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Deering Town Administrator

Peter Flynn has been named as the new Town Administrator in Deering. Flynn, who was serving as the Interim Administrator was selected for the full time position over a field of several applicants. The former New Boston Town Administrator and Hooksett Welfare Officer is currently also Vice-Chair of the Henniker Select Board.

This Week In History

January 21, 1976

First Concordes with commercial passengers simultaneously take off

January 22, 2008

Heath Ledger dies of accidental overdose

January 23, 1957

Company produces first Frisbees

January 24, 1956

Emmett Till's murderers confess

January 25, 1919

Formal commission on The League of Nations established

January 26, 1970

Prisoner of war spent 2,000th day in captivity

January 27, 1951

First atomic test at Nevada test site

January 28, 2022

Kamala Harris is sworn in as Vice President



Francestown Academy Coffeehouse held a spectacular performance. From the performances, to the kazoo's, all the way down to the details in the treats everyone brought. With sincere gratitude, we thank everyone who came out to support the Recreation Commission.

H-D School Budget down \$1604.00

Payoff of Middle School Board saves taxpayers \$753,375.00

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board held a public hearing on its proposed 2023-2024 Operating Budget and Warrant Articles.

The budget at \$24,072,133 is actually a \$1,604 reduction from the current budget. Although operational spending has increased by \$770,479.00, the cost to taxpayers is offset by a reduction of \$753,375.00 as a result of the payoff of the Middle School Bond.

Major increases include: \$454,933 in salaries & benefits, \$131,884 in bussing, and \$85,000 with inclusion of the School Resource Officer.

Taxpayers will also be asked to approve an SAU #34 Budget of \$1,185,145,

with Hillsboro's share set at \$1,005,714.

Article 6 asks for approval of a new three-year collective bargaining agreement with the support staff, calling for an increase of \$95,717 in year 1, \$75,781 in year 2, and \$81,419 in year 3. The total cost over three-years would be \$520,732.00.

Other articles ask for \$50,000 for The Special Education Expendable Trust, \$150,000 for the Building Maintenance Trust and \$10,000 for the Technology Trust, each to be funded if a surplus exists.

H-D's Deliberative Session is February 6th at 7 p.m. at the Middle School with Ballot Voting on March 14th.



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NH Department of Transportation to expand New London Park & Ride

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announced that work will begin on the expansion project of

the I-89 Exit 12 Park & Ride in New London on Monday, January 23rd.

The work involves adding 50 additional spaces and includes repaving the entire existing parking lot, reconfigured motorcycle parking and ADA safety upgrades.

When work begins, Park & Ride

users are advised that 27 spaces along the right side of the parking lot will be temporarily closed for the installation of a safety barrier delineating the work site.

Weather permitting, the work will be completed by the end of August 2023.



The Newbury Police Department has been receiving multiple reports of vehicle break-ins from various parking areas at Mount Sunapee Ski Resort. Based on the investigation, it appears the break-ins occurred later in the afternoon on January 16. Anyone who may have attended the resort on January 16 and witnessed any suspicious activity, or can provide any additional information is encouraged to contact the Newbury Police Department at (603) 763-2221.



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NH school enrollments are declining while costs are escalating

Public schools across the U.S. are losing students and New Hampshire is leading the way. Axios reported Sunday that, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, Granite State public school enrollment fell by 14 percent between Fall 2009 and Fall 2020, more than any other state. And that 14 percent rate is projected to continue until 2030, emptying even more classrooms.

The Axios report comes just 48 hours after the New Hampshire Department of Education (DOE) released the latest data on taxpayer spending on K-12 education. Because cities and towns continue to increase their demands for taxpayer funding for schools, average per-pupil spending in New Hampshire has hit a record \$19,400.

In dozens of smaller districts where enrollment has fallen by 20 percent or more, the per-pupil spending has more than doubled. In The Messenger's readership area, the results are as follows:

CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Item:	2013	Current
Enrollment	2,434	2,022
Budget	\$43,238,056	\$53,180,350
Pupil Cost	\$16,338.00	\$22,078.80

HENNIKER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Item:	2013	Current
Enrollment	376	392
Budget	\$6,901,423	\$9,103,356
Pupil Cost	\$16,024.32	\$19,755.97

HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Item:	2013	Current
Enrollment	1243	1036
Budget	\$21,335,746	\$24,072,133
Pupil Cost	\$16,718.00	\$22,360.00

HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Item:	2013	Current
Enrollment		
Budget	<i>Not available at press time</i>	
Pupil Cost		

JOHN STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Item:	2013	Current
Enrollment	724	574
Budget	\$13,562,602	\$14,292,743
Pupil Cost	\$16,024.32	\$21,720.77

WEARE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Item:	2013	Current
Enrollment	973	841
Budget	\$13,949,010	\$14,292,743
Pupil Cost	\$11,741.74	\$16,021.34

"The cost per pupil numbers highlight the difficult but important job of shrinking a system that has been and will continue to support

fewer students," New Hampshire Commissioner of Education Frank Edelblut said. "The demographic trends are already set. The work of our school boards and school leaders is to right-size the school system to this declining population of students. This is a perfect time to rethink how we educate students in New Hampshire."

When Gov. Chris Sununu signed the most recent budget, passed by a GOP majority, House Democrats released a statement accusing him of "cutting education funding, raising property taxes," a reference to the fact that overall state spending declined.

But as Sununu has repeatedly pointed out — including in his most recent inaugural address — the state's per pupil funding is at an all-time high.

Stark School Board addresses discrimination charges

Eric and Sharon Houle attended the John Stark School Board meeting Friday night to discuss discrimination of their Black son who was the victim of a racial death threat at the school last April. "We are here to ask 'how can we prevent and respond to these incidents in the future?'" said Sharon Houle.

The Houles proposed creating a committee to include parents — both past and present, teachers, administration, students, community members and outside sources. School board members supported creating a committee but with only a short time-block

to discuss the Houles' proposal before moving on to the planned budget public hearing, the board assured the Houles that there would be continued conversation on the subject. Later that evening, and into the future, James McKim, president of the Manchester branch of the NAACP commented: "First, I want to commend you all for hitting it head on," he said. "It takes courage to talk about such a difficult topic." McKim told the board he would be happy to help out whether that was coaching, or providing facilitation on how to go about forming a committee.

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TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

A growing body of evidence indicates that some people thought to have an allergic response to injectable penicillin, the standard treatment for rheumatic heart disease, may instead be experiencing a cardiac reaction to the medicine, according to a new American Heart Association presidential advisory published recently in *Journal of the American Heart Association*. The advisory, which represents official insights from the American Heart Association, suggests oral penicillin may be a safer option for people with rheumatic heart disease who are at high risk of a cardiac reaction. More than 39 million people worldwide have rheumatic heart disease (RHD), a condition in which the heart's valves are permanently damaged by rheumatic fever, which can occur if a strep throat infection or scarlet fever are untreated or inadequately treated. Most RHD cases are among people living in low- and middle-income countries, where RHD is often diagnosed after severe valvular heart disease or other cardiovascular complications have already developed, leading to higher rates of death and lower life expectancy.

Ketamine is a fast acting, efficient treatment for patients hospitalized for severe suicidal thoughts (ideation), finds a clinical trial published by *The BMJ*. The results suggest that some patients with severe suicidal ideation, particularly those with bipolar disorder, could benefit from ketamine, as current treatment options are limited, say the researchers. Around 700,000 people worldwide die from suicide annually, and up to 20 times this number attempt suicide. Although most suicidal ideas will not lead to a suicidal act, all suicidal acts are preceded by suicidal ideas. Thus rapidly resolving a suicidal crisis before it is acted on might prevent many deaths. Ketamine is a powerful and quick acting sedative, which rapidly deadens pain without loss of consciousness. It is approved as an anesthetic, but is also a promising drug to rapidly reduce suicidal ideation.

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TEMPORARY FILLINGS



Dr. Esin Narli

Q: What's the purpose of a temporary filling?

A: A temporary filling is a stop-gap measure your dentist may use to save a tooth. If the removal of tooth decay has exposed and compromised the pulp, or nerve, of the tooth, your dentist may opt to employ a temporary filling. This process is sometimes referred to as "indirect capping."

A temporary filling gives the opportunity for a wall of tooth structure to grow between the pulp and the decayed area, and for the pulp to heal. After an appropriate time, the dentist can remove the temporary filling and take an x-ray, if necessary, to see if the pulp has healed. If that's the case, the dentist can clean out any remaining decay and put in a permanent filling. If the pulp damage is too severe, you may need a root canal. This is a procedure normally performed by an endodontist, a dentist who specializes in root canals.

The endodontist will remove the pulp, clean out the interior of the tooth, and fill it. In the worst cases, if the decay and damage to the pulp is extreme, the tooth may have to go. A root canal is also an expensive procedure. The best way to avoid the eventualities described above is to maintain a good regimen of home care, brushing and flossing, and visiting your dentist at least twice a year.

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January 21, 2022

Deering icon Nancy Cowan dies
 SAU #34 Superintendent Patricia Parenteau to retire
 Henniker may separate Town Clerk & Tax Collector
 H-D students again test well below state averages

January 22, 2021

Bennington woman faces multiple charges after chase
 1,100 feet of Contoocook River shoreline preserved
 Henniker fire victim remains in intensive care
 Hillsboro Police, Fire & Rescue respond to 2 accidents

January 24, 2020

Hopkinton Select Board & Rescue Squad at impasse
 New Boston asked to support \$2.9 million Fire Station
 Warner Select Board adopts 2010 ATV Agreement
 Deering Police Chief James Pushee retires

January 25, 2019

HP Fairfield purchases Hopkinton facility
 Eight towns provide mutual aid for Weare fire
 Henniker Select Board cuts \$48,516 from budget
 Hillsborough sewer & water fees up \$90-\$120/quarter

January 26, 2018

Weare Selectmen accused of padding the budget
 Hopkinton Board withdraws \$30 million school bond
 Andover Selectmen seek expanded Comcast service
 Belmont man sent to prison for 41 months

January 27, 2017

Newport Board approves \$500,00 Senior Center grant
 Chichester Forest Fire Warden Steve Stock retiring
 Armed robbery at Belmont's Penguin Market
 New London named a "HeartSafe Community"

January 22, 2016

Bomb threat at Sunapee Middle/High School
 Silver named New Boston's Planning Coordinator
 Henniker Police Chief to Washington
 Newbury seeks new Police and Fire Stations

January 23, 2015

Goffstown voters to decide form of government
 Henniker Selectmen & School Board at odds
 Vehicle break-ins in Bow and Goffstown
 Four survive Bradford house fire

January 24, 2014

Goshen Board welcomes Mount Sunapee expansion
 Newport Police & AG investigation nets nine arrests
 New London explores alternatives to Dispatch Center
 Weare Selectmen continue to rebuild PD

January 25, 2013

Heidi Welch one of four National Finalists
 ConVal Board won't support closing Great Brook
 Sunapee firefighters save Bly Machine Co.
 Newport man arrested for sale of drugs

Henniker Community School Board approves expanding Pre School

The Henniker Community School Board opened its January 10th meeting with a public hearing on the proposed \$100,000 Safe Schools Grant. With little discussion and no debate the Board voted to accept the funds which are designed to improve access control to school buildings.

The Board then turned its attention to a modest three Articles for the 2023-2024 school year.

Article 1: To accept the Annual reports.

Article 2: To set the salaries of School Board officials.

Article 3: To approve the \$9,634,719 proposed Operating Budget, with a Default Budget of \$9,507,188, which is a \$318,568 increase over the current budget.

Superintendent Dr. Jacqueline Coe explained that main increases come from salaries and purchased services.

If the proposed budget passes the tax on a \$350,000 house would increase \$101.50/year. The Default



The Henniker Community School Board.

Budget would increase those taxes by \$66.50/year.

The Board voted unanimously to add

a 4th Article: Appropriating \$150,000 to expand age-based Pre School to four days per week for all families.

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Jason Patten was sworn in as Hillsborough's newest Police Officer with his family and colleagues in attendance. Officer Patten is a seasoned full-time certified officer who comes to us highly trained, from an excellent agency, the Dunbarton Police Department. Officer Patten holds a variety of certifications to include Drug Recognition Expert, Recovery Coach, Background Investigator, and more.



The Weare Police Department recently welcomed Officer Joshua Burner, who will be attending the 192nd New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Academy in February. Officer Burner's family was in attendance for his swearing in.

Weare's proposed School Budget up \$490,399 to \$18,339,667

The Weare School Board conducted a public hearing on its proposed 2023-2024 Operating Budget, which was set at \$18,339,667, an increase of \$490,399 or 2.75% over the current budget of \$417,849,268.

If approved the tax rate would increase by \$1.01/thousand meaning the tax on a \$350,000 house would jump \$353.50. If defeated, the Default Budget would be \$18,285,231 resulting in an increase of \$336.00.

Voters will also be asked to approve Article 4, which calls for a new Collective Bargaining Agreement cost-

ing \$193,208 in the first year and an additional \$39,298 the second year.

Major increases include: Wages \$57,814 and Purchased Services \$175,000.

The Deliberative Session is scheduled for February 8th at 7:00 p.m. with voting on March 14th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Middle School.



The 2023 Center Woods Elementary School Spelling Bee winner is second-grader Joel Miller. The winning word in the January 12 spelling bee was "snooty." Emily Ryan was the runner-up. The next level spelling bee for Joel is the Scripps Spelling Bee Semi-Final, which is administered online.



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University of New Hampshire Graduates

- Courtney McCurry** of Frankestown, NH (graduated with a MSW in Social Work)
- Abigail Flegal** of Goffstown, NH (graduated with a MS in Occupational Therapy)
- Allison Buckless** of Goffstown, NH (graduated with a BA in Psychology)
- Anne Steckowych** of Goffstown, NH (graduated with a MS in Nursing:Prm Care Fam Nrse Prct)
- Howard Lewis** of Goffstown, NH (graduated with a MFA in Writing)
- Christian Pribyl** of Goffstown, NH (graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BSCS in Computer Science)
- Jessica Martel** of Goffstown, NH (graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Communication Sci & Disorders)
- Christopher Piekarski** of Goffstown, NH (graduated with a BSCIVE in Civil Engineering)
- Riley Walton** of Goffstown, NH (graduated with a BS in Animal Science)
- Victoria Flegal** of Goffstown, NH (graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Communication Sci & Disorders)
- John Bellemore** of Goffstown, NH (graduated with a BA in CA: Digital Media)
- Benjamin O'Brien** of New Boston, NH (graduated Cum Laude with a BS in Homeland Security)
- Kara Bryson** of New Boston, NH (graduated with a BS in Biology)
- Alanna O'Keefe** of Bradford, NH (graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Nutr:Dietetics)
- Julia Reed** of Hopkinton, NH (graduated with a MS in Occupational Therapy)
- Matthew Lewis** of Contoocook, NH (graduated with a BSF in Forestry)
- John Durant** of Contoocook, NH (graduated with a BSCIVE in Civil Engineering)
- Connor Buckley** of Henniker, NH (graduated with a BSME in Mechanical Engineering)
- Samantha Palmer** of Newbury, NH (graduated with a MSW in Social Work)
- Rachel Breault** of Warner, NH (graduated with a BA in Psychology)
- Margaret Yates** of Dublin, NH (graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Envirn Conservation&Sustain)

Other Colleges & Universities

- Ashlee Rose Brehio** of Hopkinton has been named to the Elon University's Dean's List.
- Sophia Staples-Roy** of Hopkinton, NH, has been named to the 2022 fall semester Dean's List at Ohio Wesleyan University.
- Assumption University has announced that **Sean Higgins** of Newbury, Class of 2024, has been named to the University's Dean's List.
- Sydney Stockwell** of Hopkinton, NH, a member of the Class of 2024, has been named to the Dean's List at Stonehill College.
- Springfield College has named **Erin Dalton** from Goffstown, NH to the Dean's List.

John Stark's proposed school Budget shows modest increase

The John Stark School Board held a public hearing on its proposed 2023-2024 budget.

At \$14,633,898 it is an increase of \$64,521 or .44% over the current \$14,599,377 operating budget. If rejected by voters, the Default Budget is set at \$14,451,819.

If approved, the budget would increase the Henniker tax rate by an

additional \$0.37/thousand meaning owners of a \$350,000 home would pay an additional \$129.50 in taxes.

In Weare the increase would be an additional \$0.11/thousand or another \$38.50 on that \$350,000 home.

John Stark's Deliberative Session will take place February 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the John Stark Regional High School cafeteria at 618 North Stark Highway in Weare. Voting will be held on March 14th in Henniker and Weare.



Current Hopkinton President Darragh Madden (R) awarding Michelle Clark (L) with her Paul Harris Fellowship pin for her continued support to Rotary International.



Center for the Arts Press Teen Writers Contest winners: (L-R) Luna Landers, New London, sophomore at KRHS; August Bates, Warner, freshman at KRHS; Jenn Caron, Sunapee, junior at Sunapee HS; Author and judge Megan Baxter; Annaliese Rowell, Sunapee, junior at Sunapee HS; Emma Geraghty, Sutton freshman at KRHS; Josefina Eliessetch, Sutton, freshman at KRHS; Ellie Labrie-Lavalley, Andover, freshman at Proctor Academy.

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Publisher's Perspective



Our Challenge - Continue The Dream

During this dangerous time of hate, division and suppression of thought, the United States must dedicate itself to the following principles:

1. Whatever color we are, we are all human beings who deserve the same rights and respect.

2. Christian, Jew, Hindu, Muslim, or Buddhist, we are all children of God.

3. America's strength is derived from the diversity of its races, cultures and customs.

4. If Democracy is to survive, a vigorous debate is required, but only if ALL opinions are allowed to be heard.

5. That Racism still persists in our country but, America has done more to promote racial equality and economic freedom than any other nation on earth.

6. Poverty and homelessness still

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

7. If the United States is so repressive and evil, why do millions of people line up annually to come here, legally and illegally.

8. There are no such lines seeking admission to Russia, China, or socialist countries.

9. Peter Jennings, Walter Cronkite, Chet Huntley and David Brinkley used to report the news objectively, allow us to interpret the events ourselves.

10. That Violent extremists from the left and the right, KKK, Antifa, Proud Boys and BLM, must be denounced.

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

New Boston requires Clear Bags at the Transfer Station

The New Boston Select Board, in concert with the Solid Waste Committee, approved a clear bag initiative at the New Boston Transfer Station for household trash, to begin March 1st with a three-month conversion period during which household trash in non-clear bags will be subject to spot checks.

Clear plastic bags in numerous

sizes will be available for purchase at the Transfer Station at reasonable prices.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

ConVal 56, Merrimack Valley 55, OT: The Pride stole the ball 16 times in a high energy, back-and-forth game all night, but the Cougars came away with the win in overtime.

Souhegan 51, ConVal 40: ConVal was led by Joe Gutwein with 11 points.

ConVal 72, John Stark 62: John Stark led after the first quarter, but ConVal went on a run to lead by 13 points at halftime. The Generals fought hard in the second half, but couldn't get the deficit under 10 points.

Pembroke 69, John Stark 54: Dylan Grivois led the Generals with 13 points, Donnie White added 11 and Abe Twomey 10.

Gilford 79, Hopkinton 42: The Hawks went down 23-7 in the opening quarter and was never able to bounce back against the defending champion Eagles.

Hopkinton 40, Monadnock 29: The Hawks defeated the Huskies to move into a tie with Gilford for first place in Division III.

Laconia 62, John Stark 25: Laconia controlled the game from the opening tip.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Laconia 60, John Stark 50: Laconia was up by 9 at the half and the Generals were unable to bring it closer than 4 for the rest of the game.

Pembroke 58, John Stark 54: The game was tied 48-48 with three minutes to go, but the Spartans hit back to back 3-pointers to break the tie and give them a six-point lead late in the fourth quarter.

Campbell 52, Hillsboro-Deering 47: Campbell hit a late 3 to go up by three points and Emily Howell had a 3 go in and out of the basket. The Hillcats had to foul and Campbell made the free throws to secure the victory.

Newport 42, Hillsboro 35: Hillsboro got within 2 late in the game but Newport scored off a turnover and after a Hillsboro miss Newport hit a huge 3 to secure the victory.

Con Val 44, Merrimack Valley 40: ConVal took control of a tight game in the fourth.

Stevens 51, Kearsarge 45: Ava Shapiro scored 17 points in a valiant effort.

Hopkinton 52, Gilford 49, OT: Maddie Carmichael scored on an out-of-bounds play with seconds to go to send the game to overtime and Holmes went 3-for-4 from the foul line to secure the win.

BOYS HOCKEY

John Stark-Hopkinton/Hillsboro-Deering 6, Sanborn-Epping 4: Sanborn tied the game before Kip Hedquist banged in a close for the game-winning goal.

Goffstown 2, Merrimack 0: Cole Stratford and Xavier Bibaud had 1 goal each.

BOWLING

Claremont 202, Hillsboro-Deering 161: Dylan Braun and Ethan Benn were the top bowlers for the day with a 139 and a 130, respectively.

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Tech Ed and FACS have returned to the middle school at the Henniker Community School. Here, Henniker Middle School students prepare a breakfast meal.



The Leos Club at John Stark Regional High School sponsored a Personal Care Drive in December and collected 150 items for the NH Veterans Home in Tilton. (l-r) John Stark Leo Madison O'Donnell, Missy Robichaud from the NH Veterans Home in Tilton, and JSRHS Leo Natalie Smith.



Tina Minard's kindergarten class at James Faulkner Elementary School in Stoddard was on a word hunt where they learned to notice all the words around them and think about how where they saw the word helped them understand its meaning.



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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Roswell Whitcomb

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY - Roswell Arthur Whitcomb, Jr. passed away peacefully January 4, 2023 at Saratoga Hospital. Roswell was born June 3, 1932 in Hillsboro, NH. He was predeceased by his wife of 37 years, Beverly; his son, Mark; and his parents, Doris and Roswell A. Whitcomb, Sr. He is survived by his daughter, Robin Whitcomb Macar; sister, Melita Vonier (Bill); brother, Lee Whitcomb (Hope); and three grandsons, Matthew Whitcomb Macar, Kevin Whitcomb Macar and Zachary Adams. Roswell was a graduate of Hillsboro High School. His memorial and burial will be private.



ary 10, 2023, at Hyder House in Dover, NH, following a battle with cancer that he waged with the extraordinary determination and resolve that defined him. Skip was born to Alphonse and Mary Homicz and raised in East Long Meadow, MA. He served as a Lieutenant in the Dental Corps of the U.S. Navy before starting a thriving private practice in Antrim, NH that he ran for 35 years. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Cathy (Hamlin); his sister, Christine Homicz; his three children, Julie (Homicz) Struble, Adam Homicz and Lucas Homicz; and his eight grandchildren, Cole, Abigail, Adam James, Austin Joseph, Nolan, Summer, Tyler and Lucy. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org/) or to St. Jude Children's Hospital (www.stjude.org/)



Mary Marguerite Greene

DEERING - Mary Marguerite Greene (Candy), 86, of West Deering, NH and Barre, VT passed away on January 5, 2023, following a sudden illness. Mary was born on November 11, 1936, to Carroll E. and Florence (Corliss) Greene of West Deering. Mary was predeceased by her parents and brother, Carroll J. Greene. Mary is survived by her uncle, Daniel Corliss of Newport, and her brother, Thomas W. Greene, Sr. and his wife, Pat of Edgewater, FL as well as many cousins (Skipper), nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. A full obituary will be published at a later date and a service will be planned in the Spring to celebrate Candy's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Candy's memory to the Renew Church,



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Jason Thomas Ennis

BENNINGTON - Jason Thomas Ennis, 40, of Bennington, passed away surrounded by the love of his family on January 5, 2023 at his home in Bennington. He was born in Syracuse, NY on April 5, 1982, the son of Thomas and Patricia (Gebhardt) Ennis. In addition to his parents, Jason is survived by his sisters, Jessica Ennis of Hancock and Cailin Ennis of Los Angeles, CA; his nephew, Sidney Trahan; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Jason's services will be announced in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Jason's name to the group home where he lived: CRJ, 67 Old Greenfield Road, Bennington, NH 03442.



Arlene M. Conaway

CONTOOCOOK - Arlene M. (Fisher)

Conaway, 90, of Contoocook, NH died January 11, 2023 at Granite Ledges in Concord, NH. Arlene was born June 19, 1932, in Henniker, NH to the late Edward M.

Fisher and Blanche M. (Searles) Fisher. She was also predeceased by her son, Vincent H. Conaway. She is survived by her son, David O. Conaway and his wife, Diane S. Conaway; three grandchildren, Sean M. Conaway, Tyler O. Conaway, Caitlin A. Cunningham; additionally her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Conaway. There won't be any formal services held.

Margaret Ann "Maggie" Tate

HENNIKER - Margaret Ann "Maggie" Tate, 68, of Henniker, NH died Saturday January 7, 2023 at home with her Loving son at her side. Margaret was born May 19, 1954 in Cambridge, MA, to the late Allison B. and Emily E. (Rodway) Cooper. She was also predeceased by her



daughter, Lori and son, Richard Taverna. She is survived by her sons, Nathan Tate and Peter Taverna, Zackery Tate and his wife, Elizabeth, great grandchildren, Fred, Lori-Belle, Matthew, Jeffrey. She is missed by her grandchildren, Savannah Tate, Peter Taverna, Jr, Thomas (TJ) Taverna, Julia, Annie and Eli Tate; also great grandchildren, Liddie Thompson, Winston and Kori Taverna. She is missed by her brother, Allison Cooper Jr, sister, Alice Cooper and brother in law, David Farmer; plus countless cousins, step-daughter Laura & Jeff Spancake. There are no services at this time.



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THURSDAY JANUARY 26

PERFORMANCE: Sixth-grade students at the Henniker Community School are immersed in Chinese study this Janu-ary as the Artist in Residence (AIR) China program residency is underway. In this year's AIR Program, students have worked with visual artist Yinglei Zhang learning calligraphy and Chinese paintings. Later this month, they will work with Master Zhou Xuan Yun to learn Tai Chi, Qigong, and Kung Fu. There will be an evening performance with students and Master

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SUNDAY JANUARY 29

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The Hillsboro-Deering School Board will conduct a Deliberative Session on its 2023-2024 Budget and Warrant Articles on Monday, February 6, 2023 (snow date 2/8/2023) at 7:00pm in the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School Cafetorium.

The Deliberative Session is the first voting session of the School District Annual Meeting process as defined under SB 2. It is conducted for discussion and possible amendment of warrant articles, which will then be put on the official ballot for a vote at the second session, Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

Hillsboro-Deering School Board

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FEBRUARY 7, 2023 • 6:15 P.M.

Pursuant to RSA 32:5,I,V the Henniker Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of reviewing and hearing public input on the 2023 Municipal Budget and related warrant articles.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday; February 7th, 2023 at the Henniker Community Center, 57 Main Street, Henniker, NH.

**Town of Hillsborough NH
LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Case No 2023-02
LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 & 675:7 that the Hillsborough Planning Board will hold a public hearing for an amendment to a previously approved site plan at 143 West Main Street (Map 11P Lot 187) submitted by Keith Bell of KAB Properties LLC. Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Offices, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

The purpose of this application is to amend the approved Site Plan by removing the retail space, reducing the size of the building by 1,717 square feet, and reducing the number of parking spaces.

Upon a finding by the Board that the application meets the submission requirements, the Board will vote to accept the application as complete and the Public Hearing on the merits of the proposal may follow immediately. Copies of the application may be viewed at the Office of Community Planning, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire. Anyone with questions about this application should contact Robyn Payson, Planning Director at 603-464-7971 or by e-mail at robyn@hillsboroughnh.net



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Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 & 675:7 that the Hillsborough Planning Board will hold a public hearing for a Minor Subdivision application at 378 Bear Hill Road (Map 12 Lot 145) submitted by Irina Jones Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Offices, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

The purpose of this application is to subdivide Map 12 Lot 145 (34.75 acres, 1594.67 feet of frontage) into three tracts. The subdivision will result in three lots, Map 12 Lot 145 will be 16.25 +/- acres with 651.07 feet of frontage, the new Map 12 Lot 145-1 being 5.03 +/- acres with 328.34 feet of frontage, and the new Map 12 Lot 145-2 being 13.47 +/- acres with 615.36 feet of frontage. The three lots will be served by on site sewer and private wells.

Upon a finding by the Board that the application meets the submission requirements, the Board will vote to accept the application as complete and the Public Hearing on the merits of the proposal may follow immediately. Copies of the application may be viewed at the Office of Community Planning, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire. Anyone with questions about this application should contact Robyn Payson, Planning Director at 603-464-7971 or by e-mail at robyn@hillsboroughnh.net

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