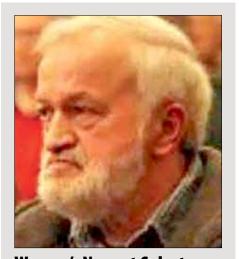


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Warner's Newest Selectman Allan Brown will fill the final seat on the

Warner Select Board, as the second, and final, interim member appointed. After interviewing seven candidates Harry Seidel and Faith Minton selected Brown to join them on the Board. From 1976 to 2010, Brown, 73, was the town's director of public works, and from 2014 to 2017 he served on Warner's Select Board. Both Minton and Brown will serve as interim members, with residents voting to fill their position at the Town Meeting in March.

This week in history

September 2, 1969 America's first ATM opens for business September 3, 1783 Treaty of Paris is signed September 4, 1886 Geronimo surrenders September 5, 1836

Sam Houston elected president of Texas September 6, 1966 Assassin kills South African architect of apartheid

September 7, 1813 United States nicknamed Uncle Sam September 8, 1965 Filipino Delano Grape Strike initiated



Members of the New London Fire Department recently assisted Captain Matthy with instructing the Colby-Sawyer College RAs on fire extinguishers and proper 911 notification in the event of a fire.

The Tradition Continues

Francestown hosts its 105th Labor Day Celebration on September 4th

Francestown's annual 105th Labor Day celebration is scheduled for September 4th. Hosted by the Francestown Improvement & Historical Society (FIHS), the day is filled with events and activities beginning with the Francestown Five Road Race. Registration is at the Old Meeting House and opens at 8 a.m. Start times for walkers is at 8:45 a.m., the traditional 5K at 9 a.m. and the Children's

Fun Run at 9:45 a.m.

Starting at 10 a.m. are plants, baked goods and white elephant (Horse Sheds) and rummage (Town Hall). Juried arts and crafts on the lawn in front of the town offices and on FIHS Park, and book sales will be open in the FIHS lodge on Main Street. The Beehive, Heritage Museums and Bixby Memorial Library will also open at 10 a.m.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., R.P. Hale will be performing on the harpsichord inside the Old Meeting House. At noon on the Town Common, Wildlife Encounters returns with their live animal show. At 3 p.m., following the parade, the Temple Band will play. The parade begins at the intersection of 2nd New Hampshire Turnpike and Route 136. This year's theme is "When I Grow Up"

Perpetrator of Bennington & Sunapee felonies recaptured

The New Hampshire Department of Corrections announced Sunday night that Andrew Parker was back in custody following his return to the North End House Transition-

al Housing Unit. Nearly 12 hours after

failing to return to his housing unit on time, he was taken into custody without incident. Parker has been taken to the New Hampshire State Prison for Men, where he faces administrative discipline and escape charges.

Parker's criminal history dates back to at least 2010, when he pleaded guilty to acts prohibited, prohibited sales, and receiving stolen property charges out of Bennington. About a decade later, in Sunapee, he was charged with six drug sales, transport, and manufacture counts, four controlled drug: acts prohibited, and a single count of penalty for an offense committed while on bail. He pleaded guilty in September 2022 to the six drug sales, transport, and manufacture charges.



New London Town Common decorated with "Flags For Forgotten Heroes"

The New London Fire Department had the privilege to attend The Honor Bear Project "Flags for Forgotten Heroes" on the New London Town Common. A total of 660 American Flags were installed in the center of the display to represent the number of Veterans lost to suicide each month. One large American Flag was placed for the 40+ Active Duty, National Guard, and Reservists lost every month.

And flanking the left side of the display, 5 American Flags were placed to represent the 120+ First Responders lost monthly to suicide.

These flags will be on display for the next month on the Town Common, and all are encouraged to stop by. If you or someone you know is struggling, there are countless resources available such as the National Suicide Prevention Hotline (Dial or text 988) and the Veterans Crisis Line.



Connor Heath has been a member of NLFD for two years and recently became selected to be the Live-In Student while he completes both Fire Science and Fire Protection degrees. The Live-In program allows students studying at Lakes Region Community College the opportunity to gain real world skills pertaining to their area of study in the Fire Service. These skills range from everyday station operations such as "house chores" to responding to the variety of calls NLFD covers daily.



New London flags on the Town Common.



Hillsborough branch of Bank of New Hampshire to be closed for renovations

Bank of New Hampshire has plans for updating its office located at 325 West Main Street in Hillsborough. Once complete, the office will create a more comfortable workspace for our employees and provide an efficient layout that will allow us to better serve our customers.

The planned renovations are extensive and will require the temporary closure of this location for a period of one week. Between Thursday, September 7th and Wednesday, September 13th, customers of the Hillsborough office are asked to transact business at an alternate location. While you are welcome to bank at any of BNH's remaining 20 locations, the closest office is our Antrim office located 77 Main Street in Antrim, NH.

During this temporary closure, deposits placed in the night depository after 8:00 a.m.

Students at HDES started

school on Monday. They learned new routines and got to know each other. Jamie and Aaron work on a getting to know you

activity.

will be credited the next business day. The drive-up lanes and ATM will reopen on Thursday, September 14th and will remain accessible through Saturday, December 30th. Please note that the lobby will remain closed during this time. Should you need to access your safe deposit box during renovations, please give us a call at 603.464.5444 or visit bnh.bank to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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September 2, 2022

Dispute between Weare neighbors returns to Superior Court Thieves use a blowtorch at Dunbarton's Page's Country Store Justin Hyland named ConVal's first school Resource Officer Hillsborough's "Long Term Projects" continue to languish

September 3, 2021

Deering told "Cease & Desist" Weare delays Neal Kurt's confirmation Goffstown man arrested for shooting girlfriend Newbury turns out for Fire Station dedication

September 4, 2020

Fall Foliage Festival goes virtual Decomposed body found in Henniker river Geese becoming a nuisance at Norway Pond Goffstown firefighter died at Fire Academy

September 6, 2019

Antrim man indicted for child pornography Hopkinton schools limiting cell phone use Warner Men's Club forum on school funding Rebirth of Friends of Tucker Free Library

September 7, 2018

Tilton officer's credibility challenged Two Hillsborough men arrested for felony Hancock woman given 2-year sentence Goffstown couple arrested at burglary

September 8, 2017

Confederate flag to remain at Epsom School New Boston Fire Dept inducts Hailey Gelinas Nevada man donates Francestown store Franklin Opera House features new curtain

September 2, 2016

New Boston First Responders save 2 lives Price of H-D Alternative School \$973,500 Entire Tilton Zoning Board resigns What kind of person steals flamingos?

September 4, 2015

Goffstown penalty for unregistered dogs Bow School Board meets with Selectmen Franklin Savings Bank hosts credit forum Second former Chief's assistants suing Weare

September 5, 2014

Newport shooting victim in critical condition Dunbarton man sentenced to 1-3 years Warner hosted the crew of the USS Kearsarge Sunapee Historical wants Library preserved

September 6, 2013

Fellow bikers host Mock-Lindh benefit 2nd Contoocook worker develops Hepatitis A Labor Day weekend in Francestown Fund Drive launched for Newport Pantry

Hopkinton dealing with dual problem of waste and sludge accumulation

Bonnie Christie, the chair of Hopkinton's Waste Reduction Committee, expressed disappointment with the committee's efforts. Christie said she was frustrated with the lack of tangible results, emphasizing the collective responsibility. "We can offer the messaging and education but we need some sort of green light for what direction you're going in."

The Waste Reduction Committee is currently exploring various strategies to implement composting practices to save the town money by diverting waste away from landfills. Christie recommended on-site composting at the town's transfer station, however Select board members expressed their reservations.

The next steps for the Waste Reduction Committee involve formulating a comprehensive plan that addresses staffing, equipment needs, and the space required at the transfer station. Meanwhile, the town is dealing with sludge accumulation in the septic lagoons at Hopkinton's transfer station. It has been identified as containing "forever" chemicals, and the town is working on a plan to resolve the issue.

The movement comes after the Department of Envi-

ronmental Services issued a notice after a site visit in 2021, urging the town to take action to clean up the "forever" chemicals found at the facility.

According to Town Administrator Neal Cass, "It has been determined, that there is PFAS present in the sludge so we decided to close those lagoons and begin the cleanup process." Since the notice was issued, the once-active lagoons have stopped accepting septic waste and town officials are now working with the Concord-based engineering firm NOBIS to develop a cleanup plan, expected to be ready by early September.





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Goffstown investigates shot through window

Police are investigating after a home in Goffstown was hit by gunfire early Monday morning.

Homeowner Ray Goulet said he was inside his home on Moreau Street just off Mast Road when he heard someone load a gun and fire it into his home.

"The dog noticed somebody was out here," Goulet said. "You could count to five from after the dog stopped barking, and I heard, 'Boom!' I heard the shot, and I'm like, 'What in the world was that?" Goulet said the bullet hit the back windshield of his car and traveled through the vehicle and out the front windshield before hitting a sliding glass door, shattering it and sending glass all over the driveway. No one was hurt.

Goffstown Police said the shooting happened between 2:45 and 3:00 a.m. Monday.

With no description of a possible suspect, investigators are turning to the public for help, asking neighbors to check surveillance cameras.

Antrim reviews town buildings Stewardship Plan

The Antrim Select Board began a review of the Stewardship Plan for Town buildings, noting that priorities within the report are subject to contractor availability and cost.

The Board agreed that life safety issues are priorities and that using an envelope of structures focus, i.e., repairing a roof to avoid repairing water damage to walls, will guide funding for repairs and maintenance.

The roof of town hall topped a list of repairs and maintenance along with window replacement in the future.

The Aiken Street building housing

the Grapevine required windows and repairs to exterior walls, some basement framing and the installation of a vapor barrier for the dirt floor.

The Board also discussed the Library, noting that the second story windows needed replacement that will help with energy efficiency, an updated fire alarm panel, work on the roof, doors, and electrical work. The highway garage and police station were also discussed. While the addition to the highway garage is complete the older part of the building was discussed, along with the repairs to the Police building's HVAC system.

National Guard officer from Weare to be court-martialed

A New Hampshire National Guard lieutenant colonel, from Weare, is scheduled to be court-martialed next year after he was charged with assault and sexual harassment.

Mark Patterson of Weare has not been arraigned but is scheduled to be court-martialed on Jan. 22, after a National Guard investigation uncovered multiple alleged offenses: assault consummated by a battery; sexual harassment; maltreatment of subordinates; conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentlemen; and violating general orders.

Patterson was reassigned to staff officer once the investigation began. Before that reassignment, in October, Patterson and 164 guard members under his command were honored by family and friends at Guard headquarters in Concord.

He was the commander

of the 941st Military Police Battalion and was preparing to deploy to the United States' southeastern border with Mexico. A departure date was not disclosed at the time.

The soldiers under Patterson's command were to monitor the border areas, adding extra sets of eyes to help officials do their jobs more efficiently. They were not permitted to engage with anyone suspected of crossing the border illegally. Patterson's lawyer, Joseph Jordan, said it would be a mistake to rush to judgment.

"Not everything is as it appears," Jordan said, according to the AP. "There are individuals on the charge sheet who are not telling the complete truth about the nature of their relationship with our client. We continue to work towards the best resolution possible under the circumstances."



Lieutenant Colonel Mark Patterson (R).

Patterson is married and has children. He served six years in the Navy. He joined the Guard shortly after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and has made it his life work for more than 20 years. He became a full-time Guardsman in 2004.

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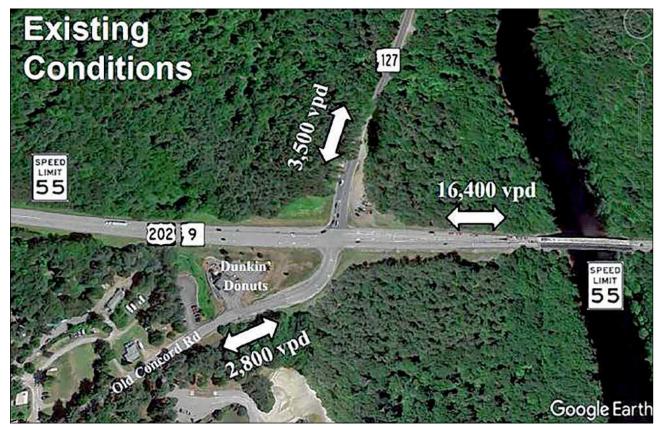
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A current view of the intersection.

NH DOT studying options for "Death Alley" intersection

Roundabout, stoplight or separating roads? Those are possibilities being considered. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation hosted a Community forum at the Hopkinton Town Hall to discuss options to the high-traffic area at the intersection of Routes 202/9 and Route 127/ Old Concord Road.

The state has labeled the junction as an "intersection of concern" for 13 years. Locals refer to it as "Death Alley." More than 16,000 vehicles a day travel through it on Route 202. The intersection stands out because of traffic turning in and out of the

On July 10th, the Town of

travel, housing and communica-

tion throughout the region. The

Emergency Management Direc-

tor, Stoddard Fire and Rescue,

School Board are gathering to discuss what worked, what didn't

Selectmen, in conjunction with the

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work and how they can improve for

Stoddard experienced major

busy Dunkin Donuts store. It averaged about two accidents a year for a decade, more than a third of them involving injury.

Currently officials are considering three options: 1. Installing a traffic light, 2. Constructing a roundabout, and 3. Constructing grade separations with an underpass.

"We're probably leaning toward a roundabout at this time due to funding ... but no decision has been made," said Michael Mozer, chief of design services for the state DOT.

If a light is installed it would be the first traffic light on Route 202/9 between Hopkinton and

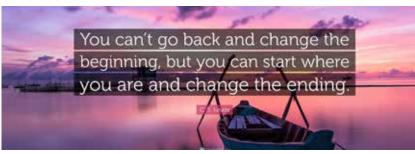
Keene, with an estimated cost of \$1.8 million. Cost estimates for the other options are \$2.5 million for a roundabout, and \$20 million or more to create a "grade separation" that would divert turning traffic away from vehicles passing through.

That last seems unlikely, due to cost, as the current budget for the project is \$1.6 million. Once a decision has been made, perhaps following at least one more public meeting, construction is set to start in 2025. A signal could be installed in one season but a roundabout would probably not be ready until 2026.

Special Stoddard meeting to discuss Emergency Response

the next emergency. The public is invited to attend rainfall and flooding that impacted this meeting on September 18,

which will serve as a special meeting for the Board of Selectmen and potentially the School Board as well.



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The More Things Change - The More They Stay The Same

I don't want to accuse the state of dragging their feet, but, Thursday evening I attended a Public Forum in Hopkinton hosted by the NH Department of Transportation to discuss alternatives designed to make the "Death Alley" intersection on Routes 202/9 and Route 127/Old Concord Road safer. (See pages 8-9.)

At the conclusion I mentioned that I had also attended a similar forum in

March of 2021, saying the information relayed that night was exactly the same as given in 2021. I specifically asked, "What have you accomplished in the interim?" Their answer was unconvincing.

Below is a reprint of my report of the 2021 Forum. See if you can find any progress. Please note Tia Hooper's comment that the 2021 information was the same that was given a year before that.

From page 11 of the April 2, 2021 Messenger NH Department of Transportation exploring "Death Alley" improvements

A team from the NH Department of Transportation conducted a Zoom forum on plans to improve the intersection of Routes 202/9 and 127 on Thursday evening. Team leader Heidi Lemay explained that the project is in the Engineering & Analysis Stage of developing alternatives for public input. She explained that the area, also known as "Death Alley" has witnessed 126 crashes since 2009, including several fatalities. The roadway, a 55 mph zone, hosted 16,400 vehicles/day last year, many traveling at 65 mph. Traffic is expected to increase to 2,100 vehicles/ day by 2045.

The team is exploring four alternatives: 1. No Build: The lowest cost option but does nothing to improve the situation. 2. Turn Signals: A low-moderate cost, but does little to reduce crashes. 3. A Roundabout: Carries a low-moderate cost and allows 30% more traffic, which is slowed but not stopped. It reduces all crashes and significantly reduces fatal and serious injuries crashes. 4. An Overpass: Allows constant traffic flow without backups or stopping, greatly reduces crashes, but requires much more land, a 10x greater cost and a much longer construction time. The current project timetable calls for: 2022: Preliminary Design. 2023-2024: Final design. 2025: Construction. The project is currently budgeted at \$1.6 million but could increase to \$16 to \$20 million if the Overpass Option is chosen.

Henniker Select Board Vice-Chair Tia Hooper reminded the team that this was the same presentation they gave a year ago in Hopkinton, where officials from both towns insisted on the overpass as the best alternative.

Several officials from Henniker and Hopkinton agreed with Clark Kidder of Hopkinton stressing that Rt. 202/9 is a major East/West highway, which deserves no less that an overpass, with grade separated turn lanes.

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Thomas Smith New London Elementary Teacher



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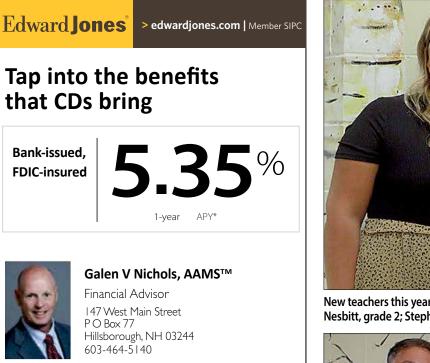
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New teachers this year at Center Woods Elementary School in Weare. I-r: Brittany McElveen, long term kindergarten substitute; Katie Nesbitt, grade 2; Steph Klements, grade 2; Kristi Marshall, grade 1. Missing from picture is Jordan Reardon, special education.



New teachers at Henniker Community School this year. I-r, back row: PJ Powers, special education; Monica Saunders, pre-k special education; Robin Mose, school nurse; Ethan Tyrrel-Walker, special education. Front row: Abby Blais, science; Sylvia Osieck, reading specialist; Erin OHora-Walsh, special education.



New teachers at James Faulkner Elementary School in Stoddard this year I-r: Grace Mauer, grade 3/4; Joe Vivilecchia, unified arts (art, library, wellness).



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New teachers at John Stark Regional High School this year I-r: back row: Megan Rowe, social studies; Alyx Buckner, science; Molly Guay, school nurse; Emily Gatehouse, Spanish; Aaron Thompson, special education; Greg Pickett, math. Front row: Callie Gibbs, English; Elizabeth England, science; Rebecca Sherman, social studies; Stacy Fuller, special education.



Washington's new Library Director, Donna Stone.

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commonly prescribed antibiotic. Your dentist — and other health care providers — have other antibiotics at their disposal.

It's important to let your dentist know of a penicillin allergy because if you are allergic to one substance, you may also be — or become — allergic to others. Anesthetics, for example, have on rare occasion caused an allergic reaction in a dental patient as can the acrylics used in dentures, bridges and crowns.

Another relatively common allergy is to latex, a white, milky fluid harvested from trees and used in making rubber. Latex is present in the gloves sometimes used by your dentist and hygienist. However, gloves made from other materials are available. Generally, an allergy will produce only a mild reaction, like itching, tingling or dry skin, and hives. But in rare cases, they can produce a severe reaction. So be sure to talk with your dentist about your history of allergies.

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are also common side effects of antibiotic use. Previous studies demonstrated that taking probiotics can reduce gastrointestinal side effects from antibiotics, but there has been debate over whether taking probiotics alongside antibiotics can also preserve the diversity and composition of microbes in the gut. A paper published recently in the Journal of *Medical Microbiology* reveals the first systematic review to assess the effect of taking probiotics alongside antibiotics on the diversity and composition of the human gut microbiome. The authors found that taking probiotics alongside antibiotics can prevent or lessen some antibiotic-induced changes to gut microbiome composition. Probiotics can also help protect species diversity and even restore the populations of some friendly bacteria such as Faecalibacterium prausnitzii, which reduces inflammation and promotes a healthy intestinal barrier.

In a systematic review and meta-analysis, published in *JAMA Pediatrics*, COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy was not associated with increased risks of peripartum adverse outcomes, including preterm birth, small size for gestational age, cesarean delivery, and postpartum hemorrhage. COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy was associated with lower risks of neonatal intensive care unit admission, intrauterine fetal death, and maternal SARS-CoV-2 infection. Therefore, the researchers concluded COVID-19 vaccination should be encouraged for pregnant individuals.

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Crotched Mountain partners with NH communities serving children

Crotched Mountain Foundation's partnership initiative that supports New Hampshire communities serving children with disabilities from disadvantaged circumstances has unveiled a new round of three-year investments, totaling \$1,000,000.

CMF Kids announces four new school partners: Nashua, Manchester, Warren, and Newport. The four school investments are as follows:

Nashua: Bringing special education professional development programs that focus on evidenced-based, trauma-informed care. Elementary school teachers and paraprofessionals throughout the Nashua district will use this to help reduce challenging student behaviors.

Manchester: Providing adaptive outdoor playground equipment, professional development, and indoor educational games to improve and increase the physical movement options for students with disabilities.

Warren: Warren French Pond School will have an infrastructure expansion to serve more Special Education students, adding a classroom, two bathrooms, an accessible entrance, as well as specialized staff training in autism and other complex disabilities.

Newport: An exciting special education consultation to help the Newport district examine opportunities for an alternative learning program that would serve students with disabilities.

In addition, CMF Kids is partnering with a variety of community programs that offer services such as: music therapy, accessible recreation and sports, adaptive aquatics, and more. These awards are designed to help children with disabilities access extracurricular activities necessary for learning.

ConVal begins study of possibly reconfiguring its 11 schools

The ConVal Strategic Organization Committee has hired Prismatic as project manager to study on the district's current 11 facilities - eight elementary schools, two middle schools and ConVal Regional High School – and for recommendations on reconfiguring strategies to the committee amid declining enrollment.

Committee Chairman Alan Edelkind stressed that "there is no plan in place to eliminate anything" regarding laying off teachers or closing schools.

Prismatic will be conducting research on the priorities of the towns in the ConVal district through community meetings and surveys, with online options for participation. Prismatic took special interest in ConVal due to the requirement that any proposed change to the number of elementary schools would require a two-thirds public vote to amend the district's Articles of Agreement. The ConVal district has seen one year of student body growth in the past 17, which has led Prismatic to an early assumption of non-growth. Edelkind went on to say that perception could be problematic, because the figures relating to student body growth do not reflect home-schooling.

Hancock Elementary School reportedly hired a kindergarten teacher recently to mitigate a rise in student enrollment.

Francestown Elementary School had the second-fewest students in the ConVal district in the 2022-2023 school year, with 45. Temple Elementary School reported 33 enrolled students.

Peterborough Elementary School had the most students among the elementary schools, with 232, followed by Antrim Elementary School with 130. Overall, the district had 1,999 students.

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Antrim Grange receives LCIP Plaque - schedules fundraiser

A site review committee recently met with the Antrim Grange Hall Rehabilitation Project team members as part of the grant application process of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. During the visit, George Born, Historic Resource Specialist for LCHIP admired the new roof which was completed in the spring thanks in part to a matching grant from LCHIP and the work of Tony's Roofing. He and other committee members who were part of the site review done in 2021 for the Grange's first grant application marveled at the progress that has been made on the total project since then. Especially appreciated by the visitors is the retaining wall being constructed by Andras Lazar and Peter Ryder, Level II Intermediate professional wallers with The Stone Trust. At the conclusion of the meeting, Born presented an LCHIP plaque to Lazar and Grange representative, Beth Merrill,

which will be mounted on the Grange Hall designating it as an LCHIP grant recipient. The 2023 LCHIP grant awards will be announced in early November.

In the meantime, as part of the ongoing fundraising efforts, Antrim Grange will sponsor its annual Penny Sale this Saturday, September 2nd on the lawn of the First Presbyterian Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A large and varied offering of prizes is up for grabs to the lucky ticket holder of each "auction" item. A sheet of 25 tickets costs \$3 or you can get 2 sheets for \$5. Participants do not have to be present to win and will be contacted to make pick-up arrangements if their number(s) is drawn. Prizes consist of new or gently used household and gift items, toys, locally made products, and a variety of gift certificates to local businesses. The proceeds of this fundraiser go to the Antrim Grange Hall Rehabilitation Project.

Peterborough Police & K-9 Queso apprehend three from Connecticut

On August 23rd, Peterborough Police were requested to be on the lookout for a gray SUV with a New Jersey license plate. The suspect vehicle had reportedly just left Jaffrey after two individuals attempted to exchange fraudulent currency at a Jaffrey business.

Master Patrolman Byam and Master Patrolman Sweeney located the suspect vehicle on Jaffrey Road at the Route 101 lights, at which point the suspect vehicle immediately sped off, traveling westbound.

While attempting to catch up to the vehicle, the suspect vehicle was involved in a three-car motor vehicle collision at Route 101 and Union Street.

Reports from eyewitnesses indicated that multiple suspects from the suspect vehicle fled into the woods on foot, with one subject remaining at the scene. Three ambulances responded, and the driver of the suspect vehicle was transported to the hospital for evaluation of an existing leg injury.

Once the accident scene was secured, a K-9 track was

deployed by Mpl. Sweeney and K-9 Queso with the assistance of Greenfield and Jaffrey officers. The K-9 track led officers to the area of Rockbrook Apartments at 475 Union Street where the scent was lost. Several officers remained in the area on foot and roving patrol.

Around 7:40 p.m., Police received a phone call from a resident of the Rockbrook Apartments indicating that the two subjects were inside her apartment. Once officers arrived on scene, multiple verbal commands for anyone inside the apartment to exit were given. After no one exited, officers entered the apartment along with K-9 Queso, at which time the two suspects were located inside a closet in the apartment. Both suspects were taken into custody without incident.

Dereck Calva Castillo, 18, of New Haven, Connecticut, Richard Williams, 26, of Bridgeport, Connecticut and Alannah Suarez, 20, of Meriden, Connecticut were transported to the Valley Street Jail to await arraignment on various charges.



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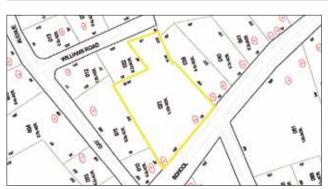








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HILLSBORO: Land for Sale in downtown Hillsboro, 1.15 acres with two town water and sewer hook ups. Walking distance to schools, library, post office, churches. \$125,000



🌠 Crime Watch

Hillsborough man arrested for possession of drugs



Cody Dickinson turned himself in to the police department on an active warrant stemming from an incident in January. The defendant was processed and released with a future court date. Charges (2

counts) Possession of Controlled Substance. Hillsborough man

breaches bail conditions

Derrel Turner was stopped after being observed traveling 68 mph in a posted 35 mph zone on Henniker Street. The defendant was arrested and also found to have consumed alcohol, which he was prohibited from consuming as a result of his bail conditions from a previous arrest. He was bailed and released with a future court date. Charges Reckless Operation Breach of Bail.

Sunapee man arrested again

Chief E. Neill Cobb and Lieutenant Timothy Puchtler received a report of criminal threatening with a knife at a residence on Riverside Drive and that the suspect had left the scene in a vehicle. Chief Cobb and Lt. Puchtler responded to the scene along with Officer Joseph Merullo. While speaking to the victim and witnesses, the suspect returned to the scene. Subsequently, Dominic Johnson of Sunapee, NH was placed under arrest for Domestic Violence Criminal Threatening, which is a Class B Felony. He was transported to the Sunapee Police Department for booking and processing per department policy, and then transported to the Sullivan County House of Corrections to be held pending an appearance at the Sullivan County Superior Court in Newport.

Newport man jailed on active warrant

Sergeant Nicholas Boisvert was patrolling on Route 103B when he observed a vehicle operating without an inspection sticker. Sqt. Boisvert turned around and followed the vehicle before stopping it on Schoolhouse Lane. Upon speaking with the operator, identified as Steven Labrie, of Newport, Sgt. Boisvert learned that he had an active no bail warrant out of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office for Theft, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Felon in Possession of a Deadly Weapon. Officer Jeremy Soulia responded to assist. Labrie was subsequently placed under arrest, then transported to the Sunapee Police Department for booking and processing. He was then transported to the Sullivan County

House of Corrections to be held pending a court date.

Hillsborough man facing multiple charges



Officers responded to a residence on Preston Street for a reported domestic disturbance where a firearm had been pointed at someone. Officers determined the defendant had assault-

ed his spouse and another resident of the home. Officers also determined the defendant threatened the victim while pointing a firearm at him. Gerard Flynn was arrested and transported to the Hillsborough County House of Corrections pending arraignment. Charges DV; Criminal Threatening w/ Deadly Weapon Criminal Threatening w/ Firearm Reckless Conduct - Deadly Weapon Felonious Use of Firearm DV; Simple Assault Breach of Bail.

Newport woman arrested on two felonies

Patricia White, 48, of Belknap Avenue in Newport on two felony controlled drug act; acts prohibited, crack cocaine and methamphetamine, charges, in Newport.

Hillsborough man arrested on bench warrant

While making contact with David Smith for a separate matter, it was discovered he had an active electronic bench warrant. He was subsequently arrested, processed, and released with a future court date. Charges Active Bench Warrant.

Franklin man charged with burglary

Jordan Vachon, 30, of Franklin was arrested on a felony burglary charge. He was accused of entering Chinburg Builders, Canal Street in Franklin.

Franklin woman charged with felony theft

Michelle P. Bushman-Desmarais, 52, of Franklin was arrested for felony theft by deception charge. She was accused of receiving \$1,350 via a fraudulently obtained check and depositing the check in Franklin.

Franklin woman indicted for felony possession

Rose Watterson, 51, of Franklin, incarcerated at the time of the indictment, for felony possession of a narcotic drug-fentanyl with intent to distribute in Franklin. Previously, according to the indictment, she was convicted of dealing narcotics in Merrimack County Superior Court in March 2009.

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Henniker Area Rotary President Peter Flynn presents the Club's Henniker Community School "Service Above Self Award" to Kaeden Vanessa (left photo), while Committee Chair Joyce Bosse presents the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School award to Juliann Labier (right photo).

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John D. Eaton

WEARE - John D. Eaton, a loving father, grandfather, brother, and son, sadly passed away on August 20, 2023, at



52. John was born January 18, 1971 in Concord, NH. John is survived by his son, John Eaton Jr., and his partner, Celeste Howe; grandson, Wilder Eaton; parents, Daniel and Carol Eaton; siblings, Wes Eaton and his wife, Britt, and Sandy Eaton; and nieces and nephews. Family and friends are welcome to attend a celebration of

life, which will be held at The American Legion Post 65, 12 N. Stark Hwy, Weare, NH, on September 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Paul Whitcomb

WARNER - Paul Whitcomb, "Whit", 93, died August 21, 2023 at Granite VNA Hospice House in Concord. He was



born November 13, 1929, and leaves behind his wife of 72 years, Patricia (Allen) Whitcomb of Warner, NH. He was the son of Harry Whitcomb and Etta (Knowles) Whitcomb of Concord. He is survived by his wife, Pat; his daughters, Joanne F. Miller and husband, Scott of Webster, Jane Kelly and husband, Bob of New

Boston; and sons, Paul Scott Whitcomb and wife, Tammy of Deering and Jonathan Whitcomb and wife, Sylvie from Lee. He leaves 9 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. A church service honoring his life and celebrating all the gifts he left us with will be held at 11:00 a.m. October 21st at the First Congregational Church of Webster, 1013 Long Street in Webster, followed by a reception at the Webster Town Hall at 945 Battle Street. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Congregational Church of Webster, 1011 Long St., Webster, NH 03303, or to the Granite VNA Hospice House in Concord.

Mary Ann Stickney

WARNER - Mary Ann Hart Stickney died at home on 8/22/23 at the age of 77. Mary Ann was born on 9/10/45 in



Lebanon, NH to Frederick and Helen LaCoss Hart. Mary Ann is predeceased by her parents, Frederick and Helen LaCoss Hart of Etna, NH and brother, Greg Hart of Athens, AL. Surviving family members include her husband, Jerry Stickney; younger brother, William Hart and his wife, Laurie Hart of Belmont, NH;

son, Mike Stickney and his wife, Lindsay Stickney and their daughters, Lily and Lucy of Sutton, NH; daughter, Lisa Guertin, her husband, Peter Guertin and their daughter, Alexa of Hooksett NH; sister-in-law, Ruth Hart Torres of Athens, AL; along with several nieces and cousins. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Jeanette Reardon

NEW BOSTON - Jeanette Reardon, 87, of New Boston, NH and Barefoot Bay, Florida passed away peacefully on August 14, surrounded by loving family members. She was



born in Jamestown, Rhode Island, to Arthur and Deborah McCloud, the youngest of three daughters. Her family members include her husband, Edward Reardon; sons, Michael and Susan Reardon of Clayton, NC, David Reardon of Gilford, NH, Kevin and Kathleen Reardon of New Boston, NH, Dan and Melissa Rear-

don of New Boston, NH; grandsons, Conor and Brennan; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, F. Robert Bartelson; her sisters, Natalie Brenne and Barbara Smith. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Aphasia Association.

Rebecca Hope Hammer

WASHINGTON - Rebecca Hope Hammer, 51, of Washington, NH, died on August 9, 2023, at her home follow-



ing a struggle with chronic illness. Rebecca was born on April 20, 1972, in Concord, NH, to the late Jerry Wayne Beaupre and the late Laurel Ann (Hammer) Laton. Rebecca is survived by her husband, Gardner Murphy of Washington, NH; brothers, Ben A. Morse and Forrest A. Morse; and sister, Sarah Concia.

A GoFundMe has been established and a celebration of life will be held to honor Rebecca's memory. The family will notify loved ones and details will be made available on her Facebook page when it is scheduled.

Andrew Carl Temple

HILLSBORO - Andrew Carl Temple, 71, of Hillsboro, NH, passed away Monday August 21, 2023 at his home



surrounded by his loving family at his side. He was born August 6, 1952 in Worcester, MA to the late Curtis W. & Dorothy M. (LaBrie) Temple. Survived by his wife of 51 years, Janet Lea (Ryley) Temple of Hillsboro, NH; son, Leonard C. Temple of Hillsboro, NH; two daughters, Sabrina L. Burtwell of Warner, NH and Mellisa

L. Temple of Hillsboro, NH; sister, Deloris Jarvis of NH; and 5 grandchildren. There will be no services.



Manual Street Formulation Form

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1

LINEC: the opening day for seniors and others to register for October lifelong learning classes offered through the Learning Institute of New England College. In-person and Zoom classes will be offered from October 2 through November 10. See www.linec.org for a course list. **GALLERY STROLL:** 5:00-7:00pm, First Fridays! Meet the Artists and Gallery Stroll. Opening Receptions for new exhibits at The New London Inn and the New London Barn Fleming Center Gallery, Mimi Wiggin at Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Candita Clayton Gallery, and Tatewell Gallery, in New London. Plus Reiko Seymour at Blue Loon Bakery Sunday 12:00-1:00pm. Look for the Balloons. "Eat, Sip, Stroll, and Enjoy the Art!" All exhibits open during regular business hours too. www.centerfortheartsnh.org/ first-fridays.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: held at the Deering Community Church from 9:00am-2:00pm. Everyone is welcome to participate. There will be something for everyone. We will have a food vendor on site serving breakfast goods and lunch items as well as assorted snacks. Vendors, please bring your own table, chair, and tent as desired. The cost is \$20 per vendor and registration is held when you arrive or in advance. All proceeds benefit the Greater Hillsborough Senior Citizens and the Deering Community Church. Questions? Please email us at GHSS@ghsservices.org.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5

ANTRIM MEETING: 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. **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY:** from 12:00-2:00pm (while supplies last). American Legion parking lot 538 W. Main St. Hillsboro. The NH Food Bank will bring truckloads of food to distribute to families and individuals. No proof of income or residence is needed. This is a drive thru event. All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5 & 7

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: returns at Fuller Public Library for the school year, 10:00am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Due to the popularity of the program you choose one day per week, email laura@fullerlibrary.info or call 603-464-3595 to register weekly. By registering it helps Ms. Laura know how many to expect, which helps her plan her crafts accordingly.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6

PRAYER COURSE: Wednesday Nights, starting at 6:00pm with a potluck meal, St. Mary Parish will be offering The Prayer Course, introducing participants to Adoration, Intercession, spiritual warfare and other tools to draw closer to God. Registrations can be done by emailing parish.office@tds.net, or by calling 603-428-3325.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7

H-D OPEN HOUSE: Please join us for The Hillsboro-Deering Campus Wide Open House. Hillsboro-Deering Middle and High School 5:00-6:30pm, Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School 5:30-7:00pm.

ENERGY GEOPOLITICS: GREAT DECISIONS is a series of

informal conversations about foreign policy from 6:30pm -8:00pm on the second floor of the Tuttle Library. Participants may order the Great Decisions manual from the Foreign Policy Association (1-800-477-5836 or aahmed@ fpa.org). The manual contains short articles which set each meeting's topic. There will be three Great Decisions manuals on reserve for those who prefer a free edition.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9

ATV POKER RUN: Firemen's Recreation and Training Grounds, Contoocook Falls Rd, Hillsboro, 12:00-3:00pm. Participants will stir up the dust (or mud) on local trails and will visit checkpoints to build their poker hands to win prizes. Hillsboro Fire Dept will have BBQ items for sale. Tickets: hccnh.org/atv

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE: Newbury's first 9:00am -2:00pm at the Town Office. Only Newbury residents may sell. Detail at t newburynh.myrec.com

GUARD LUNCHEON: The New Hampshire Army National Guard Annual Retiree Day Luncheon date has been set for Thursday, September 21, 2023. This year's luncheon will be at the Joint Force Headquarters building on the State Military Reservation in Concord and will feature a briefing on the current status of the NHARNG as well as exhibits and displays of interest to retirees. A group photo is also planned. The luncheon fee is \$5.00 at the door. If you are an NHARNG retiree and plan to attend the luncheon you should RSVP no later than September 15. 14th Annual NHARNG Retiree Luncheon (afit.edu).

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11

9/11 MEMORIAL: at 8:40am - 9/11 memorial ceremony in Deering across from the town hall.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12

GIRL SCOUTS: Come explore Girl Scouts, 6:00-7:00pm at Stark Hall, Congregational Church, 8 Church St., Goffstown. You can also join anytime online at girlscoutsgwm.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14

OUT AND ABOUT PROGRAM: for parents and children beginning in September, gathering on Thursdays for local hikes and visiting fun places. Three, 10-week sessions beginning on September 14. Call or email us to register. HARVEST FESTIVAL: Grimes Field, Hillsboro, 9:00am-2:00pm. Vendors, games, food, and family fun, rain or shine. Free admission. hccnh.org/harvest-festival WAR CRIMES: GREAT DECISIONS is a series of informal conversations about foreign policy from 6:30pm-8:00pm on the second floor of the Tuttle Library. Participants may order the Great Decisions manual from the Foreign Policy Association (1-800-477-5836 or aahmed@fpa.org). The manual contains short articles which set each meeting's topic. There will also be three Great Decisions manuals on reserve for those who prefer a free edition.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16

YARD SALE: 9:00am-12:00pm. The Elkins Fish & Game Club members are holding a yard sale at the Wilmot baseball field at the corner of Andover Road and Pine Hill Road. Outdoor items (fishing gear, holsters, reloading items, target stands, gun cases, books, etc.) and everyday items (tools, furniture, automotive items, housewares, etc.)



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The 49th Annual Apple Pie Crafts Fair on Saturday, August 26 in Newport attracted an estimated 5,000 people to the Newport Town Common to enjoy over 120 booths of handmade crafts, live music, food vendors, and lots and lots of pie. This year's winners were: 1st Prize - Sarah Bocko of Newport; 2nd Prize - Ashley Whitehead of Newport; 3rd Prize - Carol Dodge of Newport.





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Town of Hillsborough NH LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Zoning Board of Adjustment • Case No. 2023-05

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:7 that the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on 2 Variance requests.

Variance 1: For a dwelling of more than four families which is not secondary to a commercial use.

Variance 2: For single family use not secondary to a commercial use.

The application is submitted by Chad Brandon c/o Jack Franks, Avanru Development Group Ltd. on behalf of property owners Terry and Adele Thomas on Harvey Way, (Map 110 Lot 152).

The Public Hearing for this application will be presented to the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment Monday, September 11, 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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2. <u>Highway Department Laborer/Truck Driver/Equipment</u> **Operator** – Full time

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