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Hillsboro-Deering's Gavin Ford is Top Golfer

Hillsboro-Deering's Gavin Ford finished in 5th place overall at the recent NHIAA golf match.

EARLY DEADLINES

The Messenger has early press deadlines for the last two weeks in November:

11/17 issue: **DEADLINE Mon., Nov. 13** 11/24 issue: **DEADLINE Fri., Nov. 17**

This week in history

November 11, 1922

Writer Kurt Vonnegut is born in Indianapolis

November 12, 1660

John Bunyan is imprisoned for preaching

November 13, 1942

The Sullivan brothers killed when USS Juneau sinks

November 14, 1963

Surtsey Island is witnessed being born from volcano

November 15, 1995

Ajay Bhatt invents the USB

November 16, 1999

Construction begins on deadly Texas A&M bonfire

November 17, 1970

My Lai trial begins for William Calley



The Oz-Ram 1922 robotics team, a combined team with members from Hopkinton Middle High School and John Stark Regional High School, recently competed in River Rage, an off-season event at Memorial HS in Manchester, taking 2nd place. Photo: Logan Kaynak, Vaughn Dixon, Owen Horne, Brad Dickinson (holding Award), Isaac Chasse (behind Brad in back), Teddy Ehrmanntraut, Judah Vendt, Sara Vargas, and Julien Zanetti.

Kearsarge Superintendent Finalists

Public is invited to meet the three finalists on November 8th at 3:30 p.m.

The Kearsarge Regional School Board has announced its three finalists for the position of Superintendent of Schools. In alphabetical order, they are:

Michael Bessette, Assistant Superintendent Kearsarge Regional School District; John Fortney, Superintendent Van-Far R-1 Schools, Vandalia, MO; and Michael Jette, Superintendent Litchfield School District. A Screening Committee of fourteen met on several occasions in October to review applications and to interview candidates for the position of Superintendent. Applicants represented a range of experiences and backgrounds. Following the preliminary interviews, the Screening Committee voted to recommend the above candidates for further consideration by the Kearsarge Regional School Board.

The School Board will conduct interviews with the three finalists and determine the next steps which, in addition to extensive reference checks, will include the candidates visiting the district.

The staff and the community were invited to meet the candidates and provide feedback on November 8th at the Kearsarge Professional Development Center in New London, NH.

Judges determine Henniker has best tasting water

Granite State Rural Water Association hosted its ninth drinking water taste test competition on September 12, 2023, during the annual Operator Field Day. After two rounds of judging and 11 contestants, the judges awarded Cogswell Springs Water Works, Town of Henniker Water Department first place!

The judges determined the winners based on three criteria: clarity, bouquet, and most importantly, taste.

The competition is a way to acknowledge the importance of having clean, safe drinking water. Operators have the incredibly important job of making sure everyone has safe water to drink, and this

competition really highlights the efforts of these operators. Cogswell Springs now has the opportunity to be flown down to Washington DC for an all-expense paid trip to participate in the Great American Taste Test Contest hosted by National Rural Water Association at their annual rally in February.

New London's Capital Improvement Committee issues its recommendations

In July 2023, the New London Planning Board appointed a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) subcommittee to complete the process of updating the CIP.

The CIP Committee undertook the process of gathering information from the Departments and Committees of the Town of their projected capital needs over the next ten years. The information was collected in spreadsheets that summarize the project, the total cost of the project and the year(s) in which the money is planned to be spent.

The attached CIP report is the comprehensive FY2025-2034 Plan. As the projects in this plan are implemented,

ConVal talks Reconfiguration/Consolidation

ConVal School Board Vice Chair Alan Edelkind hopes residents of the district will feel compelled to hear the next steps for potential reconfig-uration or consolidation of schools on Tuesday.

A regularly scheduled board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., behind South Meadow Middle School.

At the meeting, the board will present next steps on the possibility of reconfiguring or consolidating schools, an idea

that was first discused due to declining student population in the school district. The board won't discuss feedback that has been collected from residents through input sessions, and will present only next phases of the project.

During September and October, a series of input sessions were held across the ConVal school district to determine the number of schools the shrinking student population needs.

Departments are encouraged to utilize energy efficient methods and equipment to achieve the Town's 2018 goal of 100% renewable sources for electricity by 2030 and 100% renewable fuel for heating and transportation by 2050. The CIP Committee supports the projects within this plan and encourages the **Budget Committee and Select**board to review each project and its cost as they conduct their annual budget reviews.

• Tracy Memorial Library

The Committee recognizes that the facility has ongoing maintenance projects scheduled over the next decade and recommends completion of the projects outlined.

• Department of Public Works

The Committee notes that a significant portion of the Public Works Department's capital needs include equipment purchases. The Committee believes

that the Department should consider purchasing and implementing an Asset Management Program to help track Town equipment and facility needs as well as maintenance and ownership cost. This program would be helpful for future CIP and budget processes to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of operational alternatives such as leasing equipment. The Committee recommends that, to the extent possible, the Department of Public Works work closely with the New London-Springfield Water Precinct on the coordination of infrastructure work along Main Street as the Water Precinct prepares for its water main replacement project.

Fire Department

A significant concern identified in the CIP is the potential need to expand the Fire Station. The Ladder 3 replacement is anticipated to be taller and will

not fit in the current 11' garage doors. The conceptual solution to the issue is that an addition could be built with a bay that has a 14' door to accommodate the larger truck.

• Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission continues to identify and pursue the purchase of desirable land where conservation adds value to the Town. The Commission believes that due to the increasing cost of real estate, by 2034 it will need \$1,000,000 to pursue its mission.

• Police Department

The Committee recognizes the community's need for a new facility to house the Police Department and Communications Center. The committee supports an organized planning process to acquire land, design and construct a facility to accommodate the department now and in the future.





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H-D School Board nixes idea of a separate Budget or Budget Advisory Committee

Three members of the Curriculum Website Committee made a presentation to apprise the Board of their progress. After many years of starting and restarting, the Committee had good news that the website was getting close to completion.

All of the information will be easy to access by both parents and teachers in several ways, and dovetails with the Portrait of a Graduate to give everyone an easy to understand curriculum guide. Maggie Cover,
James MacCabe and Bill Knopf
represented the committee
at the meeting and answered
many questions by the Board.
Mr. Knopf also pointed out
that the new website will have
the ability to be updated when
there are curriculum changes,
and will be able to be used by
anyone.

Krista Davison appeared before the Board to give them the recommendations of the Budget Advisory Study Committee. At the last School District meeting the voters asked the Board to form a committee comprised of school staff, local businesses and members of

the public to see if they should consider having either a Budget Committee or a Budget Advisory Committee to cooperate with the H-D School Board.

After meeting for several

months, trying to get feedback from other towns and districts, the Committee determined that the best recommendation would be to not have a separate committee.

SAU 34 Curr Websit

Teachers Maggie Cover, James MacCabe and Bill Knoft present the new SAU 34 Website to the H-D School Board.

Hopkinton school district no longer participating in Redhawks football

After 10 years of cooperating with Hillsboro-Deering, the Hopkinton School District has decided that they no longer want to be a part of the combined football program known as the Redhawks due to lack

of interest by students in Hopkinton.

This year H-D had 28 participants and Hopkinton had 6. All equipment, uniforms, etc. from the Redhawks Booster Club will be given to H-D.

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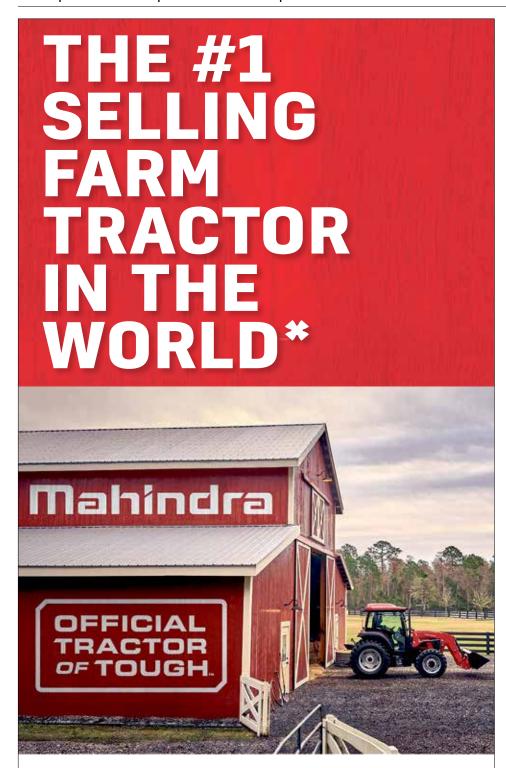
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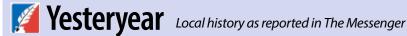


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November 11, 2022

Keene State names Heidi Welch a Distinguished Alumni Washington Elementary School students practice Community Building Who shot the cow at Weare's Ilseley Farm? H-D DECA places 2nd in International competition

November 12, 2021

Hillsborough Police host K-9 training Hopkinton Lions launch "Be Kind - Give Thanks" Hillsborough accepts \$628,347 ARPA Grant Girl Scouts build "Buddy Bench" at Center Woods

November 13, 2020

Henniker mother & daughter perish in fire Ray Barker included in National EMT Register Hopkinton Girls capture 3rd soccer championship Hancock's Harris Center celebrates 50th Anniversary

November 15, 2019

Peterborough Rotary Club launches Operation Santa Hopkinton 6K Turkey Trot & Pancake Breakfast Henniker students learn about Azalea Park Grapevine receives \$15,000 grant from Bantam Grill

November 16, 2018

Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce revived Kearsarge High School observes Anti-Bullying Day New Boston Firefighters receive 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 18, 2013

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

Henniker Select Board accepts \$311,372 Craney Hill Tower grant

The Town of Henniker was awarded a Department of Homeland Security Grant on October 28, 2021, in the amount of \$311, 372.

For unanticipated moneys in the amount of \$10,000 or more, the selecctmen or

board of commissioners shall hold a prior public hearing on the action to be taken.

According to the minutes, the Select Board properly accepted and appropriated the grant funding at a public hearing on November 7, 2023.

After closing the hearing, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Depart-

ment of Homeland Security Grant Funds in the amount of \$311,372 and to appropriate said funds for the construction of a public safety communications tower, generator, building fit up and fencing on Craney Hill.



Goffstown Scout Troop 99 B & G is once again selling holiday wreaths to raise funds for their troop activities. If you know a scout, please contact them directly. If not, use the website https://threeriversfundraising.com/fundraiser/gst99-w23/to place your order.



The Henniker Highway Department has started paving Foster Hill! The base coat has been completed. We will return to complete the road and apply a top coat in the spring once things dry out.



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Hometown Heroes



The Hopkinton Police Department is extremely proud of their newest officer, Geoffrey Erickson, who received the Congressional Associate Service Award for his life saving actions during an incident that took place in Concord on April 27, 2022. During this incident, Officer Erickson administered first aid to a gunshot victim and is credited with saving the victim's life. Geoffrey is currently attending the New Hampshire Police Acadamy and is set to graduate on November 17th.



Officer Seth Guilmette has returned to the Weare Police Department. Officer Guilmette first joined the Department in 2021 and they are very happy to have him back.



Fire Prevention at the Elementary School. This is always a fun time for both members and students.

H-D DECA Teams again shine in world-wide competition

Competing for ten days against other high schools in a global competition, one team of students from Hillsboro-Deering High School has qualified for the DECA International Conference in late April 2024.

In the Virtual Business
Sports and Entertainment
Management Competition,
two students, senior Mason
Ferwerda and junior Ben
Perrin finished in first place in
the competitive North Atlantic
region of DECA and also eleventh worldwide. They will join
teams from Virgina, Texas,
Indiana, Ohio, California, and

Ontario, Canada.

These first-round competitors will be combined with the winners of the January qualifier into a field of 16 teams competing for top world honors next spring at the International CDC in Anaheim, California.

"The DECA Virtual Business Challenge is one of the most exciting times of the year, and simultaneously the most stressful. Students love competing against and connecting with competitors from around the country and world to do this. The competition is intense, and the students do a great job. We enter teams

of students into most of the events and I am very proud of all of them. Our Fashion team and Restaurant team were

both competitive. Our Retail team finished in the top 10 in the world, but just outside of qualifying in the region. It was a heartbreaker for them, but they have another shot at it in January," said H-D DECA Advisor Marc Payeur.



Left: Mason Ferwerda; right: Ben Perrin.

Newbury approves Budget Committee

The Town of Newbury has established a Budget Committee comprised of the three selectmen, the Town Administrator and three members of the public. Jeff Estella, Richard Wright, Chris Daniels, Russ Smith and Theresa Lavoie all volunteered to be on the committee.

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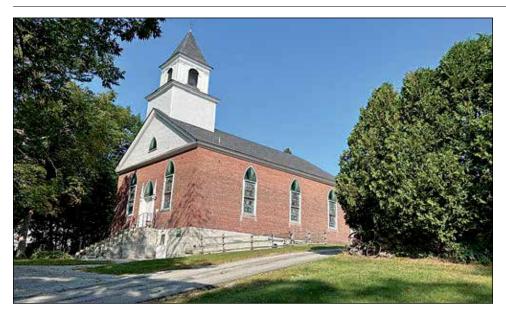
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Henniker and New London properties added to NH Historic Register

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources has announced that the State Historical Resources Council has added a pair of area properties to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.

Built in 1834 by the First Baptist Society of Henniker and commonly called "the Brick Church," the one-story Henniker Community Center (L) is still one of the few brick structures in town. Its Gothic Revival features, including pointed arch fans above the windows, in the tower and above the recessed main entrance, were commonly incorporated in church designs during the mid-nineteenth century. The Henniker Masonic Association purchased the building in 1974; the Aurora Lodge of Masons used it for meetings and activities before selling it to the town of Henniker in 2002.

Old New London Village (R) was established in 1962 and is one of the state's first open-air museums that consists mainly of rescued and repurposed buildings assembled to recreate a mid-nineteenth century rural New Hampshire village. Historic structures that have been on site for more than 50 years include a capestyle home (1835) with an ell (1850), schoolhouse (1821), privy/woodshed (1850), blacksmith shop (circa 1800), barn (1795), and sheds (circa 1830 and 1840). More recent historic building acquisitions are a country store (1826), barn (circa 1845) and former granary (circa 1840).

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I have enjoyed my practice in Henniker and the surrounding towns for many years. Lately, I have been focusing my efforts to maintain an office practice, such as real estate issues, estate planning and administration. I have been referring more complex matters to other firms for some years, such as criminal matters, divorces, and injury recoveries.

Alfano Law Office is a firm with offices in several towns and cities, including Concord. They have accepted my request to name them as "Of Counsel" to my practice, so that my clients can benefit from their expertise, if they choose. I receive no financial benefit for these referrals, but can be comfortable that my clients will be in good hands for matters requiring more work than I am willing to attempt. That being said, I hope to be available to my many clients for a long time.

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One veteran's challenge to America's youth

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Some call us heroes - We are not! Some say we were brave - We were not!

America's veterans are ordinary men and women of which much was asked in extraordinary times; who overcame their fears to serve a nation that gave them so much; and who fought not for glory but out of a sense of duty to defend this great continuing experiment in democracy and personal liberty we call America.

I served in Vietnam and was away from my friends and family for one year. Some of my colleagues who fought WWII were gone for 3 or 4 years and recently our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan are serving extended or multiple tours of duty.

How can today's younger generation get a true a sense of what War is like? Imagine for a moment you are a track athlete and you can go home after running in 100 meets. Trouble is most runners die by the 33rd meet. That's what fighter pilots faced in Vietnam. They could go home after flying 100 combat missions, but the odds were

they would be shot down before the 33rd.

We have a special mission for members of the Student Council. The only problem is that for every ten of you who go on this mission, eight will be killed. That's what happened to the Rangers who took the cliff's over Normandy, or the bomber pilots who flew the raids over the German oil fields during WWII.

The Soccer team will suffer only 20-30% casualties on their next mission, the best odds yet. But, the reward for surviving that mission is that you get to go on another with the same odds, and then another and another. Just like the Marines who fought at Guadalcanal, Korea, Viet Nam, Iraq or Afghanistan.

They knew the odds before they went but they went anyway.

Could you do the same? Would you? If you survive that experience you are a different person. Your whole outlook and philosophy of life changes in ways others will never understand.

With luck and God's grace, you will never have to experience that, but you can still honor those who have. Soon the future of America will be in your hands. When your turn comes, honor it, improve it and pass along a better life to your kids. That's all the thanks any veteran could ask.

Deering man arrested for domestic violence



Officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Church Street involving a firearm. Given the proximity and prior to the arrival of officers, the school district was notified, and the schools were

quickly placed into a secure hold.

The initial report from officers on-scene

indicated the suspect fled on foot with the

The suspect involved was identified as 20-year-old Pason Searles. The investigation led officers to Deering, where Searles was taken into custody shortly after 9 a.m. The firearm reported to be involved was also recovered in Deering. Searles will be held at the Hillsborough County House of Corrections until he can be brought before the Hillsborough Superior Court in Manchester.



Students at Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School enjoyed a visit by the Hillsboro Fire/EMS Department. They toured the fire truck and ambulance.

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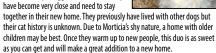
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together in their new home. They previously have lived with other dogs but their cat history is unknown. Due to Morticia's shy nature, a home with older children may be best. Once they warm up to new people, this duo is as sweet as you can get and will make a great addition to a new hor

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DECA supports VA Hospital's Recreational Therapy program

This year H-DHS DECA is supporting the White River Junction VA Hospital's Recreational Therapy program. Our DECA Community Giving team is currently selling wristbands (PRICES are: one for \$2 OR two for \$3) to raise money for the recreational therapy program.

The White River Junction VA Recreational Therapy program helps Veterans and active duty service members recover and adapt to both mental and physical obstacles. Recreational therapy provides Veterans with meaningful therapeutic activities that improve their ability to function independently and restore their

quality of life.

Your purchase of a bracelet could allow for a Veteran or current service member to have a better, faster, and safer recovery from their time serving our nation. 100% of the proceeds of the bracelet sales will be donated to this program. Every contribution counts.

Bracelets are on sale at the Hillcat Corner, through the chairpersons of our Community Giving team: Maddy Paquette, Peter Beane, and Nick Bowen, or from Mr. Payeur in Room 121. We hope you choose to help us support this cause.

Hopkinton committee withdraws zoning amendments

In a surprise reversal, the Hopkinton economic development committee has withdrawn its proposed zoning amendments designed to create more affordable housing opportunities in the town.

After hearing testimony at public hearings, the committee concluded that passing the zoning amendments next year would be challenging due to the lack of confidence among residents and the need for further education in the community.

Several issues contributed to the committee's decision to withdraw the amendments.

To accommodate smaller, more affordable dwellings in alignment with the town's master plan, the committee proposed four recommendations for the zoning ordinances.

One of the recommendations suggests altering the zoning regulations to permit more single-family houses on smaller lots, potentially allowing for four or even eight units on a single acre, as opposed to the current regulation that requires at least two and a half acres for a single-family house.

The other recommendations focus on amending the zoning ordinances at three specific locations: Hart's Corner, the Exit 6/Maple Street area, and land near Burnham Intervale and Pine Street.

These changes would enable a mix of residential buildings within commercial and industrial zones, promoting denser housing options and the introduction of affordable housing alternatives.

The widespread opposition from residents primarily stems from concerns of potentially losing the town's rural character and worries about an increased tax burden.

The need for more housing is supported by Central New Hampshire Regional Planning's study that predicts Hopkinton will experience a substantial 9.5% increase in its population by 2050, potentially adding around 500 more residents to the town.

Girl finds sewing needle inside Bow Halloween candy

A trick-or-treater in Bow told police she bit into a piece of candy and found a sewing needle. Police said the incident appears isolated, and they have received no other calls or heard about any similar incidents across the state.

Bow Police said a 12-year-old girl told them that she found a partially opened mini Snickers bar on the ground on Longview Drive and bit into it, finding a sewing needle inside.

The girl was not injured.

Police Chief Ken Miller said he hadn't heard of such an incident before. "Yeah, it's very unusual," he said. "I can't tell you at this point exactly how it got there or what the intentions were. It is something that typically doesn't happen. The Bow community is a very safe community."



2023 Inductees: Back Row I-r: Leah Chapman, Gianna Fournier, Juel Ferreira, Zudima Fuller, Kaitlynn Carson, Alexis Boudreau, Haley Stafford, Emelie Lundeen, Ryann Telgen, Elizabeth Ackerly, Emma Guilemette, Ava Rivers, Adison Bolduc. Front Row I-r: Joseph Dykstra, Rio Calle, Joel Douzanis, Evette Dagenais, Natalie Lawson, Evan Browne, Emmerson Brown, Jillian Fredette, Emily Fredette, Ryan Mucci, Cassandra Lentsch, Sadie McCallum. Melody Couturier photo.

John Stark National Honor Society inducts 23 new members

Twenty-five new members were inducted into the John Stark Regional High School Chapter of the National Honor Society on November 2, 2023. These new members joined the current 23 members of the Chapter. The evening's program included NHS member Ella Smith singing the Star Spangled Banner and NHS Chap-

ter President Ava Martin giving the welcoming remarks.

NHS Chapter student speakers included Hailey Brisson (Scholarship), Olivia Nock (Service), Madelyn Morette (Leadership), and Makayla Pellerin (Character). NHS Vice President Melody Couturier led the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Honor Society Pledge.

\$10 million available in 3rd round of school safety grants

The third round of applications for the Security Action for Education (SAFE) grants program and the \$10 million available to allocate to district and public charter schools to improve school security has opened, state education officials announced Monday.

Proposed school safety projects should aim to enhance access control, emergency alerting and surveillance.

"This newest round of funding will continue to make New Hampshire's schools even safer for children and staff," Frank Edelblut, state education commissioner, said in a statement. During previous rounds of SAFE grants, about \$13.9 million was awarded to 341 schools throughout the state. Schools that did not receive SAFE grants in rounds one or two will be prioritized during this new, third round of applications, officials said.

Unfunded applications remaining from rounds one and two will not be considered, but a school may submit a new application for the same project.

In this round, the maximum awards for any one school for all projects submitted will not exceed \$100,000.

Schools can now submit applications to the Public School Infrastructure Commission through the New Hampshire Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's (HSEM) Resource Center.

The commission will make its award recommendations on a first-in, first-out basis, which will then be considered by the Legislative Fiscal Committee and governor and council, most likely during the first quarter of 2024.

Franklin man arrested for shooting his brother-in-law

Franklin Police are investigating a shooting at a residence on Webster Lake Road that injured a man. Another man, who was waiting outside the residence when police arrived, was arrested and charged with two felonies.

Police allege that John Duchesne, 38, shot his 35-year-old brother-in-law, John Santos.

According to Franklin Police Chief Dave Goldstein, Santos did not suffer life-threatening injuries. He was treated at Concord Hospital

Duchesne, who was not granted bail, was charged with one count of first-degree assault with a deadly

weapon, a Class A Felony; one count of reckless conduct during a domestic dispute with a deadly weapon, a Class B Felony; and four counts of endangering the life of a child, each a Class A Misdemeanor, representing the four children who were in the house at the time of the shooting.

No child was hurt. All are juveniles and live in the house with Santos and his wife, whose name was withheld by Goldstein.

It is unclear if Duchesne, the woman's brother, lives there as well.



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BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Defensive Player of the Year Award - Logan Miller Golden Boot Award - Mason Ferwerda Heart And Hustle Award - Dylan Braun

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Most Improved Player Award - Brody Hoegen Defensive Player of the Year Award - Jackson Prentiss Offensive Player of the Year Award - Trevor Mays

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Dynamic Defender Award - Sophie Cuscia Perfectly Present Award - Alyssia Spencer

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"Clutch Moment Award" - Dylan Czyzewski "Angler of the Year" - Gabriel Evans

FOOTBALL Division II Quarterfinals

#4 Plymouth 28, #7 John Stark 8: The Bobcats scored in all four quarters to move on to the Division II semifinals. John Stark completed its season at 6-4.

Division II Quarterfinals

#3 Souhegan 54, Bow 6: Senior running back J.J. Bright scored three touchdowns on five of his carries, leading the Sabers.

Division IV Semifinals

#1 Newport 35, Bishop Brady 7: Kyle Ashley ran for two touchdowns to help top-seeded Newport improve its record to 8-0. Hopkinton falls to Gilford 1-0 in Division III semifinals.

BOYS SOCCER Division II Semifinals

#2 Bow 3, #3 Kingswood 1 PK: The Falcons defeated the Kingswood Knights on penalty kicks, 3-1, after 110

minutes of scoreless soccer in the NHIAA Division II boys' soccer semifinals.

Division II Championship

#2 Bow 2, #1 Lebanon 1: The Falcons held a 2-1 lead late in the second half. For the first time since moving to Division II, No. 2 Bow was a state champion in boys' soccer, beating No. 1 Lebanon 2-1.

Division III Semifinals

#2 Gilford 1, #3 Hopkinton 0: They lost to them narrowly twice during the regular season, and on Wednesday in the Division III semifinals the Hawks once again came up short, 1-0.

GIRLS SOCCER Division II Semifinals

#1 Hollis/Brookline 3, #5 Bow 0 PK: The Cavaliers finally capitalized in penalty kicks, 3-0, to take down Bow, who arguably couldn't have played much better. Yet, their season still came to an end.

Sports





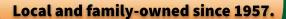
The two best John Stark Cross Country runners this year ran against the best in the state, Div 1, 2, and 3 runners, this past Saturday, November 4, at Alvirne HS. Both runners ran the second best times in John Stark history, just narrowly missing the school records. Senior Eli Lemire (R) capped off a brilliant 4-year career at John Stark with an amazing time of 16:22, missing the school record by 10 seconds. Sophomore Kayla Barriere (L) was hoping to break 21 minutes to be the 3rd fastest in Stark history, but Kayla ran out of her head and ran 20:29, missing the school record by 0.8 seconds.



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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Gertrude Fowler

ALLENSTOWN - Gertrude Fowler, of Allenstown, died at home after a brief illness on Halloween day,



surrounded by her loving family. She was 87. She is survived by her three children, Joseph Fowler and his wife, Barbara of Newtown CT, Gerard Fowler II of Allenstown, Maureen Savoy and her husband, Glenn of Allenstown; four grand-children, Nicholas Fowler, Chelsea Fowler, Gerard Fowler III, and

Peter Gelinas; as well as five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents, Arthur and Gertrude McDonough; her beloved husband, Gerard Fowler; her daughter-in-law, Lynne Fowler and son-in-law, Steven Gelinas. Calling hours were held on Friday, November 3rd in The Roan Family Funeral Home, 167 Main Street in Pembroke. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, November 4th at St. John the Baptist Church in Allenstown. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your favorite charity in Gertrude's memory. please visit www.roanfamilyfuneral.com

Priscilla George

HILLSBOROUGH - Priscilla George, 89, passed away peacefully on October 31st, at Concord Hospital after a



sudden illness. Priscilla was born on March 17, 1934, the daughter of Louis and Bunny Pierce (Conway) in Brockton, Massachusetts. Priscilla married her college classmate, the Rev. Dr. Louis (Lou) George on June 22, 1957. Their children include; Roy George and his wife Hope of Hillsborough, New Hamp-

shire, Philip George of Alstead, New Hampshire, Sharon Hamilton and her husband Tim of Bangor, Maine, Stephen George and his wife Tammy of Hartland, Maine. Priscilla had nine grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. A celebration of her life will be held on December 9th, at 10:00 a.m. at the United Baptist Church, 39 Fayette St. Concord, New Hampshire 03301. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the United Baptist Church, 39 Fayette St., Concord, New Hampshire 03301 or the Concord Community Concert Association, P.O. Box 387, Concord, New Hampshire 03301.

William H Cummings II

FRANKLIN - It is with great sadness that the family of William "Bill" H. Cummings II announce his passing on



October 25, 2023 in Tennessee at the age of 82. Bill was born October 8, 1941 in Franklin, NH to Winfred H. Cummings Jr. and Doris Cummings. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Winfred "Bud" and Doris. Bill is survived by his sisters, Sandra Trowbridge and Marcia Carden; and his brother, Senachie

Cummings; his three daughters: Angie and husband, Harold; Valerie; and Cindy and husband, Jamie; his grandchildren: David and wife, Emily; Cadi and husband, Forrest; Bree and husband, Edgar; Kevin; Emily and her partner, Chris; and Winter; his great-grandchildren; Teddy, Louie, Linc, Gemma, and Joey. Services will be held November 14th at 3 p.m. at the Veteran's Cemetery.

Margaret Anne Carlson

HANCOCK - Margaret Anne Carlson, age 93, passed away on October 16, 2023 after a life full of love and adventures. She is survived by her five children: Meg (Joe



Mozdiez), Charlie (Susan Carlson), Tom (Nancy Carlson), Anne (Don Goldberg), and Sam (Linda McGinnis), twelve grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. Her beloved husband, John E. Carlson Jr., aka Jack, whom she married twice, predeceased her in 2017. Her burial will be private,

and the family will gather to celebrate her in the spring. Donations in her memory can be sent to the Alzheimer's Family Support Center in Brewster, MA, or the Friends of the Hancock Library in Hancock, NH.

Cynthia Mae Turner

PETERBOROUGH - Cynthia Mae Turner, 89, of Peterborough, passed away peacefully at her home on November 6, 2023. She was born in Peterborough on



August 16, 1934, the daughter of Herbert and Mae (Barrett) Sumner. Cynthia is survived by her son, Herbert Turner, and his partner, Cheryl Woodward of Peterborough; and her daughter, Heidi Brooks of Rindge. She is predeceased by her husband, Raymond Turner and her son-in-law, Steve

Brooks. Per her request there will be no formal services. Memorial contributions may be made in Cynthia's memory to the Monadnock Humane Society, 101 W. Swanzey Road, Swanzey, NH 03446.

Charles S. Mc Crave, Jr.

ANDOVER - Charles S. Mc Crave, Jr. of East Andover, NH died in Concord, NH, on November 4, 2023 at the age of 88. Charlie was born on July 7, 1935, in



Providence, RI, to Charles Stephen McCrave, Sr., and Margaret (Conlon) McCrave. He is predeceased by his daughter, Barbara McCrave of Newport, RI; his brother, James McCrave of Walbridge, OH; and his grandson, Ross Oparowski of Elkins, NH. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary Lou (Miller)

McCrave of East Andover; his daughter, Elizabeth McCrave and her husband, Ted Oparowski of Elkins, NH; his son, Charles K. McCrave and his wife, Cally of Lyme, NH; his brother, Bill of Naples, FL; three grandchildren, Ben McCrave, Ellie McCrave, and Ted Oparowski; and his step-son, Chris Michaud and his partner, Rachel Reed of Richmond, VA, and their children, Parker and Adelyn Michaud. There will be a private memorial gathering at a later date. Memorial contributions in memory of Charles S. McCrave, Jr. may be made to the American Heart Association or the Andover NH Public Library.

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Events: Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS PROGRAM: There will be a Veterans Day Ceremony in Deering at 11:00am honoring Veterans at the memorial across from the Deering Town Hall.

VETERANS CEREMONY: Greenfield's Veterans Day Ceremony 11:00am, Greenfield Meetinghouse. Bell ringing by George Rainier. Wreath laying ceremony by Reverend Daniel Osgood.

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. Where: Antrim Presbyterian Church, 72 Main Street. A lifelong tech-savvy friend of Antrim, George Caughey reveals a facinating method anyone can use to locate old stone walls and hidden geology. All are invited to this free instructional lecture.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 13

WASHINGTON HISTORICAL: 7:00pm. Washington Historical Society is having Glenn Knoblock present The History of the Kancamagus Highway. This will be a Zoom-only presentation. To access the Zoom link go to the events tab at the Washington NH Historical Society web site, wnhhs.org.

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 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.

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

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

CHRISTMAS SALE: East Washington - The Annual Christmas Sale will be held, 8am-2 pm at 2278 East Washington Road. Besides Christmas items there will also be a Bake Sale and Crafts. Proceeds from this sale will benefit East Washington Baptist Church. For more information call Ron at 603.495.3186 PARISH HOLIDAY FAIR: Our Lady of Fatima/Immaculate Conception 9:00am-2:00pm, 724 Main Street, New London. Vintage and fashion jewelry; hats, gloves, bags, scarves; gift basket raffle - more than 30 choices, some worth hundreds of dollars; 50/50 raffle; hand-made crafts; Christmas décor; house plants; cookie walk; country pantry. Children's makea-gift session. Coffee and pastries 9:00am-11:00am; lunch

11:00am-1:00pm.

STUFF-A-TRUCK: 8:00am-5:00pm, New London Hannaford, non-perishable food items, toiletries, cash & gift cards.

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 1-3

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR: The annual Contoocook Artisans Holiday Craft Fair will be held at the American Legion Post 8 in Contoocook, NH. This juried fine arts and crafts fair features 30+ artisans and with locally made items including gifts for the home, baked goods, maple sugar and honey, baskets, holiday items, dolls and children's toys, wooden items, jewelry, leather items, clothing, oil cloth accessories and handbags, specialty paper and books, felted treasures, pottery, photography, soaps, folk art, beadwork, quilts, Shaker items, Christmas ornaments, and much more. Dates and times for the Fair are Friday, Dec. 1 from 10:00-7:00pm, Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10:00-5:00pm, and Sunday, Dec. 3 from 10:00-2:00pm.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

FIRST FRIDAYS: Holiday Concert! The North Country Vox-Stars! All-gender chorus singing — a mixture of barbershop and contemporary a cappella arrangements. A Holiday Celebration for all ages. Black Box Theater at Colby-Sawyer College www.centerfortheartsnh.org/first-fridays.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2

FESTIVAL OF TREES: Fundraiser. Win a fully decorated Christmas tree at the Hillsboro-Deering High School Craft Fair on Dec 2nd! Raffle tickets sold at the event for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Visit hccnh.org/trees for more info.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3

TREE LIGHTING: 2:00-6:00pm. Newbury Center meeting House at 5:00pm. Craft Fair Town Offices 2:00-5:00pm. Refreshments at Vets Hall.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION: In Bradford 5:30-8:30pm. Visit with Santa, Tree Lighting, Jingle Bus, Community Diner, Food Drive Library, Fire Department, Community Church.

EAR LY holiday DEADLINES

Messenger November 17 issue: **DEADLINE**: Monday November 13 by 5PM Messenger November 24 issue:

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BONES OF THE MOUTH



Q: What are the bones that make up the mouth? A: Five major bones make up the structure of the mouth. They are the mandible, which is the lower jawbone; the maxilla, the two bones of the upper jaw, and two bones called palatal bones that form the roof of the mouth.

The mandible, an arch-shaped bone, is the strongest, thickest bone in your skull. The mandible, in fact, is the only bone that moves when you open and close your mouth. It pivots on rounded knobs called "condyles." The condyles pivot and slide at what are called the 'temporomandibular joints," also called TMJs. (You may have heard of TMJ syndrome, which is a condition that can develop with those joints.)

The two bones of the upper jaw extend upward and backward from the teeth to the bases of the cheek and nose bones. Like other bones in the cranium, or the skull, a thin line of connective tissue called a "suture" joins the two palatal bones. As with many other parts of the body, the suture is flexible and easily stretched during infancy and childhood. It becomes more rigid with age. This is a fact that figures prominently in orthodontic treatment. Talk with your dentist about the underlying structure of your mouth and about steps you can take to keep all of them healthy and functioning the way they ought to.

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caused by medication — is one of the main causes of hearing loss in humans. More than 48 million people in the United States experience trouble hearing. Aminoglycosides for nearly a century have been used to treat severe infections. Although the drug is a first-line treatment for life-threatening infections particularly in developing countries — due to their low cost and low incidence of antibiotic resistance, it has been reported to cause hair cell death and subsequent permanent hearing loss among 20-47% of patients, but the underlying mechanisms are not clear. Hair cells are responsible for sound reception in the inner ear.

New research presented this week at ACR Convergence 2022, the American College of Rheumatology's annual meeting, found that the biologic B-cell inhibitor belimumab was associated with a lower risk of severe infections and hospitalizations compared to nonbiologic immunosuppressants. Until recently, belimumab was the only FDA-approved biologic for active nonrenal systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE or lupus). Although infection is a major concern in treating SLE, there is little data on the infection risk for patients initiating belimumab compared to immunosuppressive medications such as azathioprine, methotrexate, and mycophenolate.

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