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This week in history

November 4, 1973

Netherlands practices 1st Car-Free Sunday

November 5, 1930

Sinclair Lewis 1st American to win Nobel Prize in Literature

November 6, 1941

Joseph Stalin celebrates anniversary of 1917 Revolution

November 7, 1916

Jeanette Rankin 1st woman elected to Congress

November 8, 1972

HBO, 1st premium cable channel premieres

November 9, 1872

The Great Boston Fire begins

November 10, 1928

"All Quiet on the Western Front" published



Marcia McLaughlin, President of the Board of NHLTA (C) presents Fuller Librarian Samantha Gallo (R) with a plaque signifying the Library's selection, as Fuller staff, volunteers and trustees look on.

N.H. Library of the Year

NH Library Trustees Association honors Hillsborough's Fuller Public Library

The New Hampshire Library Trustees Association (NHLTA) was established in 1957 as a non-profit organization. Its mission is to "assist trustees to be knowledgeable and effective to serve, improve and promote New Hampshire libraries. Annually we give awards to recognize outstanding libraries, library directors, trustees, Friends groups, etc. NHLTA is always looking for persons who are interested in our mission, not only on

our board but committees.

On Saturday October, 28th, a large crowd gathered on the front lawn as the NHLTA presented a plaque to recognize the Fuller Public Library as the association's 2023 Library of the Year.

In her remarks, Marcia McLaughlin, President of the Board of NHLTA, said, "The award committee was impressed by the nomination as a whole but most especially by Fuller's programs,

services and outreach into the community. Rather than read you a long list of these things, since I'd be preaching to the choir, I'll highlight just a few. Project LIFT, which I have just learned has been in existence for 30 years; the Fresh Books-Fresh Food and the newsletter which includes both library and community news as well events in the area. It is our privilege to present this award to you."

Another New London Community Gathering December 15th

Following the success of the Summer Gathering that was held on August 18th at Colby-Sawyer College, the New London Select Board is planning another gathering to update citizens on the many initiatives they are working on and to answer questions and hear the opinions and suggestions of those present. More on this in future issues.

At the Town's Annual Town Meetings in 2022 and 2023, bonds were approved

for repairs at Whipple Memorial Town Hall totaling \$786,000. The Board of Selectmen, upon the recommendation of the Finance Officer and Treasurer, decided to go to the NH Bond Bank to borrow that amount as the Bond Bank has consistently offered better rates than local banks. After a two-month application process, the Town was approved. They now await the issuance of the bond funds which will occur in February 2024. Since the town has

paid North Branch, Frank Anzalone Associates and others for the work completed at Whipple, they will be borrowing what is known as a "Bond Anticipation Loan" from a local bank. This will reimburse the General Fund for the money spent on the project while they wait for the money from the Bond Bank. Borrowing from the NH Bond Bank is a long process, which is one of the reasons they only go there for larger projects.

NH Department of Education Orphans of Veterans Scholarship Program

The New Hampshire Department of Education recently awarded a \$2,500 check to assist a child of a veteran with his college expenses. The award is part of the Orphans of Veterans program that helps war orphans offset the cost of college for items such as books and supplies.

This year's recipient is Evan Milton of Merrimack, a sophomore at the University of New Hampshire studying Health Sciences. Evan's father, James Milton, was an airman in the U.S. Air Force who passed away in 2014 from a service-related illness.

"This scholarship means so much to me, as it recognizes all that my father was able to do. These funds will also help me live independently at school and help fulfill my needs," said Evan, a 2022 graduate from Merrimack High School who hopes to eventually apply to medical school. RSA 193:19

was established in 1943 to give children of soldiers who lost their lives during World War II the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to attend college.

The program has been updated numerous times to cover other wars and conflicts through the Gulf War.

In 1981, the law was updated to allow orphaned children of veterans to also obtain free tuition to the University System of New Hampshire colleges and universities and the Community College System of New Hampshire. "It is our pleasure to assist Evan and provide him with a small amount of financial support, knowing that his father gave the ultimate sacrifice. We wish him the best of luck in college and throughout his future career aspirations," said Frank Edelblut, education commissioner.

The Orphans of Veterans program is able to issue four, \$2,500 grants each year. For

more information about the application process and records

needed to qualify, contact Jeffrey Newman at the Division

of Higher Education at Jeffrey.Newman@doe.nh.gov



From left is Stephen Appleby, director of NHED's Division of Educator Support and Higher Education, Commissioner Frank Edelblut, scholarship recipient Evan Milton, Maj. Gen. David Mikolaities, New Hampshire Adjutant General, and Deputy Adjutant General Warren Perry.

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New Hampshire Library Trustees Association honors Connie Kirwin

Katrinka Pelcheccha, Library Ambassador of the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association (NHLTA), traveled to Antrim's Tuttle Library last Saturday to present Connie Kirwin with the Association's Dorothy M. Little Award.

This award was created in 1988 in honor of Little, a trustee of the Lane Memorial Library in Hampton. Known locally as "Mrs. Library," she was a woman who took to heart the cause of bettering state and local libraries.

In making the presentation, Pelcheccha said, "It's a true honor for an individual to merit such recognition and we cannot think of anyone more deserving than Connie Kirwin." "I have benefited from the help Connie gives when trustees have asked NHLTA for advice. Her answers are prompt, and always backed up by the relevant RSAs. If she doesn't know the answer, she knows where to get it. Thanks

to these responses, Connie is well-known and appreciated throughout the entire NH library community."


"I have also had the privilege of serving with Connie on the NHLTA board and know first-hand the knowledge she brings to the board and her willingness to help with every task. Having served as President of the NHLTA Board I heavily relied on Connie's knowledge of the history of NHLTA and her attention to detail. You could not ask for a better Chief of Staff!"

Connie served as a trustee of the James A. Tuttle Library in Antrim from 1994 to 2009 and has served on the NHLTA Board of Directors since 2009 - an impressive 29-year history of volunteer library service!

Connie helps the NHLTA board of directors run smoothly, but more importantly, she helps the NH Library World run smoothly.



Katrinka Pelcheccha (L) presents Connie Kirwin (R) with the Association's Dorothy M. Little Award.



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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

November 4, 2022

Chief Edward Anderson retires from New London Police
End 68 Hours of Hunger at Hillsboro-Deering
SAU #24 to receive EPA Grant for Electric School Buses
Center Woods Elementary School celebrates Pumpkin Day

November 5, 2021

Robert Bennett Kearsarge principal remembered
Antrim teen gets 50 years for killing his father
New London divided over next steps for police station
Hillsborough Board established "gateway Zone"

November 6, 2020

70% voter turnout in Hillsborough
Application for Peterborough Dunkin' withdrawn
Grand Jury indicts Greenfield Pastor for sexual assault
Weare Select Board honors Margo McLeod

November 15, 2019

Another untimely death in Antrim
Warner seeks artists for 250th Anniversary Mural
Pair of H-D DECA Teams at International Conference
Hopkinton approves PILOT for solar project

November 16, 2018

Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce revived
Kearsarge High School anti-bullying Unity Day
New Boston Firefighters receive an award
Newbury man guilty of multiple sex charges

November 17, 2017

Washington man dies in Route 31 crash
The New Boston Beacon planned for January 2018
Peterborough woman charged with felony DWI
Bow Police seek help in solving a hit & run

November 11, 2016

Bradford soldier killed in training accident
Warner man arrested for 1993 sexual assault
Northfield man withdraws guilty plea for selling drugs
Man busted for selling drugs from Bow's Hampton Inn

November 13, 2015

Hazmat Team called to Franklin's Watts Regulator
Newport firefighters rescue couple and their pet tortoise
Granite United Way honors Bow man
Quick firefighter response saves New Boston home

November 14, 2014

Bow man's scheme targets elderly
5th Annual Craft Fair at New Boston Library
Peter Flynn recognized with Volunteer Service award
Goffstown Community Thanksgiving being planned

November 15, 2013

Henniker man arrested and charged with arson
Andover veteran honored posthumously
Newport man sentenced to year in jail
PSNH to close Hillsborough office

John Stark High School's Dan Marcus named Civics Educator of the Year

Dan Marcus, a social studies teacher at John Stark High School in Weare, has been selected as the 2023 recipient of the Mary Susan Leahy Civics Educator Award. He was recognized at the NH Council for the Social Studies (NHCSS) annual conference on Friday, October 20th at the Grappone Center in Concord.

Trained as a lawyer, Marcus decided that he could make a bigger difference sharing his knowledge of civics and law in the classroom. While teaching social studies in Indiana, he piloted a new (at the time) civics program called "We the People," which taught students about the US Constitution and our system of government.

When he arrived at John Stark two decades ago, he noted that no civics classes were being taught, and proposed the school add "We the People" as an elective. He has been teaching it every year

since. Known for making his lessons engaging and funny, he often writes songs to ensure that his students remember complex sets of facts, such as all the amendments in the US Constitution, while strumming his guitar.

Outside of the classroom, Marcus has contributed significantly to the state-wide conversation about civics over the years. In 2014, he was asked by Justice David Souter to join the Civics Task Force to help the group create its statement of purpose.

A former trustee of NH Civics, he has worked with the NH Bar to design and deliver a three-day institute for teachers on "We the People." As a contributor to the Concord Monitor and the NH Bulletin, he wrote a column called "3 Minute Civics" producing 19 articles on topics like the Electoral College and the Divisive Concepts law. He also led a



writing program last summer through the Monitor, teaching people how to write an effective letter to the editor.

"Like a good lawyer, Dan begins his class with a stra-

tegically designed presentation to persuade his students that civics matters, that they WILL use civics in their lives," said NHCSS Board member Martha Madsen in her intro-

duction on Friday. "Dan is a model civics educator, both inside and outside of the classroom. He is most deserving of this recognition and I'm honored to call him my colleague."

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School Days



Culinary and Pastry Arts students competed this week at the ACF Professional Chefs of NH Burger Slider Challenge held at Nashua Technology Center and came away with 1st Place! They made a Spicy Hawaiian Cowboy Slider using Schweid & Sons beef. Students on the winning team were Claire Ulrich from Bow High School, Michael Denslow from Hillsboro-Deering High School, Brycen Proulx from Pembroke Academy, and Jones Gagnon from Parker Academy.



Six Kearsarge Project CLIMB leaders and two advisors earned their Wilderness First Aid (WFA) and CPR certifications through the New Hampshire Outdoor Learning Center last weekend. Participants learned how to survey a scene, determine a mechanism of injury, and treat multiple types of injuries or medical emergencies, while monitoring vital signs and collecting pertinent patient information. They also learned multiple modes of evacuating or sheltering a patient in the backcountry.



Students in 3-D art class at John Stark Regional High School recently took a trip to the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum in Lincoln, MA. The mission of the deCordova is to inspire, educate, and delight visitors with contemporary art from New England and beyond through outdoor sculptures in the landscape and museum exhibitions.

New England College professor lectures at John Stark

Professor of Biology and Co-Director of the Center for Undergraduate Science Research at New England College, Dr. James Newcomb visited Ms. Zaffers' AP Biology class for two days the week of October 23.

He spoke about regeneration and its application in medicine using sea anemones and

sea slugs for demonstration. He also offered tips to decoding terms they may come across in the AP exam that they may not recognize or fully understand. The students themselves will be conducting the regeneration data collection.

Their goal will be to devise a way to measure the regrowth of the oral tentacle of a sea slug

that has been severed. They will monitor and collect this data for a few weeks and create

an academic poster of their results.

Dr. Newcomb is also a

member of the John Stark School Board and Vice Chair of the SAU 24 School Board.



Monks from the Drepung Gormang Monastery created a Sand Mardala at the Hopkinton Town Library.



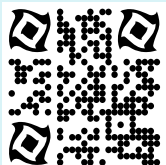
Dr. James Newcomb visits AP Biology class at John Stark.

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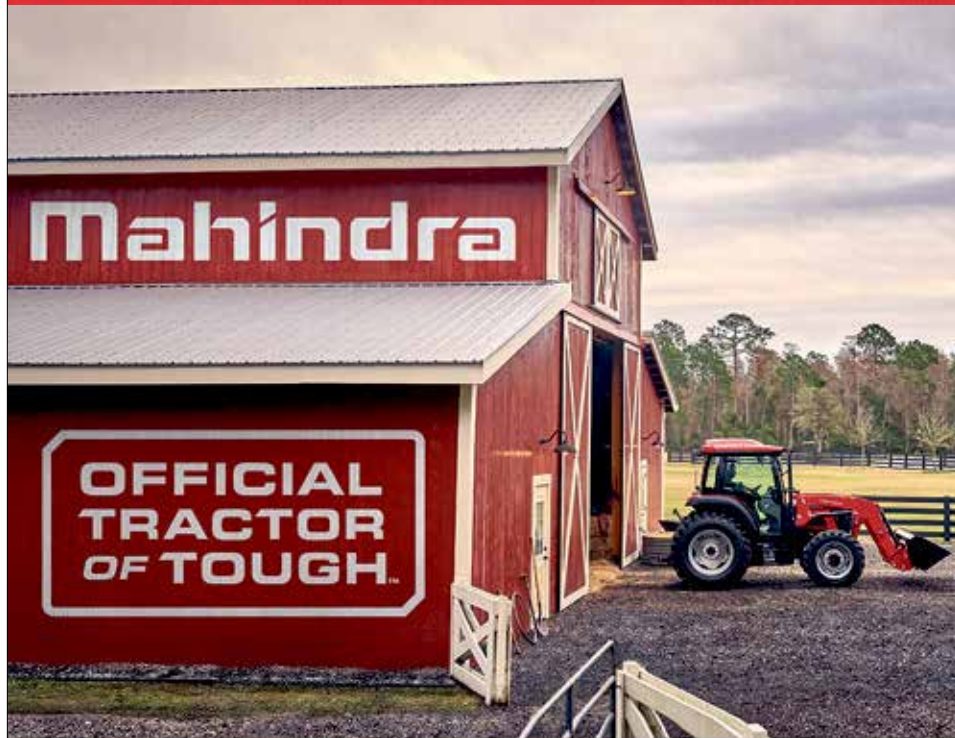
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Scouting Life



Seventeen-year-old Benjamin LaBier devoted a substantial amount of time to his commendable Eagle Scout project, which entailed fundraising and establishing a K9 Memorial to honor past and future canines of the Hillsboro Police Department. Inspired by the passing of K9 Fanto, Ben took it upon himself to conceive and construct this dignified memorial. It proudly showcases the names of every former and current K9 that has served within the Hillsboro Police Department. The accompanying image features K9 partners, Dice and Voight.



Appreciation Root Beer Floats! Thank you so much to Goffstown Troop 99 and 99G for everything you do for the historical society. We had a nice root beer float and cookies social on this rainy Saturday afternoon.



Antrim Troop 2 Senior Patrol Leader Elijah and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Spencer taught Whittling Chip (pocket knife safety) to our Pack 2 Cub Scouts under the guidance of Assistant Scout Master Michael Redmond Jr.



Cast photos by Maryann Chung

Local actors present theatrical production to benefit future Regional Community Center

On November 3rd-5th, the Hillsborough Community Center will present "Murder at the Malt Shop," by Cheri L. Maxon.

This zany whodunit is set in the 1950s in the little town of Shingleville at Sprout's Malt Shop.

It's up to Sheriff Colin Allcars to find out who is responsible for foul

play! Was it the trouble-making greaser, Noah Count? Or the bubbly and annoying know-it-all cheerleader, Bobbie Pinz? Surely not her sidekick, Shirley Knott!

Could it have been the waitress, Dee Lighted, who takes your order but brings you whatever she feels like? How about the sultry starlet or the

dim-witted jock? Order up!

The play is directed by Gene Gould and Heidi Page. The cast features local actors: Jadelyn Baez, Joe L. Kozlowski, Christopher Cloutier, Heather McCormack, Holly Hart, Kristine McDaniel, Heather Wagner, Heather Wagner, Michaela Hartford, Cameron, Friday McMurrer, Pheobe

Inselman, Jasmine Mercier, Ash Web, Ethan Ageieff, and Gabriel Duvernay.

Performances are November 3rd at 6:30 p.m., November 4th at 7:00 p.m., and November 5th at 1:00 p.m. at Hillsboro-Deering Middle School. Doors open 15 minutes prior to showtime. Tickets available at the door, or online at hccnh.org/play.

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In September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a History teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, Arkansas did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks.

'Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?' She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.'

They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.' 'No,' she said.

'Maybe it's our behavior.' She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.'

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. Kids called their parents to tell them what was happening and by early afternoon television news crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom. Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.'

At this point, Martha Cothren went over

to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniform, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk.

The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedom you have. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story. And this teacher was awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year for the State of Arkansas in 2006. She is the daughter of a WWII POW.

Do you think this is worth passing along so others won't forget either, that the freedoms we have in this great country were earned by our U.S. Veterans?

Let us always remember the men and women of our military and the rights they have won for us.



Greater Hillsborough Area Republican Committee Chair Bob Nash (R) welcomed former NH Attorney General and U.S. Senator Kelley Ayotte (L) to speak to the Committee. Ayotte is running for governor in 2024.



Hillsborough Officers responded to a single motor vehicle accident on October 20 with a vehicle off the roadway into a ditch. The operator was transported by ambulance to the hospital and arrested for DUI and criminal mischief. He was identified as Paul Sheils of Hillsboro (left photo). On October 26 officers were dispatched to Antrim, near the Dodge dealership, for a motor vehicle into a guard rail. Officers located the operator, Mollie Wessells, who had reached into the backseat to tend to her child before losing control of her vehicle. Both were checked by EMS and found to be uninjured (right photo).

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DIVISION III FIELD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

#1 John Stark 1, #2 Kennett 0: John Stark junior Jillian Fredette scored what turned out to be the only goal on Sunday afternoon to lead the Generals to their second consecutive Division III Championship.



DIVISION III CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Hopkinton Boys #1: Matt Clarner and Ben Daniels finished sixth and seventh to lead the Hawks to the Division III title at Saturday's cross country state championship at Derryfield Park.

Hopkinton Girls: Freshman Maddy Lane won the girls' individual title, leading her race from wire to wire to clock a 5K time of 19 minutes, 30.97 seconds, about 23 seconds faster than runner-up Alanna Hagen of Newmarket, but the Hawk girls lost a close battle with Mascenic.

FOOTBALL

H-D/Hopkinton 33, Manchester West 20: The Redhawks closed their season with a victory on the road over the Blue Knights.

Milford 49, H/D-Hopkinton 27: The Redhawks kept it close in the first half, trailing Milford just 21-13 at halftime, but the Spartans picked it up in the second half to hand HDH a loss in its final game on its home field.

Bow 17, Laconia 14 (OT): Miles Miller scored on a 25yard run in the first quarter and a 30yard run in the second, and Jared Dolder booted a 30yard field goal in overtime to lift the Falcons into the playoffs in a must-win game at home.

Alvirne 37, Goffstown 8: The Broncos dominated play from the opening whistle.

Souhegan 46, John Stark 12: JJ Bright ran for three touchdowns as the Sabers completed the regular sea-

Sports

son 8-1 overall and 7-1 in Division II.

BOYS SOCCER

#4 Hopkinton 5, #13 Stevens 0: The fourth-seeded Hopkinton High School boys soccer team defeated No. 13 Stevens on Tuesday, 5-0, in the first round of the Division III tournament. Avery Condon helped Hopkinton take control with the game's first two goals, both scored in the first half.

#4 Hopkinton 3, #5 St. Thomas 0: Adam Standefer scored in the 39th minute to give the Hawks a 1-0 lead at halftime and played well at outside back, with fellow defenders Noah Aframe and Mike Pantano and goalkeeper Boissy helping to shut out the Saints for the first time this season.

#1 Campbell 5, #8 Kearsarge 1: Kearsarge fell in the Division III quarterfinals in a battle of two Cougar squads.

#1 Campbell 4, #4 Hopkinton 3 (PK): After battling back from deficits of 1-0 and 3-2, No. 4 Hopkinton (15-4-0) just couldn't quite pull off the upset against the No. 1 Cougars (171-0), losing 4-3 after Campbell's 3-1 decision on PKs.

GIRLS SOCCER

#3 Hopkinton 9, #14 Mascoma 1: The Hawks were only up 3-1 at halftime but dominated the second half to advance to the Division III quarterfinals.

#3 Hopkinton 3, #6 Trinity 0: The Hawks scored three goals in the second half to advance to the semifinals.

#5 Kearsarge 3, #12 Inter-Lakes 0: The Cougars controlled most of the second half with Chloe Hasey playing her first match in five weeks, scoring in the 53rd minute after finishing a through ball from Shap-iro. Grant scored another goal in the final five minutes off a back pass from Hasey.



Weare Middle School boys soccer won the D3 West Boys Soccer Championship on October 27.

#4 Stevens 1, #5 Kearsarge 0: The Cougars' season came to an end in the quarterfinals on the road against the Cardinals.

#1 John Stark 4, #4 Souhegan 1: Addison DeCew scored her first varsity goal just 1:21 into the first quarter, to D-II Offensive Player of the Year Lauryn Guevin's two goal performance, to the team hugs and shouts of joy following the No. 1 Generals' 4-1 win over No. 4 Souhegan in the D-II semifinal.

#2 Kennett 2, #6 Bow 1 (OT): No. 6 Bow saw its playoff run come to an end on Thursday night at Bill Ball Stadium in Exeter, losing to No. 2 Kennett, 2-1, in overtime in the D-II semifinals.

#5 Bow 1, #4 John Stark 0: Juliette Tarsa's corner kick skipped across the box in the 53rd minute and was deflected into the net for the only goal of the match.

VOLLEYBALL

#6 Gilford 3, #11 John Stark 1: The Generals won the fourth set but fell in the Division II prelims to the Eagles.

HILLSBORO-DEERING WINTER SPORTS

HDHS will hold tryouts/practices for winter sports on the following dates/times, and at the following locations:

Monday-11/13/23: Bowling Tryouts, 3:00pm at Yankee Lanes Keene, Bus - 2:20pm.

Winter Spirit Practice - 3:00pm at HDHS Cafeteria.

Monday-11/20/23: Girls Basketball Practice, 4:00-5:30pm at HDHS Gymnasium.

Boys Basketball Tryouts, 6:00-8:00pm at HDHS Gymnasium.

Alpine Ski Meeting, 2:30pm at HDHS, Room 207.

Monday-11/27/23: Boys Co-op Ice Hockey tryouts, NEC Rink at TBD.

WHAT TO DO DURING A POWER OUTAGE



By: Joyce Bosse

Keep food cold and when in doubt, throw it out. Eat your fresh, perishable foods first. Avoid opening your refrigerator and freezer to preserve cool temperatures. An unopened refrigerator will keep foods cold for about 4 hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed. Use coolers with ice if necessary. Measure the food temperature in your refrigerator and freezer with a thermometer. Throw out food that has been warmer than 40 degrees F.

Prevent power overloads and fire hazards. Unplug appliances and electronics to avoid power overloads or damage from power surges. Use flashlights, not candles. Turn off the utilities only if you suspect damage or if local officials instruct you to do so. Your gas line can only be turned on by a qualified professional. If any circuit breakers have been tripped, contact an electrician to inspect them before turning them on.

Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Don't use a gas stove to heat your home and do not use outdoor stoves indoors for heating or cooking. If using a generator, keep it outside in a well ventilated area away from windows.

Decide if you need to stay or go. Evacuate if your home is too hot or too cold, or if you have medical devices that need power.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Bruce B. Ellsworth

HOPKINTON - Bruce B. Ellsworth, 85, passed away on October 25th after a short battle with ALS.



Bruce was born and raised in Warner, NH, the son of Russell B. Ellsworth and Louise Blake Ellsworth. Bruce is survived by his wife Gail, his daughter Melissa Jones and her husband Bill, his son Jeffrey Ellsworth and his wife Jennifer, and his four grandchildren, Emily, Tim, Megan and Thomas.

He was an only child, but his cousin, Donald Hall, and his brother-in-law, David Young, were like brothers to him. A funeral service will be held at the First Congregational Church of Hopkinton at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 4th. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Blaisdell Lake Protective Association, to ALS.org, or to the Granite VNA (www.granitevna.org), whose caregivers were of tremendous support to Bruce and his family.

John A. Hanson

HANCOCK - John A. Hanson, 74, of Hancock, passed away with his family by his side, at Monadnock Community Hospital on October 14, 2023. He was born at Monadnock Community Hospital on February 14, 1949, the son of Loran and Eudine (Muncil) Hanson. Along with his wife of 55 years, Elizabeth, John is survived by his daughters Kimberly (Hanson) Sweeney, and her husband Shane, and Julie



(Hanson) Thibault, and her husband Paul. It can't be overstated how much he loved, and was loved, by his grandchildren, Kaitlynn Mello and her husband Jeremiah, Shane J. Sweeney, Jr. (Joey) and his fiancé Jennifer Chouinard, Ryan Thibault, and Rebecca Thibault; his great-grandson Carter Mello, to whom he was lovingly known as "Bump" and his "best friend," and his yet-born great-granddaughter arriving in January. He will also be missed by his brother, Robert Hanson (Mary) and his sister Linda Greene (Frank) as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister Patricia Coderre and brothers Loran (Sonny) and Thomas Hanson. A reception to celebrate John's life will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Monadnock Country Club, 49 High Street, Peterborough, NH. Burial will be private for the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Happy Valley School, PO Box 26, Peterborough, NH 03458, where three generations of John's family have been lovingly educated, his granddaughter now teaches, and is befitting of the Hanson legacy of nearly a century on Gulf Road where the original school was located for more than 5 decades.

Kent Aldon Vincent

GREENFIELD - Kent Aldon Vincent, 71, of Greenfield, NH, passed away on October 12, 2023. Taken from his family too soon. He is survived by his wife Pelagia, daughter Karissa, sisters-in-law Georgina and Katherine, and additional family in Vancouver, Canada. He



also leaves behind his extended "stroller group family" located throughout the Monadnock Region and beyond. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, November 19th, from 3:00-5:30 p.m. at the Mariposa Museum in Peterborough, NH.

Kurt Andreas Oesch

ANTRIM - Kurt Andreas Oesch died peacefully in his sleep at his son and daughter-in-law's house in Springfield, NH on October 21, 2023, after a long battle with cancer.



He was born on July 25, 1935 in Steckborn, Switzerland. Surviving family members include his wife, Trudy Oesch; a son, Andy Oesch and daughter-in-law, Doreen (Patten) Oesch and their children, Rick Oesch and wife, Nicole Oesch

and their son, Caleb; Craig Oesch and girlfriend, Madison Beddia; Cody Oesch and fiancée, Elyssa Buford; a daughter, Karin (Oesch) Doheny and son-in-law, David Doheny and their children, Brian Doheny and his wife, Shannon (Taylor) Doheny and their children, Taylor and Cameron; Eric Doheny; Michael Doheny and girlfriend, Emily Scribner; Jason Doheny; nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Marilyn Libby (Sawyer) Morse

NEWBURY - Marilyn Libby (Sawyer) Morse of Newbury died peacefully Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at



New London Hospital with family members by her side. The daughter of the late Harold F. and Mildred L. (Libby) Sawyer, Marilyn - known to many as Lynn - was born in Medford, MA, on January 22, 1927. Marilyn was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Bill; her sister, Margaret (Sawyer) Jacobus;

her nieces, Sarah (Jacobus) Liebermann and Mary Lou (Norton) Barton; and her nephews, Arthur Norton and Kenneth Morse. She leaves behind her children - Cathy L Morse, Newbury; Virginia (Allan) McTighe, Martinez, CA; William H. (Kathryn) Morse, Sunapee; Margaret (William) Austin, Sunapee; Marilyn (Paul) McLaughlin, Sunapee; John (Darlene) Morse, Sunapee; Cynthia (David) Chaves, Sunapee; Martha (Michael Burke) Jacobus, Newburyport, MA. There is not enough room to name her many, many great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins to whom she was devoted and loved more than anything. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a donation to one of the following charities, a charity of your choice, or taking a loved one out to lunch. Sunapee Seniors Scholarship Fund, c/o Beverly Trainor, Treasurer, 1B Indian Cave Landing, Sunapee, NH 03782; The NH Association for the Blind, 25 Walker Street, Concord, NH 03301. A memorial service will be held at the Lake Sunapee United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 11th, at 11:00 a.m. Marilyn will be buried with her beloved, Bill, at a private service at the New Hampshire Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen, NH.

Events: Community Bulletin Board

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3

PERFORMANCES: Murder at the Malt Shop Theatrical Production. Three performances, Nov. 3-5 at Hillsboro-Deering Middle School. Adults \$20 per person. Seniors 60 and older & children 15 and younger \$10 per person. Visit hccnh.org/play for tickets.

FIRST FRIDAY: 5:00-7:00pm, First Fridays! Meet the Artists and Gallery Stroll. Opening Receptions for The CFA Members Show at The New London Inn and Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, new work at the New London Barn Fleming Center Gallery, Candita Clayton Gallery, and Tatewell Gallery, in New London. Plus visit Blue Loon Bakery 11:00-1:00pm. Look for the Balloons. "Eat, Sip, Stroll, and Enjoy the Art!" All exhibits open during regular business hours too. www.centerforheartsnh.org/first-fridays

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4

ROAST BEEF DINNER: 4:30pm-6:30pm, Newport Methodist Church, 9 Park Street, (next to the Post Office). Served Buffet Style. Menu includes: roast beef, homemade gravy, baked potatoes, Butternut squash, cranberry relish, garden salad & choice of dressing, rolls & butter. Assorted pies, beverage. \$15 per person, \$10 ages 6-12, FREE for children under 5.

CRAFT FAIR: The Annual Goffstown Lions Club Craft Fair 9:00am-3:00pm & Sunday, Nov. 5, 9:00am-3:00pm, 2023. General Admission \$3.00, children under 12 free. Lunch available, Food Truck at 2nd floor rear exit. Held at: Mountain View Middle School, 41 Lauren Lane, Goffstown, NH.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 6

AUSBON SARGENT: Landscape History Guided Tour. Sawyer Brook Preserve in Grantham. 2:00pm. Free hike, register: stewardship@ausbonsargent.org or call 603-526-6555.

UNICORN PARTY: New friends. New adventures. The best is yet to come. Shine bright with Girl Scouts and discover a whole new world of possibilities. Girls in grades K-3 and a caregiver are invited to learn about opportunities to get involved in your community. Try out sample activities and see the many ways to get involved in Girl Scouts while having fun at a special unicorn party. Come explore Girl Scouts Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6:00-7:00pm at Center Woods School, 14 Center Road, Weare. Can't make it to an event? No worries. We host multiple in-person and virtual sign-up events throughout the year. You can also join anytime online at girlscoutsgwm.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

PAPER ORNAMENTS: 1:00pm or 6:30pm: How To's Day at Fuller Public Library. Make a beautiful paper ornament from recycled book pages. Please call to RSVP, 603-464-3595.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7

ANTRIM LEGION MEETING: American Legion Post 50 will hold their monthly meeting at the post home on West Street at 7:30pm.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS BREAKFAST: 8:00am-11:00am Hillsborough American Legion. All free to area veterans and families.

VETERANS DINNER: Antrim-Bennington VFW and American Legion Veterans Appreciation Dinner from 6:00- 8:00pm at the Bennington Train Station. All veterans and their families are welcome to join us.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12

STONE WALLS: 3:00pm at Antrim Presbyterian Church, 72

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MONDAY NOVEMBER 13

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

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14

GIRL SCOUTS: Come explore Girl Scouts 6:00-7:00pm at Andover Elementary Middle School, 20 School St., Andover. Can't make it to an event? No worries. We host multiple in-person and virtual sign-up events throughout the year. You can also join anytime online at girlscoutsgwm.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

GHOST TALE LECTURE: with Karen Tatro, 6:30pm at Fuller Public Library. Karen will introduce you to the spirits of the John Butler Smith House. Reserve a spot soon due to limited seating available. Email director@fullerlibrary.info or call 603-464-3595.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16

BOOK CLUB: between 2:15 and 3:15pm, at the James A. Tuttle Library, Book Club members will be discussing Laura Schroff's *An Invisible Thread*.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18

SENIOR DINNER: 47th Annual Lions Club Senior Dinner at H-D Middle School, 12:30 Seating & Sing Along; 1:00 Meal Served; 2:30 Take out available while they last.

CHRISTMAS SALE: East Washington, The Annual Christmas Sale will be held 8:00am-2:00pm at 2278 East Washington Road. Besides Christmas items there will be a Bake Sale and Crafts. Proceeds from this sale will benefit East Washington Baptist Church. For more information call Ron 603-495-3186.

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24

AUSBON SARGENT: Rail Trail Group Bike Ride. Hiller and Hersey Conservation easements along the rail trail in Andover. 1:00pm. Free to join, but registration required stewardship@ausbonsargent.org or by calling 603-526-6555.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25

CRAFT FAIR: Great Brook School 9:00am-3:00pm. Tons of vendors, lots of food, kids crafts and photos with Santa.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

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ANGULAR CHEILITIS



Dr. Esin Narli

Q: What is angular cheilitis?

A: Angular cheilitis (pron. ky-LIE-tis) is a condition that develops with age. As we get older, the cells in our skin contain less water and the tissue holds less fat. One of the results is the creation of so-called "purse string" wrinkles around the lips.

In some cases, especially if the loose skin condition is exacerbated by tooth wear or tooth loss, the wrinkles can become especially deep at the corners of the mouth. If they are subjected to continued wetting and drying because of constant licking, the corners can become chapped and inflamed. This is the condition known as angular cheilitis.

The condition can be aggravated by vitamin deficiencies, particularly by a deficiency of vitamin B2. It is not uncommon for angular cheilitis to be accompanied by an infection like candidiasis, which is the general term for conditions involving a variety of fungi referred to as yeasts.

The most common of these fungi is called candida albicans, which is naturally found in the mouth. When something throws off the natural balance involving fungi in the mouth, it's a problem. Candidiasis in the mouth is commonly referred to as thrush. Talk with your dentist to learn more about angular cheilitis and other dental conditions that come with aging.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

The antiviral drug nirmatrelvir plus ritonavir (Paxlovid) was granted Emergency Use Authorization for treating COVID-19 in December 2021. In clinical trials, the antiviral was associated with an 88% reduction in hospitalization or death among high-risk, unvaccinated individuals with COVID-19. However, little was known at the time about whether Paxlovid could significantly benefit vaccinated individuals, as well as individuals infected with novel variants of SARS-CoV-2 that were not dominant during the drug's clinical trials. By leveraging a large, well-validated, COVID-19 data repository housed within their system, Mass General Brigham researchers confirmed that the drug is associated with a 44% reduction in hospitalization or death in a highly vaccinated population of adults over the age of 50. The results, now published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*, suggest that Paxlovid can offer a substantial benefit even to vaccinated patients diagnosed with COVID-19 in the outpatient setting, and can contribute to ongoing efforts to reduce COVID-19 hospitalizations during a projected winter surge.

Patients hospitalized with fractures typically receive an injectable blood thinner, low-molecular-weight heparin, to prevent life-threatening blood clots. A new clinical trial, however, found that inexpensive over-the-counter aspirin is just as effective. The findings, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, may lead surgeons to change their practice and administer aspirin to these patients.

Fewer cases of melanoma were observed among regular users of vitamin D supplements than among non-users, a new study published in *Melanoma Research* finds. People taking vitamin D supplements regularly also had a considerably lower risk of skin cancer, according to estimates by experienced dermatologists.

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Tuesday November 7, 2023 • 6:30 PM

Public Hearing

The Town of Henniker will hold a public hearing during the regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting on November 7, 2023, at 6:30pm at the Henniker Community Center 57 Main Street under RSA 31:95-b III (a) to accept unanticipated funding in the amount of \$311,372 from Department of Homeland Security Grant Award to construct a public safety communication tower with generator and fencing on lot 654-A known as Craney Hill.



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Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:7 that the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on a Variance to locate a mobile home in the Village Residential Zone. The application is submitted by Megan Criner for property located on Union Street (Map 25 Lot 86-1).

The Public Hearing for this application will be presented to the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment Monday, November 13, 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.



Town of Hillsborough NH LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Hillsborough Planning Board, pursuant to RSA 675:7, on **November 15, 2023**, at 7:00 pm at the Hillsborough Town Office, 27 School Street, to consider proposed revisions to the Hillsborough Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations.

Copies of the amended document may be viewed on the Town Website, At the Selectman's Office located at 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire and the Office of Community Planning. Anyone with questions should contact Robyn Payson, Planning Director at 603-464-7971 or by e-mail at robyn@hillsboroughnh.net

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