

Free + Our 154th Year + Issue 2 + January 12, 2024

A Special Honor

Addyson Cutter, 11, the daughter of Jacob and Erika Cutter, of Antrim, recently



sang the National Anthem to open a session of the NH House of Representatives at the State House. Currently a homeschool student

who enjoys music, singing and the arts, she also plays field hockey and enjoys swimming. Addyson has sung with Grand Monadnock Youth Choir in Peterbrough for the past four years, and takes voice lessons with Ms. Melanie Morello, from New York, NY.

This week in history

January 13, 1942 Allies promise trials for war criminals

January 14, 1980 Gold prices soar

January 15, 2009 Sully Sullenberger performs Miracle on the Hudson

> January 16, 1919 Prohibition takes effect

January 17, 1893 Americans overthrow Hawaiian monarchy

January 18, 1882 A.A. Milne is born

January 19, 1966 Indira Gandhi becomes Indian prime minister



Pursuit for felon spans from Nashua, Merrimack to New Boston.

Felon captured in New Boston

An extensive, overnight search resulted in Blodgett's arrest in New Boston

Police and multiple law enforcement agencies searched for Avery Blodgett overnight after a pursuit spanned from Merrimack to Nashua Friday.

Blodgett, 42, allegedly dumped the Chevrolet Colorado pickup, which was involved in the first pursuit, and then he stole a tan Toyota Tacoma pickup, police say, which was found abandoned in New Boston.

Multiple officers used thermal drones and K-9s to search several wooded areas where residents live. Officers searching knew they were looking for Avery Blodgett, who has a criminal history involving bank robberies and thefts.

Saturday at about 10:15 a.m., a per-

son spotted an individual believed to be Blodgett in the area of 216 River Road attempting to break into an automobile. New Boston Police Officer River Marmorstein and Lt. Stephen Case responded to the area along with the assistance of the Goffstown Police Department. After an initial foot pursuit, he was ultimately taken into custody without incident.

The man was positively identified as Blodgett, who had been the subject of the search that started with a crash near Hooper Hill Road in New Boston.

Blodgett was transported to the New Boston Police Station, where members of the New Boston Fire Department evaluated him, and further medical treatment was not required.

According to superior court records, Blodgett was convicted on robbery, burglary, and criminal restraint charges out of Dunbarton in the late 1990s.

In 2007, Avery Blodgett and his brother Travis Blodgett pleaded guilty to robbing several banks in New Hampshire and Maine. Avery Blodgett admitted to conspiring to rob eight banks, including Meredith Village Savings Bank in Moultonborough and Profile Bank in Alton.

Blodgett is facing several charges and will be held on preventative detention until an arraignment at a future date.

Hillsboro participates in "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over"

Throughout December, the Hillsboro Police actively engaged in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over initiative, endorsed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Notably, 23 individuals in Hillsboro were apprehended from December 13 to January 1, with 12 of those arrests occurring on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Regrettably, December presents

heightened risks for road safety, evidenced by a national toll of 4,500 fatalities resulting from alcohol-impaired driving incidents during the month between 2017 and 2021.

Kearsarge School Distirct budget approved in record time

It took the small crowd less than 45 minutes to dispatch the modest three article warrant at the Kearsarge Regional School District Deliberative Session last Saturday.

School Board Chair Ken Bartholomew presented the Operating Budget proposed by the Kearsarge Regional School Board and the Municipal Budget Committee of \$54,320,531 which is an increase of approximately \$2,968,126 or 5. 78% from the 2023-24 budget.

The areas of increase within the School Board's operating budget are a result of a variety of factors, including a net increase of. 4 teacher FTE's. The wage line for employees requires an increase of approximately \$516,018 or 17.39% of the budget increase. Health benefit costs show a 9.1% increase from the current effective rates of \$698,455.

"Other payroll benefits" are dental, life, long term disability, workers compensation increased 3.42% of the total budget increase or \$101,614 and New Hampshire State Retirement increased 2.81% or \$83,429.

Article 2 asks for \$100,000 to be placed in the School Build-

Kerris named Deering Town Administrator

The Deering Select Board recently unanimously voted to offer the Town Administrator position to Interim Town Administrator/Finance Administrator Meagen Kerris, with a salary of \$82,500 after a 6-month probationary period. The Board may consider an employment agreement but did not decide to do so at this time. The Board expressed their gratitude and appreciation for everything TA Kerris stepped up to do to perform two jobs since October. ings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of repair, unanticipated utility costs, and maintaining the school buildings and equipment; while Article 3 requests up to \$100,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Roof Fund for the purpose of replacement or major repairs to roofs in the district. Both articles to be funded from amounts to be from unassigned fund balance (surplus funds) remaining on hand as of June 30, 2024.

After only a total of about four questions, the meeting was adjourned without any changes.



Kearsarge Regional School Board Chair Ken Bartholomew (L) is retiring at the end of the school year, as is Superintendent Winfried Feneberg (C).



Hillsboro-Deering School District Operating Budget set at \$24,597,117

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board hosted a Budget Hearing Thursday evening. The Board is requesting a 2024-2025 Operating Budget totaling \$24,597,117.

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$24,482,642.

The Board is also asking for \$2,550,000 for the support of school projects as follows:

\$800,000 Food Service and \$1,750,000 for Federal and State projects, with sums to be offset by school lunch sales and State and Federal grants.

Voters will also be asked to adopt a School Administrative Unit (SAU) budget of \$1,156,115, of which \$971,137 is H-D's share.

Default Budget is \$1,160,145, of which \$974,522 is H-D's share.

The Board also requested up to \$10,000 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund; up to \$250,000 to be added to the School Building Maintenance Fund; and up to \$10,000 to be added to the Tech-



Goffstown goalie Gavin Weeks has an incredible opportunity ahead of him, playing for the U.S. Youth Olympic hockey team. nology Expendable Trust Fund. The last three requests to come from June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Deliberative Session is scheduled for February 6th at 7:00 pm.



Edmunds ACE Hardware recently donated \$3000.00 from the proceeds of their "round up your change" in December, as well as portions of the annual Ladies' Night, to NAMI New Hampshire. Henniker Area Rotarians Dr. Edouard Carignan (far left) and his wife Louise (far right) also supported NAMI this year. Director of Development Kristen Welch happily accepted their contributions on behalf of NAMI New Hampshire. NAMI New Hampshire is a grassroots organization working to improve the quality of life for all by providing support, education and advocacy for people affected by mental illness and suicide.

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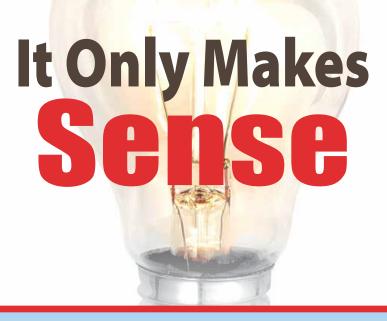
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January 13, 2023

Family escapes Warner house fire US Postal Service stamp honors New London's Tomie dePaola Antrim Select Board approves \$500,00 grant to be loaned to developer Henniker Community School students learn from Chinese artist

January 14, 2022

Duston Country Club sold Antrim man arrested for arson at Maplehurst Inn Stoddard man dies in Peterborough crash Henniker Community School budget lower than default

January 15, 2021

Bradford seeks Building Code repeal New Boston Board removes proposed Fire Station MV Kearsarge to be retired after 40 years service Antrim teen indicted for his father's murder

January 17, 2020

Deering man killed crossing I-293 New London voters may create Housing Commission Police & Highway funding boosts New Boston budget Police believe same man burglarized three Dunkins'

January 18, 2019

Henniker Select Board & Budget Committee at odds Hopkinton considering the sale of the Bates Building Mapping shows New London parcels are inaccurate ConVal School Board drops school consolidation

January 19, 2018

Court rules Bow owes Eversource \$14 million Warner ZBA shoots down indoor shooting range Eight towns aid Peterborough in fighting garage fire Henniker employees to pay more for health insurance

January 20, 2017

\$2 million winner in Northfield Hillsborough teenager escapes abduction attempt 200 Newport neighbors rally to support fire victims New Boston Selectmen accept three resignations

January 15, 2016

Bow Public Safety Plans approved Man arrested attempting to post bail for his pals New Boston rallies to aid disabled veteran Attempt to reduce Kearsarge budget fails

January 16, 2015

Shaw's Goffstown Plaza sold at auction ConVal Union and Board approve merit pay contract Henniker School Board rebuffs selectman's questions Two people hurt in Hopkinton rollover

January 17, 2014

Another Weare DPW worker leaving for Henniker Newport logger convicted of felonies Bennington man, Deering woman injured in accidents New London burglar quickly arrested

Henniker Community School District budget requests \$10 million plus teacher and staff raises

A brave group of Henniker residents braved the storm to attend the School District's Budget Hearing Tuesday night.

Article 3, the proposed 2024-2025 operating budget was presented at \$10,070,105. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$10,012,433. Article 04 asks voters to approve a new collective bargaining agreement reached between the Henniker School Board and the Henniker Teachers' Association which calls for increases in salaries and benefits \$231,512 in 2024-25 and another \$159,287 in 2027-27.

Likewise, Article 05 asks

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approval for a new collective bargaining agreement reached between the Henniker School Board and the Henniker Community School Support Staff which calls for increases in salaries and benefits of \$136,196 in 2024-25.

Article 06 asks that up to \$50,000 of any surplus re-

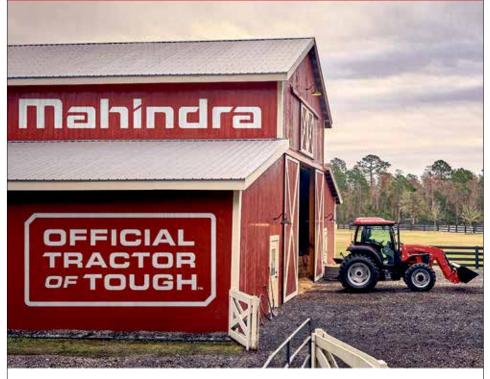
maining be added to the Henniker School Buildings Maintenance Fund. The Deliberative Session is set for February 5th at 7:00 p.m.



Newbury Fire Rescue responded to a call for a box truck off the road during the storm on Route 103 at Village Road in the early morning hours Wednesday. There were no reported injuries.



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The joy of music! These 7 & 8th grade students at the Henniker Community School in World Drumming Class work together to learn to play the drum set. L-R: Ivy Restuccia, Lana Meany, Milly Wilson and Heidi Wilson.



Tommy Belcher, one of our young GEP Dodge Library patrons, recently completed the 500 Books Before Middle School challenge. Tommy is our first elementary school aged patron to complete the challenge. Tommy met his goal of reading 500 books before middle school by reading 500 fiction and nonfiction chapter books. Tommy didn't repeat books and he met the challenge in less than two years.



Ceramics students in Ms. Smart's art at John Stark class traveled to the Currier Museum in Manchester in December to explore their collection which includes work by Picasso, Frank Stella, and Robert Lugo.

White Birch Center to expand child care - take over Food Pantry

White Birch Center, in Henniker, NH, announced that it has signed an agreement to purchase the building and property at 116 Main Street in Henniker. Currently the building is home to Quilted Threads. The sale will be completed sometime early to mid-summer of 2024.

White Birch Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit in Henniker, NH that currently focuses on child care, school age, and senior programming. "We are very excited about this opportunity because it will allow White Birch to expand its current operations and add new services. Our current location is completely at capacity. We are still working on our plan, but we do know that the Henniker Food Pantry will have a permanent home in the new facility, and White Birch will be adding approximately 15 infant care slots in our existing building," said Marc McMurphy,

Executive Director of White Birch Center.

The demand for child care has skyrocketed and working families are struggling to find care. "The current waitlist at White Birch for infant and toddler care is 2 years. There are more children on our waitlist than there are slots at our entire facility," said Leanna Lorden, the Chief Operating Officer at White Birch Center.

To help facilitate the new expansion White Birch will be establishing a capital campaign in the coming months. While both buildings are in excellent condition, various renovations are necessary to accommodate the programming additions. The Henniker Food Pantry is currently located in the basement of the Grange Building in Henniker. Its relocation will require the most renovation.

"The Henniker Food Pan-

try is over the moon excited to move our operations to 116 Main Street. Our current location, in the basement of The Grange Building, is cramped and difficult to access. We look forward to the opportunity to design a new, more accessible, expanded space to serve our neighbors in need."



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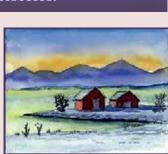
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Carl Voas of Washington, driving a Ford F150, was stopped in the westbound lane of traffic with the left directional on, intending to pull into a restaurant parking lot. Signy Burke Smith of Washington, driving a Toyota Rav4, came up behind the Ford F150 and struck it in the rear end. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene.



On Friday, January 5th 2024 the Dunbarton Police and Fire Departments were dispatched to the area of 191 Stark Highway North (Route 13) for a motor vehicle collision. On scene investigation revealed that the operator, an adult male, had fallen asleep at the wheel, sending his vehicle, a Nissan Versa, off the road and into a rock wall. The operator was treated on scene for a minor facial injury. The vehicle sustained heavy damage and was towed from the scene.



Peterborough Fire & Rescue was dispatched for a reported investigation at the scene of a fire at 45 Cranberry Meadow Road. Upon arrival it was upgraded to a 1st alarm for a confirmed rekindle. Mutual aid From Jaffrey Fire Department, Temple Volunteer Fire Department, Antrim Fire & Ambulance, Dublin Fire Department / NH all responded to the scene. The cover truck From Antrim was redirected to the scene for manpower and Hancock NH Fire Department provided a cover for Peterborough.

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24 Henniker Street.

93 West Main Street.

Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment grants a Variance and two Special Exceptions

The Hillsborough ZBA held a pair of public hearings Monday evening.

In the first, the owners of 24 Henniker Street, the former Mediteranos Restaurant (left photo) applied for a Special Exception to allow a residential dwelling at street level in the Commercial Zone. They hoped to add a second apartment in the former restaurant dining room.

After reviewing the various criteria and a few questions, the Board voted 5-0 to grant the Special Exception.

In the second hearing, Gabriel Bile, owner of the two family house at 93 West Main Street (right photo) asked for both a Special Exception and a Variance.

The Special Exception, like the prior one, would allow a residential dwelling at street level in the Commercial Zone.

To do so, Bile hopes to construct a duplex home by subdividing his 1.7 acre lot

into two lots. However, with only 181 feet of frontage on West Main Street, he lacked the required 100' of frontage for each lot. After a vigorous and heated debate the Board voted 4-1 to approve the variance, with member John Segedy opposed. The special Exception was also granted.





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🜠 Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Hillsborough-Deering proposed operating budget for FY25 is an increase of \$447,124 or 1.85 percent over the approved FY24 budget. Although the school budget increased less than a tenth of a percent in FY24, the school taxes went up 29%. Several factors contribute to this substantial increase. In the 2021-22 school year, the Hillsborough-Deering school district yielded a surplus of \$3.1 million, which was allocated to offset taxes within the town. Moreover, the State of New Hampshire enacted a reduction in the State-Wide Education Property Tax (SWEPT) for that fiscal year. Consequently, these actions led to a fall in our school tax rate by approximately \$2.00 in the fall of 2022. Conversely, the 2022-2023 budget consisted of a surplus of less than \$500,000, accompanied by an increase in the SWEPT rate. Consequently, the December tax bill reflects a diminished surplus and an elevated SWEPT rate. While this issue is not exclusive to the Hillsboro-Deering school budget, it is a distinctive concern within the State of New Hampshire. The pie chart provided delineates revenue sources for New Hampshire districts, highlighting a significant reliance on homeowners to generate funds. The attached pie chart is our local district in particular which mirrors almost identically revenue sources in other districts across the state. This revenue predicament poses a specific challenge, particularly in smaller and more rural communities with fewer commercial and business taxes to alleviate the financial burden. In this year's proposed FY 25 budget, most of the line items are similar to previous years, excluding mandated increases to health insurance, salaries, social security (FICA), NHRS, psychological services, and substance abuse prevention services. Exploring these expenses more closely, it should be noted that the health insurance costs increased an unexpected 17.8 %. The second largest increase is the salary line. These are contractual increases as voted on in the Collective Bargaining Agreement by the towns of Hillsboro and Deering residents in March 2022 (teachers) and March 2023 (support staff). As salaries increase, so do the amounts paid to NHRS and FICA. Also, as the increase of substance abuse and mental health needs increases in the student population, so does the cost for prevention efforts and student support and services. Some budgetary increases are unavoidable, yet each board member seeks to ensure efficient fiscal management to achieve the district's goals while balancing the community's fiscal needs. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to any board member and come to the public hearing on Thursday, Jan 11, 2024.

Hillsborough-Deering School Board Christopher Bober Jessica Morris Paul Plater Heidi Welch Michael Kenney

To the Editor:

ENOUGH! Vote No Incumbents in Federal Elections

Voters need to evaluate and elect fit candidates to federal offices; we must perform our due diligence. For example; ask the following.

Have they held elective office at the state or federal levels?

What did they do before elected office?

Have they served in the military? What is their level of education? Do they have a criminal record, are they under indictment?

Do they make unrealistic claims? Have they been caught in a lie while campaigning or in office?

How old are they; what is their physical and mental health condition?

From Pew Research; the average age of a US Senator is 64, with the oldest at 89. Thirty percent of current US senators are 70 to 79 years of age with approximately five percent over age 80.

The average age of house members is 57 with the oldest at 86. Approximately 15 percent of US Representatives are 70 to 79 years of age with approximately three percent over age 80.

Both parties have discussed term limits, but no action by either party has been implemented. We as voters can establish term limits by not voting for incumbents starting in the 2024 primaries, and continuing to do so until Congress implements term and age limits.

Current party leaderships are pressing one current presidential incumbent and one prior presidential incumbent on U.S. voters. Both candidates are over age 75, and have been, or are under the threat of impeachment by their opposing party.

Voters need to send a message to America's leadership. ENOUGH; the time for term and age limits for President, Congress, and the Supreme Court has come. By voting responsibly for non-incumbents in the upcoming and future elections we can implement Term and Age limits.

Edward Otto, Bradford NH



On December 17th Jr and Cynthia Bumford celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary surrounded by family.





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Bob Jones University President's List

Grace Anderson, a Freshman Computer Science major from Goffstown;

Andrew Fletcher, a Senior Communication major from Dublin; Abigail Moody, a Freshman Nursing major from Dublin; Noah Ogden, a Senior Kinesiology major from Dublin

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Drew Brown, a Senior Visual Studies major from Dunbarton; David Stodola, a Senior Mathematics major from Deering; Yile Yu, a Sophomore Communication major from Dublin

Ithaca College Dean's List

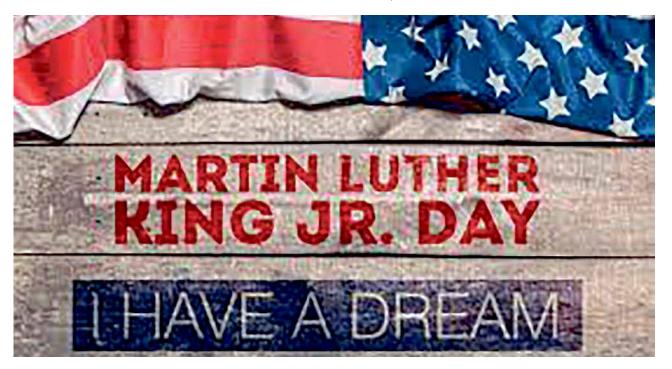
Nicholas DiNino of Hancock, Ellie Falconer of Hillsborough, Isabella Greason of Warner

Other Colleges & Universities

Kathryn Potter of New London became a student at Lasell University this fall.

Ruby Doolan of Contoocook, was named to the Dean's List at Lehigh University.

Cody Potvin, resident of Goffstown, member of the class of 2025 majoring in Mechanical Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense research project titled Celebrating Childhood Experiences Through Stories. Congratulations to Tayler Watterson of New Boston, who has been named to Husson University's President's List. Adam Scott Kebalka of Newbury, NH, a sophomore majoring in electrical engineering, was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester at Clarkson University. Brendan Robert Elrick of Contoocook, NH, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the Fall 2023 semester at Clarkson University.





This past fall Hopkinton Middle School and Franklin Pierce University's cross country teams took part in a "buddies" program— and it was selected as a national finalist by the NCAA for the "Award of Excellence" for best community engagement activity of the year!



BOYS BASKETBALL

Hopkinton 47, Kearsarge 46: The Hawks held on to win a game that was tightly contested from start to finish. Hopkinton has won three straight.

Bow 62, Kingswood 56: Colby Smith played a strong two-way game and made smart decisions offensively to help propel the Falcons to a narrow victory.

Kennett 66, John Stark 40: Stark kept it close, trailing 9-6, at the end of the first quarter, but Kennett pulled away in the second.

Franklin 60, Hinsdale 50: Franklin avenged its season-opening loss to the Pacers and won its third straight with Friday night's victory.

Salem 55, Goffstown 49: Isaiah Santos led the Grizzlies with 13 points.

Memorial 57, Goffstown 47: Braeden Malley scored 13 points in the loss.

Kearsarge 48, Monadnock 31: The Cougars picked up a win on the road against a scrappy Huskies team. Kearsarge trailed 19-17 at halftime, but made some defensive adjustments and outscored Monadnock 21-6 in the third quarter thanks to several buckets in transition.

Franklin 57, Sunapee 22: The Tornadoes led 29-16 at halftime and outscored the Lakers 28-6 in the second half, allowing just two points in the fourth quarter.

BOYS HOCKEY

Bow 6, Nashua North-Souhegan 5: The Falcons and North-Souhegan were tied 1-1 through the first period, but Bow took a 4-2 lead into the third and held on for the victory on the road.

Bow 3, Windham 2: The game was tied 1-1 after the first period, but the Falcons took a 3-2 lead in the second and held the Jaguars off the board in the third. Bow has won four games in a row.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Goffstown 55, Concord 50: The Tide connected on seven 3-points and went 13-for-20 from the free throw line, but it wasn't enough to top the Grizzlies. Goffstown 31, Memorial 28: Maggie Sasso's 18 points led the way.

Hopkinton 44, Kearsarge 40, OT: The Hawks took a five point lead into halftime before a strong defensive fourth quarter and key 3-pointers by the Cougars forced overtime. The Hawks got strong rebounding and hit key shots in OT to secure their second victory over Kearsarge this season.

Kearsarge 48, Monadnock 42: Tessa Marinello led the attack with 16 points.

Franklin 56, Sunapee 42: The Tornadoes poured in 40 points in the first half and hung on for their third straight win.

Bow 52, Kingswood 17: The Falcons dominated from the opening whistle.

John Stark 46, Timberlane 24: The Generals opened the game with a 20-0 run and maintained the lead for the entire 32 minutes.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Lebanon-Stevens-Kearsarge 2, Bishop Brady-Trinity-Londonderry 1: Lebanon-Stevens took a 2-0 lead with a goal in the first and second periods.

Bishop Guertin 7, ConVal/Conant 0: Lack of offense limited ConVal. BG: Aine Kelly, 2 goals; Grace Spangler, 2 goals, assist; Natalie Gaffey, goal, assist; Olivia Hamilton, Emmi Haddad, goal each; Ciara Fallon, shutout.



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NH Secretary of State David Scanlan spoke about the importance and lasting legacy of the #FITN Presidential Primary while at the New England College Convention. It was great to see so many engaged college and high school students!

Antrim Grange sponsors a Burns Night Tea January 20th

Antrim Grange Sponsors a Burns Night Tea at the First Presbyterian Church on January 20th. The event begins at 5 p.m. with bagpipe music provided by Marc Rogers, followed by a varied program including: selections of instrumental and vocal music under the direction of Ray Sweeney, poetry, performances, light foods (scones, tea sandwiches, desserts), tea, and a taste of haggis for the more bold diners. Attendees are encouraged to come dressed in their best Scottish tartan, tweed, or argyle. Tickets are \$10 by reservation and can be made by contacting Renee at 603-547-5144 or renee_mercier@yahoo.com by January 13th. Limited tickets at the door may be available for \$12. Other questions about the event may be directed to Sharon Proctor Stickney via Facebook Messenger.

Burns Supper is a celebration of the life and poetry of the bard Robert Burns (25 January 1759 – 21 July 1796), the author of many Scots poems, including "Auld Lang Syne." The suppers are normally held on or near the poet's birthday, January 25th, known as Burns Night. The Scottish Parliament considers the celebration of Burns Night each year to be a key cultural heritage event. The proceeds of this event will go toward the Antrim Grange Hall Rehabilitation Project.



Congratulations to six Kearsarge Regional High School students who graduated from its Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA) Program last week! The LNA program requires qualified juniors or seniors to complete 120 hours of course work, both online and in-person. This includes classroom instruction in theory training and pre-clinical skills. Students then complete clinical training twice a week at New London Hospital The graduates -- Sophie Anderson, Ava Bidlack, Maria Blanchette, Lily Chapman, Molly Finnegan, and Piper Moran -- received a certificate and pin during a ceremony on Jan. 4. "The program allows students to participate during the school day, which allows them to participate in sports and clubs or go to work," Smith said. "I enjoy watching students learn skills, then use them in real-life situations. We showed up to New London Hospital on the first day with a lot of nerves, and by the end we all knew what to do and how to find out what patients needed." For the second consecutive year, all Kearsarge graduates passed written and practical components on the state board test and will receive LNA licenses. One student already has started working as an LNA.

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Henniker Rotary President Peter Flynn welcomed Miss New Hampshire, Dr. Brooke Mills, who spoke about the trauma of brain injury. As a survivor of a severe concussion while in high school, she is acutely aware of the effects of a brain injury and has made it part of her platform as Miss New Hampshire to educate people, particularly students, of the signs of a concussion and what to do after. As her visit was only three days prior to the upcoming Miss America Pageant in Orlando, FL, the club wished her well. After her reign, she will be an active Chiropractor with Crossroads Chiropractic, (left photo). NEC President Wayne F. Lesperance, Jr. recently spoke to the Henniker Area Rotary Club at one of their breakfast meetings. He gave a brief rundown about his time at NEC and how he is proud to be the 16th President of the College. He also spoke of the variety of programs now being offered, both on campus and online, (right photo).

Antrim approved for a "Complete Street Implementation Grant"

The Town of Antrim has been approved for a Complete Streets Implementation Grant to complete a proposed sidewalk between the T-Bird convenience store at Routes 202 and 31 and access to the town's McCabe Forest on Concord Street.

Planning Board Vice Chair John Anderson has been trying to obtain estimates on the sidewalk but did not have a rough cost yet. Anderson did say that actuated crossing signs with pedestrian walk lights, for the intersection of 202 and 31, cost about \$10,000 apiece. The Southwestern Regional Planning Committee has notified the town that Antrim was eligible for technical assistance in applying for a Complete Streets grant. Anderson submitted the grant application to the Southwestern Regional Planning Committee in October with the support of the Antrim Select Board. The Planning Board's next step was to gather a five-member Complete Streets committee, who will attend five two-hour educational seminars with the state to learn how to implement the grant.

The Complete Streets grant, administered by

Historic Houston Barn renovation to be completed next week

The renovation of Hopkinton's historic Houston Barn is scheduled to be completed next week. With the old shingles stripped away, a new metal roof was installed. Originally built in 1912, the town purchased it 25 years ago, and the renovation, which was approved by voters in 2022, has progressed

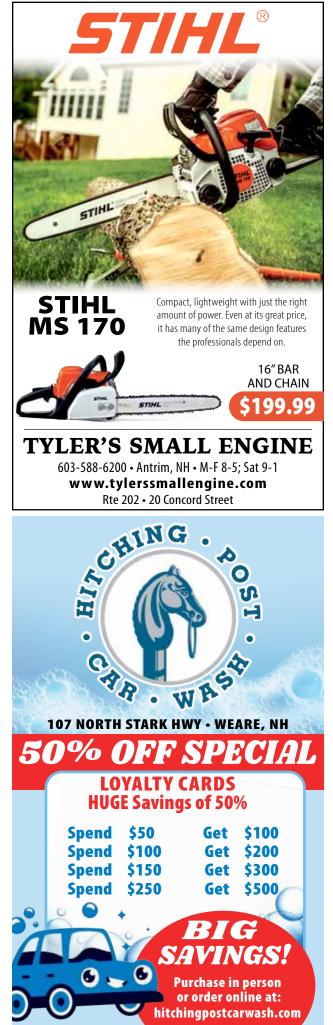
the Southwestern Regional Planning Committee, is designed to assist towns in implementing a "complete streets" design which would take into account safety and accessibility for users of all ages and abilities and accommodate all modes of transportation, with particular focus on bike and pedestrian safety; and encourage healthy lifestyles.

Eligible communities can apply for up to \$120,000. According to Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation (MAST), areas designated as Complete Streets "balance the needs of people walking, bicycling, driving a car, riding public transit, using wheelchairs or other mobility devices, etc."

The Monadnock Region Complete Streets Implementation Grant was funded by an anonymous donation though the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to the Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation (MAST) in 2018. Complete Streets grants have funded crosswalks, sidewalks, actuated crossing signs, wheelchair ramps, bicycle infrastructure, including bike racks and lighting.

throughout the last year.

The \$875,000, renovation budget included: raising the structure, redoing the foundation and installing a new roof. The barn is being used as a training space for the Fire Department and storage space for various towns.





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Mary Irene Rubega

HILLSBOROUGH - On December 6, 2023, Mary Irene Rubega (née Kalinowski), 67, peacefully passed away



in the hospital after a short and unexpected illness while visiting with family in Florida. Mary was surrounded by her husband of forty-four years and beloved siblings. Mary is survived by her husband, Alfred J. Rubega. She has been the center of his life, his constant positive influence, and profound

inspiration. Born in Worcester, the daughter of the late Josephine J (Popowicz) and Andrew A Kalinowski, she was predeceased by her brother William P, her nieces Jordan Siborg, and Jennifer Kalinowski, and her grandnephew, Isaiah Rubega. She leaves three brothers: Andrew of Pittsford NY, Joseph C of Auburn, and Thomas E of Shrewsbury, and one sister, Joan H Hauge of North Oxford, along with many cousins, in-laws, 36 nieces and nephews, and several great nieces and nephews. Her funeral will be held with a Mass at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 13, 2024 in Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 34 Ward St., Worcester, MA, followed by burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, 162 Webster St., Worcester, MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions, may be made to Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 34 Ward St., Worcester, MA 01610.

Thomas G. Wright

CONTOOCOOK - Thomas Gregory Wright, age 81, of Hopkinton, New Hampshire passed away on Saturday,



December 30, 2023. Thomas was born on November 16th, 1942 to Gregory G. Wright and Harriet W. Wright. Thomas is predeceased by his parents; his sister, Lucy Schutzius and his aunt, Lucy Merrill. He is survived by his sister, Patricia Morrison of Cincinnati, OH, his nieces, Ellen Wilson of Saint Louis,

MO and Sarah Dillon of Cincinnati, OH; his nephews, David Morrison of Chicago, IL and Benjamin Morrison of Cincinnati, OH. In lieu of flowers the family asks that anyone consider making a donation to the Hopkinton, NH Town Library or the Hopkinton, NH Food Pantry. No services have been scheduled at this time.

June Barton

CONTOOCOOK - June Barton, 83, sister to four, mother of two, grandmother of two and great grandmother to five passed away peacefully.



She was born on September 23, 1940, to Milo and Evelena Cooper. She wed Charles Barton in November of 1961, and they were happily married for 52 years when Charles passed away in 2012. June is survived by her sister, Wanda Kjellander of Sanbornton, NH.

She is also survived by her children, Chantelle Barton of New Boston, Charles Barton Jr of Newport; her granddaughter, Adair Koralski and husband, Josh Koralski of Epsom; her grandson, Brandon Barton of Weare and great grandsons, Chance, Andrew, Brody, Dakota, and Ryder. In lieu of flowers, a donation in her honor may be made to Granite VNA. Thank you tremendously to the Hospice Care Team who provided support, and nurture during such an emotional time.

Robert F. Kraft

DEERING - Robert Frank Kraft, 62, of Deering, NH passed away Thursday January 4, 2024 at CMC in Man-



chester, NH. He was born August 4, 1961 in Babylon, NY to the late Frank K & Janice G (Duby) Kraft. Survived by his wife of 25 years, Carol A (Wright) Kraft of Deering, NH; 1 daughter, Rachel M and her husband, Mark Preiss of Wayland, MA; 2 step sons, Keith J LeFebvre and his fiance, Beth Lyons of

Deering, NH, Kevin G LeFebvre of Germany; 1 brother, Stephen Kraft of Marlow, NH; 1 sister, Janice Kraft of E. Swanzey, NH; 5 grandchildren, Kolton, Layne, Keegan, Ryan, Owen; also several nieces & nephews. Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Joan Marie Pike

HOPKINTON - Joan Marie Pike (Scibisz) of Hopkinton, passed away peacefully at the Granite VNA Hospice



House in Concord, NH, on January 4th, 2024. Joan, born March 11, 1938, and raised in Beverly, MA, was the beloved daughter of the late Wanda (Phillipov) and Michael Scibisz. Joan was pre-deceased by her brother-in-law Patrick Quinnett, and is survived by her husband Barney Pike; son Stephen Pike and

his wife Darlene of Penacook, son Brian Pike of Windham; siblings Fran Carbrey of Beverly MA, Henry Scibisz of Webster, Christine Quinnett of New Boston, brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Carol Rogers of Newburyport, MA; daughter-in-law Joyce Pike of Manchester; she was lovingly referred to as Babi (Polish for Lady) by her grandchildren Gregory, Christopher, Matthew, Brock and Brody Pike, Alexandra Potter and Nicole Deshaies; great granddaughters Anna and Adelynn; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 11 to 1:00 p.m. in the Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home, 32 School Street, Hillsborough, NH. A funeral service will follow at 1:00 p.m. A reception will follow at Main Street Grill and Bar, 126 W Main Street, Hillsborough. Flowers are welcome or in lieu of flowers, donations in Joan's memory may be made to the Granite State VNA Hospice House. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please visit www.holtwoodburyfh.com.

Michael Ducker

WASHINGTON - Michael Ducker, age 65, peacefully passed away on January 4, 2024, at his home in Wash-



ary 4, 2024, at his nome in Washington, NH. He leaves behind his loving spouse Sue, his stepchildren, Lisa Fitzgerald and her husband Roman Baca of London, England, Rosemary Scrocki and her husband Ben Scrocki, and their children Harlyn and Noelyn of Bennington, NH. His mother Jenette Ducker, sister Stanette Martin and husband

Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Wayne Martin, niece Caity Carr and husband Michael Carr and their children Baylee and Nolan and his nephew Joshua Martin, all from Loveland, CO. Mike also leaves behind his beloved Siamese cat Sapphire. He was born on July 23, 1958, in Denver, Colorado. A memorial service to celebrate Mike's life will be held on January 16, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Washington Congregational Church in Washington, NH. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to one of two causes close to Mike's heart: https://www.liveandletlivefarm.org/ or www. exit12danceco.org/donate.

Patricia Louise (Whelan) Damour

HENNIKER - Patricia Louise (Whelan) Damour, 100, of Henniker, NH passed away Saturday January 6, 2024 at the Hillsboro House Nursing Home



in Hillsboro, NH. She was born December 7, 1923 in Boston MA, to the late Charles and Dorothy (McCarthy) Whelan of Milton, MA. Patricia married Charles E Damour on August 11, 1945 at St Theresa Church, Henniker, NH, who died in December 18, 1985. Also predeceased by a

sister Mary Markley, 2 nephews Charles & John Markley Jr and a niece Dorothy Merrill. Survived by 1 daughter Mary and her husband Bruce Corsetti of Henniker, NH, 2 sons Michael and his wife Cheryl Damour of Henniker, NH, Joseph and his wife Deborah Damour of Henniker, NH, granddaughter Maureen and her husband Matthew

Colby, 4 grandsons Matthew Corsetti and his fiancé Rose Sullivan, Timothy and his wife Jessica Corsetti, Charles and Patrick Damour, great grandson Stephen Colby, niece Sue Gray of Winthrop, MA, and several nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be held in the Henniker New Cemetery, Henniker, NH in spring.

Edwin O. Putnam Jr

GERMANY - Edwin O. Putnam Jr., born May 24, 1972, passed away in Krefeld, Germany on December 11, 2023. He was predeceased by his grandparents Arthur and Thelma Pavlicek of Edgewater, Florida, grandparents Jonn and Madeline Putnam of Concord and Hillsborough, New Hampshire and father Edwin Putnam of Hillsborough, New Hampshire. Ed is survived by his son Jacob Blum of Germany, his dog Birdy and his mother and step-father Kathryn and Ralph Wickson of Florida. Ed was very fond of his extended family.

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WEDNESAY JANUARY 17

GIRL SCOUTS: Come explore Girl Scouts 6-7 p.m. at the Henniker Community School, 51 Western Ave., Henniker. All in the area are welcome. While registration is not required, it is helpful. See https://bit.ly/hennikergs. Girls in grades K-3 and a caregiver are invited to learn about opportunities to get involved in your community. Try

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Some antidepressant drugs are effective for some pain conditions, but most are either ineffective or the evidence is inconclusive, despite their being used for a range of pain conditions, finds an overview of the latest evidence published by The BMJ. The use of antidepressants doubled in OECD countries from 2000 to 2015 and their off-label (unapproved) use to treat common pain conditions such as fibromyalgia, persistent headaches, and osteoarthritis

is thought to be part of this increase. Nine reviews provided evidence that some antidepressants were effective compared with placebo for nine conditions in 11 distinct comparisons. For example, moderate-certainty evidence suggested that serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs) were effective for back pain (average 5.3 points lower on the pain scale than placebo), postoperative pain, fibromyalgia, and neuropathic pain. Low-certainty evidence suggested that SNRIs were effective for pain linked to breast cancer treatment, depression, knee osteoarthritis, and pain related to other underlying conditions. Low-certainty evidence also suggested that selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) were effective for people with depression and pain related to other conditions; and that tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs) were effective for irritable bowel syndrome, neuropathic pain, and chronic tension-type headache.

Repeat treatment with corticosteroid injections improved vision in people with persistent or recurrent uveitis-related macular edema better than two other therapies, according to results from a recent clinical trial published in the journal Ophthalmology. Compared with methotrexate or ranibizumab intravitreal (in-the-eye) injections, the corticosteroid treatment achieved greater reductions in retinal swelling and was the only therapy in the study that improved vision.

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out sample activities and see the many ways to get involved in Girl Scouts while having fun at a special unicorn party! Can't make it to this event? No worries! We host multiple in-person and virtual sign-up events throughout the year. You can also join anytime online at girlscoutsgwm.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

SATURDAY JANUARY 20

"STUFF-AN-AMBULANCE": between the hours of 9am and 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 Con-Val 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.

FRIDAY JANUARY 27

CHRISTMAS TREE BONFIRE: at Henniker Brewing Company, 4:00-7:00pm.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3

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TAKING GOOD CARE OF YOUR TEETH MAY BE GOOD FOR YOUR BRAIN



Taking good care of your teeth may be linked to better brain health, according to a new study. The study found that gum disease and tooth loss were linked to brain shrinkage in the hippocampus, which plays a role in memory and Alzheimer's disease. The study does not prove that gum disease or tooth loss causes Alzheimer's disease; it only shows an association.

Tooth loss and gum disease, which is inflammation of the tissue around the teeth that can cause shrinkage of the gums and loosening of the teeth, are very common, so evaluating a potential link with dementia is incredibly important. The study found that these conditions may play a role in the health of the brain area that controls thinking and memory, giving people another reason to take better care of their teeth

Mild gum disease involves probing depths of three or four millimeters in several areas, while severe gum disease involves probing depths of five or six millimeters in several areas as well as more bone loss and can cause teeth to become loose and eventually fall out.

Researchers found that the number of teeth and amount of gum disease was linked to changes in the left hippocampus of the brain.

For people with mild gum disease having fewer teeth was associated with a faster rate of brain shrinkage in the left hippocampus.

However, for people with severe gum disease having more teeth was associated with a faster rate of brain shrinkage in the same area of the brain.

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2024 Special Town Meeting Warrant

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

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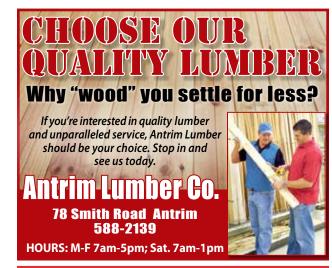
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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The Hillsborough Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on **Tuesday, January 23**, **2024** from 7:00-7:30pm (and longer if necessary) for the purpose of adding to, deleting, and making corrections to the Checklist at the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School, 12 Hillcat Drive, Hillsborough, NH.

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