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#### **Newport News**



The voice of WCNL, Steve Smith, was honored with the Granite Mikes Award First Place for Public Affairs/Talk Show at the 2022 NH Association of Broadcasters. Courtesy photo.



Allison Paige Browning has been hired as Newport's new Economic Development Coordinator. Courtesy photo.

### This week in history

February 3, 1994 Bill Clinton ends Vietnam trade embargo

February 4, 1941 The United Service Organization is chartered

February 5, 1994 Medgar Evers' killer is convicted

February 6, 1993 Tennis great Arthur Ashe dies of Aids

February 7, 1812 Earthquake causes fluvial tsunami in Mississippi

February 8, 1943

Britain's Chindits begin guerrilla raids in Burma

#### February 9, 1825

US House decides presidential election after no candidate receives a majority of electoral votes



Hillsboro Methodist Church.

# **Hillsboro Church separates**

#### Hillsboro Methodist Church to separate from National United Methodists

The Board of Directors of the Hillsboro Church has issued the following statement on their separation from the United Methodist Church:

"In 1838, the Methodist Church was formed in Hillsboro and moved into the building on Henniker Street in 1862.

In 1968, the Methodist Church merged with the United Methodist Churches greater organization and recently the current membership has had conflicting opinions and beliefs from the leadership of UMC.

This has resulted in the membership voting 100% to separate from the UMC and changing its name to Hillsboro Methodist Church.

A Board of Directors has been formed and they are seeking God's direction in where and what to do from here on.

We want the people in this area to know we still are the family-based church we have always been. We welcome everyone and the feeling is family within our walls. We are seeking God's direction for our future on what and where we will be.

We ask for your support and understanding that members are strong in our beliefs that this was not an easy move but what we needed to do. We have an open-door policy and welcome everyone and though our future location is unclear we are together in this and will continue

to be a family-based church.

We welcome you to join us as we go forth and follow God in this new path and wanted our community to know we are not closing or leaving. Contact any of the Board if you have questions.

Sincerely, The HMC Board of Directors, Al "Rusty" Young, Chair, Neil Brown, Laura Gould, Laura Rankin, Alan Whitney, Donald Decowski, and Marianne Hammond."

Two issues remain unresolved: Members must decide whether to affiliate with another national organization or remain independent, while negotiations continue for the purchase of the church and parsonage.

# **Messenger**

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# 🜠 Letters to the Editor

#### **Dear Editor:**

Every year we go into the deliberative session divided. It's unfortunate but here we are again.

There have been those that have made various statements regarding the Hillsboro Deering School Budget. I would like to offer another perspective.

One comment was about repurposing teaching positions to add a social worker. Anyone who has children in schools knows how critical it is right now to have adequate mental and social support in our schools so that children can be ready to learn. Mental health is a HUGE issue right now- ADHD, anxiety, trauma, behavioral disorders for example are all challenges in our schools. What is also not mentioned is that there is a critical shortage of teachers in math, and we have been down two math teachers at the high school this year and our current math staff has stretched to be able to offer our students all the math courses currently offered within the curriculum. The budget reflects looking at the decline in enrollment and how they can best support students and families while being realistic on what the school can successfully hire for.

It was mentioned that we should have used ESSER Grant funds to replace the 30-year-old boiler at the high schoolupon research on what ESSER funds can and cannot be used for- a boiler does not fit the grant parameters. The elementary school outdoor classroom space does fit the parameters. It's also a fabulous opportunity for the students to be OUTSIDE and add more movement to their day. The boiler is not a new issueit has been part of the long-term maintenance plan for many years and that plan has been shared with the school board annually.

While I'm sure there are always opportunities to look at our contracts in a different way, we have to remember a critical piece of information. WE the taxpayers elected the school board to act on our behalf. We have a body of five elected individuals who are doing the best they can to balance being fiscally responsible and provide an adequate education. Multi-year contracts allow the district to go out and bid and get a decent rate. Most people know that multiyear contracts are common.

Our schools are struggling. Families are struggling and we should be coming together not divided.

We would all be better suited to encourage our state representatives to really dig into the inadequacies of school funding at the state level. The bigger issue is overall funding and the extreme burden it puts on local taxpayers. The way the state of NH funds public education has been determined to be unconstitutional. Please encourage our state representatives to focus on remediating this issue immediately.

If you don't have kids in schools now but you did at one point in time, please remember taxpayers were paying for YOUR child to get an education and it's a community obligation to support future generations.

Are our taxes too high- absolutely but we must remember that expenditures do not drive the tax rate- revenues do and revenues are down.

The board is not bringing a budget to the taxpayers that is astronomical. It is a budget that has the most minimal increase possible. Any cuts to what are proposed will 100% have a detrimental impact to education because the largest component to our budget is our staff. Cuts to this budget will result in reduction in staff (salary & benefits) and you can say that we could find other places to save but let's be realistic cuts will = staff reduction and that will 100% impact our children.

At the end of the day as a former school board member this budget is fair and realistic- it's extremely challenging to sit where our board sits and try and find a middle ground.

I encourage you all to do your research- don't trust what I'm telling you, or others- do your own research and PLEASE come out on 2/5 at 7pm at the HD Middle school for the Deliberative session and make your vote count- it's as important as it is on Election Day.

I challenge all families to send at least one representative of their family to attend the deliberative. It really is THAT important.

#### Kathryn McGinn, Hillsborough Taxpayer

#### **Dear Editor:**

We share a common concern – no one wants high taxes, yet we want a quality, affordable education for our children. Achieving a balance that sustains quality education requires active participation in the process, starting with the importance of attending the Hillsboro-Deering School Deliberative Session.

For those who neglect to attend yet complain of runaway costs and rubber-stamp policies, recognize the power that lies in your voice and our vote.

The Deliberative Session is not just a meeting; it's a vital opportunity for community members to influence decisions that directly impact our schools, our

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# Weare American Legion honors the U.S. Space Force

#### By Tom Flaherty Member, Philbrick-Clement American Legion Post 65

In December, Weare's Philbrick-Clement American Legion Post 65 officially installed the flag of the United States Space Force (USSF) in its hall, where the flags of all other US military branches and departments currently hang. Special guest at this ceremony was Weare's Owen Payeur, along with his parents, Marc and Heather. Owen currently serves as a Second Lieutenant in the Space Force.

Remarkably, Owen's brother, Noah, also serves in the Space Force, as a First Lieutenant.

Bennington's proposed budget up \$177,278

Bennington will be asked to support a proposed operating budget of slightly over \$2 million, which is \$177,278 higher than the current budget. According to Town Administrator Deb Davidson, with the exception of a 4%

cost-of-living increase, the budget has not dramatically increased since 2023. Select Board Chair Jim Cleary urged voters to attend the deliberative session on Monday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m., upstairs in the Bennington Town Hall.

Both received their officer

Even more remarkable is that

Scouts in BSA Troop 24, Weare,

During the ceremony, the

tance of the Space Force, with its

mission to "secure the nation's

They also mentioned the chief

which provide critical services

like GPS, weather monitoring,

missile tracking, communica-

tions, and electronic financial

duties of the Space Force: monitoring thousands of satellites,

interests, in, from, and to space.'

which is sponsored by Post 65.

Legion recognized the impor-

they both earned their Eagle

transactions; tracking thousands commissions through UNH's Air of items of "space junk," which and Space Force ROTC program. pose imminent threats to satellites and people in space; and

facilitating military and civilian space launches across 5 US launch sites.

After the ceremony, all mem-

bers present thanked Owen and Noah for their dedicated service and invited them to join American Legion Post 65.



**Owen & Noah Payeur** 



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# Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

#### February 3, 2023

New Boston police deny mishandling of Atkocaitis case Henniker Budget Advisory Committee recommends changes Kearsarge Food Hub is Lake Sunapee Chamber's Business of the Year Grapevine awarded a \$20,000 grant by NH Charitable Foundation

#### February 4, 2022

Proposed ban on Washington shooting range-shot down Snowmobile crash leads to Warner felony DWI arrest Henniker First Responders honored for saving life Hillsborough woman arrested after crash into river

#### February 5, 2021

Bradford Select Board reconstituted Greenfield man guilty of planting bomb in car Henniker Select Board ignores Library request Newbury Police Department wants a K-9 unit

#### February 7, 2020

No injuries reported in Hopkinton rear-ender Francestown approves new tenants for Village Store Bradford Board pays tribute to John Pfeifle Historic Greenfield Inn has new owner

#### February 8, 2019

Antrim Planning Board approves 5 cell towers Kearsarge students' Ethical Leadership 12 towns provide mutual aid battling Bradford fire New Boston firefighters again asking for new firehouse

#### February 9, 2018

New Boston gathers to support one of their own Henniker officer cleared in 2014 shooting incident Cut of H-D School Budget by \$1.3 million fails Consolidation of schools dominates ConVal debate

#### February 10, 2017

New Boston named Safest Small Town in America Newport Mill on Historic Register - sold to investors Tilton may have a new police station Contoocook man injured in Dunbarton

#### February 5, 2016

H-D school budget cut \$445,000 Franklin man rescues infant son & daughter from fire Bow Selectmen trim \$597,803 from proposed budget Goffstown Police confiscate credit card skimmer

#### February 6, 2015

Fire destroys Henniker Highway Garage Bow investigating a dozen car break-ins Petition to withdraw Peterborough from ConVal H-D DECCA receives highest recognition again

#### February 7, 2014

Little discussion, no debate at New Boston session Police Department funding dominates Weare session Electrical fire destroys Francestown home Hospital CEO says Fire Chief is misinformed



On January 26th at 9:03am Hillsboro Police responded to a car vs plow truck on Route 9 West of the McDonald's exit. Officers discovered that the black sedan lost control due to the poor road conditions and crossed the center line striking the state plow. The collision caused the engine to dislodge from the sedan, throwing it across the roadway. Those involved sustained minor injuries.

# New London's Hannafords has reopened after bakery fire

Hannaford's New London grocery store reopened Thursday, two weeks after a fire broke out in the bakery.

During that period, the store has conducted "necessary cleanup and maintenance following a small fire," said Hannaford External Communications Manager Caitlin Cortelyou. "We are excited to share that our New London store will reopen its doors on Thursday, February 1, at 7 a.m.," Cortelyou said.

The store has returned to its regular hours and offers its full range of services, with the exception of Hannaford To Go, which will resume operations on Monday, February 5.

"We extend our deepest gratitude to the many associates who contributed to the cleanup effort and made it possible for us to reopen the store this quickly," Cortelyou said. "We also thank the New London community for their patience and understanding while we prepared the store to reopen. Hannaford is committed to serving the New London community, and we look forward to welcoming customers back to our store."



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New London Firefighters were operating at two simultaneous emergency calls. A motor vehicle crash on Interstate 89 Northbound at mile marker 35 and a medical emergency in town.



New London Engine 2 and Tanker 1 was cleared from another vehicle crash on Interstate 89 Southbound in the are of mile marker 32.



The newly acquired Engine 2 was operating at its first emergency call for an additional vehicle crash on Hall Farm Road.

## Sanborn will not appeal Lottery Commission's ruling - must now sell casino

Concord Casino will continue to keep its lights off as Andy Sanborn has decided not to appeal the suspension of his gaming license.

The deadline for filing an appeal was January 19, and the Lottery Commission confirmed that they hadn't received one.

Now, the former state senator Sanborn has no option but to sell the casino on South Main Street in Concord to a New Hampshire Lottery Commission-approved buyer within six months.

According to the ruling by independent hearing officer Michael King made on December 28, if he fails to sell the business within six months, Sanborn will risk license revocation.

The ruling was made on accusations that Sanborn fraudulently applied for and received \$844,000 in COVID relief funds, which were intended for struggling small businesses, to fund his lavish lifestyle. Casinos were explicitly excluded from receiving financial assistance. Sanborn managed to sidestep this restriction by masking the registered trade name "Concord Casino" on his application by utilizing the name "Win Win Win LLC" instead and categorized the business activity as "miscellaneous," according to an investigation by the Attorney General's Office and the Lottery Commission. His lawyers later argued the company was a charity

gaming consulting business. Sanborn faces accusations of extravagantly spending the funds received from the loan on two Porsche race cars for \$181,000 and \$80,000 on a Ferrari for his wife. Additionally, he paid himself over \$183,000, disguised as rent for his properties.

"The misrepresentations on the EIDL application and the subsequent use of the proceeds for expenditures not allowed by that loan constitute conduct by the licensee that undermines the public confidence in charitable gaming," King wrote in his report. Since the ruling, the casino's lights have occasionally been turned on, but the Lottery Commission assured that the gaming facility has remained closed. However, The Drafts Sports Bar & Grill, located in the same building as the casino and owned by Sanborn, remains open.



Truck into the woods on 89 south in Hopkinton. Troopers and first responders were on scene with a motor vehicle crash with no reported injuries.

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# 🜠 Around Our Towns



Hillsboro Lions Club treasurer Alan Ager presents a check to Anna Muncy, Food and Nutrition Program Director in the amount of \$3000 for school lunch student debt relief.



The Henniker Lions Club's Christmas Tree Bonfire was a huge success. Everyone had a great time.



The Hopkinton Rotary Club was excited to have guest speaker Laura Miller talk about The Friends Program.

# **Center Woods Elementary School students learn tap dancing**

Missy Descoteau's kindergarten class at Center Woods Elementary School learned about tap dancing through their new English language arts curriculum, Wit and Wisdom and the book, Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles Think of That! by Diane and Leo Dillon.

Descoteau said her students were so excited to learn about tap and making art with their feet they created their own tap shoes with paper, cardboard, and some

bury, was selected as Student of

the Month for his passion and

positive attitude that translates

pennies taped to the bottom of the shoe to create what they called "tappers" on the toes and heels of the shoes.

Then the students performed their own tap show on the floor tapping along to Bojangles (Bill Robinson) and Shirley Temple, keeping the beat and stopping when the tapping stopped in the song. Descoteau said it was a joy to watch their performance and they were so proud of the music they made.

### **Student of the Month Jacob Macnutt**



Congratulations to Jacob Macnutt - Kearsarge Regional High School's January Student of the Month! Jacob Macnutt, a junior from New-

into everything he is involved in, both inside and outside of the classroom. Assistant Principal Christopher Geraghty said, "Jacob appreciates being challenged academically, seeking to be pushed in his thinking and grow as an individual." Most notably, Macnutt has been a member of 1247 Blood, Sweat, and Gears, the school's FIRST Robotics Team, which he cites as a highlight while at the high school.



(L-R) Kindergarteners with their tap shoes: Finnegan Millet, Amira Cole, Cooper Goulet, John Filson (black shirt behind boy in Adidas shirt).





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- Raisins Pretzels Nuts Goldfish Canned Tuna
- Chicken, Ham or Pulled Pork Instant Oatmeal

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children, and, inevitably, our wallets.

This year our school board is proposing a staggering \$24.6 million budget for approx. 1050 students. They alone should not decide on this spending. Rather, their role is to suggest; ours is to evaluate thoroughly, question, amend if needed, and decide whether to approve or reject.

However, when only a handful of voters attend, and those primarily include school employees benefiting from an increased budget, the school board assumes their proposals will pass unchallenged. Why amend or restrain a budget if voters don't show up to object? The budget remains status quo, and the previous year's surplus is carried forward with additional money.

The Deliberative Session is where we can challenge the status quo, question if costs are prudent, and pinpoint wasteful spending. We have the power to propose amendments that ensure tax money is allocated wisely while focusing on the essentials like reading, math, science, and history—not trendy distractions.

Let's dispel the myth that "more money means better schools" and mandate responsible and moderate spending. Some will say underfunding schools is "anti-education." No, I simply want a sound budget that aligns with our priorities and means. Schools, like families, must live within reasonable budgets. With costs rising annually, we must ask: At what point do taxes become unaffordable for the average citizen or senior?

It's disheartening to hear complaints about high taxes from those who choose not to participate in the very process. The School District and school board will not curb spending or make difficult choices to adjust overhead and administrative costs without public demands for fiscal discipline.

The power to reduce costs and taxes lies with you. I strongly encourage you to attend the H-D School Deliberative Session; ask questions, make motions, debate constructively, and vote to encourage fiscal restraint. Make your voice heard—let's build a future of responsible governance together.

Please attend the deliberative session on Monday, Feb 5th at 7:00 PM at the Middle School.

#### Riché Colcombe, Hillsborough Taxpayer NH State Representative, Hillsborough District 30

#### Letter to the Editor:

When I retired in 2009, I wanted a volunteer opportunity that would be meaningful and totally different from anything I had experienced thus far. After 14 years as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, I can honestly say that being a CASA fills the bill.

As a CASA, I have been appalled at some of the situations my CASA kids have experienced, butI am also constantly amazed at their spirit and resilience. Often, I have been frustrated with the overburdened system and its confusing complexities; however, I continue to be impressed with the dedication of the professionals who work through these complexities every day to do their best for the children in their care.

What do CASA kids need? They need an advocate. They need an adult who can get to know them, understand their situation, listen to their fears and hopes, and speak for them when they can't speak for themselves. They need someone who is there for them. Not because they are paid to be there or because of a family obligation, but because they want to make sure that the child's needs are the primary concern in all the decisions that will be made while the child is in state care. How do I get paid? In a child's smile, a hug, or when they see me and say, that's my CASA, my BFF!

If you are looking for a meaningful and impactful way of giving back to your community, there is no better organization to volunteer with than CASA of NH. To learn more, sign up for a virtual info session at casanh. org/infosessions.

#### Clara Sheehy, New London

#### **Dear Editor:**

A few weeks ago there was an article in the Messenger Newspaper about someone hit by a car while walking on West Main Street.

Years ago, the board of selectmen, the town administrator, and the town planner put together a plan to build a sidewalk on the south side of West Main Street in Hillsborough.

This should have been built years ago. It has been put off by the water commission, the state of New Hampshire, and the lack of interest by the board of selectmen. We should not wait until someone dies before building this.

The people of Hillsborough need to elect some people that are interested in what is best for the town of Hillsborough. We don't need people interested in their own self interests including noise ordinances, dark sky ordinances, global warming, and other things. The state has money for things like this but elected people need to call people like the executive council and others and get our fair share and get this done.

This is more important than the traffic circle built right in front of Walmart in Keene and another one less than a half mile from it in the last two years.

David Fullerton, Hillsborough

#### Dear Editor:

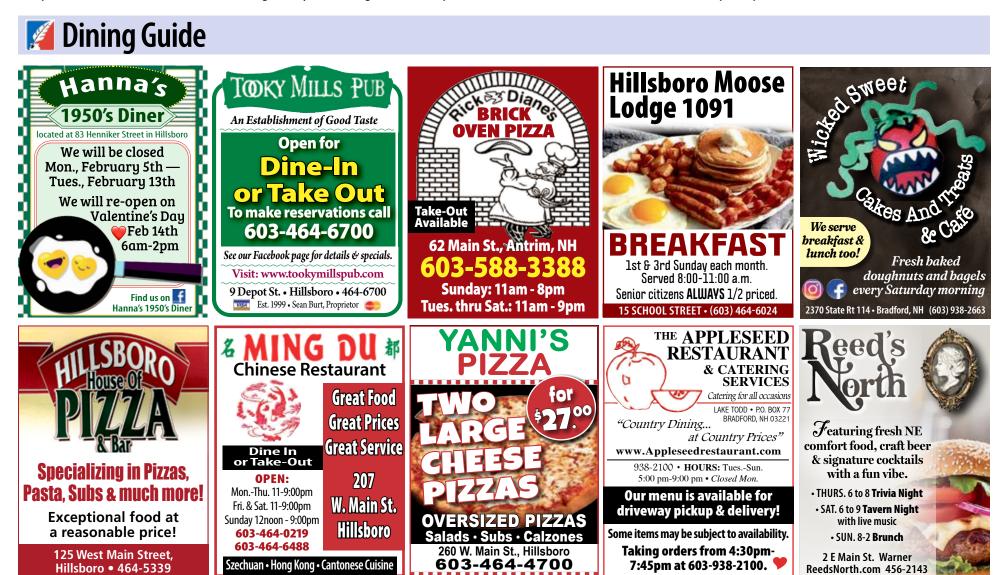
Are you native American? If not, your ancestors, like mine, immigrated from a foreign country. Did they come through Ellis Island, or did they, like many, get on any ship coming to the USA and land at any port on any coast, or come through the Canadian/American border without papers? I suspect we all know many families that did just that. Were they all upstanding citizens? No, but the majority were, they worked hard, became citizens and the descendants are prospering now. The immigrants that are coming through the southern border are exactly the same. Those that are coming now want a better life for their families, they are either starving, suffering religious persecution or living under unbearable conditions.

Parents, you love your children, how much would you have to be suffering to send your children, walking thousands of miles, so they might have a better life? That's what these parents are doing. Yes, there are "bad guys" bringing in drugs, but they are not the majority. That would stop if the citizens of this country would stop using. Have you ever considered why Europe doesn't have a drug problem? What is needed at the border is more government agents and entrance areas to screen all these immigrants, just like at Ellis Island. They come to work hard, not take a job from anyone in this country. The workforce has diminished. The population in this country is dying at a greater rate than the birth rate. You want to keep your Social Security and Medicare benefits? Do the math.

Jeannine Aucoin, Concord



Newport's most talented dancers danced the night away at "Dancing with the Newport Stars: All-Stars" on Jan. 26 and Jan. 27 at the Newport Opera House.



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policies; existing notices of legal violations; rent rolls; tenant-by-tenant operating expenses; income and expense and operating statements; historical leasing information; historical capital expenditures; rental arrearage reports; budgets; tax appeals; utility bills; and environmental.

A buyer may also negotiate access rights to conduct additional physical, non-invasive studies, tests or inspections of the property after the parties are under contract but before closing (or pursuant to a separate access agreement), including:

- zoning and land use investigations;
- non-invasive soil, groundwater and vapor inspections; and
- non-invasive engineering and geotechnical inspections of the land.

Invasive testing may be negotiated if the non-invasive reports indicate a need for further information. Sellers are typically reluctant to permit invasive testing.

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The Franklin Police Department is pleased to announce the swearing-in of Officers Mariah Gage, Chris Samiya and Nick Ballentine into the full-time ranks of their agency. They will all attend the 196th full-time police academy starting February 12th, 2024. Welcome to Franklin!

## Newport woman's death leads to Claremont drug bust

An investigation into an untimely death in Newport led to a drug bust in Claremont and the arrests of two women. Emergency crews responded to a report of someone unconscious and not breathing in the area of 62 Sunapee Street in Newport. Maryanne Baldauff, 33, of Newport was pronounced dead at the scene. The cause and manner of Baldauff's death are pending a determination by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

Evidence gathered at the scene of Baldauff's death led investigators to a home on Prospect Street in Claremont, where police say officers seized more than an ounce of suspected methamphetamine, more than 50 bags of suspected fentanyl, suspected crack cocaine, controlled and narcotic prescription pills, an assortment of drug packaging materials, ledgers, cash and scales.

A search of the home ended with the arrest of Claremont native Lisa Giannatti, 35, on felony charges including possession of controlled drugs with intent to deliver and conspiracy to commit sale of controlled drugs.

Giannatti, who was previously convicted under the New Hampshire Controlled Drug Act, was ordered held at the Sullivan County House of Corrections pending arraignment.

Brittany Nolin, 33, of Newport, was arrested on a charge of falsifying physical evidence in connection with Baldauff's death, police said. Police said additional arrests and charges are expected.

### Kathleen Frenette named Warner's new Town Administrator

At the January 22, 2024 Select Board meeting the Warner Select Board approved the hiring of the next Town Administrator, Kathleen Frenette. Kathy has worked for the Town of Gorham as Director of Finance and Administration and previous to that the North Country Council as Chief Operations Officer/

### Antrim man dies in Greenfield single car accident

An Antrim man has been identified as the driver killed in a single-vehicle crash in Greenfield early Monday morning. The victim was identified as 57-year-old Michael Jon Tatro. Troopers were called to the scene of a crash on Forest Road shortly before 5:30 a.m., and found a Ford F-150 truck had gone off the road, struck Co-Executive Director.

While Kathy's start date has not been finalized, she is excited to start her new chapter and looks forward to meeting and working with everyone. Interim TA Butch Burbank will be staying on in an advisory role during Kathy's transition.

a tree and rolled onto the passenger side, according to a news release.

The driver, identified as Tatro, was pronounced dead at the scene. Officials said a preliminary investigation indicates that Tatro may have suffered a medical emergency leading up to the crash.

### Hillsborough Select Board OK's new Parking Ordinance

Town Administrator Laura Buono brought up the Road (Parking) Ordinance that the Hillsborough Select Board had been working on for quite a long time, and which a public hearing has already been held. She asked the Selectmen if they are ready to adopt the changes.

Riché Colcombe asked if a summary of what has been agreed upon could be provided. Colcombe was referred to the public hearing meeting minutes. Chairman Bailey called for a vote on the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Ms. Buono said the Board will need to decide upon the cost for the annual stickers. Once decided, a public hearing will be scheduled.

Selectman Pelletier asked what is the rational for charging for a sticker.

Ms. Buono said because some of the lots being used are not for overnight parking. Riché Colcombe asked about owners with multiple vehicles. Other towns will be researched.



And that's a wrap! What a great night full of so much talent. Congratulations to all of the contestants at New Boston Recreation's annual lip-sync contest!

# Bradford's Hazard Mitigation Plan being updated

Bradford's Hazard Mitigation Committee held it's first meeting to update the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan 2018. Every five years, the Plan must be updated and approved to current requirements to ensure the Town's continued eligibility for federal disaster recovery and mitigation grant project funding.

Recent past and potential natural disasters, severe weather events, and other hazard events were to be assessed, and critical facilities, vulnerable areas and populations to be identified.

The Committee reviewed existing mitigation capabilities and developed long-term risk reduction mitigation actions to help alleviate the impact of these events to Bradford's people, buildings, and property.

The Hazard Mitigation Committee held its first

meeting remotely via Zoom Webinar on Monday. January 29, 2024. An in-person meeting was also held concurrently (hybrid) at the Bradford Area Community Center located at 134 East Main Street, Bradford.

All unique perspectives from stakeholders, engaged citizens, businesses, organizations, and people of all ages were invited to attend and participate in the Hazard Mitigation Committee's discussion and decision making. Additional meetings were scheduled at that time.

The draft Bradford Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2025 document is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2024. For more information, contact Bryan Nowell, Bradford Emergency Management Director and Fire Chief, at (603) 938-2231 or firechief@bradfordnh.org

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### Antrim man guilty of falsely obtaining over \$600,000 in VA benefits

U.S. Attorney Jane E. Young's office reports that Christopher Stultz, 49, of Antrim has pleaded guilty to one count of faking a disability to improperly receive \$662,871.77 in veterans benefits.

From January 2003 through December 2022, Stultz falsely represented to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that he was no longer able to use his feet. This caused the VA to rate him as 100% disabled, increasing his monthly VA benefits.

In addition, because the VA believed Stultz was unable to use his feet, he was also awarded funding through the VA's Automobile Adaptive Equipment program to purchase special cars and vehicle adaptations designed to help mobility-impaired veterans.

However, Stultz did not need a wheelchair or other ambulatory device to move around. According to the statement, he was seen and recorded walking normally multiple times.

Newbury is working on getting the number changed on their website as well, and they appreciate your understanding on this matter.

For example, on October 28, 2021, Stultz went to the VA Medical Center in Jamaica Plain in Boston.

He used a wheelchair while inside the VA facility, but after leaving, he stood up, lifted the wheelchair into his car and drove off to a shopping mall, where he walked normally through multiple stores.

On October 3, 2022, Stultz went to the VA Medical Center in Manchester, again using the wheelchair while inside. After leaving the VA facility, Stultz drove to the Mall of New Hampshire and was recorded walking normally through multiple stores. In addition, multiple witnesses reported that they had never known Stultz to use a wheelchair or other ambulatory devices as far back as the early 2000s.

U.S. District Court Judge Joseph N. Laplante scheduled sentencing for May 6. The charging statute provides a sentence of no greater than five years in prison and three years of supervised release.



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Junior Merrick Chapin led the Hopkinton boys to a 1-2-4 finish in the boys' slalom to lead the Hawks to a commanding lead in that event, and the Hopkinton girls kept up with Concord enough to maintain it as the Hopkinton Alpine ski team claimed the 16th annual Capital Cup title at Proctor Academy on Monday.

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# 🜠 Sports

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

**Coe-Brown 72, ConVal 50:** The Bears won their fourth game in a row.

**Milford 67, ConVal 53:** Ryan Close and Max Cail had 14 points each.

**Kearsarge 55, Gilford 45:** Kearsarge led 29-15 at halftime, but Gilford found its shooting touch in the third quarter to cut the Cougars' lead to 38-31 heading into the fourth. Kearsarge made some defensive adjustments and executed some timely plays on offense to secure the victory over the defending champs.

**Kearsarge 55, Raymond 41:** The Cougars played excellent defense on Raymond's Dre Duffaut throughout the game and led 37-16 at halftime. Eli Whipple went 5-for-6 from the free throw line in the third quarter and Noah Whipple played very well defensively to help Kearsarge preserve the lead. The Cougars won their seventh straight.

**Bow 69, John Stark 53:** The Generals had a narrow lead at the half, but too many second half turnovers gave Bow a 10-point lead heading into the fourth. **Bow 73, Lebanon 63:** The Falcons won their fifth game in a row.

John Stark 55, Kingswood 50: The Generals came out to a 14-3 lead through the first quarter and held the lead the rest of the way. John Stark had a 13-point lead going into the fourth, but Kingswood battled, closing the gap in the last two minutes.

**Hopkinton 58, Campbell 43:** After trailing 15-9 through the first quarter, the Hawks locked in and took over with a 30-25 lead heading into the half. Behind a great defensive effort the Hawks were able to open up a 50-37 lead through three and held it in the fourth.

**Pelham 78, John Stark 45:** The Generals trailed from the opening toss.

Concord Christian 43, Franklin 40: Zeke McCoy

scored 14 points to lead Franklin. The game stayed within a couple scores throughout the entire game, but Concord Christian played well down the stretch.

#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

John Stark 67, Kingswood 24: The Generals had a strong first quarter, taking a 28-6.

John Stark 59, Pelham 42: The Generals controlled play at both ends of the court.

John Stark 50, Bow 44: The Generals showed how much they've grown since then, closing out a 50-44 win at home over Bow.

**Bow 47, Timberlane 22:** Juliette Tarsa led the Falcons' attack with 25 points.

**Bow 55, Lebanon 27:** The Falcons bounced back from a tough loss with a commanding win on their home floor. **Hopkinton 48, Campbell 25:** The Hawks took a 25-12 lead into halftime, then used a strong full court press and transition offense to open up a 20-point lead that they maintained through the end of the game.

**Portsmouth Christian 59, Sunapee 19:** The Lakers were never in this one.

**Kearsarge 69, Raymond 13:** Kearsarge had a 20-2 lead at the end of the first quarter and finished the night with a commanding victory.

**Kearsarge 58, Winnisquam 44:** Kearsarge went 12for-16 from the free throw line and limited MacDonald's scoring opportunities.

#### **GIRLS HOCKEY**

**Concord 8, ConVal-Conant 0:** Concord Goalie Addison MacNevin earned the shut-out.

#### **BOYS HOCKEY**

**Bow 4, Nashua North-Souhegan 3:** The Falcons trailed 3-2 at the end of the second period, but came back in the third to win their fourth game out of their last five.

# 🌠 Crime Watch

#### Henniker man charged strangling a child

Billy J. Leblanc, 49, of Henniker was arrested on a felony second-degree assault charge. He was accused of strangling a child on Oct. 5, 2023, in Concord.

#### Weare man has been arrested for theft

Mercy Mbarushimana, 21, of Weare was arrested on a felony attempted theft by unauthorized taking charge. He was accused of attempting to steal merchandise from Market Basket in Concord on Sept. 11, 2023, after being convicted twice before on theft charges.

#### Henniker woman possession of fentanyl

Alyson K. Orchard, 27, of Henniker was arrested on a felony controlled drug act; acts prohibited-fentanyl charge in Henniker.

#### Franklin man has been arrested for theft

Kevin D. Muzzey, 55, a homeless man now located in Franklin, was arrested on a felony receiving stolen property charge and theft by unauthorized taking with priors charge. He was accused of stealing copper wire from the NH Electrical Cooperative in Franklin on Oct. 10, 2023.

#### Sunapee Officer breaks up drunks fighting

On Friday, January 12th, Sunapee Officer-in-Training Cooper Dion, Officer Joseph Merullo, and Officer Nicholas Henault received a report of a fight in progress at The Anchorage Restaurant in Sunapee Harbor. OIT Dion, Ofc. Merullo, and Ofc. Henault responded to the scene and upon arrival, discovered that a fight with injury resulting had taken place between two individuals and that both individuals were already separated; both denied medical attention. Sunapee officers spoke with several witnesses and gathered additional information before releasing both involved individuals to sober responsible parties.

**Sunapee charges woman with simple assault** On January 13th, 2024 a warrant was issued for the arrest of Melissa Powell of Goshen, NH on the charge of Simple Assault, contrary to NH RSA 631:2-a, which is a Class B Misdemeanor. On January 15th, 2024 at approximately 15:20 hours, she turned herself in at the Sunapee Police Station. Sergeant Nicholas Boisvert escorted her to the Booking Room for booking and processing per department policy. She was then bailed and released at approximately 15:55 hours with a court date of March 5th, 2024 at the 5th Circuit Court in Newport, NH.

#### Cannan man driving after suspension

On January 23rd, Sergeant Nicholas Boisvert was conducting stationary radar on Route 11 near Sunapee Pizza Chef when he observed a vehicle traveling westbound at a high rate of speed. Sqt. Boisvert acquired a steady, audible reading of 47-MPH in a 35-MPH zone. Sqt. Boisvert activated his blue lights and stopped the vehicle on Route 11 near Winn Hill Road. Subsequent to speaking with the vehicle operator, identified as Ryan Ovitt of Canaan, NH, Sqt. Boisvert learned that Ovitt had suspended driver's license and registration privileges in the State of New Hampshire. Lieutenant Timothy Puchtler arrived on scene to assist. Subsequently, Ovitt was placed under arrest and charged with Suspension of Registration of Vehicle, contrary to NH RSA 261:178, which is a Class B Misdemeanor, and Driving after Revocation or Suspension. He was then transported to the Sunapee Police Department for booking and processing per department policy, then bailed and released.



Members of the Hopkinton Lions Club visited Harold Martin School last week and gifted each third grader their own dictionary. Students were excited to look through the pages and explore all they had to offer.





HOURS: M-F 7am-4:30pm; Sat. 7am-12pm

# Meighbors Remembered **6 (1997)**

#### **Michael Jon Tatro**

BENNINGTON - Michael Jon Tatro I of Bennington, NH, passed away on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 57 years



old. Mike was born May 6, 1966 to Doris Shouse and Gordon (Buzz) Tatro. Mike is survived by his mother Doris Shouse and his father Gordon (Buzz) Tatro, as well as his brother, Eugene and his sister Jo. He leaves behind his three boys, Michael II, Dustin, and Christopher Tatro, two step-children, Alyssa Warren

and Anthony Hill, and nine grandchildren, Quinn, Noah, Desmond, Leon, Dante, Natalia, Dexter, Bailey, and Aurora. He was predeceased by his step-daughter, Ariel Hill. His Celebration of Life will be held at the American Legion in Hillsborough, NH on February 3, 2024 from 1pm to 5pm.

#### Louise (Fairbanks) Parsons

GOFFSTOWN - Louise (Fairbanks) Parsons, 77, of Goffstown, passed away peacefully on Jan. 21, 2024, with her



family by her side. She was born in Lowell, MA on Feb. 11, 1946, to the late Elmer and Avis (Carleton) Fairbanks. She was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Earl T. Parsons, in 2021; a brother-in-law, Al Murphy and a sister-in-law, Janice (Timlin) Fairbanks. Louise is survived by four children, Kelly Parsons, Sean Parsons

and his wife, Stephanie, Jason Parsons and his wife, Kyla Trimbur, and Kevin Parsons and his wife, Kimberly Couture; six grandchildren, Melanie, Cameron, Tyler, Dylan, Connor and Logan; seven great-grandchildren, Jaythean, Naraihya, Nayellie, Nickayla, Nia-Skyy, Jyzaih and Kinsley Rose; three sisters, Judy Murphy, Bonnie Fairbanks and Linda Boucher and her husband, Dave; and many nieces and nephews. Louise is at peace and is reunited with the love of her life. Private burial at Gibson Cemetery in Pelham will be at the convenience of the family.

#### Albert J. Kolesinski Sr

HIILLSBORO - Albert Kolesinski, better known as "Ski," passed away peacefully on January 19, 2024 in Concord, New Hampshire at 77 years old. Originally from Boston Massachusetts and most recently a resident of Hillsboro, NH, Albert is preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Mary Kolesinski of Stoughton, MA: his wife Patricia of Charlestown, MA: his brother Paul Kolesinski and his wife Patricia of South Boston; his brother Joseph Kolesinski of Canton, MA. He is survived by his sister Maryellen Clark and his brothers Charles and Robert Kolesinski, all of Stoughton. He is also survived by his son Albert Jr. and his wife Tammi of Sacramento, CA, and his son John and his wife Theresa of Pacific, WA. He is also survived by his grandchildren Albert III and Rysa, both of Sacramento, and many nieces and nephews, and loved ones. There will be a Remembrance on Sunday, February 4th, 2024 at the Moose Lodge from 12:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. The Hillsboro Moose Lodge is located on 15 School Street, Hillsboro, NH 03244.

#### Karen L. (Bartley) Morrill

NEWPORT - Karen Louise (Bartley) Morrill lived in Newport with her loving husband, Wayne and her sons, Geoffrey Morrie and Lance Morrie. She leaves behind her father



Bruce, mother Sonya, Irish-twin sister Janice, brother Shawn, and nephew Eddie. Her married family includes stepson Kyle, stepdaughter Brittney, and five step-grandchildren, as well as her three fur-babies. Calling hours were held on Tuesday January 30, 2024 at Newton-Bartlett Funeral Home, 42 Main Street.

Newport, NH. A graveside service was held the following day at Pine Grove Cemetery in Newport, followed by a reception.

#### **Clifton LaBree**

NEW BOSTON - Clifton (Pops) LaBree, aged 90, long-time resident of New Boston, NH died peacefully on January 19,



2024 at the home of his daughter Vivian and son-in-law Chet Sytnik; loving caretakers for the last year of his life, in Bradner, Ohio. He is predeceased by wives, Yolande Coache, Pauline Robie, and son, Kevin LaBree. Cliff is survived by daughters: Evelyn LaBree of Rochester NH, Vivian Sytnik, Sharon LaBree

of Mount Vernon; sons: Michael LaBree and Gerald LaBree of Hillsborough, NH, and stepson Richard Robie of Naples, Florida. Pops enjoyed time spent with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Born in Monson, Maine, June 25, 1933, to Raymond and Evelyn (Heaney) LaBree. Memorial service will be held Saturday June 29, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the French and Rising Funeral Home, 17 South Mast Street, Goffstown NH 03045, followed by interment of the ashes at the family graveyard on Wilson Hill Road in New Boston.

#### **Riley R. Clayton**

NEWPORT - Riley R. Clayton, aka "Skinny," passed away this past weekend in Nashua NH. Born on June 7th,



1999, to Ralph Clayton and Brandy Lapine, Riley would also become the son of Brandy's husband, Jeff Lapine and Ralph's wife, Rebecca Clayton. Riley is predeceased by his Papa, Ralph E. Clayton Sr.; Mimi Carrol Clayton; Aunt Linda Clayton; Grandfather Michael Lapine; Cousin Nathan Clayton; Great Uncle

George Clayton; Gage Harris; and Jasmine Menard. Riley is survived by his parents Brandy Lapine and Jeff Lapine; Ralph Clayton Jr. and Rebecca Clayton; brothers Dallas Clayton, Phoenix Clayton, and Ryan Lapine; Sisters Angel Lewis, Ashlyn Lapine, Molly Miller, and Emily Miller; Grandparents Russell Bowne, Miriam Bowne, Joanne Lapine, Tammie Lapine and Nancy Clayton; niece Makenzie; Nephews Isaac, Jakey, Masyn, and Myles; Uncles Nick Bowne and Aaron Bunker, Chad Rivet, and Jason Manning; Aunts Lisa Clayton, Joanne Bowne, Rhonda Piecuch, Shelly Bowne, Tina Rivet, and Teri Manning; Cousins Cale and Cory Manseau, Stephanie Olivares, Chuck and Jesse Dubecky, Cody and Angelina Bowne, Brittney Bowne Dunham, Leslie Porter, Devin Porter, Julia Manning, and Domenic Manning; along with many friends and extended family who mourn his loss. Calling hours were held Saturday January 27th at Newton Bartlett Funeral Home on 42 Main St, Newport NH.

# **Events:** Community Bulletin Board

#### **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.

#### **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4**

COMMUNITY FORUM: with the Sunapee Recreation Committee! 11:00am-1:00pm. This is your opportunity to discuss and shape the future of our town's recreational activities and strategies. Location: Sherburne Gym. This forum is a great platform for you to voice your ideas, suggestions, and concerns about the recreational opportunities in Sunapee. Whether it's about parks, sports, community events, or any other recreational activities, your input is invaluable in helping us plan for a vibrant and engaging future. We'll be offering free coffee and doughnuts for all attendees.

#### **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6**

ANTRIM LEGION: American Legion Post 50 will hold their monthly meeting at the post home, 7 West St. at 7:30pm. All members, veterans and guests are welcome to attend. All veterans who served on active duty after Dec. 7, 1941 and were honorably discharged, are now eligible to join the Legion.

#### **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7**

PILLSBURY FREE LIBRARY: is sponsoring a NH Humanities program, History and Mystery: A Genealogy Starter Guide. This program will be presented by Erin Moulton at 6:30pm on Zoom. Join us to explore useful methods for research planning through the case study of Elsie Gaskin (an eccentric

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librarian from New Hampshire) and become a better researcher along the way.

WARNER ASSESSING: invites residents to join us at 5pm in the Lower Meeting room at the Town Hall during the Selectboard meeting with Loren Martin, Chief Assessor for Avitar Associates (Warner's new assessing company). It will be a great time for residents to ask questions and hear about Avitar's general procedures.

#### **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11**

**GRAPEVINE:** Snow Families Playday is back (this time on a Sunday). Indoor and outdoor activities for the whole family. We are excited to welcome our special guest, local turtle illustrator Matt Patterson (learn more about Matt HERE). Come join us for a morning of fun, light snacks and warm drinks! No registration required.

#### **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 5-7pm. 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.

# TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



A United States Food and Drug Administration mandate to limit the dosage of acetaminophen in pills that combine acetaminophen and opioid medications is significantly associated with subsequent reductions in serious liver injury, according to a study reported in the medical journal JAMA.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death worldwide, killing someone in the United States every 34 seconds, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A new study has found that in patients at high risk of developing cardiovascular disease, over 20 percent refused to take statin medications. They were particularly surprised to see that women were about 20 percent more likely than men to refuse statin therapy when it was first suggested by their physician, and 50 percent more likely than men to never accept the recommendation. The researchers wonder if this might be due in part to a false misconception that heart disease impacts men more than women, The study also showed that all patients who refused statin therapy developed higher LDL ("bad") cholesterol levels, likely increasing their risk even further. The results are published in JAMA Network Open. The study focused on high-risk patients who either had coronary artery or vascular disease, diabetes, very high cholesterol, or had suffered a stroke. All were recommended statin medications by their physicians to reduce their risk of heart attack and stroke and reduce cholesterol levels. The retrospective study included more than 24,000 patients. The study found that while about two-thirds of the patients who were being recommended statin therapy eventually tried it, about one-third never did.

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#### **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15**

**GRAPEVINE:** Community Supper in Antrim. Join your neighbors for a delicious meal offered at the First Presbyterian Church in Antrim, the 3rd Thursday of every month. February's meal is sponsored by the team at Bank of NH in Antrim! FREE and open to everyone.

#### **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17**

**GRAPEVINE:** How do you create family connections? Join us for a Parent Cafe for middle school families at Great Brook School in Antrim. Childcare and refreshments are available. A \$10 gas card will be offered to the first 15 registrants. To sign up, please call or email us. Offered in partnership with The River Center.

#### **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.

#### **WEDNESDAY MARCH 6**

FAMILY HISTORY: A second program on family history sponsored by Pillsbury Free Library will be held 6:30pm. Family Stories: How and Why to Remember and Tell Them. In this active and interactive program, storyteller Jo Radner shares foolproof ways to mine memories and interview relatives for meaningful stories. Participants practice finding, developing, and telling their own tales. Register at https://signup.com/go/ nKVRrom

# GUM DISEASE AND YOUR HEART



Q: Can gum disease cause other health problems? A: It's long been known that your oral health is

closely related to your overall health. New research has found that chronic periodontitis, an inflammatory gum disease, is potentially related to the severity of heart attacks, also called myocardial infarctions.

Researchers from the University of Granada in Spain studied 112 heart attack patients and tested them for a variety of conditions, including periodontal health. Their preliminary findings were that there is a relationship between gum disease and the severity of heart attacks. Their findings were published in the prestigious Journal of Dental Research under the title, "Acute myocardial infarct size is related to periodontitis extent and severity."

Research is continuing. Medical experts have known, however, that bacteria from gum infection - and from other ailments in the mouth - can get into the blood stream and cause problems. Researchers have found, for instance, that people who suffer from gum disease are twice as likely to suffer from coronary artery disease as those without gum disease. Several years ago, as published in the journal Obstetrics and Gynecology, doctors determined that in the case of a 35-year-old mother who had a stillborn birth, the baby's stomach and lungs contained the same strain of oral bacteria the mother had in her untreated gum disease. Talk with your dentist about the steps you can take to avoid gum disease.

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#### Town of Hillsborough NH LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Zoning Board of Adjustment • Case No. 2024-03

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:7 that the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on a Special Exception submitted by John Cilley to allow the conversion of the street level retail space into a four-bedroom residential apartment. The property is located at 118 West Main Street (Map 11P Lot 346) in the Commercial District.

The Public Hearing for this application will be presented to the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment Monday, February 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Office Meeting Room at 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

Please contact Planning Director Robyn Payson at 603-464-7971 or e-mail **robyn@hillsboroughnh.net** with any questions regarding this application.

#### Town of Hillsborough NH LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Zoning Board of Adjustment • Case No. 2024-02

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:7 that the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on a Special Exception submitted by James C. Larkin to allow a retail use in the Historic District. The property is located at 595 Center Road (Map 008 Lot 053).

The Public Hearing for this application will be presented to the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment Monday, February 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Office Meeting Room at 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

Please contact Planning Director Robyn Payson at 603–464–7971 or e-mail **robyn@hillsboroughnh.net** with any questions regarding this application.

### TOWN OF DEERING

#### Notice of Public Hearing Deering Town Hall Meeting Room

#### February 15, 2024 • 7:00PM

Pursuant to RSA 32:5,IV the Deering Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of reviewing and hearing public input on the 2024 Municipal Budget and related Warrant Articles.

The Public hearing is scheduled for **Thursday**, **February 15th**, 2024, at 7:00PM at the Deering Town Hall Meeting Room, 762 Deering Center Road, Deering, NH.

### TOWN OF WASHINGTON PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

#### February 13, 2024 Town Hall, 7:00 PM

Town of Washington will hold a Public Budget Hearing on **Tuesday, 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.

#### 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.

Sealed bids must be received by 5pm on February 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**.

#### 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**.

# Attention Candidates for School & Town Offices

Send us your photo and a brief statement of why you are running for that office and we'll publish it in our **MARCH 1**<sup>ST</sup> issue of The Messenger.

If you don't have a photo, stop by our office at 246 West Main Street in Hillsboro and we'll take one for you.

### DEADLINE FOR YOUR SUBMISSION IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

MAIL TO: The Messenger PO Box 1190, Hillsboro, NH 03244 or EMAIL: leighb@tds.net

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