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More Lions Donations

Pamela Pascale of Hillsborough also contributed to the Lions Food Basket project. Her donation was received after The Messenger went to press last week.

This week in history

January 6, 2001

Congress certifies
George W. Bush winner of 2000 election

January 7, 1955

Marian Anderson sings at the Metropolitan Opera

January 8, 1964

President Johnson declares "War On Poverty"

January 9, 1768

The modern circus debuts in London

January 10, 1946

United Nations holds its first meeting

January 11, 1973

An American Family debuts on PBS — TV's first Reality Show

January 12, 1969

Broadway Joe delivers in Super Bowl III



New London Firefighters were dispatched to 525 Hall Farm Road for a reported chimney fire. Upon arrival, significant smoke and embers were visible from the chimney. Crews laddered the roof and cleared a significant creosote buildup from the chimney while a secondary crew went to the basement to clean out additional debris. New London Fire crews were back in service by 1:00 a.m.

A Hero Remembered

Assistant Deering Fire Chief Doug Connor June 1, 1956 - December 14, 2023



As bagpipes played, a long line of firefighters from several area towns marched in to join family and friends in celebrating the life of Doug Connor.

The Hillsboro-Deering cafetorium was full for this moving tribute to a man who touched so many lives.

Deputy Chief Murdough welcomed all to the ceremony and introduced Chief Anderson who outlined Doug's career and accomplishments, spanning 40 years of service.

Doug entered the fire service with six years at the Stoddard Fire Department. He then spent the next 39 years serving Deering as a firefighter, Assistant Chief, Acting Chief, Forest Fire Warden and EMT.

Chaplain Paul O'Neil offered a meditation before Captain Rousseau, Deputy Chief Murdough and Fire Marshal Wilmot presented Doug's helmet and badge to his widow, Celeste.

Chief Gilbert recited the Firefighter's Prayer. Captain Wilcoxen performed the traditional Bell Ceremony, and the loudspeaker toned Doug's last call to service. After Chaplain O'Neil's benediction, firefighters lined the center aisle one by one to salute their fallen comrade.

Hillsborough boy seriously injured after being hit by car

A teenage boy in Hillsborough has been seriously injured after he was hit by a car while walking on West Main Street on Monday afternoon.

Investigators say that the boy was with a group of friends, walking west-

bound, somewhere alongside the road, when he was struck. He was brought to a nearby hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

"The driver of the vehicle was cooperating with us on-scene, and all aspects

of it are being investigated right now," Sgt. Will Bannister with the Hillsborough Police Department told WMUR.

The names of the driver and the boy have not been released as it remains an active investigation.

Henniker man leaves \$67,545.28 to Fire & Rescue Department

During Tuesday's Henniker Select Board meeting, the Board held a pair of public hearings to accept donated funds.

The first hearing was to accept a Highway Block Grant of \$54,937.13 for Municipal Bridge Aid. The purpose is to provide one time property tax relief for immediate infrastructure improvements. Funds can not be used to supplant local budgets, only to supplement them.

After a brief explanation and little discussion, the board voted 5-0 to accept the funds.

The second hearing was to accept the sum of \$67,545.28

bequeathed to the Henniker Fire and Rescue Squad under the will of Fabian McCloskey.

McCloskey's donation will be divided equally between the Departments with \$33,772.64 given to each.

Fire Chief Jim Morse was present to request that he be allowed to use the Fire Department's allocation to purchase a new Polaris 1500 UTV, replacing the 2013 model which will be traded in. Rescue Chief Greg Aucoin has not said how his portion will be used.

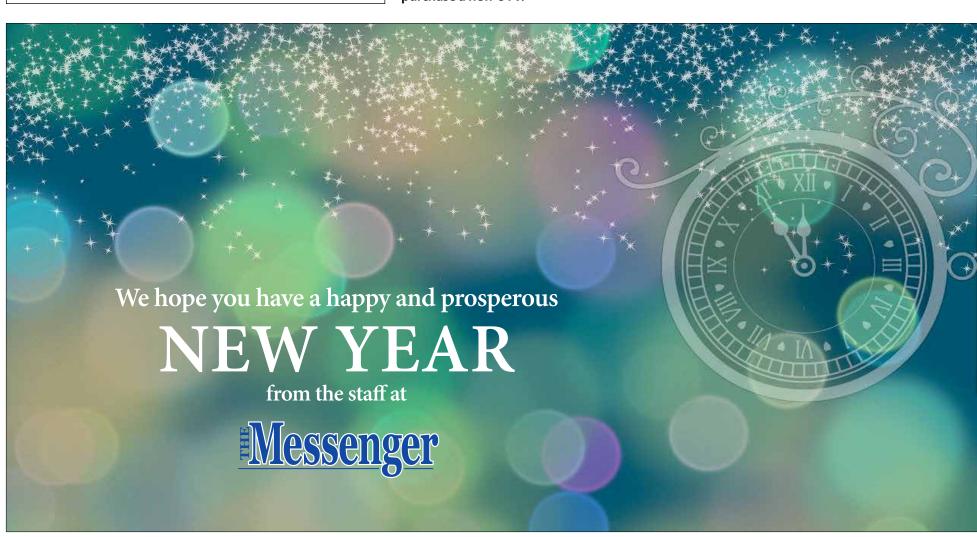
Again, by a 5-0 vote the Board gratefully accepted the donation.



Antrim Ambulance responded Wednesday morning, January 3, 2024 at 08:12 hours for a fall down a flight of stairs with a head injury. Medical personnel assessed that the patient had suffered a significant head injury with severe bleeding. Dhart helicopter was requested as was use of Shea Field at Antrim Elementary School as a landing zone. Thank you to Antrim PD and school staff in securing the LZ.



Fire Chief Jim Morse asked the Henniker Select Board to allow him to use the donated money to purchase a new UTV.



Ten towns assisted Peterborough in battling house fire

A Peterborough couple, who had just moved into their new home on Cranberry Meadow Drive over Christmas weekend, witnessed it go up in flames last Monday night.

Peterborough Fire Chief Ed Walker reports that firefighters were dispatched at 7:41 p.m., and the fire was coming from the roof. The couple and their two cats were in the house when the fire broke out but all got out safely.

As the home was severely damaged, they have returned to a house they own in Maine.

After an investigation with the State Fire Marshal's Office Walker said the fire, which was under control by 9:20 p.m., started in the flue of the wood stove. Peterborough firefighters were assisted by about 40 officers from Jaffrey, Temple,

New Ipswich, Hancock, Dublin, Rindge, Milford, Francestown, Hillsborough, and Jaffrey ambulance. The Peterborough Police Department and State Fire Marshal's Office also responded.

Union Leader honors Hopkinton's Skate Murdough

Hopkinton's Skate Murdough is this year's recipient of the Union Leader's Carl Lundholm Memorial Award, which is awarded to a NH citizen for their volunteer efforts to sustain athletics in a community.

There isn't a more deserving recipient.

Skate has dedicated the past 20+ years of his life to ensuring the sustainability and continuity

of youth sports in NH. We are lucky to have him as a member of the #HYSAHawks community.

Thank you, Skate Murdough, for all that you do and continue to do for our kids and our communities. See the Union Leader online to learn more about the New Hampshire Union Leader's "The Leaders: A Celebration of Sports Champions" annual sports recognition event.



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January 6, 2023

Crash ends multi-town pursuit Hillsboro-Deering School Board approves \$24,072,133 Budget Contoocook company is candle maker for Popes Multiple accidents in Bennington and Peterborough

January 7, 2022

OSRAM acquired by Austrian firm New owners plan major expansion at Angus Lea Henniker's entire Azalea Park committee resigns Hillsborough's K-9 Gibbs aids in Hancock rescue

January 8, 2021

Gordon MacDonald is Supreme Court Chief Justice All Hillsboro-Deering schools closed for Covid-19 New London interviews for Housing Commission Man arrested driving 132 mph in Warner

January 10, 2020

Meet Goffstown's new Police Chief Hillsborough man's plea bargain avoids rape conviction Kearsarge Regional School District budget up 3.13% Hopkinton Rescue Squad clarifies its roles

January 11, 2019

New London Select Board prioritizing demands Hillsborough Chamber hosts Business Breakfast Henniker Community School budget up 2% Kearsarge School District budget at \$43,278,985

January 12, 2018

Incoming Mayor predicts Franklin's rebirth Jacob Merritt is Newport Troop's newest Eagle Scout Washington man jumps from 2nd floor to avoid flames Firefighters hampered by cold temperatures and winds

January 13, 2017

Hillsborough woman dies - three others injured in crash Chichester Board proposes full-time kindergarten Jeff Yale sworn in as new Hopkinton Fire Chief New Boston Boy Scouts Where Eagles Soar

January 8, 2016

Franklin trio arrested for trying to falsify evidence Hillsborough man, Newport woman arrested SAU 24 employees to be trained in suicide recognition MaineLine Graphics top women-led business

January 9, 2015

\$500,000 benefactor for Fuller Library Owners vow to rebuild Jake's Market in Georges Mills New Boston Administrator reports budget surplus Dancing With The Newport Stars - Last Dance

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

Former Bradford firefighter Nathan Nichols charged with arson

A former Bradford firefighter has been charged with



multiple arsons in two communities over the past two vears, the New Hampshire Fire Marshal's

Office announced Thursday.

Nathan Nichols, 19, of Weare, was arrested Wednesday on five counts of felonylevel arson in connection with fires reported in Bradford and Warner. Investigators said the fires occurred between May 2022 and September 2023. Two of them were reported as structure fires, the rest were "multiple" outside fires, investigators said.

A request for comment from Bradford fire officials went

Superior Court upholds Hancock ZBA decision

The Hillsborough Superior Court - North has ruled in favor of the Town of Hancock in the matter of a ZBA hearing over a proposed aluminum fence at the Hancock Inn. The company called the ZBA's decision to reject the fence "unlawful and unreasonable," and claimed that comments made at ZBA hearings indicated that the board relied on the advice

of the HHDC to make its decision.

Justice David Anderson ruled that "The plaintiff's argument here boils down to its belief that the ZBA relied too heavily on the HHDC's expertise and placed too much emphasis on testimony from HHDC members in making its own rulings. The court is not persuaded," Anderson wrote.

unanswered. Investigators did not comment on when Nichols was last employed with the Bradford Fire Department. Nichols was released on per-

sonal recognizance bond and is scheduled to be arraigned in Merrimack County Superior Court on February 1.

The investigation is ongo-

ing. Anyone with information can contact the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office at 603-223-4289 or email fmo@dos.nh.gov.



Antrim Fire & Ambulance wants to recognize and thank Chris Salmon for 41 years of service as an EMT. Chris became an EMT in 1983 and has responded to countless calls in his career with Antrim Ambulance. Chris retired on December 31, 2023 after a 41 year career in EMS. We thank Chris for his dedication and service to the department.



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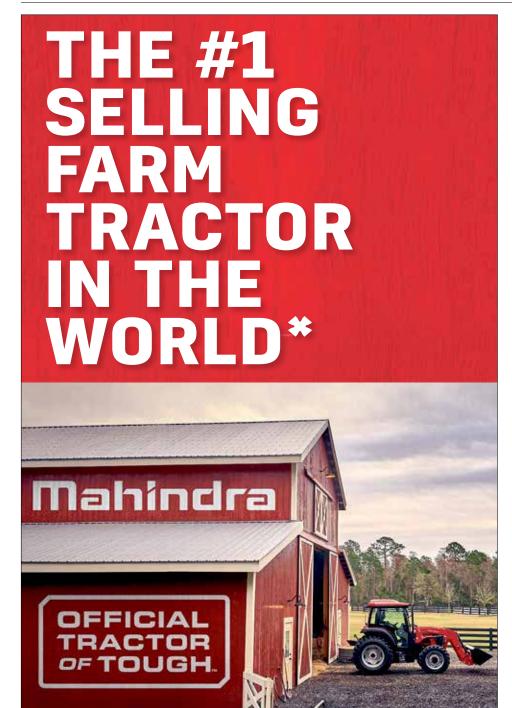
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School Days





Simonds School celebrated spirit week. Students dressed in their favorite holiday bling, as their favorite holiday character, dressed in blue and white for a winter wonderland, ugly sweater day and finished off the week with Flannel Friday wearing flannel shirts and/or PJ's.





Fun & Games in Weare Middle School Science! 8th graders created board games with questions based on what they have learned so far this year in science. Izabel Powers, Autumn Meyers (L); Alexia Purrington, Leonard Provencher (R).





Wonderland in elementary PE with Ms. Girard at the Henniker Community School. First graders reindeer training: Elizabeth Bill, Bernice Rogers-Lovering (L). First graders snow-mobiling: James Laporte, Mikko Roetman, Elizabeth Bill & Bernice Rogers-Lovering (R).

Newport teenager Zackary Jenner indicted for arson

On August 19th, Newport



Emergency
Services
responded
to West
Street for
a reported
structure
fire. Upon
the arrival
of the fire

department, they extinguished a fire inside an occupied building which appeared to have been intentionally set.

The Newport Police Department undertook an extensive investigation which included multiple search warrants, interviews and forensic examinations of digital evidence.

Pursuant to this investigation, Zackary Jenner, 18, of Newport was indicted by the Sullivan County Grand Jury for one count of Arson of an Occupied Dwelling.

The complaints in this case allege that Jenner did knowingly start a fire which unlawfully damaged the property of another, with that property being an occupied structure, which Jenner knew it was an occupied structure.

This charge is a Class A Felony carrying a potential sen-

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The Newport Police Department was assisted in this

investigation by the Claremont Police Department and the Newport Fire Department. This is an ongoing investigation, and anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Alexander R. Marvin at amarvin@newportnh.gov



Students in Mrs. LaBrie's Creative Cooking class at John Stark Regional High School baked cat and dog treats to be donated to the Hearts and Tails Animal Alliance. From back row left to right, Caden Griffin, Adrian Rico, D'Angelo Sheppard, Ben Lanier, Caiden Lee Goode. Front row left to right, Callie Griggs, Elsa Winther and Kendra Couchon.

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St Mary's Church
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Food Pantry
Community Center Committee

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Lions Club

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Hometown Heroes



Last week Hopkinton, NH Human Services had a very special delivery from the Hopkinton NH Police Department. Their association "adopted" four Hopkinton families as part of Operation Holidays, providing gifts and clothing for children as well as gift cards for the parents.



Eight Peterborough firefighters graduated their EMT class taught and led by Paramedic Mason. This group has met weekly over the last few months giving up countless nights and weekends with the single goal of being able to better serve their community.



Newbury Fire Rescue Car 1 is used by the fire chief to respond to fire, emergency medical, rescue and other emergency calls as well as inspections, training and safety details. The car carries communications equipment, a reference library and services as a command post during larger incidents. Also carried is emergency medical and equipment.

Warner's EDAC discusses Old Graded School & Community Center

At a recent meeting of Warner's Economic Development Committee Charlie Albano introduced the three phase plan to improve safety and compliance as well as improve the "Old Graded School" building for future use.

Phase 1- make repairs and bring up to code and improve safety; Phase 2- Energy improvements; Phase 3- Make building acceptable on all three floors. Elevator/Lift inside or outside of the building improving access. Allowing better use of the third floor. Most important: Access and upkeep dependent on the ultimate use of the building. The Committee could investigate grants to assist with Phase 1.

Regarding use of the building, EDAC feels the Town should decide if voters want to invest in the building. Voters need to decide on future use of the building, and what the needed improvements are for agreed upon use. If voters do not want to invest in the building its future sale is a possibility.

Improvements mandated by Warner Fire Dept are currently being undertaken by the Town. The Committee discussed whether to proceed with a warrant article for the Community Center and how best to approach the issue at the Town meeting.

Neil suggested that, given the disposition of the town over the likely tax increase, the Community Center initiative might be served best by leaving it for a year.

There was a discussion of the advantages of waiting and it was

suggested that waiting a year would allow residents to be properly educated on the subject.

A decision was made to hold

off on bringing up the future of the Community Center at the 2024 Town Meeting, and to follow up with two or more informational public meetings between April and December of 2024 to discuss the Community Center's future.



Kate Griffin, HDES Math Specialist, shows the HD School Board math games that were used in the recent FEAN (Family Enrichment and Activity Night). Over 100 people (students, parents and teachers) participated in December's FEAN where they shared pizza and salad, played math games and had raffles. Both Elementary School Principals, Robin Whitney, Upper Elementary and Nicole Barton, Lower Elementary, also spoke to the Board, explaining that the cost of the program is paid for by Title I and helps everyone who attends. The next FEAN will be on January 18 and the topic will be The Year of the Book.



Kearsarge Regional Middle School Assistant Principal Andrea Castaldo named New Hampshire's Assistant Principal of the Year. Castaldo has worked at KRMS since 2018.

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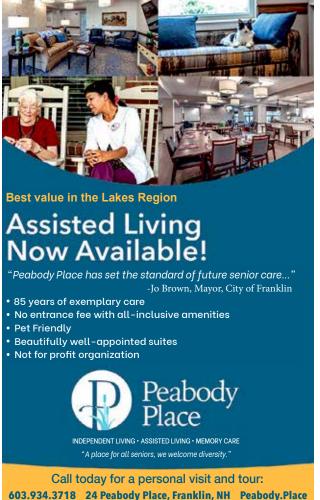


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Dear Editor:

The "rumor" floating around that voters "are being encouraged NOT to attend school board meetings or public hearings regarding the H-D school district" is just that, a rumor...by definition, a circulating story or report of a mixture of truth and doubtful truth.

The message is not about "not attending," but rather do you want to have a one-way conversation with the school board after they tell you what they want you to know about their budget? Do you want to be a part of their polite lip service, hearing "Thank you for coming tonight and sharing your ideas" or "Thank you for your questions, it's our policy not to respond to questions until we have time to review the information?" Or, do you want to attend a meeting where you actually have an opportunity for your voice to become real action? The Deliberative Session on February 5th is where you have an opportunity to get the school board's full attention.

The budget process and deliberative session are held in the cold, dark of winter. Most people do not like to leave their warm homes during dinnertime, after a long day of work, or at the time when they need to prepare their kids for the next day of school and get them ready for bed. Therefore, if one were to choose a night to go out, which would be more meaningful? Many of us believe the more meaningful meeting is the Feb 5th Deliberative Session where our vote will count.

I've attended the public budget hearings and stepped forward with my suggestions in areas where the budget could be changed only for them to fall on deaf ears. One example specifically, when the school resource officer (SRO) was being cut from the budget a few years ago, I presented several areas where there were discrepancies in their budgets and areas where they could reallocate money to keep the SRO. My comments were disregarded, and the SRO position was removed. However, as we all know today, it wasn't really removed.

Yes, cutting the budget sends the Board back to decide what should be cut. We've all seen, year after year, very seldom are administrative positions cut from the budget. Perks for the administration are not cut. Contracts

are not renegotiated with competitive bids. We witnessed this year that the School Board awarded the landscaping and plowing contract with an \$18,000/ year increase with no competitive bids. I appealed to them to reconsider the scope of the RFP and not award the contract... deaf ears...contract awarded. To date, we've paid \$28,000 for plowing services for November and December. For anyone interested in hearing how the budget is being drafted and who wants input on the line items, you should attend the budget hearings. But, do not think this is a sufficient means to have your voice heard. The Deliberative Session on Feb 5th at 6:00 PM is your opportunity to make your voice and vote count!

Dear Editor:

Respected residents of Deering petitioned the Select Board to hold a Special Town Meeting to decide whether the town should elect rather than appoint its Road Agent. To have an elected Road Agent is problematic. The job requires a complex knowledge of the requirements for maintaining bridges and paved and dirt roads, in addition to preparing longterm plans and cost effectively managing personnel and expensive equipment. Maintaining roads and making them resilient to increasingly frequent and severe storms require education, experience, and preparedness. Finally, an elected Road Agent must be a Deering resident, which locks the town in a limited pool of qualified candidates. An elected officer only faces consequences of their performance on election day. An agent reporting to the BOS must meet performance standards every day or face real-time consequences for underperformance. It would be a disservice to the residents of Deering to turn this position into an elected position, which could make it a popularity contest. We elect Select Board members to oversee municipal operations; let them do their job. It is important that Deering residents attend this Special Town Meeting on January 13, and please do not support this Warrant Article.

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Create different vignettes and focus on "moments" you want to create in your space. Perhaps you want a cozy little spot for a fire pit. Or maybe you're planning on hosting a neighborhood potluck around a massive outdoor dining table.

Catching some poolside rays will require some lounge chairs with, of course, a side table to hold your vacation drinks. Gazebos, sofas, tables, chairs, swings and matching coolers are all important pieces to consider when designing your space. And because this furniture will be outside and exposed to the elements, don't forget to look for items that are trendy AND affordable.

Step 2: Light up your night

To fully maximize use of your outdoor space, you'll next need to fo cus on lighting. And if you've ever wondered to yourself: am I fancy enough for an outdoor chandelier? The answer is yes. You can also try mixing and matching candlelit statement lanterns to give chill vibes to all who come by. Another option would be to create a focal point with a fire pit, which comes in all forms these days, from grand outdoor fireplaces to smokeless metal drums and classy table centerpieces. If you want to set the mood while keeping the bugs away, hang up some string lights and the bugs will fly high as you lie low.

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Edmunds Thanksgiving Ladies Night Promotion: Antrim winner is Bri, (L) and the Henniker winner is Hannah, (R). The shopping bags on ladies night raised \$635 and the round up since then brought the total to \$1,857.61 raised for the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Sanborn told "sell or face License Suspension"

A state hearing officer ordered former state Sen. Andy Sanborn to sell his charity casino by July 1 or face a two-year revocation of his gaming license, finding that Sanborn misrepresented himself to get a federal COVID-19 relief loan and used it to buy three sports cars. The decision suspends Sanborn's current license for six months. The nine-page ruling rejected calls by Attorney General John Formella and New Hampshire Lottery Executive Director Charles McIntyre to permanently suspend Sanborn's Concord Casino business license.

In the past, other charity casino owners accused of infractions were permitted to sell their businesses. said Michael King, a Department of Safety hearings examiner assigned by a Superior Court judge to decide on this matter.

Sanborn's lawyers maintained his tax returns proved he used his personal wealth — and not an \$840,000 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) from the U.S. Small Business Administration — to buy those cars and pay for engineering studies to build a much larger casino in Concord.

King disagreed. "The misrepresentations on the EIDL application and the subsequent use of the proceeds for expenditures not allowed by that loan constitute 'conduct by the licensee that undermines the public confidence in charitable gaming," King wrote.

The New Hampshire Lottery said it was reviewing the decision. Either side can appeal some or all of the decision in court.

"The New Hampshire Lottery is in receipt of attorney King's decision and thanks him for his efforts. The Commission is reviewing the decision and evaluating our options with the Attorney General's office," the lottery said. In a brief statement, the AG's office said, "At this point our criminal investigation remains active and ongoing." The ruling wasn't intended to determine whether Sanborn committed fraud, but whether the loan application documents showed that Sanborn tried to get the money under false pretenses, King said. Gambling industry businesses are not

eligible to receive EIDL loans, Michael Knights, one of Sanborn's three lawyers, said Michael Evans with SpringWest Capital Group told Sanborn that his business could qualify for the COVID-19 relief loan in the "consulting" category.

Ruling: 'Casino' omitted

However, an affidavit from Evans indicated he was "skeptical" that Sanborn could qualify, King pointed out. The loan application did not use Concord Casino, the registered trade name for the business and described planned spending as being for "miscellaneous expenses" without reference to any gambling business activity. The application listed Win, Win, Win LLC as the business's legal name.

"The preponderance of the evidence leads to the conclusion that the respondent and the consultant determined that putting the actual name of 'Concord Casino' on the application would have a negative impact on the chances of obtaining the funding and that it was intentionally omitted," King wrote.

Soon after getting the loan, Sanborn bought two Porsches and a Ferrari. The Ferrari was a birthday present for his wife, House Speaker Pro Tem Laurie Sanborn, R-Bedford.

Richard Maloney, a forensic accountant hired by Sanborn's legal defense team, insisted Sanborn had more than enough personal capital to buy those cars and make the other questioned expenses.

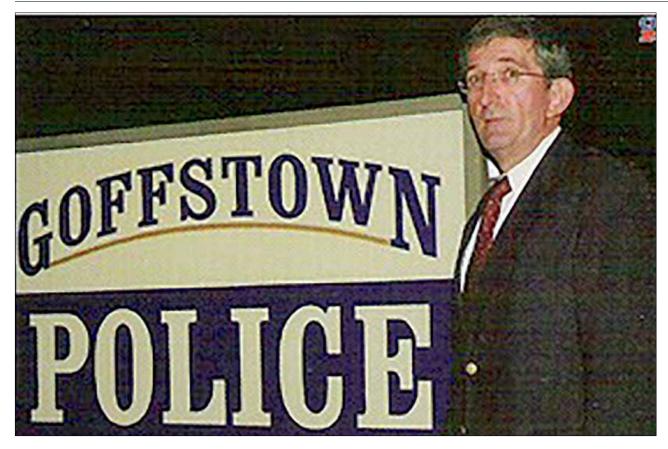
King said his analysis of Sanborn's tax returns and cash flow at the time contradicted that view.

"It is an inescapable conclusion that but for the EIDL funds, the 'equipment' (sports cars) purchases would not have been made," King concluded.

Formella and McIntyre agreed with lottery accountants who alleged that Sanborn also used \$180,000 of the loan to make rent payments to support his other businesses or pay himself.

Neither of the Sanborns were present for the two days of hearings before King earlier this month.

Andy Sanborn was getting treatment at the Dana Farber Center in Boston, his lawyers said.



Community mourns loss of former Goffstown Police Chief French

It's with heavy heart that we share with the community the passing of Retired Goffstown Police Chief Michael French (Badge 58). Chief French had been battling an illness for some time, and on Christmas Eve, he passed away.

Chief French dedicated 34 years of his life to the citizens of this great community. Chief French started his career as a Dispatcher in 1973 at the young age of 18. When he came of age, he became a Special Police Officer, which at the time was strictly a volunteer position, so he had to keep his paid dispatch position.

In 1976 he became a full-time police officer. He held the specialized assignments of Juvenile Specialist, K-9 Handler, and Explorer Post Advisor. In 1984 he was promoted to the rank of Corporal while in the Juvenile Division. He became a Sergeant in charge of Detectives in 1986. In 1989 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Chief French was our Accreditation Manager. He was instrumental in preparing the Goffstown Police Department for national accreditation with the Com-

mission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. in 1992. He received a Distinguished Service Medal in 1992 for his dedication to the accreditation process.

In 1995 he became Captain, Executive Officer, a position he held until his promotion to Chief of Police.

In 1999 he became the 6th Police Chief for the Town of Goffstown.

Chief French actively served in many volunteer capacities including many years as the Executive Director of Camp Fatima Exceptional Citizens Week.

Chief French, as well as those professionals before him, built this agency's foundation of Community Policing and serving the public and helped shape what it has become today.

Chief French hired me in 2006 and was a great mentor to me. As the Chief of Police of this community, I have followed in his footsteps and continue to strive to not only serve the community but keep it a place where people live, work, and feel safe! Chief French, you will be truly missed! Rest easy 58.

Greenfield Police Department is celebrating its new facility

The Greenfield Police Department has moved into its new space at the Old Town Office Building on Francestown Road. The building previously housed the police station in a corner of the lower level until 2001. It has now been completely and solely dedicated to the police, with rooms on the ground floor and a conference room on the second floor.

Greenfield Police Chief Brian Giammarino praised Town Manager Aaron Patt for securing American Rescue Plan Act funds to complete the renovations to the town-owned building. Greenfield received \$196,000 in ARPA funds to put toward municipal improvements, enabling the town to renovate the space without taxpayer funding.

The facility is equipped with security cameras which monitor the outside of the building.

Enhanced safety features in the newly renovated space include a secure entryway that prevents people from entering the station's offices without being greeted and identified.



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The Bow High School girls' basketball team poses after winning the 2023 Doug Chandler holiday tournament at Manchester Central High School on Friday. Bow claimed the tournament title with a 54-36 win over Pelham in the champion-ship. Courtesy photo.



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BOYS BASKETBALL

Merrimack Valley 52, Hopkinton 45: The Pride started off with a 9-0 lead, but Hopkinton came back to make it a one score game at the half. The Pride had a strong third quarter and held onto the lead for the rest of the contest, securing an opening-round victory over the Hawks at the Capital Classic.

Salem 68, Bow 54: The Falcons fell to D-I Salem in the Queen City Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Pembroke 93, Bow 69: The Spartans came out firing on all cylinders, scoring 34 points in the first quarter.

Exeter 82, Bow 61: The D-II Falcons fell to the D-I Blue Hawks in the opening round of the Queen City Basketball Invitational. **Portsmouth Christian 61, Franklin 38:** The Eagles opened the game with a 10-0 run en route to a 19-3 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 37-14 lead at halftime to eliminate the Tornadoes from the Mike Lee Holiday Bash.

ConVal 74, Hollis-Brookline 33: Ethan Kinney scored a game-high 18 against H-B Thursday, while Joe Gutwein put in 16.

ConVal 71, Kingswood 67 (20T): Joe Gutwein had 18, Ethan Kinney 16 and Noah Stewart 13 as ConVal closed out a double-overtime win against Kingswood on senior night Friday.

Conant 42, Kearsarge 32: The Orioles finished the season with a win Thursday night and are at 12-6 on the year heading into the postseason.

John Stark 56, Lebanon 44: John Stark opened with a 15-4 first quarter, but Lebanon made two different runs to make it a 3-point game going into the fourth before the Generals could put it away.

Merrimack Valley 67, John Stark 50: The Pride started off hot and held onto the lead throughout the rest of the game.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bow 54, Pelham 36: The Falcons defeated Pelham in the championship game to claim their second Doug Chandler

holiday tournament title. The three-day tournament was hosted by Manchester Central.

Derryfield 45, ConVal 44: The Cougars played well, but lost a close one at Derryfield.

Kennett 51, Franklin 24: The Eagles went up 10-0 in the first two minutes of the game en route to a 24-4 lead after the first quarter and a 35-10 lead at halftime to eliminate the Tornadoes.

Franklin 60, Noble (Maine) 40: The Golden Tornadoes punched their tickets to the Mike Lee Holiday Bash semifinals with a victory over Berwick, Maine's Noble High School.

John Stark 42, Lebanon 27: It was a 6-point game going in the fourth quarter as Lebanon kept it close, but the Generals closed the game out in the fourth quarter, outscoring Lebanon, 13-2.

Merrimack Valley 48, John Stark 40: John Stark led 13-11 after the first quarter, but the Pride led 21-17 at halftime and 36-33 heading into the fourth as MV secured its spot in the Capital Classic championship against Concord.

Hopkinton 50, Bishop Brady 43: Bishop Brady jumped out to a 27-20 halftime lead on the strength of six 3-pointers, before a strong defensive third quarter gave the Hawks a 39-32 lead. The Hawks hit key free throws late to win the fifth-place game in the Capital Classic.

Kearsarge 61, St. Thomas 57: Tessa Marinello's double double, 19 pts. 10 reb., led the way.

BOYS HOCKEY

Manchester 3, Bow 1: The Falcons took a 1-0 lead in the first period, but Manchester netted three goals over the final two periods and kept Bow off the board.

GIRLS HOCKEY

ConVal-Conant 10, Kingswood 1: Captains Aubrey Niemela, Makennah McPherson and Addie Lustenberger each scored a hat trick.

Crime Watch

Hillsboro teens underage drinking

Officers responded to a residence for a report of a large fire. Upon arrival, officers observed multiple individuals under the age of 21 who had consumed alcohol. Ayden Butler, Jordan Mulliner, James Murdough and Abigail MacDonald were the identified individuals. The defendants were subsequently taken into custody.

Weare man faces multiple charges

Weare Police responded to an OHRV crash on Sewell Hoyt Road. At the conclusion of the crash investigation the operator, Derrick Gilman, 42, of Weare, NH, was arrested on Driving under the Influence (DUI), License Required; Operation without a Valid License, OHRV; Operation on Public Way, OHRV; Registration. Gilman was issued a hand summons in lieu of arrest.

Hillsboro woman faces DWI charge

Katelynd Smith was stopped for an observed motor vehicle violation. During the roadside investigation, it was determined she was impaired. The defendant was arrested, bailed, and released with a future court date.

Hillsboro woman drives after suspension

Ashley Keon had driven by an officer who recognized her as having an active warrant for Driving After Suspension. She was arrested for the warrant and a new charge of Driving After Suspension-Subsequent. The defendant was later booked and bailed.

Hopkinton man on expired license

Kyle Wheeler, 33, of Hopkinton received a summons at 9:15 p.m. on December 4 on an operating with an expired license-subsequent charge after an incident or investigation at 114 Fisherville Road.

Henniker man for falsifying evidence

Isaac A. Michael, 20, of Foster Hill Road in Henniker on falsifying physical evidence and attempted falsifying physical evidence charges, both felonies. He was accused of altering a micro-SD memory card by snapping it in half and attempting to destroy files downloaded from a camera pen to a laptop when he deleted them to impair an investigation.

Newport man faces several charges

Sergeant Nicholas Boisvert and Officer-inTraining Cooper Dion were conducting stationary radar on Route 103 near the intersection with Route 11 when they observed a vehicle traveling southbound at 48-mph in a 35-mph zone. Sgt. Boisvert activated his blue lights and stopped the vehicle near Youngs Hill Road. Upon speaking with the vehicle operator, identified as Eryck Bedell of 43 Maple Street, Newport, NH, it was learned that he had a suspended driver's license and suspended registration privileges in the State of New Hampshire. Subsequently, Bedell was placed under arrest and charged with Driving After Revocation or Suspension, contrary to NH RSA 263:64, which is a violation-level offense; Suspension of Registration of Vehicle, contrary to NH RSA 261:178, which is a Class B Misdemeanor; and Speeding, contrary to NH RSA 265:60, which is a violation-level offense. Bedell was transported to the Sunapee Police Department for booking and processing per department policy, then bailed and released.

Hillsboro woman on credit card fraud

Anala Mae Adkins turned herself in to HPD for an active warrant reference to a previous incident where she was accused of stealing and making personal purchases with the debit card of a disabled individual whom she was providing care for. The Defendant was booked and bailed with a future court date.

Newport woman breach of conditions

Sergeant Nicholas Boisvert received a motor vehicle complaint of a vehicle traveling westbound on Route 11 into Sunapee from New London with lane control issues. Sqt. Boisvert observed the vehicle pass him, make contact with the center double yellow line, then pull into the parking lot of Jake's Market. Sqt. Boisvert activated his blue lights and stopped the vehicle in the parking lot. Upon speaking with the vehicle operator and passenger, Sqt. Boisvert learned that the operator was the protected party in an active protection order; Sqt. Boisvert identified the vehicle passenger, Brittany Nolin of 64 Sunapee Street #4, Newport, NH as the defendant of that protection order. Subsequently, she was placed under arrest and charged with Breach of Bail Conditions, contrary to NH RSA 597:7-a, which is a Class A Misdemeanor. In addition to the Sunapee charge, Nolin had an active warrant for her arrest out of NH State Police Troop D for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Criminal Mischief. Nolin was transported to the Sunapee Police Department for booking and processing per department policy, then transported to the Sullivan County House of Corrections in Unity, NH to be held pending arraignment.

Franklin woman drives after revocation

Roxanne Quaile, 36, of Franklin was arrested on a driving after revocation or suspension-subsequent charge and an unsafe lane change violation. She was arrested after an incident or investigation at the Shell gas station at 333 Loudon Road.

Dunbarton Police announce "Project Good Morning"

The Dunbarton Police Department is pleased to offer a new community policing program: Project Good Morning! Project Good Morning is a program designed to assist community residents who do not have regular daily contact with relatives, friends or neighbors. The program allows for residents to make scheduled contact with the Dunbarton Police Department to ensure that they are OK, and further allowing for their independence and ability to stay in their homes.

This program allows family, friends and neighbors the security of knowing the enrolled individual is having regular daily contact with someone. The Project Good Morning Application Packet, which includes more information about the program, may be found by going to the link on their website: www.dunbartonnh.org Questions about Project Good Morning may be directed to Office Administrator Linda Marcoux at dunbartonpd@gsinet.net or by calling (603) 774-5500.





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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Anne M. King

HILLSBOROUGH - Anne M. King, 76, of Hillsborough, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 23 at



Granite VNA Hospice House in Concord, NH. She was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Frances Lawless of Middletown, NJ. Anne was born on August, 9, 1947 in Jersey City, NJ and spent her childhood in NJ. She especially loved going to the Jersey Shore every summer with her family.

She moved to NH in 1974, a few years after getting married. She is survived by her daughter Kristen (King) Halderman and husband Blake of Yorktown Heights, NY and by her son David and wife Jaclyn (Bearor) King of Deering, NH. She also had 3 grandchildren – Emma & Ben Halderman & Norah King, who she was immensely proud of and loved more than anything. She is also survived by her siblings, Maggie Boland of The Villages, FL, Jeanne McQuade of Georgetown, TX, Joseph Lawless of Simi Valley, CA and Robert Lawless of Flagstaff, AZ. She also loved her many nieces, nephews and close friends who she also considered family. Please join us for a celebration of life at Main St Grill and Bar in Hillsboro on 1-13-24 from 2-5. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Anne's memory to Granite VNA Hospice House, 240 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301 or online at www.granitevna.org.

James B. Knight

HILLSBOROUGH - James B. Knight, lovingly known as Jim, was born on February 1, 1954, in Keene, NH. He



peacefully passed away on December 30, 2023, at the age of 69 in Concord, NH. Jim was a devoted husband to Teri Knight and a proud father to his twin daughters, Molly and Mallory. Jim and his brother Charles were proud owners of Wymans in Hillsboro, NH. A family owned business for over 70 years.

The dealership was a mainstay in the community and supported many causes. A celebration of Jim's life will be held on Friday, January 5, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Kimball Jenkins Estate located at 266 N. Main Street, Concord NH. In honor of Jim's memory, donations can be made to The Friendly Kitchen in Concord, NH.

Denise Lorette (Laflamme) Twombley

HILLSBOROUGH - Denise Lorette (Laflamme) Twombley, age 76, passed away on December 26, 2023, at 10:10



a.m. at Pleasant View Center in Concord, NH, after a lengthy battle with dementia. Denise was born January 26, 1947, in Nashua, NH, the daughter of Ruben and Lorette Laflamme. She was the wife of Arthur Twombley of 56 years. Denise is survived by her spouse Arthur, and two sons, Eric and wife

Morgan (Harding) of Hillsboro, NH, and Jeffrey of VT. She was a loving Grandmother to four grandchildren, Cassidy Devino of Colchester, VT, Payton Twombley, Chase Twombley, and Shae Twombley of Hillsboro, NH. She was predeceased by two sisters, Louise and Clare, her brother Paul, and her son Steve. The family will receive visitors Saturday, January 6, 2024, 10 a.m.-11 a.m., at the Cremation Society of New Hampshire, 172 King Street in Boscawen, NH. Memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. in the Cremation Society chapel. Denise will be laid to rest later in the Spring of 2024 at the Harvey Memorial Cemetery in Hillsborough, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Doris C. Merrill

HILLSBORO - Doris C. Merrill, 87, of Hillsboro, NH, formerly of Ashland, NH, Warner, NH, and many



towns in Vermont, passed away on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at Pheasant Wood Nursing Center in Peterborough, NH after a battle with cancer. Doris was born in Newbury Vermont on April 22, 1936, the daughter of Frank and Doris M. Cutter. Doris was predeceased by her parents, her

brothers and Sister Bobby, Frankie and Patty; her beloved husband of 60 years. Richard F. Merrill; her sister Mary Drake: her cousin in most recent Ruth Ranno who passed on Christmas Day. Doris is survived by her son. William Merrill SR and his wife Melissa Merrill of Windsor, NH; her daughter, Patricia Dickson of Cedartown, Georgia; her sisters, Joyce Boyden of New Hampton, NH and Carol Phinney and her husband Bill Phinney; her brother, Richard Cutter; her grandchildren, Tyler and his wife Kristyn, Bill Jr and his fiancé Kelly, Catrina and her fiancé Rob, Kyle, Jennifer and her husband Skip, Candice, and Thomas and his wife Laura, and Jeremy Merrill; her great grandchildren, Izzy, William, Felicia, Amber, Nick, Matthew and his wife Chelsie and Sarah and her husband George, Aprile, and Natalie; her great great grandchildren, Arrielle, Maverick, Bentley, Kennedy, Maddie, Zoey and Brooke; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday January 28, 2024 from 1-5 p.m. in the American Legion Post 59 in Hillsboro, NH.

Donna J. Almeida

WASHINGTON - Donna J Almeida, 78, of Washington, NH sadly left us on December 27th, 2023 due to battling



cancer for 11 years. She was born January 28, 1945 in Danbury CT, to the late George and Dorothy (Betts) Waterhouse. She is survived by her husband, John Almeida; her daughter, Regina Almeida; her two grandchildren, John and Kayla Sernotti; her great grandchild, Mckenzie Guay; and many more of

her family members that live in Connecticut.

Fred C. Swett

BENNINGTON - Fred C. Swett, 74, of Bennington, passed away peacefully at Bel-Air Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center on December 27, 2023. He was born in Peterborough on June 3, 1949, the son of Carl and Alice (Fenerty) Swett. He was predeceased by his first wife of 38 years, Ruth, two infant sons, James and Matthew, his brother, Butch (Herbert) and his sisters,

Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered



Leona and Carol. Fred is survived by his wife, Judi; his two daughters, Angela Attridge and her husband Tim, and Amanda Koziell and her husband David; two grandsons, Andrew and his wife Bryanna and Brian and his great granddaughter Natalie Rose; his step-son, Fred Clough Jr.; his step-daughters,

Heidi Clough and Michele Masters and her husband Don; his step-grandson, Logan Clough; his step-granddaughters, Kiersten Clough and Jaidlyn Goss and her husband Ryan; two step-great-grandsons, Sawyer and Bennett; their beloved Yorkie, Sophie; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Thursday January 11, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Jellison Funeral Home, 25 Concord Street, Peterborough, NH. A time of sharing will take place at 6:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Fred's name to The Monadnock Humane Society, 101 West Swanzey Road, Swanzey, NH 03446.

Sarah W. Hutchins

HANCOCK - Sarah W. Hutchins, 92, of Hancock, NH, passed away peacefully on December 24, 2023, surrounded by the love and comfort of family and friends. She was born in Peterborough on August 11, 1931, the daughter of William and Esther (Wright) Weston. Sarah is survived by her daughter Ann Eng, son-inlaw Howard, granddaughter Emily, and sisters Helen



Draper, Dorothy Murdough, and Kathryn Moore. In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her caring husband Wayne, and siblings William Weston Jr., Marion Frazier, Ruth Calkins, Mary Ellen Plimpton, and Forest Weston. A Celebration of Sarah's life is scheduled on Saturday, May

18, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Hancock. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Heart Association or Hancock Fire and Rescue.

Community Bulletin Board

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.

SATURDAY JANUARY 20

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1pm, at the Peterborough Shaws. Our goal is to "stuff" one of our ambulances with as much non-perishable food as we can and then donate it to the ConVal chapter of End 68 Hours of Hunger. This is a great opportunity to take advantage of the many "BOGO" offers Shaws advertises each week. We hope you will stop by, say hi, and help out those less fortunate in our area.

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

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Reductions in violence are seen in individuals using Beta adrenergic-blocking agents (B-blockers) compared with periods that they are not taking the medication, in a study published in *PLOS Medicine*. If the findings are confirmed by other studies, β -blockers could be considered as a way to manage aggression and hostility in individuals with psychiatric conditions. β-blockers are used to treat hypertension, angina and acute cardiovascular events,

heart failure and arrhythmias as well as migraine, symptoms of hyperthyroidism and glaucoma. They are often used for anxiety and have been suggested for clinical depression and aggression, but evidence is conflicting. They have been linked to an increased risk of suicidal behavior, though evidence is inconclusive.

Chloramphenicol, an oral antibiotic tablet used to treat common eye infections, may prove an effective medicine for Mycoplasma genitalium (nongonococcal) urethritis, a sexually transmitted bug that has become resistant to usual recommended treatment, suggest doctors in the journal Sexually Transmitted Infections.

A review of clinical trials has found that higher vitamin D intake was associated with a 15 percent decreased likelihood for developing type 2 diabetes in adults with prediabetes. The review is published in Annals of Internal Medicine. Vitamin D is a fat-soluble vitamin available in or added to some foods, as a supplement, or produced by the body when ultraviolet rays from sunlight strike the skin. Vitamin D has many functions in the body, including a role in insulin secretion and glucose metabolism. Observational studies have found an association between having a low level of vitamin D in the blood and high risk for developing diabetes.

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2024 Special Town Meeting Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Deering in the County of Hillsborough and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Deering Town Hall, at 762 Deering Center Road, in said Town of Deering on the **13th day, of January, 2024**, at 9:00am, at which time action will be taken upon the article on this warrant.

Article 1 -

"To see if the town will vote to change the position of Road Agent from an appointed position to an elected position with a three year term. If approved, the Road Agent will no longer be appointed by the Selectmen but will instead be elected to a three year term by the citizens of Deering at the Annual Town Meeting at three year intervals starting in 2024." (BY PETITION)

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— DEERING, NH — SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST SESSION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2024 7:00-7:30 PM

Deering Town Hall – 762 Deering Center Road, Deering, NH 03244

Supervisors to hold a session to make final corrections to the checklist before the special town meeting.

New voters may continue to register until election day, as permitted by law.

TOWN OF HENNIKER -

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST NOTICE

The Supervisors of the Checklist of Henniker, NH will be at the Henniker Town Hall Wednesday **January 13th** 6:30-7:30pm., for voter registration, for the upcoming town election season. Please bring a photo id, birth certificate or passport, proof of residency (ie: vehicle registration or utility bill).

This will be the last opportunity to change party affiliations before the Primary January 23rd.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE — 2024 BUDGET HEARING —

A Public Hearing for the Cogswell Spring Water Works / Town of Henniker Water Department's 2024 Operating Budget is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **January 16**, **2024**.

Cogswell Spring Water Works is located at 146 Davison Road. The meeting will begin at 4:00 pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The Hillsborough Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on **Monday, January 15, 2024** from 1:30-2:00pm (and longer if necessary) for the purpose of adding to, deleting, and making corrections to the Checklist at the Hillsborough Town Office, 27 School St., Hillsborough, NH. If you live in Hillsborough, including the ELVD, and you are not registered, please bring a photo ID, proof of residency, and proof of citizenship. No party changes are allowed until after the Presidential Primary on January 23. You can check your party, find your polling place and more on https://app/sos.nh.gov/voterinformation

— DEERING, NH — SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST SESSION

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