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The Messenger

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The Spirit of Christmas

A HUGE shout out to Shannon and all the employees at Dollar General, to our Officer



Averill, to all those involved with the Weare Angel Tree Program and to everyone who

donated toys! You are what this Christmas season is about. There was a toy collection box at Dollar General and Officer Averill would deliver the toys donated at this box and bring them to Weare Schools for the Weare Angel Tree Program.

This week in history

December 30, 1978

Ohio State fires coach for attacking player

December 31, 1972

Baseball star Roberto Clemente dies in plane crash

January 1, 45 BC

First New Year's Day is celebrated

January 2, 1971

Stadium stampede crushes football fan

January 3, 1961

US ends diplomatic relations with Cuba

January 4, 1809

Louis Braille is born

January 5, 1066

English king Edward the Confessor dies



Winner of the Hillsborough Chamber's Holiday Decorating Contest: 27 Washington Circle.

ConVal Board approves school closings

Plan closes Bennington, Dublin, Francesstown & Temple Elementary Schools

The ConVal School Board has agreed to sponsor a warrant article recommending the closure of the district's four smallest elementary schools in Francesstown, Dublin, Bennington and Temple.

The consolidation plan was presented by Prismatic Consulting, the company hired to study under-enrollment across the district and make a recommendation on possible reconfiguration.

The reconfiguration would take place in three phases, with the 2024-

2025 school year dedicated to planning, analysis and providing for contingencies. The schools would be closed in the 2025-2026 school year, the second phase. The third phase, in the 2026-2027 school year, would allow for monitoring and adjustment of reconfiguration as needed.

Residents of ConVal's nine towns will now vote on the proposal March 12, 2024. Under the district's Articles of Agreement, reducing the number of

schools would require a two-thirds vote across the district.

Two members of the board, Bill Bryk of Antrim and Tom Kirlin of Francesstown, voted against the warrant article.

"This will eviscerate these towns," Bryk said. Kirlin said the majority of his constituents were against the recommendation. More information on the ConVal reconfiguration study can be found at schoolboard.convalsd.net/conval-consolidation-reconfiguration.

Center for the Arts announces new monthly program, Humanities Mondays

The Center for the Arts (CFA) is excited to announce a new monthly program in 2024 called Humanities Monday, which will replace Tapestry Tuesday from years prior.

The program will be held on the third Monday of each month throughout the year focusing on thought-provoking humanities based programs discussing culture, history, places, and ideas.

Some of these speakers are in partnership with New Hampshire Humanities. On Monday, January 15th Tom Farmen will present the first Humanities Monday program titled 'How To Self-Publish Your Book with Tom Farmen.' This fun presentation will briefly work through the checklist of items and the associated costs before your creative plot, dazzling photographs, delicious recipes, or expository masterpiece can find its way to a bookstore shelf or a stranger's coffee table. Writing a book is generally easier and more en-

joyable than self-publishing the manuscript. Holding that final product in your hands and noting the first sale is wonderfully gratifying and well worth the effort. On Monday, February 19th Charley Freiberg will present 'Historic Preservation Photography in New England.' As a local photographer, Charley will talk about the purpose of Preservation Photography, the techniques required, and some of the places he has had to photograph. On Monday, March 18th, local poet Sandra Little will present 'Humor in Poetry.' The program will consist of Sandy reading poems she has written to capture events with a twist of humor. The background of each poem helps put the content into perspective. info@cfanh.org PO Box 872, New London, NH 03257 603-525-4444 "The Humanities program is focused on the enrichment of the community by going deeper into our culture and experiences as people in the Lake Sunapee re-

gion. As much as possible we try to tap into local talent and local learnings to broaden our understanding of place and culture. We are gifted with many experts in this community and beyond so

it is a joy to share these stories and teachings with our local audiences in this valuable series," said Executive Director Dena Stahlheber. Each Humanities Mondays presentation will begin

at 5:30 p.m. and will take place at Whipple Hall in New London and is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to reserve a seat as space is limited, by emailing info@cfanh.org.



The New London Fire Department would like to welcome Probationary Firefighters Woody Abbott and Jack Walker to the department! Woody comes to us with his Pro Board Level 1 Certification in addition to several years of experience from a department in Pennsylvania and Jack joins us with experience from a department in Tennessee.

We hope you have a happy and prosperous

NEW YEAR

from the staff at

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Messenger readers contribute \$2,000 to the Lions Club's Christmas Food Basket project

Messenger readers again responded generously to the Lions Club's appeal for contribution to support free Christmas Dinners for our less fortunate neighbors.

This year a total of

\$2,000.00 was contributed, allowing the Lions to purchase, pack and deliver dinners for 196

people. Project Co-Chairs Kathy and Ron Audette report that

donations were received from: Richard Head & Melinda Gehris, G. Chlapowski, Stephen &

Doris Ellis, Alberta Simpon, Harry Garabedian, Steven & Emma Garcia, Denis & Lana Dumont, Mathew Haag, Deering Woman's Guild, American Legion Auxiliary, Don & Meg Ager, Alan & Jean Ager, James & Clare Fedolfi, Leigh & Joyce Bosse, Peter Martin, Thomas & Constance Fraser, Roger & Beverly Weymouth, Jeffrey & Arlene Soule, James & Ellen McGuire, Keith McGuire and Colleen Duggan. The Lions thank you for sharing the Christmas Spirit.

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Messenger Publisher Leigh Bosse (L) presents Hillsboro Lions Club Treasurer Alan Ager with checks totaling \$2,000.00 contributed by Messenger readers to the Lions Christmas Basket Project.



Conval Superintendent Kimberly Rizzo Saunders has been named Superintendent of the Year by the New Hampshire School Administrators Association.



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Yesteryear

Local history as reported in The Messenger

December 30, 2022

Pats Peak celebrates 60 years

John Stark Outdoor Club ventures into rock climbing

Town of Washington celebrates legacy of Sarah Shed

Austin Sargent preserves 71.66 Bradford acres

December 31, 2021

Henniker Town Administrator Joe Devine resigns

Henniker removes Select Board Vice-Chair Tia Hooper

Several Town Libraries receive Federal ARPA Grants

Second Peterborough bridge under repair

January 3, 2020

Bradford neighbors respond to Christmas fire

Only minor injuries in Antrim accident

New London Select Board approves LED conversion

Francestown receives two preservation grants

January 4, 2019

John Stark students tackle Mental Illness

Antrim Board rules 175' tower has regional impact

Major changes coming to New Boston Fire Department

Deering man charged with domestic assault

January 5, 2018

Concerns raised on drones over Andover

Hillsborough man injured in snowmobile accident

Hopkinton's new Dog Park a community success

Merrimack Valley High hosts Recycled Percussion

January 6, 2017

Epsom schools consider pre-employment drug testing

New Boston Selectmen review police budget

Belmont Selectmen to poll voters on Mill's future

Family dog alerts residents to Tilton house fire

January 1, 2016

Goffstown Selectmen work website improvements

Weare looking to add five new police officers

Bow Police seize guns, drugs & burglary tools

First Responders gather to honor Bob Pragoff

January 2, 2015

Three men arrested for Washington burglaries

Goffstown woman arrested in Dunbarton

Police arrest Franklin woman for fraud

New Boston seeks improved communications site

January 10, 2014

Antrim police station dedicated

Revolt at Emerald Lake Commission, Chair resigns

No injuries in Newport five-car pileup

Weare felon arrested receiving stolen flatware

January 1, 2013

Tom Yennerell named Henniker Town Administrator

Union OK's merit pay for Kearsarge teachers

Newport to remove 52 dead or dying trees

91-year-old woman charged with vehicular assault

Deering Select Board approves Highway Department purchases

Interim Road Agent Martin gave the Deering Select Board his thoughts about purchasing a stockpile of 50 loads of 1 1/2" crushed stone now versus in the spring. He said Mount Williams had the best price with trucking. The pricing is \$411.30 per truck for a total of \$20,565.

Discussion continued regarding crushed stone versus gravel and how much would be needed for next year in total. Chair Smith said the 2024 Highway Budget is significantly higher than 2023 and she suggested purchasing known items in the 2024 budget now with the excess 2023 budget to reduce the impact of the increase for 2024. Interim Road Agent Martin said parts for the trucks are good to have in stock, like auger chains as one example. He also recommends purchasing a drill press for \$5,649 and a shop press

for \$3,200. Both of these will allow the department to save money in the long run. Selectman Diers voiced concern regarding whether the equipment will get used if Interim Road Agent Martin leaves. Interim Road Agent Martin said that concern could be for all of the Highway equipment. Both Selectman Diers and Selectman Watson agreed that these are needed items and they should be purchased with funds left in 2023.

Selectman Diers made a motion to purchase 50 loads of 1 1/2" crushed stone for \$20,565. Seconded by Selectman Watson. Motion Passed 3-0. There was discussion regarding the auger chains. Interim Road Agent said he was waiting on a price for the auger chains. Chair Smith asked Interim Road Agent Martin to put together a list of items from 2024 budget

and pricing for those items that could be purchased now in 2023 and submit it for discussion at next week's regular meeting. Chair Smith asked if there was enough calcium chloride and salt. Interim

Road Agent Martin answered yes, they have enough calcium chloride and they are limited on space for salt. Chair Smith asked if having a Conex box would be beneficial. Interim Road Agent Martin answered

yes, it would be great to store tires and other items. Chair Smith reiterated items to add to the list with pricing as follows: culvert materials, tires, auger chains and any other stone/gravel.



The Bradford Police Department helped orchestrate and deliver over 100 meals to area residents in need or home alone for the holiday. Chief Cobb also delivered 26 meals to Sunapee residents. All meals were graciously prepped and donated by the Appleseed Restaurant.

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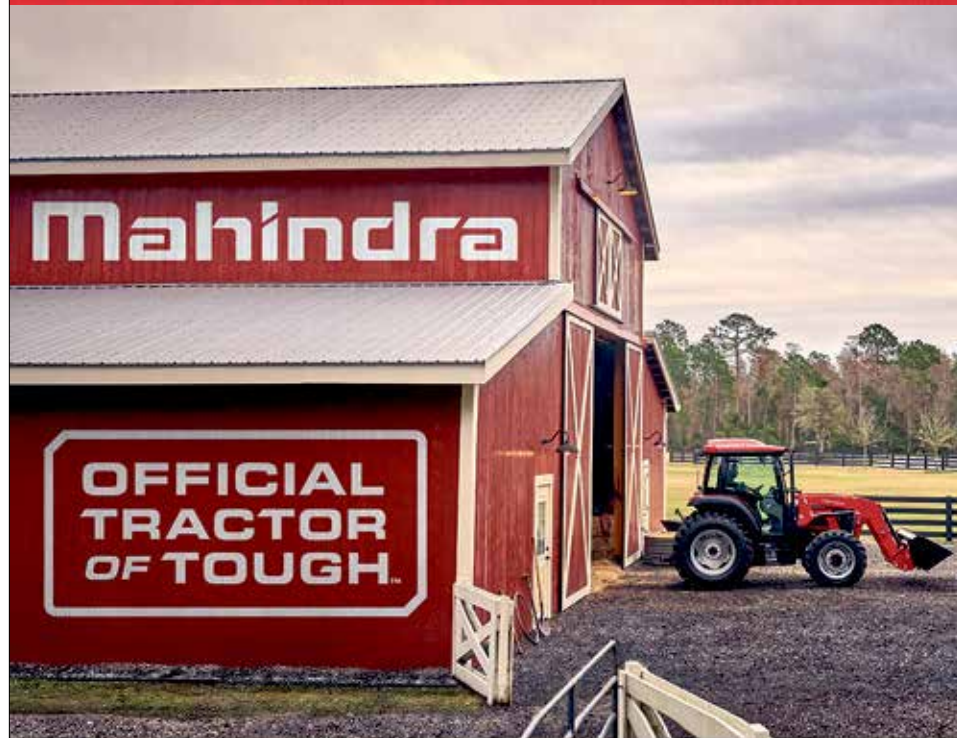
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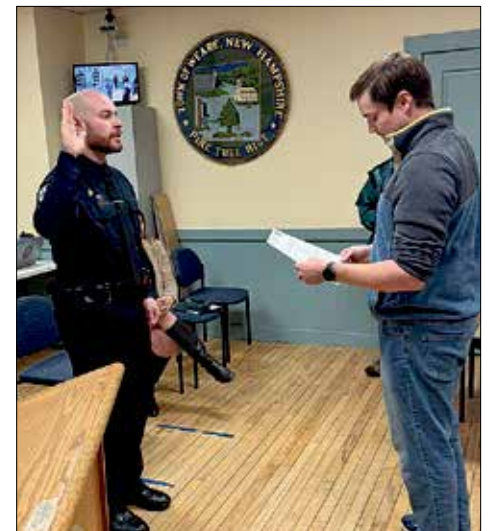
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Hometown heroes



New Boston Police honor the memory of Officer Brandon Tucker. “Brando” as we affectionately called him, (Left Photo) who served New Boston residents for 2-1/2 years before his untimely passing in 2017. The Weare Police Department announces the promotion of Andrew Vollaro (Right Photo) to Police Corporal. Corporal Vollaro will be assigned as a shift supervisor and will oversee the shift’s duties and responsibilities.



We are proud to announce the recent completion of training for three New Boston Officers. Officer River Marmorstein and Officer Michael Nelso (Left Photo) completed their 16-week full time academy training at Police Standards and Training. Officer Marmorstein immediately returned to patrol given his two years of prior service as a part-time officer. On November 24th, Officer Nelson completed his 8-week in-house training and began his solo patrol duties. Officer Joshua Wynkoop (Right Photo) and our newest canine member, Eclipse, completed their 12-week K9 patrol certification course sponsored by the Hillsborough Police Department.



Bradford’s Glen Drewniak was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Drewniak will be overseeing all investigations, fleet maintenance and other department duties. Sgt Neil Flanagan was awarded a certificate and uniform pin for 10 years of service with the Town of Bradford.

Memorial Bench donated to honor School Resource Officer Rory Bohanan

Officer Rory Bohanan served and protected the students, families, and staff of the Hillsboro-Deering School District for 12 years, and his impact on the school community was immeasurable.

From greeting students, families and staff each morning, to checking in with students during lunch, to visiting classrooms, to riding his bike across campus, to directing traffic in the afternoon, Officer Bo was a consistently

positive force on campus.

Every member of the school community benefited from his care and compassion. There was never any doubt that Officer Bohanan loved his work as the School Resource Officer, and the students and staff loved him. He provided guidance and mentoring, support and encouragement, and was a shining example of a life of service.

In honor of Officer Bohanan and the impact he had on the

students of the Hillsboro-Deering School District, Zeth Kenney and his son Finnley designed and donated a memorial bench engraved with Officer Bohanan's name and Class of 2034.

The bench is located outside the main entrance of the Hillsboro Police Department. Mr. Kenney stated, "I wanted to do some-

thing to highlight how important a good SRO is for the students and schools. He was a special guy and Finnley's class was the final group he worked with."



Pictured from left to right: Zeth and Finnley Kenney, Terri Carson, H-DES Kindergarten Teacher, Chief Parsons, Officer DeTurris (one of the current H-DSD SROs), Jennifer Crawford, Superintendent, and Tim Carson, H-DHS Alternative Program Director.



The new sand shed is now available for Newbury residents to pick up winter sand for their driveways and walks. The new shed is located on Sutton Road between Route 103 and Village Roads. Please do not go to the old location, as that building is no longer owned by the Town of Newbury.

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Police Association
Historical Society
Congregational Church
Baptist Church

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Lions Club

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School Days



Newport’s Animal & Plant Sciences program had their first opportunity to work with and study a group of playful German Shepherd puppies! The dogs will be able to visit classes as they continue to grow.



Another Gingerbread Cookie Caper was solved in Mrs. Campbell’s second grade class! These outstanding Junior Detectives helped gather evidence that included a partial shoe print and hand print. Then, they interviewed several suspects. Nurse Emily ultimately gave a full confession and returned the gingerbread cookie!



David Dewitt shows Greenfield fourth-grade students, from left, Nathan Slocomb, Andre Rodriguiz, Carter Morell, Jesse Fournier and Israel Hicks how to use the 3D printer that was coded to print their original drawings. (Photo Courtesy Conval School District)

Drive Safely



Dunbarton Police Department was dispatched to Twist Hill Road in the area of Ordway Road for a motor vehicle collision with reported entrapment. Upon arriving on scene, the operator, an adult female from Concord, was already out of the vehicle thanks to the help of a Good Samaritan. Police learned that the vehicle was traveling southerly on Twist Hill Road when it experienced an apparent mechanical issue, causing the operator to lose control and veer off the roadway and down an embankment, wedging the vehicle between several trees.



Newbury Fire Rescue Rescue Car 1 and Rescue 1, along with Newbury and New London Police responded to a single vehicle crash Monday evening on Route 103A near Baker Hill Road. The driver was not injured, responders stood by until the car was towed away.



River Road was closed for a little while near Dearhaven and should be back open. The utility company was needed on scene to replace a pole for a little while. Is anyone missing a truck? The driver was nowhere to be found.

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Letter to the Editor

To The Editor:

Rumor has it that voters in Hillsboro and Deering are being encouraged NOT to attend school board meetings or the public hearings regarding the H-D school district.

Voters are being encouraged in just show up for the Deliberative Session on February 5 to support a motion to make a substantial cut from the FY 25 proposed school budget of 1 - 2 million dollars.

The purpose of the deliberative session is to hear the final proposed budget but also to finalize the budget that will be presented to the voters in March.

It is important that supporters of the budget be present at the deliberative session just like the March election to show support and vote if needed if a group of voters makes an effort to remove funds from the proposed budget or change other warrant articles.

I've attended 17 of these meetings over the years. The action of having voters wait until deliberative to show up makes no sense because specific budget line changes cannot be made at the deliberative session only cuts to the entire budget which then leaves the Superintendent and school board to decide where to make cuts which would mostly effect teaching and other staff positions ranging from para-educators, and other support staff needed in the district.

Attending the board meetings in December and January up until the

public hearing Jan 11 is the method to hear the budget, ask the board questions and share public comment to encourage discussion amongst the board members. The deliberative session is just part one of the voting sessions where voters can make changes to add or remove specific dollar amounts from the budget, but not necessarily to discuss specific questions on certain items contained in the proposed budget. There is one more Board meeting on Monday, Jan 2 and the HD board public hearing on Jan 11. Board members are very accessible and their contact information with budget documents can be found on the Hillsborough School District website.

Barbara Cavanaugh, Deering

Dear Editor:

Antrim Players offers profound thanks to our wonderful community from Hillsborough to Rindge and beyond. You filled both performances of our production of Dickens's "A Christmas Carol," and brought our 105-year-old theater back to life with laughter, tears and standing ovations.

A deep thanks to all who came out in support. We look forward to seeing you again as our next productions unfold. Holiday greetings and blessings to one and all.

**Bill Nichols, Antrim Players
director, Greenfield**



Breaking ground for Newport's wonderful new Community Center. A game changer for the Sunshine Town. Newport is on the move!



Club President Neal Cass led a team of 12 Hopkinton Rotarians to cook and serve the Senior Holiday Luncheon this year, as he has for a handful or years or more! If the empty plates were anything to go by, it was a pretty good meal! Special thanks to Valorie's Kitchen LLC for the gorgeous cupcakes.

Dining Guide

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Crime Watch

Hillsboro man four sexual assaults



Jason Coffin turned himself in at Hillsboro Police for an active HPD warrant for s4 Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault Charges. The defendant was booked, bailed, and released with a future court date in the Hillsborough Superior Court North.

Weare man arrested for littering

In October 2023, Weare Police received a report of illegal dumping at Collins Landing. After an investigation, an arrest warrant was granted for Richard Jakaitis, 55, of Weare, NH. Jakaitis turned himself in at the Weare Police Department, was booked and released on personal recognizance bail. An arraignment date was set for Goffstown District Court.

Hillsboro man for multiple DWIs



William McHowell was stopped for speeding on West Main Street. During the road-side investigation, it was determined he was impaired. It was also discovered he had been previously convicted of DUI in Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts; and his driver's license was revoked out of Massachusetts for DUI. The defendant was arrested, bailed, and released with a future court date.

Hillsboro man driving after suspension

Dispatch received a report the defendant was driving on Henniker Street while his license was suspended. An officer observed Derell Turner pulling out of a business on Henniker Street and a registration check revealed his driver's license and vehicle registration were suspended. The defendant was arrested, bailed, and released with a future court date.

Weare man arrested for DWI 2nd

While patrolling Deering Center Road, officers observed a vehicle traveling above the posted speed limit. The vehicle slowed as it passed by the officers only to again accelerate. A motor vehicle stop was then conducted. While speaking with the operator, Erich Stephan, 33, of Weare, NH, it was suspected Stephan was under the influence of alcohol. Stephan was subsequently arrested and transported to the Weare Police Department for booking. Stephan was released on personal recognizance bail with an arraignment date for Goffstown District Court. Stephan was released to the custody of a sober adult and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

Mass man faces DWI after crash

In June 2023, Weare Police responded to a motorcycle crash on Concord Stage Road.

After an investigation, an arrest warrant was granted for Justin O'Connor, 31, of Arlington, MA. O'Connor arrived at the Weare Police Department and was served a must appear summons with a court date at Goffstown District Court.

Hillsboro man charged domestic violence

Officers responded to Hillside Street for a 911 disturbance. When officers arrived on the scene, both male individuals were separated and interviewed. During the investigation, it was discovered that Edward Meehan had assaulted his former partner. He was subsequently arrested and taken to the Hillsboro Police Department where he was booked. He was released on PR bail and arraigned the following morning in the Hillsboro 6th Circuit Court.

Weare man arrested for DWI

Weare Police responded to a call regarding a vehicle that was parked on the shoulder of Dustin Tavern Road. While speaking with the operator, Renee Daigneault, 34, of Weare, NH, it was suspected Daigneault was under the influence of alcohol. Daigneault was then arrested and transported to the Weare Police Department for booking. Daigneault was released on personal recognizance bail with an arraignment date for Goffstown District Court. Daigneault was released to the custody of a sober adult and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

Maine man driving after suspension

While patrolling South Stark Highway an officer conducted an administrative search of a vehicle's registration. The officer discovered the registered owner of the vehicle had a suspended driver license. A motor vehicle stop was conducted and we found that the operator (who was the registered owner), Steven Pare, 55, of East Wilton, ME was driving. During the motor vehicle stop the officer observed an open container of alcohol in the vehicle (alcohol still in the container). Pare was subsequently arrested and transported to the Weare Police Department for booking. Pare was released on personal recognizance bail with an arraignment date at Goffstown District Court and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

Henniker man driving after suspension

While patrolling North Stark Highway an officer conducted an administrative search of a vehicle's registration. The officer discovered the registered owner of the vehicle had a suspended driver license and registration privileges. A motor vehicle stop was conducted and the operator was identified as the registered owner. Nicholas Cannell, 31, of Henniker NH was issued a hand summons in lieu of arrest with an arraignment date at Goffstown District Court. The vehicle was towed from the scene.



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Sports

BOYS BASKETBALL

Hopkinton 44, Kearsarge 40: The Hawks eventually claimed the victory after a back-and-forth physical battle from the opening whistle.

Conant 29, Hopkinton 28: Conant pulled away with a 15-6 third quarter to secure a victory over the Hawks. Hopkinton was able to erase the six-point deficit in the fourth quarter and had a chance to win the game in the final seconds, but was unable to convert.

Bow 69, ConVal 52: Jake Reardon led the Falcons with 36 points, 13 rebounds and 6 assists.

ConVal 72, Souhegan 68: ConVal came out hot Wednesday, stunning the Sabers by jumping out to a 25-3 lead in the first quarter.

Laconia 84, ConVal 67: Joe Gutwein had 29 points on Friday at Laconia, but the Cougars came up short, as the Sachems' Kayden Roberts (28 points) and Keaton Beck (20 points) played well in the win.

Franklin 55, Nute 34: The Tornadoes trailed 13-12 at the end of the first quarter, but opened the second with an 11-0 run to take a 27-21 halftime lead and extended it to 45-29 heading into the fourth.

Plymouth 48, John Stark 43: Logan Montgomery had 15 points and Cedar Beaupre 10 in a tough loss.

Central 70, Goffstown 68: Cam Hujsak and Tyler Dionne led the Grizzlies with 14 points each.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Oyster River 85, ConVal 19: Vivian O'Quinn had 25 and 10 steals in the win.

Bow 50, ConVal 18: The Falcons dominated their final game of the regular season in 2023. Records: Bow 2-1; ConVal 0-4.

John Stark 68, Plymouth 26: The Generals led 27-1 after the first quarter and held on for a commanding victory.

Souhegan 40, ConVal 35: The Cougars and Sabers went hard during Wednesday's Claws for a Cause fundraiser game, but Souhegan executed down the stretch and won the game. Morgan Bemont led all scorers with 28 of ConVal's 35 points.

#1 Conant 35, #8 Kearsarge 30: The Orioles were tested mightily in their first Division III playoff game as Kearsarge sgot physical in a defensive battle.

Hopkinton 44, Kearsarge 32: The two teams exchanged a series of lead changes through three quarters and the Hawks took a 30-25 lead. Timely shooting and strong defense in the fourth quarter allowed Hopkinton to secure the win late.

Franklin 61, Nute 17: The Tornadoes defeated the Rams to win consecutive games for the first time this season.

BOYS HOCKEY

Bow 5, Hanover 2: Hanover scored in the first period and held a 1-0 lead heading into the third, but the Falcons found the back of the net five times in the final period to defeat the Bears on the road.

John Stark-Hopkinton/Hillsboro-Deering 4, Hollis-Brookline/Derryfield 1: Lucas Gagnon and Tyler Andrews scored in the second period after a scoreless first. HBD cut the lead to 2-1 just 43 seconds into the third, but Hedquist scored an empty-net goal and JSHHD capped the game with Stokes scoring on a 5-on-3 power play.

Concord 9, Goffstown 0: The Tide built a 5-0 lead in the first period to decisively win its opening-round game of the Brian C. Stone Memorial Tournament.

Bedford 2, Bow 1: The Falcons and Bulldogs both netted goals in the first period, but Bedford scored in the third to advance in the Brian C. Stone Memorial Tournament in Manchester.



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79 students honored at HD Superintendent's Club Dinner

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Grade 12 Members, Class of 2024:

Abigail Benn, Barbara Brien, Signy Burke-Smith, Abigail Carroll, Gavin Coombs, Alex Davy, Megan Denslow, Michael Denslow, Claire Doyle, Eve Erickson, Mason Ferwerda, Daniel Franklin, Elysia Hagstrom, Kara Kopf, Benjamin LaBier, Madison Lane, Gregory LeBlanc, Samuel Lindley, Kyle Nickulas, Oluvide David Olawuyi, Crystal Rocha, Kennedy-Lynne St. Onge, Ryleigh Stewart, Isabel Swirko,

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Logan Luciano, Tyler Pollard, Alexis Rancloes, Kathryn Thyng, Heather Wagner,

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Grade 7 Members, Class of 2029:

Caiden Baker, Ariana Bowen, Aubree Hartness, Kennedy Horion, Ava McDonough, Kamdyn Michael, Gavin Pollard, Winter Radmore.

Habitual offender arrested following traffic stop at Page's Corner

On Sunday, December 17th 2023 at approximately 11:13 a.m., Officer Tompkins was monitoring traffic in the area of state routes 77 and 13, otherwise known as "Page's Corner," when he observed a motor vehicle violation. Officer Tompkins conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the operator who provided a name, date of birth, and address that were found to be false. Officer Tompkins was able to identify the operator as Marcy Wells, 54, of Goffstown. On scene investigation

revealed that Ms. Wells was certified as a habitual offender by the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and was required to have an alcohol ignition interlock device.

Ms. Wells was subsequently taken into custody for operating while certified a habitual offender (felony), disobeying an officer, driving after revocation/suspension – DUI conviction, alcohol ignition interlock circumvention, driving without giving proof, driver's license prohibitions, and operating after revocation/suspension.

Ms. Wells was processed and later released on her own recognizance pending arraignment in Merrimack County Superior Court in January, 2024. The Dunbarton Police Department was assisted by the Weare Police Department.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.





Brandon Teeter, Samuel Bathrick, Devin Croteau and Zachery Fuller face charges related to vandalism and racially motivated graffiti in Newport.

Four men charged for racial graffiti in Newport

Newport Police have arrested four men in connection with vandalism incidents in town, including more than \$100,000 in damages to school buses and racially motivated graffiti.

Police say Samuel Bathrick, 27, of Claremont, along with Brandon Teeter, 24, Devin Croteau, 22, and Zachery Fuller, 30, all of Newport, are charged with five counts of criminal mischief and five counts of conspiracy to commit criminal mischief.

Four of the complaints are considered Class B felonies because the losses from the damage exceeded \$1,500. Two of the complaints carry an extended term of imprisonment because the defendants are alleged to have been motivated to commit the crime by hostility towards the victim's race or national origin, Newport Police said in an email.

On October 24, Newport Police investigated vandalism incidents involving six Newport School District buses parked overnight at the town's public works department. Numerous windows were smashed and graffiti spray-painted on the buses, with total damage exceeding \$100,000, police said.

Goffstown Rotary Club funds seventeen 2023 grant requests

This year, the Goffstown Rotary had a total of 17 local groups ask for a grant. Each organization serves all or part of the four towns the club covers: Goffstown, New Boston, Dunbarton and Weare, and each provided Goffstown Rotary with a compelling submission about what they do to support the communities they serve.

Goffstown Rotary was happy to be able to meet the needs of everyone who asked. Below is a list of the recipients:

- Community Caregivers of Greater Derry
- Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America
- Friends of the Weare Public Library
- Goffstown H. S. – PowerKnights Robotics Team

The morning of October 31, Newport Police received multiple complaints of graffiti vandalism that had occurred overnight. Officers reported homes, fences and vehicles had been spray-painted with a variety of derogatory terms.

"Some of the vandalism appeared on its face to be motivated by hostility towards the victim's race or national origin as defined by the New Hampshire Civil Rights Act," Newport Police Chief Stephen A. Lee said in a statement.

Due to the large number of crime scenes scattered throughout town, Newport Police asked for help from state police. Investigators collected physical evidence and canvassed several neighborhoods to identify potential witnesses or security cameras to help identify those involved.

On December 8, Newport Police were called to investigate additional acts of vandalism to three Newport School District buses, including spray-painted graffiti.

Following a multi-agency investigation, arrest warrants were issued for Bathrick, Teeter, Croteau and Fuller.

- Goffstown Historical Society
- Goffstown Junior Baseball
- Goffstown Public Library
- Granite State Generosity
- Hand-in-Hand Senior Center of Weare
- Hillsborough County 4H
- New Hampshire Musculoskeletal Institute Safe Sports
- Second Chance Ranch Rescue
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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Carlene Denice 'Niece' Webster

GOFFSTOWN - Niece was called home to dwell in the house of the Lord on Dec. 15, 2023. She was married to her loving husband, Stephen, of 44 years in Manchester NH, and they currently reside in Goffstown NH. They were blessed with two wonderful children, Shauna Webster of Allenstown, and Kevin Webster of Weare. They were further blessed with grandchildren, Arin, Shawn, Eddie, Lucy, Benjamin, Gavin and Corbin. She also leaves behind her sisters, Sherry and her husband, John Gianitsis, Brenda and Wayne Tucker, Michael Clark, nieces, Nicole and Lisa, nephews, Jesse, Walter, Cam, Tyler. She was pre-deceased by her mother, Lucille Lombardo and daughter, Shauna Webster. At her request there will be no services or calling hours. Goodbye my love until we meet again.



Constance Chag

HENNIKER - Mrs. Constance Chag, 90, formerly of Henniker New Hampshire and Stuart Florida passed away Tuesday, November 2, 2023 in the care of the Treasure Coast Hospice, in Fort Pierce Florida. Mrs. Chag was born June 24, 1933 in Concord New Hampshire to Evelyn and Gerald Beane. Mrs. Chag's survivors include sons, William Weber of Weare NH, Gary Weber of Crofton MD by Walter Weber and step sons, Mark Chag of Portsmouth NH and David Chag of Needham MA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Starvro Chag, son, Christopher Chag, step son, Gary Chag and siblings, Peter Beale, Jim Beane, Mary Cobb and Carolyn Allen.



Lynn Carlton Perkins

WARNER - Lynn Carlton Perkins December 19, 2023. Lynn passed peacefully at home surrounded in the love of his family. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Christine Jenkins Perkins. His sons, Lynn (Perk) Perkins of Derry, NH and Travis Perkins of Sutton, NH and his daughters, Terri Perkins of Manchester, NH and Sarah Bride of Concord, NH, along with their spouses. Lynn had seven beautiful grandchildren that would make him light up with joy. He is also survived by his siblings, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins that he adored and had long running banter with. His quick wit and one liners will be missed. Lynn was the 4th of eight children to Harry C. and Margaret (Garnsey) Perkins. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at the United Church of Warner at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Warner Fire & Rescue and the Lake Sunapee VNA who provided incredible care and support in the final weeks of his life.



Rev. Olivia Holmes

PETERBOROUGH - The Reverend Olivia Holmes, 79, passed away on December 11, 2023 in Peterborough,



NH. She was born on November 28, 1944, in Boston, MA to the late F Stacy Holmes and Olivia Stone Holmes. Olivia is survived by her beloved brothers, Sidney and Leonard Holmes. She is also survived by her nephew, Nicholas Stone Holmes and her nieces, Sarah Tucker, Danielle Ginestro, and Melissa Holmes, and her beloved cat, Wiley. Olivia's family, friends, and wide ranging community will gather to celebrate her life in a special ceremony that will be held 4:00 p.m. on June 29, 2024 at Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Congregation (Peterborough NH). The Celebration of Life will continue after the service at the Timberdoodle Club, 26 Webster Hwy, Temple, NH 03084. Donations in memory of Olivia can be sent to the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 25 Main Street, Peterborough, NH 03458 or the Temple Fire Department, PO Box 191, Temple, NH 03084.

Robert H. Hardy

STODDARD - Robert H. "Bob" Hardy, 93, a lifelong resident of Keene and Stoddard, NH, passed away on December 13, 2023 at the Applewood Care and Rehabilitation Center in Winchester, NH, with his special nurse by his side. His parents, Harold R. and Edith E. (Peace) Hardy welcomed their son into the world on November 23, 1930, in Keene, NH. He will be greatly missed by many, especially his three children, Donna D. Lewis and her husband, William of Hillsborough, NH, David K. Hardy and his wife, Nancy of West Swanzey, NH, Robert E. Hardy and his wife, Suzanne of Keene, NH; ten grandchildren, Heather Lazowksi and her husband, Eric, Jonathan Lewis, Brandon Lewis, Tiffany Lewis, Matthew Hardy and his wife, Chelsea, Nathan Hardy, Meghan Chase and her husband, Alex, Jeremy Hardy, Benjamin Hardy, Jake Breen; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lois Anne Burube, of Georges Mills, NH. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Monadnock Covenant Church, 90 Base Hill Road, Keene. Burial with military honors will be in the spring in the New Dow Hill Cemetery, Stoddard.



John F. Gifford Jr

WEBSTER - John F. Gifford Jr, 69, of Webster, NH passed away Monday, December 18, 2023 at his home. He was born February 27, 1954 in Winthrop, MA, to John F. & Muriel I. (Crouse) Gifford. He is survived by his long-time companion, Nan Stender of Concord NH; one daughter, Melissa C. McAlister and her husband, Martin of Littleton, NH; two brothers, Russell Gifford of NH, William Gifford of FL, Eleanor Moore of NH, Deborah McKinnion of MA; two grandchildren, Eoghan & Sienna McAlister of Littleton, NH. A celebration of life will be held at the convenience of the family.



Events: Community Bulletin Board

MONDAY JANUARY 1

BREAKFAST: Weare American Legion, Post #65, 9:00am-Noon.

TUESDAY JANUARY 2

ANTRIM: American Legion Post 50 will hold their monthly meeting at the Post home 7 West St. at 7:30pm. All members, Veterans and guests are welcome to attend.

THURSDAY JANUARY 11

SKIING IN NH: Come and learn about the History of Skiing in NH. John Allen will present "New Hampshire on Skis" at 7:00pm in the New Boston Community Church, sponsored by the NH Humanities Council. Professor Allen describes the history of skiing in our state, the importance of jumping, the mechanization of skiing, and how New England and New Hampshire fit into the big picture of America's ski culture. After this free presentation, the New Boston Historical Society invites you to enjoy refreshments in the museum across the street from the church.

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 will be available for loan at the Library. We warmly welcome newcomers to our book lovers' group.

FRIDAY JANUARY 27

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Zoning Board of Adjustment • Case No. 2023-08

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:7 that the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on a Special Exception as required in the Table 4 Chart of Uses, Residential Uses, Note #2 for a dwelling at street level. The property is located in the Central Business District, bisected by the Village Residential zone. The application is submitted by 24 Henniker Street Realty at their property located at 24 Henniker Street (Map 24 Lot 71).

The Public Hearing for this application will be presented to the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment Monday, January 8, 2024, 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

Zoning Board of Adjustment • Case No. 2024-01

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 and a Special Exception submitted by Gabriel Bilc of Silver Star Realty. The property is located at 93 West Main Street (Map 25 Lot 4) in the Central Business District.

The Variance is from the 100 foot of frontage requirement in the Table 2 "Lot Area and Frontage Requirements" table.

The Special Exception is to allow dwellings at street level, per Residential Uses in the Central Business District note #2 for a single family or 2 family dwelling at street level.

The Public Hearing for this application will be presented to the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Office Meeting Room at 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Planning Board Public Hearing – Zoning Changes Town of Henniker Planning Board

The Town of Henniker Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 10, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Community Center, 57 Main Street, Henniker NH to discuss the following proposed Zoning Changes. Full text available at Town Hall, of Henniker website:

1. Are you in favor of amending Chapter 133, Zoning Regulations, as proposed by the Planning Board as follows?

Amend Article VIII Commercial District Regulation, Section 133-31 Commercial Uses in CR Commercial Recreation District by deleting multi-family dwelling use by Special Exception and allowing the use as Permitted, in addition allow House of Worship and Excavation uses as Permitted uses. Also delete Section 133-31 Permitted Commercial uses as well as uses allowed by Special Exception in Commercial Recreation District CR-1 regulations in its entirety. Also amend Article III Establishment of Districts, Section 133-4 Zoning District to delete reference to CR-1 Commercial Recreation District with the noted lots to be considered as part of the CR District. In addition, amend Section 133-4 paragraph A. referencing the CR-1 District and delete paragraph C. In addition, amend the Official Zoning Map to rezone all property presently zoned CR-1 to CR. In addition, amend Article X Lot Size Regulations Section 133-40 Lot Size Table(s) removing reference to CR-1 and amend the minimum lot area for the CR District to reduce the minimum lot area from 2 acres to 1.5 acres.

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