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Celebrating Hanukkah

When is Hanukkah in 2023? Hanukkah (or Chanukah) began at sundown on Thursday, December 7, 2023, and ends the evening of Friday, December 15, 2023 (8 nights). Hanukkah means "dedication" and is a holiday that honors and celebrates the Festival of Lights, which commemorates the Maccabean soldiers' victory over the Syrian Greek army.

This week in history

December 9, 1917

Jerusalem surrenders to British troops

December 10, 1935

Irene Joliot-Curie awarded Nobel Prize for Chemistry

December 11, 2008

Billionaire con man Bernard Madoff is arrested

December 12, 1980

Leonardo da Vinci notebook sells for \$5.1 million

December 13, 1621

American furs are exported for first time

December 14, 1911

Norwegian explorer reaches the South Pole

December 15, 2001

Leaning Tower of Pisa reopens



Upon arrival of the fire department the home was fully engulfed. Thankfully, no one was inside and no pets were in the home.

Flames consume Hopkinton home

The home was engulfed in total flames when firefighters first arrived

Firefighters from around the capital region assisted Hopkinton fire and rescue teams in extinguishing a house fire on Granite Valley in Contoocook last Wednesday.

Along with Hopkinton firefighters, firefighters from Concord Engine 1 and Warner and Webster tankers were also requested. The first arriving firefighters con-

firmed the home was engulfed in flames at 18 Granite Valley and immediately called for a second alarm. Engines from Boscawen and Henniker were requested, along with tankers from Bow, Salisbury, and Weare, and Webster EMTs. About 15 minutes later, a re-tone was activated for firefighters to come to the area.

Firefighters spent about two hours

fighting the fire and had difficulty containing it due to the lack of fire hydrants and water in the area.

Just before midnight, firefighters were called back to the home due to a report of rekindling flames.

No injuries were reported but the house, which was built in 2022, appears to be a total loss.

Man indicted for numerous sexual assaults in Antrim

Robert Barry, 59, of Sullivan faces numerous sexual assault charges over incidents that allegedly occurred in Antrim with a minor between 1995 and 1999.

Barry was indicted November 15th in Hillsborough County Superior Court – North on charges of aggravated felonious

sexual assault, without penetration, on a victim under 13; aggravated felonious sexual assault; and five counts of aggravated felonious sexual assault/pattern sexual assault.

Each of the charges is a Class B felony punishable by 10 to 20 years in prison and

a \$4,000 fine.

According to the indictment, the alleged victim was between the ages of 8 and 13 when the crimes took place. The documents state that the incidents took place over a period of two months or more within a five-year period.

Kearsarge HS students join New London Hospital LNA Program

This fall, six Kearsarge Regional High School students embarked on an educational endeavor on the floors of New London Hospital (NLH) as part of a joint LNA (Licensed Nursing Assistant) program in association with LNA Health Careers.

After completing their necessary classroom course work in the middle of September, the six students eagerly gathered at NLH every Tuesday and Thursday to apply their knowledge in a real-world healthcare setting. “This program is designed to foster a culture of learning and mentorship,” says Nicole Wakeman, clinical manager of Inpatient Services.

“The students definitely arrive with some nerves in the beginning, as they have to adapt to being in the close proximity to the patients in need of their assistance, but it is our role to guide them, develop their skills, and while to see them gain confidence is rewarding for us, it is

especially for them.”

Ava Bidlack, a 17-year-old senior student in the program, joined the program with little knowledge of what to expect. “As a senior in high school, I’m starting to really think about my future and I do see something in the healthcare field in my future, so this is a great step,” says Ava. “The nurses and staff at NLH are so welcoming and kind. A lot more happens behind the scenes than I ever realized, but they walk you through everything that I will do as an LNA.”

The program, spearheaded by Melissa Smith, LPN program director at LNA Health Careers provides high school students the opportunity to start a career in healthcare at no cost, including training and licensing fees. “This is a great way for students to get into the field of healthcare while learning lifetime skills, gaining academic credit and clinical hours for the future,” says Melissa. Once the students

complete the course, the program provides job placement

support to start their careers. For more information about this

and other LNA programs, visit lnahealthcareers.com.



LNA team and program participants, from left: Sophie Anderson, Molly Finnegan, Ava Bidlack, LNA Health Careers Program Director Melissa Smith, LPN Piper Moran, Lilian Chapman and Maria Blanchette.

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Harlem Wizards to perform at Weare Middle School Jan. 29th

The world-famous Harlem Wizards will visit the Weare Middle School on Monday, January 29, 2024, for an evening of great fun and fundraising. The Wizards will play a game against

a team of Weare Middle, Center Woods Elementary, and Henniker Community School teachers and principals along with community leaders. The event is a fundraiser for the Weare Middle School Student Council and the school's music program. To purchase tickets, and for more information, visit www.harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets.

The energy at a Wizards game is electric. The laughter is infectious. The dunks are rim-rattling, high-flying, and awe-inspiring. The hoop artistry, ball-handling, tricks, and teamwork are mesmerizing. What takes it to another level is the hometown participation from the kids on the court, to the teachers, principals, and other community leaders who take on the Wizards as the "hometown heroes." Besides cheering for their teachers, the kids are involved all night and will have a chance to get on the court.

Pre-game, any child or teen with a Wizards jersey can warm

up with the Wizards. Throughout the game audience members will be asked to volunteer in different contests and acts. At the end of the night, the final moments include inviting all students to come onto the court for a dance celebration with the Wizards.

The experience at a Wizards game is the community, the school coming together for a night of good, pure fun, and excitement

and it's a fundraiser.

The event will feature a variety of fun interactive extras to complement the Wizards' demonstration of hoops artistry including pre-game "Wiz Kids" warm-up, contests, comedy, awesome slam dunks, audience participation, merchandise giveaways, and more. The game will conclude with the Wizards' signature dance celebration.

"We are delighted to host the Wizards," says Jodie Antoine, advisor to the WMS Student Council. "They are superb showmen who deliver fantastic, all-ages entertainment for a great cause." The home team players are thrilled to be playing in front of family, friends, and fans, and spectators will delight seeing teachers, principals, and community leaders run the court.

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 **Yesteryear** *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

December 9, 2022

H-D SRO restored in school budget
Goffstown dog seriously injured in Bear attack
New England College to freeze tuition for next year
Antrim receives \$991,000 ARPA Grant to repair Gregg Lake Dam

December 10, 2021

Conflict of interest charged against Weare Commission
Controversy over relocating Henniker War Memorial
Weare to celebrate 250th anniversary of Pine Tree Riot
Washington Elementary hosts "Eyes On Owls"

December 11, 2020

Henniker girl saves her family's life
FedEx crash delays Deering deliveries
H-D Board urged to reconsider staff reductions
One person injured in Goffstown house fire

December 11, 2019

Hopkinton Fire & Rescue at odds
Antrim student's email threat causes concern at ConVal
Declining enrollment threatens Frankestown school
Goffstown promotes Eric Serene to Police Chief

December 14, 2018

Lorraine Tacconi-Moore Superintendent of Year
Quick response by Deering firefighters saves animals
Former Hillsborough man killed crossing street
John Stark's "We The People" Team in State Finals

December 15, 2017

Committee planning Sunapee's 250th Celebration
H-D Board considering \$600,000 renovations
\$125,000 to complete Franklin rehabilitation
Bow officials bracing for \$14 million tax refund

December 9, 2016

Several area towns report increase in break-ins
Colby-Sawyer lays off 18 as part of restructuring
New Boston company donates iMac computer
Loudon residents favor widening of Route 106

December 11, 2015

Henniker man dies in 'Death Alley' two car accident
Low income housing Tax Credits for Franklin Mill
Goffstown FBLA Advisor named Advisor of the Year
Vandals destroy 32 gravestones in Newport cemetery

December 12, 2014

Antrim Wind Energy files new, smaller proposal
Goffstown Depts work smoothly together during storm
New Boston looking for fire station site
New Boston fire officials recommend changes

December 13, 2013

Proposed Newport school budget up 8%
AG closed Seastrand case with no criminal charges
Sunapee man charged with manslaughter
Mother & child injured in fall from chairlift

The Epic Quest of the Damsels in Distress December 13 at 7 pm

The Epic Quest of the Damsels in Distress will be presented by students at the Henniker Community School on Wednesday, December 13 at 7 p.m. in the Cafetorium. Tickets are by donation.

The production is a fairy tale that follows four "damsels" on an unexpected adventure. It's hard being a girl, especially in a fairy-tale land where

everyone expects you to be a damsel in distress. These four young ladies are just not having it!

Seeking excitement, the foursome journey on a comical adventure as they prove they can ably find their way through the world, strong and independent.

Along the way, they encounter angry villagers, arrogant

princes, mischievous nymphs, and even a dragon.

The cast, in order of appearance: Eve Arnold, Johanna Matzke, Heidi Wilson, Ellie

Hammond, Olivia Reph, Gage Pollard, Lyla Hurley, Aiden Lang, Eli Adler, Tucker Kennedy, Elijah Kennedy, Emma Powers, Naomi Ladd, Aislin

Antle, Tallulah Kurth, Brandi Corcoran, Haddie Timmons, Stella Birdsey, Veronica Ducharme, Scarlett Timmons, Elise Herrick.



Damsels left to right: Lucinda Snyder, as Winifred the Witch; Sylvia LeBlanc, as Isadora abandoned in the woods; Gwenna Carroll, as Beatrice, a sleepwalking Lady in Waiting for Something; Lillie Walsh, as Talia the Masked Maven.





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Hometown Heroes



New London Firefighters were out drilling on chimney fire operations. Each month, members train on a different topic pertinent to the season and/or recent calls that have occurred.



Peterborough Fire & Rescue would like to congratulate their own EMTs Adam Bunnell and Emily Shaw on their graduation from New England EMS Institute (NEEMSI) Paramedic Program. This program entails attending class weekly for 16 months and completing over 600 hours of combined hospital and prehospital clinical hours.



Welcome back from 16 weeks of training at the NH Police Academy Officer Erickson. He will now conduct 3 months of training with his Field Training Officer, Officer Daniels. Look for them in the evening and if you get a chance, say hi.

Consultant recommends closing Bennington's Pierce School and Frankestown Elementary

The ConVal School Board scheduled a special meeting on Thursday, December 7th, at 7 p.m. in the SAU No. 1 board room, where Tatia Prieto, founder and principal of Prismatic Consulting, presented its recommendations after studying under-enrollment in the nine-town District.

It's expected that Prismatic Consulting would recommend a reconfiguration plan that would close Frankestown Elementary School, Dublin Consolidated School, Bennington's Pierce School and Temple Elementary School.

These are the four smallest of the eight elementary schools in the district. The most recent enrollment numbers show 37 for Temple Elementary School, 43 for Frankestown Elementary School, 55 for Dublin Consolidated School and 62 for Pierce Elementary School. Based on the recommendation, Green-

field, Antrim, Peterborough and Hancock would receive additional students. Students from each of the schools slated to close would have the choice of attending one of the two next closest schools.

"What our data is showing is that this reconfiguration would easily save the district and the voters \$2.5 million a year, and we actually believe that number could be significantly higher," Prieto said.

Prismatic also recommended that Antrim and Peterborough open before-school care and after-school care, and that the middle schools implement a world language program, which they currently don't have because they have not been able to afford it.

The ConVal School Board's special meeting Thursday, December 7, is where Prieto presented the final report. The board will hold a public forum

about the reconfiguration recommendation Monday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. in

the Lucy Hurlin Auditorium at ConVal High School. If the School Board goes forward,

it would create a proposal for residents of the nine towns to vote on.



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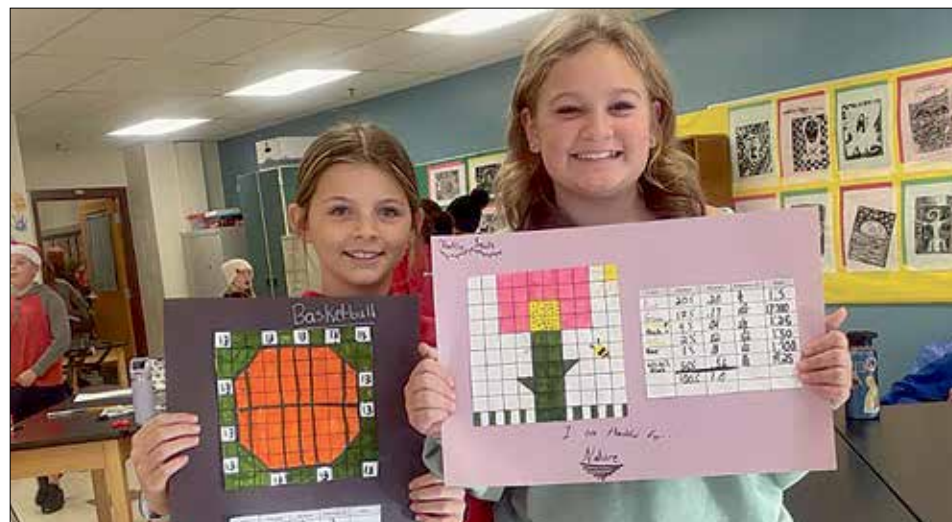
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School Days



Two CRTC Automotive Technology students were among the nine finalists sharing \$25,000 in scholarship money in the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association’s annual Raffle for Auto Education. John Stark Regional High School senior Kaden Miller (top left photo) won a \$5,000 scholarship, while Hillsboro-Deering senior Spencer Jones won a \$1,000 scholarship, (top right photo).

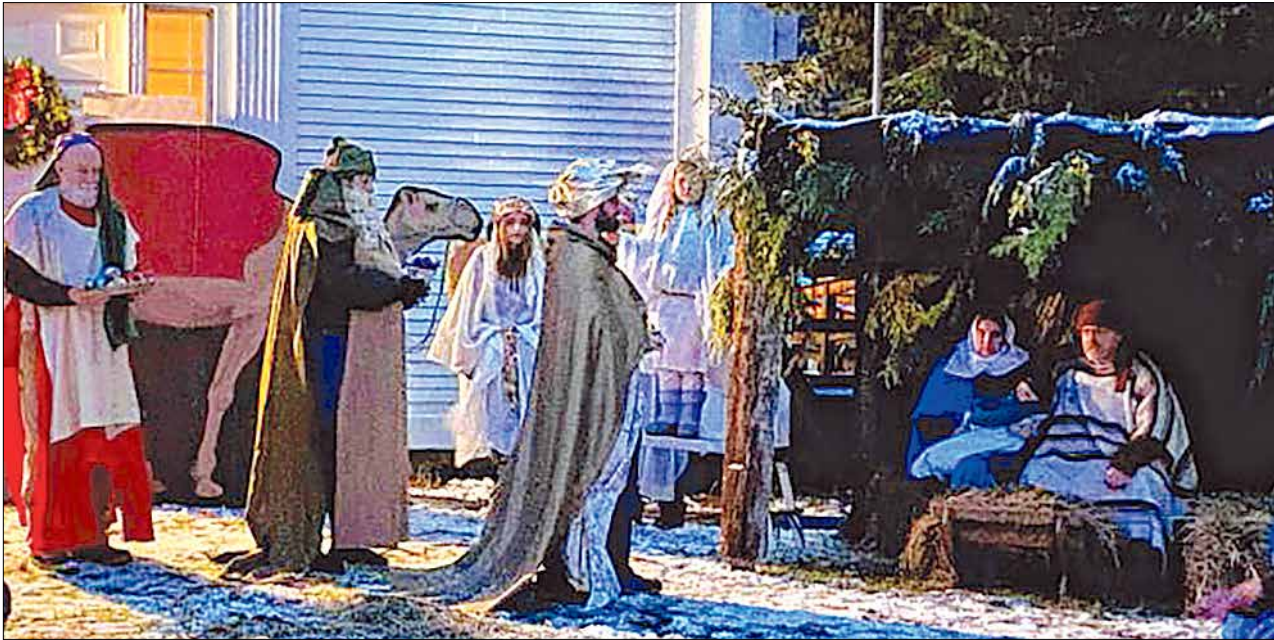


Emilie Korbet & Hattie Smith, students in Mrs. Richardson’s 6th grade class at the Henniker Community School created the Grids of Gratitude to learn the relationship between percents, decimals, fractions and ratios.



5th graders from New London Elementary were inspired by reading the book *Balloons Over Broadway* to create Macy’s Day Parade balloons with various limited and unlimited supplies.

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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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Despite the current hostilities in the world, the Wars in Ukraine and Gaza, we must remind ourselves that it is the followers of the late Osama Bin Laden, not the Arabs or Islam, who are the enemies

of World Peace.

What a shame that we have had so many wars sparked by religious pride or racial bigotry.

Whether we honor a different God, or the same God by a different name, we need always remember that all the world's races and great religions share the same moral lessons and values and that on this small planet, we truly are all brothers and sisters.

Henniker fatality driver given 6 to 12 years

A man from Manchester was sent to prison for six to 12 years for causing the death of a woman from Henniker in April.

Matthew Malloy, 57, of Fern Lane in Manchester was driving north on Route 114 in Henniker when he crossed into the southbound lane and struck a car head-on.

The crash caused injuries to two elderly Henniker residents. One, Phyllis Anderson, 82, who was a passenger in the car, died about two weeks later. Her husband, Daniel D. DaCosta received serious injuries in the crash.

County Attorney Paul Halvorsen said several blood samples were taken from Malloy after the crash and indicated blood alcohol levels over the legal limit (0.08) and as high as 0.14.

Malloy was arrested on six felony charges. He pleaded guilty on Wednesday to negligent homicide and driving while intoxicated charges.

Halvorsen said Malloy was sentenced to a committed sentence of six to 12 years in the New Hampshire State Prison for Men on the negligent homicide charge. If he completes a substance abuse treatment program, a year could be shaved off his sentence.

His driving privileges were suspended for an indefinite period of time but no less than seven years. Malloy must also complete an impaired driving education program before he can get his operating privileges restored. If he gets his license restored, he will need to install an alcohol interlock device on his vehicle for at least five years.

On the DWI charge, he was sentenced to three and a half to 7 years in prison to be served consecutive to the

other sentence. That sentence was also suspended for 10 years on the day he is released from prison. Malloy must also pay a fine of \$1,240.

Malloy should also not have contact with anyone involved in the crash or their family members.

Halvorsen said the investigation was conducted by Officer Bossi, Officer Lacombe, Lt. Dandeneau, and Chief French, all of the Henniker Police Department. Assistant Merrimack County Attorney Molly Lovell prosecuted the case with support from Victim Witness Coordinator Kelsey Heinemann.



Typing Champion

Center Woods Elementary School student Sam Smith became the new record holder for finishing the third grade typing program. Sam finished on the 49th day of school, crushing the old record of finishing in December.



John Stark Regional High School art students recently visited and created at the New England College Institute of Art and Design in Manchester. Students first toured Art at the French to view the Iconic New Hampshire exhibition by the New Hampshire Society of Photographic Artists. Later, they took a printmaking workshop and worked together in groups to combine silk screening with relief printing on paper and fabric.

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Goffstown woman stabbed to death by her son

A woman died at the scene of what was originally dispatched as an assault on Goffstown's Joffre Street. According to sources, the woman was stabbed multiple times and was pronounced dead at the scene. Goffstown Fire was also dispatched to the scene for a fire, which was quickly extinguished.

While police searched for the person responsible, the Bartlett School on Mast Road was placed in lockdown for the safety of the children and staff. A person of interest was identified as her son, and that person was quickly located and the school returned to normal operations.

Police cordoned off 34 Joffre Street with crime

scene tape, and officers were positioned on all sides to secure the scene. Goffstown Police Chief Eric Sereno said the investigation would be handled by the NH Attorney General's Office and the New Hampshire State Police Major Crime unit.

The team from Major Crime arrived at about 5:30 p.m. and were joined by investigators from the NH Fire Marshal's Office. A woman from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's Office was also at the scene and could be seen taking photos. Investigators spent a significant amount of time concentrating on an area near the carport where a large tarp could be seen.

Bow car crash on I-93 ignites exploding ammunition

One person was arrested after a crash on the northbound side of Interstate 93 in Bow on Saturday.

Around 3:00 p.m. New Hampshire State Police dispatch received a report about a driver operating a vehicle erratically. The vehicle crashed into a Jersey barrier and ricocheted across three lanes of highway. The vehicle then hit another vehicle and crashed into the woods. The vehicle struck several trees and then caught on fire.

Good Samaritans and witnesses stopped to assist, and three people inside the vehicle were able to get out. One person was taken to the hospital with significant but non-life-threatening injuries.

All northbound lanes of Interstate 93 were shut

down as the fire increased in size, and then the southbound lanes were also shut down as several hundred rounds of ammunition in the vehicle started exploding. Fire crews arrived on scene shortly afterward and were able to contain the fire, at which time the southbound lanes were reopened.

The high-speed lane on the north-bound side of the Interstate was reopened, but the other two lanes remained shut down for "a significant period of time." State police arrested one of the people on several warrants. More charges may be pending after an investigation is completed. The names of the vehicle occupants are being withheld pending further investigation.

Thief of multiple stolen motor vehicles still at large

The Hopkinton Police Department is currently investigating a stolen motor vehicle from a residence. At 2:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 28th, a stolen motor vehicle out of Maine was abandoned off Little Tooky Road in town. Not long thereafter a vehicle was stolen from a residence on Carriage Lane.

This vehicle was soon found crashed in Henniker, close to where another motor vehicle was stolen from

Joe Clement's residence.

If you saw suspicious activity, or if you captured anyone in the area on your home security cameras between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m., you are asked to contact the Hopkinton Police Department. They would appreciate any assistance and would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to remove your keys and lock your vehicles.



Saturday evening at 7:44 p.m. New London Firefighters, along with other area departments, were dispatched to 166 Old Main Street in New London on a first alarm assignment for smoke in the building. Upon arrival, first due companies were met with a significant smoke condition in the basement and throughout the residence. New London crews quickly located the source of smoke to be a malfunctioning furnace with no fire present. Mutual aid companies responding were cancelled per command with New London Fire to handle. New London crews remained on scene to ventilate the residence of smoke and high levels of carbon monoxide. New London Fire units were back in service by 10:00 p.m.

New Boston man faces additional felony assault charges

A New Boston man was indicted last week on additional felony assault charges in connection with a violent assault outside of a Manchester bar in September.

Around 12:45 a.m. on September 29, Manchester Police responded to McGarvey's Bar on Elm Street for reports of an assault. Arriving officers found a 34-year-old man in an alleyway outside the bar, "bleeding and suffering from serious but non-life-threatening injuries," police said in a news release in the days following.

The reporting party did not see the assault but heard a scuffle outside of the bar and saw two men, later identified as Damon Carter, 34, and Payson Tracy, 29, of Allenstown, leaving the area.

Carter was charged with first-degree assault and falsifying physical evidence in October for causing serious bodily injury to the man outside the bar in the fall, court documents show. Tracy was charged with first-degree assault, a felony.

The victim suffered from broken ribs, a shattered jaw, a ruptured spleen and internal bleeding and was

transported to Concord Hospital and placed in a medically induced coma in the intensive care unit.

Three weeks later, the victim gave his statement to police and told them that he had gone to McGarvey's to meet his girlfriend when he ran into an acquaintance at the door. A few minutes later, the acquaintance came up behind him at the bar, put him in a headlock and threatened him, he told police.

The victim told police he got out of the headlock and the pair were kicked out of the bar.

The victim then went to Wild Rover pub for a short period of time before returning to the area to meet up with the acquaintance, when he was attacked behind the bar by him and a friend, later identified as Carter.

Last week, Carter was charged with three additional charges — first-degree assault with a deadly weapon, a felony, and two counts of simple assault, misdemeanors.

Carter and Tracy remain released on a \$10,000 cash bail pending hearings on December 13 and December 18, respectively.

Hillsboro's K9 Officer Gibbs retires after years of service

For over a decade, K9 Gibbs has played a critical role in locating numerous individuals in the Hillsboro area, including missing persons, endangered individuals, criminals involved in domestic assaults, pursuits, and other crimes. One particularly notable instance involved Gibbs locating a mother in mental distress who may have been harming her child, as well as an accident victim who was hypothermic and had no pulse. These cases serve as a testament to the invaluable role that well-trained police canines like Gibbs can play in saving lives and protecting officers.

As Gibbs' career with the Hillsboro Police Department comes to a close, we extend our gratitude for his years of dedicated service. K9 Gibbs' last apprehension

occurred in Antrim just days prior to his retirement, of a male wanted on felony warrants. The male fled into the woods and Sergeant Hodgen and K9 Gibbs deployed to track the subject. K9 Gibbs swiftly picked up the scent and led the officers a short distance into the woods. There, K9 Gibbs successfully located and apprehended the subject, who was found in possession of a handgun. This last apprehension by K9 Gibbs serves as a testament to the dangers officers and their K9 partners face and the unknown factors each call brings. K9 Gibbs served his agency, this town, and this community with fierce unwavering loyalty and courage.

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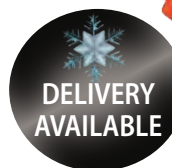
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Honorable Mention: Austin Morin, Goffstown; Division II Goalie

Honorable Mention: Aaron Barrieau, Bow

Defense

First Team: Brodie O'Neil, Bow

Second Team: Wes Michaelis, Bow

Honorable Mention: Aiden McClusky, ConVal; Midfield

Second Team: Colby Smith, Bow

Honorable Mention: Elias Berrigan, Bow; Ethan Sinclair, John Stark

Forwards

First Team: Luke Hartshorn, Bow

Second Team: Garret Rousseau, ConVal

Coach of the Year: Josh Smith, Bow

Division II Goalie

First Team: Colby Boissy, Hopkinton

Defense

First Team: Mike Pantano, Hopkinton

Second Team: Elliot Asbury, Kearsarge

Honorable Mention: Graham West, Kearsarge; Logan Miller, Hillsboro-Deering

Midfield

First Team: Owen Wuellenweber, Hop-

kinton; Davin Selby, Kearsarge

Forwards

Second Team: Avery Condon, Hopkinton

All-Division Girls Soccer Teams

Division I Defense

Second Team: Bridget McGough, Goffstown

Forwards

Honorable Mention: Arianna Girzone, Goffstown

JV Coach of the Year: Kristyn Heusle in Goffstown.

Division II Goalie

First Team: Lexi Boudreau, John Stark

Defense

First Team: Tasha MacNeil, ConVal

Second Team: Abbey Foote, Bow

Honorable Mention: Makayla Pellerin, John Stark

Midfield

First Team: Sidney Roberge, Bow

Second Team: Lexi Insana, Bow

Honorable Mention:

Forwards

Second Team: Cara Van Dyke, Bow

Honorable Mention: Reaghan Lamoth, John Stark

JV Coach of the Year: Zoe Page, ConVal

Division III

Defense: Ally Duval, Hopkinton

Honorable Mention: Reese Lacombe, Kearsarge

Midfield

First Team: Elizabeth Holmes, Hopkinton

Second Team: Carly Grant, Kearsarge

Honorable Mention: Addie Bosworth, Trinity; Addison Derosier, Stevens; Abby Steward, Derryfield; Chloe Larson, Derryfield; Abby Guerrette, Campbell; Helena Papadopoulos, Belmont; Ava Bartoli, Berlin; Caitlyne Bobsein, Sanborn

Forwards

First Team: Keegan St. Cyr, Hopkinton; **Second Team:** Katherine Brown, Hopkinton

Coach of the Year: George Tsitsonis, Fall Mtn.

JV Coach of the Year: Peighton Ahlberg, Fall Mtn.

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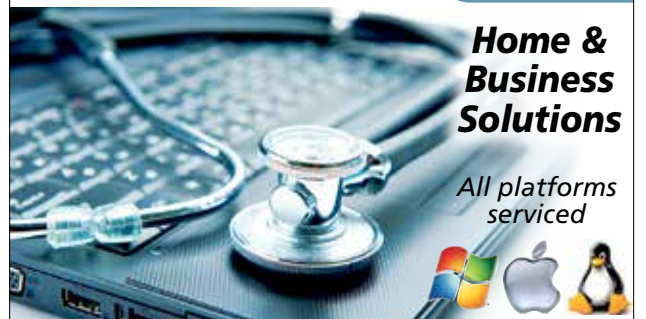
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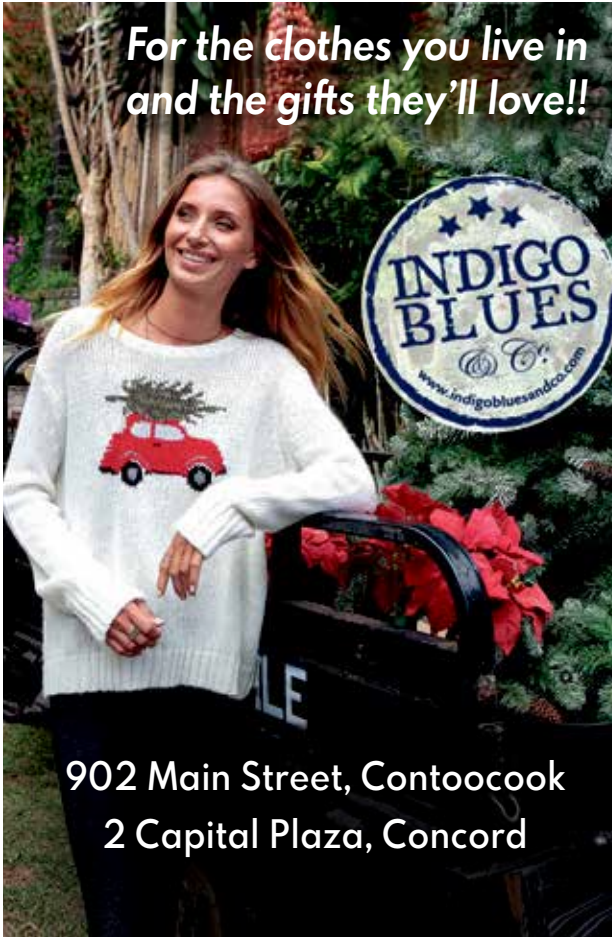
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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Jean Paul “JP” Aucoin

HENNIKER - Jean Paul “JP” Aucoin, 84, of Henniker, passed away on November 24, 2023, in Concord, NH. Born on June 6, 1939, on the family farm in Henniker, JP was one of fourteen children. He is survived by his two sons, Kevin Aucoin and Marc Aucoin, as well as his daughter, Christy Aucoin (Smith). He also leaves behind eight brothers and sisters. JP was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Yvonne Aucoin (Paradis), with whom he shared almost 60 years of marriage. A funeral service was held on Thursday December 7th at 2:30 p.m. with calling hours at 1:30 p.m. at St. Theresa’s Church in Henniker, NH, to honor JP’s life and legacy. A private family burial will be held later at the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to his sister’s missionary in Cartago Colombia. Checks can be sent to: Claire Aucoin, 170 Baker Rd., Henniker, NH 03242.



Juliana Canto Woodworth

HILLSBORO - On November 20, Juliana Canto Woodworth passed away peacefully with family by her side. Juliana resided in Hillsboro, NH for the last chapter in her life with her son, Christopher Duncklee and his girlfriend, Diana Duffany. Juliana was born May 26, 1943 in Fall River, MA to Manuel and Filamena Paiva Canto. Juliana is survived by her two sons, Christopher



(Diana) Duncklee and Jona-than (Emily) Duncklee; granddaughters, Christine Filamena Duncklee, RN and Rachel (Vish) Whitaker, PhD; nephew, Brian (Sarah) Reapp and his children, Brian (Elle), Ashley, and Luke; a grandson, Louis Nordlund and his mother, Christine Nordlund; and the light of her life, her great-granddaughter, Hazel Mae Bryer. She is predeceased by her husband, Dewey; her sister and niece, Grace and Gracie Reapp; nephew, Patrick Reapp; and the father of her sons, Lester H. Duncklee. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Granite VNA in Concord, NH in her memory. In honor of Juliana’s request there will be no services at this time.

Kathleen Duffy Wallace

HENNIKER - Kathleen D. Wallace of Henniker, New Hampshire passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by loved ones on Thursday, November 23, 2023, at the early age of 64. Born on January 17, 1959, she was the daughter of Marjorie Duffy and the late Francis G. Duffy. She is survived by her high school sweetheart and husband of 41 years, Richard Wallace; loving daughter, Colleen Wallace; mother, Marjorie Duffy; twin sister, Maryellen Ward; brother,



Frank Duffy and his wife, Judy; brother, Brian Duffy and his wife, Kai; brother, Michael Duffy; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by mother-in-law, Gertrude B. Wallace and father-in-law, William O. Wallace. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be sent to the ASPCA and the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network to further aid in pancreatic cancer research.

Beverly Ann Gee

HILLSBORO - Beverly Ann (Smith) “White” Gee, 86, of Hillsboro NH, passed away Wednesday, November



29, 2023 at Hospice House in Concord. She was born December 16, 1936 in Westminster, VT to the late Barry Band Mildred May (Davis) Smith. She was also predeceased by her 1st husband, Paul W. White, who died in 2001; 2nd husband, Warren F. Gee, who died in 2021; 2 sisters and 1 son. Survived by 2 sons, David White of OK, Thomas White of MA; 4 daughters, Deborah Allen of Hillsboro, NH, Denise White of Antrim, NH, Pamela Stacy of Concord, NH, Cathy White of Loudon, NH; 21 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; several nieces & nephews. Graveside services will be held in spring in Maple Ave Cemetery in Hillsboro, NH.

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

CRAFT VENDORS: 9:00am-1:00pm, Greenfield Meeting House. We have a full house of fine, varied vendors to provide some nice local shopping. Pottery, knitwear, Cards by Pam, themed baskets, woodland terrariums, wood products, baked goods galore, much more. Hope to see you there.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR: Newport High School Gym 9:00am-2:00pm. Homemade crafts, jellies, and much more.

WINGED CREATURES: Pine Tree Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution (DAR) invite you to Fuller Public Library for Winged Creatures. Maria Colby from Wings of Dawn will be here to talk about and show you a couple of winged creatures. (Not a library sponsored event).

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10

INDOOR FLEA MARKET: at Contoocook America Legion, every 2nd & 4th Sunday from 8:00am-Noon. \$15 with table, \$10 without. Call Tammy 603-620-6804 to reserve a table.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 14

SENIOR BREAKFAST: Seniors' Breakfast at Hanna's, 83 Henniker Street, in Hillsborough, at 9:00am. We will

enjoy our own table, delicious food, and lots of old and new friends. Come for the French toast --- stay for the schmoozing. For further information, please email Steve Ullman at stephenhullman@gmail.com

BLUE CHRISTMAS: A service of hope and remembrance for those struggling with a difficult time of grief and loss will be held at 7:00pm at Smith Church, 30 West Main Street, Hillsboro. It is also available on our Facebook page.

WOOLLY MAMMOTHS: at Fuller Public Library with Susie Spikol from the Harris Center. Discover the long-lost lives of New England's forgotten elephants. You won't want to miss this talk, it will put you in the mood for winter! Hillsborough Community Thrift will be accepting applications for assistance, if you are a charitable organization, through December 15. You can email Hillsboroughnhthrift@gmail.com or stop by the thrift shop for an application.

SATURDAY JANUARY 20

WARNER 250TH: 7:00pm. Join us as we kick off a year of celebrations for the town's 250th Birthday. We'll present an overview of events, sing old fashioned Warner Children's songs, unveil "Favorite Corners of Warner" project, and enjoy desserts. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite dessert and the recipe to share. We will photograph the desserts and recipes to post on our Facebook and Instagram pages. We also invite you to bring items that represent what you enjoy about Warner (old photos, books, quilts, tools, etc.). The Town History quilt and the

Warner Women's Oral History quilt will be on display.

SUNDAY JANUARY 21

BOOK DISCUSSION: between 2:15pm and 3:15pm, at the James A. Tuttle Library, Antrim readers will discuss Kristin Hannah's, "The Nightingale." A heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit. The Antrim Eclectic Book Club meets on the third Thursday each month between 2:15pm and 3:15pm at the James A Tuttle Library. Free copies of the book described above will be available for loan at the Library. For further information please email Steve Ullman at stephenhullman@gmail.com. We warmly welcome newcomers to our book lovers' group.

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In a new study including 145,000 pregnancies published in *JAMA Internal Medicine*, researchers found that antidepressant exposure during pregnancy was not associated with autism spectrum disorder, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, specific learning disorders, developmental speech/language disorders, developmental coordination disorders, intellectual disabilities, or behavioral disorders.

In a large clinical trial that directly compared four drugs commonly used to treat type 2 diabetes, researchers discovered that insulin glargine and liraglutide performed best when added to metformin. The results were published in a pair of papers in *The New England Journal of Medicine*. The study found that participants taking metformin plus liraglutide or insulin glargine achieved and maintained their target blood levels for the longest time compared to sitagliptin or glimepiride. This translated into approximately six months more time with blood glucose levels in the target range compared with sitagliptin, which was the least effective in maintaining target levels.

A common clinical practice may be inadvertently harming patients, according to new research published in the *European Respiratory Journal*. The team of researchers behind the study suggest that administration of antibiotics with activity against anaerobic bacteria has a profound effect on the gut microbiome and, ultimately, an adverse impact on critically ill patients. In the paper, researchers reported that in critically ill patients, the practice of early administration of anti-anaerobic antibiotics is commonplace — about two-thirds of the 3,032 patients observed in the study's cohort received such treatment. The research suggests that depleting the gut of these 'good bugs' may be contributing to worse clinical outcomes.

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Whichever type you choose, the technique for brushing is essentially the same. You want to make sure you hit the back and front of each tooth. Some experts recommend thinking of the mouth in terms of quadrants — two on the top and two on the bottom — and concentrating on one quadrant at a time. Also remember that brushing too hard or too long can actually damage the sensitive tissue of the gums.

The ADA also recommends that you replace your brush every three to four months. For one thing, frayed bristles don't clean teeth as well, and they can irritate gum tissue. Ask your dentist or hygienist for advice on the best tools for keeping your teeth clean.

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Case No 2023-14

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 & 675:7 that the Hillsborough Planning Board will hold a public hearing for Site Plan Review at 140 Henniker Street (Map 12 Lot 321) submitted by Aubuchon Realty Company Inc. on behalf of Ronald E. Pollock to construct a 10,640+/- retail building with new paved parking areas, landscaping, and associated utilities. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, **December 20, 2023**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Offices, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

Upon a finding by the Board that the application meets the submission requirements, the Board will vote to accept the application as complete and the Public Hearing on the merits of the proposal may follow immediately. Copies of the application may be viewed at the Office of Community Planning, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire. Anyone with questions about this application should contact Robyn Payson, Planning Director at 603-464-7971 or by e-mail at robyn@hillsboroughnh.net

TOWN OF HENNIKER BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

December 20, 2023 – 6:00 PM

The Town of Henniker Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a **public hearing on December 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Community Center, 57 Main Street.**

Case 1. ZBA Case 2023:02: Variance application to increase the housing unit density (currently 6 units) by replacing the existing restaurant with addition of 3 new apartment units, existing lot area is 15,296 square feet – area required to conform with zoning 29,900 square feet; requesting relief from Article X Lot Size, Section 133-39 Minimum lot sizes, Applicant/ Owner Frank Chen, Map 5D Lot 210, 8 Maple Street, Zoned CV.

Copies of all materials are available for review at Henniker Town Hall during normal business hours, as well as on the Town's website. Members of the public are welcome to attend the public hearings.

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SAU #34 Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative, Washington and Windsor School Districts

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for SAU #34

Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

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The SAU #34 Board meeting will commence immediately following the hearing

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