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Hopkinton man appointed

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED) announces the selection



of Richard K. Sala of Hopkinton as the new director of the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR New Hampshire). Sala

will be responsible for administering the operations of VR New Hampshire in the development and implementation of federal and state programs, as well as authorizing and directing all aspects of program operations to accomplish agency outcomes for both individuals with disabilities and business partners.

This week in history

January 20, 1954

The National Negro Network is founded

January 21, 1990

John McEnroe disqualified from Australian Open

January 22, 2010

Conan O'Brien's first appearance as Tonight Show host

January 23, 1922

Insulin injection aids diabetic patient

January 24, 1908

Boy Scout movement begins

January 25, 1949

Inaugural Emmy Awards ceremony is held

January 26, 2004

Sperm whale unexpectedly explodes in Taiwan



Remembering Chief "Pete" Cate

Hillsboro mourns the loss of its native son - 1938-2023, Police Chief 1982-1989

Police Chief Christopher Parsons offered the following remarks during a moving celebration of life for former Chief Fran "Pete" Cate:

"Welcome. We are gathered here to celebrate the life of retired police Chief Pete Cate. Chief Pete Cate was well-respected in the community and friends to all that crossed his path on and off the clock. You could catch him at the corner store talking to the locals or checking in on businesses, he was always present. Chief Cate was your community police officer. One of his most famous stories is displayed within the Halls of Hillsboro PD. It was 1970 and Pete was a brand-new police officer out on patrol, when a brand-new Ford Thunderbird raced by his cruiser going well over the speed limit. Pete didn't hesitate to stop the driver, who was Theodore Williams. Pete did what every great patrolman did when someone is breaking the law, he wrote

him a speeding ticket.

Theodore Williams ... some of you may recognize the name Ted Williams. Well that was the same person. Ted Williams is one of the best, if not the best, baseball player to wear a Boston Red Sox uniform. Pete gave him a speeding ticket. Then a few days later...Ted returned to the PD with new fishing gear for everyone.... but Pete.

His run-in with famous icons doesn't stop there though. Remember the show Dukes of Hazzards? Well it was just another day patrolling the great town of Hillsboro, when Pete had a car go speeding by his cruiser. Pete was actually able to get the famous Luke Duke to pull over. Pete was probably the only cop ever to get him to stop.

Pete's interactions with the rich and famous was of no importance to him because it was the townspeople that truly mattered to Pete. Everyone that has

lived and grown up here has a Pete Cate story. The man was petrified of snakes. If you really wanted to watch him throw his coffee... toss a phone cord in his direction for laughs.

Chief Pete Cate was the guy you wanted when a suspect wouldn't comply to direct orders from the patrolmen. His patrolmen would be fighting non-stop with a suspect, but when Pete arrived on scene he would simply yell at the suspect to get in the cruiser. In most cases the suspect would stop fighting, say they were sorry, and get into the cruiser. The bad guys even respected him. Pete treated everyone with respect.

Everyone I talk to about Pete has said the same thing ... he was a great person, a common sense thinker and one of the best officers they've ever met. He loved this town.

Well Pete, the town loved you too. Rest in peace, Chief Pete Cate."

Henniker Area Rotary Club has \$1,700 in scholarship money available

Clear, confident public speaking and high ethical standards are two of the most important attributes looked for in successful business, educational, and community leaders. These principles are clearly demonstrated in the Rotary 4-Way Test.

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build good will and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?


To help build these skills the Henniker Area Rotary Club is hosting both local and regional 4-Way Speech Contests based on the Rotary 4-Way test. Prize money totaling \$600 will be awarded to the top three contestants at the local level. The winner will then advance to the semi-finals where the top contestants will share in \$1,700 prize money.

The local contest will be

held on March 24, 2024, with the semi-finals two weeks later on April 1, 2024 with both contests starting at 1:00 at the Henniker Community Center. The winner of the Local contest will be invited to the Semi-finals. In addition to the cash awards, the semi-final winner will be invited to present his/her/their winning speech at the annual 7870 District Conference.

Students grades 9-12 attending John Stark Regional High School, Hillsborough-Deering High School or living within their catchment area and home schooled or attending an alternative high school are encouraged to enter the contest. Each student will be asked to identify a topic important to them and prepare a speech applying the principles of the Rotary 4-Way Test.

Speeches need to be between 5-7 minutes and will be judged on content, organization



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and delivery. Past topics have included: the importance of being persistent, the importance of displaying student art, the experience of participating in the Student March on Washington and the impact of the Boston Marathon bombing, which won

the top prize in Rotary District 7870. Speeches typically demonstrate significant creativity and are often very personal. The top three contestants at the local speech contest win cash awards.

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Manchester woman turns herself in for Dunbarton vandalism

On the morning of Thursday, October 26th, 2023 the Dunbarton Police Department was called to a residence on County Road to investigate an act of vandalism to a vehicle.

The vehicle had numerous gouge marks and scratches on the driver's side, hood and passenger's side, a smashed windshield, and a broken passenger's side mirror, resulting in approximately \$10,000 worth of damage.

Officer Philbrook and Sergeant Tyler conducted an

extensive investigation, which included the execution of several search warrants, and were able to identify the suspect as Julie Clark, 20, of Manchester. Ms. Clark and the victim were known to each other; this was not a random act of vandalism.

Ms. Clark turned herself in to the Dunbarton Police Department on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 and is charged with criminal mischief (vandalism), a class B felony.

She was processed and released and is scheduled to

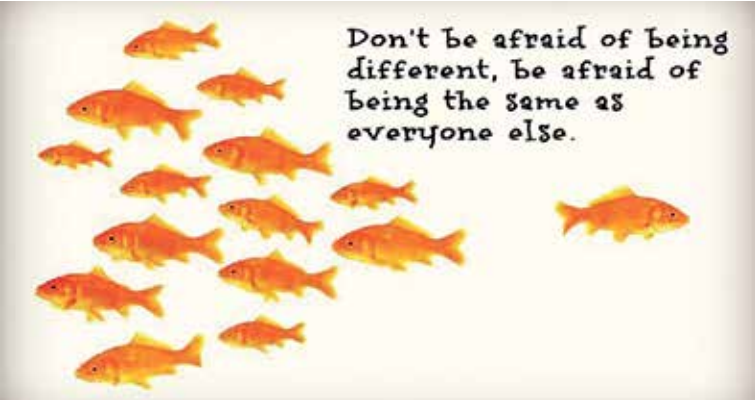
appear for arraignment in the 6th Circuit – District Division –

Concord in February.
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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

January 20, 2023

H-D school budget down \$1,604.00
NH school enrollment declining while costs are escalating
Henniker Community School approves expanding Pre-School
John Stark's proposed school budget shows modest increase

January 21, 2022

Deering icon Nancy Cowan dies
SAU #34 Superintendent Patricia Parenteau to retire
Henniker may separate Town Clerk & Tax Collector
H-D students again test well below state averages

January 22, 2021

Bennington woman faces multiple charges after chase
1,100 feet of Contoocook River shoreline preserved
Henniker fire victim remains in intensive care
Hillsboro Police, Fire & Rescue respond to 2 accidents

January 24, 2020

Hopkinton Select Board & Rescue Squad at impasse
New Boston asked to support \$2.9 million Fire Station
Warner Select Board adopts 2010 ATV Agreement
Deering Police Chief James Pushee retires

January 25, 2019

HP Fairfield purchases Hopkinton facility
Eight towns provide mutual aid for Weare fire
Henniker Select Board cuts \$48,516 from budget
Hillsborough sewer & water fees up \$90-\$120/quarter

January 26, 2018

Weare Selectmen accused of padding the budget
Hopkinton Board withdraws \$30 million school bond
Andover Selectmen seek expanded Comcast service
Belmont man sent to prison for 41 months

January 27, 2017

Newport Board approves \$500,00 Senior Center grant
Chichester Forest Fire Warden Steve Stock retiring
Armed robbery at Belmont's Penguin Market
New London named a "HeartSafe Community"

January 22, 2016

Bomb threat at Sunapee Middle/High School
Silver named New Boston's Planning Coordinator
Henniker Police Chief to Washington
Newbury seeks new Police and Fire Stations

January 23, 2015

Goffstown voters to decide form of government
Henniker Selectmen & School Board at odds
Vehicle break-ins in Bow and Goffstown
Four survive Bradford house fire

January 24, 2014

Goshen Board welcomes Mount Sunapee expansion
Newport Police & AG investigation nets nine arrests
New London explores alternatives to Dispatch Center
Weare Selectmen continue to rebuild PD

New England College freezes tuition at 2022 rate

New England College is extending its tuition freeze to the 2024-2025 academic school year. The board of trustees voted on the proposal which keeps tuition at the college at the 2022 rate. The freeze covers both online and on-campus learners.

Wayne F. Lesperance Jr., the college president, said the school offered students the opportunity to live what they learn and foster success both in and outside the classroom. The freeze, he added, demonstrated

the school's commitment to excellence and attaining a higher education.

"When costs across all areas of life rose sharply over the last few years, NEC recognized the need to extend additional savings to our students," he said. "We are proud that NEC can extend our tuition freeze into another academic year to help students achieve their goals."

On-campus students will pay, on average, an annual rate of \$12,500 after scholarships and other assistance. Room

and board fees are not included in that price. An online bachelor's degree costs \$10,500 an-

nually, on average. Community college students can transfer up to 90 credits toward an

NEC degree and are eligible for a flat tuition rate of \$10,000 annually.



Nominate 2023 Hopkinton Citizen of the Year

The Hopkinton Rotary Club is seeking nominations for the 2023 Hopkinton Citizen of the Year from town residents. Submitted nominations should include a brief description of how this individual has contributed to the improvement of the quality of

life for those in our community both near and far. Any town resident is eligible other than Hopkinton Rotarians or their immediate family, elected officials, school or town employees. Submit nominations to ketraum@gmail.com by January 26, 2024.



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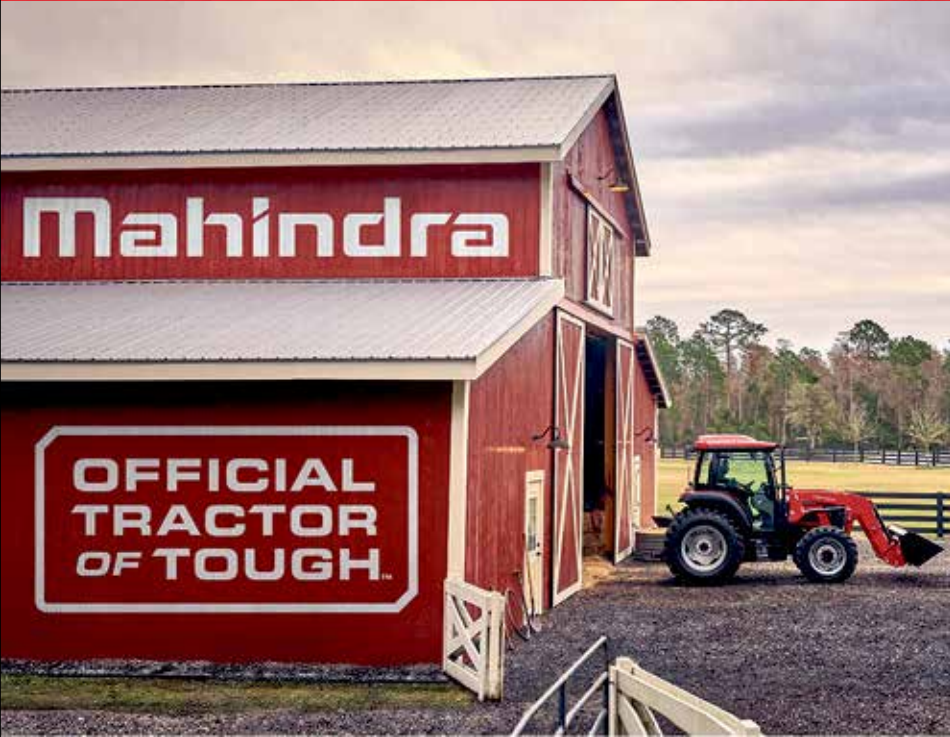
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Congratulations to Antrim Troop 2 Eagle Scout and Mt. Monadnock Chapter Chief Hunter Redmond on being recognized for earning the rank of Eagle at the Daniel Webster Council Eagle Reception.



Antrim's Pack 2 Cub Scouts presented Den Leader Mrs Dussell The Gold Doe Award for all that she has done, and continues to do paving the way for the future of the kids.



A great meeting with Arrow of Light scouts from Cub Scout Pack 2 Antrim, NH and Pack 73 Hillsboro Cub Scouts helping with the campfire cook off competition.

Deering residents reject electing town's Road Agent

Deering voters packed the town hall on Saturday to vote on a petition warrant article that would have changed the Road Agent's position from one appointed by the Select Board to an elected position.

Moderator Phillip Bryce delayed the start of the meeting by about fifteen minutes as residents were still filing in and registering

at the door.

Ed Cobbett moved adoption of the petition and was one of only two of the twenty-five petitioners who spoke in favor of adoption. Their comments were more of a lack of confidence in the Select Board's ability to manage town employees than a criticism of the current interim Road Agent or the department. One of the peti-

tioners actually rose to say he had now changed his mind and was against electing the petition.

Opponents cited the fact that

requiring the Road Agent to be a Deering resident limited the potential field of candidates, and interfered with the Board's ability

to oversee the department.

In the end, the matter was overwhelmingly defeated by a ballot vote of 23 Yes to 81 No.



Goffstown Rotary had a wonderful visit from Paige and Ralph recently. Paige is the Lead Kennel Manager at Second Chance Ranch Rescue, and Ralph, well, Ralph is just a cutie pie! Second Chance Ranch Rescue was one of the Rotary's grant recipients for 2023, and they were happy to hear from Paige about their plans for the coming year.



Deering residents turned out in force for Saturday's Special Meeting.

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School Days



Henniker’s famous crossing guards, Miss Sue and Mr. Lester (famous for the best waves in the state!) can use our help after Lester suffered a heart attack. One of the biggest needs is to find a one bedroom or studio first floor apartment. They currently live in a second floor apartment that Lester will be unable to navigate when he returns from rehab. Ideally in Henniker, especially near the school since Miss Sue doesn’t drive. Some have asked about dropping off checks or cards/gifts. Those can be dropped off at the Henniker Police station and Jennifer Coull Dennis will deliver them.



The 2024 Center Woods Elementary School Spelling Bee winner is 3rd grader Joel Miller. The winning word was “wears.” This is the 3rd year Joel has been the CWES spelling champ. Pictured: Runner up 2nd grader Owen Schofield, CWES Enrichment Coordinator Kate Rodgers, CWES 2024 spelling champion Joel Miller.



Students sing as a way to connect with their peers and the school community during Francestown Elementary School PRIDE meetings. Photo courtesy Conval School District

Publisher's Perspective



Our Challenge - Continue The Dream

During this dangerous time of hate, division and suppression of thought, the United States must dedicate itself to the following principles:

1. Whatever color we are, we are all human beings who deserve the same rights and respect.
2. Christian, Jew, Hindu, Muslim, or Buddhist, we are all children of God.
3. America's strength is derived from the diversity of its races, cultures and customs.
4. If Democracy is to survive, a vigorous debate is required, but only if ALL opinions are allowed to be heard.
5. That Racism still persists in our country but, America has done more to promote racial equality and economic freedom than any other nation on earth.
6. Poverty and homelessness still

plague us, but Americans are the most generous people, as individuals and as a nation than any other country.

7. If the United States is so repressive and evil, why do millions of people line up annually to come here, legally and illegally.
 8. There are no such lines seeking admission to Russia, China, or socialist countries.
 9. Peter Jennings, Walter Cronkite, Chet Huntley and David Brinkley used to report the news objectively, allow us to interpret the events ourselves.
 10. That Violent extremists from the left and the right, KKK, Antifa, Proud Boys and BLM, must be denounced.
- Dear God, please bless and unite America in this time of crisis, and protect us from those who seek to divide and destroy us.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This was the worst Hillsboro-Deering School Board public budget hearing I've attended yet.

For the past five years of attending the public budget hearings and deliberative sessions I've, unfortunately, become accustomed to seeing that our school board (SB) goes into the public hearing prepared to pass the budget they crafted. This year shaped up to be no different as the regular SB meeting continued with an agenda action item to approve the warrant articles and budget.

Unfortunately, the Business Administrator was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. I genuinely wish a speedy recovery. In his absence, Mr. Giesler prepared the superintendent with informa-

tion in anticipation of the questions. She did well; however, our SB didn't seem to be able to speak off script to the budget they're presenting to taxpayers.

For example, when I asked what was in the athletics budget for this year, not only couldn't the SB answer my question, but they also stopped the middle school athletic director from responding and directed the superintendent to respond. I was directed to the section in the budget book, which was not provided, that gave a brief narrative related to the athletics budget, and I was directed to the program of studies on website to see the list of sports.

What was most surprising to me was that our SB didn't provide those in attend-

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ance with a printed final budget. The public was left running blind while the SB provided an abbreviated presentation of the items they wanted to highlight to us.

On Nov 20, the SB released its draft budget as part of a 74-page budget book. The board then proceeded to spend the next 6 weeks working in preparation for the Jan 11 public hearing without making changes.

When I asked for an updated budget, I was told it was available online...the budget book...not a single change was made from the original draft. Our SB just rubber stamped the requests of all department heads.

This year's budget will see three teaching positions being "repurposed." One "repurposed" position will be to add a social worker.

The positions taken away will be a HS math teacher, a MS ELA teacher and a Spec Ed teacher. Once again, the hit is to our educational needs while we're adding a position that is in an optional position, not included in an adequate education. Given our test scores, I questioned if this was the most appropriate change, but I was told that

in part it was because of the decline in student population and that they couldn't hire for those positions. I didn't hear of a single cut in the administration, or the extra perks they receive in their job but they're asking for a social worker in place of math and ELA.

When the discussion reached adding to the Trust Funds, it was shared that the HS needs to replace the boiler that's over 30 years old. They say it'll cost upwards of \$700k. Of course, we need to raise the funds.

However, what leaves me scratching my head is that the school district received over \$4 million in ESSER Grant Funds to be expended between 2020-2024. Why didn't they utilize some of the money to replace the boiler rather than spending it on outdoor classroom space and a courtyard at the elementary school?

It's not that it isn't pretty; it certainly dresses up the entryway. But was that really a priority over replacing a 30-year-old boiler?

Please remember your presence and vote is needed at the Deliberative Session on February 5th at 7:00 PM.

Riché Colcombe,
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Detective Bruce Barton of the Warner Police Department started the ten-week L.E.A.D. program with Simonds' 5th graders. Students started by writing short-term goals that they want to achieve.

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John Stark Wrestling hosted Newport and ConVal in a tri-meet dual and came away with impressive victories over both teams. Lukas Boulanger was a double winner by pin and freshman Lincoln Jablonski won a thrilling sudden victory match to close out the evening. The Generals are 6-2 in dual meet competition on the season.



Sports

All-Division II Football WEST

First team Offense: Rory Magoon, senior, OL, John Stark; Thaddeus Maughan, senior, OL, Hillsboro-Deering/Hopkinton; Mason Nichols, senior, P, Hillsboro-Deering/Hopkinton;

First Team Defense: Joey Dykstra, junior, LB, John Stark; Byron Harris, senior, DB, John Stark;

Second Team Offense: Donnie White, senior, RB, John Stark; Alex Descoteaux, senior, OL, John Stark; Michael Jezierski, senior, OL, John Stark;

Second Team Defense: Michael McCaffrey, senior, DL, Hillsboro-Deering/Hopkinton; Deltyn Williams, senior, LB, John Stark; Ben Boothby, senior, LB, Hillsboro-Deering/Hopkinton; Robert King, sophomore, DB, Hillsboro-Deering/Hopkinton; Tyler Fredette, senior, DB, John Stark.

EAST

First Defense: Sean Nicholls, senior, DL, Bow; Jared Dolder, senior, P, Bow;

Second Team Offense: Ryan McCabe, senior, TE, Bow;

Second Team Defense: Jackson Hall, DL, junior, Bow; Gavin McCabe, senior, DB, Bow;

Honorable Mention: Kennett; Cable Schumacher, sophomore, RB, Bow; Eli Ayers, sophomore, TE, Bow.

All-Division III Football

First Team Defense: Samson Davis, sophomore, DB, ConVal;

Second Team Offense: Iliot Featherstone, junior, RB, ConVal; Kendrick Edwards, junior, WR, ConVal; Bishop Benham, junior, OL, ConVal;

Second Team Defense: Francisco James, senior, DT, ConVal; Kai Reitnauer, junior, DB, ConVal;

Honorable Mention ConVal: James Healy, Roman Cadwalleder, JJ Way, Keith Bush.

All-Division IV Football

First Team Offense: Zeke McCoy, senior, Franklin.

Offensive line: Chris Supry, senior, Franklin; Logan Ash, senior, Newport; Cayden Decato, sophomore, Newport;

First Team Defense: Defensive line: Camden Pollari, junior, Newport; Aidan Couitt, sophomore, Newport; Linebacker: Gabe Howe, junior, Newport; Defensive back: Aaron Fellows, junior, Newport;

Second Team Offense: Running back: Kobie Curtis, sophomore, Newport; Gabe Alers-Alers, senior, Franklin. Tight end: Cameron Labrecque, sophomore, Franklin; Christian Forsythe, junior, Second team Defense: Tyler Bennett, sophomore, Franklin. Linebacker: Amilio Urista, junior, Newport; Harrison Kaplan, junior, Franklin;

Honorable Mention: Wide receiver: Nathan Holmes, sophomore, Franklin. Defensive line: Colton Godwin, senior, Newport; Matt Nason, junior, Franklin. Linebacker: Georgie Sarkis, sophomore, Franklin;

Player of the Year: Kyle Ashley, Newport;

Coach of the Year: John Proper, Newport.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bow 72, Milford 57: Jake Reardon's 23 points led the way, followed by Peyton Larrabee with 17.

Hanover 64, Bow 52: Keenan Hubbard had 11 points and 8 rebounds in the loss.

Laconia 72, John Stark 55: Laconia's second quarter and dominance on the glass proved the difference.

Hopkinton 75, Hillsboro-Deering 30: Hopkinton's full court press and offensive movement opened up a 22-5 lead in the first quarter and the Hawks never looked backed.

Hopkinton 46, Monadnock 35: Up just one point at halftime, the Hawks used an 11 point run

Sports

to take control.

Kearsarge 61, Newfound 40: The Cougars led 20-5 at the end of the first quarter thanks to strong defensive pressure which led to transition baskets. **Kearsarge 61, Fall Mountain 44:** Austin Needham connected on four 3-pointers to lift Kearsarge to a 16-9 lead after the first quarter and the Cougars' tenacious trap defense caused several turnovers in the second quarter to give Kearsarge a 37-15 halftime lead.

Merrimack Valley 78, ConVal 57: The Pride started off the game with 21 points in the first quarter, connecting on three 3-pointers, and MV controlled the game from there on out.

Goffstown 75, Nashua North 67: Alexander Mc-Bourne, led the attack with 19 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bow 50, Milford 41: Bry Szepean scored 21 points and Juliette Tarsa scored 14.

Bow 49, Hanover 41: The Falcons won back-to-back games for the first time this season.

Hopkinton 43, Monadnock 36: Monadnock came from behind to take a lead midway through the third quarter with an effective press, but the Hawks adjusted in the fourth and hit key free throws down the stretch to get the win.

Hanover 46, John Stark 29: It was 13-11 after the first quarter and the Generals were challenged in finding scoring opportunities for the remainder of the game. Stark had some younger players step up in the second half.

Laconia 64, John Stark 41: The Generals led 18-15 after the first quarter, but Laconia had a 20-5 advantage over John Stark in the second quarter and Stark was never able to get back within reach.

Merrimack Valley 53, ConVal 19: The Pride led by

26 at the half and continued to play well throughout the contest.

Kearsarge 58, Newfound 25: The Cougars jumped out to a 24-4 lead in the first quarter to bounce back from a tough loss against Hopkinton earlier in the week.

Franklin 49, Lin-Wood 29: Kourtney Kaplan scored 18, Savaughna Slocum 17 and Sage Slocum 12 points. **Goffstown 41, Nashua North 33:** Meredith Winterburn led the Grizzlies with 11 points.

BOYS HOCKEY

Bow 5, Pinkerton 2: After a scoreless first period Bow went up 2-0 in the second.

Stark Athletic Director earns national recognition

The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) is pleased to announce that



John Stark Regional High School Athletic Director Rodney Brown has been recognized by the association as a Certified Master Athletic Administrator. To earn this distinction, Rodney has demonstrated exemplary knowledge, contributions and on-going professional development in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. The voluntary certification process

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The race is free of charge and racers MUST purchase an All Mountain Lift Ticket in ONLINE IN ADVANCE for Sunday, February 11, 2024 at patspeak.com or be a Pats Peak Season Pass Holder in order to do the Vertical Challenge. Registration is open from 7am to 11am. PARTICIPANTS CAN REGISTER ON-LINE UNTIL 5:00PM NIGHT BEFORE EVENT AT SKI-VC.COM, OR ON-SITE THAT MORNING. Registration is open from 7am to 11am. Children under

18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult for registration. It's important to complete the pre-registration form online. The link to pre-register can be found at ski-vc.com/competitors/. The Vertical Challenge Racecourse is open from 10am-12pm with a Vertical Victory Party and Awards at 1:30pm.

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Weare Fire Rescue would like to congratulate paramedic Andy Wheeler who completed his Firefighter 1 class. Andy has been a member of our department since 2020 and continues to further his knowledge to help the department and the Town of Weare. Congratulations Andy!

New London Firefighters were dispatched mutual aid to Grantham with Engine 1 for a first alarm building fire. Upon arrival, crews were met with a significant fire condition from the well-involved dwelling. While on scene, New London crews assisted with fire suppression and overhaul operations.

Alma Mater

Plymouth State University Honors List

Julia Donovan, Avery Opland, Andrew Edmunds of Antrim; Asia Porter of Bennington; Lawrence Sliger, Marissa Pickman of Bradford; Ethan Meeker of Con-toocook; Haley Serafine of Francestown; Nicole Tardiff, Ethan Hansen, Joseph Bellemore of Goffstown; Jamison Coty of Hancock; Annileah Coubrough, Jessica Nitzschke of Henniker; Gabrielle Gardiner, Abigail McKee of New Boston; Dylan Palmer, Kaila Menard, Camden Dezo-tell of Newbury; Kate Dawson, Kristian Nurme of New London; Owen Hannah, Jasmin Reed of Peterborough; Theodore Meagher, Samantha Meadows of Warner.

Clarkson University Presidential Scholars

Evan Miller of Bradford, Evan Turner of Peterborough. Peter David Russell of Warner, a senior majoring in com-puter science, was named to the Dean's List at Clarkson University.

SUNY New Paltz Dean's List

Maggie Baribault of Antrim, Willow Baribault of Antrim.

Roger Williams University Dean's List

Grady Chretien, Joe Trzepacz of Goffstown; Alex Cross of Dunbarton; Olivia De Matteis, Sarah Vickery of New Boston; Olly Hristache of Peterborough; Evan Sidmore of New London.

Stonehill College Dean's List

Sydney Stockwell of Hopkinton; Caitlin Clark of Hopkin-ton; Anthony Constant of Dunbarton; Makayla Stricku-lis of Goffstown.

Springfield College Dean's List

Alana Edwards from Francestown, NH was named to the dean's list. Edwards has a primary major of Psychol-ogy. Malachi Page from Peterborough, NH was named to the dean's list. Page has a primary major of History. Gracie Pierce from Goffstown, NH was named to the dean's list. Pierce has a primary major of Movement & Sport Studies.



John Stark senior Becca Mussey excels in welding class

When John Stark Regional High School senior Becca Mussey was in a welding class at John Stark this year, she noticed the flowers on her teacher's desk. The bouquet on Tech Ed teacher Joab Owen's desk contained metal flowers. Intrigued with the idea, Becca thought she'd try creating something similar.

Becca began her project by making a paper flower petal template and then used the template to cut three pieces of sheet metal into the flower petal shape. She then tack-welded each piece, one by one, to a 1/4" metal rod (stem).

Not one to skimp on details, she welded small mounds of metal "thorns" to each stem and then bent each petal one by one with pliers to make each rose unique. To give each rose an even more realistic look, she used a vice to bend the stem in different direc-

tions. Her final step was to apply two coats of spray paint to complete 9 roses, which she gave away as gifts.

While she's still weighing her options for next year, Becca has been working at Mullholland Metal Restoration in Weare after school since March. As a student at John Stark, she's taken full advantage of the Tech Ed Department taking Intro to Woodwork-ing, Advanced Woodworking, and Intro to Welding. She's also utilized the Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) option at John Stark. ELOs offer students a way to learn outside classroom course offerings while earning credit toward graduation. Becca has complet-ed two ELOs in advanced woodworking and plans to take two more ELOs within the Tech Ed department next semester.



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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Bruce R. Jasper

NEWPORT - Bruce R. Jasper, of Croydon, NH, passed away unexpectedly at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center on December 21, 2023 with his wife, Ann, by his side after a brief illness. He was born in Nashua, NH on April 10, 1947. He was a partner in the law firm of Elliott, Jasper, Shklar, Ranson & Beaulac, LLP, at the time of his passing, and he had been with the firm for 50 years. Bruce was predeceased by his parents, Una Progris and Robert Jasper, and his brother-in-law William 'Bill' VanderWoude. He is survived by his beloved wife Ann Jasper, his daughter Michelle Gilbert and husband, Robert of Seaside, CA; his daughter Jennifer Lynch and husband Michael of Port Orange, FL; his step-daughter Natallia Whiting and husband Ronald of Temple, TX; his five grandchildren: Jacob, Natalie and Benjamin Gilbert, and Jackson and Chloe Lynch; his eight step-grandchildren: Anthony Vaccaro, Phillip, Margaret, Tatiana, Luciano, Stephano, Vincent and Carmine Whiting; his sister Susan Wright and her husband Richard of Loudon, NH; his brothers James Jasper and wife Anne of Wilton, NH; and Gregg Jasper of Cathedral City, CA; his step-mother Reita Jasper of Hudson, NH; his brother Shawn Jasper and wife Laurie of Hudson, NH; his sister Maria VanderWoude of Loudon, NH; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Carol and Steve Gouin of Newport, NH; numerous nieces and nephews; and many other extended family, friends, and colleagues. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Newport Rotary Club (PO Box 333, Newport, NH 03773), Wags & Wiggles Rescue (PO Box 106, Newport, NH 03773), or the Newport Senior Center (76 South Main St., Newport, NH 03773). If making a donation, please reference: In memory of Bruce Jasper.



Jacqueline Y. Bolduc


It is with great sorrow that our family announces the passing of Jacqueline Y. Bolduc, 87, on Friday, December 8, 2023, at Merrimack County Nursing Home in New Hampshire. She was born on January 12, 1936, in Ripon, Quebec, a daughter of Roch and Aldena (Lepage) Mantha. She is survived by her 2 daughters, Lorraine Provost of Scottsdale Arizona, Lyne Schwarzer (Sean McClure) of Bow New Hampshire. She is survived by 5 grandchildren, Timothy Provost of Idaho, James Provost of Arizona, Nicholas Powers (Chris Lemay) of Hooksett New Hampshire; Nicole Schwarzer (Michael Fenneman) of Phoenix Arizona and Cody Bolduc of Marshfield Vermont. She is also survived by her 2 great grandchildren, Ashlyn Provost of Idaho and Connor Schwarzer of Arizona. Jacqueline was predeceased by her husband Raymond G. Bolduc, her daughter Nicole Bolduc and her son Raymond G. Bolduc, Jr. Her brothers Jean Guy Mantha, Claude Mantha and sister Lucille Mercer. There will be no calling hours. Burial will be at St. Sylvester Cemetery in the spring of 2024, and the date and time is to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The



Granite VNA Hospice of Concord New Hampshire.


Janet T. Brown

PETERBOROUGH - Janet Tallman Brown, 91, of Peterborough, NH passed away peacefully on January 9, 2024 after a brief illness. Janet was born in Englewood, NJ to her parents, David and Jean (McWhinney) Tallman. She is survived by her sister, Claire Hayden (married to Henry Hayden) of Old Bridge, NJ and predeceased by her brother, David Tallman of Nyack, NY. To reflect her love of family, friends and nature, a Celebration of Life will be planned for warmer temperatures when we can gather among the flowers and birds she loved so dearly. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Monadnock Kitty Rescue & Adoption at 11 Plantation Drive, Jaffrey, NH.




Ann Miller Fitzgerald

PETERBOROUGH - Ann Miller Fitzgerald sadly passed away quietly at home in Peterborough, NH on January 3, 2024, after a long and very full life. She was 91 years old. Ann was born September 29, 1932, the only child of Theodore and Lina Miller, in Williamston, NC. Ann was pre-deceased by her husband Capt. Thomas W. Fitzgerald, Ret. in 2005 and their youngest son, Jon B. Fitzgerald in 2019. She is survived by her son Robert (Bob) Fitzgerald and his partner Lynn Champoux of Brooklyn, CT, and by her daughter Lynn Ann Boynton and her spouse David Boynton of Plainfield, VT; three grandchildren, Stacy Fitzgerald Marsh, her spouse Steven of Dudley, MA, Robert Fitzgerald, his spouse Kimberly of Bradenton, FL and Kathryn Boynton of Arcata, CA; four great-grandchildren, Payton Fitzgerald, Nina Fitzgerald, Madison Marsh and Kaylin Marsh. A funeral service will be held at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Peterborough, NH on Friday, January 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. The burial will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ann's memory may be made to the Jennie Scott Legacy Fund, Scott-Farrar, C/O Jennie Scott Legacy Fund, 11 Elm Street, Peterborough, NH 03458 or online at www.scott-farrar.com.



Betty J. Poltrack

NEW BOSTON - Betty J. Poltrack, 102, of New Boston, New Hampshire died peacefully on January 9th 2024 surrounded by her family at her home in New Boston. She was born in Bellingham, Washington, the daughter of William and Edna Pratt. She is predeceased by her husband Anthony D Poltrack and her daughter Patricia A Poltrack of Houston TX. She is survived by her one son and daughter-in-law John and Virginia Poltrack of New Ipswich NH, one daughter and son-in-law Susan and Brad Carr of New Boston NH, grandchildren Matthew Poltrack, Emily Poltrack, Joshua Poltrack, Stephanie Brink, Jesse Carr, great grandson Alexander Carr and several nieces and nephews. Calling



Obituaries: continued

Hours will be held at the French and Rising Funeral Home 17 South Mast Street, Goffstown NH 03045 on Friday January 19th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. A Funeral will be held at the Community Church of New Boston on Saturday January 20th at 10:00 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Boston Fire Department Rescue Squad. Interment will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Goffstown NH in the Spring.

William T. Aitchison

BOW - William T. Aitchison ("Bill"), 84, of Bow, New Hampshire, passed away on January 13, 2024, surrounded by love. After a long struggle with Parkinson's and aggressive cancer, he died peacefully at home in Bow. Bill was born in New Rochelle, NY, on October 22, 1939, son of William Thomas Aitchison and Catherine Murtha Aitchison. Bill Aitchison is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Ilona Aitchison; a daughter, Colleen A. Madden and her husband, Clement, of New Hampshire; grandchildren, Vivian, Herbert, and Clifford Madden; a son, William R. Aitchison of Pennsylvania and his wife, Kelly; grandchildren, George Aitchison, Tristan Joannou, and Jasimine Ferguson; great-grandchildren, Serenity and Naomi. Bill was predeceased by his parents. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Bill's memory to Granite VNA Hospice or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.



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VETERAN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST: 8:00-10:00am Bennington Train station. Open to all veterans and their families. Free-No reservations needed. Sponsored by: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8268 and American Legion Post 50.

CIVIL WAR HISTORY: Dave Beck of Bennington and Eric Tenney of Antrim will share their knowledge of Bennington's and Antrim's involvement in the Civil War during a free talk sponsored by the Bennington Conservation Commission at 2:00pm at the Bennington Historical Society, 38 Main St. in Bennington. Beck and Tenney have studied the Civil War involvement of New Hampshire and Bennington and Antrim people, and documented the involvement of those whose names are etched into the town memorials. They have maps, lists, charts and stories about those people and what they did during the war.

"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 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.

FRIDAY JANUARY 27

OPEN DOOR: Smith Church hosts the monthly Open Door acoustic music evening at 7:00pm. Each month

the entry fee is a donation to support a local cause or charity. This month we are supporting End 68 Hours of Hunger which is an SAU 24 weekend supplemental food program for children in need.

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

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3

CHILI COOKOFF: Noon-2:00pm James A. Tuttle Library. Bring in your chili about 11:00am for set up. Free to enter, free to taste.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23

NH FOOD BANK: 12:00-2:00pm Hillsboro American Legion Parking Lot. A truckload of food to be distributed to families and individuals. No proof of income or residence needed. All items will be distributed in your vehicle.

Correction new location for Henniker Food Pantry

In last week's Messenger, our story on the Henniker Food Pantry was misleading. The headline suggested that White Birch Center would "Take Over" the Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry will continue as its own non-profit corporation. White Birch is graciously providing room in their newly purchased building rent free.

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

Researchers have discovered that over-the-counter drugs commonly used to treat heartburn could shorten the treatment of tuberculosis (TB). These drugs could also reduce the chances of the bacteria that causes TB from becoming drug resistant. The findings, published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (PNAS), may mean TB can be cured with shorter treatments. TB typically takes months to treat with multiple drugs. This poses logistical challenges in completing treatment for many people. So, it is widely agreed that shortening TB treatment is needed to thwart the global burden of the disease. Heartburn drugs like omeprazole, pantoprazole, lansoprazole and rabeprazole are cheap, commonly available, safe, and are already approved. The researchers found that these drugs stop the bacteria that cause TB becoming tolerant to antibiotics used to treat the illness.

A clinical trial led by Yale Cancer Center shows that the drug osimertinib, a targeted therapy for non-small cell lung cancer, improved rates of survival and reduced risk of recurrence in patients after surgery. The results were published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), the most common type of lung cancer, tends to recur when diagnosed at advanced stages, which makes treatment challenging.

The largest-ever investigation into antidepressants used for chronic pain shows insufficient evidence to determine how effective or harmful they may be. This recent study, published in *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*, reviewed commonly prescribed medications including amitriptyline, duloxetine, fluoxetine, citalopram, paroxetine, and sertraline. One third of people globally are living with long-term pain with many prescribed antidepressants to relieve symptoms.

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Dr. Esin Narli

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Twice yearly dental visits are recommended by most dentists for cleaning and examination and January and July would offer two easily remembered milestones to mark in your calendar right now. By visiting your dentist every six months, any problem that may develop won't have more than six months to advance and will be easier – and less costly – to address.

During a cleaning, either your dentist or the hygienist will scrape any accumulated plaque and tartar off your teeth. By keeping your gumline clear of this buildup, you greatly reduce the likelihood of developing periodontal disease, the technical name for gum disease. Gum disease is the leading cause of tooth loss. Not only that, your teeth and mouth will feel clean and fresh when the process is completed. Keep in mind that your oral health is an important component of your overall health. So, on that note, this is also a good time to make an appointment with your general physician for a check-up. Talk with your dentist about the schedule you should be on for visits.

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