



We, the American people, are not each other's enemies. The enemies are those people behind the curtain jerking everybody's chains and trying to divide us up by age, by race, by income. ~ Dr. Ben Carson

This week in history

January 27, 2010 Author J.D. Salinger dies January 28, 1547

Henry VIII dies at fifty-five January 29, 1886 Karl Benz applies for patent for first automobile

January 30, 1972 Bloody Sunday occurs in Northern Ireland

January 31, 1971 Apollo 14 mission departs for the moon

February 1, 1960 The Greensboro Four sparks the sit-in movement

February 2, 1882 James Joyce is born in Dublin Ireland



Thirty people are looking for new homes as a result of this fire.

Sunapee apartment complex destroyed

Firefighters from several towns battle 5 alarm fire for 12 hours

Firefighters worked through bitterly cold temperatures Thursday night into Friday morning to contain a large fire at an apartment building in the Georges Mills neighborhood of Sunapee.

Crews were first dispatched to the fire scene on Prospect Hill Road at 7:45 p.m. on January 18 and the fire was declared to be contained about 12 hours later.

When firefighters got there, they said some people were still inside. The building was evacuated, and no injuries were reported.

The apartment building has 14 units, and it's believed about 30 people were displaced after the fire.

A neighbor said the building was constructed in the 1800s, which the chief later confirmed.

"The firemen were here, and they tried to put it out, but unfortunately, the fire got into the floorboards, and it went from there. Very difficult fire to fight," said neighbor Doug Windsor. Because of the cold temperatures, extra firefighters were called in from as far away as Nashua to respond to the scene.

At this time, there is no word on what may have caused the fire. The Sunapee Fire Department said crews remained on the scene for the majority of the day.

The fire chief also said that a barn located behind the apartment building is where the band Aerosmith got its start. Firefighters were able to save the barn. More photos on page 15.

Driver killed in single car rollover in Greenfield

Greenfield emergency services assisted New Hampshire State Police Troop B in responding to the scene of a single car accident at about 5:17 a.m. Monday morning. A spokesperson for the Fire Department confirmed that the accident was a rollover, and that the driver was found dead at the scene. No other vehicles were involved. The accident, which closed Route 31 for more than three hours, occurred just north of the entrance to East Road. Vehicles were diverted around Slip Road and Zephyr Lake Road. The Greenfield Fire Department assisted in directing traffic until the scene was cleared. As we go to press, no other details were available, and the name of the victim had not been released.

New London Select Board approves replacement of Tracy Library roof

Steve Soloman, Chair of the Tracy Library Facilities Committee, and members of the Board of Trustees, met with the New London Select Board to request use of \$15,800 from the library trust fund to replace two mini-splits at the library, which was unanimously approved.

The Trustees also submitted a memo requesting a bond in the amount of \$375,000 for library roof replacement, roof repair and exterior repairs. Mr. Soloman addressed the need to replace the library roof. He explained that estimates are being

secured but the Trustees felt that the size of the expenditure made bonding and paying over the life of the repairs prudent. Selectman Helm observed that the library roof has been on the list for some time and agreed it must be done. He questioned whether bonding was the best way to fund the project given the amount of long-term debt the town currently has, noting that he would prefer to use capital reserve funds for the roof instead of a bond. The Selectmen expressed support for including funds in the FY2025 budget to

Sunapee's Food Pantry needs the following

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They could also use the following personal care items: Razors, Toothpaste, Dish Detergent, Household Cleaners, Fragrance Free Laundry Detergent/Softener. have the roof done and asked the Trustees to look at the other work planned to see if it was possible to delay some or all of it. Mr. Solomon agreed and noted that getting the necessary work done is the goal of the Trustees and the source of the funds is less important to them.



The New London Fire Department has taken delivery of its new Rescue-Engine, which is replacing their antiquated Engine 2.



5 injured in 3 vehicle Henniker accident on Route 202/9

On January 18, 2024 at approximately 5:17 p.m. Henniker Police, Fire and Rescue responded to a motor vehicle crash on Route 202/9 just west of Route 114. There were 3 vehicles involved in the crash.

Vehicle 1, a black Ford pickup truck was traveling eastbound on 202/9 operated by Ann Mugford, age 65, of Keene NH; vehicle 2, a maroon Ford Fusion operated by Daniel Slater, age 25, of Concord NH, was traveling westbound on 202/9; vehicle 3, a gray Honda Pilot operated by Olivia Clark, age 31, of Greenfield NH was traveling eastbound.

The preliminary investigation indicates that vehicle 1 crossed the center line into the oncoming traffic, first crashing into vehicle 2, vehicle 1 was then struck by vehicle 3.

A four year old passenger sustained serious life threatening injuries and was flown by helicopter to a Boston hospital for treatment.

> The Kearsarge Regional Middle School Spelling Bee 2024 Champion is Avery G., grade 7 (L). Two runners up are Jade L.,

(8th) and Lau-

rell X., (6th) (R)

Daniel Slater and Ann

Mugford were transported to the hospital with serious life-threatening injuries.

Olivia Clark and a 16-monthold child were transported to Concord Hospital with minor

e injuries. - Our thoughts and prayers go

out to the families involved. The roadway was closed for approximately five hours.

Any witnesses to the crash

are asked to contact Officer Cole Bannister at 603 428-3213.

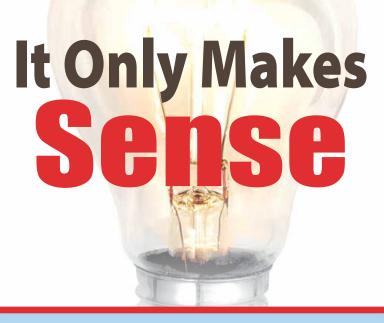
Henniker Police were assisted on scene by Hopkinton Police, Bradford Police, Hillsboro Police, and NH State Police.



When last week's temperatures were too cold for outdoor recess in Stoddard, these kindergarten/1st grade students made the best of it exploring Mrs. Minard's Discovery Center at James Faulkner Elementary School. Left to right: Autumn Allen, Samuel Mann, Remington Melton, Iris Spriropoulos.



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January 20, 2023

H-D school budget down \$1,604.00 NH Department of Transportation to expand New London Park & Ride 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 London Energy Committee proposes purchase of solar arrays

Jamie Hess, Chair of the Energy Committee met with the New London Select Board to discuss the purchase of the town's two investor-owned solar arrays.

Mr. Hess explained that the Town has two investor-owned solar arrays, a ground mounted array at the sewer pump station at Frothingham Road and one roof mounted on the public works garage on S. Pleasant Street. Having the arrays put up by investors allowed the town to get the arrays at no cost to the town. The town is currently paying the outside investors \$2,400 per month or \$28,800 per year for the electricity generated by the two investor-owned arrays.

Buying the solar arrays will allow the town to realize those savings instead of going to the investors. The town will have an option to purchase the solar arrays in January 2026. If it doesn't buy them at the first opportunity it could purchase them the following year. Mr. Hess noted that if the fair mar-

Andover hires Scott E. Hilliard as Town Administrator; Kevin Duval also hired as Highway Supervisor

Scott currently resides in Northfield with his wife of 36 years. He is a retired Merrimack County Sheriff and will bring a vast amount of municipal and personnel experience. He is excited to meet and work for the citizens of Andover. Kevin currently resides in Tilton and is building a home in Wilmot. He was the Public Works Director for the Town of Tilton prior to coming to Andover. He is excited to meet the residents and improve their roads. ket value appraisal is too high, the town could decide not to buy them.

The estimated cost to

purchase is \$300,000 so in order to have enough money to purchase in 2026, the Energy Committee recommends adding \$165,000 to the capital reserve fund over the next two years to purchase at the first opportunity.



Last week the New London Fire Department started their Thursday night with an oven fire in the Hannaford bakery department. The fire closed the store indefinitely due to smoke damage. At 6:41 p.m. crews were dispatched for the first alarm fire at Hannaford in their bakery oven and smokey conditions throughout the store. Mutual aid was provided for New London.



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Great Brook School students recently participated in a "Random Acts of Respect" (RAOR) game to practice the core value of respect. Mathematics teacher Sue Ketchum's advisory class was recognized for having the highest per-pupil average of random respect acts. Courtesy photo by Conval School District.



On Friday, January 19th one of Mrs. Young's Family and Consumer Science classes hosted the 2nd Annual Para and Support Staff Appreciation Breakfast. Her students planned the invitations, menu, decorations, and prepared all of the food. Some items on the menu included crepes, tator tot casserole, double chocolate chocolate chip muffins, and Oreo cupcakes.





Henniker Community School's 2024 school Spelling Bee winner was Cole Bensen, a 7th grade student. Here's Cole right after the bee with Assistant Principal Ms. Keating and Principal Colby, (left photo). Literacy Night at the Henniker Community School was a showcase for all the learning that has occured with the new English Language Arts program, Wit & Wisdom. Jess Chauca with her son, Mark, are shown spending a few quiet moments reading during Literacy Night, (right photo).

New Boston Select Board begins the 2024-2025 budget review process

The New Boston Select Board recently held a hearing on the proposed town budget.

The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's budget. The bottom line will be reduced by \$10,000 based on a change in the voting machine line item that is not yet approved by the Select Board.

The Board reviewed the Financial Management budget. The Board reviewed the Tax Collector's budget. There is a slight increase in this line item, due to the fact that the current Tax Collector is retiring and has requested additional funding to train a new person for the position.

The Board reviewed the General Legal budget. There is a recommendation to further reduce this line item by \$11,000. There was discussion regarding the costs of the Eversource settlement suit.

The Board reviewed the Government Buildings budget.

Donna Mombourquette began to review a number of proposed reductions to this line item.

The Board reviewed the Police Department budget. There was discussion regarding a reduction in gas and diesel fuel costs. Mombourquette stated that there is a proposed reduction of \$5,250 in the Police Fuel line. The Chief also came up with an additional reduction in the budget of \$16,418. The Chief reviewed these changes.

The Board reviewed the Building Inspector budget. Kary Jencks noted that additional rounds of interviews will be held within the next few weeks.

The Board reviewed the Highway Department budget. Benji Knapp, Road Agent, reviewed a number of proposed reductions of approximately \$51,000.

The Board reviewed the Street Light budget. Bill McFadden explained that there has been a significant savings due to a changeover to LED lights.

The Board reviewed the Health and Welfare budget. There was a decision made to move all of these line items to a Warrant Article to allow the public to determine if these donations to local charities will be made. There was discussion regarding the Welfare line item. Karen Scott requested information regarding how many families in Town are serviced by the local charities.

Donna Mombourquette stated

that the overall operating budget originally showed a 15% increase over the default budget, but this has been reduced into the 13% range. The Board will likely review and discuss the updated budget at its January 29th meeting.



Weare Police were happy to have had the pleasure to meet with Dublin (left photo) and Miles. Both submitted eye-catching creations for the "Coloring with the Captain Contest." Big smiles could not be contained when they were awarded their gift baskets fit for an artist.

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New Hampshire Children's Trust honored Goffstown resident Cindy Brenner as the winner of its 12th Annual Lucy Fowlkes Breed Family Service Award. This recognition is made annually for an outstanding volunteer who has provided direct service to families at a New Hampshire nonprofit. Cindy was selected from an impressive group of candidates for her commitment to creating meaningful childhood memories for foster, adoptive, and kinship children in New Hampshire, and for being a dedicated member of her community.



Avenue A's T.A.C.O teens had a great time helping the Antrim-Bennington Lions Club make and serve this month's Antrim Community Supper. They made tacos, of course!



The John Stark Regional High School Personal Fitness class visited Strive Indoor Cycling in Concord, NH earlier this month. Pictured: JSRHS Personal Fitness teacher Cooper Gorsk, Lucas Belliveau, Caleb Hauptman, Joey Dykstra, Brayden Menard, Logan Butler, Isaac Coker, Kaleb Hardy, Hanna Schofield (Teacher @ JSRHS), Elliot Belliveau, Stephen Johnston, Ava Martin, Alli DuPont (Strive Instructor).

NH Fish & Game Officers rescue three hikers from Mount Monadnock

New Hampshire Fish and Game Conservation Officers say that an unprepared hiker created the need for rescuers to carry the woman out in -10 degree temperatures.

New Hampshire Fish and Game was contacted by Monadnock Park Staff concerning three lost hikers Friday near the summit of Mount Monadnock. The three hikers were unprepared for the impending darkness and cold temperatures. The wind chill temperatures on Monadnock at the time were approximately -10 F. A response was initiated to rescue the three immediately from Monadnock Park Staff, Upper Valley Wilderness Response Team, and New Hampshire Fish and Game Officers.

A phone call was placed to the victims to help them find the trail and get below the tree line with the minutes of light left to navigate. Once they made it to the tree line, they could not continue as they did not have lights. Rescuers made contact with the hikers and were able to provide gear to help with their descent. The three hikers were Sirin O'Connor, 63, and Somjak Weerapit, 50, of Quincy, Massachusetts, and Phromthep Khankaew, 37, of Thailand.

Due to their lack of warm clothing and exposure to extreme cold, O'Connor's condition deteriorated on the descent. Rescue crews then stopped, provided warm fluids, and aided in warming O'Connor. Her lack of strength and cold exposure helped determine the safest and most efficient extrication would now be to carry O'Connor the remaining 1.3 miles.

Crews were able to assist Weerapit and Khankaew down under their power, arriving at the trailhead at approximately 8:30 p.m. Simultaneously, rescue crews carried O'Connor down the mountain, arriving at the trailhead at approximately 9:48 p.m. O'Connor was transported by



Jaffrey Ambulance to Monadnock Community Hospital, where she was treated for her injuries.

Sergeant Kevin Bronson said, "Thankfully, due to the herculean efforts of rescue crews from Monadnock Park Staff, Upper Valley Wilderness Response Team, and New Hampshire Conservation Officers, the three victims survived their blunder." Conservation officers encourage outdoor enthusiasts to check the weather forecast and prepare for the current winter weather conditions.





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🜠 Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

With the February 5th Hillsboro-Deering School Board Deliberative session approaching, I'd like to again express my concern that the voters have been left out of the process and the School Board will do as they wish. Through extensive research, I've found...

The School Board (SB) has committed taxpayers to multi-year contracts without approval of the legislative body (the voters).

RSA 32:7 states, as a general principle, that one legislative body cannot bind a successor legislative body on procedural matters.

In 2005, the NH Supreme Court upheld a governing body's (SB) authority to bind the municipality to a multi-year contract, as long as "it knew about the cost items for each year of the [contract] at the time it voted to appropriate money for the contract's first year."1

However, voters were not informed of the price of the Grounds Maintenance and Snowplowing contract for "each year" because it was neither received nor awarded at the time of the March 2023 election.

In May 2016, our then SB, which included two of our current members, authorized the superintendent to enter into a \$2.5 million, performance contracting agreement (a 20-year commitment) to replace and add new HVAC equipment. In July 2016, the SB moved forward and approved a \$2.65 million equipment lease agreement, allowable under RSA 33:7-e.

While RSA 33:7-e allows the governing body to contract leases of equipment, it states appropriations to fund lease agreements with non-appropriation clauses may be approved by a simple majority vote of the legislative body. I was unable to find a record where the legislative body voted to approve the 20year agreement with Siemens Industry.

Even if the action is found to be legal (I'm still investigating), should our School Board have authority to commit taxpayers to this type of agreement without our vote? Is anyone paying attention to the energy savings or has this initiative been abandoned along with the school's solar panels?

In March 2016 there was a petitioned warrant article to raise \$7,000 for the Redhawks Co-Op Football team, which the voters defeated [295 (y) - 581 (n)]. However, the then SB found a creative way to fund the football team, disregarding the voters' wishes and have funded it since. Under RSA 32:10 I (e), the "no means no" law, if the [town/school] meeting deletes a purpose, or reduces the amount appropriated for that purpose to zero, or does not approve an appropriation contained in a separate article, that purpose or article shall be deemed one for which no appropriation is made, and no amount shall be transferred to or expended for such purpose.

Let's stand up and let our voices be heard as a collective body. Please attend the Deliberative Session on February 5th at 7:00 PM.

We have two at-large seats to fill this year. We need people who will be conscientious with our tax money.

1 NHMA The Basic Law of Budgeting (pg 34)

https://www.nhmunicipal.org/sites/ default/files/uploads/workshop-materials/2022_basic_law_of_budgeting.pdf

Riché Colcombe NH State Representative, Hillsborough District 30

The Town of Sunapee welcomes the overwhelming support coming to our community members most impacted by the fire at 27 Prospect Hill Road. Donations, in the form of gift cards, are being accepted at Town Hall. Our Direct Assistance Coordinator and Town Manager are working in partnership with Red Cross to ensure all residents are being cared for and provided with individualized assistance.

Once more and more residents find new homes, we will hold a furniture drive—details forthcoming.

Thank you for taking care of our community and its residents.

Sunapee Select Board





There was a great turnout Saturday night for the Antrim Grange's "Burns Night Tea."





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No charges filed as car hits pedestrian in Weare

On January 11th Phillip Methot of Weare was driving a 2022 Ford Super Duty on South Stark Highway. As he was turning left onto Flanders Memorial Road, the vehicle struck a pedestrian who was walking from Zoombie to her residence on North Stark Highway.

She was crossing the street approximate ten feet

Only minor injuries in Antrim accident on Sunday

Sunday's sudden snow squall caused a two-car accident on Concord Street (Route 202) in Antrim, but only minor injuries were reported.

The incident happened around 4:20 p.m. Antrim Police report that two sedans were involved and slid off the road, probably due to poor visibility and slick road conditions.

Officer Cody Lacombe of the Antrim Police De-

False alarm dispatches Newbury Fire/Rescue

Newbury Fire Rescue was recently dispatched to a call for an "Accident with injuries" at a location on Route 103. Car 1 and Newbury Police responded on Route 103 attempting to locate the crash while Rescue 1 and Engine 4 stood by waiting by to respond to an exact location. NH 911 called the phone number back with no answer.

When the 911 operator was finally able to contact the owner of the phone out of town, they were told that from the intersection to the back door of her home. She was medically assessed by Weare Fire/Rescue and transported to Concord Hospital for further evaluation.

No charges were filed as Methot had a blood alcohol level of 0.00.

partment, who was present at the incident for traffic control, noted that a Facebook post by SWNH Alerts and Info was inaccurate.

The post reported that a "head-on collision" had resulted in multiple injuries with "second ambulance requested." "This was not the case. There were only minor injuries. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt," Lacombe said Tuesday.

they had placed their cellphone on the roof of their car and it had fallen to the ground. They were unaware that the phone had called 911 and didn't answer the phone when the operator called back.

iPhone owners should be aware that their phones have this feature and if an emergency call is made, they should immediately press the "cancel" button and call 911 and explain to the operator that the alarm was sent by accident.

TOWN OF HENNIKER PUBLIC NOTICE OF BOND AND BUDGET HEARINGS

Tuesday February 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Henniker Community Center 57 Main Street Henniker, NH 03242

Notice of 2024 Wastewater Bond or Note Hearing

On Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:30p.m. at the Henniker Community Center, 57 Main Street, Henniker, NH in compliance with, the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended), the Board of Selectmen/Wastewater Commissioners will hold a public hearing for the purpose of discussing and hearing public input for the proposed 2024 warrant article to authorize issuance of a bond or note in the sum of \$1,500,000 through the State Revolving Fund loan program for the purpose of supplemental upgrades to the wastewater treatment facility. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to \$425,000 in principal forgiveness from the State Revolving Fund loan program. The remaining bond for this project will be funded by general taxation.

Notice of 2024 Conservation Commission Bond or Note Hearing

On Tuesday February 13, 2024 and immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Wastewater Bond or Note Hearing, in compliance with, the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended), the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing for the purpose of discussing and hearing public input for the proposed 2024 warrant article to authorize a bond or note in the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of contracting a Lake Management Consulting Firm to study conditions and provide design solutions to reduce external and internal phosphate loading in French and Keyser Ponds, to mitigate recurring Cyanobacteria algae blooms in these ponds. It is anticipated that there will be \$100,000 in principal loan forgiveness under the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Clean Water State Revolving Fund (NH CWSRF). The principal loan amount of \$100,000 will be forgiven per the terms of the NH CWSRF agreement. No property tax impact.

2024 Henniker Operating and Wastewater Budget Hearing

On Tuesday February 13, 2024, and immediately following the Conservation Commission Bond or Note Hearing, in accordance with RSA 32:5, I, Henniker Board of Selectmen/Wastewater Commissioners will hold a public hearing to review and hear public input on the proposed 2024 Henniker Municipal and Wastewater operating budgets and warrant articles.

More information about the hearings, proposed warrant articles and budget is available at the Town of Henniker Town Office, 18 Depot Hill Rd, Henniker NH 03440 and on the Town of Henniker website www.henniker.org or by calling 603-428-3221.

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Congratulations to Zoe McClelland, (L) the winner of this year's Sunapee Middle High School Spelling Bee. Congratulations also to Avery MacWilliams (C) for her second place finish, and Ben Russell (R) for his third place finish.

Good Friends: You Pick Em'

You've heard it said before, "You can pick your friends and you can pick your nose but you can't pick your friend's nose." Well, what if you needed someone to pick you up after a bad fall? I'd certainly want that person to be my friend. What I learned the night I broke my wrist playing Pickleball is that I have made some very good friends in a very short period of time.

I started playing Pickleball in Antrim last October. I'm from New Boston and had heard Antrim's Rec fee was reasonable (\$25/year for anyone outside of town) and that those who played Pickleball there were friendly and liked to help each other learn. I wasn't disappointed.

My first time there I watched this older man—older than me and at 65 I'm no spring chicken—come in with a slight limp. "Oh great," I thought. "This is going to be a slow night." I couldn't have been more wrong. In no time flat I was running all over the place, hitting back the balls he strategically placed...slightly to the right in the kitchen, way to the left, deep in the court. My agility saved me but my connection with the ball was hard won. Humility, they say, is an acquired taste. But oh the nutritional value.

I was hungry for more Pickleball, going every Monday and Wednesday and several times to outdoor courts in Francestown and Hillsborough, all the while improving my playing skills. But something else happened to me on those courts, something I hadn't anticipated. I was making good friends.

When I explain the benefits of Pickleball to those who are curious I often tell them it's a three for one; physical, mental and social. Running around on the court gets your heart rate up and swinging at the ball uses the large muscles of your torso and your quads. Being agile on your feet is a plus. But as I shared earlier, you can have a limp and still command the court. Pickleball is also a mental exercise because the rules, especially score-keeping, are complicated. It took me a good month to secure the basics enough so that it didn't interfere with my concentration of playing. But what really keeps me coming back are the people I've met. Like-minded people who are more or less my age. People who are athletic and competitive and are looking to be so in a supportive, social environment.

So imagine my humility after tripping over my own feet, falling hard on that gymnasium floor then looking up into the faces of eight very concerned Pickleball mates. Two of them took me to the ER in Peterborough, stayed with me through diagnostics (broken radial and ulner bones below the left wrist) then brought me home. One helped me retrieve my car the next day and three of them made me soups, chilies and desserts for the coming week.

The rest continue to check-up on me on Team-Reach, our Pickleball communication App. But perhaps the tastiest tid-bit of all were the words of my orthopedic surgeon on Tuesday, "You can get back to the court as soon as you want." You guessed it, Dr. White plays Pickleball too. I'm sure glad I picked him to be my doc.

Written by one grateful player on January 19, 2024 Rev. Jami D. Boyle of New Boston, NH.





Andover crews (upper right) were called to this 12,000 sq ft, multi-family home around 10:30 January 18. Newbury Tanker 1, (left) responded to the fire and Engine 2 provided station coverage during the 8 hour battle at the Sunapee 5th alarm fire. They were joined by crews from towns as far as Franklin, Weare, and Lebanon, to name a few.

Stark senior Elizabeth Ackerly joins discussion panel

It has been called "An indispensable guide to good citizenship in an era of division and rancor." New York



Times bestselling author and former diplomat Dr. Richard Haass' new book The Bill of Obligations: Ten Habits of Good Citizens, will be the focus of the NH Civics William W. Treat Lecture on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Students from six New Hampshire

high schools will join Dr. Haass for a virtual discussion about what the American people can do - both individually and collectively - to ensure that our democracy not only survives but thrives. Elizabeth Ackerly, a junior at John Stark Regional High School, has been selected as one of the participating students.

"Elizabeth and I read his book together and conferenced on the question she will ask and also a potential second question," said JSRHS Social Studies teacher Dan Marcus. "In addition to reading the book and meeting with me, she has attended a couple of organizational meetings and will be part of a practice session for the event later this month. She is an exceptional student and this is quite an honor."

In his book, Dr. Haass, the head of the Council on Foreign Relations for 20 years, argues that the very idea of citizenship must be revised and expanded. The Bill of Rights is at the center of our Constitution, yet our most intractable conflicts often emerge from contrasting views on our rights. As former Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer pointed out, "Many of our cases, the most difficult ones, are not about right versus wrong. They are about right versus right." The lesson is clear: rights alone cannot provide the basis for a functioning, much less flourishing, democracy.

The Treat Lecture is free to the public. Pre-registration for this virtual event is required at https:// tinyurl.com/HaassTreatLecture.

The Treat Lecture Series is presented by NH Civics, with support from the William W. Treat Foundation and NH Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities, and with assistance from the NH Council for Social Studies (NHCSS).

KRES-NL's first Student of the Month Abigail Farnsworth

When fourth grade student Abigail Farnsworth travels to school she rides the bus alongside her friends



every day, often thinking about becoming a scientist when she is older. One morning something different happened.

On December 4, while riding the bus, Abigail noticed that one of her friends was not feeling well and was becoming sick.

When other students started to draw attention to what was going on, Abigail stepped up and comforted her friend.

As the bus pulled into the Kearsarge Elementary School drop-off area, Abigail instructed the other students to give her friend some space and get off the bus. Abigail sat with her friend and remained calm as she helped her friend off the bus and walked her to the nurse's office. The bus driver, John Demars, was in awe of Abigail's kindness and went inside the school to share what he had witnessed during his morning route to school.

Principal Kelly Collins and School Counselor Taylor Fluery were so moved by Abigail's actions of support and friendship that Kearsarge Student of the Month program was expanded to the elementary school level.

"This act of kindness is truly what our school community is about," said Principal Collins. "I am extremely proud of Abigail for her selfless act of kindness and compassion towards her friend. We are hoping to move forward with this new opportunity for students and staff, where we can celebrate and showcase Cougar Kindness all month long, in hopes to inspire others."



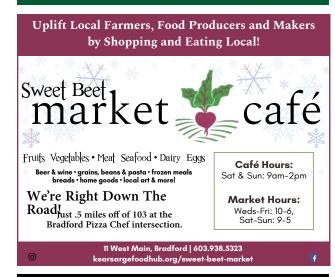




John Stark's Girls varsity basketball defeated Merrimack Valley, 43-37. Eleanor Girardet had 12 points for the Generals.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Campbell 89, Hillsboro-Deering 60: The Hillcats were outmatched in this one.

Bow 72, Souhegan 64: Jake Reardon led with 29 points followed by Brendan O'Keefe with 20. **Bow 64, Oyster River 54:** Brendan O'Keeffe led with 21 points and Jake Reardon added 19.

Hollis-Brookline 51, John Stark 48: The Generals came out to a 16-8 first quarter, but Hollis took a fivepoint lead into the fourth and held on for the win. John Stark 67, Merrimack Valley 64: The John Stark Generals swarmed senior Elliot Belliveau on the court after his game-winning, buzzer-beating 3-pointer in overtime to pull off the upset. Pelham 78, John Stark 45: The defending champi-

on Pythons raced out to a big lead at halftime, 25-9, and the Generals couldn't close the gap in the second half.

Bedford 79, Goffstown 42: Cam Hujsak had 12 points for the Grizzlies.

Hopkinton 58, Stevens 42: Hopkinton opened the game with a 16-9 first quarter and never looked back, outpacing the host Cardinals in every quarter. The Hawks used great ball movement and balanced scoring to their advantage.

Hopkinton 51, Gilford 46: The Hawks held on, thanks in part to a big 3-pointer from sophomore Kristof Cauley with 1:20 remaining.

Kearsarge 60, Newport 40: The Cougars led 16-7 at the end of the first quarter, 34-23 at halftime, and by 11 in the third quarter before extending their lead in the fourth. Kearsarge has now won five in a row. **Kearsarge 51, Stevens 48:** The Cougars and Cardinals traded baskets in the first half, which ended in a

23-23 tie, but Kearsarge outscored Stevens 13-8 in the

fourth quarter. The Cardinals led 40-38 heading into the fourth before Kearsarge came back.

Franklin 50, Sunapee 37: The Tornadoes won their third in a row and their sixth in seven games. Franklin led 14-12 after the first quarter, but took control of the game in the second quarter to lead 33-18 at halftime.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bow 47, Timberlane 22: The Falcons won their fifth straight game on Tuesday night.

Bow 50, Oyster River 44: The Falcons won their fourth in a row, handing the Bobcats just their second loss of the season.

John Stark 56, Hollis-Brookline 34: Stark opened the game with a 16-2 lead in the first quarter and Geaumont kept the momentum going all game with five 3-pointers.

John Stark 43, Merrimack Valley 37: Stark led 31-15 at the half, but MV slowly chipped away throughout the second half, eventually going up by one point in the closing minutes. The Generals regained the lead with a big basket and made free throws down the stretch to close out the victory.

John Stark 59, Pelham 42: The Generals led 33-15 at halftime and maintained the lead in the second half thanks to a balanced scoring effort.

Kearsarge 57, Stevens 38: Stevens led 11-9 after the first quarter and 23-22 at halftime, but Kearsarge scored 22 points in the fourth quarter after taking a 35-34 lead in the third.

Kearsarge 50, Newport 22: Kearsarge led 18-0 after the first quarter and 26-2 at halftime.

Stevens 44, Kearsarge 42: The Cardinals connected on nine 3-pointers to defeated Kearsarge.

Kearsarge 56, Stevens 54: Playing each other for

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the second time in three days, the rematch lived up to the hype, with Stevens leading by one point (11-10) after the first quarter and Kearsarge leading by one (28-27) at halftime.

Gilford 55, Kearsarge 53: Down 53-52 with under 10 seconds to go, Hughes hit a 3 to give the Eagles the victory.

Bedford 79, Goffstown 35: Maggie Sasso led the Grizzlies with 19 points.

Newmarket 40, Sunapee 13: Lack of offense hurt the Lakers.

Hopkinton 45, Stevens 40: The Hawks led 13-12 at halftime after a sluggish start and woke up in the third quarter to build a 28-21 lead into the fourth. The Cardinals took several leads in the final eight minutes, even as late as with just over a minute remaining, but a baseline jumper from Hopkinton sophomore Zoe Bishop with 1:02 left put the Hawks ahead for good. **Hopkinton 42, Stevens 39:** The Hawks and Cardinals had their second game in four days against each other, with the Hawks again prevailing in a thriller on the road.

Franklin 49, Sunapee 34: The Tornadoes picked up their third win in a row and their sixth win in seven games.

Coe-Brown 54, ConVal 21: The Bears' full court press allowed them to go up 14-1 at the end of the first quarter and Coe-Brown never looked back.

BOYS HOCKEY

Bow 2, Trinity 1, OT: The game was tied 1-1 after the first period and Webber buried the game-winning goal in overtime off a great pass from O'Neil. **Bow 3, Nashua South-Pelham 1:** The Falcons controlled the game, but couldn't find the back of the net often despite many opportunities. However, Bow scored enough to earn its second consecutive victory. **Pinkerton 5, Bow 3:** The Falcons fell behind 2-0 in the first period as their winning streak came to an end at three games.

BOYS NORDIC SKIING

Hopkinton at Gunstock Biathlon: Hopkinton competed against skiers from 14 other schools. Clarner picked up a narrow victory over Gilford's Aiden Bondaz, leading a field of 80-plus skiers.

GIRLS NORDIC SKIING

Hopkinton at Gunstock Biathlon: The Hawks competed against 14 other schools in a biathlon race at Gunstock on Wednesday.







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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Gerald "Jerry" Martin

BRADFORD - Gerald "Jerry" Martin died peacefully in his sleep at his home in Bradford on January 10. He was



93. Jerry was born May 4, 1930 in Newport, NH, where he grew up with his brothers, Jim and Donald. The three boys were the sons of Herbert and Harriet Martin. Jerry is predeceased by his parents and brothers, his wife, and his daughter, Samantha Anne Martin. Surviving family members include

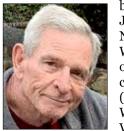
a number of beloved nieces and nephews, and his son Gerald Harris Martin, II and his partner Duncan S. Snitkin. A Gathering of Remembrance will be held in the Friendship Room of the Bradford Community Church on Saturday, February 3 at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please whistle your favorite song or donate to Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice by visiting lakesunapeevna.org/giving/donate.

Janine Y. Bates

HENNIKER - Janine Yvonne Bates, 65, of Henniker, died of breast cancer on January 14, 2024, in Concord, NH, surrounded by family and friends. She was born in Ohio March 9, 1958 to Paul and Nancy Smith. There will be a small, private celebration of her life in the coming weeks. In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor to the Tucker Free Library would be appreciated.

Michael B. Walsh MD

BOW - Michael "Mike" Walsh, 78, passed away January 11, 2024 at Granite Hospice House after a brief



battle with cancer. Mike was born January 10, 1946 in Poughkeepsie NY to the late Maurice and Virginia Walsh. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Tina of Bow NH. His children: Molly Walsh Mullens (Brook) of Switzerland, Douglas Walsh of So. Dennis MA, and Virginia "Ginger" Larsen (Alex)

of Marion MA. His bonus children: Benjamin Nadeau (Kristy) of Webster NH and Eric Nadeau of Allenstown NH. His grandchildren: Isabel and Beck Mullens, Liv and Pippa Larsen, Quinn Walsh, Grady and Nora Nadeau, Henry and Sam Nadeau plus baby Nadeau due in March. His siblings: Robin Hartman, Brock Walsh and Rebecca Walsh and their children. He is also survived by his former wife and mother of his children. Linda Walsh of New London NH. A Celebration of Life will be held on February 24th at Concord Country Club at 10:30am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Granite VNA 30 Pillsbury St, Concord NH 03301.

Joseph J. Collins

FORMERLY HILLSBORO - It is with great sadness that we share that we have lost Joseph Julius Collins after he

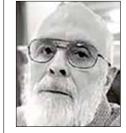


took his own life at the age of 59 on January 4, 2024. 'Joe' was born on November 11, 1964, in Norwalk, CT, son of the late Leo & Gloria (Krivos) Collins. Joe is survived by his cherished son Coleman, and his sisters, Karen VanBuskirk of Brewster, MA, Terry Croffy (John) of Fairfield, CT, Patty Cronin of East

Harwich, MA, and Christina Collins (David Huband) of Toronto, Canada, and his brother, Greg Collins of St. Louis MO. He also leaves behind his great aunts, Lorraine Milcarek of NJ and Evelyn Fitzgerald of VA, many nieces, nephews, and cousins, and countless friends, including his trusted and true friend, Tammy Johnson and her daughter Ronni, who he loved as his own, his former wife, Amy Collins, and many, many more. At Joe's request, there will be no calling hours or services at this time. A Celebration of Joe's life will be held from 11:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at the Cournover Funeral Home in Jaffrey, where family, friends, and of course, working dogs and K-9 teams are all invited to come together and share stories and support with each other. Flowers will be welcomed, or in lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Joe's name to the Good Neighbor Fund, PO Box 486, Jaffrey, NH 03452.

Gordon E. Young

DUNBARTON - Gordon E. Young, 85, longtime resident of Dunbarton, passed away after a long battle with



Alzheimer's disease on Friday, January 19, 2024, at Elliot Hospital. Born in beautiful Dummer, NH on July 25, 1938, he was the son to the late Henry and Florence (Sias) Young. Gordon is lovingly remembered by his wife, Dolores Young of Dunbarton: five children. Karen Cookson and her husband,

Duane of Bow, Michael Young and his wife, Rhea of Mesa, Arizona, Kevin Young and his wife, Guylaine of Ormond Beach, Florida, Brenda Young of Salisbury, North Carolina, and Scott Young and his wife, Lisa of Manchester; brother, Gilbert Young of Hooksett and many grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he is predeceased by seven siblings, Kenneth, Sherman, Kathleen, Joyce, Bette, Lorna and Harold. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, January 27, from 2-5 p.m. at Lambert Funeral Home & Crematory, 1799 Elm St., Manchester. Burial will take place in the spring at the family lot in Willis Cemetery, Dummer, NH. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to Elliot Hospital for Dementia Care at elliothospital. org/donate.

Events: Community Bulletin Board

FRIDAY JANUARY 26-27

DANCING WITH THE NEWPORT STARS: These All-Stars dazzle the stage at 7pm at the Newport Opera House for the 2024 Dancing with the Newport Stars: All-Stars, a fundraiser that benefits the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce and the Newport Opera House Association!

SATURDAY 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.

MONDAY JANUARY 29

HARLEM WIZARDS: will visit the WMS Gym at 7 PM for an evening of great fun and fundraising. The Wizards will play a game against a team of Weare and Henniker teachers, principals and community leaders. The event is a fundraiser for the Weare Middle School Student Council and the Weare Middle School Music Program. The team playing for the Wizards will be the Harlem Union. Tickets must be purchased prior to 3 hours before the game. To purchase tickets, and for more information, visit https://www.wearemiddleschool.net/cms/ www.harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets

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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.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13

PANCAKE SUPPER: The Washington Congregational Church is hosting a traditional Strove Tuesday Pancake Supper with maple syrup, strawberries, whipped cream and bacon. We hope you can join us on Tuesday, February 13th between 5-7 PM. Use the back entrance to the church at the lower level. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: at 7pm at the Smith Church (30 West Main St, Hillsboro). For the offering we are collecting donations (non perishable food or monetary) for the Hillsboro Food Pantry.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23

NH FOOD BANK: 12:00-2:00 pm 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.



New London Firefighters were requested to respond with Ladder 3 to 62 Brighton Road in Croydon for a second alarm building fire. A body of fire extending from the garage was discovered burning through a wall on the second floor of the residence, swiftly engulfing a bedroom.

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE

Acute low back pain is a common cause of disability. An analysis in the Journal of Orthopaedic Research examined which non-opioid drugs are best for treating this condition. The analysis, which included all randomized controlled trials published to date (18 studies with 3,478 patients), showed that muscle relaxants and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) could effec-H CHAPIN tively and rapidly reduce symptoms. The combination of

NSAIDs and acetaminophen was associated with a greater improvement than NSAIDs alone.

Nirmatrelvir-ritonavir (Paxlovid) significantly reduced the likelihood of hospitalization or death from COVID-19 in people at risk of severe illness, according to new research in CMAJ (Canadian Medical Association Journal).

Researchers from Oregon Health & Science University and institutions across the country have identified a pill used to treat a common skin disease as an "incredibly promising" treatment for alcohol use disorder. The study was recently published in the Journal of Clinical Investigation. On average, the people who received the medication, called apremilast, reduced their alcohol intake by more than half — from five drinks per day to two. An estimated 95,000 people in the United States die every year from alcoholrelated causes, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Currently, there are three medications approved for alcohol use disorder in the United States: Antabuse, which produces an acute sensitivity akin to a hangover when alcohol is consumed; acamprosate, a medication thought to stabilize chemical signaling in the brain that is associated with relapse; and naltrexone, a medication that blocks the euphoric effects of both alcohol and opioids.

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Q: Is nail-biting harmful for your teeth?



A: Nail-biting, a habit indulged in by thousands of adults and children, is not a good practice for a number of reasons related to oral health. Regarding the teeth, if the habit develops when a child is very young, it can contribute to development of

a gap between the front teeth.

Dentists have also discovered that the type of person who is prone to biting nails - and fingers - may also be one who is prone to picking at their gums. But it's not just the teeth and gums that are put at risk through the habit of biting nails or fingers. Any activity that requires holding the teeth at unnatural angles for extended periods can injure the jaw joint, also known as the temperomandibular joint (TMJ). The injury is sometimes referred to as TMJ syndrome. Over time, the habit can also stretch the muscles in the jaw. That can cause pain and an imbalance in the TMJ.

Some dentists and physicians recommend coating the fingers with a non-toxic but unpleasant tasting lotion. Others recommend putting a bandage on the finger just to serve as a reminder. Whatever the technique, it's a good idea to come up with some mechanism for stopping the habit. Otherwise, a person may be facing the time, cost and inconvenience of straightening teeth and/or of treating the pain of TMJ syndrome. Talk with your dentist about ways to break this bad habit.

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Town of Hillsborough BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing for the proposed 2024 Town Budget on **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**, at 6:45 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Office Building, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, NH.

EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT BID SOLICITATION

FOR YEAR-ROUND ROAD MAINTENANCE

Emerald Lake Village District, located within the town of Hillsborough, is accepting bids for a full-time, yearround Road Maintenance Position.

Sealed bids must be received by 5pm onFebruary 15, 2024 and mailed to ELVD, PO Box 1753, Hillsborough, NH 03244 or dropped off at the District Office by appointment, 147 W. Main St., Suite 103.

For bid specs, contact the District Office at 603-464-3128 or email **info@elvdnh.com**.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

February 13, 2024 Town Hall, 7:00 PM

Town of Washington will hold a Public Budget Hearing on Wednesday, February 13, 2024 (Snow Date: February 14th) at 7:00 PM at the Washington Town Hall 2nd floor. The purpose is to receive public input on the Town of Washington's proposed FY 2024-2025 operating budget and proposed warrant articles. The public is encouraged to attend.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TOWN OF DEERING, NH

Case No.: 2024-01

Notice is hereby given that on **February 22, 2024**, at 7:00 p.m., at the Deering Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road, Deering, NH 03244, the Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing:

Regarding a request by John Priesing, Jr., Emily Verbeck, Susan F. Culver, Trustee of the Susan F. Culver Declaration of Trust u/d/t September 26, 2001, Elizabeth Foster, Michael Foster, and John L. Riley, for a variance from Section 4.1.1 and Section 4.4.10 (c) of the Deering Zoning Ordinance, to authorize the addition of an open porch and deck and the installation of drip edge within the 50 foot setback, placement of stepping stones within the 50 foot setback, and allow the construction of accessory residential structures on less than 8 acres on the property located at 745 White Gate Road, Tax Map 235, Lot 20.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING:

The Washington School Board will hold a Public Budget Hearing on **Wednesday, February 14, 2024 (Snow Date: February 15th)** at 6:00 PM in the Washington Elementary School The purpose is to receive public input on the Washington School District's proposed FY 2024-2025 operating budget and proposed warrant articles. The public is encouraged to attend. **The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:00 PM and recess for the public hearing.**

FILING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES:

Persons interested in being a candidate for the following school district offices may file for these positions between **January 24**, **2024, and February 2, 2024 (by 4:30 PM)** at the Town Office. Persons wishing to file should contact the Town Clerk at the Washington Town Office, 603-495-3667 or the Superintendent of School's office at 603-464-4466.

> 2 School Board Members – 3-year term 1 School District Moderator – 1-year term 1 School District Clerk – 1-year term 1 School District Treasurer – 1-year term

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES:

Persons wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2024 Washington School District Warrant must submit such petitioned warrant articles to the School Board, or one of its members, no later than **February 7, 2024 at 4:30 PM**. Persons wishing additional information may contact the Superintendent of School's office at 603-464-4466.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING: SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

You are hereby notified to meet on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 9:00 AM to vote on the election of officers and on all warrant articles. Voting shall take place at the following location: Washington Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room 62 Wolf Way Washington, NH 03280

EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT BID SOLICITATION

FOR SUMMER MAINTENANCE OF BEACHES AND PARKS

Emerald Lake Village District, located within the town of Hillsborough, is accepting bids for Summer Maintenance of Beaches and Parks.

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WINDSOR SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING:

The Windsor School Board will hold a Public Budget Hearing on **Thursday, February 15, 2024 (Snow Date: February 16th) at 6:00 PM** in the Windsor Town Hall. The purpose is to receive public input on the Windsor School District's proposed FY 2024-2025 operating budget and proposed warrant articles. The public is encouraged to attend. The regular Board meeting will begin at 6:00 PM and recess for the public hearing.

FILING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES:

Persons interested in being a candidate for the following school district offices may file for these positions between January 24, 2024, and February 2, 2024 (by 4:30 PM) at the Town Office. Persons wishing to file should contact the Town Clerk at the Windsor Town Office, 603-478-3292 or the Superintendent of School's office at 603-464-4466. 1 School Board Member – 3-year term

1 School Board District Moderator – 1-year term 1 School District Clerk – 1-year term 1 School District Treasurer – 1-year term 1 School District Auditor – 1-year term

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES:

Persons wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2024 Windsor School District Warrant must submit such petitioned warrant articles to the School Board, or one of its members, no later than **February 12, 2024 at 4:30 PM**. Persons wishing additional information may contact the Superintendent of School's office at 603-464-4466.

WINDSOR SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

You are hereby notified to meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM to vote on the election of officers and on all warrant articles. Voting shall take place at the following location:

> Town of Windsor 14 White Pond Road Windsor, NH 03280

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