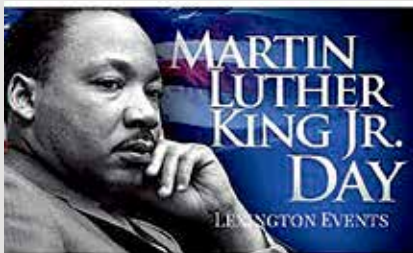


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Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States, observed on the third Monday of January each year. King was chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which protested racial discrimination in federal and state law and civil society.



Antrim Fire & Ambulance recognized Gary Wood (L) who recently retired. Gary had 51 years of service with the department and had held the rank of Captain. We thank Gary for his service and dedication to the town of Antrim.

## This week in history

**January 18, 1950**

China & Russia recognize Democratic Republic of Vietnam

**January 19, 1915**

German zeppelins drop bombs on Britain

**January 20, 1981**

Iran hostage crisis ends

**January 21, 2018**

Family finds oldest message in a bottle ever discovered

**January 22, 1997**

Falling space debris strikes Oklahoma woman

**January 23, 1957**

Toy company produces first Frisbees

**January 24, 1935**

First canned beer goes on sale



Former Chief Dan MacDonald.

## Thank You, Dan MacDonald

*Long-Time Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director involuntarily retired*

Dan MacDonald has been the face, voice, heart and soul of the New Boston Fire Department for nearly a quarter of a century.

During that time, he led a first-class group of firefighters housed in a substandard facility. Without complaint, he led the fight for a new station for nearly a decade, but had been shot down at every town meeting since 2016. Meanwhile, fire and safety calls increased, along with the cost of building a new station.

Although Dan retired as fire chief in 2022, he retained the office of emergency management director and continued

working on the \$9.2 million grant that will expand and replace the current out-of-date station.

The era came to an abrupt end in December when MacDonald was summoned to a meeting with the Town Administrator and Select Board Chair and was informed that he had been removed as Emergency Management Director.

In a gracious letter in the monthly New Boston Beacon, MacDonald admitted he was surprised by the decision but thanked the people of New Boston for their support over the last 24 years.

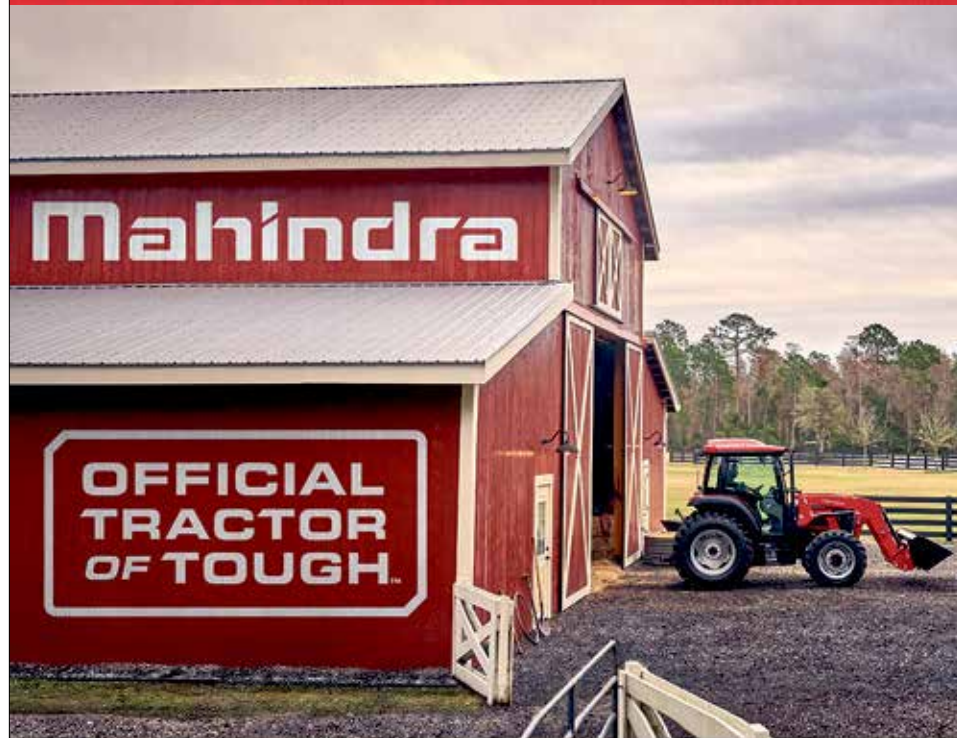
That prompted Board Chair Bill Mc-

Fadden to read a formal statement into the record, stating that, "When he retired as Chief of the Fire Department the Board agreed to have him continue as Emergency Management Director to ease the transition for the new Fire Chief, Frank Fraitzl. There was no signed contractual agreement with MacDonald for his services and the arrangement was never intended to be permanent."

The Select Board then appointed an Emergency Management team, which did not include MacDonald, to finalize the policies and procedures for the new facility. (See Publisher's Perspective on page 10.)



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**Yesteryear** *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

### January 19, 2024

Hillsboro mourns the loss of Police Chief "Pete Cate"  
Manchester woman turns herself in for Dunbarton vandalism  
New England College freezes tuition at 2022 rate  
Deering residents reject electing its Road Agent

### January 20, 2023

H-D school budget down \$1,604.00  
NH school enrollment declining while costs are escalating  
Henniker Community School approves expanding Pre-School  
John Stark's proposed school budget shows modest increase

### January 21, 2022

Deering icon Nancy Cowan dies  
SAU #34 Superintendent Patricia Parenteau to retire  
Henniker may separate Town Clerk & Tax Collector  
H-D students again test well below state averages

### January 22, 2021

Bennington woman faces multiple charges after chase  
1,100 feet of Contoocook River shoreline preserved  
Henniker fire victim remains in intensive care  
Hillsboro Police, Fire & Rescue respond to 2 accidents

### January 24, 2020

Hopkinton Select Board & Rescue Squad at impasse  
New Boston asked to support \$2.9 million Fire Station  
Warner Select Board adopts 2010 ATV Agreement  
Deering Police Chief James Pushee retires

### January 25, 2019

HP Fairfield purchases Hopkinton facility  
Eight towns provide mutual aid for Weare fire  
Henniker Select Board cuts \$48,516 from budget  
Hillsborough sewer & water fees up \$90-\$120/quarter

### January 26, 2018

Weare Selectmen accused of padding the budget  
Hopkinton Board withdraws \$30 million school bond  
Andover Selectmen seek expanded Comcast service  
Belmont man sent to prison for 41 months

### January 27, 2017

Newport Board approves \$500,00 Senior Center grant  
Chichester Forest Fire Warden Steve Stock retiring  
Armed robbery at Belmont's Penguin Market  
New London named a "HeartSafe Community"

### January 22, 2016

Bomb threat at Sunapee Middle/High School  
Silver named New Boston's Planning Coordinator  
Henniker Police Chief to Washington  
Newbury seeks new Police and Fire Stations

### January 23, 2015

Goffstown voters to decide form of government  
Henniker Selectmen & School Board at odds  
Vehicle break-ins in Bow and Goffstown  
Four survive Bradford house fire



# New London Fire Dept. seeks \$80,657.00 budget increase in FY 2026

Fire Chief Jay Lyon informed the New London Board of Selectmen that the Fire Department would like to modify its budget request for FY 2026. The increased amount reflects the need for one additional full time firefighter.

If approved, the difference requested is a net increase of \$80,657 as there are several line items that could be modified. The on-call line (125) can be reduced by \$17,280 from the requested \$43,200 and the part-time line (120) could be reduced by \$10,500 for a total reduction of \$27,780. Lyon said that he understands this is a substantial increase but it is not being made without careful consideration and deliberation. This is a multifaceted plan.

In addition to the budget request, the NLFD will be asking the Selectboard for approval to apply for additional staffing through a SAFER Grant in

April. They had hoped to apply for three additional personnel through this funding source, however this is a competitive grant and is not guaranteed. Therefore, to minimize the impact on the tax rate, the Board of Firewards believes that adding one position in this coming fiscal year is the best approach.

Fire Chief Lyon has talked about the difficulties of recruitment and retention within the Fire Service for years. Unfortunately, the NLFD's operating model that has worked so well for years is no longer as effective as in the past. Currently, the Town of New London Fire Department has three full-time career personnel and one per-diem employee. These members cover the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. The issue is covering the on-call shifts during weeknights, as well as

all weekend shifts. The Department has seen significant changes to its demographics over the last 40 years.

"As we examine staffing levels and the challenges of covering shifts, we recognize that additional full-time employees

are required to meet our coverage shortages while trying to provide adequate service to our residents," he concluded.



Bennington's Sawyer Park's gazebo and bandstand will have to be rebuilt after high winds lifted and dropped the structure last week.



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## JSRHS students perform at Music Festivals

John Stark Regional High School will once again be sending many students to major auditioned festivals this

season, marking them among the best performers in the region and state of New Hampshire.



Pictured from left to right are this year's festival attendees: Dylan Burke (Classical All-State), Eloisa Osgood (Jazz All-State), Zane Talbot (Classical All-State, All New England), Elizabeth Westfahl (Classical All-State, Chamber festival) and Nick Tetro (Classical All-State, All New England).



John Stark Regional High School sent several band and choral students to the 20th annual Granite State Invitational Music Festival, where they had fun making music with students from seven other New Hampshire schools. Pictured from left to right are band students Alex Cloud, Theresa Mosher, Emmerson Brown, Nick Tetro, Zane Talbot and August Evans. Front row: Elisabeth Westfahl and Hailey Leung.



Pictured left to right are choral students Richard Desforges, Dylan Burke, Elka Fuller and Eloisa Osgood. Front row: Charlotte Matzke, Giana Farren, Rebecca Scoledge, Berkley Newcomb, Elena Hernandez, Emily Taylor and Blair Schou.



# Town of Newport earns designation as a “Housing Champion”

The Town of Newport has been awarded the Housing Champions Designation by the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA). This recognition highlights the town’s dedication to addressing housing challenges in NH, and promoting economic development in the community.

Creating more accessible, affordable housing means Newport supports a diverse work-force, which is essential for the local economy. A stable housing supply helps businesses attract and retain great employees, maintaining Newport’s competitiveness:

This designation opens the door to new funding opportunities. The Town is now eligible to apply for grants aimed at enhancing its infrastructure and housing production, allowing Newport to better serve their growing workforce.

Recent wins include:

- Spring Street Development – 42 affordable units, quickly filled with a year-long waitlist.
- Ruger Mill Development –

70 units opening Fall 2025, and already meeting high demand.

Infrastructure Upgrades:

- Wastewater Treatment Facility:

The \$33M upgrade to the Wastewater Treatment Facility, set to be completed in 2026, will not only support housing growth but will also improve public health.

- North Newport Water Supply Well:

The addition of a new water supply well in the northern part of town has been a key priority for Newport since 2018, and it’s finally coming to fruition with an expected completion by December 2026. This well is essential for increasing their system’s capacity and improving the overall resilience of their water supply.

Currently, both of Newport’s existing water supplies are located in the southern part of town and rely on a single aging water main. A break in this main would pose high risk to Newport’s water supply, which is why the development



of this geographically separated well is critical. This new well will help meet the needs of future developments, while protecting the integrity of their entire distribution system.

With over 177 new housing units built in the last three years and more on the way, Newport is continually making strides in addressing housing shortages and setting the stage for long-term

economic success. They’re working hard to expand workforce housing and meeting the needs of their growing community, all while keeping Newport a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

In a new analysis of data, researchers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) have found that taking a daily AREDS2 supplement containing antioxidant vitamins and minerals slows progression of late-stage dry age-related macular degeneration (AMD), potentially helping people with late-stage disease preserve their central vision. The study was published in the journal *Ophthalmology*.

Investigators analyzing the potential cognitive effects of antidiabetic medications in records of more than 1.5 million patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) found risks of dementia and Alzheimer's disease (AD) were significantly lower in patients treated with metformin and sodium glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitors (SGLT-2i) compared to other antidiabetic drugs. Their results appear in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. T2DM has become a critical health issue, affecting around 530 million patients worldwide. Growing evidence demonstrates there is at least a 50% increased risk of cognitive impairment and dementia in patients with T2DM, manifested as impaired executive function, memory, and attention. Dementia itself is also a crucial health issue, affecting more than 40 million patients worldwide.

New use of semaglutide was associated with a lower risk for medical care related to tobacco use disorder (TUD) in smokers with type 2 diabetes compared with 7 other anti-diabetes medications. Those who used semaglutide were less likely to have a medical encounter that included a diagnosis of TUD, prescribing of smoking cessation medication, or smoking cessation counseling during the study timeframe. These findings suggest the need for clinical trials to evaluate semaglutide's potential for use in smoking cessation. The study is published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

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## ORAL CANCER: PART I



Dr. Esin Narli

Cancer is a complex disease characterized by uncontrolled cell growth, significantly impacting global health. Head and neck cancers rank as the sixth most prevalent cancers worldwide. Oral squamous cell carcinoma (OSCC) is the predominant malignancy in this category, posing a significant health concern due to its high mortality and often late-stage diagnosis.

The significance of early detection by your dentist and appropriate screening measures cannot be overstated, as they play a pivotal role in improving survival rates and reducing the disease burden.

### Overview of Oral Cancer

Oral cancer involves the malignant growth of cells in the mouth's tissues, including the lips, tongue, gums, cheeks, and throat. The five-year survival rate is discouragingly low, between 50% and 60%, largely due to late diagnosis. Early detection is crucial for improving prognosis and survival rates. However, diagnostic delays are common, often attributed to patient-related issues like lack of awareness and delayed consultation.

### Characteristics

Over 90% of oral cancers are OSCCs, often located in the tongue and floor of the mouth. Early-stage carcinomas typically go unnoticed due to the absence of symptoms, leading to late-stage diagnoses characterized by pain, bleeding, and other severe symptoms. The prognosis is poor once the disease progresses to advanced stages. Early detection relies heavily on clinical examination and biopsy. Recognizing the subtle clinical signs in the early stages can significantly alter the treatment outcomes and improve survival rates.

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## Teen driver deceased after crash in Andover

A driver is deceased following a crash into a drainage ditch in Andover. At 11:53 p.m. on Sunday, January 12, 2025, State Troopers assigned to the Troop D barracks responded to a report of a truck off the road, fully submerged in water, on Currier Road. The caller reported that the driver was believed to still be inside.

Members of the East Andover Fire Department also responded to the scene and removed the lone occupant, who was confirmed to be deceased. Troopers determined the truck was a 2010 Gray Nissan Frontier pickup and the deceased driver was identified as Wyatt Carleton, 17, of Andover.

Based on the preliminary investigation of the crash,

Troopers believe that the driver was traveling westbound on Currier Road when, for reasons that remain under investigation, the vehicle veered off the road to the left as it was crossing over a culvert. The vehicle flipped over the edge of the road and landed in the drainage ditch, coming to rest on its roof. The initial investigation revealed the vehicle appeared to have drifted on the ice-covered road a few hundred feet before it went off into the drainage ditch. All aspects of the crash remain under investigation.

The road was closed for approximately three hours during the investigation. Troop D was assisted at the scene by members of the East Andover Fire Department and Franklin Fire Department.



New Boston's Francestown Road was closed to through traffic in the area of 350 due to a motor vehicle accident. Vehicles were detoured around Colburn Road.



Antrim Fire & Ambulance were operating at a motor vehicle crash at 301 Elm Avenue. Elm Avenue was closed to through traffic for a couple hours for a vehicle recovery.



# The Merrimack County Saving Bank announces local grant recipients

The Merrimack Foundation is excited to share 2024's grant recipients. In total, the Foundation awarded \$57,170 to 23 local non-profit organizations that enrich the communities within The Merrimack's service areas. These grants are in addition to

the donations, sponsorships and scholarships The Merrimack makes throughout the year.

This year's Foundation grant recipients, in the Messenger's readership areas, include:

- Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America:

Awarded \$1,500 to fund camp scholarships for youth.

- Family Promise of Greater Concord:

Awarded \$1,500 for "Wheels Up, Barriers Down" Program that will provide financial assistance to families with children who are housing instable and at imminent

risk of becoming homeless.

- Friends of Tucker Free Library:

Awarded \$2,500 for shared cooking experiences and education materials to enhance understanding of diverse cultures.

- Girls Inc. of NH: Awarded \$3,500 to fund

evidence-based prevention programs for girls in the Hopkinton and Concord School Districts.

- Riverbend Community Mental Health:

Awarded \$2,500 for furnishings at their new 12-bed residence for individuals with severe mental illness.

## Bennington adopts flag lowering policy

After receiving complaints from several residents that town flags were not lowered immediately after the death of former President Jimmy Carter, the Select Board discussed and adapted a policy on lowering of the town's flags. Board Chair James Cleary said he wished people would contact Select Board members or town staff rather than making complaints on social media.

"If people are driving by and they have a concern, maybe they could stop and lower the flag themselves," said Select Board member Tom James. Select Board member Tony Parisi developed a policy around

flag lowering requiring that "all departments are responsible for their own flags." "We have now nailed down who is going to take care of each flag," Parisi said.

The new policy requires that every department take care of their own flag. Parisi said Road Agent DJ Wing and firefighters Zack Anderson and Curtis Dude had already volunteered to lower the town's flags in the future, and that the fire department had signed up for official notifications.

"Our town staff went and lowered every single flag with the proper ceremony this morning," Cleary said. The board passed the new flag policy unanimously.



Barbara DelloRusso has been named as the Warner Historical Society's new Office Administrator. Barbara brings a love of local history, a terrific sense of humor, a wealth of skills in office management, and specific experience in historical research, grant writing, and education. Pictured (L to R) are Rebecca Courser, Barbara DelloRusso, Kathy Inman, and Mary Cogswell.

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## **Hometown Heroes**



New London Firefighters responded to a fourth alarm building fire at 39 Mechanic Street in Lebanon just after midnight. New London crews assisted with extensive overhaul on the scene. Units were back in town and in service just after 3:00 a.m.



Antrim and Bennington crews assisted at a fire on Nichols Road in Peterborough on Sunday afternoon that was caused by the improper disposal of wood stove ashes, fire officials said after extinguishing the blaze.



A family is thanking a good Samaritan for helping them after their house caught fire on Bridge Street in Hillsborough. A woman driving by the scene stopped and ran inside to make sure everyone was OK before she helped rescue the family's pets.



# ConVal School Board drops plans for a \$18.75 million bond to renovate CTE Center

In a decisive 9-1 vote, the ConVal School Board decided not to include a bond for renovations to the Region 14 CTE Center and the high school.

The vote follows December's school board meeting at which the board voted to defer plans to renovate the Lucy Hurlin Theatre, which had been proposed at the same time as the CTE project. That vote followed a community forum hosted by the School Board, where dozens of residents expressed concern in light of the increase in tax bills in all nine of ConVal's towns.

"It's back to the drawing board," said Budget and Property Committee Chair Jim Fredrickson. "We will come up with another plan to upgrade our CTE."

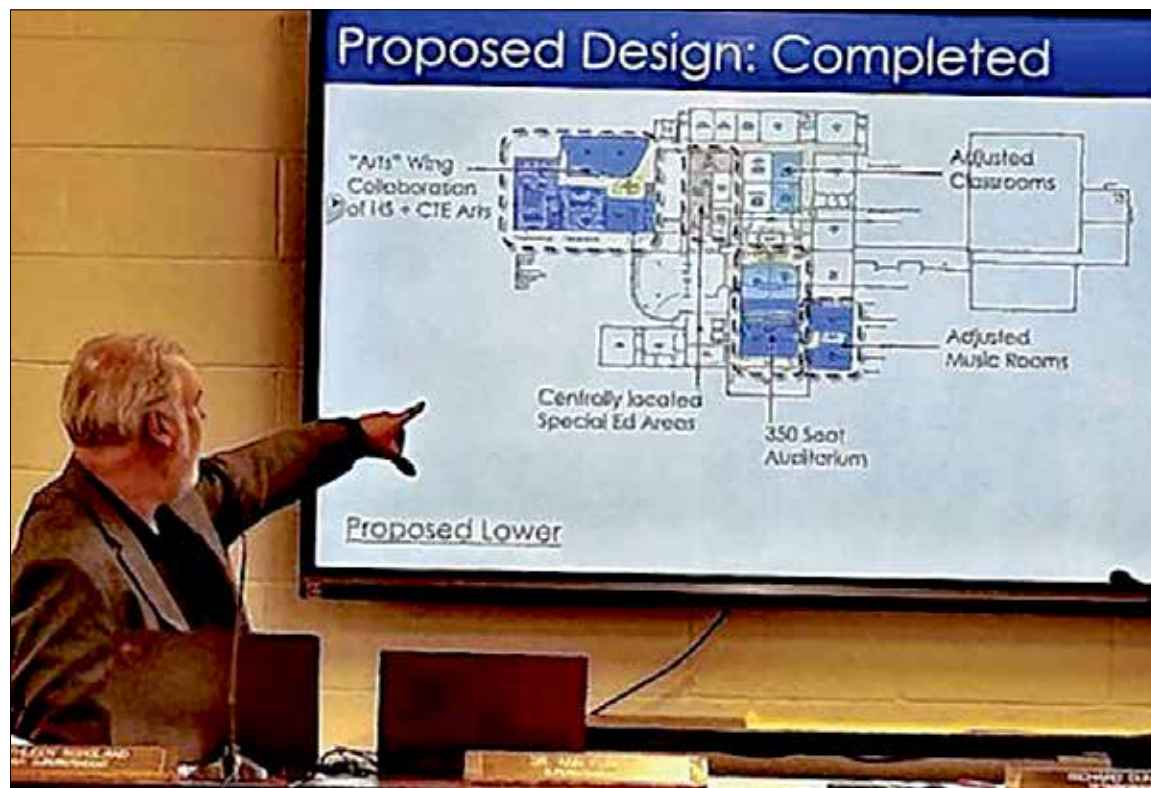
The proposed CTE/high school renovation project was estimated at approximately \$33.48 million, with estimated state funding of approximately \$14.73 million, \$18.75 million would need to be funded by a district bond.

If voters had approved the renovations to the CTE and high school (not including the theater), the tax impact would have averaged about \$200 a year for a home worth \$500,000.

The architectural plans for the project completed by Lavalée Brensinger, which cost about \$250,000, included comprehensive structural and systems review for ConVal, Great Brook Middle School and South Meadow School.

The renovation project would have included adding new program areas to the CTE, including veterinary care, health care and metallurgy, areas which were recommended by an advisory board comprised of local industry leaders. Renovations to the high school would have included reconfiguring and repurposing classrooms to shift the special education core, grouping CTE classes together and creating an "arts wing" promoting collaboration between the CTE and art classes.

The old CTE wing would have



been demolished and replaced by a new CTE wing.

High school renovations also included the creation of a single,

secure front entryway, which was recommended by the Center for Homeland Security. Renovations would have also increased

accessibility to the building and increased natural light to the portions of the high school which are underground.



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## Publishers Perspective



New Boston Fire Station.

### A Fitting Tribute

Our lead story this week details the saga of long-time New Boston Fire Chief Dan MacDonald, who was unceremoniously stripped of his duties just as his dream of a new Fire Station was becoming a reality.

The Select Board's long-winded response to Dan's admission that he was surprised by the demotion falls far short of an apology for the indignity and injustice done to this great man.

While reciting their supposed admiration and appreciation for MacDonald's 24 years of service, their message was "Stop complaining, your appointment as Emergency Management Director was neither con-

tractural or permanent."

Board members should be ashamed of themselves. After nearly a quarter century of service to the town and a decade of leading the fight for a new Fire Station, to be stripped of his involvement and denied a spot on the new Emergency Management Team, with dedication of the new station only months away, is beyond insulting.

Under the circumstances, there is only one FITTING TRIBUTE for Dan's lifetime of service to New Boston - the new station must be named "MacDonald Station," in his honor.

### Words of Wisdom

*Bill Helm is nearing the end of his term on the New London Select Board and will not seek reelection in March. Always a voice of reason, Bill has some sound advice for his fellow Board members to think long-term. LDB*

New London Select Board Chair Helm suggested that the Board start the new year by sitting down with the water precinct commissioners to discuss the water conservation in the town. The Board agreed; the Commissioners will be invited to the next Board meeting, or the Selectmen will attend a Commission meeting. Chair Helm noted that he would like to go over a few things:

In 12 weeks, he will be done with his term, and he is not running for reelection.

Water is critical to the town, and that is why he wants to meet with the water commission.

The police facility is an essential part of the town's infrastructure, it's a long-term project and will go through many steps. The disruption the town experienced with the Twin Pines and the Continuum projects is quite unfortunate, as they were going to address important housing issues. With those projects not being done, the town will also lose some major revenue sources. He has spoken with the Fire Chief and Firewards and their big building project will be needed in 2032.

He urged the selectmen to work with the budget committee to start reserving more money now for other big projects.

## Letter to the Editor

### Letter to the Editor:

'Life is a learning experience, only if you learn.' Yogi Berra. New Orleans was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. People died, lives and property were lost, businesses ruined, and the psychological impact lasted years. The Army Corp of Engineers warned Louisiana and New Orleans for 40 years the levees were too low to meet the needs of a 100 year storm surge. New Orleans government didn't listen; did nothing. Big spending on other priorities. Katrina arrived and disaster followed. New Hampshire watches as California is devastated by wild fires in Los Angeles. Water isn't available at hydrants and resources are inadequate. LA cut the Fire/EMS budget for other preferred spending. As Yogi Berra said 'It's like de-

ja-vu all over again.' As this apocalyptic scenario unfolds, people, property, businesses, and psychological impact is repeated. Government in CA and LA knows the need and had years to respond. Nope, government has other priorities. Everything can't be funded so lets skip the "stuff" people can't see right away. The common denominator is government by Democrats. 'Feel good' decisions override fact based decisions; backward priorities. The purpose of taxation is to provide for the common welfare of society. New Orleans still votes for Democrats. Sad but not surprising. What will LA do? Did New Orleans learn? Will LA learn? Who knows. Yogi Berra knows 'Make a game plan and stick to it. Unless its not working.'

**Stephen Pierce, Bradford**





The Messenger's Leigh and Joyce Bosse (L) with Jessica Audette and Amanda McDonald from The Hillsborough Chamber (R) assist owner Emi Wynands and her daughters Raina and Elsie Kaser-Odor (C) cut the ribbon to officially open Cake Mama in Central Square.

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The show is a one act comedy by Kathryn Funkhouser and Jason Pizzarello about two delivery people going through a series of arduous tasks and dealing with

impossible people. Logan, a veteran delivery woman, knows how to deal with these exhausting deliveries, but for Sam, the newbie, the responsibilities and expectations are just overwhelming. Will Sam quit? Or will she find a way to persevere to the end?

Tickets can be purchased at the window or online at <https://johnstarkstagecompany.ludus.com/index.php> for January the 17th and 18th, a Friday and Saturday, at 7:00 p.m. Box opens at 6:30 p.m.

**WHO:** John Stark Stage Company, John Stark Regional High School, Weare

**WHAT:** Knock Knock, the one act comedy

**WHEN:** Friday the 17th and Saturday the 18th



This is the third year students have graduated from KRHS' LNA program. This year's graduates are Gage Richard, Renae Purslow, Danica Janssen, Sienna Loomis, Chloe Hasey, Isabelle Dragon and Meadow Chase. These students began their education over the summer, spending 50 hours online through River Valley Community College, before returning to school and completing a month-long pre-clinical lab experience at KRHS with direct instruction from professionals from New London Hospital. Finally, students completed 60 hours of in-hospital clinical work at New London Hospital.



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# Sports

## BOYS BASKETBALL

**Hopkinton 71, Hillsboro-Deering 43:** The last time these two met, the Hawks won similarly, 66-37, on Dec. 13, but went on to lose the two games after that. Friday's win was not necessarily a surprising result, but it reaffirmed the Hawks' belief in their powerful rebuilding.

**Sanborn 69, John Stark 44:** Sanborn came out 10-0 to start the game, and although the Generals were able to cut it to seven points right before the half, that's as close as they would come.

**John Stark 47, Plymouth 40:** Cedar Beaupre 3-pointer with less than a minute to play put the Generals ahead by nine points in a physical, back-and-forth game.

**Kearsarge 66, Raymond 53:** Kearsarge shot 14-for-18 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter to hand the Rams their first loss of the season.

**Kearsarge 67, Mascoma 56:** Mascoma came right back and made another run, tying the game at 44-44 heading into the fourth, but Kearsarge's defense tightened up and the offense exploded.

**Franklin 71, Pittsfield 35:** Franklin poured in 23 points in the third quarter to put an exclamation point on the win.

**Franklin 55, Wilton-Lyndeborough 52:** The game was tied 22-22 at halftime, but the Tornadoes scored 17 points in the third quarter to take a 39-37 lead heading into the fourth. Franklin has won three of its last four.

**Souhegan 60, ConVal 55:** Ryan Close scored 21 and Max Cail 14 for the Cougars in a tough loss.

**Coe-Brown 52, ConVal 49:** The Bears moved into the top five of the Division II standings with a victory on the road.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Hopkinton 42, Hillsboro-Deering 25:** The Hawks jumped out to a 16-4 first quarter lead and maintained a double-digit advantage throughout the game to earn their fifth straight win.

**Hopkinton 61, Conant 47:** After trailing 21-20 at halftime, the Hawks locked down defensively and used a strong transition offense to score 41 points in the second half to

pull away late.

**Stevens 32, Kearsarge 16:** After a 5-5 opening quarter, Stevens pulled away to lead 10-6 at halftime and 21-11 at the end of the third.

**Kearsarge 42, Raymond 17:** Kearsarge led 8-4 after the first quarter, but went on a run in the second to lead 22-6 at halftime.

**Franklin 60, Pittsfield 25:** Kourtney Kaplan scored 17 points in the first quarter to lead the Tornadoes to a 21-12 lead after the first quarter and a 40-16 lead at halftime, and Franklin outscored Pittsfield 13-2 in the third quarter to add some insurance. Kaplan, a sophomore, is just 18 points shy of her 1,000th career point.

**Nashua North 55, Goffstown 44:** Meredith Winterburn scored 18, Reece Still, 11 in the loss.

**Souhegan 54, ConVal 15:** The Cougars trailed from start to finish.

**Coe-Brown 59, ConVal 29:** After taking a 16-7 lead in the first quarter, the Bears came out in the second with a 21-3 run to put the game away.

**John Stark 50, Sanborn 28:** The Generals were up 20-4 after the first quarter and Stafford had a career high performance to lead John Stark to its first win of the season.

**Plymouth 51, John Stark 46:** Key player: John Stark - Lexi Korbet made shots from the perimeter and attacked the basket, keeping the Generals in a back-and-forth contest, but Stark came up short in the end.

**Kearsarge 50, Mascoma 21:** The Cougars led 12-4 after the first quarter and shut out the Royals to lead 28-4 at halftime. Kearsarge led 42-10 heading into the fourth.

**Pittsfield 37, Sunapee 31:** The Panthers led 16-4 after the first quarter but were shut out in the second quarter to trail 17-16 at halftime. Pittsfield outscored Sunapee 14-5 in the fourth to retake the lead and pull away. Records: Pittsfield 2-5; Sunapee 0-4.

## BOYS HOCKEY

**Bow 3, Hanover 3:** The Falcons scored two goals in the third to force a tie against the visiting Bears.

Former Hancock Police Chief Andrew Wood has avoided jail time for claiming to have been working in Hancock and Richmond simultaneously. Under the terms of a plea agreement, Wood, 56, of Fitzwilliam, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of theft by unauthorized taking. In exchange, he received a one-year suspended sentence and will pay the Town of Richmond \$12,055.03 for what a state attorney general investigation found were "many instances of overlapping time worked" between 2017 and 2019. He had been indicted in September 2022 on a Class A felony count of theft by unauthorized taking and a Class A felony count of theft by deception. A Class A felony is punishable by 7 1/2 to 15 years in state prison sentence and a \$4,000 fine.



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**DEERING:** 30 Johnson Road. Three bedroom mobile home on large lot in a Coop park. Detached garage. Near Rte. 202 between Hillsboro and Antrim. **\$69,900.**



## Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

### Joyce Marie (Alix) Chagnon

**HENNIKER** - Joyce Marie (Alix) (Henderson) Chagnon, of Henniker, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully at home on December 31, 2024. She was born on June 2, 1940, in Meriden, Connecticut, to John and Mary (Despres) Alix. Joyce was predeceased by her beloved husband, Donald L. Chagnon, Sr., who passed away on March 12, 1994. She is lovingly remembered by her three children: Tammy Fortier of Concord, Jill Henderson of Henniker, and John Henderson and his wife, Althea of Franklin. Joyce's legacy also includes eight grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She is also survived by her sister, Beverly Langlais of Henniker and many cherished nieces, nephews, and cousins. A celebration of Joyce's life will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at The Nook Diner located at 83 Henniker Street in Hillsboro, New Hampshire. Friends and family are invited to gather from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A committal service will take place in the spring. Joyce will be deeply missed by all who knew her. May her memory bring comfort and peace to those she leaves behind.



### Michael A. Greene

**BENNINGTON** - January 5, 2025 was last call for "Greenie." He jumped on his Harley and left this life in the dust. He finally reached the "Miller High Life." Michael A. Greene was born 66 years ago in Peterborough to Charles and Floreda (Cate) Greene. In addition to his cat, "Motorcycle," Greenie is survived by his brother, David Greene; sister, Nora Greene; brother, Frank Greene and his wife, Linda; his nieces, Tracy Crowell, Michelle Flagg, Melissa Greene and Sarah Pasioka; as well as several great nieces and nephews. He is also survived by countless friends, including a group of a dozen or so very close friends (you know who you are). He was pre-deceased by his parents; his brother, Chuck Greene; and his niece, Jessica Briggs. A graveside service will be held in the spring at St. Charles cemetery. In the meantime, celebrate Greenie as he would if he were here to celebrate with you.



### Sandra J. Martell

**GOFFSTOWN** - It is with such sorrow that we, The Martell and Bannister families share the sudden passing of our "Auntie" Sandra J Martell of Goffstown, NH on Saturday January 4. Sandra was born in Somerville, MA on December 10, 1954, to Robert and Ethel Martell Jr. She was the oldest of their 4 children, followed by Victoria, Robert, and Maryellen. Sandra is survived by her sister, Mary-ellen and her husband, Bill and her nephews and nieces, Daniel Gerard, Kristin Deveau and her husband, Jason, Corey Martell, Jessica Martell, Connor Martell, Will Bannister, Cole Bannister and his wife, Brittany, Logan Bannister and his wife, Millie, along with her great-nieces and nephews, Tyler



Deveau, Kayla Ray, Raelynn Bannister, Paisley Bannister, Kinsley Bannister, and Lane Bannister. Sandra was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Ethel Martell; her sister, Victoria; brother, Robert; stepmom, Carol-Begg Martell; stepsister, Pamela; and stepbrother, Alexander; along with her paternal and maternal grandparents and niece, Rachel. A celebration of this kindhearted hippie will be at the Hillsboro, NH American Legion at a time and date to still be determined for later this month.

### Marylyn Jeanne Marin

**HILLSBOROUGH** - Marylyn Jeanne Marin, known as "Jane" by many, passed away peacefully at her home in Southport, Maine, on December 22 at the age of 87. Born on August 11, 1937, in Fort Kent, Maine, she was the youngest child of Edward and Grace (Pelletier) Jalbert. The Marins were integral members of the Hillsboro community for decades. Marylyn's greatest joy was her family. She mourned the loss of her oldest son Eugene, as well, her brother Elmer Jalbert, her brother and sister-in-law, Maurice (Joe) and Margaret (Peggy) Jalbert, and her brother-in-law Frank Romano (Anne). She is survived by her devoted husband of 66 years, Alfred Marin, and her beloved children: Ellen (Daniel) Reed of Marlow, NH, Ann-Marie (John) Ford, of Sharon, MA, Connie (Matthew) Miller of Jay, NY, Steven (Jennifer) Marin of Boothbay Harbor, John (Michael Brown), of Idyllwild, CA; 22 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her only remaining sibling, Anne Romano of Manchester, CT, sister-in-law, Greta Jalbert of St. John, ME, daughter-in-law, Yvonne Gould of Hillsboro, NH, Terry Ouellette, sister-in-law of St. Agatha, ME, brother and sister-in-law Paul Marin and his wife Avril, of Madawaska, ME, and many dearly loved nieces, nephews, and cousins. The Memorial Service to celebrate Marylyn's life will be held at 11 a.m. on January 18th at the Southport Town Hall, 361 Hendricks Hill Road, Southport, Maine. Donations in Marylyn's honor may be given to Gideons International at [www.gideons.org/donate](http://www.gideons.org/donate), or to a charity of your choice in her name.



### Dana Reney

**NEWPORT** - My beloved son and best friend, Dana Walter Reney left us to be with his Lifelong Friend, Jesus, December 13, 2024 at 3:27 a.m. at the age of 66. Dana was born November 3, 1958 in Newport, New Hampshire. Dana was a very kind, caring, generous person. Always cheerful, although he faced many serious health challenges due to paralysis and Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease but he was always a happy, positive person with a great sense of humor and always a joy to be around. Private family graveside services will be held at a later date.



### Sally Jane Watson

**WEARE** - Sally Jane Watson, 76, passed away peacefully in her home on January 1, 2025. Born in Miami,



Florida on May 18, 1948, to Sam and Helen Sutton. Sally is survived by her husband, Rodney; her daughter, Penny Lynn Watson; her son, Rodney William Watson Jr.; and his wife, Stephanie Watson. Sally has two grandsons, Roy and Nikolos Watson.

Additionally, Sally is survived by her brother, Christopher S. Sutton of Virginia; her sisters, Dora Tsongranis and Pamela Sutton (Delano-Lalla) of Florida; her sisters, Helen Poplawski and Betty Baril of Connecticut; and her sister-in-law, Sherrilyn Sutton, who was the wife of Sally's late brother, Nicholas S. Sutton, both of Arizona. Sally was also preceded in death by her other brother, James S. Sutton of Florida, and her brother-in-law, Nicholas Tsongranis. Services were held on January 2, 2025, at Holt Woodbury Funeral Home, located at 32 School Street in Hillsborough, NH. A Celebration of Life will also be held on January 25th, 2025, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 15 School Street, Hillsborough, NH. Graveside services will be held promptly at 11 a.m. on January 27th, 2025, at the New Hampshire State Veteran's Cemetery, located at 110 Daniel Webster Hwy in Boscawen, NH.

### Carl Lester Nickerson

Carl Lester Nickerson passed away December 11, 2024 in Hawkins, Texas. He was born on November 25, 1941. He leaves behind his wife, Barbara of 41 years and a blended family of daughters, Julie, Carla, Suzanne; and son, David; grandchildren, Ashley, Jessica, Paige, Monica, Valerie, Jill, Dylan, Seth, and Lydia; great grandchildren, Patrick, Logan, Keahi, and Kaikoa; his siblings, Ann, Bruce, and Rilma; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Lester and Mildred; his brother, Lester; and his sons, Bruce and Ron. He will be sadly missed.



### Bruce Carl Nickerson

**CLAYCOMO, MO** - Bruce Carl Nickerson was born on November 17th, 1963 in Concord, New Hampshire to Carl and Nancy Nickerson. He died November 30, 2024. He is survived by both his parents, Carl (Barabra) and Nancy (Follasbee) Kaiser; wife, Sheila (Bennett); step-daughters, Veronica Bennett (Lee Estep) and Jessica Bennett, (Cristian Poli); granddaughter, Daniella Poli; son, Adrik Nickerson (Katherine); daughter, Lydia Altobilis (Tony); sister, Carla Pierson (Richard); nieces, Monica, Valerie, and Jill; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins in the New Hampshire area. He will be missed tremendously, but we are all filled with joy knowing he is with our Lord and Savior and getting answers to all the questions he ever had. Funeral was December 17th at Southview Baptist Church located at 8015 Sterling in Raytown, MO.



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## TOWN OF WINDSOR Supervisor of the Checklist

Notice of Session  
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Windsor Town Hall  
Windsor, New Hampshire  
January 21, 2025  
7:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Correction of Checklist  
Change in Party Registration  
may be accepted.

## TOWN OF WINDSOR PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Windsor will be holding a public hearing on **January 28, 2025** at 6:00 p.m. 14 White Pond Road for the following purposes.

- Per Selectmen to designate the following for OHRV operation use: Windsor Road in Windsor from the Hillsborough town line to the intersection of Black Pond Road in Windsor from the intersection of Windsor Road to Miller Road.
- Per Planning Board to amend Windsor Zoning Ordinance Section IV Permitted Uses: (b) uses permitted by Special exceptions (4) (a) "The unit must be secondary and incidental to the primary residence, but in no case shall it exceed 500 square feet". Will be amended to 750 square feet per RSA 674:72."

## TOWN OF ANTRIM 2025 BUDGET HEARING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing in accordance with RSA 32:5 on the proposed 2025 budget **February 10th** at 6:00pm at the Town Hall, 66 Main Street. Snow Date will be February 11th at 6:00pm.

## NOTICE OF A HEARING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WASHINGTON, NH 03280

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Adjustment will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, **January 29, 2025**, at 7:00 PM at Town Hall, 2nd fl. regarding the following:

Nancy Caruso Tm. # 20-138, 656 Highland Haven, Washington NH. Requesting the following variances: A front setback of 17'-1" where 50 feet is required. 2. 3. 4. CR 2. A-side setback of 9'-8" where 25 feet is required. Total lot coverage of 20.1%, where a maximum of 10% is allowed. Total impermeable lot coverage of 23.6%, where a maximum of 20% is allowed. This would allow the construction of a garage and addition to the existing home.

Robert and Martha Wyand Tm. # 15-109, 854 Millen Pond, Washington NH. Requesting a front setback of 15' where 50 feet is required. This would allow the construction of a two-car garage.

## TOWN OF HENNIKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC BOND AND BUDGET HEARINGS

**Tuesday February 4, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**

Henniker Community Center  
57 Main Street Henniker, NH 03242

### Notice of 2025 Town of Henniker Cogswell Waterworks Bond or Note Hearing

The Board of Selectmen & the Cogswell Water Commissioners will hold a public hearing for the purpose of discussing and hearing public input for the proposed 2025 Warrant Article for the issuance of \$500,000 in bonds or notes for the purpose of water infrastructure improvements to Replace Water System Services Improving Compliance with the Federal Lead and Copper Rule. The question of whether to issue bonds or notes for this purpose will be placed on the warrant to be voted on at the Town Meeting, Saturday March 15, 2025. This hearing is being held pursuant to RSA 33:8-a.

### 2025 Henniker Operating and Wastewater Budget Hearing

Immediately following the Cogswell Waterworks Bond or Note Hearing and in accordance with RSA 32:5,I,V the Henniker Board of Selectmen/Wastewater Commissioners will hold a public hearing to review and hear public input on the proposed 2025 Henniker municipal and wastewater operating budgets and warrant articles.

More information about the hearings, proposed warrant articles and budget is available at the Town of Henniker Town Office 18 Depot Hill Rd Henniker NH 03242, Town of Henniker website [www.henniker.org](http://www.henniker.org) or by calling 603-428-3221.

## PUBLIC NOTICE HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Request for Proposals (RFP) Smoke Alarm Upgrades

The Hillsboro-Deering School District is seeking proposals for updates to the fire detection systems at Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School and Hillsboro-Deering Middle School. Interested parties are invited to contact Mark Nichols at the Hillsboro-Deering School District regarding the scheduled bid walk-through date on 1/27/25, a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) containing the detailed specifications, and information regarding the sealed bid submission date of 2/7/25.

For any other questions, please contact Mark Nichols at the Hillsboro-Deering School District. [mnichols@hdsd.org](mailto:mnichols@hdsd.org) Phone 603-464-1141.

## TOWN OF HENNIKER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL JANITORIAL SERVICES

The Town of Henniker is soliciting sealed bids for a one (1) year contract for janitorial services for the Henniker Town Hall, Grange, Community Building and Police Station. Requirements and specifications can be viewed at the [www.henniker.org](http://www.henniker.org) website under the **Doing Business tab – Bids and RFPs**, or at Henniker Town Hall, 18 Depot Hill Road.

**Sealed proposals marked Janitorial Services can delivered to Henniker Town Hall, 18 Depot Hill Road, Henniker, NH 03242 by January 30, 2025, at 12:00 PM. They will be opened publicly and read aloud at 1 PM.**

Additional information or clarification relative to the contents of the bid may be directed to Helga Winn, Executive Assistant at (603) 428-3221 x (101) or email [secretary@hennikernh.gov](mailto:secretary@hennikernh.gov)



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