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This week in history

March 25, 1985

Cambodian doctor wins
Academy Award

March 26, 1979

Israel and Egypt sign peace treaty

March 27, 1912

Japanese cherry trees planted
along Patomic River

March 29, 1951

"Mad Bomber" strikes
New York City again

March 29, 1974

Tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang
discovered

March 30, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
is shot

March 31, 1889

Eiffel Tower opens



At the beginning of Saturday's Henniker Town Meeting plaques were presented to former Select Board members (L-R) Tia Hooper, Peter Flynn and Leon Parker for their decades of dedicated service to the town in several capacities.

Henniker voters open their wallets

30 Warrant Articles dispatched in record time

An unusually small crowd attended Henniker's Town Meeting on Saturday. To the surprise of many, all spending articles were passed with little discussion and debate.

Voters easily approved the \$6,283,678 operating budget, \$445,000 added to existing Capital Reserve Funds, \$825,000 Estab-

lished Trust Funds, \$723,058 to operate the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and \$497,655 to operate the Cogswell Water Works.

Article 16, asking for \$242,210 to operate the Tucker free Library and Article 19 adding \$53,000 to the Accessibility & Safety Project at the Library drew some debate but eventually passed.

The only articles defeated were the last two. Article 20, a petitioned article asking voters to support a Carbon Pricing Project, which failed on a vote to 32 Yes to 51 No. Article 29, also a petitioned article sought a modification of the income and asset qualification for the elderly tax exemption which failed on an overwhelming voice vote.

NH Sportsdome Complex in Goffstown collapses - cause unknown

Goffstown firefighters responded to the NH Sportsdome Complex on Tower Lane off Goffstown Back Road Wednesday for a reported collapse of the structure.

On arrival, responders found the structure had deflated and was on

the ground. The complex is normally 350 feet by 230 feet with a height of 72 feet. The direct cause is not known. Firefighters confirmed the dome deflated rather than collapsed, which was what was initially reported by officials. Security video showed

the deflation of the complex and the owner of the facility is investigating the cause. There was no one inside and no reported injuries. Many types of sports teams use the sports dome to practice and play games within the facility.



The Center for the Arts is pleased to announce its new Executive Director, Dena Stahlheber. Dena is a seasoned nonprofit executive with experience developing strong organizations and collaborating partnerships, marketing, communications, and operations. She will be a tremendous asset to the CFA as they expand programs that serve the community. Members of the Board include: L to R: Wally Borgen, Tom Tuthill, Sue Elliott, Beth Balford, Jean Connolly, Dena Stahlheber, Sandy Wells, Barbara Hunting, Rick Stockwell, Suzie Stockwell.

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Deering voters approve purchasing a new ambulance after a prolonged discussion

Only 65 voters registered to attend the Deering Town Meeting on Saturday.

Voters approved the \$2,317,606 Operating Budget and added \$433,900 to the previously established Capital Reserve and/or Expendable Trust Funds from the undesignated fund balance as of December 31, 2022.

A prolonged discussion ensued over Article 6: requesting \$359,000 to Purchase a new Ambulance: The Fire Department was requesting a new 4 X 4 Heavy Duty Type 1 Ambulance fully equipped with the necessary items required for

certification by the State of New Hampshire. \$225,000 from the Ambulance Revolving Fund, \$50,000 from the Fire and Rescue Department Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, and \$84,000 to be raised from the Undesignated Fund Balance. Although all agreed the current ambulance was beyond repair, many questioned the purchase because the town had not decided whether it would continue its own ambulance or contract the service. Proponents argued that with a 2 year waiting period and increased cost, now was the time, because even if the town con-

tracted the service, it would be able to see the ambulance for a profit. The measure was finally approved on a ballot vote of 40 Yes - 24 No.

Article 7: Requesting

\$64,090 from the Police Vehicle Trust to buy a new Police Vehicle passed easily; as did Article 8, Establishing a Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund, \$5000 from the Voters;

then approved was Article 9: Establishing a \$13,500 Legal Expenses Expendable Trust Fund and Article 10: Increasing Cemetery Trustee membership from 3 to 5 members.



Deering Moderator Phillip Bryce calls the meeting to order.

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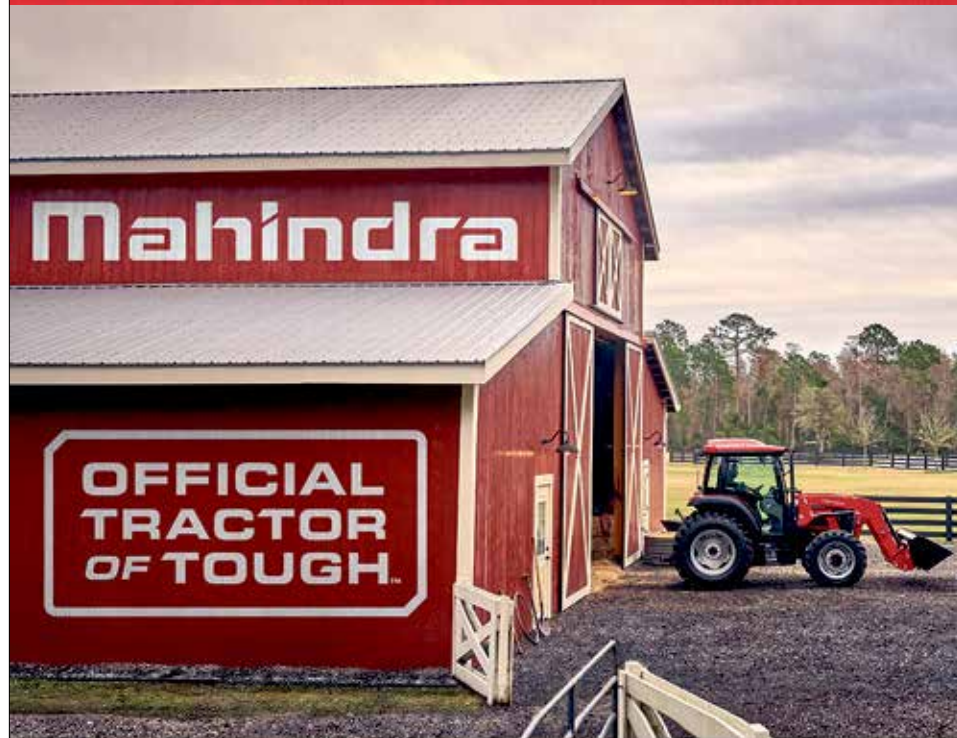
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March 25, 2022

NEC awards Honorary Degree to Lech Walesa
Newbury man indicted for Bradford burglary
Mama's on The Run closes its Hillsborough restaurant
Video captures man stealing tip jar from Kat's Corner

March 26, 2021

Warner farm preserved
Hopkinton School voters approve budget contracts
Residents urge New London to purchase Stahlman Bldg
Proposed noise ordinance ignites Hillsborough debate

March 27, 2020

Americans banding together to defeat Covid-19
Hillsborough man arrested for child pornography
New Boston's Nathan Noyes to lead NH State Police
American Pickers visiting New Hampshire in July

March 29, 2019

Deering woman to play professional hockey
Peterborough approves \$250,000 for Cunningham Pond
New London starts Building & Facilities Committee
Antrim teen indicted on two additional felony counts

March 30, 2018

3 people die in Hillsborough & Peterborough accidents
Psychiatric patient walks out of Monadnock Hospital
ConVal student suspended after gun control walkout
Heavy winds topple New Boston's champion tree

March 31, 2017

Sunapee refused to appoint runner-up to fill vacancy
Sex offender escapes, caught in Tilton
Towns aid Deering in battling Driftwood Island fire
Chichester family loses home to fire

March 25, 2016

Huge crowd gathers to honor Henniker's Rick Hall
New principal at Bartlett Elementary School
Commissioner approves Sunapee's Development
Plan Work underway at Bow's Public Safety Building

March 27, 2015

Bow voters reject Public Safety Facility again
Confessed quadruple arsonist gets only 100 days
Angry bus drivers confront Newport School Board
Hopkinton Selectmen seeking volunteers

March 28, 2014

16-year-old snowboarder injured at Crotched Mt.
High praise for New London's new Police Chief
Hubert's Department Stores donate 100 pairs of boots
Antrim paramedic pleads guilty to pair of felonies

March 29, 2013

Newport shooting range faces three appeals
Teacher layoffs included in Hillsboro-Deering reduction
Hopkinton residents oppose expanding Transfer Station
Second federal suit against Weare Police Department

Hopkinton Town Meeting voters approve entire warrant

Hopkinton voters gathered at the High School Gym to conduct the Business Portion of the 2023 Town Meeting.

Article 3, the first item up for discussion was a request for a \$2.0 million Bond Issue for Road, Bridge, and Culvert Rehabilitation. There was little debate as to the need to repair the town's road system, only the best means of paying for the upgrades. One resident attempted to amend the article by simply adding one million dollars to the budget as a line item and dispensing with a bond. It was ruled out of order. After an hour long discussion it

was passed on a ballot vote of Yes 163 - No 53. APPROVED

Article 4: The proposed \$9,177,987 Operating Budget was easily approved.

The other long discussion concerned Article 12, asking voters to approve keno. The article was moved up on the Warrant and eventually approved on a vote of Yes 114 - No 91.

Voters also approved:

Article 5: Adding \$756,000 to Capital Reserve Funds.

Article 6: Adding \$95,500 to Expendable Trust Funds.

Article 7: Adding \$10,000 to the Payroll Liability Trust Fund.

Article 8: Authorizing to Expend \$60,000 from Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund.

Article 9: Authorizing the Select Board to set the Pay-by-Bag Price.

Article 10: Re-adoption of \$500 Optional Veterans' Tax Credit, and Article 11: Re-adoption of All Veterans' Tax Credit. Voters also approved Discontinuing Dump Road,

Converting Graves Road to a Class A Trail, The Lease of Town Owned Hydro Dam and Authorizing Select Board to Grant Easements on Town Owned Former Railbeds.



Select Board Chair Ken Traum presents the operating budget.



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Hometown Heroes

Peterborough Fire Department honors members

The Peterborough Fire Department would like to take a moment to recognize the following members with an employment anniversary this month: Ryan Hutton, Firefighter, 2 years; Tim O'Brien, Firefighter/EMT, 2 years; Lisa Avery Witte, Firefighter/EMT, 2 years; Steve Brouillette, Firefighter, 3 years;

Mitchell McQuade, Firefighter, 5 years; Matthew Hatcher, EMT, 5 years; Cody Vaillancourt, EMT, 5 years; Katelynn Vaillancourt, AEMT, 5 years; Dave Fletcher, Firefighter, 6 years; Jon Sawyer, Firefighter, 25 years; Meas Rouen, Firefighter, 33 years; Donald Parkhurst, Firefighter/EMT, 50 years.



Hopkinton Sgt. O'Connor, Officer Daniels, Officer Rush and Officer Stevens participated in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Winni Dip at Elm Brook State Park in Hopkinton! We were also excited to have Dunbarton Chief Remillard and Officer Tompkins, who took the plunge with us as well!



Weare Fire Rescue would like to thank Firefighter/AEMT Alex Hall for his hard work and dedication while a member of the Weare Fire Department. We wish him the best of luck with all his future endeavors.



(Left photo) Deering voters presented Barbara Cavanaugh a small gift in appreciation of her 17 years of service as a Supervisor of the Checklist. (Right photo) Henniker Select Board Chair Kris Blomback (l) presents retiring Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kim Johnson with a plaque in appreciation of her 35 years of service to the town.

Weare Town Meeting voters unfazed by season's worst storm

Unlike neighboring towns who postponed voting or the Business Session of Town Meeting or both, Weare voters persisted through the storm and held to their original schedule on March 14th.

In addition to the proposed operating budget of \$7,977,540, voters easily

approved:

A 1-year collective bargaining agreement with the Police union, costing 459,266.

- \$98,255 in raises for non-union town & library employees.
- \$15,000 for new Fire Department

paggers.

- \$105,000 for a Fire Department utility truck.
- \$78,000 for a new Police Cruiser.
- \$241,941 for a ten-wheel plow truck.
- \$20,000 to establish a Tennis Court Capital Reserve Fund.

• Establish a Parks & Recreation Facilities Revolving Fund.

- \$10,000 for cemetery improvements.
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- Readopted original Veterans tax credit and all Veterans tax credits.

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School Daze



Ms. Brandy Williams, (l) Assistant Principal at Mountain View Middle School, has been chosen as the recipient of the 2023 A+ Administrator Award recognized by the New England League of Middle Schools. Marcy Kelley (r) was selected as Superintendent for schools in Bow and Dunbarton. Kelley, who is currently the director of student services for the Bow and Dunbarton school districts, will take over from retiring Superintendent Dean Cascaden at the end of the school year.



On March 8th, all kindergarten through grade 5 students participated in a winter showcase titled "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" at Washington Elementary School. This showcase highlighted what students have learned in music class and included an academic showcase for each class. Grades 1 and 2 sang and drummed to "Kye Kye Koolay," a song from Ghana.



Congratulations to Sutton Central School Counselor Amy Cook! She has been named one of 30 recipients of a new state award recognizing the work of school counselors.



Supported by the generous funding of the Duncan-Jenkins Trust, the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School eighth graders recently participated in an Artist in Residence experience with Manchester muralist and community artist Jyl Dittebenner. The inspiration for this project came from the 8th grade teachers' desire to integrate "Shark Week" content across all disciplines. (Left photo) On Thursday, March 9th students from Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School visited a shark gallery made by the 8th graders at HDMS. (Right photo) Tucker (left) shows his brother, Richard (right), his artwork.



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Another Hometown Hero

Last week's blizzard put us all to the test. Many of our neighbors were snowed-in and lost power. In that crisis, good friend Tim Piper of Washington asked if I could help spread the word of his willingness to help out. It was my pleasure and honor to post the following on his behalf, on Hillsborough, Washington and Emerald Lake pages.

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The reaction was overwhelming with about 200 comments and over 50 shares. A post from Fred Hatcher sums it up. "This is the kinda stuff this country needs more of especially right now. Great job!" In these troubling times, it's people like Tim who restore our faith in humanity and give our towns a true sense of community. LDB



Letter to the Editor

Dear Henniker Residents:

I wanted to take a moment to say thank you for coming out to vote. It has been a pleasure to serve you over the last nine years. However, I have not received the majority vote even though it was a close race. As I depart my seat on the Board of Selectmen, I feel that over the last nine years I have left the community in a better place through the initiatives I have championed and helped develop.

I wish Neal Martin and Jeff Morse the best of luck on the Board. It is a full time job if done right. Again, thank you to the Residents of Henniker for allowing me to serve you for the last nine years.

Sincerely, Tia Hooper, Henniker

Dear Editor:

Good evening, I'm Jon Morton, resident and Town Moderator. Congratulations to the new members of the Board of Selectmen.

I have several people to thank for their efforts last week. Our Town Clerk, Maureen, and her assistant Pam; both for facilitating 226 absentee ballots on Monday and for 15 hours of working on Tuesday. She brings nearly 30 years of experience, in a caring and professional manner to all of her work. All of the supervisors of the checklist, ballot clerks and select board members, all of whom, like myself, are volunteers who helped run an efficient process for 15 hours as well on Tuesday. The fire department members who brought the first generator that allowed us to get the ballot machines working, shortly after losing power, as well as portable lighting. The police chief for stopping by to evaluate the situation and speak with both volunteers and voters. School Maintenance Supervisor Tom Weston and his crew, who did a yeoman's effort

of getting a much larger generator on site by shortly after noon, running extension cords for the ballot machines and additional lighting, plus keeping the walkway clear of snow the entire day. What they did was nothing short of amazing. Last, but certainly not least, the department of public works employees who worked tirelessly through an historic snowfall of 30 plus inches in less than 24 hours. Something that far exceeded the weather forecast. Double the amount of snowfall in half the amount of a time period predicted. Their efforts should receive perhaps the greatest amount of praise, especially considering how grossly understaffed their department is, and has been for many months, with no contingency plan provided for them in such an unprecedented event.

Jon Morton, Weare

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of the candidacy of Dana Clow for a two-year term on the Hillsborough Water & Sewer Commission. The process of attempting to fill the vacancy on the commission began slightly less than a year ago, when former Commissioner Chris Seig informed the commission that he would be stepping down. Many residents were asked to fill out the term to no avail. Eventually a notice in the newspaper produced three applicants. Of the three, Dana Clow offered the most knowledge and experience as well as the Willingness to commit to the time required to fulfill the duties of a commissioner. While his tenure on the commission has been brief, in that time he has already proven to be a valuable asset. I urge voters to support his candidacy in next week's election.

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This Habitat for Humanity home is for sale for \$25,000 at 46 Wood Hill Village in Henniker. This mobile home is being sold below market value and is available to buyers who meet the income thresholds put forth by Habitat for Humanity guidelines.

The final sale price will be adjusted depending upon the income of the buyer selected in addition to the accounting of

monthly payments for purchase, property taxes and park rent.

A 1 person household cannot make less than \$22,000.00 annually or more than \$50,000.00 annually. Max annual income for 2 and 3 person households are: Household of two - \$57K; Household of three - \$64K.

This property according to Wood Hill Village Association rules cannot exceed

a 3 person occupancy. This 2 bedroom 1 bath home is in the process of being fully renovated. For any interested and qualified parties applications to the Capital Region Habitat for Humanity will be accepted until April 5th, 2023 after which time there will be a candidate

selection process that will last several weeks.

In addition: The sale of this property will be contingent upon acceptance into the Wood Hill Village by the owners and according to their park rules and parameters.

31st Annual Henniker Rotary Club Rabies Clinic

Henniker Rotary President Paul Keiner has announced the club will partner with Back in the Saddle Equine Therapy Center (BITS) at its 31st Annual Dog and Cat Rabies Clinic, Saturday, April 15, 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Henniker Fire Station. Proceeds from the Clinic will support BITS' mission of providing quality time with a horse to people living with disabilities. Dr. Robert Brust and staff of Henniker Veterinary Hospital will administer the vaccines, assisted by members of the Rotary Club and other community volunteers.

Shots for cats and dogs are \$15 each for the first two pets and \$8 for each ad-

ditional pet. All dogs must be licensed by April 30th every year. The Henniker and Hillsboro Town Clerks will issue 2023 licenses at the clinic. Cats do not require licensure but should receive the Rabies vaccine. Jessica Mock, Certified Pet Nutritionist, will provide advice on the best diets for your pets as well as provide pet food giveaways from Henniker Farm and Country Store. The Mutt Hut will return to trim dogs' nails.

We are expecting an especially large crowd this year as the Clinic has been sidelined for three years due to the pandemic. Please bring all dogs on leashes and cats in cat boxes.

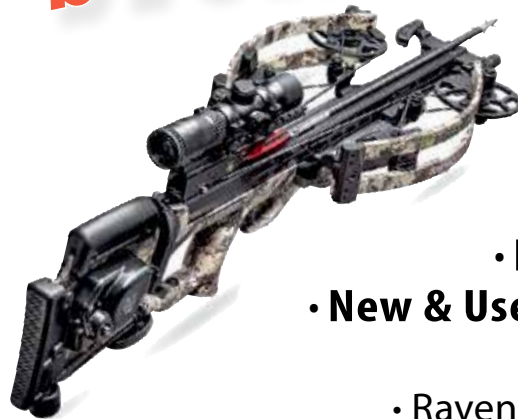


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Area News Briefs

Fracestown voters approve all articles on the warrant

It took Fracestown voters less than two hours to complete this year's Town Meeting. After a presentation by Town Administrator Jamie Pike, and a salute to what Moderator Paul Lawrence called "the best road crew in the State of New Hampshire," voters unanimously approved an annual budget over \$2 million and funding for reserves of over \$460,000 with no discussion. Again this year, residents approved all the articles on the Warrant, including funds from reserves: \$345,000 to reconstruct Red House Road, \$305,000 for a 10-wheel dump truck, \$100,000 for bridge repair, \$50,000 for town building repairs and \$12,900 for new computers for police cruisers.

Greenfield OK's \$3.3 million for budget and articles

Greenfield voters approved the operating budget and 19 other warrant articles, reflecting a 14.6% spending increase, which Select Board Chair Mason Parker said results from the Board's previous neglect of capital reserve funds and the past year's tur-

bulent economic climate. A proposed amendment to cut the budget by \$148,000 was defeated. Questioning the future tax status of nonprofit Crotched Mountain School, voters prepared for negotiations by establishing a \$30,000 trust fund for anticipated "extraordinary legal fees."

Hancock voters approve Community Power Plan

A crowd of 164 voters filled Hancock's Meeting House for the 2023 Town Meeting. Discussion was dominated by an article requesting adoption of the Hancock Community Power Plan, authorizing the Select Board to submit it to the N.H. Public Utilities Commission for approval. It was approved after a rigorous discussion. Voters also approved the \$3,298,459 budget which was up about 16.1 percent, or \$456,726, from the current budget. In addition, voters also approved allocating funds to four capital reserve funds: \$160,577 to the bridge capital reserve fund, \$15,000 to the building capital reserve fund, \$10,000 to the meetinghouse capital reserve fund and \$7,000 to the revaluation capital reserve fund. Voters placed money into three special revenue funds: \$2,064 to the highway special

revenue fund, \$2,644 to the history special revenue fund and \$3,053 to the police special revenue fund, and actually increased the requested \$4,414 to the town's recreation special revenue fund to \$6,112.

Bow Board tables \$12.9 after voters approve

Bow voters are frustrated that after they approved the School Board's \$12.9 million request for renovations at the Bow Elementary School, including the installation of a sprinkler system, safety features, the Board decided to postpone those renovations. Superintendent Dean Cascadden defended the school board's decision, stating that the town had other expenses over the years, such as constructing a new public safety building, power plant re-evaluation and dealing with a pandemic-driven economic situation, which prevented them from putting money aside for the school renovation. Others were critical of the school board for proposing the construction of a \$2 million dollar multi-use athletic turf athletic field last year. Voters did approve the school's operating budget of \$33.7 million dollars with no opposition. The budget represents a modest increase of 1.5%.

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Crime Watch

Hillsborough man - Drug Possession



Henniker Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at the defendant's girlfriend's residence. Officers knew the defendant to have an active arrest warrant for possession of drugs stemming from a prior incident. Brian Pike was subsequently arrested and transported to the Hillsboro Police Department where he was processed for Possession of a Controlled Substance and released with a future court date.

Hillsborough woman - Drug Charge



Hillsborough Officers took Shawna Grenier into custody on an active arrest warrant for possession of a controlled substance stemming from a previous incident. The defendant was processed and released with

a future court date.

Hillsborough man violates orders

Jason Carter was served with an active Hillsboro Police Department warrant stemming from a Violation of Protection Order from a previous incident while he was already in custody at a bail hearing at the 6th Circuit Hillsborough Court. The defendant was ordered to remain in custody until trial.

Hillsborough man - Multiple Thefts



Aaron K. Richard was arrested by the Henniker Police Department on an arrest warrant from the Concord Police Department and also had two arrest warrants from the Hillsboro Police Department. He was bailed on the Concord charges and transported to the Hillsboro Police Department to be processed on charges stemming from previous investigations related to felony theft and drug possession. He was bailed and released with a future court date.

Franklin Man - Controlled Drtugs

Adam A. Gauthier, 49, of Doucette Drive in Franklin on two felony sale of controlled drug charges from Oct. 19 and Oct. 26, 2022, in Franklin. On March 2, he pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor controlled drug: controlled premises where drugs were kept charges and received a 12-month suspended sentence.

Henniker man - Habitual Offender

Jonathan Greene, 34, of Wood Hill Village in Henniker on a felony motor vehicles; penalties charge. He was accused of driving on Clement Hill Road in Hopkinton on Dec. 11, 2022, after being certified as a habitual offender by the NH DMV in April 2010.

Franklin man - Intent to Distribute

Roy F. Ballou, 59, of Franklin, incarcerated at the time of the indictment, on a controlled drug; possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute charge on Dec. 7, 2022, in Franklin; six controlled drug act; sale of controlled drug charges; and three controlled drug act; possession of meth charges on Dec. 7, 2022, in Franklin, all felonies.

Bow man - Multiple MV Charges

Timothy Carignan, 31, of Bow was arrested on February 25th on driver's license prohibitions, uninspected vehicle, unregistered vehicle, and driving after revocation or suspension charges in Manchester.

Warner man - sexual assault

Conor Hallenborg, 21, of Warner has been arrested with three felony aggravated felonious sexual assault charges. He was accused of raping and fondling a child under 13 on Nov. 24, 2022, and pattern-sexual assault of the child between March 18, 2020 and Nov. 23, 2022. All the incidents occurred in Warner.

Newport woman - drug charges

Brianne M. Hanright, 31, of Myrtle Street in Newport was arrested on a felony controlled drug act; acts prohibited-a naloxone and buprenorphine mix charge on Nov. 8, 2022, in Boscawen.

Franklin man - drug charges

Mark S. Donovan, 65, of Franklin was arrested on a controlled drug act; possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute charge as well as three controlled drug act; possession of meth charges, all felonies.

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

People often think of salmon when they think of omega-3 fatty acids, but a new research review found that the major plant-based version of the nutrient, alpha-linolenic acid (ALA), can benefit heart health and reduce the risk of heart disease for those who don't eat seafood. In a comprehensive literature review, the researchers found that consuming ALA that is found in plant-based foods like walnuts and flaxseeds was associated with a 10% lower risk of cardiovascular disease and a 20% reduced risk of fatal coronary heart disease.

Blood levels of many commonly used antiepileptic drugs drop dramatically with the onset of pregnancy, according to a new report from researchers in *JAMA Neurology*. The findings, collected as part of the multicenter study Maternal Outcomes and Neurodevelopmental Effects of Antiepileptic Drugs (MONEAD), explain why many people with epilepsy start experiencing breakthrough seizures after conception, reinforcing the need to proactively increase doses of certain antiseizure medications and closely monitor blood levels over the course of pregnancy. When it comes to epilepsy, maintaining a fine-tuned medication regime is critical. Some people mistakenly believe that changes in the drugs' blood concentration won't occur until after 20 weeks of pregnancy, but the study shows how important it is to start monitoring and adjusting patients' medication dosages early on. Nearly half of all pregnancies in the United States are unplanned, so it is important to ensure that doctors have a clear picture of each patient's baseline drug level even if they are not trying to conceive. Epilepsy is a life-altering neurological condition that affects children and adults alike, and two-thirds of cases do not have a known cause. In people with epilepsy, nerve cells in the brain are hyper-reactive, causing them to change the pattern of their electrical activity and become spontaneously active, millions of cells at a time. In people with epilepsy, that synchronous activation is manifested in seizures, which can make a person become disoriented, lose consciousness and, in some cases, experience limb movements or rigidity.

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HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE: PART I



By: Joyce Bosse

Key Takeaways

Homeowners insurance policies generally cover destruction and damage to a residence's interior and exterior, the loss or theft of possessions, and personal liability for harm to others.

Three basic levels of coverage exist: actual cash value, replacement cost, and extended replacement cost/value.

Policy rates are largely determined by the insurer's risk that you'll file a claim; they assess this risk based on past claim history associated with the home, the neighborhood, and the home's condition.

In shopping for a policy, get quotes from at least five companies, and definitely check with any insurer you already work with — current clients often get better deals.

While homeowner's insurance covers most scenarios where a loss could occur, some events are typically excluded from policies, such as natural disasters or other "acts of God," and acts of war.

What if you live in a flood or hurricane area? Or an area with a history of earthquakes? You'll want riders for these or an extra policy for earthquake insurance or flood insurance. There's also sewer and drain backup coverage you can add on, and even identity recovery coverage that reimburses you for expenses related to being a victim of identity theft.

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Dr. Esin Narli

Q: How new is the practice of dentistry?

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Here are some other interesting dental facts: The world's first dental school opened in Baltimore in 1840. Around the time of the American Revolution, a Boston silversmith named Paul Revere — better known, of course, for his midnight ride — advertised in a Boston newspaper his dentistry skills. Revere is the first person known to have used dental forensics to identify a body, in this case a Colonial colonel killed at the battle of Bunker Hill.

An American dentist named Josia Flagg developed the first dental chair. He attached an adjustable head rest and a tray to hold equipment to a wooden Windsor chair. And in 1859, twenty-six dentists met at Niagara Falls and started the American Dental Association (ADA) for the exchange of information.

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Musicians from John Stark Regional High School (left photo) and the Weare Middle School Chorus, 73 members strong, (right photo) were two of ten groups invited to perform on March 8 on the State House Lawn to celebrate Music in our Schools month by the NH Music Educations Association Photo 4993: JSRHS select chorus and wind instrument musicians at the NH State House. Front row left to right: Lydia Richman, Rose Kosciuszek, Sophia McGinty, Annileah Coubrough, Giana Farren; Middle row, L to R: Ella Smith, Jenna Jezierski, Hailey Michaud, Kayleigh Megowen, Rebecca Scoledge; Back row, L to R: Jackson Barnes, Braden Schou, Alexx Wilber, Charlotte Matzke.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Steven A. Leksutin

HILLSBOROUGH - Steven A. Leksutin, loved his family, a nice glass of wine, and solving the world's problems, one duck hut at a time. "The Crazy Russian Scientist" was born on May 28, 1942 in Manhattan, NY and passed away peacefully on March 9th, 2023 in his Hillsborough home, at the age of 80. He is survived by his loving wife, Jerry L. (Bumford) Leksutin; his children Alison Fleming, Jessica Blumenthal, Courtland and Aleksander Leksutin; grandchildren Kevin, Douglas and Sarah Clark, Britany (Blumenthal) Powers, Shianne McQuade, Jake Blumenthal, Allison and Courtney Leksutin; great-grandchildren Maxwell, Evan and Natalie Clark, Lilah Grace, and Emma Powers; nephews and nieces Christopher, Patty, Niki, and Paul Dubuque.



Steven is predeceased by his parents Stanley and Irene (Winkiel) Leksutin and sister Julie Dubuque. A burial service will be planned for a later date.

Diana Mae Dennis (Jutras)

HENNIKER - Diana Mae Dennis (Jutras), age 96, of Henniker, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Concord Hospital. Diana was born in Claremont, NH, in 1926 and was the third of five children to her parents, Oliver and Rose Jutras (Gouin). She is survived by her sister, Rita Clemens of Lebanon, NH, and predeceased in death by her brothers and sister, James Jutras Jr, Donald Jutras Sr., and Irene Hughes.



Funeral Services will be held on June 23, 2023, at noon in the new cemetery on Old Concord Road in

Henniker. In place of flowers, donations may be made to the Henniker Firefighters Association, 216 Maple Street, Henniker, NH 03242.

Muriel F. Blake

HENNIKER - Muriel F. Blake, 97, of Henniker, passed away March 14, 2023 at Concord Hospital. She was born on April 9, 1925, daughter of the late Winslow and Hilda Ferguson. She is predeceased by her husband Lewis Blake; grandson Christopher Hegnauer; brother Mike Ferguson; sisters Mildred Rogers and Phyllis Batchelder; and grandson-in-law Nathan Berry. She is survived by her sister Virginia Rogers (Exeter); children David Blake, wife Priscilla (Hopkinton); Kathleen Hegnauer, husband David (Hopkinton); Joyce Johnson, husband Bruce (Henniker); and Jeffery Blake (Wilmot). Grand-



children Carol Gates, husband Jim (MO); Kate Eldridge, husband Michael (VT); Evan Johnson, wife Joanne (Hopkinton); Dr. Amanda Hegnauer (Weare); Elise Korbet, husband Jonathan (Henniker); and Magdala Johnson (Hopkinton). Great-grandchildren Adam, Luke, Izabel, Alexis, Gretchen, Ella-Mai, Emilie, Alanya, Julianna and several nieces and nephews. Graveside memorial will be Friday, May 19 at 11am at Contoocook Cemetery. All family and friends are welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Contoocook United Methodist Church or Pope Memorial SPCA; Concord NH.

Adrienne Lauridsen

NEW LONDON - Adrienne M. (Gray) Lauridsen died on March 16, 2023. She was born in Pepperell, MA on July 29, 1925 the daughter of Harold F. and Mary A. (Scharff) Gray. Her husband of 60 years, Laurids T. "Bud" Lauridsen, Jr., died in 2005.

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She is survived by a daughter, Lauraanne J. Lauridsen of New London; a son, Laurids T. "Pete" Lauridsen III (Heidi) of New London; three granddaughters: E. Ashley Seybold, Molly T. Lauridsen (Jason Michaelides) and Sarah H. Lauridsen (Eric Morgan) and three great grandchildren: Agnes, Laurids and Ernest. She is also survived by numerous close friends with whom she shared many interests. A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church in New London on April 1, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Burial will be in Old Main Street Cemetery, New London at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the following New London organizations: New London Historical Society; Ice House Museum; First Baptist Church.



Betsy D. Lindfors

PETERBOROUGH - Betsy D. Lindfors of Peterborough died on March 13, 2023, at the age of 84 in the loving presence of her daughters. Her beloved husband of sixty-two years, Kenneth, died six months earlier, in September 2022. She leaves her daughters Kristin and Karin, granddaughter Maya, son-in-law Will, sister Susan, and extended family members and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Betsy's memory either to ASSIST Inc at assistscholars.org or to Suffield Academy at suffieldacademy.org. A Celebration of Life Service and Reception will be held for both Betsy and Ken on Sunday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the RiverMead Life Care Community Auditorium, 150 RiverMead Road, Peterborough, NH 03458. If you plan to attend, please let the family know at



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Lucinda R. (Kirk) Kelley
HILLSBORO - Lucinda R. (Kirk) Kelley, 71, of Hillsboro, passed away Friday March 17, 2023 due to complications from C.O.P.D. Cindi was born on February 6, 1952 and grew up in Summit, New Jersey, "Cindy" Kelley was the daughter of the late Lee R. and Nancy (Lucas) Kirk. She was also predeceased by a sister Carter Kirk. Survived by her husband of 37 years Dale Kelley of Hillsboro, NH, her daughter Amanda Paige, 2 granddaughters, Elizabeth Paige and Courtney Fenton. No services will be held at this time.



Carol Ann Cullinan

BRADFORD - Carol Ann Cullinan, age 80, passed away peacefully while surrounded by her family on Friday, March 17, 2023. Born on December 19, 1942 in Tewksbury, MA, she was the

beloved daughter of the late Lawrence and Dorothy Love (Burke).



She is survived by her daughter Kathy Beckett and husband Stu; sons Michael Cullinan and wife Lisa, David Cullinan and wife Connie; sister Nancy Jeanne Sierzego and husband Edward; grandchildren Elizabeth Cullinan, Nicole Cullinan, Meghan Beckett, Daniel Cullinan, Joe Cullinan, Emily Beckett, and Stephen Cullinan. She is predeceased by her husband of 44 years, Francis Joseph Cullinan and brother Lawrence H. Love Jr. A visitation will be held from 3pm to 7pm on Friday, March 24 at Bennett Funeral Home, located at 209 N. Main St, Concord NH, with a service to begin at 6pm.

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Events: Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY MARCH 25

ANTRIM NEWCOMERS: Club Meeting, 2pm-3:30pm. At the Antrim Fire Station, 82 Clinton Road, Antrim. Join other new (and maybe not so new) Antrim residents for a tour of our fire station. Learn about fire prevention and meet some of our local firefighters. Staff from The Grapevine will also be on hand to share some of the amazing services that they provide to the residents of Antrim and nearby towns. Snacks will be provided along with coffee from The Moka Pot. This event is open to all Antrim residents, new to Antrim or not. Questions? Contact Jenine Rubin at jwr@innolution.com.

RABIES CLINIC: 2:00-4:00pm at Bessie Rowell Community Center in Franklin. All dogs must be on a leash, all cats in carriers. Fee \$15.

SEEDY SATURDAYS: at Fuller Public Library 10:00-11:00am: Sow Like a Pro; April 8: Container Gardening; and April 22: When to Plant Outside.

SUNDAY MARCH 26

INSTALLATION: Hillsborough's Harmony Lodge #38 F&AM will install its 2023 slate of officers at 2:00pm at the Lodge. Refreshments to follow. The public is invited.

MONDAY MARCH 27

LINEC: Spring classes with LINEC (Learning Institute of New England College) begin April 10. See www.linec.org for in-person and Zoom subjects or call 978 743 9077 for a print catalog. Registration is open through March 27. These mini-courses are open to all adults.

TUESDAY MARCH 28

FREE CLINIC: Blood pressure and Glucose screening 6:00-8:00pm, 333 Central Street, Franklin.

REPUBLICANS MEET: Deering - Francetown Republican Committee next meeting Thursday March 30 at the Deering Fish & Game at 6:30pm.

POLLINATOR PARTY: Joan Hanchett Nature Series presents Pollinator Party. 6:30pm at Frances-town Elementary School. Presenter: Slater Roosa, NH Audubon's Massabesic Center.

SATURDAY APRIL 1

PEEPS DIORAMA CONTEST: at Fuller Public Library. Create a diorama using Peeps, bring to the library by April 1. Winners will be announced the next week.

TUESDAY APRIL 4

HOW TO'S DAY: at Fuller Public Library: Create a Journal with Rena Rockwell, 1:00pm or 6:30pm. Call to reserve a spot, 603-464-3595.

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

THURSDAY APRIL 6

BOOK DISCUSSION: join our book discussion of Deep Water with author Kenneth Sheldon, 6:30pm at Fuller Public Library. Books are available before the discussion, stop in to read one soon.

SATURDAY APRIL 8

SEEDY SATURDAYS: continue at Fuller Public Library, 10:00-11:00am. Learn about Container

Gardening with Robin. Visit our Seed Library too. 5 packets of free seeds per family.

CRAFT SALE: 9:00am-2:00pm, Warner Town Hall, proceeds to benefit Pillsbury Free Library.

THURSDAY APRIL 13

ZEN WRITING: at Fuller Public Library, 3 Thursdays: April 13, 20, and 27, 6:00-7:30pm. Cost of class: \$30. Class limit: 12. Through writing in a flowing manner, you will explore the deeper self. Choose to delve into a single subject or various ones, which can be spin offs for creative writing topics. Time will be allotted for optional sharing and positive feedback. Instructor, Rena Rockwell. Contact Rena at 603-464-5154 prior to April 11, 2023 to register. A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Fuller Public Library. This is not a sponsored library event.

SATURDAY APRIL 15

70TH ANNIVERSARY: The public is invited to join the Hillsboro Lions club as it celebrates its 70th Anniversary, 7:00-9:00pm at

Hillsborough American Legion. Appetizers and dessert will be served. Cash bar available. RSVP to Mary.morehouse3@verani.com or audettekh@aol.com

RABIES CLINIC: 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Bennington Town Hall. Rabies Shots \$25.00 each. Please leash dogs and have cats in a carrier.

SUNDAY APRIL 23

SELF DEFENSE: The R.A.D. Systems of Self-Defense offers programs for women. The class provides a holistic approach to the education of self-defense. Each of these programs includes educational components such as discussion and physical resistive strategies. All of these are taught by certified R.A.D. The registration will open at a late date.

FRIDAY APRIL 28

COMEDY FUNDRAISER: American Legion Post 81, Contoocook \$25. Proceeds support Hopkinton Police Association. Doors open 6:00pm. Show starts 7:00pm. Call 746-5151 ex. 0 for tickets.

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Emerald Lake Village District (ELVD) will hold a Loan / Bond Hearing on Friday, March 31, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village District office, 147 West Main Street, Hillsborough, NH. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss a loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$700,000 to be used for the development, installation, and upgrades for the Hummingbird well site location. Additionally a review of proposed warrant articles will occur.

JOB OPENING TOWN OF HENNIKER DEPUTY TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR

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