



What do the 8 days of Hanukkah stand for?

Although the Jewish people only had enough oil to keep the flame burning for a single day, miraculously, the flames lasted for eight nights. During this time, they were able to find other oil supplies, and were inspired to dedicate an eight-day festival in celebration of this holy miracle.

This week in history

December 27, 1932 Radio City Music Hall opens December 28, 1805 First motion picture is screened December 29, 1845 Texas enters the Union December 30, 1936 Sit-down strike begins in Flint December 31, 1879 Thomas Edison demonstrates incandescent light January 1, 1771 New Year's Day is celebrated January 2, 1971 Stadium stampede crushes football fan



Messenger Publisher Leigh Bosse (L) presents Hillsboro Lions Club President Kathy Audette (L) with checks totaling \$2,550 contributed by Messenger readers to the Lions Club's Christmas Food Basket project. See story and additional photo on page 3.

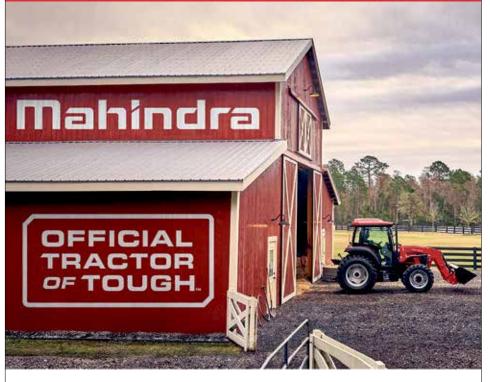
ConVal considering 'Multi-Age Elementary Classrooms' 2026 proposed Budget eliminates 11 teaching positions

The elimination of 11 teaching positions in order to cut costs in the Con-Val School District is included in the 2025-2026 budget, according to interim Superintendent Ann Forrest. Six of those positions are from the district's eight elementary schools. As Francestown and Dublin are planning to withdraw from the ConVal district, subject to a vote in March, that change would not go into effect until fall 2026.

At Tuesday's School Board meeting, Forrest said, "Last year, we created a warrant article to reconfigure schools, but the voters made it clear they really value their elementary schools. The board will honor what they heard from the community, so we are now looking at creating a sustainable model for these schools."

Forrest continued by reporting that according to current projections, the elimination of the six teaching positions will result in a total of 40 elementary school classes in the district, with many forced to change to a multi-age classroom. Forrest is recommending the multi-age classroom model as a way to sustain the district's small elementary schools. "We need to reframe how we think about multi-grade classes, and think about how we approach and do things," she said. "Multi-age classrooms are not a new thing. There is a long history of it with one-room schools, and there is research to support that it is an effective model. The challenge is thinking about barriers, how can we best support teachers to be effective. There are also curriculums that are designed for K to two, three to five. There is value to multigrade classes; I would argue that it is not the best thing socially to have the same seven or eight kids together for five or six years. Kids don't just learn from their teachers; they also learn from their peers. It is better socially to have a large group."

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Your donations provided Christmas Dinner for 139 of our neighbors

Messenger readers contributed a generous \$2,550.00 toward this year's Christmas Food Basket Project, enabling the Club to purchase, pack and

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distribute a full course Christmas dinner for 42 families consisting of 139 of our neighbors in need.

Project Chairmen Kathy & Ron Audette report that each basket contained a turkey, potatoes, carrots, onions, green beans, peas, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gravy mix, butter, biscuits, cookies, brownie mix and candy canes.

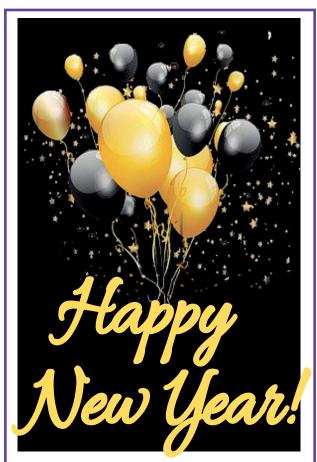
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Members of the Bradford Police Department along with the Bradford NH Fire Rescue delivered meals to members of the community that were generously donated by the amazing folks at the Appleseed Restaurant. Like Team Appleseed always says, "Because nice matters".



On Tuesday, December 17th, the Sunapee Fire Department held its yearly Christmas Dinner and Awards Night. Every year, Sunapee Fire Department members and their families get together around Christmas time to reflect on the year and share good times and good memories from throughout it. At the same dinner, they also hold their awards night. The following members were recognized during the dinner: Assistant Chief Dana Ramspott for 40 years of service to the Sunapee Fire Department - Darryl Sencabugh for 10 years of service to the Sunapee Fire Department - Keith Ricci was recognized for his hard work and dedication over the year and received a new helmet - Timothy White was recognized for being the most active responder; he responded to 73% of their calls in 2024 - Steve Marshall was recognized for coming in second place for most active, responding to 32% of their calls during 2024. They want to thank ALL of their members for everything they do for the community, and they look forward to a great 2025! They would also like to thank the Town of Sunapee and all its citizens for their support throughout the year.



Another Dunbarton Gingerbread Cookie Caper was solved in Mrs. Campbell's second grade class. These outstanding Junior Detectives helped gather and document evidence which included a shoe print, fingerprint and a trail of icing and sprinkles. Then, they enthusiastically interviewed three suspects, eventually leading to a full confession from Mrs. Conway. She even returned the gingerbread cookie! Great job, class!

Kearsarge School District petitioned article seeks 17% budget reduction

A group of 35 residents has filed a petition which would cap the Kearsarge Regional School District budget at \$27,000 per student, a reduction of approximately 17%. Superintendent John Fortney estimated that, if approved, the reduction would lead to the elimination of at least 85 of the 200 teaching positions. Municipal Budget Committee Chair Richard Anderson agrees, saying, "It would be completely cataclysmic for the school district."

The vote, which takes place at the District's Deliberative Session on January 4th contrasts those who say Kearsarge's budget has grown too high against those who are convinced that the cost increases are due to state and national factors that the district can't control.

Bambi Davis, of Newbury, one of the 35 people who signed the petition contends that, "The school, which is the major portion of our property taxes, keeps going up and up, and they remove programs and they increase the budget every single year, which I believe is very over-inflated."

The Kearsarge School Budget of \$54.3 million this year, has grown 24% since the 2019-20 school year, which is actually about one percentage point slower than that of the state as a whole. Davis and her co-signers accuse teachers of abusing lenient sick-time policies and administrators of being "handsomely and fatly paid." Davis, who recently retired as a bookkeeper and had two children go through the school district, doesn't believe that implementing the cap would force them to lay off teachers and close schools.

During the current academic year, the district, which includes Warner, Wilmot, Newbury, Sutton, New London, Bradford, and Springfield, spent \$32,566 per student, or about \$3,000 more than the state average. The petitioned article requires a threefifths majority to pass and would not take effect until the 2026-27 school year budget.

Claire Ketteler, a member of the municipal budget committee wrote in a letter to the Messenger's Editor that she had tried to rein in the school budget through her elected position but was unsuccessful.



Morgan Summerton of Sunapee has been chosen as one of four Gold Award Girl Scouts to receive a \$1,000 scholarship for outstanding work that helps to make the world a better place. Summerton's project was called Education for First Responders About Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Drivers. She worked on legislation to warn first responders of such drivers and held classes to educate them on how to communicate with anyone who has trouble hearing.



Kearsarge Regional High School.



TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



A landmark study published in *The Lancet* has shown that severe asthma can be controlled using biologic therapies, without the addition of regular high-dose inhaled steroids which can have significant side effects. The study found that 92% of patients using the biologic therapy benralizumab could safely reduce inhaled steroid dose and more than 60% could stop all use. The study's results could be transformative for severe asthma patients

by minimizing or eliminating the unpleasant, and often serious, side effects of inhaled steroids. These include osteoporosis which leads to increased risk of fractures, diabetes and cataracts. Asthma is one of the most common respiratory diseases worldwide — affecting almost 300 million people and around 3 to 5% of these have severe asthma. This leads to daily symptoms of breathlessness, chest tightness and cough, along with repeated asthma attacks which require frequent hospitalization.

Blood fat-lowering statins could slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease, at least for some patients. This is the result of a new study published in *Alzheimer Research and Therapy*.

The diabetes drug dulaglutide (Trulicity) may significantly lower a woman's risk of substantial weight gain after she has given up smoking, finds a secondary analysis of clinical trial data, published in the open access journal *BMJ Nutrition Prevention & Health*. Women seem to be 5 times as likely as men to put on a lot of weight after they've stubbed out what they intend to be their last cigarette, the analysis suggests. Women seem to have higher smoking relapse rates than men. And it's been suggested that one of the possible explanations for this is that they may be more concerned about the risk of major weight gain in the wake of quitting, although there's no solid evidence for this, note the researchers.

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of sudden, unexpected events can result in a tooth loss.

So here's what to do if you have a tooth knocked out: First, retrieve the tooth if you can. Depending on the environment, keep the tooth moist with either saliva, or milk. Don't scrub it clean because any fibers still attached could be helpful if there's an opportunity to replant the tooth.

That having been said, go to your dentist – as opposed to a hospital emergency room – as quickly as possible. If she can reseat it within a reasonable time, the likelihood of saving the tooth increases. Likewise, if you break or chip a tooth, try to retrieve the broken off fragment. If the dentist cannot repair the tooth with the retrieved part, depending on the size of the chip, she may be able to repair it with a tooth-colored resin. For a more sizable chip, the dentist may have to put a crown on the tooth.

If a tooth is knocked loose, you may be able to push it back into place yourself. But in any case involving dental trauma, you should see a dentist as soon as possible. The effects of trauma are not always evident. There may be damage that only an x-ray could detect.

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Around Our Towns



Even The Grinch's presence couldn't spoil Washington Fire & Rescue Department's annual Drive-Thru Christmas Party.





Antrim-Bennington Lions Club hosted a holiday celebration at the Antrim Village housing complex featuring the select choir from Great Brook Middle School! Attendees enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies provided by the Antrim-Bennington Lions.





Visitors were treated to another fabulous Festival of Trees at Antrim's Tuttle Free Library.

Governor withdraws former Sunapee Librarian's name from State Librarian position

Gov. Chris Sununu said he decided to spare his nominee for state librarian a public spectacle and withdrew her candidacy after conservatives on the Executive Council opposed her for resisting restrictions on reading materials.

"It just wasn't going to happen. If I knew that was going to be the case, there was no reason to drag her through all that," Sununu said.

When the council met December 4th, Sununu pulled Mindy Atwood's name from the list of nominees to be confirmed.

There's no paperwork filed when a governor withdraws a nominee, and Sununu made no public comment about his decision to drop his choice.

Atwood, the state library director of operations, was a librarian in Sunapee and Salisbury before coming to work at the state agency two years ago.

Atwood had letters of

support from her peers across the state along with the endorsement of State Librarian Michael York of Goffstown, who retired December 1 after 25 years on the job.

Councilor David Wheeler, R-Milford, confirmed he led the opposition after seeing on the state website that Atwood participated in a seminar titled, "Unite Against Book Bans," a panel discussion in 2023 hosted by the New England Library Association.

During that seminar, Atwood and other librarians discussed the latest efforts to restrict library books and offered guidance on challenging book bans.

"She was teaching schools how to protect themselves against parents trying to prevent pornography in their school libraries," Wheeler said. "The seminar was posted on the state website with her name attached right to it. They



Mindy Atwood.

have since taken it down but I printed it out."

The Union Leader first reported on her nomination and included that in her application she had stated, "I believe deeply in the mission of public libraries to provide free and equal access to information for everyone."

The New Hampshire Library Association and American Library Association both oppose book censorship and have advised their member professionals how to combat such efforts.

York defended Atwood and has called Wheeler's concerns "nonsense."

State librarians do not have any control over materials used in schools or public libraries, he said.

Locally elected trustees control what takes place in their libraries not state agency officials or umbrella organizations, York said.

Atwood said in an email she was out of the office driving a library van on Wednesday, and she did not respond to a request for comment on the controversy. State law gives parents the right to keep their children from receiving material that they consider to be objectionable.

Sununu admitted he wasn't intensely knowledgeable about Wheeler's concerns, but simply concluded that Atwood would not get three votes to be confirmed.

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The winner of the Norman Rockwell Category: 161 Maple St. - Rusty Gage

The winner of the Simple Holiday: 249 Huntington Rd. - Lorraine Aucoin

The winner of the Clark Griswold: 222 Longview Dr. - Austen Furness

Andover Select Board urges residents to attend School Board meetings

Present at the Board of Selectmen Public Meeting on December 17, 2024 were Chair Dana Swenson, Vice Chair Roland Carter, Member Charlie Stewart, Member Jim Delaney, and Member Pecco Beaufays.

The meeting covered various town issues, including approval of previous minutes, public comments, the Highway Supervisor report, and Town Administrator Report. Public comment focused on the town's gravel purchase, which was deemed inadequate and costly, and the recent tax increases, with residents questioning the budget process and school district funding.

The Andover Select Board discussed the removal of a dangerous tree in the village district, with the Andover Vi-lage District Commissioners requesting the town to cover half the cost. Additionally, the highway department reported on snow removal efforts and salt usage, noting improvements in plowing times and crew training. The Conservation Commission also provided updates on their activities and challenges in land acquisition.

A new Police Department building was also discussed, with a cost estimated up to \$1.7 million.

The town is also exploring financial instruments for the Lawrence Street bridge replacement project. Chairman Swenson called the meeting to order at 6:00 and read through the agenda, mentioning the absence of the minute taker and the use of video and audio for recording.

Chairman Swenson also explained the structure of the Select Board meeting, mentioning that it is primarily for the board but will include public comments and discussions.

The school budget process and the importance of attending school board meetings to influence budget decisions was discussed at length.

Assessment and Taxation

Process - Town Administrator Sieburg detailed the assessment process, including the use of comparable market sales and the impact of revaluation on tax rates. Further explaining the budget process and the impact of the municipal, school and fire district budgets on tax rates and individual tax bills. • Residents were again encouraged to attend school board meetings and reach out to state representatives to influence budget decisions. • Proctor Academy and Tax Contributions – Proctor's tax contribution was questioned, and discussion focused on children of parents living on Proctor campus being able to attend Andover school without paying tax/ tuition. • Conservation Commission Update - Concern was raised and reported again that efforts to move money from a low-interest savings account to a higher-interest account, has not yet been completed. Chairman Swenson to call Town Treasurer

and discuss the matter. Commission also reported that the acquisition of the "Riverside" lot is at an impasse. The Natural Resource Inventory and the importance of partnerships with other committees and organizations, along with the success of tree planting initiatives and the need for ongoing monitoring of conservation areas was also discussed. • Tree Removal and Village District Responsibility -Further discussion ensued of the removal of a dangerous tree on Bradley Lake Road and the involvement of the Andover Village District and who is financially responsible. Chairman Swenson will continue to look into the matter and discuss with AVD. • Highway Supervisor Report -An update on the town's snow removal efforts and the training of new crew members was provided; also an update on the town's snow removal equipment and the ongoing efforts to improve snow removal efficiency. The Highway Supervisor and Crew were again recognized for their hard work and praised. Numerous residents spoke up to thank them. That report closed with some discussion about using unused funds to acquire a power angle plow, waste oil burner, and wood-chipper. • Police **Department Building Discussion** - There was continued discussion about the need for a study to expand the police department due to regulatory requirements. Chief Mahoney shared a preliminary cost estimate of up to \$1.7 million. Member Stewart and Chairman Swenson will continue talks with architect based on their vast experience in the industry. • Financial Instruments and Bond Considerations - Town Administrator Sieburg discussed the potential use of a tax anticipation note (TAN) and other financial instrument, and explained the flexibility of bonds and the importance of cash flow management.





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On Sunday, December 22, at 12:55, Sunapee Fire and New London Ambulance were called to the area of 45 Springfield Road for a Motor Vehicle Accident with unknown injuries. The first Sunapee Fire unit arrived at 12:56 and reported a motor vehicle rollover with two subjects trapped inside the vehicle. At the same time, it was also discovered that this crash resulted from a car running from New Hampshire State Police. Once the scene was secured by New Hampshire State Police and Sunapee Police, Sunapee Fire extricated the two occupants, who were then evaluated by Sunapee Fire and New London Hospital EMS. Both occupants denied any injuries. Sunapee Fire stood by until Pattens Towing removed the vehicle.

New London requiring strict Septic System maintenance

The Town of New London Health Officer is planning to implement a Health Regulation that would require that homeowners with individual sewage disposal systems regularly pump and perform a general inspection on their septic tanks on a regular basis.

This issue requires full community participation. We are proposing that all septic systems must be pumped and inspected at least every three (3) years. This regulation aims to:

1) Protect the quality of the major public water supplies (both public and private) for the Town of New London

2) Protect the quality of ground water and surface waters in our streams and in the lakes and ponds in the Town of New London

3) Protect public health through prevention of human contact with sewage and related pathogens

4) Prevent increased nitrogen and phosphorus accumulations and related pathogens from entering the lakes, ponds, rivers, streams and aquifer recharge areas

5) Provide a proactive approach towards septic systems posing higher risk and significance of failure within the Town of New London

All developed properties with individual sewage disposal systems in the Town of New London shall be pumped a minimum of once every three (3) years. A copy of the receipt for pumping and the general inspection report shall be submitted to the Town of New London Health Officer or designee.

During septic tank pumping, the tank is emptied, and the sludge and scum layers are removed. The condition of the tank should be visually inspected to look for cracks, leaks and corrosion. Deficiencies of the septic system shall be noted on the receipt that is submitted to the Health Officer as evidence of pumping and general inspection.

Owners of residential properties may apply for a waiver to the Board of Selectmen, or designee. Criteria for a waiver shall demonstrate usage of 50% or less of a septic system capacity on an annual basis. Examples would include permanent occupancy that is 50% or less of the system's capacity, (i.e. 1-2 occupants with a 3–4-bedroom system) or seasonal/intermittent occupancy that is 6 months or less within a 12-month period. In no case shall a septic tank be pumped less often than once every 6 years. Waivers shall not be granted for commercial properties or residential rental properties.

All commercial food preparation facilities within the Town of New London on a septic system are required to have a grease trap system installed. All grease trap systems must be pumped per manufacturer's or service provider's recommendation but no less than twice a year.

🜠 Sports



GIRLS SOCCER

John Stark senior goalkeeper **Alexis Boudreau** (above), was selected for the 2024 girls' soccer New England All-Region Team by United Soccer Coaches. Only a few select players from New Hampshire are selected for this prestigious honor each year. Generals this past season posted 11 shutouts in 16 games. Boudreau made 96 saves and allowed just 12 goals in those 16 games, leading John Stark to the No. 3 seed in Division II, earning her a third consecutive First Team All-State selection. Boudreau has also helped expand soccer in her community, leading a two-day goalkeeping clinic for her senior project.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Hopkinton 66, Hillsboro-Deering 37: The Hawks jumped out to an early 12-6 lead at the end of the first quarter and continued to build their lead throughout the night. Hopkinton scored double digit points in all four quarters.

Campbell 60, Hopkinton 51: Brayden Crawford did an excellent job on defense, holding Jack Breton, a 20 points per game scorer, to eight points.

Kearsarge 57, Stevens 39: Kearsarge used great defensive intensity to jump out to an early 19-13 lead after the first quarter, followed by a strong second quarter, outscoring the Cardinals 20-7 to take a 39-20 lead at the half.

Kearsarge 74, Fall Mountain 63: A big third quarter by Kearsarge (outscored Fall Mountain 20-8) gave the Cougars a 59-44 lead heading into the fourth.

Kearsarge 60, Prospect Mountain 42: Great defense led to an early 22-9 lead for Kearsarge after the first quarter. Continued hustle and unselfish play had the Cougars up 39-19 at the half and they never looked back.

Franklin 63, Nute 57: After a back-and-forth first half, Franklin took control of the game in the third quarter, stretching its lead to 18. Nute turned the pressure up late in the game to cut the lead back down to four, but ultimately ran out of time as the Tornadoes were able to hang on for their second win of the young season.

Pelham 57, John Stark 37: Defending champions Pelham took the lead at the end of the first quarter and didn't look back.

ConVal 68, Bishop Brady 54: The Giants trailed by eight

at halftime, keeping it a close contest on the road at the Cougars on Friday night.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monadnock 65, Hillsboro-Deering 26: Monadnock shot lights out from everywhere on the floor and controlled the entire game.

Hopkinton 47, Hillsboro-Deering 17: The Hawks struggled shooting through the first quarter, taking a narrow 13-8 lead, but a strong defensive second quarter opened up a 26-9 halftime lead, and Hopkinton led the rest of the way. Ten different Hawk players scored points in the victory. Hopkinton 52, Campbell 21: Shaylee Murdough scored 10 of her 18 points in the first quarter to help the Hawks jump out to a 27-8 halftime lead.

Monadnock 53, Hopkinton 50: A game between two of the top teams in Division III lived up to the hype. Both teams traded baskets throughout the game. Hopkinton held the Huskies to one field goal in the fourth quarter, but a Hawks 3-pointer to tie the game missed as the Hawks fell on the road. Kearsarge 31, Stevens 24: The Cougars pulled away in

the second quarter, leading 21-14 at halftime after a 7-7 first quarter. Kearsarge led 30-18 after three quarters of Wednesday night's defensive battle.

Fall Mountain 43, Kearsarge 16: After an 8-8 first quarter, the Wildcats started to pull away with a 12-4 second quarter. Prospect Mountain 32, Kearsarge 28: The Timber-wolves had a 32-21 lead after three quarters and held on to

wolves had a 32-21 lead after three quarters and held on to win a hard fought game.

Oyster River 64, John Stark 49: The Generals stayed with the Bobcats for three quarters and were just one point behind heading into the fourth, but Stark struggled to score over the final eight minutes.

Sanborn 32, ConVal 24: Tied at just 22 with three minutes left in the game, the Cougars went cold from there on. Bishop Brady 48, ConVal 14: The Giants led 26-11 at halftime and outscored the Cougars 13-0 in the fourth quarter. Bow 48, Coe-Brown 31: The Falcons took a 10-point lead into halftime and outscored the Bears 16-7 in the fourth quarter to secure the victory.

BOYS HOCKEY

John Stark-Hopkinton/H-D 7, Pembroke-Campbell 1: Kip Hedquist scored three goals to open the game, including a shorthanded goal for his third tally and Gerardi scored a power-play goal for PAC six seconds later. Andrews had the final goal of the first period to give JSHHD a 4-1 lead. **Concord 4, Bow 1:** Tide goal to ice the game. Concord freshman Nolan Walsh scored the opening goal against his father's team and the Tide boys persevered through a tough first two periods to emerge victorious, 4-1, over Bow in the season opener for both teams.

BOYS ALPINE SKIING

Four-time defending Division II champions Hanover ran away with team scores. Hopkinton, the defending D-III champs, earned the bronze.

GIRLS ALPINE SKIING

Hanover placed four in the top six of the slalom and four in the top eight of the giant slalom to win the nine-team event. Division III Hopkinton competed well against D-II Hanover and Bow.



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Antrim man arrested in Concord

Bryan L. Geddes Lozeau, born 1995, of Antrim, received a summons at 12:25 p.m. on Dec. 7 on simple assault, criminal threatening, and disorderly conduct charges after an incident or investigation at Concord Hospital at 250 Pleasant St.

Franklin woman arrested felony theft

Kristine M. Marceau, 39, a homeless woman now located in Franklin, on a felony theft by unauthorized taking charge. She was accused of stealing merchandise from Circle K in Franklin on June 17. Twice before, she was convicted on theft charges.

Newport woman arrested for assault

Kristen Lee Masterson, 34, of Peasant Street in Newport, on second-degree assault, conduct after an accident, and reckless conduct with a deadly weapon charges, all felonies. She was accused of driving on Lakeshore Drive in New London and abruptly turning toward a pedestrian and striking them with a vehicle on May 29. Masterson failed to stop despite the collision resulting in personal injury, according to the indictment.

Franklin woman for fentanyl possession

Melissa P. Peaslee, 34, of Ivy Lane in Franklin, on possession of a controlled drug-subsequent-fentanyl and falsifying physical evidence charges, both felonies. She was accused of throwing a container of the drugs away from her body to impair an investigation while police in Franklin were attempting to cuff her on July 24. Peaslee was convicted on a drug sale charge in Merrimack County Superior Court in August 2023.

Contoocook man has expired license

Cole Joseph Reinacher, 25, of Contoocook, received a summons at 9:40 p.m. on Oct. 29, 2024, on an operating with expired license-subsequent charge. He was charged after an incident or investigation on West Street. An investigation ensued, search warrants were drafted and granted.

Weare man for unregistered vehicle

Michael Durgin, 66, Weare, NH, was arrested on the aforementioned criminal charges. Durgin was processed at the police department, released on personal recognizance bail and handed an arraignment date for Goffstown District Court. Oct. 24th : License Required – Operation without Valid License & Unregistered Vehicle.

Weare man driving with out a license

While patrolling South Stark Highway, an officer observed a vehicle without a legal registration. A motor vehicle stop was conducted. While speaking with the operator, John Jeskevicius, 81, Weare, NH, we found he did not have a valid driver license. The vehicle's registration had expired and was removed, an invalid "plate" was in its place. Jeskevicius was issued a hand summons in lieu of physical arrest with an arraignment date for Goffstown District Court. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

New Boston man arrest on warrant

While patrolling South Stark Highway, an officer observed a known male who he suspected to have an active arrest warrant. The officer confirmed the Goffstown Police had an active arrest warrant for David Trimbur, 70, New Boston, NH. Trimbur was operating a motor vehicle and had pulled into Dollar General. The officer followed and made contact with Trimbur. Trimbur was arrested and custody was transferred over to the Goffstown Police.

Hillsboro man arrest indecent exposure

After a lengthy investigation, Jesse Lavoie, 43, of Hillsboro was arrested on a warrant from an incident that occurred in April 2024, where he exposed himself while at a local business. Lavoie was released on PR bail and issued a future court date in the Hillsboro District Court.

Hillsboro woman charged with DWI

Officers received a motor vehicle complaint on Route 202/9 for a vehicle having lane control issues. An officer located the vehicle in the residence's driveway. After making contact with Tracy Jurewich, 44, the officer detected signs of alcohol impairment. The officer conducted testing that showed Jurewich was impaired. She was subsequently arrested, booked, and released on PR bail with a future court date in the Hillsboro District Court.



Hillsboro man on possession of meth Jason Bean was found in a vehicle with

Jason Bean was found in a vehicle with the car alarm going off in the parking lot of the Hillsborough District Court. An officer observed drug paraphernalia next to where the Defendant was sitting in the vehicle. A subsequent search

revealed him to be in possession of methamphetamine, for which he was arrested without incident. He was brought into the court after processing and was released on personal recognizance bail by the judge.

Hillsboro man arrested on warrant



Joshua Brasier was observed dropping off an individual at the Hillsborough District Court who had several outstanding warrants. Officers learned that the Defendant also had an outstanding warrant for drug charges from another jurisdiction but the Defendant drove

away from the court parking lot before officers could make contact. Officers conducted a traffic stop down the road and took him into custody without incident at which time he was searched and found to be in possession of suspected Heroin. The defendant was bailed for the drug charges but could not pay the cash bail for his warrant and was later transported to the Hillsborough County House of Corrections.

Man arrested driving suspended License

Officers received a motor vehicle complaint on Route 202/9 for passing unlawfully and erratic operation. An officer located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on it. After speaking with the operator, Timothy Foss, age 38, it was discovered that he did not possess a driver's license and was suspended out of Massachusetts. Foss Jr was subsequently taken into custody. Foss Jr was booked and released on PR bail with a future court date in the Hillsborough District 6th Circuit Court.

Hillsboro man charged DWI 2nd offense

Officers responded to the American Legion Post for an alarm activation. While on scene, Donn Mann was observed driving a vehicle into the parking lot. Upon speaking

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with Mann, officers observed signs of alcohol impairment. Further investigation led to the arrest of Mann for DUI. Mann was booked and released on PR bail with a future court date in the Hillsboro District Court.

Hillsboro man Cultivating Marjuna

Daniel Sullivan, 47, was the subject of a months-long investigation for cultivating marijuana. Once the marijuana plants were harvested, Defendant brought them into his residence for processing. At that point a detective made contact with the Defendant at his residence where the marijuana plants were seized. The Defendant was allowed to turn himself in for booking and processing at the Hillsboro Police Department after which he was released with a future court date.

Hillsboro man for attempted robbery



Nicholas Porch, 19, was arrested on a warrant stemming from an incident that occurred on November 5, 2024. Porch was booked and processed before being transferred to Hillsborough County House of Corrections pending his arraignment.

Hillsboro woman for resisting arrest

Officers were called to the Circle K parking lot for a report of a male yelling at a female. Upon arrival, Officers made contact with the two individuals involved and began investigating the domestic disturbance. While speaking with Megan Ryan, it was apparent that she was under the influence of alcohol. During the on-scene investigation, the defendant asked if she was free to leave, at which point Officers informed her that she was being detained due to the ongoing investigation. At this point, the defendant attempted to briskly walk away and informed Officers that she was not being detained. While Officers attempted to place her in handcuffs she began pulling away. The defendant was then arrested, processed, and released on her charges but was transferred to the Hillsborough County House of Corrections for protective custody.

Franklin man violates protective orders

Robert Burgess, 39, of Franklin, incarcerated at the time

of the indictment, on two felony stalking charges. He was accused of violating a protective order in Franklin between Aug. 29 and Sept. 1 by speaking with a protected party and entering a woman's place of employment after being convicted of stalking in May in Franklin District Court.

Weare woman on Manchester warrant

While patrolling South Stark Highway, an officer observed a vehicle exceeding the posted 50MPH speed limit and approaching a 45MPH speed zone. A motor vehicle stop was conducted and it was discovered the operator, Nicole Warren, 34, Weare, NH, had an active arrest warrant from Manchester Police. Warren was arrested and transported to the Manchester Police Department for transfer of custody. Warren was also issued a motor vehicle citation for her speed – 69MPH.

Weare man for Possession of Drugs

Weare Police responded to Lufkin Road for a report of a vehicular assault; the vehicle had left the scene. An on-scene investigation was conducted, and through the assistance of the Dunbarton Police and Goffstown Police the suspect vehicle was located. It was determined that an assault took place and the suspect of that assault attempted to stop the victim from leaving. Noah Bellemore, 24, Weare, NH, was arrested and transported to the police department for booking. A charge for Possession of Controlled Drugs was added and Bellemore was released on personal recognizance bail with an arraignment date for Goffstown District Court.

Weare woman faces multiple charges

While patrolling River Road, an officer observed a vehicle exceeding the posted 40MPH speed limit. A motor vehicle stop was conducted and the operator, Johsie Bennett, 48, Weare, NH, was issued a citation for the speed. Bennett proceeded to exit the vehicle, rip up the citation and argue with the officer. Bennett then decided to walk to her residence. The officer continued to speak with the passengers in the vehicle. During this conversation officers learned assaults had taken place on both passengers earlier in the day at their residence. Officers located Bennett at her residence where she resisted arrest and assaulted an officer.



On December 12, 2024, the Newbury Police Department conducted a motor vehicle stop which resulted in two individuals being arrested for drug related offenses. A search of the vehicle was completed. Items recovered from the vehicle included a significant quantity of controlled drugs, including suspected fentanyl, a scale, associated packing materials, and a firearm. This investigation is ongoing.



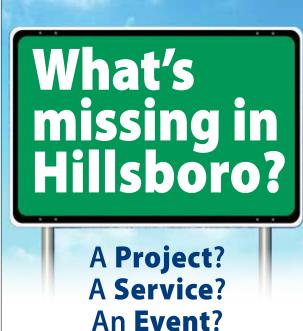
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Marie A. Merrow

DEERING - Marie A. (Lamontagne) Merrow, 81, of



Deering, passed peacefully surrounded by the love of her family at Concord Hospital on Thursday, December 19, 2024. She was born August 26, 1943 in St Magloire, Quebec to the late Adelard Lamontagne and Rose (Pilote). She is predeceased

by her son, Bruce and her daughter, Tammy. She is survived by her long-time companion of 35 years, Bernie Carpenter of Deering; her grandson, Garrett Auclair of Weare; her three granddaughters, Tawana Viering of FL, Crystal Auclair of Hillsboro and Stacey Rhoney of NC. A burial will be held later in the spring of 2025 in Maple Ave. Cemetery Hillsboro, NH.

Sharon Jordan

DEERING - Sharon L. Jordan was born in Burlington,



VT on June 29, 1956 to Patricia Ann (Killary) and Myron (Midge) H. Jordan. Sharon was blessed to spend 36 years with her husband, Joe Sikora. She leaves behind her daughter, Courtney MacDonald and husband, Andrew and two wonderful grand-

sons, Colin and Grayson. Sharon was predeceased by her parents and her sister, Debra Cherington. A special thank you to Nancy Friese, Tammy Ford and Theresa Siegler for their love and support to Sharon. A Celebration of Sharon's life will be held in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Sharon's name to Tomten Farm and Sanctuary, PO Box 85, Haverhill, NH. 03765.

Jane H. Waters

CONCORD - Jane Hattstaedt Waters, 90, of Concord,



NH, passed away peacefully on December 11. She was lovingly cared for throughout her illness and passing. Born November 27, 1934, Jane grew up the daughter of John and Maren Hattstaedt, along with her brother, Jack (deceased), in Win-

netka, Illinois. Her paternal grandfather founded the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, and her father served as its president throughout her childhood and beyond. Jane is survived by her son, John Waters, his wife, Tracy, three grandchildren, Turner, Jack and Greer, as well as her nephew, Jim Hattstaedt, his wife, Belem and daughter, Jamie. She was preceded in life by her husband, Steve, and her daughter, Carolyn "Carrie" Waters. A memorial service to celebrate Jane's life will be held this Spring (2025) at a time to be determined. All will be welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Deering Community Church, a beloved church and community close to Jane's heart.

Kay L. Bennett

HILLSBOROUGH - Kay Lorraine (Barnes) Bennett,



74, of Hillsborough, NH, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on Tuesday, December 17. Born March 29, 1950 in Minneapolis, she moved to Boston in 1980 to live closer to her parents. Kay had 3 sisters, Ann, Lynn and Jane (deceased). Kay loved

her nieces and nephews, but her focus was always on Chris Eckers. We will celebrate Kay's life this summer. Kay gave the gift of life through organ donation-liver and kidneys. The family requests that donations in Kay's memory be directed to New England Donor Services, 60 First Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451.



New London Fire was out with the New London Highway Department recently flooding the ice rink for the season. The rink was filled with just over 5,000 gallons of water.

Events: Community Bulletin Board

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TUESDAY DECEMBER 31

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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1

MEAT BINGO: Open to the public. Hosted by American Legion Auxiliary at Hillsboro Post #59, 18 Rounds. Doors open 12:00 noon, game starts at 1:00pm.

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By: Joyce Bosse By: Joyce Bosse While many would-be buyers are looking to buy a home near their family, many respondents already call their family neighbors, with about 4 in 10

surveyed consumers saying their parents, siblings, extended family or grandparents have purchased a home near them.

Co-buying and living with family longer-term

As housing affordability continues to be a barrier for many would-be buyers, co-living or co-buying with family has gained significant popularity in recent years. Eighty-three percent of those surveyed would consider buying a home to live in together, as a primary residence, with someone other than their spouse/partner, including an extended family member or friend. Respondents were most open to buying a home with their child (37%), a romantic partner they're not married or engaged to (31%); a sibling, cousin or other family member from the same generation (27%), and their parents or in-laws (23%).

For those who would consider buying a home with someone other than their spouse, top reasons cited included that pooled resources would afford them a better location (43%), a more updated home (41%), and/or a bigger home (38%). One-third (36%) of those who said that they would buy a home with someone other than their spouse said it was because they're already living together and would prefer to buy and start building equity sooner, and 29% said it's because they can't afford to buy a home on their own.

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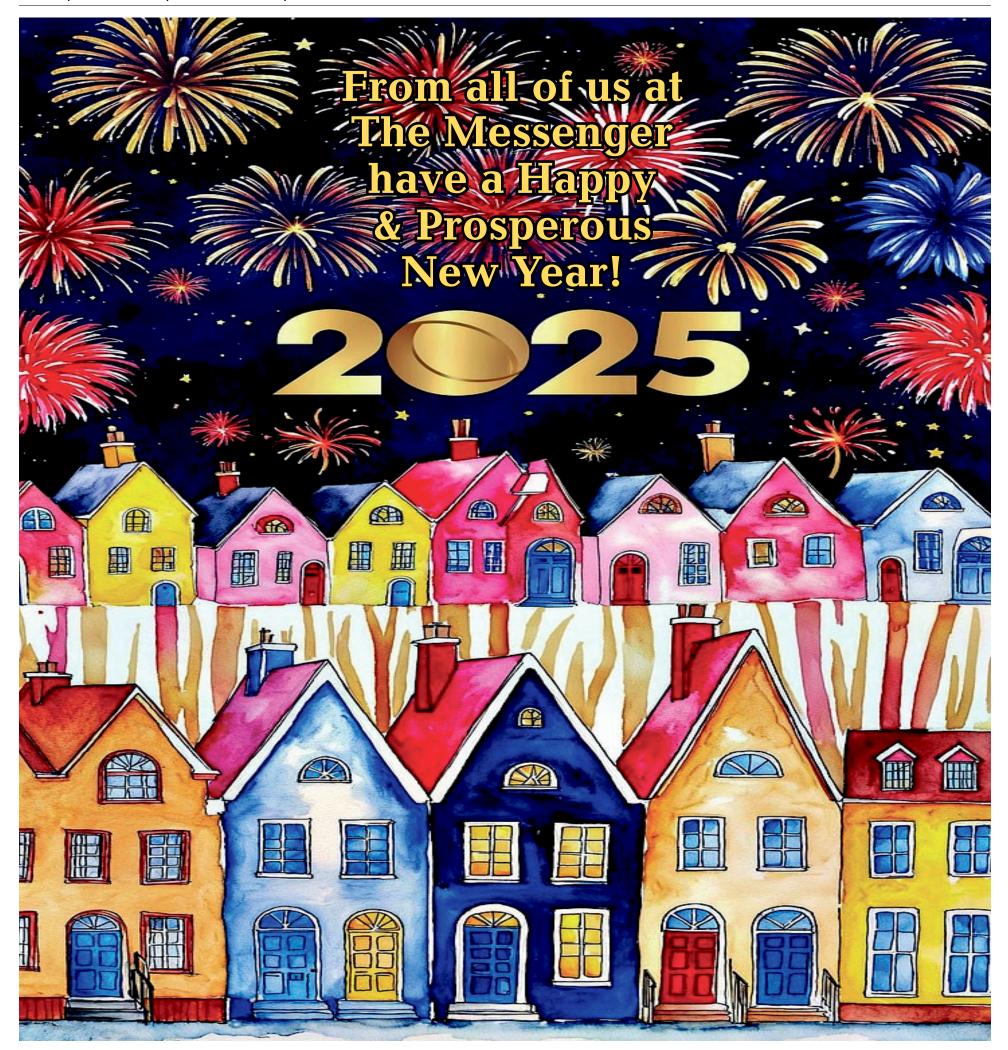
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January 9, 2025 Public Notice The Planning Board will be holding a public hearing on Thursday,

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Proposed 2025 Zoning Amendments: First of two public hearings for these proposed Zoning Amendments.

Are you in favor of the adoption of <u>Amendment No. 1</u> to the Weare Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Weare Planning Board as follows: "To add a new Article 38, entitled Non-Residential Photovoltaic (Solar) Arrays?"

Are you in favor of the adoption of <u>Amendment No. 2</u> to the Weare Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Weare Planning Board as follows: "Amend Article 4.1, Definitions, to add a definition of <u>Photovoltaic (PV) Array, also known</u> <u>as a solar array"</u>?

Are you in favor of the adoption of <u>Amendment No. 3</u> to the Weare Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Weare Planning Board as follows: "Amend Article 4.1, Definitions, to add a definition of "Accessory Living Space"?

Are you in favor of the adoption of <u>Amendment No. 4</u> to the Weare Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Weare Planning Board as follows: "Add a new section to Article 6, creating 6.1.7 called Variance/ Special Exception Expiration?"

DETAILS TO ABOVE AMENDMENTS ARE IN A SEPARATE ATTACHMENT ON THE WEBSITE OR CAN BE OBTAINED BY EMAILING: nbolton@wearenh.gov or CALLING 603-529-7535.

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