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#### **Andover Town Administrator**

Scott E. Hilliard is a lifelong resident of



New Hampshire and currently resides in Northfield with his wife of 36 years. Scott retired as the Merrimack County Sheriff in 2019, having served

as Chief of Police in Northfield prior to being elected Sheriff in 2006. Scott and his wife, Jensine have two grown children. Scott Brings a vast amount of municipal and personnel experience. Scott enjoys the public service and is excited to work for the citizens of Andover and with the employees of the Town.

#### **NHADA Scholarship Winner**



Congratulations to Thomas Shepherd for being awarded the NHIAA / NHADA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship! Thomas was one of eight winners

statewide, and he was selected as the male recipient for Division III.

## This week in history

April 13, 1964

Sidney Poitier wins Best Actor Award

April 14, 1865

Abraham Lincoln is assassinated

**April 15, 1912** 

"Unsinkable Molly Brown" survives the Titanic

**April 16, 1943** 

Hallucinogenic effects of LSD discovered

April 17, 1961

JFK authorizes Bay of Pigs invasion

**April 18, 1938** 

Action Comic #1 debuts Superman

**April 19, 1802** 

Napoleon's forces suffer yellow fever



Multiple poles ripped from the ground on Route 114 in Weare shut down the road for an extended period during the last storm.

# Downed poles closed Route 114

#### No injuries reported as most of Weare was without power after last week's storm

A powerful nor'easter last Thursday morning took down a series of utility poles on a busy road in Weare.

Five Eversource owned utility poles fell on a stretch of Route 114 near Gould Road, toppled by the powerful winds that accompanied the storm. William Hinkle, of Eversource, said crews worked as fast as possible under severe weather conditions to remove the poles and restore power. The Weare police chief said there had been no reports of any injuries in the town caused by the storm.

More than 100,000 New Hampshire

customers lost power. Extensive damage caused by strong winds and fallen trees led to nearly 350 poles breaking. As of latest reports, less than 2,000 homes remain without power statewide. Utility crews are working diligently to bring power back to affected areas.

# Motorcyclist confirmed killed in fiery Bow accident

On Tuesday April 9th, the Bow Police Department responded to a crash at the intersection of Route 3A and Robinson Road involving a motorcycle and a box truck. The motorcycle was traveling southbound on Route 3A when it struck the passenger side of the box truck as the truck was turning left onto Robinson Road. The box truck caught fire from the impact which was later extinguished by the Hooksett Fire Department. The motorcycle operator, identified as Carson Hardy, 22 years old of Concord, NH, was pronounced deceased at the scene by Hooksett Fire Department personnel.

The New Hampshire Medical Examin-

er's Office was contacted and responded to the scene to determine the exact cause of death. Those results are pending.

The operator of the box truck, Bryan Floyd, 65 years old of Bow, NH is cooperating with the investigation. He sustained no injuries and did not need medical treatment.

# ORAL MICROBIOMES



The gut microbiome dominates the headlines, but it's not the only collection of tiny organisms that live inside you and affect your health. The oral microbiome - which populates the mouth and connects with the sinuses, larynx, trachea and lungs - harbors more than 700 species of bacteria. How do those bacteria get there, what do they do, and why should you be glad they mostly survived COVID-19?

Where do the bacteria in the oral microbiome originate? Many of the organisms have been with you since you were a young child. Food is definitely a factor, but there are many others: the people you kiss, the stuff you touch before bringing your hand to your mouth, the strains that grow on your old lip gloss. Nearly everything that enters your mouth has bacteria.

Why don't toothpaste and mouthwash kill the oral microbiome? You can kill surface bacteria with a thorough brush and gargle, but bacteria lodged deep in the gums, tongue and other soft tissue survive to replace them, which is why you go to bed minty and wake up with morning breath. And that's OK. Those good bacteria are vital to maintaining oral health and for the health of the lungs

How does that bacteria get from the mouth to the lungs? You inhale small amounts of saliva throughout your day. While this sounds unpleasant, it isn't necessarily bad. While we don't fully understand the impact on health, we do know the bacteria that enter your lungs impact your immune system, sometimes detrimentally but sometimes beneficially. This is still an active area of research.

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away of the body's muscles. The disease occurs due to a defective gene that results in absence of dystrophin, a protein that helps keep the body's muscle cells intact. As a result of this genetic defect, individuals with DMD may have symptoms such as trouble walking and running, falling frequently, fatique, learning disabilities/difficulties, heart issues as a result of impact on heart muscle functioning, and breathing problems due to weakening of respiratory muscles involved in lung function. Symptoms of muscle weakness associated with DMD typically begin in childhood, often between 3 to 6 years of age. DMD mainly affects males and in rare cases may affect females. About one in every 3,300 boys are affected by this disorder. As the disease progresses, life-threatening heart and respiratory problems can occur. Although disease severity and life expectancy vary, patients often succumb to the disease in their 20s or 30s because of heart and/or respiratory failure. Most current treatment approaches address the symptoms of the disease, but not its underlying genetic cause. Treatments include corticosteroid medications to slow down the progression of muscle weakness, stretching and exercise programs, and use of equipment such as braces or a wheelchair as walking becomes more difficult.

According to a report published in JAMA, a randomized clinical trial found that treatment with abatacept, cenicriviroc, or infliximab showed no significant difference of time to recovery compared with placebo for patients hospitalized with COVID-19 pneumonia.

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### John Simonds will not seek reelection as Sullivan County Sheriff



After a 35-year career in law enforcement, John Simonds, the High County Sheriff of Sullivan County will not seek re-election this year. The announcement of his retirement came after deliberation with his family.

"Every retiree ahead of me has told me that I'll know when the time

is right, and this is my 35th year in law enforcement," Simonds said. He noted that the general attitude

toward law enforcement across the country changed since he started his career in 1989.

"I've gotten to grow up in this job when it was a lot different than it is today. So, it's now my time to step away," Simonds said. Regarding the next sheriff, he leaves with some words of wisdom.

"Never lose your integrity. Integrity of police officers is no. 1 and the minute you lose the integrity, you might as well get out of the job. So, whoever takes my place, I would just wish for them to always maintain

For the people of Sullivan County, Simonds said, "I'm extremely thankful to the community for supporting me, with the support that I had from over my entire career, but especially as an elected official."

### New Dean of the School of Nursing & Health Sciences



Peter White has been named Colby-Sawyer College's next Dean of the School of Nursing & Health Sciences.

White, who has been serving as the school's interim dean since January, joined the Colby-Sawyer biology faculty in 2001. He holds a BS from the University

of Massachusetts-Dartmouth and a PhD in cellular and molecular biology from Indiana State University. In his more than 20 years at the college, he has served as a professor in the School of Arts & Sciences and has been an active member of all standing governance committees. He was named the Sonja C. and William H. Davidow Endowed Chair in 2021.

"As a professor, advisor, committee member and researcher, Dr. White demonstrates an unflagging commitment to our students, faculty and staff, liberal education, and the college's mission, vision and values," Academic Vice President and Dean of Faculty Eden

Wales Freedman said. "He has been interim dean of the School of Nursing & Health Sciences since January 2024 and was unanimously recommended by SNHS faculty and staff to continue as dean."

As dean, White leads the school at an exciting time, as it prepares for the fall 2024 opening of the Janet Udall Schaefer Center for Health Sciences, a \$19 million, 20,500-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility. He will provide leadership and management to undergraduate, graduate and professional programs and clinical partnerships.

"The faculty and staff in the School of Nursing & Health Sciences are a remarkably talented and dedicated group," White said. "It's quite an honor to be named dean of the school and to have this opportunity to help lead our outstanding programs into the future."

White's previous leadership roles at the college include co-chair of the Assessment Committee, faculty moderator, member of the steering committee for New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) accreditation and faculty representative on the Budget Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and Senior Leadership Team.

White will begin his five-year appointment in summer 2024.

# Kristen Lundeen receives 1st Award for a NH Paraprofessional



Weare Middle School's Kristen Lundeen has been named the 2024 Educational Support Professional of the Year. She will be honored with all the 2024 EDies Award recipients at The Excellence in Education Award Ceremony (EDies) at the Double-Tree by Hilton Man-

chester Downtown on June 8, 2024.

This is the first time the Educational Support

Professional Honor Award has been presented. The National Education Association of New Hampshire (NEA-NH) is the sponsoring organization of the award.

Kristen Lundeen is a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) and Paraprofessional II at the Weare Middle School. She began as a paraprofessional at WMS in 2016 and has continued as both a para and RBT at the school since earning her RBT certification in 2020.

"Kristen is such a passionate and caring professional who desires the best outcome for all students in our community," said Weare Middle School Principal Jon Barry. "It is no surprise to me or anyone at WMS that she would be chosen for and receive this honor," Principal Barry continued.

# Tractor-trailer rollovers close I-89 both north & southbound

The driver of a fully loaded tractor-trailer was uninjured following a rollover crash on Interstate 89 southbound in Warner.

On April 3, 2024, State Troopers from the Troop D and Troop G, as well as members of the Warner Fire Department and Sutton Fire Department, responded to the report of a tractor-trailer rollover on I-89 in the Warner near mile marker 21.6.

Upon arrival, responding units found a tractor-trailer that had overturned off to the right side of the roadway. The trailer had been fully loaded with shingles before the rollover.

The driver, Harprit Sidhu, 42, of Brampton, Ontario, was uninjured in the crash. The tractor-trailer was the only vehicle involved.

The travel lane of I-89 southbound was shut down for several hours as crews cleaned up the scene.

While all aspects of the crash

remain under investigation, several miles before the area of the rollover, the truck had passed a Trooper, who was also traveling south, at a high rate of speed despite snowy road conditions. Sidhu was cited for driving at speeds too fast for the existing conditions.

Meanwhile, in Grantham, a cleanup was ongoing after a fully loaded tractor-trailer, which had been carrying lumber, rolled over and lost part of its cargo.

State Troopers from the Troop D barracks, along with officers from the Grantham Police Department and Springfield Police Department, as well as the Grantham Fire Department, responded to a report of a tractor-trailer rollover on the northbound side of Interstate 89 in the town of Grantham, near mile marker 41.

Upon arrival, responding units found a tractor-trailer had overturned on the rightside guardrail and an extensive



amount of debris and lumber strewn across the interstate.

The driver, identified as Romero Niorge, 36 of Miami, FL was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The tractor-trailer was the only vehicle involved in the

crash and there were no other injuries reported.

While all aspects of the crash remain under investigation, it is believed driver inattention was likely a factor.

The operator was also cited for driving without a valid

license.

The crash and its causing factors is still under investigation. If anyone has information regarding this incident, please contact Trooper Kevin Belanger at (603) 451-9324 or Kevin.J.Belanger@ dos.nh.gov.

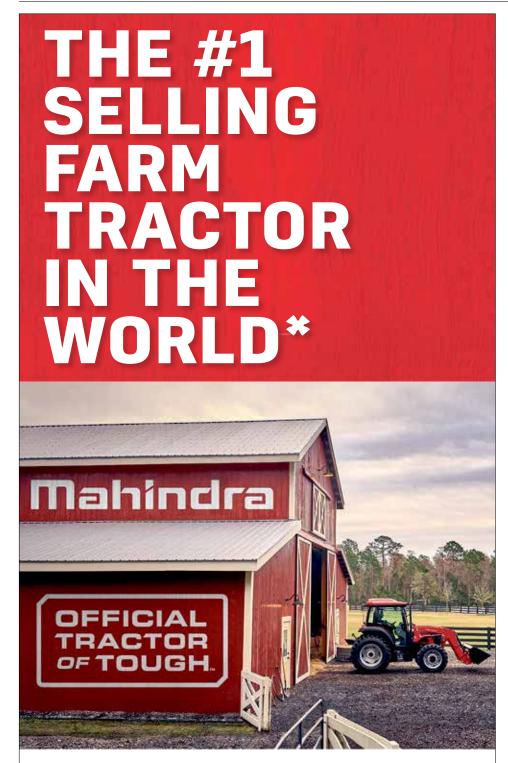


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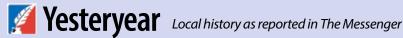


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#### **April 14, 2023**

Toppled trees destroy Warner home Shooting at New Boston Space Station was justified Henniker's Rustic Rose Tavern holds Grand Opening Help sought for Greenfield family who lost home to fire

#### **April 15, 2022**

Sunapee Police Chief David Cahill retires Weare Celebrates 250 Pine Tree Riot anniversary Bennington man indicted on 10 counts of Child Porn Hillsborough ZBA approves variances for 84 unit complex

#### **April 16, 2021**

New Boston nurse assaults patient Antrim Police Chief Scott Lester retiring Search team finds missing elderly Hillsborough woman Hancock Board discusses vehicle problems

#### **April 17, 2020**

Bradford's Fenton family always ready to help Renovation of Peterborough Library begins Windsor man confined to psychiatric hospital New Boston's Nathan Noyes to lead State Police

#### **April 16, 2019**

Computer scam targets New London senior citizens Antrim Selectmen concerned with speed on Main Street Weare man arrested for indecent exposure Antrim woman sentenced to 12 months suspended

#### **April 13, 2018**

2nd head-on collision in 2 weeks at same spot Henniker Police arrest man for attempted abduction Weare Police understaffed with excessive overtime Lockdown at Hillsboro-Deering High School

#### **April 14, 2017**

Student's toy gun causes alarm at ConVal Gordon MacDonald confirmed as Attorney General State and local officials discuss "Death Alley" accidents Drug Czar meets with ConVal Substance Task Force

#### **April 18, 2016**

Colby-Sawyer senior dies on I-89 Ambulance service dominates Newport debate Hancock Police arrest pair wanted for multiple crimes Henniker approves changes to Western Avenue project

#### **April 10, 2015**

Parlin Field will not be sold Goffstown Lt. receives Lifetime Achievement Award Bow Selectmen adopt new street numbering system Sullivan replaces Campbell as Bennington Police Chief

#### **April 11, 2014**

Dream of New London Community Center dashed Board rejects Hopkinton Fair's PILOT Agreement Dunbarton man arrested twice in a week for DWI Ice skater collapses at Blodgett's Landing

# Failure to renew ConVal Athletic Director's contract draws protest



Over 1,600 ConVal parents, students, alumni and community members had signed a

change.org petition protesting the non-renewal of ConVal Athletic Director Kevin Proctor's contract at the end of the school year. Proctor, who has been Con-Val's girls' basketball coach since 2017 and is a ConVal alum, was appointed athletic director in 2022.

The petition states:

"Recently, we have learned that the CV school district did not renew Kevin Proctor's contract as Athletic Director. This has come as a shock to anyone who has worked alongside him or watched him work. There has been no reason given for this cause of action. Kevin has been highly motivated and dedicated to all the students' best interests not only for sports, but also through numerous clubs.

"In the past two years, Kevin has made great strides of growth within the CV community. The school's athletics have endured challenging times, and he inherited a difficult and challenging situation to get back on track. Many students fondly refer to Kevin as "K-Proct," showing his approachability to the students.

In many people's opinion – parents, students, and coaches alike, Kevin is the best thing that could have happened to CVHS sports."

ConVal boys lacrosse head coach Bob Taylor said Proctor "is the most fantastic AD anyone could ever ask for, and the community needs to hear why. We need to hear the reason. We're all totally in the dark about why this is happening. It's hard to understand how anyone could be so out of touch with how important Kevin is to this community. We need to know where this is coming from, because it's the wrong call."

Taylor said a lot of concerned parents and community members were planning to attend Tuesday night's regular School Board meeting.

Superintendent Kimberly Rizzo-Saunders has issued the following statement:

"Our practice is not to issue comments about personnel matters, including non-renewals, unless there are extenuating circumstances which make it appropriate. There are no such extenuating circumstances here and therefore, there is no public statements at this time."

At the recent ConVal School Board meeting, a group pf ConVal student-athletes hung a handmade banner reading "We Want K-Proc!" in the conference room, and about 20 members of the public spoke on behalf of Proctor, with many stating that not renewing his contract was a mistake. Speakers supporting Proctor received applause from the large crowd.

ConVal senior and student body president Charlie Savage echoed the sentiments of the crowd, saying, "I encourage you to look around you," he said. "When was the last time a group of teens took such an interest in a School Board issue? Kevin Proctor has gone above and beyond to build students up. He is an asset to the school, and we think he should stay. We believe not hiring him back is a mistake, and we ask you to listen to us."



New London Firefighters had a busy 24 hours on April 4th. From 4:30am to 11:00pm, crews responded to just under 25 calls for service, including a tractor trailer being recovered on Interstate 89 Northbound around 2:00 in the afternoon. New London Fire provided traffic control.



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# Around Our Towns



More than 150 people came to John Stark Regional High School on April 8 for the SAU 24 eclipse viewing party.





An enormous thank you to Dick Quinn and the rest of the St. Mary/St. Theresa Knights of Columbus who collected a whopping 853 lbs of food from their Easter food drive! The proceeds were delivered to the Henniker Food Pantry.



A large crowd gathered on the lawn of Hillsborough's Fuller Public library for an Eclipse Viewing Party.

#### Henniker Select Board & Economic Development Committee host Public Forum on Main Street issues

Representatives from Central NH Regional Planning will present data and findings from a study of traffic volumes, speed data, pedestrian counts, pedestrian crossing locations, and parking utilization along Henniker's Main Street.

The Henniker Select-Board and the Economic Development Committee seek public input on current conditions and needs of the Main Street area and evaluate options for making improvements that may better fit the present and future needs of the community. All unique perspectives from stakeholders, engaged citizens, businesses, organizations, and people of all ages are invited to attend and participate in this public forum. Light refreshments will be provided.

The public forum will take place on April 23, 2024, at 6:00pm at the Henniker Community Center, 57 Main St., Henniker NH 03242. People may watch and listen to the live or recorded meetings via the Live Stream link on the town

website.
For more information.

contact Diane Kendall, Town Administrator, at 603-4283221 x105 or diane.kendall@hennikernh.gov.



The Bow Board of Selectmen. Seated on the left is Chair Angela Brennan and Vice Chair Eleana Colby. Standing from left to right is Ian Flanagan, Christopher Nicolopoulos and Kip McDaniel. —Courtesy

#### Antrim accepts a Highway Safety Block Grant

At the request of Police Chief John Blake, the Antrim Select Board accepted a Highway Safety Block Grant in the amount of \$5,727.53 to be used for Enhanced DWI patrols and mobile printers in the cruisers. The town's match is limited to \$631.88.

John Anderson, Jennifer Crowell and Rick Edmunds were appointed to the newly formed Tax Incentive Finance District Committee.

Zachery Anderson and Monica Hagelberg were approved to join the ambulance squad. Donna Hanson will continue as Interim Town Administrator and Scott Lester will assume the role of Interim assistant Town administrator.

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# Hancock Elementary School students complete a hand-made mosaic

Hancock Elementary School students recently completed a hand-made mosaic with the help of local artist Julie Brown.

Brown, parent to an HES third-grader, visited with HES students to teach them about the steps to make a mosaic. The project began with students creating a design that was then voted on by staff and students. A total of 43 designs were received.

The final design, a tree changing through the four

seasons, was submitted by fourth-grader Nora Flamino.

Students worked on the project for a week, adding tiles Monday through Thursday before Brown helped with grouting Friday. The completed mural features the original tree design along with the HES husky mascot and other representations of the Hancock community.

The mural will be mounted outside the school's main office.

"We are thrilled to have had



The mural, featuring a tree in all four seasons and elements that are special to the Hancock community, is on display outside the Elementary School main office. Photo Courtesy of Conval School.

this opportunity to have such a talented artist and committed member of the HES community visit with our students for this special event," stated Principal Jessica Vezina. "The mural turned out beautifully, and will make an amazing addition to our school for years to come."



Contemporary puppet artist Dan Hurlin returns to Antrim on April 14 for a special screening of "Puppet," a documentary about his work, at 2 p.m. at the Antrim First Presbyterian Church Hall, 73 Main Street. The presentation is free and geared to adults over 16 years of age. The program will be followed by a question-and-answer session. Courtesy Photo.



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On Sunday, the Henniker Area Rotary Club hosted 16 Club winners in the Semi-Finals of the District 4-Way Test Speech Contest, a competition offered to high school students where the student must prepare a five to seven minute speech on any topic, judged by how it meets the Rotary Four-Way Test: 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? Five speakers qualified for the District Finals.















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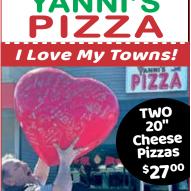
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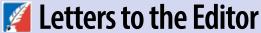
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#### Warner's Committee Members Review – You Decide

On Monday, April 1st the Warner Select Board held a meeting at 1:00 in the afternoon (not exactly conducive to working families). That night the Planning Board held their monthly and Annual officer's elections. As I sat and attended both I felt how appropriate that it was April 1st, it seemed like April Fool's Day was playing out.

On the Select Board's agenda was "Annual Appointments-Reappointments for boards and committees". The Select Board Chair felt this board could take it upon themselves to "decide" whether or not a person on the Planning Board or the Zoning Board could be removed. He cited a case from the 90's in the town of Newbury, where they removed the Planning Board Chair, who had been the Chair for years for no apparent reason.

Then the Planning Board Chair had her moment to rebuke his claims. She asked about renewals after the Select Board Chair stated no hearings, etc., and the answer from him was that the BOS has the power to remove anyone they want without a cause. That statement caused members in the audience to speak out. Even though the Select Board have the right to review other board members, they stated, there had never been a reason to do this.

The Planning Board Chair cited RSA 673:13. RSA673:13-I: "After a public hearing, appointed members and alternate members of an appointed local land use board may be removed by the appointing authority upon written finds of inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office." She went on to say that the town must also have criteria set in place as to what constitutes their decision making. It appears Warner does not have this.

Later that evening the Planning Board held their Annual vote for the Chair and Vice Chair. The vote was 4:3 to keep the Chair. One of the opposed members was the Select Board Chair. So, I ask you, should he recuse himself when the vote is taken at the Select Board Meeting? Another opposing member made a statement that the Planning Board Chair needs to be able to communicate with the public, be level headed, and handle large amounts of research. I will state after watching the Planning Board Chair present 13 pages of research, including RSA 673:13 to the Select Board on what is necessary to conduct reviews of board members, I would say she did her homework. I believe the Select Board had no idea that they were to follow the State's RSA. She handles her committee in a professional manner, open to the public's questions, and does her research on RSA's pertinent to whatever issue is presented. I was thankful the other Select Board member was not comfortable with taking a vote at that time as they were missing their 3rd member.

On Tuesday, April 16th at 5:00pm, the Select Board will meet to discuss the annual appointments. Please note that RSA673:13 stated there must be a Public Hearing. There must be proof of neglect of duty or malfeasance. It appears to me this BOS Chair feels he can take it upon himself to change the way this town has operated for years and try to remove someone without just cause.

I hope as many Warner residents will be able to attend this meeting and make their voices heard. Come

support not only the Planning Board Chair and another Planning Board member who is up for renewal, but make sure any board member is given a fair review. After all, appointed committee members are town volunteers, not paid employees.

Natalie J. Wells, Warner

#### **Dear Editor:**

Facts, not feelings regarding Ukraine:

You recently ran an editorial about why we should be supporting the battle in the Ukraine. They appealed to emotion, but provided little in the way of historical context. Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

Russia during its entire existence has been subject to repeated invasions going all the way back to the Mongol hoards.

More recently however just from western Europe they have since 1600 invaded Russia 7 times. Not once did Russia ever invade Western Europe! Yes, they created a buffer zone known as the Warsaw pact after WWII due to legitimate security concern after they were invaded once again.

During the late 40's, 50's and 1960's we isolated Russia with NATO.

1994 Then President Clinton made some assurances he wanted to "partner in peace" with Russia and went into overdrive to expand NATO to the old Russian dominated countries.

Putin repeatedly has said that the Ukraine and some other countries were red flags as far as NATO goes.

The west and the big giant brains in Washington have repeatedly ignored Russia's legitimate concerns about encroachment from western Europe.

Reagan was one of the biggest offenders after the iron curtain came down wanted to spike the football by putting missiles as close as possible to Moscow. Gorbachev was a reasonable man thought mistakenly that there was now no reason to expand NATO. He was wrong and we missed the first of many golden opportunities to give closure to the cold war.

All any of the last 7-8 Presidents had to do was say NATO will never expand beyond what it had been. There would be no Ukraine war today!

We could have even invited Russia to join NATO. There has been no recognition of the 10's of millions of Russians who have died in all these past invasions from western Europe. No apologies.

All Russia wanted were guarantees of security and all our Harvard educated snots could not even go that far. Why is that? There is no money in peace, no power to be gained. Remember Eisenhower and the Military Industrial Complex?

So now we are holding the coats of the Ukrainians and willing to fight heroically on You Tube until the last Ukrainian has died. For what? Ukraine would be at peace today if someone had just honestly gone up to Putin and chatted with him about his concerns. Oh Wait! Trump wanted to do just that and was excoriated for being a Putin lover! Putin would be in our camp instead we drove him into a suicide pact with China. How is

# Letters to the Editor

that working out?

We almost went to war when Russia attempted to put nukes and military assets in Cuba in the early 1960's. Have we learned nothing? Somehow it is Ok for us to do it to them.

We complain about real or imagined Russian interference in our elections yet under Obama we overturned a legitimate election in the Ukraine as a result, a pro-Russian Prime minister lost. Now we have Trump again and RFK Jr. saying the same thing about our compulsion to get into needless conflicts. They are both being vilified.

Hope you are ready to send more poor White, Black and Brown skinned kids to fight another needless conflict because it sure as hell it won't be the well connected young gentry fighting the next war...again.

This country is being ill served in so many ways.

Frank Pearsall, Hillsborough



# Newbury's Rescue Boat now on Lake Sunapee for the Season

There may still be snow on the ground, but ice is out on Lake Sunapee. As people are starting to be out on the lake, first responders need to be ready to respond to any emergency.

Newbury Police and Fire Rescue Boat 2 is now on

Lake Sunapee for the season, moored at the Newbury Town Dock. Once the floating docks are put in the lake, the boat will be relocated to the fire boat dock near the caboose. Be aware that the lake water temperature is still very cold. Wear a life jacket when you are out on the lake.



The Peterborough Police Department had three promotions. Sergeant Boggis was promoted to Administration Lieutenant and Sergeant Xenakis to Patrol Lieutenant. Master Patrolman Sweeney was promoted to Patrol Sergeant. Congratulations! Pictured left to right, Lt. Xenakis, Sgt. Sweeney, Lt. Boggis.



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**Christopher Lee** 

### **Toby Colby** Pair of Newport fugitives still at large

The Newport Police Department is actively seeking the whereabouts of two fugitives who are believed to be located in the greater Newport Area. Good faith efforts to apprehend both of them have been made, and they are now turning to the public for assistance.

Christopher Lee is wanted by the New Hampshire Department of Corrections for violation of his parole, stemming from a charge of failure to register as a sexual offender. Lee is also wanted by the Newport

Police Department for a new felony charge for failing to register as a sexual offender.

Toby Colby is wanted by the Newport Police Department for a misdemeanor charge of Domestic Violence; Criminal Mischief, and a misdemeanor charge of Violation of a Protection Order by the New Hampshire State Police. If you have any information which could lead to the apprehension of these two people, please contact the Newport Police Department at 603-863-3232.

First Annual Spelling Bee benefits Greenfield Meeting House

Announcing the First Annual Greenfield Spelling Bee on Saturday, May 4th, 2024 from 10am-12pm with doors opening at 9:30am. The event will take place at Greenfield Meetinghouse. Sponsoring this event are the Friends of the Greenfield Meetinghouse and the Stephenson Memorial Library.

This family-friendly event is open to the public. Parking is free at the Greenfield Meetinghouse.

Pre-registration is open to all local residents and is ongoing until April 20th. Participants can register at the Stephenson Memorial Library, 761 Forest Rd., Greenfield, NH 03047. Registration fee is \$10 to be paid the day of the event, and \$5 for each additional

child per family.

The Spelling Bee is open to children 7-14 years old. The four age groups are 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 10 & 11 and 13 & 14. Cash prizes will be given for first, second and third places for each age group.

Call for sponsorship from local businesses. Three sponsorship levels are available. Worker Bee Sponsorship at \$50, Drone Bee Sponsorship at \$150 and Queen Bee sponsorship at \$250. Sponsors can make checks payable to the Friends of the Greenfield Meetinghouse. Mail to PO Box 256, 7 Sawmill Rd., Greenfield, NH 03047. Online donations can be made at https://www.greenfieldmeetinghouse.org/donate







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Three students auditioned and participated in the NH All-State Festival last week. Faith Daley (trumpet, band) and Noah Daley (clarinet, orchestra) left photo, and Louisa Kott (soprano, treble choir) right photo, had a great time using their work and talents to represent Hillsboro. Noah was awarded a certificate for attending for all four years he was in high school. He also attended the New England Music Festival for three years.



Dr. Brooks Gibbs, a social psychologist, presented at both HDMS and HDES on resilience and character building. Dr. Gibbs has spoken at over 3000 schools over the last 25 years and brought real life experiences, humor, and excellent strategies to the students in grades 3 through 8. Dr. Gibbs talked about how the best way to deal with someone giving you a hard time is to not react and treat them like a friend. The students were engaged and really enjoyed their time with Dr. Gibbs. This event, as well as a few others, was funded through the generosity of the Duncan-Jenkins Trust.





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MacDowell's Colony Hall.

# Peterborough's MacDowell receives \$600,000 Mellon grant

The Mellon Foundation has awarded a \$600,000 grant to MacDowell. The foundation will distribute the non-restricted grant to MacDowell over a period of two years to ensure the program benefits the widest range of artists possible. It is MacDowell's first grant from the Mellon Foundation.

"This generous grant from the Mellon Foundation is crucial to our ability to continue to offer uninterrupted time and private studio space to artists," stated Mac-Dowell Executive Director Chiwoniso Kaitano. "It is especially gratifying that it comes from an organization that sees common purpose with us at this critically important time. Mellon's generosity and passion for equity in the arts aligns with our own efforts to ensure future cohorts of fellows continue to reflect our vision and our commitment to artists from all backgrounds and from all regions of the world."

The MacDowell residency program offers artists a

balance of community, camaraderie, solitude and dedicated work time. MacDowell provides a private studio, three meals a day and a cohort of other artists to share ideas and build community, so fellows may prioritize the freedom to think deeply, to recharge and to create.

MacDowell, which has provided more than 16,000 residencies to artists working in all disciplines, was established by composer Edward MacDowell and pianist Marian MacDowell, his wife, in 1907. When Edward died in 1908, Marian worked tirelessly to ensure artists, "regardless of social station," would find a sanctuary in Peterborough, with the time and space to do their best work for the betterment of society. MacDowell strives to make its residency program accessible and possible for all artists. MacDowell Fellows with demonstrated financial need are eligible to receive travel grants and stipends that offset expenses accrued at home during their residency.



Greenfield, NH Volunteer Fire Department PD & Town of Wilton, NH Ambulance Service were dispatched to Forest Road for a reported motor vehicle accident involving a utility pole. After the power was shut off EMS gained access to the patient for evaluation. One patient was transported as a precaution. Forest Road was closed between Rocky Point Road and Zephyr Lake Road during this incident. Eversource NH & Mutual Aid power companies from Pennsylvania responded to shut off the power and to secure the lines. At about 4:00 p.m. Mike's Towing & Recovery recovered the vehicle and the fire department cleared the scene. Utility companies remained awaiting a new pole.



# Snowboarding just came naturally for Miles Sattely

In his second season of competitive snowboarding, the 9-year-old from New London again qualified for

the United States of America Snowboard and Freeski Association (USASA) National Champion-

ships. Sattely is competing in the overall competition in the boys "Grommet" age group (9-10-yearolds) this week at nationals. which began Sunday at Copper Mountain in

Colorado.



New London fourth-grader Miles Sattely heads downhill during a recent competition. Courtesy Photo.

The New London Elementary School fourth-grader again qualified in all five disciplines (slalom, giant slalom, slopestyle, halfpipe and boardercross) this winter as a member of the fullseason competiand his dad, Josh, who joined the Ragged Mountain program as an assistant coach this year, are staying in Colorado with a family from Vermont they met on the racing circuit.

tive free ski and ride program for 8-17-year-olds at

Ragged Mountain. Sattely, who placed third over-

all in the "Ruggie"

age group

(7-8-year-

60 in the

slopestyle on Monday

and 35th out of 46 in

the halfpipe

on Sunday.

"I'm looking

forward to

having fun

and meet-

ing new

people,"

Sattely

said of

competing

at nation-

als again.

Sattely

#### SOFTBALL

Monadnock 10, Hopkinton 3: The Hawks trailed 3-0 early, but put together a few hits to tie the game in the third inning before the Huskies scored several more runs in the fifth inning thanks to aggressive at bats and Hopkinton miscues.

#### BASEBALL

Monadnock 12, Hopkinton 8: The Hawks found themselves down 7-0 after the top of the first inning, but plated four runs of their own in the bottom of the frame. Hopkinton would score two more runs in the second inning on a great squeeze bunt base hit by Michael Pantano and a Czarkowski single to make it 7-6. The Huskies tallied a few more runs to make the score 9-6 at the end of three, 10-6 at the end of six, and 12-6 after the top of the seventh inning. The Hawks recorded two more runs in their last at-bats and had two runners on in scoring position when the third out was made.





#### **BOYS LACROSSE**

Hopkinton 8, Bow 7 OT: Like Division III semifinals last June, Hopkinton required overtime to decide the outcome between the two rivals. Like last June, it was the Hawks who prevailed in over-time with an 8-7 win thanks to the game-winning goal from Hopkinton's Merrick Chapin.

Hollis-Brookline 16, H-D/John Stark 1: Hollis-Brooklin dominated from the opeening. Chase Twombly scored HDJS' lone goal.

Campbell 9, Kearsarge 2: Kearsarge trailed 5-2 in the third quarter and Campbell scored four more goals in the fourth to secure the victory.

#### **GIRLS LACROSSE**

Bow 18, Hopkinton 5: Bow got out to an early lead, and in a repeat performance of last year's season opener, showcased its speed and work rate, forcing Hopkinton to give up possession. The Falcons converted on their chances and played a complete game. For Hopkinton, Meier impressed on defense and Chase

scored her first varsity goal.



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# **Obituaries:** Friends & Neighbors Remembered

#### Kimberly Frances Taylor

DOVER - Kimberly Frances Taylor, age 62, of Dover, NH, formerly of Hillsborough, unexpectedly passed away



from a cerebral hemorrhage January 8, 2024. She was born on June 2, 1961, in Concord, NH. Kim is survived by her husband of fourteen years, Lynn; her mother and father, Lee and Fred Reischer; two sisters, Kristine Scholtz-Ohlund and Karrie Reischer; brother, Kristopher Reischer; two daughters, Elesha

Martel and Charity Fodor; and son, Stephen Martel. She is preceded in death by her son, Christopher Martel. A Celebration of Kim Taylor's Life will be held on May 18, 2024, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Renew Church Hancock, 53 Elmwood Road, Hancock, NH. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Renew Church Hancock, P.O. Box 12, 53 Elmwood Road, Hancock, NH 03449-0012.

#### **Mark Fellows**

HOPKINTON - Mark A. Fellows, 59, of Hopkinton died



on March 24, 2024 after a period of declining health. He is survived by his son, Raymond A. Fellows: his parents, Thomas and Nancy Fellows; his brother, Richard and wife, Abigail; and nephew, Isaac Fellows. At his request there will be no services. Assisting the family with arrangements is the Cremation

Society of NH, Boscawen.

#### Alfred W. Descenza

ESSEX - Alfred (Fred) W. DeScenza, 95, of Essex, owner and former President of DeScenza Diamonds, passed



away peacefully April 1, surrounded by his family and his beloved wife of 72 years, Shirley Tyler DeScenza. Born on June 13, 1928 in Medford, MA to the late Alfred F. DeScenza and Bertha (Silver) DeScenza. Fred will be missed dearly by his loving wife of 72 years, Shirley Tyler DeScenza; his children, Sheryl

DeScenza Tacy and her husband, Kevin Tacy, Deborah DeScenza, Diane DeScenza Herth and her husband, John Herth, Alison DeScenza Hodgman and her husband, Lucian Hodgman, A Tyler DeScenza and his wife, Suzann DeScenza; 11 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beloved sisters, Ethel M. DeScenza and Doris (DeScenza) MacIsaac. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Fred's memory to Farmsteads of New England (farmsteads-NE.org) 213 Center St, Hillsborough, NH. 03244.

#### **Kathy Ann Huard**

SALEM - Kathy Ann Huard was born on June 23, 1949 to the late Lester and May Rysnik of Hillsboro NH. She passed peacefully on March 4, 2024 surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband Paul, her daughters and their families: Rebecca and Rick Sousa of Millbury MA, and Amy and Jason Dailey of Salem NH. She is



the proud Mia to 4 grandchildren: Isabel Sousa, Jack Dailey, Nate Sousa and Michaela Dailey. She is sister to John Rysnik and Nancy Ohringer, along with being an aunt to many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Dollars for Scholars in her memory. It was her wish to create a high school

scholarship for future educators graduating from Salem High School. Please mail to: Salem Dollars for Scholars, PO box 297, Salem NH 03079.

#### **Connor T. Stiles**

WARNER - After a valiant fight against a formidable foe, Connor succumbed to brain cancer on April 5, 2024.



Connor was born on November 25, 1994. Connor leaves behind his parents, Thomas and Maureen (O'Malley) Stiles, a sister, Ellen Stiles and a brother, Patrick Stiles and his close friends, George Benoit and Dylan Goldstein, along with his German Shepherd Ridley (a/k/a Shadow). His extended family

of Uncles and Aunts, James and Erin O'Malley, Jane Collins, John O'Malley, William and Judith Stiles, and Carolyn Stiles who sent him stories of adventure and intrigue to help Connor through his illness. Cousins Jack and Grace O'Malley, Kellie Collins, Maura and David Nolan, Lillian and Sam Olivier and Lydia Haas. Connor was predeceased by his Grandparents, John O'Malley, Yves and Glenice (O'Malley/Fannon) Nadeau and Walter and Janet (Mallett) Stiles. Friends may call at the Chadwick Funeral Home, 235 Main Street, New London, NH on Friday, April 12, 2024 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to The Prouty at Dartmouth (Please make checks to D-HH/The Prouty), D-H/Geisel Office of Gift Recording, One Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756.

#### **John Edmund Hayes**

HANCOCK - John Edmund Hayes, 79, of Hancock, passed away peacefully on March 23, 2024, at Summer-



hill Assisted Living in Peterborough. He was born in Virginia Beach, VA, on April 3, 1944, the son of John and Georgene (McCarthy) Hayes. John is survived by his wife, Deborah, of Hancock; his children, Jennifer Whitlow and her husband, Richard Whitlow, of West Haven, CT: Kristin Claire, and her husband, Richard

Patenaude, of Henniker, NH; his brother, Raymond Hayes and his wife, Barbara, of Deep River, CT; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John's name to: The Lewy Body Dementia Association (www.lbda.org); or to the Harris Center of Hancock. A Celebration of John's life will be held at the Harris Center in Hancock on Saturday, May 25, from 2 to 4. Burial will be private in Norway Plain Cemetery, Hancock, on Saturday, May 25.

# **Events:** Community Bulletin Board

#### **FRIDAY APRIL 12**

PLAN NH CHARRETTE: for Sunapee is on April 12 and 13, with a focus on Sunapee Harbor. The Livery in Sunapee Harbor Public Input Sessions: Friday, April 12th Session 1: 3:30-5:00pm OR Session 2: 6:30-8:00pm. Public Presentation: Saturday, April 13th at 3:00pm. What is a charrette? A charrette is a two-day brainstorming session where professionals come together with town officials, civic members, and the public to craft recommendations for the future of Sunapee. This charrette will add to the workshop completed by Plan NH in 2007 which inspired the efforts to preserve The Livery building in Sunapee Harbor. All are welcome. Registration is open now.

HILLSBORO AMERICAN LEGION: at 5:30pm. Meat Raffle by Legionnaires.

#### **SATURDAY APRIL 13**

FILM SERIES: "Moving Towards Healing: Exploring Social Concerns through Film." The "Fostering Community Conversations on Racial Justice" group and the James A. Tuttle Library in Antrim are sponsoring a monthly in-person film series. Films will be shown at 10:30am on the second Saturday of the month; each will be followed by a community conversation. On Saturday, April 13, the film will be Dakota 38, a documentary about the 330-mile ride on horseback by Native American elder Jim Miller and others to commemorate the 1862 execution of 38 Dakota and the relocation of the people from their tribal homeland. The film was created to encourage healing and reconciliation. **SILENT AUCTION:** 1:00pm at Hillsboro Christian School. Gift Cards, baskets for all occasions, handmade items, entertainment & experiences.

YOGA FOR PAIN RELIEF: 3:00-4:30pm at Sea Glass & Wellness Center, Henniker. Free program. Register at coachsue@seaglassyoga.com.

HILLSBORO AMERICAN LEGION: 9:00am-2:00pm, Auxiliary Craft Fair.

**SEEDY SATURDAYS:** at Fuller Public Library. Join Robin for Container Gardening from 10:00-11:00am.

**COMEDY NIGHT:** Police Officers Association of Hopkinton is excited to announce the 2nd annual comedy show to be held at the American Legion off of Bound Tree Road in Hopkinton. Tickets will be on sale shortly. \$25.00 per person, 8 tickets will fill a table. Cash bar and finger foods will be available for purchase. Cash is preferred and there is an ATM on site.

#### **THURSDAY APRIL 18**

TASTY THURSDAY: is a free monthly dinner on the third Thursday and is open to all ages. The first dinner is April 18 at 5:00pm, and the next two are May 16 and June 20. The community is invited to a homemade dinner, makevour-own-sundaes, music and more. Smith Church, 30 West Main St., Hillboro is known as "the church with the clocktower."

**BOOK DISCUSSION:** from 2:15-3:15pm at the James A. Tuttle Library, Antrim readers will be discussing John Grisham's The Firm. After graduating from Harvard Law School, among the questions readers may consider are 1. What would you do in the young lawyer's position? 2. What moral quandaries does he confront?; 3. Which characters

do you most identify with?; 4. What does The Firm say about the pursuit of "The American Dream" in the brutal world of corporate law?

#### **FRIDAY APRIL 19**

**MEET WITH TOWN MANAGER:** Safety Services Building Community Conversation with the Town Manager. Friday, April 19th at 12:00pm. Join us at the Safety Services Building, 9 Sargent Road, Sunapee, NH 03782. Any guestions please contact the town office at (603) 763-2212. Join us on Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88141440328.

#### **SATURDAY APRIL 20**

RABIES CLINIC: 32nd annual Henniker Area Rotary Club's Dog & Cat rabies Clinic. 2:00-4:00pm at the Henniker Fire Station. 1st two pet vaccinations \$15/each additional pets \$10/each. Free gifts for every pet.

#### **MONDAY APRIL 22**

NLCC EARTH DAY TRAIL WALK: 8:30-11:30am. This is a FREE event to celebrate Earth Day. This 3.5 mile guided walk of the Webb Forest Interpretive Trail will discuss wildlife and forestry topics. Full details can be found at our website: www.nl-nhcc.com/news items.html.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** 1:00pm-6:00pm at the Antrim Fire Station.

#### **SATURDAY APRIL 27**

HILLSBORO AMERICAN LEGION: Buffet Breakfast, \$10/ plate, 8:00-10:00am. Mimosas & Bloody Marys available for purchase.

ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK: The Franklin VNA and Hospice is hosting our 1st Annual 5k Run/Walk, starting at 9:00am. The Race will begin/end at the Paul Smith Elementary School, 41 Daniel Webster Dr. in Franklin, NH. All proceeds will help benefit the Franklin VNA and Hospice and the families and patients we serve. Run as an individual, or as a team. See how much you and your team can raise. Donations are greatly appreciated. Let's lace up those sneakers for a great cause.

**MEDIEVAL MERRIMENT:** The Franklin Opera House is pleased to announce a special Spring Gala event on at 5:30pm featuring a sit-down meal, fundraising raffle, and music by The Scott Spradling Band. This event is being celebrated with a Medieval Feast theme (costumes optional.) Some of their friends from the neighboring Kingdom of Footlight (Franklin Footlight Theatre company) will be joining the fun in the Great Elks Hall (the Franklin Elks Lodge) for a rousing good time. A ticket to the Spring Gala event includes salad, sides, rolls, a main course (roast turkey or stuffed shells), dessert & a complimentary ale, wine or soda from the bar. Gluten-free gravy and rolls are available upon request at purchase. Tickets are \$49 per person and must be purchased in advance by April 20, either online at www. FOHNH.org, or by calling (603) 934-1901.

#### **THURSDAY MAY 2**

END 68 HOURS OF HUNGER: community meeting will be on May 2 at 4pm at the Fuller Library. To learn how to be participate in this ongoing program that provides supplemental food to children in SAU 34—whether to receive this support or to volunteer to help--please join us.

#### **FRIDAY MAY 10**

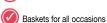
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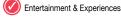
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Any Washington resident with a child who will be three or four years old by September 30, 2024 will be able to enroll in the Early Learning Program. Early Learning Program screenings will be scheduled for June and placement will be announced within two weeks from the screening date. Please stop by the school office to pick up a registration packet. You can also access the packet at https://www.hdsd.org/Page/6123

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