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New Stark Athletic Trainer

John Paven has been named the Athletic



Trainer for John Stark Regional High School. Paven, a native of NH, holds a BS in Athletic Training from Castleton University in

Vermont. "Athletics have always been such an important and positive influence in my life. I look forward to sharing my experiences and helping the future generation of athletes," commented Paven.

This week in history

April 1, 1946

Alaska earthquake triggers massive tsunami

April 2, 1902

The first movie theatre in the United States opens in Los Angeles

April 3, 2017

Egyptian officials announce discovery of Pyramid remains

April 4, 1776

George Washington begins march to New York

April 5, 1950

Franklin Chang-Diaz, America's 1st Hispanic astronaut is born

April 6, 1830

Joseph Smith establishes the Mormon Church

April 7, 1990

Ferry accidents occur in Myanmar & Scandinavia



Initial reports indicate the teen driver drove into the truck.

Teen driver dies after Stoddard crash

Antrim driver of logging truck not responsible for accident

Kelsey Mayer, 18, of Concord, died after a car she was driving crashed into a logging truck last Thursday in Stoddard.

Her passenger, Allison Yanski, 19, also of Concord, was taken to Cheshire Medical Center with serious but not life-threatening injuries. Donald J. Warner, 44, of Antrim, the truck driver, was not injured.

Around 4:45 a.m., New Hamp-

shire State Police were sent to Route 9 for a report of a crash near a logging site involving a vehicle and a truck.

Troopers later learned that the collision was at Route 9 near the intersection with Route 123 north and south.

State police said Kelsey P. Mayer was driving a 2016 Chevrolet Cruze on the westbound side of Route 9 at

the same time a 2016 Western Star truck, with an attached, unloaded trailer, was preparing to back into the logging site. Mayer, who was driving with a passenger, Allison M. Yanski, then drove into the logging trailer.

Route 9 was closed for more than six hours while responders investigated and cleared the crash which remains under investigation.

15 year-old boy dies in Pats Peak skiing accident

Christopher DiPrima, 15, from Boston, died Saturday evening, following a skiing accident at Pats Peak.

Kris Blomback, General Manager of Pats Peak said that the boy was skiing with his parents and younger sister on Duster Ski Trail around

6:35 when he was involved in a skiing accident. Pats Peak's patrol arrived at the scene shortly thereafter and the boy was transported by ski patrol to the base, where the Henniker Rescue Squad was waiting. He was then taken to Concord Hospital. An investiga-

tion is now underway to identify the circumstances surrounding the incident. Blomback issued the following statement, "Our sympathies go out to his family during this difficult time, and the staff of Pats Peak is greatly saddened by the incident tonight."

New London voters reject new police facility but support other Warrant Articles

New London voters overwhelmingly rejected a petitioned article requesting a \$375,000 bond in order to purchase a lot fronting on Newport Road, for the site of a future Municipal Building with the intent of housing the New London Police Department and/or other municipal needs.

The Board of Selectmen voted 2-1 to recommend this appropriation, and the Budget Committee voted 5-4 to recommend this appropriation. The article required a 3/5 ballot vote for approval, but failed to even garner a majority, losing 85-302. Later in the meeting a \$50,000 request for expenditures related to develop a plan for a new police facility to include concept design, survey, project cost estimating, among other building and site investigations, was tabled indefinitely.

A request for a \$275,000

bond for repairs and renovations of Whipple Town Hall and the Buker Building had both the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommending approval and voters agreed easily reaching the 3/5th needed after the amount was reduced to \$186,000.

ARTICLE 5: A \$300,000 bond for Pump Station Standby Generator Upgrades, easily passed on a vote of 261-4.


ARTICLE 6: The Town's requested \$1,856,223 Operating Budget was approved on a voice vote.

Voters also approved \$2,690,377 for Public Safety; \$3,097,524 for Highways & Streets & Sanitation; \$283,587 for Health and Welfare Departments; \$947,049 for Recreation and Culture and Conservation; \$690,242 for the payment of Principal and Interest of Long-Term Debt; \$481,500 to be placed in pre-

viously established Capital and Non-Capital Reserve Funds; \$64,000 for the purchase of mobile radios for the Fire Department; \$160,000 to

purchase of a refuse trailer; \$317,832 to purchase a six-wheel dump truck; \$174,500 for paving gravel roads; \$12,000 for Waste and Re-

duction Education and Trial Programs; and \$132,303 for the lease/purchase agreement for the replacement of Fire Engine #2.



The Postal Service will issue a Forever Stamp this spring honoring the legacy of beloved children's book author, illustrator and longtime New London resident Tomie dePaola. He was best known for writing the Strega Nona series and "26 Fairmount Avenue." The stamp art features a detail from the cover of "Strega Nona" (1975), a Caldecott Honor Book and the first in a popular series.

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Election Results

ANDOVER

SELECT BOARD (1)

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Roland Carter
Donna Crisp Duclos

ANTRIM

SELECT BOARD (3 YEAR)

John Robertson.....140
Robert Edwards.....219

SELECT BOARD (1 YEAR)

Donna Hanson.....284
William Bryk.....32
Tamazine Wood-Creighton.....49

BENNINGTON

SELECT BOARD (1)

Tony Parisi.....116
David Foster.....110

BRADFORD

SELECT BOARD (1)

Spencer Wyand.....110
Marlene Freyler.....156

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (1)

Mary Keegan-Dayton.....140
Mary-Chris Duncan.....32
Shanna Griffin.....54

DEERING

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST (1)

Ruth Reynolds.....108
Anne Cavagnaro.....96

DUNBARTON

NO CONTESTED RACES

FRANCESTOWN

SELECT BOARD (1)

Charles Pyle.....220
Austin Cilly.....137

SCHOOL BOARD (1)

Stephan Morrissey.....63
Thomas Kirlin.....277

GREENFIELD

PLANNING BOARD (2)

Robert Walling.....98
Bow Smith.....112
Nicholas Zotto.....95

GOFFSTOWN

SELECT BOARD (1)

Kimberly Peace.....1210
Peter Georgantas.....1420

BUDGET COMMITTEE (4)

Schuyler Sund.....389
Olivia Welch-Erdahl.....1195

Adam Barriere.....1141
Jeff Day.....1132

Curt deVetter.....947
Brian Mazur.....1235

Doug Pounds.....1153
Laura Stevens.....1344

BUDGET COMMITTEE (1)

Henry Glasson.....867
Bill Kordas.....425

Allison DeCesere.....1038

PLANNING BOARD (2)

Phill D'Avanza.....1020
Richard Freeman.....994

Thomas Hanley.....757
Colleen Mailloux.....1079

James Raymond.....873

PLANNING BOARD (1)

Alan Yeaton.....1186
Brian Mazur.....1235

SEWER COMMISSION (1)

David Pierce.....1377
Richard Freeman.....1050

HANCOCK

CEMETERY TRUSTEE (1)

Matthew Simmons.....177
Tara Greaves.....136

HENNIKER

SELECT BOARD (2)

Heidi Aucion.....183
Michael Barnard.....34

Tia Hooper.....183
Neal Martin.....213

Jeff Morse.....224

HILLSBOROUGH

SELECT BOARD (3 YEAR)

Iris Campbell.....404
Sean Burt.....306

SELECT BOARD (1 YEAR)

Richard Pelletier.....438
Katherine Charrette.....256

PLANNING BOARD (2)

Kim Opperman.....199
Kyle Tyrrell.....322
Bryant Wheeler.....366

Nancy Egner.....335

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONER

David Fullerton.....256
Dana Clow.....417

HOPKINTON

SELECT BOARD (2)

Jefrey Donohoe.....460
Sabrina Dunlap.....606

Ian Tewksbury.....368

BUDGET COMMITTEE (2)

Rich Huston.....676
Brian Keber.....65

Steve Reddy.....470
Amy Bogart.....297

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2)

Sarah Chiapetta.....618
Jason Lacombe.....529

Michael Tocci.....173

CEMETERY TRUSTEE (1)

Michele Sarazin Duggy.....229
Gayle Kimball.....466

NEW BOSTON

SELECT BOARD (1)

William McFadden.....863
Kary Jencks.....892

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2)

Jacob Fields.....977
John Fladd.....583

Robin Winslow.....955

NEW LONDON

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2)

Thomas Carley.....205
Joanne Palismano.....360

Steven Solomon.....251

NEWBURY

SELECT BOARD (1)

Alison Kinsman.....126
Kristen Schultz.....178

Russell Smith.....115

SUNAPEE

TREASURER (1)

Sue Fernald.....375
Michael Barrett.....226

PLANNING BOARD (1)

Gregory Swick.....287
Pierre Lessard.....253

SCHOOL BOARD (2)

Edward Andersen.....436

Laura Piazza Herd.....323

Amanda Spears.....518

WARNER

SELECT BOARD (1)

Karen Coyne.....236
Hary Seidel.....364

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3)

Bradford Bloom.....187
David Elliot.....466

Jab Gugliotti.....320
Lois Shea.....416

WASHINGTON

SELECT BOARD (1)

Mark Florence.....93
Gary Kendall.....114

Aaron Zipper.....11

PLANNING BOARD (1)

Fred Douglass.....99
Tom Marchal.....125

Peter Martin.....129

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS (1)

Thomas Cross.....74
Gary Carney.....116

WEARE

SELECT BOARD (2)

Jesse Renault-Smith.....173
Salim Blume.....279

Eric Connor.....93
Benji Knapp.....366

Mark Nelson.....119
Jonathan Osborne.....129

Kyle Parker.....160

ETHICS COMMITTEE (1-1 YEAR)

Thomas Flaherty.....299
Susanne Couhie.....341

ETHICS COMMITTEE (2-2 YEAR)

Neal Kurk.....323
Christopher Mann.....291

Eileen Meaney.....409

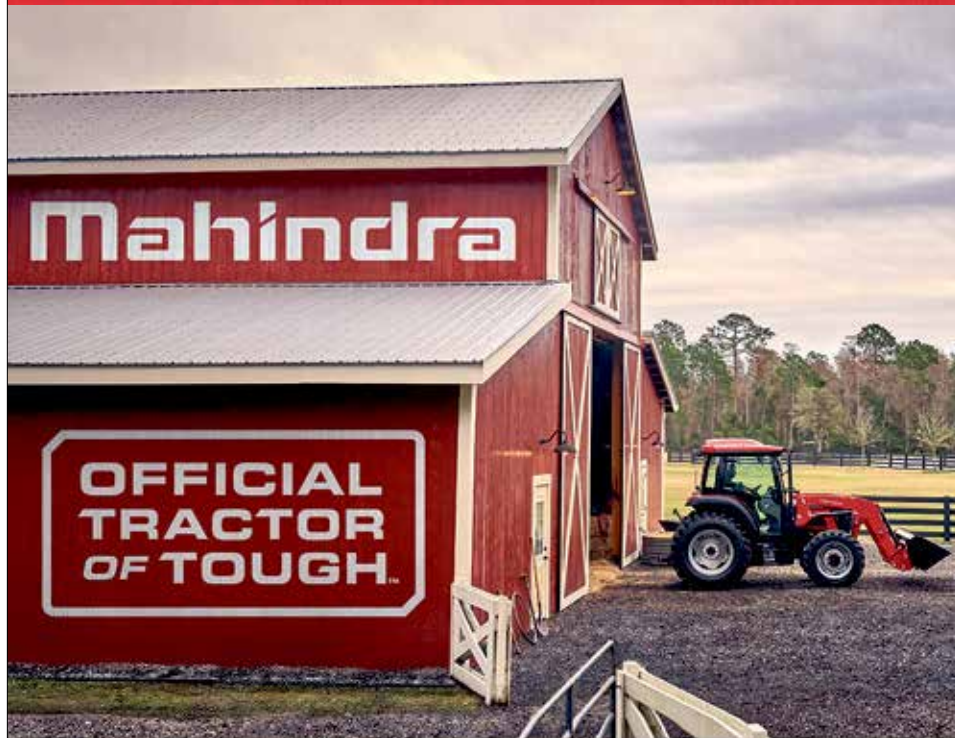
ETHICS COMMITTEE (2-3 YEAR)

Wendy Curry.....389
Luther Drake.....297

Janice Mathews.....291

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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

April 1, 2022

John Stark students participate in Model UN
Developer seeks 84 apartments & commercial buildings
Goffstown teenage killer pleads guilty to murder
New Curriculum Director & Business manager at SAU #34

April 2, 2021

Antrim Wind critics refuse to be silenced
NH DOT exploring "Death Alley" improvements
Bennington's Bridge Street Recovery to open in June
Warner Connects seeks permission for Thrift Shop

April 3, 2020

Famous New London author Tomie dePaola dies
Union Leader features Deering's Jenna Rheault
Warner Select Board, Fire Chief discuss compensation
New Boston Police make felony arrest

April 5, 2019

Arrest made in 2008 death of New London man
Hopkinton Fire Chief bars Rescue Squad from fires
Weare man convicted of child pornography
Manchester man dies in Peterborough crash

April 6, 2018

H-D to receive \$278,439.20 Safety/Security Grant
Admitted New London child abuser reached plea deal
Drone builder \$1.8 million Government contract
Newport teacher nominated as Teacher of the Year

April 7, 2017

Sununu nominates Gordon MacDonald
Goffstown Selectmen support town's First Responders
Ben Fortner wants Aucoin fired and Blomback demoted
Threat at Belmont High found "Not Credible"

April 5, 2016

Strong opposition to para-military facility in Bradford
Goffstown couple charged with criminal threatening
LRGH announced staff reduction of 58 people
Choose Franklin working with Colby Sawyer College

April 3, 2015

New Boston joins Sheriff's Street Crime Task Force
Henniker man hospitalized after fire destroys house
Goffstown High School's Nate Bracy honored
Kearsarge Middle School student wins Geographic Bee

April 4, 2014

Police report rash of thefts in Dunbarton
Bow voters reject Public Safety Complex
Goffstown man arrested for burglary
New London Police Department reorganized

April 5, 2013

Chief David Seastrand "retires"
H-D Board seeks contract modification from teachers
Only 33 voters at Newport Deliberative Session
Hopkinton continues expansion of Transfer Station

Hillsborough voters refuse to accept two roads or purchase vacant lot

A good sized crowd attended the 2023 continued Hillsborough Town Meeting Tuesday night. Under the direction of first time Moderator Eric Ivanov the evening went smoothly with most articles passing with little discussion and no debate, including the proposed \$8,671,606 Operating Budget. Voters also approved: \$852,360 to operate the Water

Department. \$1,063,694 to operate the Sewer Department. \$425,000 to eight Capital Reserve Funds. \$350,000 for Road Work. \$136,450 to purchase a Trash Trailer. \$273,450 to repair the East Washington Bridge. \$270,775 To purchase a new Highway Department

Truck. \$35,000 to establish a new Employee Health & Wellness Capital Reserve Fund. \$50,000 for a new Computer & Software Capital Reserve Fund.

Voters chose to change the Town Treasurer from an elected to an appointed position and amended two articles to improve the Veteran's tax credit. On the advice of Highway Supervisor Ernie Butler, re-

quests to accept Old Mill Farm Road and Minot Road as Town Roads were rejected, as was an article asking the town to purchase the land on Henniker Street formerly occupied by a Mobile Station.

Voters approve both H-D & SAU #34 budgets

Hillsboro-Deering School District voters approved the entire 2023 Warrant, including the \$424,072,133 Operating Budget and the \$1,185,1445 SAU #34 Budget, by comfortable margins.

Incumbent Paul Plater was the only School Board candidate on the ballot. He had reluctantly signed up only because no one else had signed up by the deadline. With Plater's encouragement, Mike Luciano

ran a write-in campaign but lost 134 to Plater's 476. At press time, it is unclear if Plater will retain his seat or retire. Should he retire, the remaining Board members would appoint his replacement, presumably Luciano.

A petitioned article to establish a study committee to determine if a separate Budget Committee was in the best interest of the district prevailed on a vote of 363 Yes to 326 No.



Moderator Guy Eaton presided over a well attended Washington Town Meeting. Susan Hoffstetter photo.

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School Daze



Students at H-D Elementary School celebrated Celebrate Reading Day on Friday, March 17th. Throughout the day students celebrated reading by having buddy reading time with another grade level, receiving a book from the Hillsboro Lions Club during RIF (Reading is Fundamental), and dropping everything to read together as a whole school in the afternoon. Mackenzie was excited to find a book during RIF on Celebrate Reading Day.



Two Weare Middle School 7th graders were among the 11 students from across NH to present their speeches on March 29 at Project Soapbox Mainstage, a public speaking initiative sponsored by Mikva Challenge in partnership with NH Civics. Weare Middle School's Autumn Meyers (R) spoke about social media use, and Ava Montgomery's (L) speech was about abortion laws. This year's Project Soapbox Mainstage was held at the Franklin Opera House in Franklin, NH.



Weare Middle School 7th grader Piper Higgins submitted this winning design for the 2023 WMS 5K Fun Run/Walk on May 12. Elizabeth Elliot (7th) and Gracie Barton (8th) were runners-up for their designs. Register by April 21 to qualify for a race t-shirt with this design! Register online at: runsignup.com/race/nh/weare/wms5Kfunrunwalk *Must be 8 years old to participate in the WMS 5K Fun Run/Walk. No strollers or dogs.

Antrim voters breeze through Town Meeting in record time

Antrim voters wasted no time in dealing with a modest 13 article Warrant Wednesday night at their delayed Town Meeting.

The first item up for discussion, a \$600,000 bond to replace the main water line under the Contoocook River easily met the 3/5th

majority needed to pass.

Fire Chief Marshall Gale was pleased as voters approved \$20,000 to install a dry hydrant on Old Pound Road and \$330,000 to purchase a new pumper truck.

\$410,000 was added to seven Capital Reserve Funds with \$250,000 com-

ing from the undesignated surplus.

Voters also approved \$180,000 to purchase a backhoe, \$42,000 for a

Cabot tractor, and \$37,000 for a Property Revaluation.

The final spending article, the \$4,674,764 Operating Budget was adopted on

a voice vote with no discussion or debate.

This year's Town Report was dedicated to Antrim Icon Wayne Olson.



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School Daze



CWES 2nd graders in Mrs. Grantz's class presented CWES head custodian Chris Skirkey with a thank you card for all at CWES who helped shovel and get school reopened. Sitting in front, left to right: Kayson Desrochers, Kieran Savage; standing left to right: Brantley Hill, Sawyer Boisvert, Ben Matveev, Rosie Fontaine, Mr. Chris Skirkey, Amelia Burke, Allyson Trahan, Logan Curley, Joel Miller, Ryder Barata, Paisley Burnheimer, Annabelle Bieler, and Camryn Lamarche.



Mrs. Moultroupe and three of her 6th grade students, (l-r) Aubree Hardness, Zachary Rogers and Bently Pelletier gave the H-D School Board a presentation on their "Dog Driven" project highlighting Sled Dog racing.



Students at Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School celebrated a CARES Carnival the week before break. Each grade level worked to earn points for daily challenges organized by School Counselors Shannon Rockwell and Cara Juliano and students from the 5th Grade Leadership Institute. Congratulations to the 3rd grade staff and students. They are the CARES Carnival champions again for the second year in a row!

After parental complaints Bow keeps “Gender Queer” in school library - H-D Board set to adopt similar policy

Bow educators have rejected a request to remove a controversial graphic novel from the Bow High School library. The most contested work of 2021, “Gender Queer: A Memoir,” includes graphic illustrations of several sex acts. “Gender Queer” has achieved notoriety as the most-challenged book of 2021, according to the American Library Association. Bow is one of the few high schools in southern New Hampshire with Gender Queer in its collections.

The committee wrote that the work did not meet the definition of pornography or obscenity and removing the book would amount to discrimination.

“A Request for Reconsideration of Gender Queer that is rooted in an opposition to the representation and inclusion of members of the LGBTQ+ community in materials found in the library is not valid as the

request would be discriminating against a person based on their sex, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation which is a violation of Policy AC (Non Discrimination / Equal Opportunity),” read a portion of the decision.

Persons not in agreement with the school on its selection of books or other library material and who wish a particular book or library material to be reviewed must submit to the Principal a “Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials.” The request forms are available on the school district website and at the school office.

The Principal, upon receipt of a “Request for Reconsideration” will acknowledge receipt to the complainant. The Library Materials Review Committee will be formed and follow the procedures in Appendix KEC-R.

The final report will be for-

warded to the complainant by the Superintendent of Schools. If the complainant is dissatisfied, the next step is to submit the request to the Superintendent of Schools for action.

If the complainant does not accept the Superintendent's decision, the complainant may request a review by the School Board, whose decision will be final.

During the investigation the library material will remain in use unless the Review Committee votes to remove or restrict the material until a final decision is made.



The southbound side of Interstate 89 from Exit 2 to Bow was shut down due to a box truck rollover. Two people were injured; one suffered a head injury while the other was entrapped. Fire and Rescue teams were at the scene and requested a second ambulance.

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A Friend Remembered



By Heidi Welch

Lisa Steiner was a force of nature. She gave over a decade to the students of the Hillsboro-Deering Music Department by assisting with numerous trips to Disney, Cleveland, New York...the list goes on and on. She was one of the main reasons that no student was left behind because of a lack of funds. So many of the successes of the Hillsboro-Deering High School Music Dept. were only possible because of her. Basically, I owe SO much of my success with the HD Music Department to HER. She wrote hundreds of letters, sold everything you could imagine, organized fundraisers — was the most hands-on and inspiring parent in the face of incredible obstacles — and always made sure that we met our

goal from trip expenses to raising over \$50,000 for new marching uniforms.

Diagnosed in January. Gone in March. Lisa Steiner lost her battle with Stage 4 Lung Cancer and is in the final hours of Hospice Care. I just left her husband Roy, and her amazing daughters Erynn-Jo and Heather who were both in the music program at HDHS. In order to cover the expenses of her memorial service, I am asking any and all students and friends of HDHS Music, community members, and friends to please donate if you can so that it eases the stress and burden on this family as they face this incredible loss of an incredible woman.

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Weare School Board unveils a policy for challenging materials in school libraries

A large and vocal crowd filled the Weare Middle School cafetorium Tuesday night to discuss a proposed policy for challenging materials in school libraries.

The proposal would allow only current students, parents or guardians to file a formal request to have books or other materials removed from a library.

Some expressed concern about not having enough of a voice in selecting what's in schools. "Parents are seeing their children struggle

with the basics of education and indoctrinated with the social challenges of the day, which should be the parent's decision," an attendee said. Others also mentioned the absence of parental or community members on the proposed book review panel.

Miriam McCallum, of Weare did not address the policy directly but launched into a passionate attack on those opposing the policy, calling them "racist, homophobic bigots." Strange-

ly, she ended her comments by saying, "Bigotry is not welcome here."

The school board did not vote on the proposed policy on Tuesday, they only dis-

cussed it. That will happen at a future school board meeting.



The large crowd seemed evenly divided on the issue at hand.

Emergency Services Facility rejected again

New Boston officials again asked voters to approve constructing a new Fire & Emergency Services Facility because the current Fire Station is inadequate.

This year the Warrant Article called for a \$7,900,000 bond

and was recommended by the Select Board 3-0 and by the Finance Committee 6-0.

Bond votes require a 3/5th approval but this year again the article failed even to gain majority approval, failing on a ballot vote of 786 Yes to 1,026 No.

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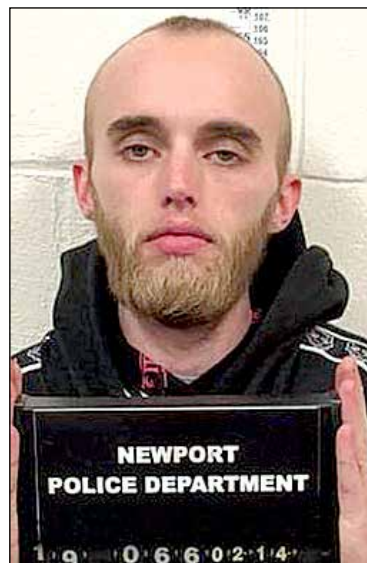
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Five people arrested for possible homicide - removal of corpse

Five people are facing criminal charges in connection to the untimely death of a Newport man.

Newport Police said the body of Mark Hudson, 40, was found in a wooded area off Paradise Road in Newport Wednesday after he had been missing for two weeks. How he died is still under investigation.

“Investigation into timeline surrounding his death shows that he was temporarily staying with acquaintances in the Paradise Road area when he passed away,” said Newport Police Chief Alex Lee.

On Thursday, arrest warrants were issued for Laurel Ayotte, 50, of Newport, Christopher Ayotte, Jr., 27, of

Newport, Jacob Ayotte, 19, of Newport, Candace Fontaine, 31, of Newport and Ryan Palmer, 32, of Sunapee. Each was charged with one felony for conspiracy to commit falsifying physical evidence and one felony for conspiracy to commit abuse of a corpse.

Police said they conspired to unlawfully remove Hudson's body and other

evidence from where he died.

Candace Fontaine, Jacob Ayotte, Laurel Ayotte and Christopher Ayotte Jr., were taken to the Sullivan County House of Corrections, held without bail pending arraignment.

Lee said Thursday evening Palmer turned himself in and is now in police custody.

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Hillsboro-Deering holding Preschool Open House & Kindergarten Registrations

Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School will conduct kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year online at <https://www.hdsd.org/Page/6116>.

Children who reside in the towns of Hillsboro, Deering or Windsor and who will be five years of age on or before September 30, 2023 are eligible for kindergarten registration. After registering your child, please sign up for a Kindergarten Screening time at: <https://www.hdsd.org/Page/6116>.

Preschool Lottery and Open House:

Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School will accept applications for the Preschool lottery for the 2023-2024 school year, Monday, April 10, 2023 through Friday, April 28, 2023. Preschool applications can be filled out online at www.hdsd.org.

Children who reside in the towns of Hillsboro, Deering

or Windsor and who will be three or four years of age on or before September 30, 2023 are eligible for the preschool lottery. Preschool screenings will be scheduled in mid-June. Preschool placement will be announced by the end of June and any additional openings will be filled using a waitlist process.

On Wednesday, May 31, 2023, there will be a Preschool Parent Information Night at 5:00 pm at HDES. A typical preschool day will be discussed, followed by a question and answer period.

After completing the online application more information will be sent through the e-mail provided. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Whitney, Principal, at (603) 464-1283 or rwhitney@hdsd.org.

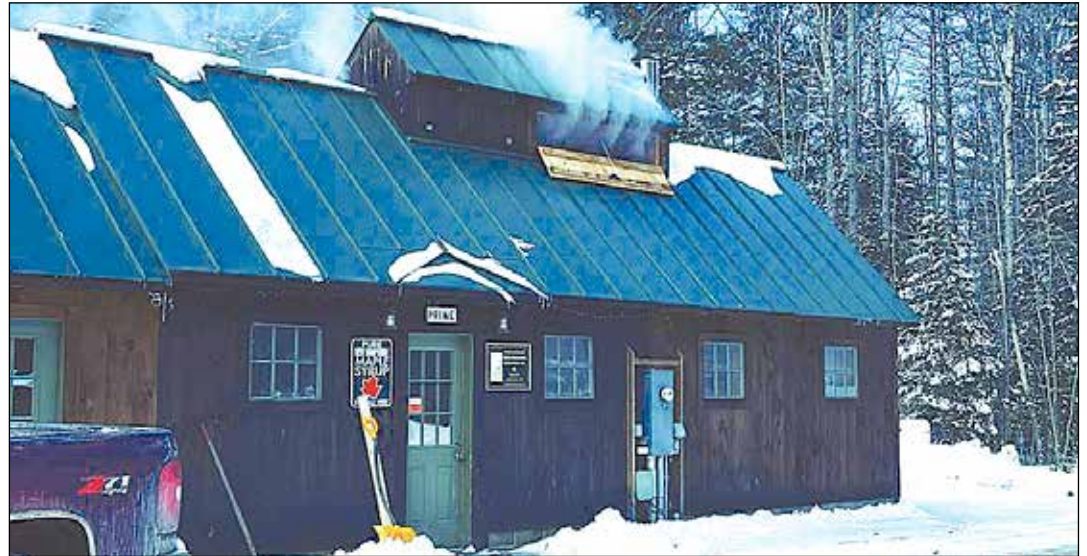
On Wednesday, May 31, 2023 there will be a Kindergarten Parent Information Night at 5:30 p.m. An overview of a

typical kindergarten day will be presented to parents, followed by a question and answer period. We understand how unsettling it can be to parents to send their child off to school

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This year, the chapter won the following, Competitive Events Awards:
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Jordan & Andrew Sealy
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Financial Math – Claire Laroche
Business Presentation – Julianne Danis & Abigail Dubreuil
Social Media Strategy – McKenna Kelly & Kara Tshida
Business Communications

– Emmy Mellina
 Group Chapter Events Won:
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1st Place – Mental Health Awareness Project
1st Place – Largest Chapter Membership
1st Place – Most Outstanding Chapter

Individual Recognition Awards:
Who's Who Among Business Students:
 Jocelyn Ashford
 Ethan Hansen
 Reese Perry

Stoddard voters need only 15 minutes for School District's Annual Meeting

Only 27 voters braved the heavy fog to attend Thursday night's Annual Stoddard School District Meeting.

It took them only about 15 minutes to approve a \$3,712,012 budget, up \$262,671, or 7.6 percent, from the budget they passed last year. They cast their ballots for

Alfrieda Englund, the lone person on the ballot. Englund, incumbent chair of the school board, was uncontested in her re-election bid. Davenport told voters that the tuition increase of \$158,836 includes rises in tuition paid to the Keene School District and Hillsboro-Deering middle and high schools.



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Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) affects millions of people each year, mostly survivors and witnesses of terrifying or shocking events, such as warfare, assaults or disasters. Because existing treatments don't work for everyone, new therapies are urgently needed. Today, scientists report results and follow-up data from a phase 3 clinical trial of a psychedelic drug, 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), known on the street as "ecstasy" or "molly," combined with psychotherapy for the treatment of PTSD. Their preliminary data suggest that the therapy works even in hard-to-treat patients, such as those with drug or alcohol use disorders. The researchers presented their results recently at the spring meeting of the American Chemical Society (ACS).

Over time, using antidepressants is not associated with significantly better health-related quality of life, compared to people with depression who do not take the drugs. These are the findings of a new study published this week in the open-access journal *PLOS ONE*.

Most infants enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, also known as WIC, are likely not getting the recommended daily amount of vitamin D, according to new research published in the *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*. The researchers found that only about one out of every three infants enrolled in WIC met the daily recommendation by 13 months of age. But that shouldn't be surprising, given the low rate of infant supplementation in the general U.S. population. Vitamin D deficiency can lead to rickets, a disease that softens and weakens bones, potentially resulting in fractures, stunted growth and skeletal deformities. Recent research has also shown the vitamin may play a role in diseases like multiple sclerosis and Type 1 diabetes. Experts recommend infants receive 10 micrograms, or 400 international units, of vitamin D each day.

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By: Joyce Bosse

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If you own a lot of high-priced possessions (fine art or antiques, fine jewelry, designer clothes), you might want to pay extra to put them on an itemized schedule, purchase a rider to cover them, or even buy a separate policy.

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You should know, however, that dental technology has evolved considerably over the years. Anesthesia and the techniques for applying it have advanced. You may, for instance, now be able to listen to your favorite music while the dentist is working.

The most important thing is to find a dentist with whom you can share your concerns and work out a plan in which you'll feel comfortable. If it's been some time, as it most likely is, that you haven't been to a dentist, talk with your friends about the dentists they use. Once you've found a dentist who makes you feel comfortable, talk with her or him about the anesthetic options that are available. Once you've established a relationship, you're going to feel great about your smile.

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The Henniker Area Rotary Club is once again accepting applications for scholarships for local students in Hillsboro, Deering, Washington, Windsor,

Weare and Henniker. There are a total of four scholarships, three of which are \$2000.00 each and one is \$1000.00. Applications are available at Hills-

boro-Deering and John Stark Regional High School Guidance offices or on the Club website, hennikerrotaryclub.com, and are due back to the club by April 15.

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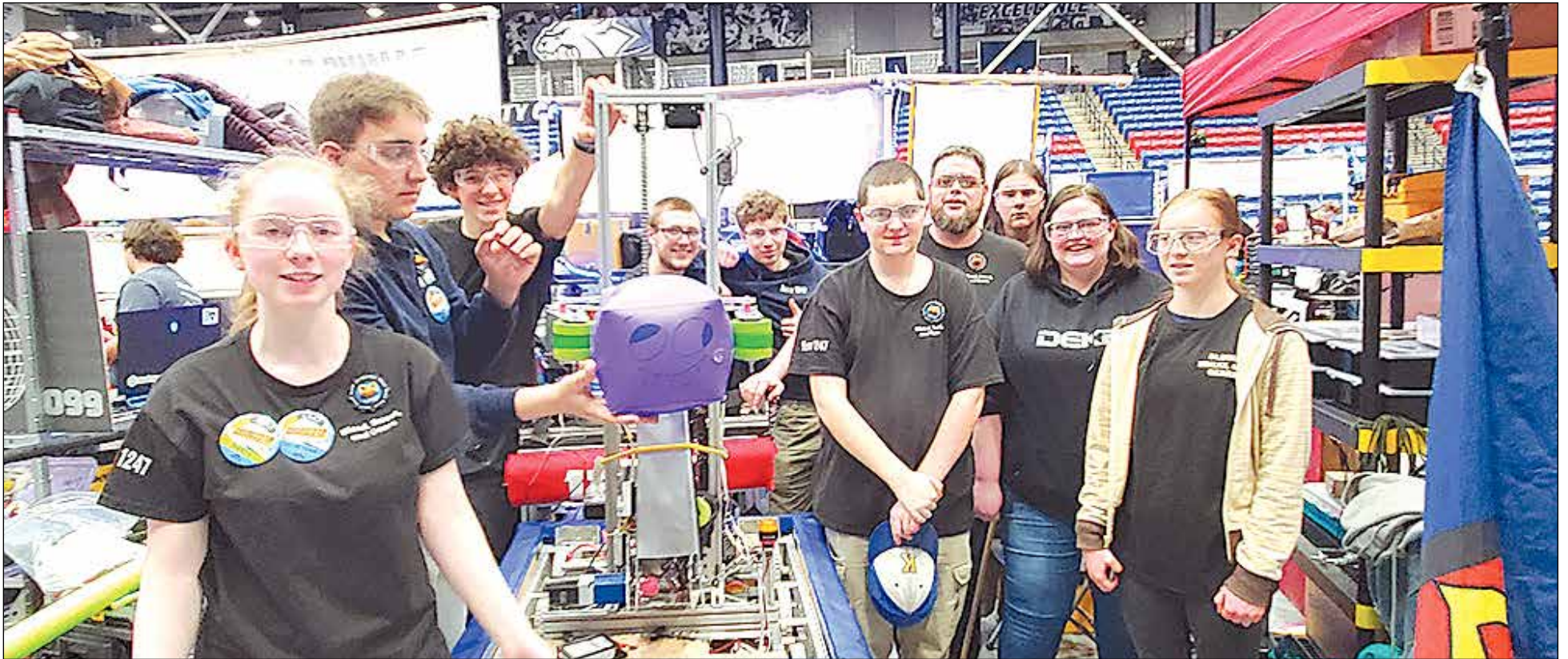
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HILLSBORO - With great sorrow and upmost honor, the Steiner/Steeves/Harrison family announce the passing of our mother, wife, and grandmother, Lisa Jo Steiner. Lisa passed comfortably, with family by her side, after a short but grueling battle with Stage 4 Lung Cancer. Lisa was born in Toledo, Ohio on January 26, 1957 to Bayless H. Epperly and Barbara W. Epperly. Lisa was also raised and loved by her step-father, Thomas Frick. Lisa is survived by her cousin Paula; sisters Becky Rudge, Jennifer Brown, Natalie Clark, Sarah Hayden, Heather Romaniello; and her brothers Brian Epperly, John Frick, Chris Frick, and Thomas Frick. She is pre-deceased by her sister Debbie Epperly and brother Matthew Frick. Lisa is also survived by her true love, Roy F. Steiner, husband of over 40



years; daughters Erynn-Jo I. Steiner and Heather R. Steeves, and their spouses Zachary A. Harrison and David A. Steeves. Lisa is also survived by her grandchildren Allyson and Joseph Steeves.

Michael K. Knapton

HENNIKER - Michael Knapton, of Henniker, New Hampshire, incurred a severe motorcycle accident in Mesa, AZ on the early morning of March 8, 2023. Michael was born on April 2, 1989 to Deborah Flanders and David Knapton. Michael leaves behind his mother Deborah Flanders and her partner Ben Chartier and his daughter Bri and father David Knapton and his wife Deana. He also leaves behind his other mother Jessica Brown and his brothers Giovanni and Guissepe. He leaves behind his foster Brother JC Williamson from Nebraska. Mike was fortunate enough to have the most



amazing friend and roommate, Heidi Eisenburg and her five fur babies that Michael loved dearly. Michael's friends and family will be hosting a Gathering of Vibes in celebration for his life in his hometown of Henniker on April 22, 2023, Earth Day at 1:00 located at 652 Rush Road in Henniker NH. There will be a Motorcycle Run starting at 12:45 at Ayer and Goss on Old Concord Road in Henniker NH and riding to Mike's Gathering of Vibes at 652 Rush Road, Henniker NH. We welcome all who want to ride. We would like to invite all who shared in his life to come and celebrate him. In lieu of flowers, we are asking all donations to make in his name to go to Childhood Cancer Lifeline 603-654-1489, childhoodcancerlifeline.org

Richard

J. Willoughby, Sr

BRADFORD - Dick Willoughby, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on March 17, 2023. Born on July 19, 1938, in

Lancaster, NH, Richard was the son of Donald and Mary (Foy) Willoughby. He was blessed with nine grandchildren: Heather Tourgee, Michelle Tourgee, Andres Tourgee, Helen Willoughby, Jessica Willoughby, Stephanie Willoughby, Rebecca Cote (Aaron Cote), Jillian Willoughby, and Jack Willoughby. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Bradford, NH Rescue Squad at PO Box 203, Bradford, NH 03221 in Richard's memory.



James V. Dillon

HILLSBORO - James V. Dillon, 68, of Hillsboro, NH died Tuesday March 28, 2023 at Hospice House in Concord. He was born May 31, 1954 to the late Edward F. and Vivian G. (Nickerson) Dillon, also predeceased by a son Joshua J. Lewis and a brother Leslie Dillon. Survived by 1 daughter Sarah M. Dillon of Minnesota, 2

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brothers Ronald W. Nickerson of Minnesota, Stephen & his wife Emily Dillon of Hillsboro, NH, 1 sister Kathleen E. Webster of Hillsboro, NH, and a grandson Isaac Dillon. A Celebration of life will be held Sunday April 2, 2023 from 2-4 pm in the Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 32 School St., Hillsboro, NH.



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Carleton F. "Thumper" Auer

HENNIKER - Carleton F. "Thumper" F. Auer, better known as Thumper, passed away on March 24th at his home in Henniker. He is preceded in death by his mother, Beulah Soule Auer and his father, Frederick M. Auer.



Carleton was born in Burlington, VT on March 13, 1943. Carleton is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sally Bailey Auer; his children, Sarah Elizabeth Auer and her partner, Alexander Hudak of St. Albans, VT; William Frederick Auer and daughter in law, Molly Auer of Henniker, NH; Alice Yen of Boston, MA; Susan Yen of Somersworth, NH; and his grandchildren, Aiyana Auer, Theodore Dicientis, Adrian Rico and Silas Auer; as well as his sister Suzanne Walsh,

her husband Dr. Alexander Walsh of Killingworth, CT and their children, Dr. Jeanna Walsh and Lissa Walsh. Also all his nieces and nephews. Additionally, he is survived by Paska Yen and her daughters, who affectionately knew him as "Baba". A service will be held at the Congregational Church of Henniker on April 15th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow at the Henniker Community Center. Donations may be made in his name to the Henniker Rescue Squad 216 Maple St Hillsboro, NH 03244.

Jane Patricia (Harrington) Webber

HILLSBORO - Jane Patricia (Harrington) Webber, 98, died peacefully at her home in Hillsborough, NH on March 22, 2023. Formerly of Barrington NJ, Jane is survived by her children, Douglas Webber of MA, and Patricia Byrne and her husband Thomas of Hillsborough, as well as her granddaughters Lindsay Byrne of MA, and Jessica Byrne of DE. She

was predeceased by her husband William H. Webber. Born in New York City in 1925, Jane was the daughter of Gerald Fitzgerald and Rose (Burnham) Harrington. At Jane's request all services will be held privately, but those wishing to contribute to Jane's memory are encouraged to donate to Saint James School, 3217 Clearfield Street, Philadelphia, PA 19132.



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Events: Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY APRIL 1
VENDORS WANTED: May 13th Craft Fair, American Legion Auxiliary at the Hillsboro Legion, Tables \$25.00 prepaid. For more info or to reserve a table contact Katie Kemp: kempy@comcast.net or 603-680-4010.
RETIREMENT PARTY: For Andover Fire Chief Rene Lefebvre 1:00-4:00pm at East Andover Station.
MEETINGHOUSE: All Greenfield residents are invited to learn more about the design plans for the Meetinghouse renovation project, next 11:00am-1:00pm at the Meetinghouse. A light lunch will be provided by the FGCM. Please rsvp to Greenfieldmeetinghouse@gmail.com if you plan to attend so we can get an accurate count for sandwiches.
COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF: 9:00am-10:00am at the Sunapee Safety Services Building and will include a public swearing-in ceremony for Lieutenant Timothy Puchtler and Sergeant Nicholas Boisvert. There is always a lot to talk about, so bring your comments and questions.

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, 1pm or 6:30pm. Call to reserve a spot, 603-464-3595.
ANTRIM POST 50 MEETING: American Legion Post 50 will hold their monthly meeting at the Post home at 7 West Street at 7:30pm. All members, veterans and guests are welcome to attend.
THURSDAY APRIL 6
MAUNDY THURSDAY: Hillsboro United Methodist Church and Smith Church are offering a Maundy Thursday service at 7:00pm at Smith Church (30 West Main St, Hillsboro).
FRIDAY APRIL 7
GOOD FRIDAY: Good Friday service begins at 1:45pm in front of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church. We will carry a cross to Smith Church (30 West Main St,

Hillsboro) for a 2pm service focusing on the 7 Last Words of Christ.
KEN SHELDON: Author Kenneth M. Sheldon will read from his book, Deep Water - Murder, Scandal, and Intrigue in a New England Town, at 6:30pm at the Fuller Public Library in Hillsborough.
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: 9am-2pm, Warner Town Hall. Proceeds to benefit Pillsbury Free Library.
SUNDAY APRIL 9
EASTER: Community sunrise service at 6:00am at Intrepid Farm (Center Rd., Hillsboro-near Fox Forest). There will be a traditional worship service of celebration at Smith Church at 10:30am followed by an Easter egg hunt.
WEDNESDAY APRIL 12
WEARE HAS TALENT: A talent show featuring Weare Middle

School students and staff. 6:30pm, \$3 admission.
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 @ 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.
MONDAY APRIL 17-22
BOOK DONATIONS: will be accepted at Fuller Public Library during open hours. Please bring donations inside. We can not accept: dictionaries, encyclopedias, books in disrepair or have odors, or VHS tapes. Mark your calendar for our annual sale May 27.
TUESDAY APRIL 18
REBECCA RULE: The Center for the Arts Lake Sunapee Area is pleased to welcome back Rebecca Rule in its Tapestry Tuesday series 5:30-6:30 pm to be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Seating is limited. Reservations may be made at info@cfanh.org.
SATURDAY APRIL 22
SEEDY SATURDAY: in our series, When to Plant Outside, 10-11am at Fuller Public Library, Robin will guide you through the timeline for planting and answer any questions you might have.

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Zoning Board of Adjustment • Case No. 2023-03

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:7 that the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirements pertaining to a structure that was inadvertently built within the setbacks of the Village Residential Zone. The application is submitted by Phillip H. Mathewson of Mathewson Properties, LLC. for the property located at 17 & 19 Myrtle Street (Map 23 Lot 82)

The Public Hearing for this application will be presented to the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment Monday, April 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Office Meeting Room at 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire

Please contact Planning Director Robyn Payson at 603-464-7971 or e-mail robyn@hillsboroughnh.net with any questions regarding this application.

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Children must reside in Hillsboro, Deering or Windsor and be 5 yrs. old on or before 9/30/2023.

Register Online at <https://www.hdsd.org/Page/6116>. After registering your child, please sign up for a Kindergarten Screening time at <https://www.hdsd.org/Page/6116> to be held at Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School on June 14th and 15th

Kindergarten Parent Information Night will be on May 31st at 5:30pm

EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The Hillsboro Supervisors of the checklist will be in session **April 11, 2023**, from 6:00 – 6:30 PM for the purpose of adding to and making corrections to the checklist at the ELVD office, 147 W. Main St., Hillsborough, NH. If your primary domicile is in the ELVD district, and you are not registered, please bring a photo ID, proof of residency, and proof of citizenship. You may also change your party, your name, address, or drivers license number in order to correct records.

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The Hillsboro-Deering School District is accepting registration for anticipated preschool openings for the 2023-2024 school year. The program is available to children who will reach the age of 3 or 4 by September 30, 2023 and are a resident of Hillsboro, Deering, or Windsor.

Preschool registration will be available online at www.hdsd.org starting April 10, 2023. Preschool screenings are scheduled for mid-June. Preschool placement will be announced by the end of June and any additional openings will be filled using a waitlist process.

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