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Sunapee Giving Tree



In partnership with the Sunapee Welfare Department, Sunapee Police are again hosting the 2024 Giving Tree at the Sunapee Police Department. All recipients are residents of Sunapee; both children and senior citizens. Grab

a tag and help spread some cheer!

This week in history

November 30, 1954

A meteorite strikes a human being

December 1, 1955

Rosa Parks ignites bus boycott

December 2, 1982

1st successful artificial heart transplant

December 3, 1984

Union Carbide leak in Bhopal ends in disaster

December 4, 1867

Farmer Oliver Kelley organizes the Grange

December 5, 1876

The Brooklyn Theatre catches fire

December 6, 1921

Irish Free State is declared



Firefighters from several communities responded to a 911 call reporting smoke coming from a home and report of people trapped.

Elderly couple dies in Weare house fire

Fire Marshal urges residents to have working smoke alarms in their homes

New Hampshire State Fire Marshal Sean P. Toomey, Weare Fire Rescue Chief Mark Roarick and Weare Police Department Chief Christopher Moore announced that two people are deceased following a residential fire. On Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024, at approximately 10:44 a.m., the Weare Fire Department responded to 83 High Rock Road for a report of a building fire. When the first units arrived, they

found smoke coming from a second story window. Once firefighters made entry into the home and extinguishing efforts were underway, they located two people who were determined to be deceased. Autopsies were conducted by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Concord on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024, and determined that Paul L. Naves, 80, died of natural causes, while Catherine A. Naves,

77, cause of death was termed "accidental." The investigation into the origin and cause of the fire is active and ongoing by members of the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office, Weare Fire Department and the Weare Police Department. Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office at (603) 223-4289 or fmo@dos.nh.gov.

Hillsborough pilot uninjured in emergency landing

Pilot Dana Clow, 71, of Hillsborough, was uninjured following an emergency landing at Concord Municipal Airport.

Shortly before 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024, State Troopers assigned to the Troop D barracks were dispatched to the airport for the report of an aircraft crash. When Troopers arrived, they found a two-seater experimental light-sport

aircraft in a grassy area near a fence along Regional Drive. Members of the Concord Fire Department had also already arrived on the scene and were evaluating the pilot of the aircraft.

Based on information obtained in the preliminary investigation, shortly after takeoff, one of the plane's doors opened and the pilot was unable to close it. Due

to the open door, the pilot reported the aerodynamics of the plane were compromised and forced the plane into a perpetual left turn. However, the pilot was able to fly the plane over the airfield and eventually made an emergency landing in a grassy area north of a taxiway. The aircraft's landing gear was damaged during the landing.

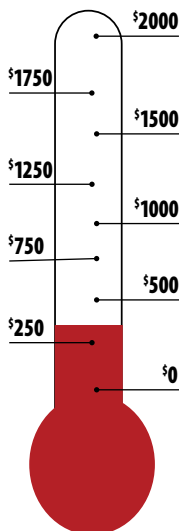
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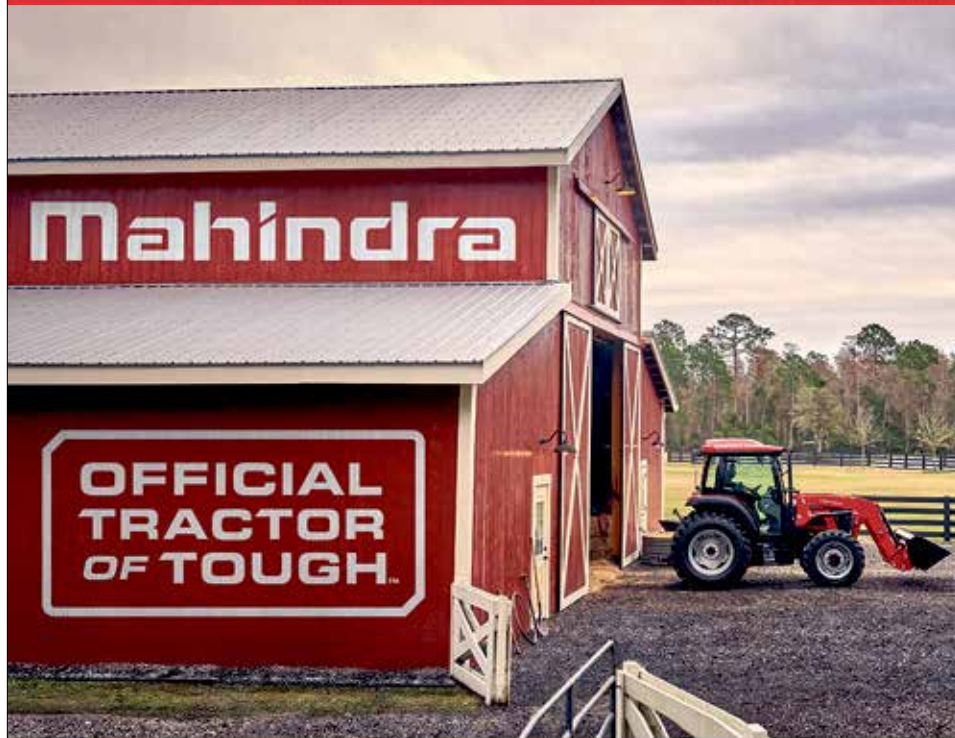
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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

December 8, 2023

Flames consume Hopkinton home
Man indicted for numerous sexual assaults in Antrim
Kearsarge High School students join New London Hospital LNA
Consultant recommends closing Bennington & Frankestown Schools

December 10, 2022

H-D SRO restored in school budget
Goffstown dog seriously injured in bear attack
New England College to freeze tuition for next year
Antrim receives \$991,000 ARPA Grant to repair Gregg Lake Dam

December 10, 2021

Conflict of interest charged against Weare Commission
Controversy over relocating Henniker War Memorial
Weare to celebrate 250th anniversary of Pine Tree Riot
Washington Elementary hosts "Eyes On Owls"

December 11, 2020

Henniker girl saves her family's life
FedEx crash delays Deering deliveries
H-D Board urged to reconsider staff reductions
One person injured in Goffstown house fire

December 11, 2019

Hopkinton Fire & Rescue at odds
Antrim student's email threat causes concern at ConVal
Declining enrollment threatens Frankestown school
Goffstown promotes Eric Serene to Police Chief

December 14, 2018

Lorraine Tacconi-Moore Superintendent of Year
Quick response by Deering firefighters saves animals
Former Hillsborough man killed crossing street
John Stark's "We The People" Team in State Finals

December 15, 2017

Committee planning Sunapee's 250th Celebration
H-D Board considering \$600,000 renovations
\$125,000 to complete Franklin rehabilitation
Bow officials bracing for \$14 million tax refund

December 9, 2016

Several area towns report increase in break-ins
Colby-Sawyer lays off 18 as part of restructuring
New Boston company donates iMac computer
Loudon residents favor widening of Route 106

December 11, 2015

Henniker man dies in 'Death Alley' two car accident
Low income housing Tax Credits for Franklin Mill
Goffstown FBLA Advisor named Advisor of the Year
Vandals destroy 32 gravestones in Newport cemetery

December 12, 2014

Antrim Wind Energy files new, smaller proposal
Goffstown Depts work smoothly together during storm
New Boston looking for fire station site
New Boston fire officials recommend changes

One man dead, woman injured in fiery Bow crash

New Hampshire State Police are investigating a two-vehicle crash on Wednesday night in Bow that took the life of a man and injured a woman.

Around 5:45 p.m., state troopers were sent to Interstate 93 south near Mile Marker 32.4 for a crash between an SUV and a sedan.

When troopers arrived, they found both vehicles were engulfed in flames on the right side of the road in a wooded area, according to Tyler Dumont, the public information officer for state police.

The driver of the car, a man, perished in the crash. The driver of the SUV, a

woman, “suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries and was taken by ambulance to an area hospital,” Dumont said.

An autopsy of the man will be performed on Thursday by the officer of the chief medical examiner in Concord. Dumont said the names of both the drivers will be released after family notification and a completed investigation.

State police were assisted by Bow and Concord firefighters. Two highway lanes remained closed as of 10 p.m. on Wednesday while the state police’s collision analysis and reconstruction unit and the state’s fire marshal investigated the

crash and fire.

“Drivers in the area should anticipate delays and are encouraged to seek an alternative route,” Dumont said.

While all aspects remain under investigation, witnesses reported multiple vehicles traveling at high rates of speed before the crash.

Additional witnesses who have not spoken with investigators are asked to contact Trooper Noah Gooch at noah.d.gooch@dos.nh.gov.



The driver of an SUV that crashed on Interstate 93 south on Nov. 20 suffered severe injuries and was taken to a nearby hospital after a crash in Bow, while the driver of a car died at the scene. (New Hampshire State Police).

Andover considering electing Town Treasurer

Andover Town Administrator Sieburg would like the Select Board to consider making the Town Treasurer job an elected position.

He is going to do more research on this and ask other town administrators what their towns do at an upcoming conference he is going to.



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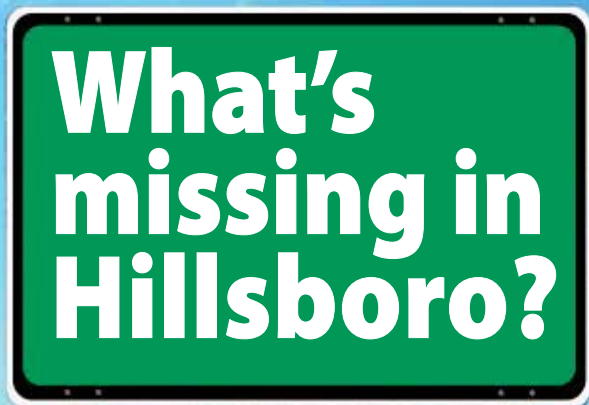
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Franklin Opera House Festival of Trees

Happy Holidays! It's time for the annual Festival of Trees in Franklin, on December 6, 7 & 8. As Franklin Opera House awaits renovations to its home in Soldiers Memorial Hall, this year's Festival will be right next door at Franklin Public Library, 310 Central Street. Join your friends on December 6 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (in conjunction with the Downtown Holiday Stroll); Saturday, December 7 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 8 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Admission to this event is FREE. Decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, stockings, gift baskets, and other item(s) will be raffled off, and \$5.00 will buy 25 raffle tickets. Concessions will be sold as well and all proceeds benefit the Franklin Opera House. It's their biggest fundraiser of 2024, and funds raised from the Festival of Trees will continue to bring quality, affordable entertainment to Franklin during this time of transition, allowing other fundraising efforts to go towards the pending renovations.

More than 30 donors and many volunteers from in and around Franklin are contributing to making the Festival a success — business owners, neighbors, members of Franklin Opera House, and other local organizations.

Also happening the same weekend, FHS Players present "A Christmas Carol" -the musical. After visiting the Festival of Trees, meander up to Franklin Middle School to take in a show depicting this classic Christmas tale of love, compassion, and the importance of friends and family. The kids are donating \$2.00 of each ticket sale back to Franklin Opera House to help with the renovations!

More information and show tickets for the Festival of Trees are available at www.FOHNH.org, as well as other upcoming events.

*2022 was the most recent year the Festival of Trees was held at Franklin Opera House, which is located inside Soldiers Memorial Hall/City Hall in downtown Franklin, NH.

Franklin Opera House presents a "Holly Jolly Holiday with Ida"

Prepare to laugh when you join Ida LeClair for Christmas in Mahosuc Mills. Ida's holiday spirit is so bright, it could light up an entire inflatable penguin village. Actress Susan Poulin brings her warm and funny character to life at the Franklin Public Library in Franklin, NH on Saturday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. "She just beams love out into the world, and that is something we need right now," Poulin says.

Come on over to Ida and Charlie's house and pick up a few holiday decorating tips, discover the "secret" in the not-so-secret Santa plan, and get the scoop on Ida's latest Christmas craft project with the Women Who Run With the Moose. Ida's no Scrooge, so banish your bah-humbugs and prepare to laugh.

"Spending time with Ida is like talking to an old friend - one with plenty of experience and a wicked sense of humor." - Dean Lunt, editor-in-chief of Island Port Press.

While the Franklin Opera House awaits renovations to Soldiers Memorial Hall, this performance will be held next door at Franklin Public Library, 310 Central

St. Franklin, NH. General Admission tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors and students.



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Twenty felony arrests made in major Claremont/Newport drug bust

Operation Granite Shield Arrests

In October, 2024, the Newport Police Department, Claremont Police Department, and Sullivan County Sheriff's Office were awarded grant funding from the New Hampshire Department of Safety for the Substance Abuse Reduction Initiative (also known as Granite Shield).

During the month of November, these agencies worked with other state and federal law enforcement partners including the New Hampshire Information and Analysis Center, the New Hampshire State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit, the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force, New Hampshire Probation and Parole, and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration to conduct a series of drug trafficking investigations in the greater Newport and Claremont area.

As a result of these investiga-

tions, a total of twenty suspects were arrested for felony level drug offenses including Sale of Controlled Drugs, Conspiracy to Commit Sale of Controlled Drugs, Possession of Controlled Drugs with Intent to Deliver, and Possession/Transportation of Controlled Drugs.

Investigators searched four residences and three vehicles pursuant to court authorized warrants.

A total of approximately 571 grams of suspected Fentanyl, 167 grams of suspected Methamphetamine, 62 grams of suspected Cocaine, 10 grams of suspected Crack Cocaine, 67 prescription narcotics, and 3 firearms were seized. According to the Centers for Disease Control, quantities of as little as 2 milligrams (.002 grams) of Fentanyl can cause fatal overdose.

The Newport Police Department, Claremont Police Department and Sullivan County Sheriff's Office are continuing these

investigations along with their state and federal law enforcement

partners. Additional arrests and charges are anticipated in the

coming weeks as evidence already collected is processed.



Hopkinton Lions will be selling Christmas trees at the Contoocook Depot starting Saturday 11/30 from 12-3 p.m. and continuing every Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Christmas, or until the trees sell out. On Friday 12/6 (Starry, Starry Weekend) they'll extend the hours to 6 p.m. Come get your fresh cut tree from the Hopkinton Lions. Every purchase funds projects that improve the community and help your neighbors.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

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More recent medications for Type 2 diabetes and weight loss shown to have positive effects on cardiovascular and kidney health were not always prescribed or accessible to people who could benefit from them. Trends in how these medications have been prescribed and provided to patients are the focus of three studies presented at the American Heart Association's Epidemiology Scientific Sessions 2024. The meeting offers the latest science on population-based health and wellness and implications for lifestyle. Sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitors, or SGLT2 inhibitors, are medications that lower blood sugar in adults with Type 2 diabetes. The medications have been proven to help reduce heart failure hospitalizations, recurrent cardiovascular events and chronic kidney disease progression, and are FDA-approved for people with Type 2 diabetes, chronic kidney disease and heart failure. More recent pharmaceutical treatments for both Type 2 diabetes and weight loss include liraglutide and semaglutide (glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists, GLP1-RA), plus tirzepatide, which is a dual GLP1/glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide receptor agonist (GIP-RA). All three medications are effective for people with Type 2 diabetes for lowering blood glucose levels and have been recently approved by the FDA for weight loss in people with obesity. They work with hormones within the body with effects on multiple organs, including causing food to move more slowly through from the stomach to the small intestine, leading to longer periods of feeling full and less hungry, and losing weight.

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Generally speaking, your baby should see his/her dentist by age one, or within six months of the eruption of the first tooth. And remember: baby teeth are important. Some parents put little effort into the care of so-called baby teeth because they are going to fall out anyway. But baby teeth deserve care. Among other functions, they are place holders for the permanent teeth.

On your child's first visit, the dentist will examine his/her mouth and explain to parents how to keep the area clean. The dentist will also be able to detect whether any habits the baby may have developed, like thumb sucking, are having any impact on the development of the mouth. He may also have some nutrition tips.

Baby teeth are not immune to decay. Tooth decay can develop any time after your baby's teeth first erupt. By his/her first birthday, your baby could have eight or more baby teeth. And if one of them is causing any pain, he/she won't be able to articulate that. Another consideration weighing in favor of an early exposure to the dentist is the opportunity to establish a good relationship between the doctor and the patient.

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Myla Bacon, Jacob Biron, Logan Bohne, Shounae Bussiere, Brooke Chapman, Wyatt Cloburn, Maddix Cyr, Everett Elliot, Landon Filteau, Roz Fournier, Lucas Guilmette, Natalie Jacobson, Connor Monnelly, Sydney Montgomery, Kyla Nichols, Aedan O'Shaughnessy, Hunter Philibotte, Austin Purington, Joao Rico, Parker Savaria, Zander Schofield, Sammi Viarengo, Emma Walls.



Maddy Stevenson, Macy Parsons, Ben Rossi, James Erickson, Kiersten Woods, Collin Beaulieu, Sophia Griffin, Easton Telgen, Tenley Arsenault, Sammi Viarango, Christian Redman, Gabby Valles, Ivan Eriksen, Arianna Anderson.

Goffstown resident Leonard Stuart honored for Above & Beyond Volunteerism

Leonard Stuart of Medvil Cooperative was recently honored with ROC-NH™'s Above & Beyond award for his outstanding volunteer work within his resident-owned community (ROC).

Stuart received the award at ROC-NH™'s Co-ops Celebrating Community gathering on Oct. 26 in Concord.

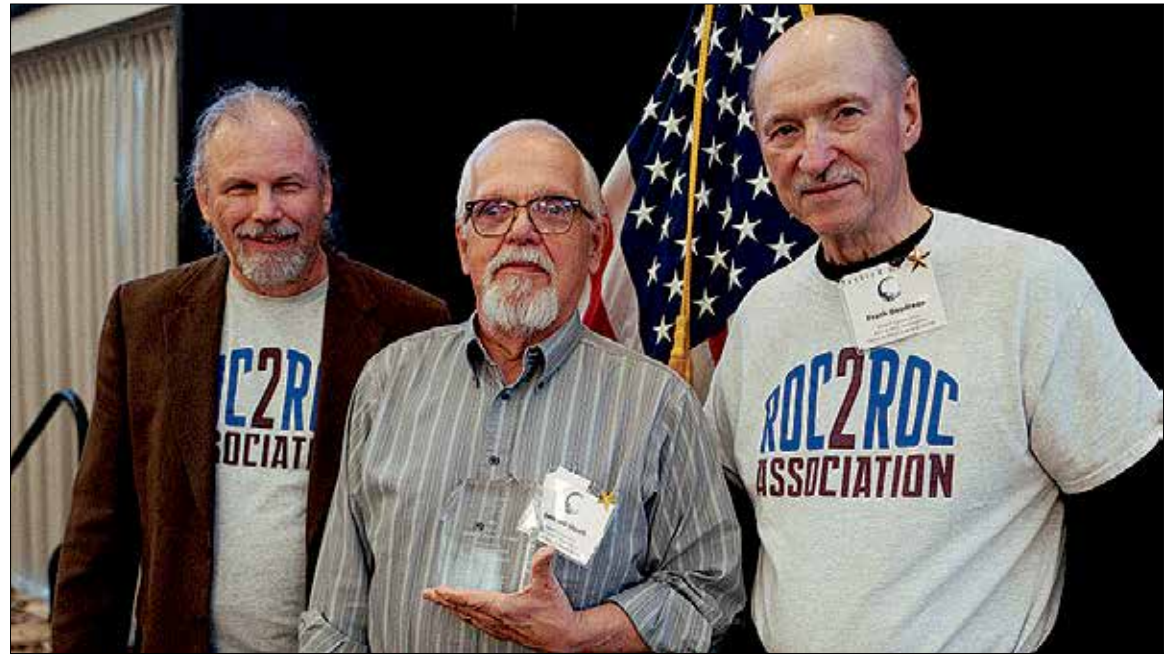
When nominating Stuart to receive the award, his neighbors wrote:

“Len Stuart has lived in the Medvil Cooperative for five years and has made numerous enduring contributions to the community in that time. He worked for 15 months as a key member of a special committee to update and revise the co-op’s by-laws, rules, and policies amassed over 18 years, resulting in a structured, organized Medvil Policy Handbook in print and electronic form. Len generously gave of his time to fix many of the technical issues

that came up in the Administrative Office with computers and related equipment.

He organized and now chairs our Technology Committee. Elected as a first-term Secretary, Len has wasted no time in organizing the Co-op’s electronic files of agendas, minutes, violation letters, etc. into an efficient system. He regularly and accurately produces draft minutes for the Board’s review. In addition to timely posting of Board notices to Medvil’s two separate mail-houses, he is also the author of e-mail broadcasts to our members as situations warrant.

Len has been an active member of the ROC-2-ROC workgroup and is fully committed to the belief that resident-owned communities play a key role in solving the state’s current housing shortage crisis. If this was not enough, Len has been a member of (and currently chairs) the town of Goffstown’s



2024 Above & Beyond awardee Leonard Stuart of Medvil Cooperative in Goffstown, with ROC-2-ROC representatives David Kirsch (left) and Frank Boudreau (right). Photo courtesy of New Hampshire Community Loan Fund.

Zoning Board of Adjustment for the past 20 years. His knowledge and guidance has been helpful to the Board whenever projects

arise involving requests for lot improvements, solar installations, and similar efforts that may require town approval.”

Medvil Cooperative converted its manufactured-housing park to resident ownership in March 2006.

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John Stark holds Common Day Workshop

SAU 24 staff gathered at John Stark on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 for Common Day Workshop. Throughout the day, there were workshops on a variety of topics. There was a combination of in-district experts and outside presenters. There was also time set aside for collaboration within grade levels and disciplines.

Among many notable workshops, John Stark teach-

ers Kevin Munroe and Elizabeth England facilitated a Robotics and Basic Coding session. Participants explored hands-on activities with XRP robotics kits, learning ways to effectively incorporate robotics and coding into their curriculum. Each teacher received a classroom set of robots to take back to their classroom, along with guidance on calibration and best practices for use.



SAU 24 Music teachers collaborating at Common Day Workshop on November 5, 2024. Sue Williams (JSRHS), Taylor Carroll (HCS), Brian Curry (CWES), Dan Williams (JSRHS).



Members of the SAU 24 IT Staff at Common Day Workshop at John Stark. Lee Despres, Ken Tyrrell, Adam Beaudoin and Chris Auger.

Deering resident Janette Lochmandy honored for her Above & Beyond Volunteerism

Janette Lochmandy of Contoocook River Cooperative was recently honored with ROC-NH™'s Above & Beyond award for her outstanding volunteer work within her resident-owned community (ROC).

Lochmandy received the award at ROC-NH™'s Co-ops Celebrating Community gathering on Oct. 26 in Concord.

When nominating Lochmandy to receive the award, her neighbors wrote:

“Janette has consistently gone above and beyond what her regular Secretary duties are. She organizes yard sales and all the FB announcements, as well as participating in any gathering we

have within the park. Sometimes in this world, you will hear about the negative, but I would like to point out the positive for our new little community. And I definitely think Janette deserves some recognition!”

“Since taking over as Secretary, Janette has faithfully provided board agenda/minutes that are easy to understand and include as much information as possible, keeps all board members on task, and has grown as a person. She is the first to sign up for anything that needs doing, and most times she is one of the last to leave. She has also done more trainings with ROC USA® than anyone else across the

country! That is commitment in my book.”

Contoocook River Cooperative converted its manufac-

tured-housing park to resident ownership in March 2024.



2024 Above & Beyond awardee Janette Lochmandy of Contoocook River Cooperative in Deering, with ROC-2-ROC representatives David Kirsch (left) and Frank Boudreau (right). Photo courtesy of New Hampshire Community Loan Fund.

Contoocook man arrested for 4th DWI

John H. Tracey, 61, of Main Street/Route 103 in Contoocook, was arrested on motor vehicles; penalties and driving-operating under the influence of drugs-liquor-fourth offense charges,

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Publisher's Perspective

The Importance of Shopping Locally

This year, more than ever, it is essential to support our local merchants as much as possible. Covid-19 took a toll on the economy and many of our neighbors are struggling to keep their business open; Even if it costs a few dollars more, here are several reasons why it's important to Shop Local.

► **1. Protect Local Character and Prosperity:**

By supporting locally-owned businesses, you help maintain our unique community. Can you imagine Henniker without the Pharmacy? Hillsborough without Eaton's? Bradford without The Appleseed? Barns? Newport without MJ Harrington's? Goffstown without Sully's? Franklin without Grevoirs? or Antrim without Antrim Lumber?

► **2. Community Well-Being:**

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► **3. Local Decision Making:**

Local ownership means that important decisions are made locally by people who live in the community and who will feel the impacts of those decisions. Hillsboro Chrysler and Hillsboro Ford do more to Support local Scouts and youth athletic organizations than big city dealerships.

► **4. Keeping Dollars in the Local Economy:**

Dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on the community as dollars spent at national chains. If you buy a snowmobile from Livingston's you support Gene and Steve as they give back countless hours and services to the community. Money used buying a chair or sofa from Eatons as opposed to Bob's Discount is recycled locally many times over.

► **5. Jobs and Wages:**

When shopping locally, you create jobs and promote community development. Locally-owned businesses create more jobs locally and generally provide better wages and benefits than chains do. You can buy them in Concord or Keene, but if you buy a snowblower from Tyler's, or a tool box from Goffstown Hardware, you keep local people employed who also spend their money in town.

► **6. Support Entrepreneurship:**

Entrepreneurship fuels our economy and elevates our families. Eating at Peter Christian's, Tooky Mills, Bubba's, Country Spirit or Daniel's does more to keep our neighbors employed and our communities flourishing than the same meal at Longhorn or Olive Garden.

► **7. Product Diversity:**

A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based on the needs of local customers guarantees a broader range of product choices. Have you seen the selections at Hubert's or Morse Sporting Goods? They carry a greater selection of products than Dick's or Carbella's and their profits are recycled locally.

Letter to the Editor

With Gratitude

I am reaching out to all the great people in Bradford, Henniker & Warner who supported me during my state representative run.

Although it did not end with the results I had hoped, I want to acknowledge all the people I had the opportunity to visit and spend some time with.

Anyone who took a sign from me or that I met at your doorstep knows I did not just put a sign randomly around your town.

I wanted to hear your concerns and explain what I would do for you. That being said, our Country and our State will be in great hands for the next 2-4 years. I'm excited and thankful.

I have wonderful memories from an 11th grader who

told me he's teaching himself how to read and write cursive so he can sign the back of his check! (Thank heavens a bill passed that will reintroduce cursive writing in schools).

To a great family in Bradford who was just so excited to hold signs and support me.

I cannot forget a special lady who still calls me almost everyday just to say hello! A special thank you to everyone who helped with a flag wave or held a sign for me. We sure did luck out with the weather!

May you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving as we give thanks for our freedom, families, and friends. Don't let politics divide your family and friends, we're better than that. Again, thank you for all your support.

Natalie J. Wells, Warner

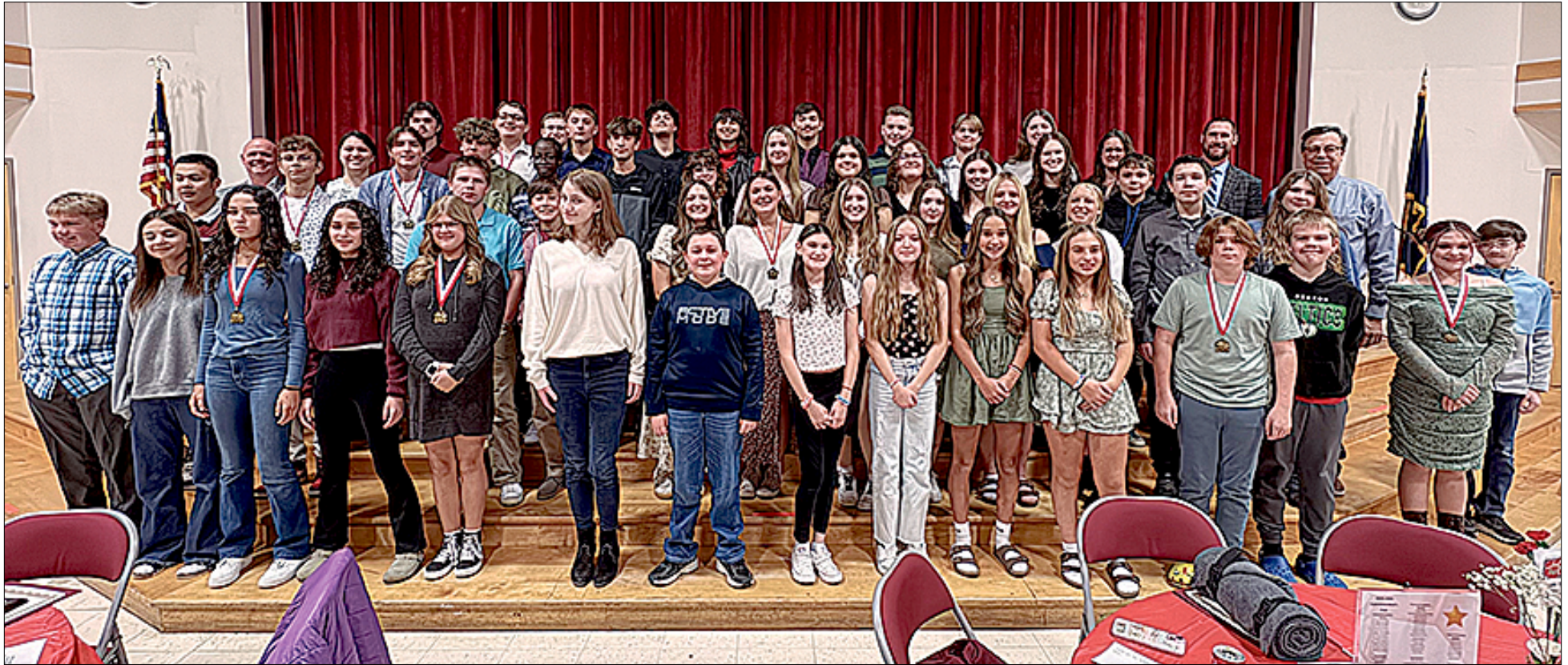
New Boston tax rate at \$23.79, up from \$20.35 in 2023

Town Administrator Weber explained that the Town received the tax rate from the DRA. The tax rate is \$23.79, increased from \$20.35 in 2023.

The Town's portion increased from \$4.58 to \$6.13, which was lower than the original projection of \$6.44. This was primarily due to approximately \$450,000 of

additional revenue, with approximately \$200,000 in additional revenue from the Rooms & Meals, \$100,090 in motor vehicle permits, better returns from interest on investments, and other additional revenues.

The fund balance sits at \$1.9M or 7.35%, which is in line with the target.



The Hillsboro-Deering 2024-2025 Superintendent's Club members were honored with a dinner on November 14th. Students in grades 6-12 must earn high honors for four terms or a GPA equivalent to high honors to be inducted. Students must then achieve at least honors status each subsequent term to remain a member. Congratulations to all!

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Sports



Cross Country Coach James Maccabe (L) and Elijah Bodanza (R) display the Victory banner presented to the school in recognition of Elijah's State championship

Congratulations Hillcats on a successful sports season

Cross Country

Congratulations to Elijah Bodanza for an outstanding regular XC season which led to the - NHIAA D3 XC Meet where he earned the title of State Champion with a time of 16:41, followed by a 14th place finish in the NHIAA All Divisions Meet of Champions with a time of 15:52, and followed by a 61st place finish out of New England's 256 best runners at the New England Championship Meet in Connecticut with a time of 16:40! Elijah has been named a 2024 D3 Cross Country All Star as well!

Volleyball

Congratulations to Dahlia Anwar for being selected to play in the NHVCA Senior All Star Game on 11/23 at Salem HS!

All Scholastic Team

Congratulations to Emma Davis, Kathryn Thyng, Jack Harrington and Ben Perrin for earning 2024 NHSCA Senior All Scholastic while maintaining a minimum of 3.25 GPA.

Girls Soccer

Congratulations to Kathryn Thyng for earning NHIAA HM All State D3 Girls Soccer!

Boys Soccer

Congratulations to our 2024 Boys Varsity Soccer Team in qualifying for the NHIAA Division III First Round Playoff game and finishing the season with an 8-8-1 record overall! Congratulations to Kolton Lefebvre and Alex Crowe for earning NHIAA 2nd Team All State D3 Boys Soccer!

Congratulations to our 2024 Varsity Football Team in qualifying for the NHIAA Division IV Semi-Final Round Playoff game and finishing their inaugural season with a 4-4 record overall!

Golf

Congratulations to the 2024 Golf Team for: All Divisions Girls Individual Medal Flight Tournament 10th place - Cadence Smead, D-IV Individual Tournament 5th place - Gavin Ford, 17th place - Lenny Seymour, D-IV Individual Championship 4th place - Gavin Ford!

Hillsboro-Deering High School 2024 Fall Athletic Awards

Golf

Coaches Award - Cadence Smead
Most Improved Player Award - Lennon Seymour
Most Valuable Player Award - Gavin Ford

Cross Country

The Leonidas Award - Elijah Bodanza
The Atalanta Award - Sarah Mcgranaghan

Boys Varsity Soccer

Defensive Player of the Year Award - Kolton Lefebvre
Golden Boot Award - Alex Crowe
Heart and Hustle Award - Anthony Alibrandi

Boys JV Soccer

Outstanding Achievement Award - Owen Gosselin
Defensive Player of the Year Award - Kirian Robbins
Offensive Player of the Year Award - Mason Poland

Girls Varsity Soccer

Sports

Best Defender Award - Molly Smart
 Coaches Award - Kylie Crowe
 Best Forward Award - Kathryn Thyng

Girls JV Soccer

Offensive Player of the Year Award - Lilyana Valley
 Defensive Player of the Year Award - Aleena Velazquez
 Coaches Award - Alison Smart

Girls Varsity Volleyball

Dynamic Digger Award - Alyssia Spencer
 Coaches Award - Skyla Auger

Girls JV Volleyball

Prevailed Persistence Award - Sophie Cuscia
 Best Foot Forward Award - Nora Crawford

Bass Fishing

Leadership Award - Dylan Czynzewski
 Mvp Award - Maci Lavoie
 Most Determined Award - Skylar West

Football

Rookie Hillcat Award - Joshuwa Perron
 Hillcat Coaches Award - Johnovic Baez
 Hillcat "59" Award - Tucker Thibault

Hillsboro-Deering Hillcats named to division IV All-State Team

Congratulations to the following Hillcat Football players who were voted in for D4 Football All State: Dominic Robinson - Honorable Mention / Center, Joshuwa Perron - Honorable Mention / QB, Daniel Richard - 2nd

Team All State / RB, Keagan Lamos - 2nd Team All State / OT, Andrew Abair - 2nd Team All State / LB, Layne Lefebvre - 2nd Team All State - DB, Ethan Franklin - 1st Team All State / DB, Robert King - 1st Team All State / RB.



Hillsboro-Deering Fall Athletic Awards winners.



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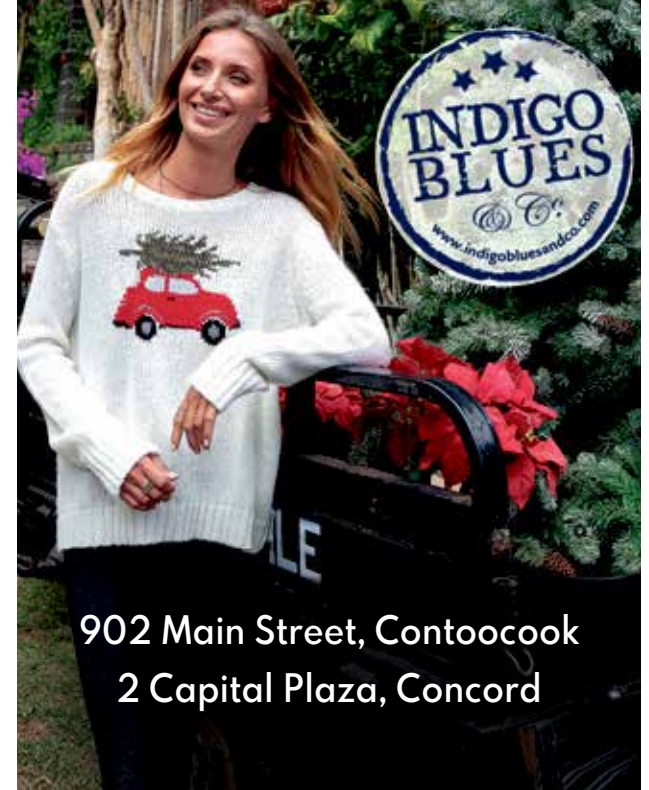


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Events: Community Bulletin Board

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CHRISTMAS FAIR: 9:00am-2:00am. Annual Christmas Fair at two locations: Washington Elementary School AND at Camp Morgan Lodge right next door. Come and shop for special

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ANNUAL FALL CRAFT SALE: The White Rock Senior Community will hold their annual Fall Craft Sale from 9:00am-2:00pm at 6 Bow Center Road, Bow. Admission is FREE. The sale will take place in the Cliff House Community Room (Bldg. 1) and will include more than 15 tables of crafts for sale. Outside vendors are also welcome to participate and there is no table fee. Please contact either Barbara Hays (603) 582-3361.

CRAFT FAIR: 9:00am-2:00pm. Antrim's Great Brook School. 30 crafters/vendors & lots of food. Students caroling and Santa.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6

MEET & GREET: Baker Free Library's new Director Kaitlin Cambridge, 3:00-6:00pm. Light refreshment to be served. Register by using the Library's Events & Programs Calendar if you plan to attend.

HOLIDAY ARTISANS: At Warner's Upton Chandler House, from 5:00-7:00pm, and December 7, from 10:00am-4:00pm. Baked goods, quilted wall hangings, ornaments, baskets, Pottery.

Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Mark Thompson

East Andover, NH - Mark E. Thompson, 76, Dad, Grampa, Friend, passed away peacefully at the Concord Hospital on November 15, 2024 with his family, friends and companion at his side. Mark was raised and lived in East Andover throughout his lifetime. He graduated from Franklin High School in 1966. He married the love of his life, Sandra Rayno, of Franklin. Mark and Sandra had three sons and they have married and had families. Mark started his own business, Mark E. Thompson Excavating Inc., and was soul owner and operator for 57 years. He was such a hard working,



dedicated man who took pride in all his work. He worked right up until the last week of his life. Mark was a volunteer on the East Andover Fire Dept. One of Mark's remarkable stories is that he was the longest standing elected road agent for Andover. He enjoyed spending time at his home on Highland Lake with family and friends either sitting on his deck visiting or taking a putt on his boat around the lake. He also enjoyed going to the ocean. In winter months Mark would enjoy going to his Florida home. He is predeceased by his parents, Alan Thompson and Florence (Hall) Thompson and siblings, Madelyn Baker, Jane Currier and John Thompson. Mark is survived by his sister, Carolyn (Thompson) Currier of Hampstead, NH; longtime companion, Nancy (Bernie) Rondeau; sons, John

"Tiny" (Christine Vigue) Thompson, James "Jim" Thompson and Jerry Thompson all of East Andover, NH; grandchildren, Jaime (Matt) Jablonski, Jeremy "JJ" Thompson, Jason "Tiggie" (Chelsea Lafond) Thompson, India Thompson (fiance Erik Kane), Chelsea (Kenny) Avery, Alan Thompson and Kathryn Thompson; great grandchildren, Gunner, Ashlyn, Weslee, Gracie, Billy, Able, Zoey and Teddy; nieces, nephews, Godchild and friends. There will be no calling hours. There will be a celebration of Mark's life at Thompson Field from 12:00-3:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 24, 2024 directly across from Lake View Cemetery, East Andover, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Fire Department, P.O. Box 61, Andover, NH 03216.

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For a complete job description, please visit <https://www.deering.nh.us/administration/pages/employment-opportunities>

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TOWN OF DEERING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

December 10, 2024 • 6:30PM

The Town of Deering Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024** at 6:30pm at the Deering Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road, Deering NH. The purpose of the public hearing is to review the findings of the Solar Committee regarding potential buyout options for the Town's solar arrays.

TOWN OF DEERING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

December 3, 2024 • 6:30PM

The Town of Deering Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 3, 2024** at 6:30pm at the Deering Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road, Deering NH. The Deering Conservation Commission, as part of its ongoing water quality monitoring, identified rising chloride levels in Deering Reservoir and approached the Board of Selectmen with their findings. Acting together, as a first step in mitigation, the Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen and Assistant Road Agent have created a winter Road Salt Reduction Plan for paved roads in designated areas in the watershed, in important drift aquifers, and near public wells. The purpose of the public hearing is to present the plan and obtain public input prior to its implementation this winter.

Documentation and maps related to the Road Salt Reduction Plan for ecologically sensitive areas will be available **on the Conservation Commission's page on the Town of Deering's website** (<https://www.deering.nh.us/conservation-commission>)

TOWN OF HENNIKER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

December 11, 2024

The Town of Henniker Planning Board will hold a **public hearing on December 11, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Community Center, 57 Main Street**, to discuss the following:

- **PBCase: 2024- 09.** Proposed site plan detailing regrading of site to provide an opportunity for future use, 488 Weare Road, Map 8 Lot 522-C, Zoned Commercial Recreation, Applicant & Owner: Daniel R. Aucoin Rev. Trust. **Application Acceptance and Public Hearing.**
- **PBCase: 2024- 10.** Proposed condominium subdivision of an existing 3.5 acre lot into two sites, a 1.5 acre condominium lot and a 2.065 acre condominium lot, 488 Weare Road, Map 8 Lot 522-C, Zoned Commercial Recreation, Applicant & Owner: Daniel R. Aucoin Rev. Trust. **Application Acceptance and Public Hearing.**

Copies of all materials are available for review on the Town of Henniker's website, December 11, 2024, Planning Board meeting link as well as in person at Town Hall.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Planning Board Public Hearing — Zoning Changes

Town of Henniker Planning Board

The Town of Henniker Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **December 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Community Center, 57 Main Street, Henniker NH** to discuss the following proposed Zoning Changes. Full text available at Town Hall and the Henniker website:

1. Are you in favor of amending Chapter 133, Zoning Regulations, as proposed by the Planning Board as follows? Amend Article II, Definitions, 133-3 Commercial/Recreation add the term "hotels".

COMMERCIAL/RECREATIONAL – Commercial uses that relate to recreational activities, including restaurants, skiing areas, clothing shops, motels, hotels, athletic activities, including sports equipment sales and rentals, and related activities. This use does not include manufacturing.

2. Are you in favor of amending Chapter 133, Zoning Regulations, as proposed by the Planning Board as follows? Amend Article X Lot Size Regulations, Section 133-40 Lot Size Table, delete notation "For Single-family and Two-family Dwellings"; this Table relates to all uses not just single and two family units.

Lot size table

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