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Building A Tower of Trash 8th graders Marisah Nichols, Sophia Houde and Blake Maxwell at Weare Middle School participated in a Tower Challenge. The task? Build the tallest tower out of a random container of supplies. The tallest tower reached 192 CM.

This week in history

October 14, 1947 Chuck Yeager breaks the sound barrier October 15, 1965 First draft card is burned October 16, 1959

Abolitionist John Brown raids Harpers Ferry

October 17, 1814

London Beer Flood kills women and children

October 18, 1867

United States takes possession of Alaska

October 19, 1812

Napoleon Bonaparte retreats from Moscow

October 20, 1962

Kennedy press secretary misleads the press



The Washington Fire & Rescue Department held a surprise celebration for Jimmy Allan (with axe), who was honored for 50 years in the fire service. Most of that time was spent in the Fairfield, CT Fire Department. Family, friends, and two of his former chiefs were present. Jimmy has been a member of the Washington Department for two years and has dedicated his "free" time in the repair and maintenance of department vehicles. He's an invaluable member of the Department, and they congratulate him on his dedication and many achievements over the years. Bob Hofstetter photo.

Weare man pleads not guilty to sexual assault & harassment

A commander in the New Hampshire National Guard has pleaded not guilty to charges including assault and sexual harassment.

Lt. Col. Mark Patterson appeared in a

military court in Texas on Thursday. Patterson was deployed to Texas in

October to oversee nearly 200 troops assigned to the southern border. According to the U.S. Army, the commanding general of Joint Task Force-North ordered an investigation into Patterson in January of this year.

Patterson is no longer in command and is now assigned as a staff officer.

Authorities investigate death of 5-year-old Newport girl

A 5-year-old girl was pronounced dead at the hospital where she was taken by emergency personnel after they responded to a report of a child who was unresponsive and not breathing in Newport.

Police and fire personnel from Newport, Claremont and New Hampshire State Police responded to the scene and administered emergency life saving care and transported the girl to Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont, where she was subsequently pronounced dead.

A determination into the cause and manner of death is pending further investigation by the state medical examiner office but there is no evidence of physical trauma and all members of the family are fully cooperating, police said. The identity of the child is being withheld at this time due to privacy concerns, police said.

Anyone with information may contact Detective Sgt. Alexander Marvin at 603-836-3232 or via email at amarvin@ newportnh.gov.

Weare man sentenced to 10 years in prison on drug & firearm charges

A man from Weare was sentenced in U.S. District Court on Tuesday to 10 years in prison on drug dealing and firearm charges.

Brian Elliott, 32, pleaded guilty in June to one count of possessing with intent to distribute fentanyl and two counts of being a felon possessing firearms and ammunition. He was sentenced to 120 months in federal prison. After getting out, he will be on supervised release for five years.

In May 2021, Elliott fled from Goffstown Police after a traffic stop, speeding on the wrong side of the road and jumping out of his vehicle to evade the officer.

During a foot chase, he pointed a gun at the officer and threatened to shoot him. Elliott dropped a backpack with 138 grams of fentanyl and more than 100 rounds of various types of ammo inside. Cops found a loaded gun at the scene the next day.

A day later, Elliott was arrested during a standoff at the Holiday Inn in Manchester. After surrendering, police found fentanyl, another firearm, and more ammo in the hotel room. As a felon, Elliott was prohibited from possessing a gun.

U.S. Attorney Jane Young called "the lengthy sentence" warrant due to "the egregious nature" of Elliott's conduct.

"The defendant was a convicted felon who possessed multiple firearms and ammunition and attempted to poison our community with large amounts of fentanyl," she said. "He pointed a weapon at a police officer, and later engaged in a standoff with police officers in Manchester during his flight from his crime spree. The message from the courthouse today was clear: this dangerous conduct will not be tolerated in New Hampshire."

Young said along with Goff-

stown and Manchester police, the FBI and the BATF assisted with the case. The effort was part of the Organized Crime

Drug Enforcement Task Force operation.



The New London Conservation Commission is holding a Bog Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 14th, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Philbrick-Cricenti Bog, located on Newport Road in New London, down the hill from the New London Post Office. The Bog is a unique and beautiful natural resource. Meander the trails and enjoy the new walkway at this family friendly event. For more information, visit their web site at: www.nl-nhcc,com/news_items.html. The NLCC is currently working on a fundraising drive to complete a major upgrade to the trail at the Bog. Through donations from private and corporate donors, the first two sections of a new aluminum walkway system have been installed. They are now trying to fund the upgrade to the final section.



Former Director of Warner Connects indicted on felony credit card fraud

Lori Garrett, the former director of Warner Connects, has been indicted for theft and fraudulent



credit card charges from the local food pantry.

The indictment accuses Garrett of using a Warner Connects credit card to charge over \$1,500 in cash and merchandise over the last two years.

Garrett formed Warner Connects in 2020, taking over food distribution from the county Community Action Program, which operates an area resource center out of the Warner Community Center on West Main Street.

Once Warner Connects split from the Community Action Program, it began operating a pantry out of the kitchen in the basement of the town-owned

building, which houses nonprofits and a daycare center.

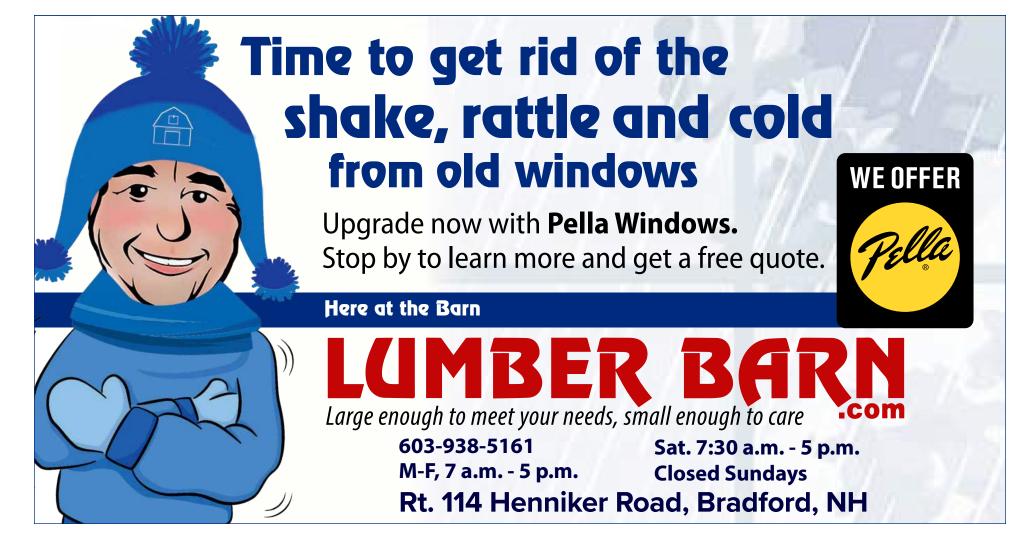
The agency became a focal point in town as it did not have 501(c)(3) status with the state of New Hampshire, nor was there a clear picture of its finances. Amid lease negotiations, residents and Select Board members raised concerns about management within Warner Connects. The state's attorney general's office began investigating, and Garrett officially resigned on March 13th. Since the spring, Apryl Blood, the vice chair of the Warner Connects board, has helped the organization apply for nonprofit status and straighten out their books. The organization has since expanded to include Family Closet, a thrift store on the first floor, where proceeds are used to offset the organization's costs.

The turmoil within the organization, though, did

Warner Connects Food Pantry

not affect their operations. The most recent distribution numbers show that in August, Warner Connects provided 1,435 meals to 171 households. Out of that, 131 of those households lived in Warner.

The organization averages 1,000 to 1,400 meals a month, and provided over \$100,000 of services last year, according to Blood. The two charges Garrett faces are both Class A felonies, which hold a prison sentence of at least seven and a half years. She is due to be arraigned at Merrimack Superior Court Friday morning.





WASHINGTON: This historic colonial home is located across from the Washington Town Hall, Police Station and Church with two of Washington's 26 lakes and ponds only a bicycle ride away and only steps from snowmobile and hiking trails. The home has been lovingly updated but still has tons of historic charm with beautiful wood work and Mosas Easton stenciling in one of the 4 bedrooms making it a "must see" if you're looking for a grand home with modern upgrades. **PRICE CHANGE!! \$339,500**





HILLSBORO: Mobile home in co-op park. 3bd/2ba. Appliances including washer/dryer. Large 14x16' deck, storage shed.**\$80,000.**



DEERING: Mobile home with new carport for two cars and a detached storage shed. Two bedrooms, 1 BA with W/D, LR, large eat-in kitchen and additional sitting room. New ceilings, ceiling fans, flooring. \$139,900



Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

October 14, 2022

David Roarick Police Chief retires after 35 years of service Peter Flynn named as Deering Town Administrator Henniker man arrested for wrong way driving on I-89 Weare Police investigating report of fake Federal Agent

October 15, 2021

Paroled for death of Sean Powers - Arrested again Weare Select Board responds to flooding complaints NH Audubon Society honors Hancock man Goffstown man added to Firefighter's Memorial

October 16, 2020

Goffstown voters get fraudulent ballot requests Secretary of State critical of Peterborough Plans to renovate Buker Building on hold Extensive search locates Francestown man

October 18, 2019

Three Antrim residents indicted for felonies Hillsborough man and child die in fire Peterborough as it was 150 years ago ConVal trio at Hugh O'Brian conference

October 19, 2018

Goffstown Police looking at human trafficking Hopkinton School District to upgrade security Steven Hahn resigns from HD School Board Court rules for former Weare Police Officer

October 20, 2017

Eversource selling Bow & Franklin plants New Boston forest named for Bob Todd New London divided on 1941 Cupola Hopkinton seeks input on Warner range

October 14, 2016

\$833,000 to replace Bow's Birchdale bridge One dead in Henniker multi-vehicle crash New Boston celebrates footbridge dedication Hopkinton Rotary Club celebrates 20 years

October 16, 2015

New Boston couple homeless after fire New \$9.2 million Newport Health Center Two men arrested for Henniker home invasion Franklin decides not to enforce its curfew

October 17, 2014

Dunbarton to pay Goffstown \$530,238.48 New Boston teen arrested for hit & run Franklin dog rescued - undergoes surgery Antrim & Henniker Administrators moving on

October 18, 2013

Active Shooter training in New London Dartmouth College computers to Newport John Stark students visit NH Supreme Court ConVal plans middle school computer upgrades

Henniker Community School features African Artists in Residence



Nigerian artist Segun Olorunfemi shows Henniker students that their first step is to draw their design onto the linoleum before beginning to make cuts into the linoleum sheet. Students to the left of the artist and standing (I-r) Jordan Moores and Charlie Ward; kneeling (I-r) Daniel Burritt and Liam Cooney.

An integrated arts approach that brings learning alive for students is at the heart of the Artist-in-Residence (AIR) program for 6th grade students at the Henniker Community School. This year's AIR program will focus on Africa and features an evening performance on October 26 at 7 p.m. with the 6th-graders. This event is free and open to the public.

During the week of October 2, Henniker 6th graders welcomed Nigerian artist Segun Olorunfemi into their classrooms. Mr. Olorunfemi's artistic talents include sand painting, batik, and oil paint graphics. While he was at HCS, he taught 6th-grade students about linoleum printmaking (linocut). A variant of woodcut prints, in this form of printmaking, a design is cut into a linoleum surface with a sharp tool. The linoleum sheet is then rolled with ink and pressed onto paper or fabric. Linocut has a strong history and a robust contemporary practice in South Africa. During this portion of AIR, each 6th grader carved a design on a linoleum sheet and then handprinted the design on paper. These works will be displayed during the culminating AIR performance on October 26.

The Sixth Grade will be working with Steve Ferraris and James Marshall from Root Drumming Systems to learn West African drumming during the week of October 23. They will learn the story of African drumming and its significance to diverse cultural communities within Africa. Students will share what they have learned during their performance on October 26.

Sunapee's Annual Cereal Drive scheduled for October 27th

The Cereal Drive, an event put on by Sunapee Central Elementary School, will be taking place once again this year! On October 27th, Sunapee Police will pick up the cereal from the student donations at the Elementary School and deliver them to the food pantry at Town Hall. As many remember, the cereal drive is a program created by second grader, now high school Junior Mia Cahill. Each year the cereal drive generates close to 300 boxes, which are then given to local food pantries for families who are in need. The creation of this program was to ensure that all kids are able to start each day with breakfast. Anyone who may not have a child attending SCES may still participate in the cereal drive by dropping off any cereal boxes to the Sunapee Police Department before noon-time, Friday October 27th.

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(L-R) Officer Taylor Burrows, Officer Michael DeTurris, Captain Thomas Cavanaugh.

McDonald's supports NH Police

On Wednesday, October 4th, the 54 McDonald's franchisees across New Hampshire spearheaded a fund raising effort to donate \$50,000 to the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police. From 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., all of the 54 McDonald's restaurants across New Hampshire committed to donating a percentage of the evening's sales from customers for the benefit of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police. McDonald's will also recognize several officers around the state who go above and beyond in the line of duty as well as those officers who are highly invested in the community.

At the Hillsborough McDonalds, three local officers were recognized: Captain Thomas Cavanaugh has

been an integral part of the Deering Police Department for the last 20 years.

Presently Captain Cavanaugh is very active in the Deering community and is an asset to the town. Residents on many occasions call or directly stop in to his house to report their problems. Officer Taylor Burrows has been

with the Hillsboro Police Department for six years. She started as a dispatcher in their communications department and transitioned to a Police Officer almost four years ago. She continues to be one of the Department's Defensive Tactics instructors and teaches RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) to the community. She is also starting her second year of coaching basketball at Hillsboro-Deering Middle School.

Officer Michael DeTurris is a real asset. Officer DeTurris is a five year veteran of the Hillsboro Police Department. He also served in the United States Army. Starting with the 2023-2024 school year, Officer DeTurris has been be assigned to the Hillsboro-Deering School District as a School Resource Officer. Officer DeTurris has been influential in the community teaching elderly scam classes to the Hillsboro area.



What a great way to spend a Friday morning! Our kindergarten friends from PES walked down to say hi and check out the apparatus. Thanks for coming kids!

Firefighters arrive to heavy fire shooting from a Goffstown home

The Goffstown Fire and Police dispatch center received a call from a person on Peppermint Street reporting smoke coming from their neighbor's house Friday.

Fire and Police were dispatched, and while en route it was communicated it was unknown if there were people in the house but there were dogs inside the house.

Goffstown Police arrived at the scene first and reported a house engulfed in fire, people from the neighborhood attempted to search the house.

Firefighters from Goffstown arrived at the scene, the engine was staffed by an officer and three firefighters. Three of the personnel were dropped at the scene while the driver went to the water supply and established a connection.

Police officers assisted firefighters in pulling hoses to the house while they awaited personnel from other towns and cities. A second alarm was immediately requested bringing additional personnel and apparatus. A large dog was located and removed to the front lawn where firefighters performed CPR and life-saving measures, but the dog was unable to be revived. It was later determined that the dog that perished was the only animal in the house, and no people were home.

Firefighters worked to knock down the heavy fire to prevent it from spreading further into the other living area. Manchester Truck 6 responded to the scene set up in the driveway and provided access to where the heaviest fire was.

Several water supplies were located in the immediate area providing ample water supply, and water shuttles



No residents or fire fighters were injured.

were not needed. No firefighters or civilians were injured in the incident. The cause and origin of the fire is not known at this time and is being investigated.

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(L-R) Daniel Hotchkis, Grand Master of NH Masons and Leigh Bosse, Master of Harmony Lodge present Harrison Baldwin, accompanied by his wife, with Harmony Lodge's Golden Cane representing the Lodge's Longest Active Mason.



The Hopkinton Human Services Advisory Committee hosted their annual Food Pantry volunteer appreciation dinner. Four volunteers were recognized for their ongoing commitment. Shawne Wickham, Winnie McGranahan, Kathy Butcher, and Tammy Saltmarsh.



Ausbon Sargent led a guided hike at their newest property, the Bradford Bog Headwaters located in Bradford NH. This property is 71.66 acres in size and is the 14th property that has been purchased by the Land Trust. Off of East Washington Road, the Bradford Bog Headwaters property is open to the public for low-impact recreation.

James Faulkner Elementary School students study the town's new Little Big Forest

Students at James Faulkner Elementary School gathered in two listening sessions on September 22 to brainstorm how they hope to use the town's new Little Big Forest for learning. The Little Big Forest comprises 40 acres of ecologically significant, underdeveloped land with 4,000 feet of shoreline on Highland Lake. It is intended for use as an ecological reserve and as an education center for the benefit of Stoddard residents. The purchase of the Little Big Forest became official in July 2023, made possible after two years of fundraising efforts by the town's Conservation Commission. The Commission's success in securing the \$1.3 million purchase was thanks to a US Forest Service grant, an LCHIP grant, and private donations.

Maggie Forrestall, a 5thgrade teacher at JFES and a member of The Little Big Forest Stewardship Committee, stated, "Since a part of The Little Big Forest mission is to enrich local educational opportunities, we thought it would be appropriate to solicit student input directly, rather than just relying on surveys and input from parents and other adult stakeholders. Students deserve the opportunity to share their ideas and help shape educational programming as land use policies are being decided at this formative stage of the project."

The students at JFES, spanning from kindergarten through 5th grade, were divided into two groups: the lower elementary (grades K-2) and upper elementary (grades 3-5). In each session, Mrs. Forrestall presented an overview of the project and sought student ideas for recreational opportunities. She also asked for specific ideas related to edu-



James Faulkner Elementary School students brainstorming their ideas for uses for The Big Little Forest with JFES teacher Maggie Forrestall.

cational activities aligned with each grade level's science and social studies learning objectives. For example, 5th graders were prompted to consider how the forest could be used to study the distance of stars and their brightness, leading to the idea of a nighttime stargazing gathering at The Little Big For-

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est to directly observe stars and collect data.

"Having our students make deep connections with our community is part of our mission at JFES, and being a part of The Little Big Forest is a prime example," said Principal Jill Pinard. "As the forest project progresses and Stoddard's 250th celebration coming in 2024, we hope to make additional connections. We can envision possibilities like having our students create maps and signs for the forest; this is a great way for students to contribute to Stoddard's history," continued Principal Pinard.

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Two vehicle crash on Route 103 in Newbury

Newbury Rescue 1, Engine 4 and Newbury Police responded to a crash involving a car and a dump truck with a trailer Tuesday morning. A State of New Hampshire Forest Ranger, who came on scene shortly after the collision, assisted the Newbury responders with traffic control. There were no serious injuries but both vehicles had to be towed.

The truck and trailer went down an embankment off the road and had to be pulled out with a heavy wrecker. The crews remained on the scene for over two hours until the truck could be towed away.



Mass man arrested after Dunbarton crash

The Dunbarton Police Department was dispatched to the intersection of State Routes 77 and 13, otherwise known as "Page's Corner," for a collision - two vehicles.

A GMC pickup truck was taking a right hand turn onto Clinton Street from Stark Highway North. The GMC took a wide turn and ended up on the wrong side of the road in the westbound lane of Clinton Street, colliding with a Subaru Forester that was traveling westbound. Both vehicles were heavily damaged and there were no reported injuries requiring medical attention.

The operator of the GMC pickup truck, David Peters, 66, of Tewksbury, MA was taken into custody at the scene and is charged with aggravated driving while intoxicated, driving or operating under the influence of liquor or drugs – 2nd offense, open container, alcohol ignition interlock circumvention, and operating after revocation/suspension. Mr. Peters had a blood alcohol of .17.

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Last Friday, Officer Aaron Waterman (L) graduated from the New Hampshire Police Academy. He was then sworn in at the Board of Selectmen on Monday, and he is now in field training. Also sworn in on Monday were Detective Sergeant Alexander Marvin (C) and Sergeant Robert Selfridge (R), who were both recently promoted. Congratulations to all three!

Weare man, only 20, with long criminal record

Mercy Mbarushimana, 20, of Weare was arrested on a warrant as well as a felony attempted theft by unauthorized taking charge as well as a minor in possession of e-cigarettes and unlawful possession of alcohol violations. He was also arrested on a criminal trespass charge after an incident on Jennings Drive.

Officers were sent to Market Basket at 108 Fort Eddy Road for a shoplifting incident where the suspect was attempting to leave. Police spoke with the suspect, who was accused of providing police with a false name, who said he bought some food and a 12-pack of Twisted Tea which was not paid for, an affidavit said. The suspect then returned to the store, grabbed a case of Twisted Tea, and said he attempted to leave because he thought they had paid for it despite him not having a receipt proving the purchase, the report said. The suspect said a store employee then confronted him.

Mbarushimana was accused of identifying himself as "Japhet Ndayo," with a birthdate of September 2001. The store employee was interviewed and said the woman Mbarushimana was with told a cashier she was not paying for the Twisted Tea, and the employee put it back. The woman completed her transaction and left the store. But after, an affidavit said Mbarushimana was accused of coming back into the store, walking to the beer aisle, grabbing a 12-pack, and attempting to leave without paying. The employee then stopped him from leaving, the officer wrote. The officer eyed security footage at the

store and accused Mbarushimana of not paying for the 12-pack and he was arrested. During a pat down, the report said four e-cigarettes were found in his shorts pocket.

The report said the woman later identified him by his proper and correct name. Mbarushimana also had an active warrant with \$100 cash bail out of Concord District Court from mid-July and a violation of probation charge with \$500 cash bail out of Merrimack County Superior Court.

A check of his record found Mbarushimana was convicted of theft in Concord District Court on June 22 and a felony receiving stolen property conviction in Merrimack County Superior Court on June 15. He was then taken straight to the county jail.

Man crashes vehicle and eludes Goffstown Police

Goffstown Police attempted to stop a vehicle pulling a trailer on Mast Road Saturday at about 9:20 p.m. The vehicle was operating without headlights in the area of the Shell station on Mast Road.

The officer activated his lights and siren and the vehicle failed to pull over and continued to increase speed. The officer reported the vehicle was traveling in the wrong lane several times. The officer discontinued pursuit due to the speed, but in a short distance, the officer discovered the vehicle had crashed near Mast Road and Henry Bridge Road.

The operator of the vehicle opened the door and ran from the vehicle, and according to radio broadcasts pointed a gun at the officer arriving at the scene.

Several officers responded to the scene including Dunbarton, New Boston, Manchester Police, and New Hampshire State Police. Officers utilized K-9s, drones, and MPD SWAT Bearcat while searching for the suspect.

A section of Mast Road was closed to traffic while officers

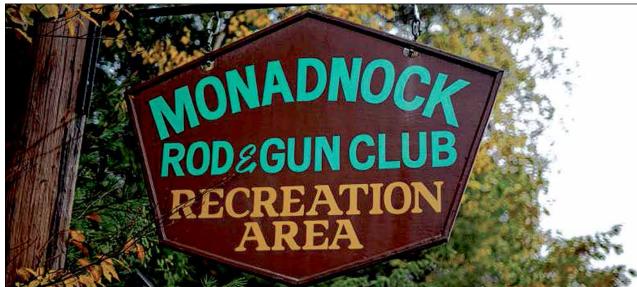
searched the area.

Goffstown Police Chief Eric Sereno said the suspect was not able to be located. Police did recover a backpack with a large amount of suspected narcotics and ammunition.

The vehicle and a U-Haul trailer carrying motorcycles were towed from the scene.

Police say this remains an active investigation and urge anyone who may have information to contact the Goffstown Police Department at 603.497.4858.

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Monadnock Rod & Gun Club appeals to NH Supreme Court

The Monadnock Rod and Gun Club has appealed its zoning case against the Town of Peterborough to the N.H. Supreme Court.

The high court has agreed to hear a combined series of civil cases brought against Peterborough officials after a lower court ruled in the town's favor this summer.

The Court's decision to hear the case follows the club's appeal of a ruling by Judge Amy Messer in favor of the Peterborough planning and zoning boards and her subsequent denial of a motion to reconsider. The dispute involves the club changing its range from an east-west configuration to northsouth in 2015. Messer ruled that the club didn't apply for permits or file for a site plan review for this change, which included adding a berm and a shed.

The club encroached onto the property of Scott and Bridgette Perry by constructing the newly oriented range, Messer wrote.

The club, on Jaffrey Road in Peterborough, was founded in 1947. In May of 2019, Peterborough voters passed a zoning ordinance banning outdoor shooting ranges. This ordinance became problematic for the club when, in September 2021, it submitted an application for a site plan review for a new east-west

range to replace the north-south one. The planning board asked Tim Herlihy, Peterborough's code enforcement officer, to decide whether the proposed range - to be built on the same site – was grandfathered in as a "legal non-conforming use."

He determined that because the old range had been reoriented without town approval in 2015, the new range would therefore be unlawful under the 2019 ordinance, according to previous Sentinel reporting. The club then appealed to the zoning board of adjustment in December which affirmed the decision.

Dunbarton Police arrest man for theft by deception



The Dunbarton Police Department announced the arrest of Joseph F. LeBlanc, 58, Concord, on one count of Theft by Deception, a class A felony.

\$3,500 deposit that was paid to Mr. LeBlanc to perform various home repairs. Mr. LeBlanc never returned to complete the work and ultimately became non-responsive to the victim. The victim originally located Mr. LeBlanc advertising as a handyman on Craigslist.

Mr. LeBlanc was processed on a Dunbarton Police Department arrest warrant on September 27th, 2023 at the New Hampshire State Prison in Concord, where he is

currently being held on a parole violation related to a previous felony conviction for theft by deception.

The Dunbarton Police Department would like to thank the New Hampshire Department of Corrections - Field Services Division, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) of New Hampshire, and our partner law enforcement agencies for their assistance in this investigation.

Restitution to the victim will be sought as part of the court process.

Deering announced the hiring of Robert Richards as Fire Chief

Deering Town Administrator Peter Flynn made the following statement: "On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I would like to make the announcement that the Select-

In November 2021 the Dun-

barton Police Department took

a report from an elderly Dun-

barton resident concerning a

men had several interviews with candidates for the part-time Fire Chief position. After much deliberation in Non-Public Session, with the candidate, the Selectmen

agreed to offer the position to Robert Richards from Weare with no contract for \$30/hr up to 26 hours per week and he will be starting in approximately a month."



🌠 Crime Watch

Henniker woman for Medicaid fraud

Bridget Watson, 48, of Birchwood Terrace in Henniker was charged with Medicaid fraudfalse records, Medicaid fraud-false claims, and theft by deception charges, all felonies. She was accused of defrauding Medicaid of more than \$1,500 between June 2020 and April 7 in Concord.

Leaving the scene of accident

Lieutenant Timothy Puchtler received a report of a truck and trailer that had struck and damaged a parking post in Georges Mills Harbor and that the individual parked his truck and left the scene on his boat. Lt. Puchtler responded to the scene and observed the damage in question. Lt. Puchtler spoke to witnesses and obtained statements before locating the vehicle and trailer parked illegally on nearby Main Street. Lt. Puchtler issued a parking citation for the vehicle and documented the damage on the vehicle. After a period of additional investigation, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Christopher Chinn of Lebanon, NH for Conduct After Accident. He was then bailed and released with a court date at the 5th Circuit Court in Newport, NH. No

criminal charges from WPD. **Driving on suspended license**

While on routine patrol on South Stark Highway an officer observed a vehicle drift over the center line multiple times. A motor vehicle stop was therefore conducted and the male operator, Jose Hernandez, 38, of Amityville, NY, stated he did not have a valid driver license, nor had he been issued one. Upon further investigation it was learned Hernandez had a suspended NY driver license. Hernandez was issued a hand summons in lieu of arrest with an arraignment date at Goffstown District Court. The vehicle was driven from the scene by the passenger who held a valid driver license.

Weare accident leads to DWI

Weare Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Reservoir Drive. An on scene investigation was conducted and Lauchlin MacKinley, 67, of Nashua, NH, was arrested for DUI. MacKinley was transported to the Weare Police Department for booking. MacKinley was released on Personal Recognizance bail with an arraignment date at Goffstown District Court. A trailer and MacKinley's vehicle were towed from the scene. MacKinley was released

to a sober adult.

Concord man arrested on a DWI

While patrolling River Road, Weare Police officers observed a commercial fuel truck having difficulty maintaining lane control. A motor vehicle stop was conducted. Officers suspected the male operator, Jesse Rodger, 40, Concord, was under the influence of drugs. Rodger was arrested and transported to the Weare Police Department for booking. Rodger was released on Personal Recognizance bail with an arraignment date at Goffstown District Court. Rodger was released to a sober adult.

New Boston man arrested DWI

While patrolling South Stark Highway a Weare Police Officer observed a vehicle following another vehicle too closely. A motor vehicle stop was conducted. The officer suspected the male operator, Martin Jordan, 60, of New Boston, NH, was driving under the influence. Jordan was arrested and transported to the Weare Police Department for booking. Jordan was released on Personal Recognizance bail with an arraignment date at Goffstown District Court. Jordan was released to a sober adult. His vehicle was driven from the scene by a sober licensed driver.

Driving on a suspended license

While patrolling North Stark Highway an officer observed a vehicle driving 52 mph in a 30 mph zone. A motor vehicle stop was conducted and it was discovered the male operator, Edgar Ariastejeda, 27, of Bronx, NY, had a suspended driver's license. Ariastejeda was issued a hand summons in lieu of arrest with an arraignment date at Goffstown District Court. The vehicle was driven from the scene by a licensed driver.

Raymond man arrested on drug charges

Weare Police responded to Autumn Hills Campground for a report of drug paraphernalia found. Officers were able to locate the suspected owner of the drug paraphernalia, Nicholas Greenwood, 42, of Raymond, NH. Greenwood was arrested on the aforementioned criminal charges and transported to the Weare Police Department for booking. Greenwood was released on Personal Recognizance bail with an arraignment date at Hillsborough County Superior Court – North. A search warrant was also requested and granted for Greenwood's campsite where more drug paraphernalia was located.

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As part of the Stay In To Win Program, the Colby Sawyer Men's Basketball Team is talking with 8th grade students about the importance of staying in school.





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Meighbors Remembered & Neighbors Remembered

Diane Davis

ANTRIM - Diane went to be with Jesus surrounded by family at home Friday at 6 p.m. Diane had battled



MS for more than 40 years. She and her husband Rick ran Rick and Diane's Pizzeria in Antrim for 25 years, and even though she never tossed a pizza or made a sub her presence was always felt. She is survived by her husband Rick, son Nicholas and his wife Katie, daughter Angela and her husband

Tim, and daughter Jacuelyne and her husband Levent and grandchildren Briah, Austin Annalise Arielle, Ashlyn, Asrah and Usay. Her legacy will live on in all who knew her. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to At The Cross Antrim, PO Box 417, Anrtim NH 03440. Diane will have a celebration of her life Saturday, October 14 at 1 p.m. at Stone Church.

Virginia Ferguson

WARNER - Virginia T. Ferguson, 90, passed away peacefully on October 3rd, 2023. Ginger was born



er 3rd, 2023. Ginger was born on April 16, 1933, to Clement and Belle (Sargent) Kaloyanides of Somerville, MA. She was the eldest of their 13 children. Ginger was predeceased by her parents, her husband, her sons, Rory and John, and her brother, Tom. She is survived her daughters, Karen Lavoie (Dan) and Elaine Nich-

ols; daughters-in-law, Carol, Beth, Joan and Emilia; siblings, John, Joan, George, Margaret, Elaine, Clem, Irene, Mike, Jeannie, Donald and David; grandchildren, Coreen, Kristin, Brett, Shawn and Tony; great granddaughter, Isabella and very special friends, Peggy and Becky. A celebration of life and remembrance will be held on November 4th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the United Church of Warner. Her burial will be private. Remembrances may be made in the form desired by friends. The family suggests gifts to the United Church of Warner at P.O. Box 203, Warner, NH 03278 and expressed gratitude for the loving care provided by Pine Rock Manor and BAYADA Home Health Care.

Arthur W. Krueger, Jr.

FRANKLIN - Arthur W. Krueger, Jr. passed away on Monday, September 11, 2023, after a valiant fight



with Alzheimer's Disease exacerbated by diabetes. Art was born in Chicopee, Massachusetts, to the late Arthur W. Krueger, Sr., and Miriam Grubert Krueger. In addition to his parents, Art was predeceased by his first wife of 36 years, Debby Taylor Krueger. Art will be greatly missed by his wife la Krueger of Franklin, NH, his son

of fifteen years, Linda Krueger of Franklin, NH, his son Erich L. Krueger, daughter-in-law Melissa, and grandson Max, of Providence, RI. He is also survived by his sister Audrey Martin and brother-in-law Bill Martin of Cummings, GA, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and Linda's two adult sons Jim and Patrick, their wives Nikki and Jessica, and their combined five grandchildren, whom he considered his own. Services took place at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, located at 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH, on Thursday, October 12, at 1 p.m., fifteen years from the date and time he and Linda were married.

Otis "Bud" Wilder

Hancock - Otis "Bud" Wilder, 88, of Hancock, NH passed away peacefully at his home on September 29,



2023 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his three daughters and their spouses, Mary and Bill Wichland of Fort Myers, FL, Kathleen and Tim Kristof of Wenden, AZ and Anne Wilder and Kirk Schellinger of Antrim, NH. He is also survived by his sister, Rosemary Maciolek of Lee,

NH; two grandsons, Erik Kristof of Twin Falls, ID and Jerome Kristof of Phoenix, AZ; his great granddaughter, Isa Kristof of Twin Falls, ID; many cousins, nieces, and nephews and many, many dear friends. As per Bud's request there will be no calling hours and burial will be private. A celebration of life will be organized by his daughters and friends and will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Hilltop Christmas Tree Farm on Norway Hill in Hancock. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hancock Fire Department, Michael J. Fox Foundation, or the Alzheimer's Association.

Benjamin Bigelow

WARNER - Benjamin A. Bigelow died on Thursday, October 5th. Benjamin was born April 28th, 2002, at



Concord Hospital, and grew up in Boscawen and Warner, NH. Surviving family members include his mother Crystal Carlisle of Warner, his father Brian Bigelow of Laconia, stepmother Kendra Bigelow of Laconia, stepfather Shawn Brooks of Warner, sister Bailey Bigelow of Miami, FL, grandmother Carol

Carlisle, grandfather Arthur Bigelow, and many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Patricia Anne Gagne

SUTTON - Patricia Anne (Jerram) Gagne, 83, of Sutton, NH passed away peacefully on October 9, 2023



at home surrounded by her family following a short but courageous battle with cancer. She was born July 26, 1940 in Baldwin, NY to the late James & Margaret (Clark) Jerram. She leaves behind her beloved husband Henry of 57 years, her son Patrick and his wife Chris and sons Patrick Jr. and Daniel

Gagne of Henniker, her daughter Michelle and her husband Jeff and sons Alex and Brad Morse of Henniker NH, a brother, James Jerram of Connecticut, and numerous friends and neighbors she considered family. Private graveside services with family and friends will be held in East Sutton Cemetery, Sutton, NH.

Events: Community Bulletin Board

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13

AUSBON SARGENT: Fall Foliage Guided Hike on the Cook Property in New London. 10:00am. Free hike, register at: stewardship@ausbonsargent.org or call 603-526-6555.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

NH ENERGY EXPO: 9:00am-2:30pm. Dunbarton Elementary School, 20 Roberts Rogers Rd., Dunbarton Center. Free admission. Great door prizes. dunbarton-energy.org/energy-expo/

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

CHRISTMAS CONCERT REHERSALS: Do you love singing Christmas music? Join the Area Choir for their 70th Anniversary Christmas Concert Season, from 4:00-6:00pm at South Congregational Church in Newport, NH and continue through November, with a dress rehearsal and three concerts on Dec. 1, 2, and 3. All are welcome, no audition.

TOUCH A TRUCK: 10:00am-1:00pm at Andover Fire Department. Win a ride to school in a Fire Truck or Police Cruiser. Free and open to all.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 17

TAPESTRY TUESDAY: 5:30pm, Tapestry Tuesdays "Digging into Native History in New Hampshire" with Robert Goodby, Professor of Anthropology at Franklin Pierce University, talks about archaeological evidence of the Abenaki presence in New Hampshire. New London Inn www.centerfortheartsnh. org/tapestry-tuesdays. Space is limited. Register at info@ cfanh.org.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19

HENNIKER LIONS CLUB: Membership Open House. Come for a free beer and a slice. Hear what the Henniker Lions are doing for our community. Henniker Brewery 5:30-7:30pm. IRAN AT CROSSROADS: GREAT DECISIONS is a series of informal conversations about foreign policity om 6:30pm-8:00pm on the second floor of the first of Dry. Participants may order the Great Dect: En al Clinrom the Foreign Policy Association (1997) (1997) (1997) (1997) (1997) (1997) Policy Association (1997) 7-5836 or aahmed@fpa.org). The manual control of the set each meeting's topic. There will also be three Great Decisions manuals on reserve for those who prefer a free edition.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21

OPEN HOUSE: New London Fire Department 9:00am-11:00am truck rides, station tours, hands on activities. 11:00am-12:00pm live vehicle extraction demo. HOLIDAY FESTIVAL: East Washington. The annual Fall Holiday Festival will be from 9:00am-2:00pm, at 2278 East Washington Road. Besides a Bake Sale and Craft Sale there will be the Homemade Soup Café available. From 11:00am-2:00pm. Proceeds from this sale will benefit Purling Beck Hall. HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY: For towns of Bow & Dunbarton at Bow Public Works, 12 Robinson Road. 8:30an-1:00pm. FRANKLIN FALL FESTIVAL: Craft Fair 2:00-5:00pm. \$25 for 10x10 vendor space.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Antrim Bennington VFW Pancake Breakfast at the Bennington Train Station, from 8:00am-10:00am. All veterans and their families are welcome.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 24

AUSBON SARGENT: Rail Trail Group Bike Ride. Hiller and Hersey Conservation easements along the rail trail in Andover. 1pm. Free registration is required stewardship@ausbonsargent.org or by calling 603-526-6555.

WHITE BIRCH HIKE: Lonesome Lake, Franconia Notch, 4.6 miles RT. Level: Yellow/moderate. Climb to one the best views in White Mountains via the Basin and Cascade Brook trails. The trail will involve stream crossings, roots and rocks. Meet at the trailhead or carpool. We will not be taking the WBC van, so we will carpool or you can meet at the trailhead. PLEASE let WBC know which option you choose when you register. Carpoolers will share gas expenses. Leave Henniker Cong. Church-8:00, arrive at trail-9:30, return to car-2:30, lunch at the Woodstock Inn-3:00, leave Woodstock- 4:00, return to church-5:15. Contact WBC to register, 428-7860.

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

TRUNK OR TREAT: Emerald Lake Mailbox Beach, 5:00-7:00pm. Set up at 4:00pm. All ELVD residents welcome. FALL FESTIVAL: 12:00pm-4:00pm. This family-friendly event will feature a Trunk or Treat, fun games and prizes, food trucks, a huge vendor fair, and a penny sale! This community event will be held rain or shine and combines the efforts of Center Woods Elementary, Weare Middle School, the Henniker Community School, and the Weare PTO. Join us as we help our 8th graders in both Henniker and Weare fundraise for their combined trip to Washington DC in April 2024.

COMPASS READING EVENT: 9:00am-11:00am. This is a FREE event, intended for children (10 and up) and adults who would like to learn how to use a compass. Bring a compass, and wear clothes and shoes appropriate for traveling through the woods. Registration is required. The event will start from the Low Plain (ECWMA) trail parking lot off of Andover Road (across from the Elkins Cemetery) in New London, NH. TRUNK OR TREAT: Deering Fish & Game, 5:00-7:00pm. To register your vehicle, email Pbeard@tds.net.

TRUNK OR TREAT: 12:00-3:00pm on the Washington Town Common. Free food & games. Performance by Company of Witches, 12:30 & 1:30pm.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT: & Halloween Costume Contest. Hillsboro-Deering Middle School, 5:00pm-8:00pm. \$10 admission, \$20 family, children under 5 are free with paid adult. \$5 skate rentals. Concessions available. hccnh.org/skate.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29

TRUNK OR TREAT: Newbury Town Offices, 10:00am-12:00pm. Theme Classic Movies. To register: recreation@newburynh.org **TUESDAY OCTOBER 31**

HALLOWEEN: Sunapee's Halloween celebration will be from 5:00pm-7:00pm on Central Street. But what is Halloween without candy? Please help us support our Central Street homeowners by donating wrapped and/or packaged candy. All donations should be dropped off at the Sunapee Police Department. Once again, Central Street will be closed to all vehicular traffic to provide a safe location for Sunapee's Trick or Treaters and their families to enjoy the Halloween tradition.

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION RELEASES NEW TOOTH DECAY TREATMENT GUIDELINE



A new American Dental Association (ADA) clinical practice guideline suggests that conservative methods to treat tooth decay in primary and permanent teeth could lead to better outcomes when used with common restorative materials like fillings or caps. An expert panel of dentists developed the first-ever guideline on this topic after extensive review of approximately 300 published studies.

The guideline, published in the July issue of The Journal of the American Dental Association, contains 16 recommendations regarding treatment of moderate and advanced tooth decay in primary and permanent teeth that have not received endodontic treatment, such as a root canal. It indicates conservative carious tissue removal (CTR) — in which a dentist removes infected tissue while preserving as much of the original tooth structure as possible — is less likely to result in adverse outcomes like nerve exposure or a failed filling.

The recommendations also identify selective CTR as an effective treatment option in most cases of moderate or advanced decay in primary and permanent teeth. This method involves removing most, but not all, of the decayed tissue before sealing the tooth with a filling or cap. The bacteria left behind under the new filling or cap no longer has what it needs to multiply, which stops tooth decay.

Additionally, the guideline affirms the efficacy of the most common restorative materials for treating moderate or advanced tooth decay, such as tooth-colored fillings, silver-colored fillings (amalgam) or preformed caps in children. It suggests specific materials for primary and permanent teeth depending on the extent of the decay.

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A large-scale comparison of direct oral anticoagulants (blood thinners), commonly prescribed for irregular heartbeats, has identified the drug with the lowest risk of bleeding, in a new study led by UCL researchers. In the paper published in Annals of Internal Medicine, the researchers report that one of the two most common direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs), apixaban, has the lowest risk of gastrointestinal bleeding, with similar

performance on stroke prevention and other side effects. DOACs are used to prevent strokes for people with atrial fibrillation — slow or irregular heartbeats — a condition affecting over 33 million people worldwide. They have recently become more common than warfarin, the previous standard treatment, as they do not require as much follow-up monitoring (which was particularly valuable during the Covid-19 pandemic) and have less risk of side-effects.

Teens with Type 1 diabetes (T1D) who took bromocriptine, a medication used to treat Parkinson's disease and Type 2 diabetes, had lower blood pressure and less stiff arteries after one month of treatment compared to those who did not take the medicine, according to a small study published in Hypertension, an American Heart Association journal.

A simple nasal spray significantly reduced snoring and breathing difficulties in children and halved the number needing to have their tonsils removed, according to a recent study. The research, published in JAMA Pediatrics, found a saline (salt water) nasal spray was just as effective as an anti-inflammatory steroid nasal spray at easing sleep disordered breathing in children after six weeks of treatment.

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Chris Stratton, Tm. # 15-131, Adams Drive, requesting a roadside variance of 7' to construct a 35 X 25' two-bedroom cottage.

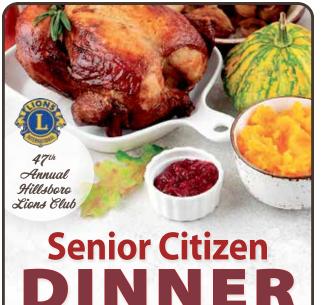
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