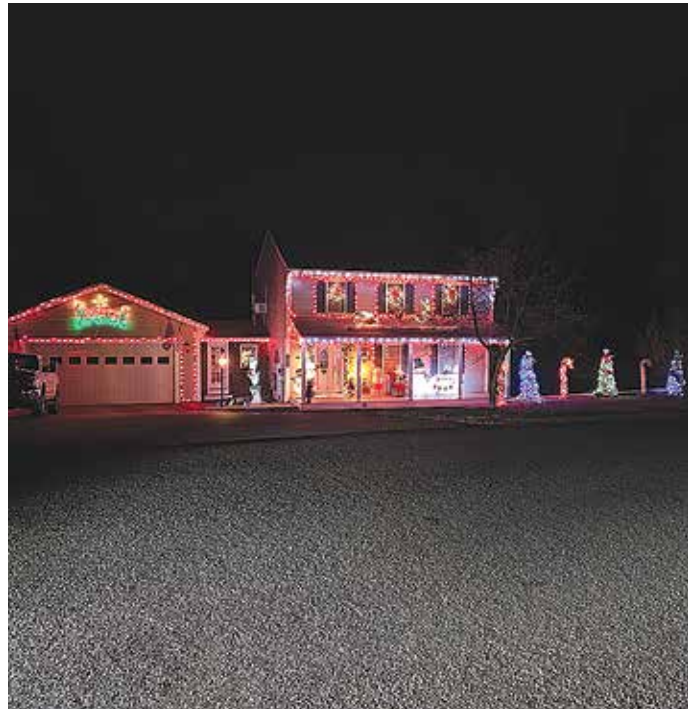
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Town of Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Hillsborough Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing for the purpose of acting on a request under NH RSA 79E (Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive) for a Barn Preservation Project for 1040 E. Washington Road in Hillsborough. The Hearing will be held on **Wednesday, January 11th** @ 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office Building, 27 School Street, Hillsborough NH.

Board of Trustees, Tucker Free Library PUBLIC HEARING

January 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue

The Board of Trustees, Tucker Free Library will hold a public hearing during the regularly scheduled Trustees meeting on **January 18, 2023** at 5:00 PM at the Tucker Free Library, 31 Western Avenue, Henniker, under RSA 31:95-b III (a) to accept unanticipated funding in the following amount from the following source: Conservation License Plate Grant (Moose Plate) \$20,000.00. The regularly scheduled Trustees' meeting will follow the public hearing.



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in Thomas's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or your local SPCA.

Patricia Froling

PETERBOROUGH - In the early hours of Saturday, November 26, 2022, one week after her 77th birthday and her 45th wedding anniversary, Patricia Marie Summerfield Froling died peacefully, surrounded by family. Born to James Crofts Summerfield and Madge Sellar, Tricia was raised in the small English village of Burwash in Sussex County. Tricia is survived by her husband, Stephen Froling, a resident at Rivermead in Peterborough NH; her brother, Richard and his wife, Cynthia Summerfield of East Sussex, UK; her step-daughters, Kristin and Alison Froling; grandchildren, Hazel and Ben; cousins, Sophie Gastinel and Timothy West; nephews, David, James and

William Summerfield. A memorial service will be held at the Harris Center in Hancock, NH on January 21st at 2:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, please call 603-758-4020 for a possible change of location. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Music on Norway Pond or the Harris Center for Conservation Education.

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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.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4

MAHJONG: Finally, there has also been a community grassroots request for game days at the Tucker Free Library. The community will have the opportunity to join with friends, playing Mahjong and Rumikub at 3:15-5:45 on Wednesday and Thursday through January.

THURSDAY JANUARY 5

PLAY CRIBBAGE: at Fuller Public Library. Every Thursday from 1-3pm.

SATURDAY JANUARY 7

RESOLVE TO: Tucker Free Library will be offering a very special series called "Resolve To..." at 9am on Saturday mornings through February 4. Local experts will be lending their knowledge to help us all stick to some of those resolutions that warrant serious consideration. If you want to learn how to eat healthier, better manage your finances, feel more grounded emotionally, or need a jump-start to your exercise program this series is for you! Attend one session or all five, there will be something for everyone.

PUBLIC NOTICE HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL DISTRICT

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board will hold a **Public Budget Hearing** on Thursday, January 12, 2023 (1/17/23 snow date) at 6:00pm in the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School Cafetorium

The purpose is to receive public input on the Hillsboro-Deering School District's FY2023-2024 proposed operating budget and warrant articles.

The public is encouraged to attend.

EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT BID SOLICITATION FOR SUMMER MAINTENANCE OF BEACHES AND PARKS

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FOCUS ON UPGRADES AND HOME IMPROVEMENTS: PART I



By: Joyce Bosse

Whether creating an office, a socially distant gathering space or making room for a loved one to move in, people are using their homes in ways they may never have before. Experts predict homeowners will focus on upgrades and home improvements that fit this evolving lifestyle well beyond 2022. In fact, the Leading Indicator for Remodeling Activity from Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies predicts a steady and significant rise in remodeling projects that was projected to reach \$401 billion of annual spending by the third quarter of 2022.

If you're planning any home renovation projects in the New Year, check out this article and next week's, as we highlight five trending upgrades that will have lasting impact.

Install new flooring

Flooring is quite literally the foundation of design, so it must strike a blend of fashion and function. Research flooring with a good combination of durability and timeless aesthetics.

Refresh the staircase

You probably don't spend much time using staircases compared to the rest of the house, so staircase design isn't likely top of mind. However, if you have dated carpet on your stairs, you have a prime opportunity to revamp a central component of your home for a small investment. It could be as simple as installing new treads, selecting new paint for the walls and maybe a new stain on the trim. If you're willing to go the extra mile, local ironworkers are happy to fabricate a custom handrail. If you have kids in the house or older family members moving in, keep safety in mind on stairs to help them navigate your home with ease.

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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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PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Weare Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 16, 2023 beginning @ 7:00 PM to hear public testimony and comment on the 2023 overall Proposed Town Budget, including all separate, special, and petitioned Warrant Articles, as well as disclosure of the Default Budget.

The hearing will be held at the Selectmen's Conference Room, 15 Flanders Memorial Road, Weare, NH. Please note, any person with a disability who wishes to attend this meeting and needs to be provided a reasonable accommodation in order to participate, should call the Weare Board of Selectmen's office at 529-7525 at least twenty-four hours in advance so that arrangements can be made.



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