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DECA Advisors Honored

Recently H-D's Marc Payer was recognized for 25 years of involvement as a teacher, and advisor in NH DECA, along with one of his most special alumni of the H-D program, Cassidy Snair for 5 years at the Pinkerton Academy program.

This Week In History

February 18, 1981

Hoax Hitler diaries sold to publisher

February 19, 1968

Mister Rogers' Neighborhood debuts

February 20, 1919

Emir of Afghanistan assassinated

February 21, 1916

World War I Battle of Verdun begins

February 22, 2006

Gang commits largest British cash heist

February 23, 1997

Schindler's List airs uncut on network television

February 24, 1841

Former President John Quincy Adams argues the Amistad case



Two construction workers were injured when this Bennington roof collapsed.

Bennington roof collapses

Two workers injured as high winds topple roof

Two people were taken to a hospital on February 10 after a house under construction in Bennington collapsed.

Investigators with the state fire marshal's office said it appears that high winds caused the roof to collapse on a home under construction on Bible Hill Road. Strong gusts of wind continued to blow boards off the building throughout the day as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration arrived to investigate.

"They had a large gust of wind come

through, and it knocked over the roof rafters and the cable ends and, in that course of events, injured two of the workers," said Fire Marshal Sean Toomey.

The conditions of the two workers have not been released. "I hope that no one is severely hurt," Donahue said. "All I know is that they were air-lifted, so that's not good."

The fire marshal's office said one of the injured workers was flown to Concord Hospital and is in the ICU. The other was flown to a hospital in Mass.

Cobb appointed to Police Standards & Training Council



New London Police Chief Emily Cobb has been appointed to the NH Police Standards and Training Council. She is the only female Chief currently on the Council and the only one in recent memory to be appointed.

The purpose of the Council is to establish minimum hiring and educational standards for police and state

corrections officers, and the certification of persons as being qualified to serve in those positions, providing mandatory basic training to new police and state corrections officers, and providing in-service training to those officers.

The Council currently certifies almost 4,000 police officers, both full and part-time, employed by the state, counties and municipalities, and trains or certifies almost 475 sworn employees of the Department of Corrections.



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Lower Capital Reserve payments reduce budget increase from 8.7% to 2.1%

The New London Budget Committee held a public hearing on the town's fiscal year 2024 budget that will be considered by Town Meeting voters on March 15th. The budget as approved represents an 8.7% increase in the operating budget, due in large part to the high inflation we are all experiencing.

The Selectmen and Budget Committee, sensitive to the impact on taxpayers, decided to lower payments to Capital Reserve accounts by 51.3%. This reduction resulted in an overall increase in the budget of 2.1%.

Both the Selectmen and Budget Committee agreed to take a closer look at all of the town's capital reserve funds to make sure that adequate funds are being put away for future purchases while not over funding the accounts and asking for more taxpayer funds than are necessary. There are three bond issues that voters will be asked to consider: • \$275,000 to complete repairs to Whipple Town Hall and the Buker Building. These funds will be added to the \$600,000 that was

approved last year. • \$300,000 for wastewater generators. These funds will come from the State revolving loan fund and will be eligible for 25% loan forgiveness through the State's Clean Water State Revolving Fund program. The town's application scored second out of more than 100 applications submitted statewide. • \$375,000 to

purchase the former Bewley property on Newport Road for the future site of a municipal building to house the police station and/or other municipal uses.

This article was submitted by petition of voters. Watch for upcoming Municipal Matters for more on all articles to be voted on at Town Meeting on March 15th.



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TV feature on Henniker's White Birch KnitWits brings a happy ending

The Monday before Thanksgiving 2022, the White Birch Center KnitWits knitting club members were quite excited to settle in for the evening at their respective homes. That was the night to which they had all been looking forward – the night they were told they would see themselves as a feature story on WMUR-TV's Chronicle.

The scarves, hats, mittens, afghans and other hand-crafted items they'd been working on all year would finally be donated to charities both near and far, with some taking off in their hometown of Henniker, New Hampshire and others landing in war-torn Ukraine. While the KnitWits were already aware of the impact they'd make through their annual giving, they had no idea that one family in Concord would be particularly touched by their story.

Just three months earlier, Nick, George, and Angie Skafidas of Concord, New Hampshire had unexpectedly said goodbye to their mother Jeanne. When not enjoying time with her kids and grandkids or whipping up a couldn't-be-matched recipe, Jeanne would get lost in crocheting. She had amassed quite a collection of yarn - yarn of every color and texture, undoubtedly with plans to put it all to good use. One particular skein, though, was more important than all the others. That particular skein was actively in use when Jeanne said goodbye. The afghan she had been working on was 99% complete with



Angie Skafidas wrapped in her mother's completed afghan.

the ball of unworked yarn still attached.

As kismet would have it, the grown Skafidas kids had been watching Chronicle on the night the KnitWits were featured. With the obvious connection between the KnitWits and Jeanne, daughter Angie was instantly moved to find a proper home for her mother's yarn and for the afghan on which Jeanne had actively been working. Angie reached out to White Birch Center to see if the KnitWits could use

the extra yarn and to see if any of the KnitWits members could complete the afghan - the last piece Jeanne had been working on.

Through quite a bit of wrangling and digging, the KnitWits finally found someone who felt she could complete the afghan even without that much-needed pattern. The afghan was passed from person to person, ultimately landing in the capable hands of Henniker resident Carol Hamilton. Doing her best to preserve what she believed to be Jeanne's original intent, Carol meticulously completed the afghan.

It is indeed a beautiful piece; a beautiful tribute to Jeanne and to those who selflessly joined her to see the afghan's completion despite not ever having had the pleasure of knowing Jeanne personally.

The story has a happy ending: the completed afghan was returned to Angie Skafidas on February 8, 2023.



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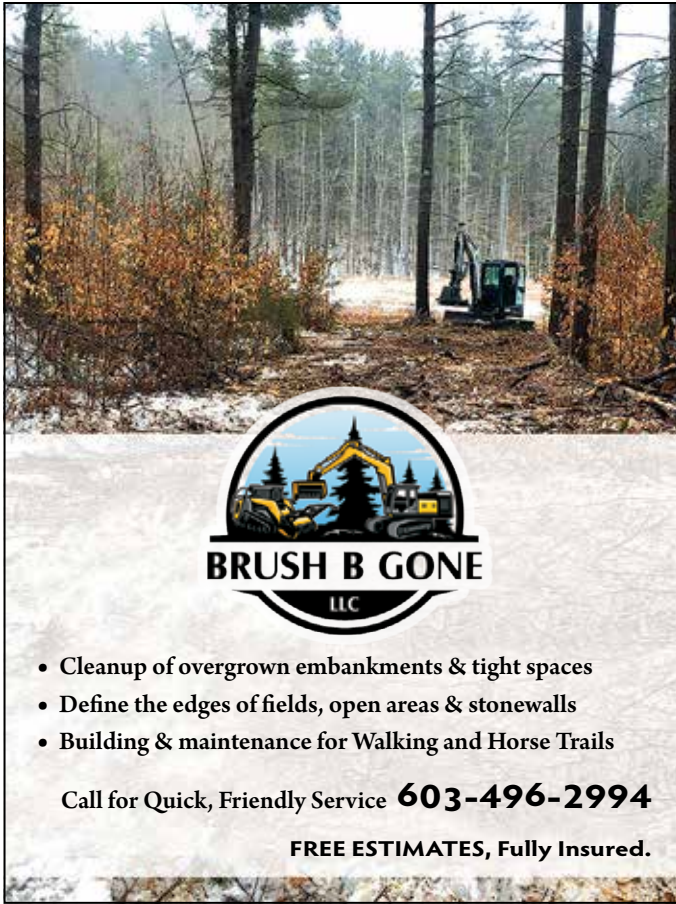
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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

February 18, 2022

Weare rejects ban on teaching CRT
 Colby-Sawyer coach arrested on child sex charges
 New London to renovate Philbrick-Cricenti Bog
 Diane Kendall named Henniker Town Administrator

February 19, 2021

Man dies, daughter survives Peterborough crash
 Cracker Barrel is now the Hopkinton Village Store
 Snowmobiler collides with Hillsborough bob house
 Antrim man is sued for defrauding an investor

February 21, 2020

Center Woods teacher donates kidney to colleague
 Missing Weare man's body discovered in MA
 Hopkinton Fire Department promotes two
 Newbury man dives into lake to avoid arrest

February 22, 2019

20-year-old Hillsborough woman killed on Main Street
 Weare to pay former Policeman Joe Kelley again
 Henniker Rescue Squad recognized Police Officer
 Hillsborough teenager not guilty of graduation threat

February 23, 2018

FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force at John Stark
 Hopkinton taking steps to improve school security
 H-D Board applies for two School Security Grants
 Weare woman thankful of those who saved her life

February 24, 2017

Juvenile charged with gun threat at John Stark
 Goffstown man faces felony burglary charges
 The Hancock Market sold to Inn owners
 Warner man convicted of several sexual assaults

February 19, 2016

H-D Elementary Principal resigns
 Goffstown woman guilty of forging checks
 PETA withdraws protest of Newport's "Greased Pig"
 New Town Clerk/Tax Collector in New London

February 20, 2015

Deering Fire Chief quits after explosive meeting
 Franklin fire leaves tenants homeless
 Bow man guilty of mail fraud & tax evasion
 Lux challenges Langwasser for Hopkinton Selectman

February 21, 2014

NEC arrest gives new meaning to "Panty Raid"
 Board recommends keeping New London Dispatch
 Bradford Selectmen reject Fire Truck Proposal
 \$8,000 to defend Weare Police Officers

February 22, 2013

Newport gun range approved
 Sunapee Superintendent a finalist for ConVal job
 Antrim's new police cruiser totaled during chase
 Merit raises for Frankestown employees

BATHROOMS UPGRADES: PART II



Mirror upgrade

When it comes to visual real estate in a bathroom, the mirror is front and center. This functional focal point is also a simple upgrade opportunity with surprising impact. Taking out a dated mirror or bland frameless builder-grade model can instantly uplift the room, not to mention make it easier for you to complete important grooming tasks. Plus, a new mirror often makes a room feel larger — a welcome visual effect.

Style transformation

To breathe new life into a dated bathroom, new paint is a must. Painting the walls is an affordable DIY project to transform the bathroom quickly in a fresh hue. When in doubt, natural colors are ideal for the bathroom because they add timeless appeal and a clean look. Whites, beiges and light grays are all on trend and reflect light well, conveying a spa-like atmosphere.

Next, elevate the space with accessories. New hardware in a modern finish is a simple way to update the vanity. Don't forget towel hangers and robe hooks, too. Whether you opt to match finishes in accessories or blend complementing materials, these extras are the final touch in polishing your bathroom update.

Sharp edges and harsh lines are out. We're now craving curves and softer lines to create a relaxing and calming oasis. Warm grays and wood in its natural state are coming together in both kitchens and bathrooms to create spaces that never feel forced.

Updating a bathroom doesn't require demolition. These simple DIY projects will help elevate the space so you can enjoy the transformation quickly.

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Fireworks erupt at Washington Budget Hearing/Candidates' Night

Washington voters sailed through the \$2 million operating budget and a 37 Article Warrant with few questions, little debate and no acrimony.

Fire & Rescue Chief Shawn Atkins explained that his budget was increased by \$37,000 for a new ambulance and Police Chief Ryan Murdough was asked to justify the hiring of a Prosecutor.

The atmosphere changed dramatically when the meeting shifted to the Candidates' Night portion.

Select Board candidate Aaron Zipper began by announcing that he knew he was facing a hostile audience and proceeded to increase the hostility by attacking the current Board as corrupt. He accused the Board of applying a double standard in enforcing regulations depending on if that person was friend or not.

Executive Assistant Deborah DeFosse jumped to the Board's defense and went so far as to criticize Zipper for filming her as she entered a meeting.

Zipper countered that he had to film her to protect himself as she too was corrupt by back dating official forms.

Selectman Tom Marshall, who is not seeking reelection, questioned how, if elected, Zipper would function when

everyone walked out. Zipper responded that he would replace them all and thanked God Marshall was not seeking reelection as he was the most corrupt.

Order was restored and the crowd departed.



Washington Police Chief Ryan Murdough explains the justification for hiring a Prosecutor for the town's small police department.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Doctors have warned that people should try to avoid taking dissolving, fizzy paracetamol that contains salt, following findings from a large study published in *the European Heart Journal* that shows a link with a significantly increased risk of heart attacks, stroke, heart failure and death. Sodium, one of the main components of salt, is often used to help drugs such as paracetamol (also known as acetaminophen or Tylenol) dissolve and disintegrate in water. Too much salt in diets is known to be a major public health problem and is associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and death among patients with high blood pressure.

The American College of Rheumatology (ACR) and the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS) released a summary of their updated guideline for the Perioperative Management of Antirheumatic Medication in Patients with Rheumatic Diseases Undergoing Elective Total Hip or Total Knee Arthroplasty. Patients with rheumatic diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis or psoriatic arthritis are at a much higher risk for adverse events, particularly infections, after total hip and total knee replacement. New data and medications have become available since their last guideline in 2017. That new data prompted guideline investigators to recommend withholding biologic medications in patients with inflammatory arthritis, withholding medication for a dosing cycle prior to surgery and scheduling the surgery after that dose is due. For example, if a patient takes their medication every four weeks, the patient should withhold a dose of medication and schedule surgery on the fifth week after their last dose. Another important recommendation is to continue treating patients with severe SLE (Systemic Lupus Erythematosus) with biologics, but to withhold biologics in less severe cases where there's little risk of organ damage. The guideline recommends shortening the time between the last dose and surgery, from seven to three days, to avoid early flares.

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HOW CAN WE AVOID A CAVITY? PART IV: SEALANTS



Dr. Esin Narli

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Since most cavities in children and adolescents develop in the molars (the back teeth), it's best to get these teeth sealed as soon as they come in.

The first permanent molars — called "6 year molars" — come in between the ages of 5 and 7. The second permanent molars — "12 year molars" — come in when a child is between 11 and 14 years old.

Take your child to the dentist for regular check-ups. Everyone should visit a dentist regularly for cleanings and an examination. During the visit the dentist or hygienist will:

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Crime Watch

Multi-town chase leads to multiple charges

On February 12, 2023, multiple jurisdictions were involved



Thomas Finneral Jr.

with a low speed pursuit of a Chevrolet Silverado operated by a man who refused to pull over for law enforcement. Officers believed the operator was driving impaired and was actively restricting the female passenger from exiting the pickup truck. At one point, the man intentionally swerved and struck a Weare Police cruiser causing damage to the driver's side. Spike strips were ultimately deployed to stop the vehicle in Deering. The

driver was identified as Thomas Finneral Jr., who was taken to the Hillsboro Police Department where he was formally charged with Vehicular Assault (X2); Reckless Conduct with Deadly Weapon (X2); Criminal Restraint; Alcohol Ignition Interlock Circumvention; Operating as a Habitual Offender; Disobeying an Officer; Kidnapping; Criminal Mischief; Reckless Operation. More charges are expected to be filed against Finneral in the coming days from multiple agencies.

Newport woman faces Domestic Violence

On February 3rd New London Dispatch took a 911 call reporting a domestic incident in progress with injury on Edgemont Road. Sunapee Police responded to the scene and subsequently, Gabrielle Scanlon of Newport was arrested for Domestic Violence Simple Assault, which is a Class A Misdemeanor. She was transported to the Sunapee Police Department for booking and processing. Due to the unavailability of a bail commissioner, she was then transported to the 5th Circuit Court in Newport, NH to be bailed and released.

Hancock man tasered at Monadnock Hospital

Peterborough Police used a Taser to disarm a man who brought a gun into Monadnock Community Hospital. Gabriel A. Sawich, 28, of Hancock, was charged with reckless conduct with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest.

The man began yelling at the officers and refused to surrender the firearm. During a short struggle, one officer deployed a Taser, and the man, later identified as Sawich, was then taken into custody. No shots were fired during the encounter, and no one was hurt.

Hillsborough woman faces DWI charge

Sarah B. Davidson, born 1983, of Hillsboro was arrested on January 1 on a Driving While Intoxicated charge and a tail lamp and reflectors violation.

Hillsborough man charged with DWI 2nd

Multiple people called Hillsboro Police reporting a reckless driver in the center of Hillsboro. One caller reported a vehicle with the same description had struck a telephone pole and left the scene on School Street. Officers located Dylan Gavel walking away from the area where the described vehicle was later found, with significant damage. During the course of investigation, the male was charged with Aggravated DUI.

Duncan-Jenkins Trust awards sixty-six Student & Teacher Enrichment Grants

The Duncan-Jenkins Grant Committee held its 19th annual Recognition Dinner last Thursday at the H-D Middle School.

MC Jed Schwartz welcomed all to the festivities. He announced that the committee had established a new scholarship in honor of Ron and Grace Ager, who along with Doug Hatfield were named the original trustees under the will of Sally Jenkins.

The \$2,500 Ron & Grace Future Educators Scholarship will be presented annually to a Hillsboro-Deering student who has chosen to major in education.

The Duncan-Jenkins Trust was established under the will of Sara E "Sally" Jenkins of Washington, who bequeathed a substantial amount of money to be used for the benefit of the Washington and Hillsboro-Deering School Districts. The Committee provides annual grants in three areas: Scholarships, Student Enrichment and Teacher Enrichment.




MC Jed Schwartz presided over the festivities.

Following a delicious dinner prepared by the H-D kitchen staff, the 2022 Grants were reviewed.

Washington Principal Kelli Colarusson outlined the six awards to her school, followed by a review of the eighteen programs funded at the H-D Elementary School.

Middle School Nurse Sharon Gamache then explained the forty grants awarded to H-D Middle School students and teachers.

Teacher Alex Luhtjarv concluded the presentations displaying the twenty-two projects funded in the H-D High School.



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Last Saturday, Hopkinton officers were called to Elm Brook Park for a male that had fallen and broken his hip. Officer Molnar, with assistance from Officer Walter and Officer Rush, was able to launch the department's drone and locate the subject using the thermal imaging camera, and lead members from the Hopkinton and Henniker Fire Departments to the injured male. He was stabilized and brought to a waiting ambulance.

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Three area towns receive NH the Beautiful Grants

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Hopkinton Town, School & Precinct budgets

A small crowd of about 22 voters gathered in the Hopkinton Town Hall for a public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 budgets for the town, the school district and the two village precincts. The proposed school budget this year is \$24.8 million, an 8% increase over the current school budget of \$23 million. At Town Meeting in March, voters will be asked to approve a \$2 million bond for road rebuilding, in hopes of catching up on the town's \$20 million deficit in road rebuilding costs, with a backlog of roads that need to be rebuilt. The town's proposed town operating budget is \$9.17 million, reflecting a 10.8% increase over the current budget of \$8.28 million, which results in a 6.46% tax rate increase to \$7.53 per \$1000 of valuation. The Hopkinton Village Precinct's proposed operating budget of \$22,324 is a 23% increase over the current budget. The precinct's operating budget is about \$266,000. The estimated tax rate is \$1.71, an increase of \$.04, which will only impact taxpayers in the Contoocook Village Precinct. The Hopkinton School District's annual meeting is scheduled for March 11 at 9 a.m. Ballot voting to elect town officials is scheduled for March 14 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Town Meeting is scheduled for March 18 at 9 a.m. All three events will take place at Hopkinton Middle High School, 297 Park Ave.

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Weare voters face 7.5% increase in town budget - 2.75% increase in school budget

The proposed Weare school budget for 2023-2024 is \$18.3 million, a 2.75% increase over this year's budget of \$17.8 million.

It will result in an estimated tax increase of \$1.01 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, or a \$353 increase on a \$350,000 house. If voters reject the school budget in the polls, a default budget of \$18.2 million would go into effect.

The Weare Finance Committee isn't supporting the proposed school budget this year, saying in a statement that the district could operate on the default budget, and should have cut more staff and services.

Weare's proposed town operating budget is \$7.97 million, a 7.5% increase over the current budget of \$7.4 million. It has an estimated tax

impact of \$3.29/\$1000. If voters reject the town budget in the polls, a default budget of \$7.4 million would go into effect. Weare has been operating on this default budget since 2019, as voters have rejected each proposed budget increase for the past three years.

Ballot voting on Weare's town and school warrants will take place March 14 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Weare Middle School.

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Library Trustees owe apology to Select Board members

During the January 17th Henniker Select Board meeting Tucker Library Trustee Fran Tain asked the Board to support a Warrant Article to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,000 to be added to the existing Library Accessibility and Safety Project Expendable Trust Fund.

This is in addition to the \$245,748 in taxpayer funding for the Library's Operating Budget.

Selectman Marko expressed discomfort with the lack of a plan or quote for a solution. He stated that the trustees have about \$1 million available in Trust Funds and they should take the \$53,000 from there.

Selectwoman Hooper stated that hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent in the past on studies and design of the Library Accessibility and Safety Project, and shared that she doesn't think brainstorming should cost \$53,000. The Board then voted 3-2 to support the \$53,000 article.

Not content with their victory, Tain

and several other Trustees attended the February 7th Budget Hearing in a clearly confrontational and condescending manner, to chastise both Marko and Hooper for daring to question their request, and demanding retractions from both.

Hooper reiterated her statement that "a hundred and thousands of dollars" have been spent by the taxpayers on the Library Accessibility and Safety Project, and provided the figures: \$10,500 in 2018 for the feasibility study; \$70,000 for advance design and planning and \$58,000 for the replacement of the Garaventa Lift, a total of \$138,500.00.

Tain was particularly critical of Marko's assertion that the Trustee have access to about \$1 million in Trust Funds. Immediately after blasting his claim she outlined the actual Trust Funds available to the Library.

- \$800,000 Town Fund
- \$400,000 TD Bank Fund
- \$280,000 Library Fund



Opinion/Editorial

By Representative

Riché Colcombe

Without rehashing all of the events that took place Monday evening at the School Deliberative Session, where I lost all but one effort to influence change, I'd like to focus on this one issue and provide an update regarding one petitioned warrant article.

If you are not aware, any voter may petition their own warrant articles to be voted on during our school and town elections. I petitioned to create a School Budget Committee with the intention of getting community involvement and buy-in of the budgeting process. Not surprisingly to me, the school was not in favor of this and was prepared with Marjorie Porter to

motion for an amendment.

After listening to Marjorie, I agreed that her plan was very good and would accomplish a path to my end goal. I supported her amended motion to create a budget advisory committee instead. In the few short minutes of her testimony, she successfully shifted me to believe that an advisory committee would form a bridge between the school and the community when it came to the learning and building the budget. Marjorie's amendment passed.

Former Superintendent Hassett came to the floor to amend Marjorie's amendment and requested that a Study Committee be formed in place of the Budget Advisory Committee, ►



Opinion/Editorial

which passed.

While I'm disappointed that Marjorie's amendment didn't hold, I walked away accepting of the process that took place. This is what the deliberative session and our state laws are for. In my opinion, this is what we should be doing when we are unsatisfied with things that we have the ability to change. My original petitioned article will be a completely different version once on the ballot.

My biggest disappointment of the evening was the low turnout of voters. Combined, Hillsborough and Deering have approx. 4600 registered voters. Monday evening there were 60 voters present, of which 12 were required to be present due to their roles as school board members, moderator, and supervisors of the check list.

As we move on to March 14 Town Meeting Day, I find myself asking how can we attract more interest to be involved in the process? With this question, I'm not implying only those who may agree with me; I'm asking for more of everyone's involvement.



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Canterbury Shaker Village Launches Membership Drive

Throughout the month of February, Canterbury Shaker Village is holding a drive to promote its recently “reimagined” membership program. “Membership is a wonderful way for people to participate in the legacy of the Shakers, who placed a high value on friendship, curiosity, beauty, creativity, and nature,” said Visitor Services Manager Jamie Nikstad.

Some of the new membership benefits include a new discount card with dining, arts and entertainment, health and wellness, shopping, and services discounts throughout New England. Higher-level memberships also include complimentary membership to the National Association of Reciprocal Museums (NARM), which provides free entry to more than 1,000 museums across North America.

In addition to free admission to indoor tours, core benefits include free admission to a new SmartphoneTour, discounts on workshops and at the Village Store, and invitations to exclusive members-only events. “When you be-



Jamie Nikstad in the shop.

come a member of the Village, we want it to feel very special,” added Nikstad. “Members will also receive exclusive access to a members-only newsletter, which will give an inside peek into what is happening and what is next at the Village.”

According to Leslie Nolan, executive director of the Village, substantial thought went into their “reimagined” membership program. “A strong, vibrant

membership enhances our ability to maintain this beautiful, historically important property for future generations,” she said.

Designated as a National Historic Landmark, the Village features 26 restored original Shaker buildings and 694 acres of forests, fields, gardens, nature trails, and mill ponds. To learn more about membership at the Village, visit shakers.org/membership.

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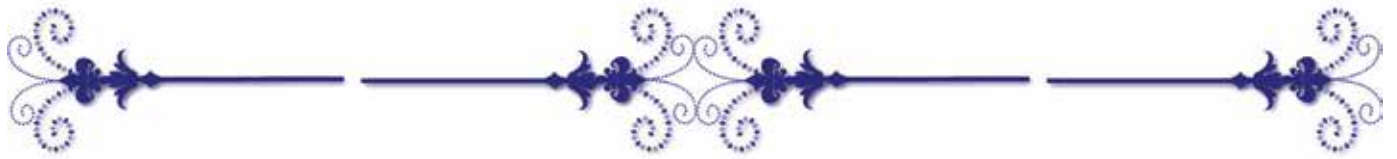
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Sports



The Hopkinton Girls dominated the Alpine season.

SKIING

Hopkinton Girls claim double Alpine victories

Hopkinton placed all four scoring skiers in the top 11 of the morning giant slalom and topped that by placing all four in the top eight in the afternoon, as the Hawks decisively claimed the Division III girls' Alpine Ski Championship at Gunstock. This Championship comes after the Hawks won the Capital Cup on February 1st.

Kearsarge Girl 1st in Slalom 2nd in Giant

Aly Latsilnik of St. Thomas won the Giant Slalom ahead of runner-up Maya Spiegel of Kearsarge, but Spiegel won the title in the afternoon slalom, ahead of Latsilnik.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hillsboro-Deering 44, Raymond 26: After a close first half, the Hillcats came out with a much better effort and outscored Raymond, 13 -1, in the third to take control of the game and get a nice victory on senior night.

Hillsboro-Deering 57, Mascoma 49: Emily Howell scored 13 points in the first quarter to help the Hillcats jump out to an 18-6 lead in the first quarter. The Royals made a huge run in the second half to cut H-D's lead to two, but the Hillcats shot well from the free throw line down the stretch to secure the victory.

Newport 52, Hillsboro-Deering 22: The Tigers controlled this one from start to finish.

John Stark 60, Coe-Brown 51: The Generals led 19-9 after the first quarter, but Coe-Brown chipped away at Stark's lead to make it 47-47 heading into the fourth. John Stark made some big shots to close the game down the stretch.

Hopkinton 49, Monadnock 44, 2OT: Elsie Miner and Ava Lambert shot a combined to go 8-for-10 from the foul line in the second overtime.

Hopkinton 38, St. Thomas 28: The Hawks jumped out to an early lead and led wire to wire to pick up a big win on Senior Night.

Hopkinton 56, Mascoma 51: Maddie Carmichael and Ava Lambert were a combined 5-for-6 from the foul line down the stretch to ice the victory.

Pelham 72, ConVal 29: Jasmine Becotte scored 30 points, to lead the Pelham attack.



Sports

BOYS BASKETBALL

Raymond 56, Hillsboro-Deering 43: The Hillcats fell on the road to end their season.

Coe-Brown 73, John Stark 46: A better defensive effort in the second half by the Generals wasn't enough to match Coe-Brown's balanced offensive production in the first half.

St. Thomas 51, Hopkinton 42: The Hawks ended the regular season with back-to-back losses against some of D-III's top teams.

Mascoma 68, Hopkinton 55: The game was tied, 43-43, after three quarters, but Mascoma capitalized on Hopkinton turnovers and played well in transition to outscore the Hawks, 25-12, over the final eight minutes.

Pelham 63, ConVal 58: The Cougars played a hard-fought game but came up five points short.

ConVal 74, Hollis-Brookline 33: Ethan Kinney led the Cougars with 18 points.

ConVal 71, Kingswood 67 (2OT): Joe Gutwein's 18 points led the Cougars in scoring.

Conant 42, Kearsarge 32: Kearsarge trailed from the opening buzzer.

Raymond 56, Kearsarge 53: The Cougars trailed 34-25 at halftime, but outplayed Raymond in the third quarter with tough defense and timely shooting. Kearsarge cut the deficit to 45-42 and had momentum from its defense, but missed free throws and a few turnovers cost the Cougars.

Monadnock 57, Kearsarge 45: Kearsarge led 25-22 at halftime thanks to a 17-10 second quarter, but Monadnock outscored the Cougars, 14-3, in the third and Kearsarge couldn't overcome the deficit.



The Kearsarge Girls (top) and Boys (bottom) Basketball teams celebrated their senior night with a double header vs. Gilford in front of a great home crowd!



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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Diana M. Lind

HILLSBOROUGH - Diana M. Lind, 83, passed away after a brief but intense illness on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at Concord Hospital. Her entire family was at her side. She was born in Southampton, England, daughter of Frederick Cooper and Olive G. Sexton. Diana is survived by her husband John E. Lind of 64 years, her three daughters and one son with their spouses, and one grandson: Janice M. Lind, Jennifer A. Lind and Cindy L. Naiditch, Roberta "Robin" M. (Lind) Theodore and Sean R. Theodore, Peter J. Lind and LisaMarie Lind, and grandson Shane E. Theodore and his fiancé Therese Lemerise. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Diana can be made to any of the following charity organizations: Operation Smile, Best Friends Animal Society, Defenders of



Wildlife, St. Jude's Research Hospital, or Heifer International.

Thomas Shade Cochran

ANTRIM - Thomas Shade Cochran of Antrim, NH, age 67, passed away on January 25, 2023 at home with family. Tom was born April 13, 1955 in Easton, PA, to Carol and John Cochran. Tom's extended family includes his wife, Nancy Cochran, his children, William Cochran, Kate Cochran (Chelien), Claire Cochran (Keith), brother Peter Cochran (Peggy), nephew Douglas Cochran (Kariane) their son Justin, nephew Henry Cochran, sister Catherine Walters (Scott), nephew Ryan Walters (Christine), their children Willow and John, three step children, Brenna Hatch (Jeff), grandson Arlo, Tim Maney (Becca), granddaughter Mary, and Beth Maney. A celebration of Tom's multifaceted and rich life will be held



in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made to Monadnock Developmental Services online at <https://bit.ly/3RfWGjy> or by mail to MDS, 121 Railroad St, Keene, NH 03431. Checks should be made out to MDS.

John LeBrun

HENNIKER - John lost his battle with cancer on January 29th, 2023, at the VNA hospice house in Concord. He was 68 years old. John was born in Woonsocket, RI, on December 15th, 1954, the fourth of five children born to Robert and Pauline LeBrun. John is survived by his loving wife, Debbie LeBrun of Henniker; his daughter, Emily Dillon, and son-in-law, Steven Dillon of Hillsborough; and his daughter, Audrey Redmond, and son-in-law, Aiden Redmond of Concord. He was a beloved "Papa" to his five grandchildren: John LeBrun, Colton



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Dillon, Savannah Dillon, Oscar Redmond, and Flynn Redmond. He leaves behind two sisters and a brother. A funeral service will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hopkinton, NH, on Saturday, February 25th at 2:00pm. For more information, please visit holtwood-buryfh.com.

Barbara L. Glauner

DEERING - Barbara L Glauner died on January 30 2023. She was born in New Jersey to her parents, Elton and Mae Lafferty. Barbara's husband, Alfred W. Glauner, predeceased her on January 25, 2021. She is survived by her three children, William Glauner, Melissa Adams and David Glauner; and her four grandchildren, Mathew Glauner, Katie Glauner, Julian Adams and Korinne Adams.



William R. Wightman "Rusty"

DEERING - Rusty Wightman passed away on February 8, 2023 surrounded by love after a hard-fought battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Jodi who was fortunate enough to find the love of her life at sixteen years old. Rusty was the extremely proud father of three daughters Autumn, Emily, and Cassidy who will miss him immensely and continue his legacy. Rusty is also survived by his honorary children, Madeline Parisi and Eric Gavell. Rusty was born August 15, 1971 in Boston, Massachusetts. He is survived by his cherished mother Susan Wightman-Abaid and his father in-law Michael Weller (wife Kathie). Rusty is predeceased by his father William J. Wightman Jr., stepfather Frederick Peter Abaid, and mother-in-law Lynda Weller. He is also survived by and the proud



big brother of William Reasoner (wife Margorett and children), Stacey Abaid-Thompson (husband Mike and daughter), Steven Symanski (and daughters), Kim Russell (husband Tom and family), Alia Abaid, and Robin Barham (and daughters). Rusty was also a brother in-law and uncle to the large extended family including Jodi's three sisters and their families. Funeral services will be held at 11 am Saturday, February 18th at Smith Memorial Congregational Church. A burial will take place at Life Forest in Hillsboro at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family asks for you to consider a donation to continue to build soccer in the state of NH. A donation can be made in honor of Rusty Wightman to NH Soccer Association to further develop the Pembroke fields which he was so passionate to bring to fruition. Checks can be sent to NH Soccer Association at 1600 Candia Road, Suite 3, Manchester, NH 03109.

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21

COOKBOOK CLUB: Fuller Public Library's Cookbook Club meets at 12:30pm to taste and discuss Julia Child's *The Way to Cook*. Call to sign up! Also our Mystery Book Group meets at 6:30pm to discuss Finlay Donovan is Killing it by Elle Cosimano.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22

ASHES TO GO: noon-1pm, Smith Church parking lot, 30 West Main St., Hillsboro.

ASH WEDNESDAY: at Smith Church at 7pm. Smith Church and the Hillsboro United Methodist Church welcome you to a time of reflection, prayer and to receive ashes as we begin Lent. Non-perishable food donations for the Hillsboro Food Pantry will be received.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23

TAPESTRY TUESDAY: This month's presentation from The Center for the Arts is "Jennie Powers – the Woman Who Dared" held at the New London Inn from

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 27

FULLER FUN WEEK: Stop in between 1-4:30pm to try our Snap Circuits; Tuesday and Thursday Preschool Storytime at 10am (registration required); and Friday from 1-2pm. Create with Perler Beads, registration required. Call 603-464-3595 to register!

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28

DOGS OF CHERNOBYL: Cat Behaviorist, Steve Quandt, returns to Fuller Public Library via Zoom to talk about his work with a spay/neuter program in Chernobyl with the descendants of the pets left behind. Join in the library or from home. Email director@fullerlibrary.info for the Zoom link or call 603-464-3595 at 6:30pm.

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Town of Weare
REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Weare, NH is soliciting bid proposals from a Certified Welder for welding services to be performed during the repair process on the bridge located on River Road in Weare, New Hampshire over the Piscataquog River.

Bid details are available on the town website www.weare.nh.gov or by contacting the Weare Board of Selectmen's Office at 15 Flanders Memorial Road, Weare, NH or call 603-529-7535.

All bids will be opened Friday, March 3, 2023 at 9:00am and Bid decisions will be made Monday, March 6, 2023 at the Weare Board of Selectmen meeting.


The Town of Weare reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

 **TOWN OF DEERING PUBLIC NOTICE**

EFFECTIVE February 20, 2023

The Town of Deering has issued a maximum weight restriction for any class V, or VI highway or portion of such highway as set forth in RSA 231:191. Any vehicle over 12,000 pounds GVW (six tons) must have permission from the Road Agent until further notice.

Contact Brian at (603) 748-3028.


 **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 31 Carr Road (Map 01 Lot 27, 27-1) submitted by Kevin McCauley of East Washington Holdings LLC. Wednesday, March 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 expanding the Bath House shown on the approved Site Plan from 866 square feet to 1728 square feet with an additional 840 square feet to accommodate a patio/porch.

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

 **TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH ROAD WEIGHT LIMITS**

All roads are limited to a 6 ton weight limit beginning **February 20, 2023** until further notice. For questions please call 464-7986.

TOWN OF WINDSOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST SESSION

WINDSOR TOWN HALL
SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2023
11:00 – 11:30 A.M.
CORRECTION OF CHECKLIST

TOWN OF HENNIKER PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to RSA 41:11, it shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, or corporation to haul, transport or cause to be transported by vehicle with gross weight over six (6) tons any material over Class V roads in Henniker **from February 20, 2023, until further notice.** For exceptions or waivers, contact Leo Aucoin, Highway Superintendent at 428-7200.

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