

# The Messenger

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## New Bank Manager

Merrimack County Savings Bank welcomes Elizabeth "Beth" Mulleavey as the new Branch & Business Development Manager of its Bow branch. In this role, Mulleavey will oversee branch operations while establishing and maintaining business relationships within the community.



## This week in history

**February 8, 1965**

The Supremes' "Stop In The Name Of Love" released

**February 9, 1900**

Davis Cup competition established

**February 10, 1970**

Avalanche buries skiers in France

**February 11, 1990**

Nelson Mandela released from prison

**February 12, 1994**

Thieves steal Edward Munch's The Scream

**February 13, 1689**

William & Mary proclaimed joint sovereigns of Britain

**February 14, 1929**

Sir Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin



## Quick response saves Antrim cottage

*Bennington, Deering, Frankestown, Hancock, Hillsborough & Peterborough provide support*

At 11:10 a.m., Antrim Fire was dispatched to 128 Pierce Lake Road for a reported fully involved house fire. Crews arriving on scene reported heavy smoke from the eaves of a one story wood construction building. Engine 1 crew made

forcible entry through the front door and made a quick knockdown of the fire.

The fire was contained to the living room area. The origin of the fire was from a wood stove pipe where it went through the ceiling and roof. Water supply was

established at a dry hydrant on Elm Ave., and staging was at Pierce Lake/Knapton Circle intersection. Mutual Aid was received from Bennington, Deering, Frankestown, Hancock, Hillsboro, and Peterborough. Units cleared at 12:39 Hrs.

## Pair of teen drivers clocked at driving 100 mph+ in Bow

In separate instances just hours apart, two teenage drivers were stopped by a New Hampshire State Trooper for speeds over 100 mph on Interstate 93 northbound in Bow.

Around 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2025, Trooper Conor Davis of the Troop D barracks observed a 2008 BMW 3 Series traveling 109 mph in a posted 65 mph zone. The driver of the

BMW, identified as Benjamin Goodell, 17, of Claremont, was summonsed to appear in Concord District Court for reckless operation.

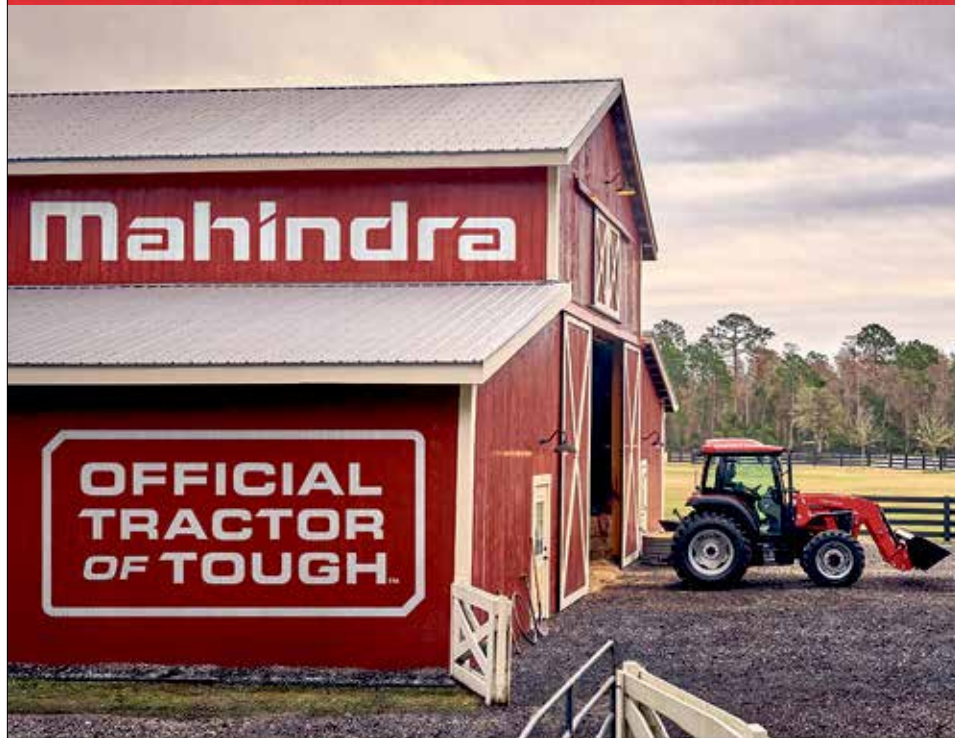
At 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 2, 2025, Trooper Davis observed a black 2013 Volvo S60 traveling 124 mph in a posted 65 mph zone.

As Trooper Davis caught up to the car, the driver of the Volvo turned the vehi-

cle's lights off. However, as Trooper Davis got behind the Volvo, the driver turned the lights back on and pulled over. The driver of the Volvo, identified as Alizah Johnson, 18, of Concord, was arrested for reckless operation and disobeying an officer.

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Leon Taylor.

## Weare neighbors celebrate Taylor's 100 years

Weare neighbors turned out in force to help celebrate Leon Taylor's 100th birthday. Taylor's daughter, Amy Shannon wheeled him to the end of the driveway to witness the 40 car parade that kicked off the festivities.

Taylor has worn many hats in his decades in Weare.

He joined the Weare Fire Department as a junior volunteer firefighter at age 14. He fought house fires in surrounding towns and forest fires in the White Mountains during his 75 years of service, which earned a special

commendation from former Governor Maggie Hassan.

Taylor also worked at Knoxland Equipment, where he installed the first milking parlor farms in New England, and continued working well into his 90s. He served as Fish and Game Warden and as a Forestry Warden, and flew a Piper Cub plane, landing on Lake Horace, checking children for life jackets.

Karen Williams, who organized the event, called Weare's Fire and Police Departments, and recruited community members for the 40 car salute.

## Merrimack Mitten Tree Drive receives support

Merrimack County Savings Bank (The Merrimack) is pleased to announce the results of its 2024 Mitten Tree Drive. In total, The Merrimack's nine branches collected 2,500 new and handmade mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to distribute to local non-profits in need of winter essentials.

"We're truly grateful for everyone's donations, especially our talented knitting community," said Linda Lorden, President of The Merrimack. "Every year, we're amazed by the results and the generosity for our friends and neighbors in need."

For every item collected, The Merrimack pledged \$2.00 to community food pantries, amounting to \$5,000 in donations. However, due to the generosity of its customers and community, The Merrimack made \$6,500 in donations to the following food pantries:

Bow Food Pantry, Twin Rivers Food Pantry (Franklin), Hooksett Food Pantry, White Birch Center (Henniker), Hopkinton Food Pantry

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# Lake Sunapee Chamber announces its Annual Community Award Winners

The Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Meeting & Award Ceremony on Tuesday, January 28th at the Center for Art & Design at Colby-Sawyer College. The evening consisted of the presentation of five prestigious community awards. Congratulations to the Annual Community Award Winners:

**ROOKIE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** – The Bend at Sugar River. From their morning baked goods, their themed and regionally named sandwiches, their take home dinners - and even their super fun “snack packs” - they have been super busy since their Grand Opening. Not only are they a place to stop for a coffee and breakfast pastry or sandwich but they also have many different groceries as well. The Bend is definitely a stop to make during your week.

**YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR** – Mackenzie Blizzard. Mackenzie is a 15 year old sophomore, a ski racer at Proctor Academy with inoperable

brain tumors. From 6-11 years old she had no physical activity and suffered strokes and paralysis. She created the brand, Attack From The Back, to remind everyone that not only in ski racing, but in all circumstances - they can always overcome challenges and Attack From The Back - just like she has. She donates 100% of profits to charity (World Cup Dreams Foundation and Education Rocks). She has donated \$30,000 to date.

**NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR** – Bark and Bray Farm Animal Sanctuary. Bark & Bray Farm Animal Sanctuary is a 501c3 non profit animal sanctuary with the mission of providing forever homes to abused and neglected farm animals. Their goal is to adopt animals from rescue organizations in order to free up space for rescues to continue to rehab and rehome.

**COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE YEAR** – Donna Gazelle. Donna’s dedication and commit-



ment to community is an inspiration to all who know her. Donna has demonstrated countless acts of selflessness and giving back to the community in various capacities over the years. She is currently an active and highly engaged board member for both Project Sunapee and Sunapee Heritage Alliance. For all her hard work, compassion, and outstanding contributions, she is truly deserving of the honor of Community Member of the Year.

**BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

– The New London Inn & The Elms Restaurant. The New London Inn has been a community anchor for hospitality in the Lake Sunapee Region for over 230 years. With the newest owners and the interior improvements to the Inn - there is such a traditional but modern vibe to the facility now. It has a way of keeping its rich history but with a cool and welcoming updated approach. Everyone who stays at the Inn has a truly wonderful time and always comments on the attentiveness to

detail the staff brings to all interactions. The Elms at the Inn has done an overhaul of the restaurant too. The space is slightly dark and mysterious...but perfect for a date night or a casual but elevated night out with friends or family. The decor is very on trend and the vibe is “cool” but also “grand” in a way.

Their “Merry on Main” bar set up this Christmas was outstanding. Such an incredible spot for a fun drink or meet up. Such an awesome way to celebrate the season in style and bring in a wide array of demographics to the restaurant. The team has stepped up to be a true part of the community. They are not only leaning into existing events to participate in but they are also looking at creating new opportunities to reach an even broader audience and connect even more residents and travelers. What a leader in local hospitality and a truly impressive business in our region. Congratulations!



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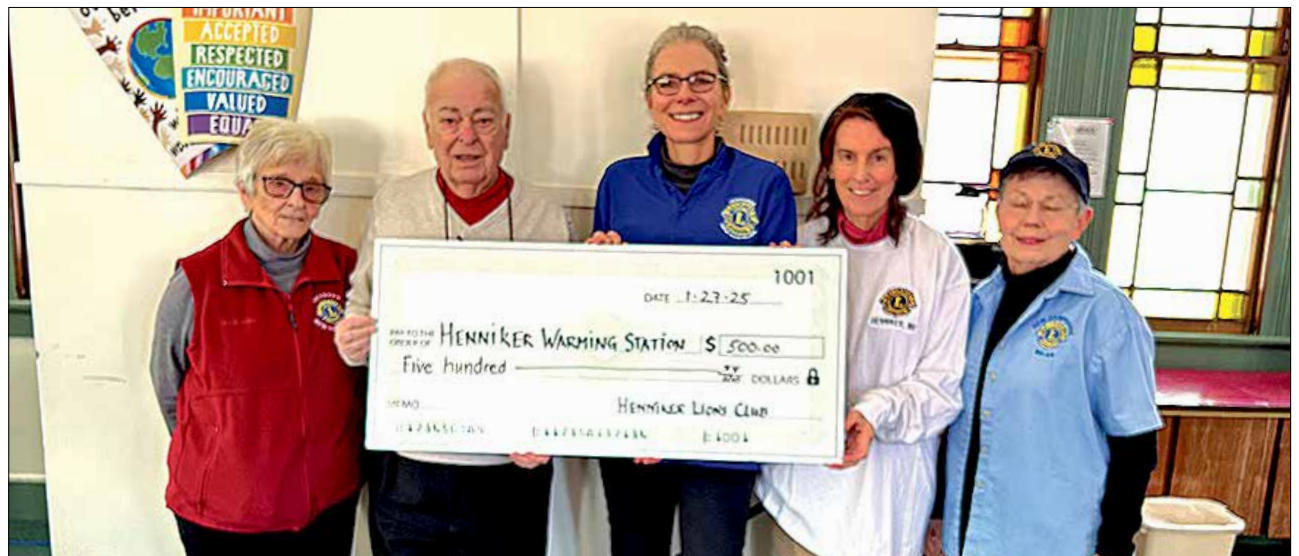
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**Henniker Lions Club - "We Serve"**



Members of the Henniker Lions Club present Peter Flynn with a check for \$500 to support the John Stark/Grange Bus Warming Station he began 20 years ago.



Members of the Henniker Lions Club present Welfare Director Carol Comforts-Adams with a check for \$3,000 to support the town's social service programs.



Members of the Henniker Lions Club present White Birch Community Center with a check for \$2,000 to support its many community programs.

# Henniker Community School budget up \$291,000 or 2.97%

It took only 42 minutes for the sparse crowd to approve the Henniker Community School's proposed Deliberative Session Warrant, with only a single question and no debate on each of the three spending articles.

Article 3, the Operating Budget

stands at \$10,728,832, an increase of \$291,000 or 2.97% over the current budget. It adds baseball and softball programs to the school's offerings.

Article 4 seeks approval of a new, three-year collective bargaining agreement with the support

staff with salary and benefit increases of \$134,069 in 2025-2026, \$72,329 in 2026-2027 and \$72,398 in 2027-2028.

Article 5 asks for \$50,000 to be added to the school Building Maintenance Fund. It would be funded from this year's fund balance.

Ballot voting will occur from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11th at the Henniker Community School.



Over 400 vintage sleds registered for the Contoocook Valley Snowmobile Club's annual ride on Saturday.



SAU #24 Superintendent Jacqueline Coe explained changes in the Operating Budget.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Osteoarthritis affects 600 million people worldwide, making it a leading cause of disability. With no disease-modifying treatments available or on the horizon, oral non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are commonly used treatments to relieve OA pain and are recommended by the majority of clinical practice guidelines. However, NSAIDs are not risk-free and are associated with more emergency hospital admissions than any other class of medicine due to their widespread use. The risk of adverse events further increases among older adults and those with comorbidities. A new study published in the journal *Osteoarthritis and Cartilage* has found that people with newly diagnosed OA (knee or hip) with contraindications to or precautions for NSAIDs use continue to be prescribed these drugs. Additionally they had higher use of opioids and slightly lower physical therapy (PT) use within the first year of OA diagnosis, both of which are not consistent with treatment guidelines for OA.

According to a new study published in *The Annals of Family Medicine*, using sulfonylureas long-term is associated with impaired awareness of low blood sugar in patients with type 2 diabetes. The longer the patient uses this medication, the higher the risk of hypoglycemia unawareness. Current guidelines recommend using newer classes of medications that offer a reduced risk of hypoglycemia to treat type 2 diabetes over sulfonylureas, which are commonly used due to their affordability. Some commonly prescribed sulfonylureas include: glyburide (Micronase), glimepiride (Amaryl), chlorpropamide (Diabinese), and glipizide (Glucotrol)/tolazamide (Tolinase).

Early exposure to antibiotics can trigger long term susceptibility to asthma, according to new research published in *Immunity*. Asthma affects over 260 million people globally and causes around 455,000 deaths annually.

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**A:** Indeed, many of us are on low daily doses of aspirin as part of high blood pressure treatment or because of a heart problem. That's because aspirin thins the blood. It is also a proven pain reliever and an anti-inflammatory agent. So, it is a safe, reliable piece of our medical kit. We do, however, have to be careful with its use.

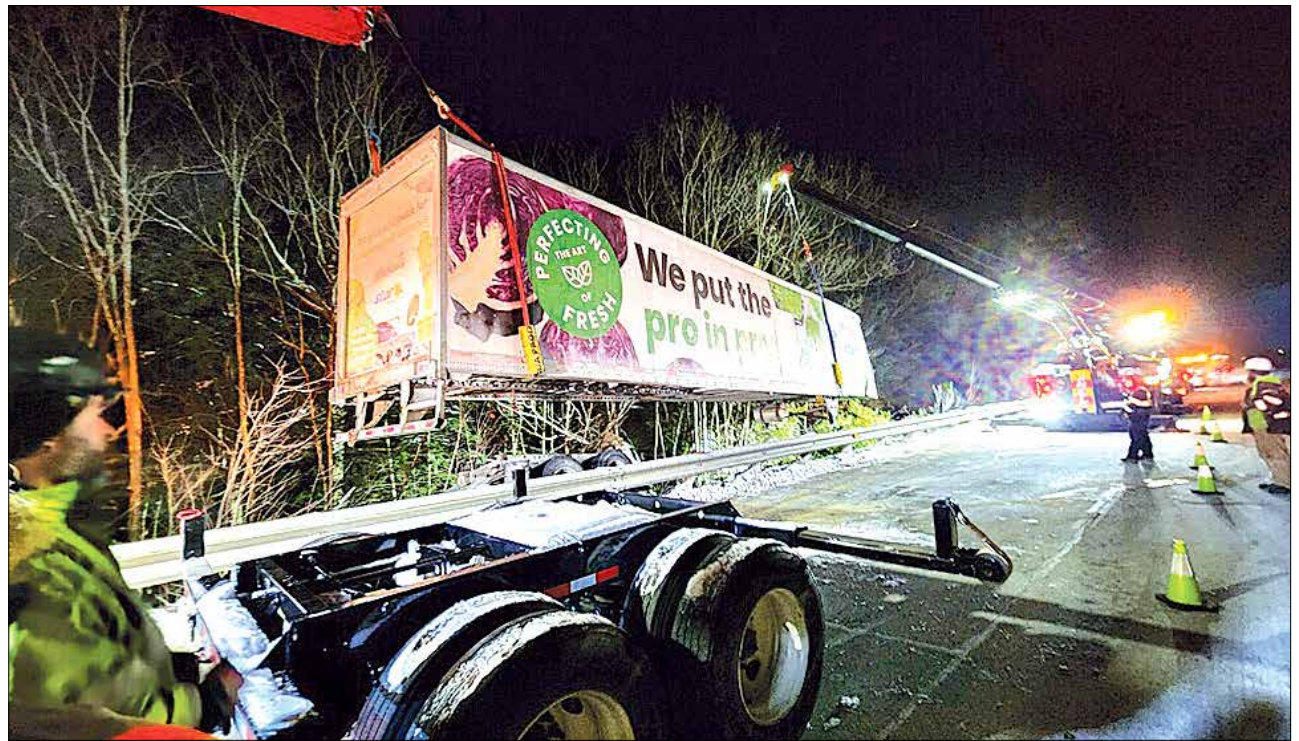
One danger it poses on the medical front is the practice by some people of chewing aspirin. They may have a fear of trying to swallow a pill. Rather than waiting for a pill to dissolve in water, they'll pop it into their mouth and crush the pill with their teeth. That can severely damage tooth enamel. It can also harm the soft tissue of the mouth. Studies have found that a steady diet of that can significantly erode teeth.

Another dangerous practice is to pinch an aspirin tablet between cheek and gum as a treatment for a toothache. The acid in aspirin can literally burn the soft tissue.

Since aspirin, as cited above, is a blood thinner, you want to make your dentist aware of the fact that you take it regularly. It may be a consideration if you are scheduled for any oral surgery. Naturally, you should tell your dentist about any medications you take. Talk more with your dentist about the role of aspirin in your life.

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## Driver trapped as tractor-trailer crashes in Warner

The driver of a tractor-trailer suffered minor injuries following a crash on Interstate 89.

At approximately 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2025, State Troopers assigned to the Troop D barracks responded to a report of a crash involving a tractor-trailer on I-89 southbound near Exit 9.

Multiple callers reported that the tractor-trailer went off the road into the median. When they arrived, Troopers found a 2022 white Freightliner Cascadia with extensive damage. They determined the Freightliner struck a guardrail before going off the road and hitting multiple trees in the median.

Warner Fire Rescue also responded to the scene and

freed the driver, identified as Joseph Johnston, 55, of Otisfield, Maine. Johnston was transported to Concord Hospital with minor injuries. After the initial investigation, Troopers and emergency medical services personnel determined the crash was the result of a medical emergency.

The left travel lane of I-89 southbound was closed for approximately five hours during the investigation and the Freightliner was removed. Troopers were assisted at the scene by Warner Fire Rescue and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.

Anyone with additional information about the crash is asked to contact Trooper John Zavala at John.A.Zavala@dos.nh.gov.



## Peterborough Fire & Rescue responds to accident

On the afternoon of February 2, 2025 Peterborough Fire & Rescue was dispatched to a single vehicle accident on Turnpike Road (Rt. 124) in Sharon. A single vehicle into the tree line was discovered. Route 124 was reduced to one

lane, alternating traffic. The vehicle was recovered by Village Mobile out of New Ipswich. PFR Engine One crew members assisted with vehicle recovery by cutting down some trees that were in the way.

# Motion to cut Hillsboro-Deering School Budget by \$1 million fails

Tuesday's Hillsboro-Deering School District Deliberative Session was delayed about 40 minutes, awaiting the arrival of Deering's Supervisors of the Checklist.

Presentation of Article 3, the proposed \$24,721,714 Operating Budget sparked a prolonged, heated debate after State Representative Riche Colcolombe moved to reduce it by \$1 million. Speaker after speaker went to the mic to extol the virtues of their side of the argument. In the end, the motion was defeated by a ballot vote of 47 Yes - 78 No. The original proposal, with a default budget of \$24,712,878 was then approved for the March 11th ballot.

Article 4, appropriating \$850,000 for Food Service and \$2,550,000 for State 7 Federal projects was approved without debate.

Likewise, Article 5, the \$1,180,231 SAU 24 Budget, of which \$1,008,271 is Hillsboro and

Deering's allocation, drew one question but no debate. Ironically, the Default Budget of \$1,195,168 is higher than the proposed budget.

Article 6, the new, three-year collective bargaining agreement with the Teacher's Union calls for increases of \$223,601 in 2025-2026, \$333,437 in 2026-2027 and \$341,061 in 2027-2028. It passed without opposition.

As did Article 8, allocating \$350,000 from an Unassigned Fund Balance to the school Building Maintenance Trust.

Rep. Colcolombe also moved to amend Article 9, asking for \$10,000 for any Unassigned Fund balance to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund. She argued that it should be reduced to \$0 as the fund was already adequately funded. It was defeated by a showing of voting cards.

Article 10, allocating \$2,500 for the Unassigned Fund balance



Kairi Sparrow sang the National Anthem to open the Hillsboro-Deering Deliberative Session.

to the Technology Expendable Trust passed without debate.

Petitioned Article 12, calling

for the repeal of SB2 voting was debated and will be voted on the March 11th ballot. Public Hearings

will be held in Hillsborough February 17th at 5:20 p.m. and Deering February 19th at 6:00 p.m.



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Congratulations to John Stark-Hopkinton-Hillsboro-Deering General Hawks ice hockey head coach Denis Kolehmainen on reaching an impressive milestone at New England College on Jan. 28: Career victory number 150! The 13-year coaching veteran led the team to a 5-3 win over Laconia-Winnisquam-Interlakes. Photo: Denis Kolehmainen and the John Stark-Hopkinton-Hillsboro-Deering General Hawks ice hockey team.

## Goffstown features a “Sister Act” on the basketball court



Meredith Winterburn’s sister has talked to her recently about being self-ish. A senior second-year captain for the Goffstown High School girls basketball team, Winterburn has always been a facilitator with a pass-first mentality. This winter, though, she has to be a scorer for

the young Grizzlies. “I just try to tell her, ‘I know you don’t want to be in the spotlight but it’s your turn,’” said Winterburn’s older sister, Ava, a 1,000-point scorer at Goffstown now in her sophomore season at Southern New Hampshire University, “and being more selfish with the ball doesn’t make you a selfish person. You’re doing what your team needs you to do — and your team needs you to score so that’s what you’ve got to go do.”

Entering Goffstown’s 78-31 NHIAA Division I loss to Londonderry on Tuesday, Winterburn was averaging a team-high 11 points per game. The 5-foot-10 guard scored 10 points on Tuesday.

The Grizzlies (1-7) have five sophomores on their 14-player roster, which returned little varsity experience from last year’s playoff team. First-year Goffstown coach Nate Bracy also had the selfish talk with Winterburn early this winter, when she was reluctant to take on the scorer’s role. Bracy describes Winterburn as a great

shooter with great court vision, and she uses her size well when she gets inside. “Any given night, we need her to produce and I think early in the season, I don’t know that she always wanted to do that,” said Bracy, who was an assistant coach for about eight seasons under former Grizzlies coach Steve Largy, now the athletic director at Concord High. “She really does like the idea of distributing and the conversation repetitively has been when you attack, you open your teammates up.”

Winterburn, who considers passing her best offensive skill, is still adjusting her mindset and knows she can still improve. She considered herself a “background player” before this season, doing the little things well and finding her teammates for open looks.

Winterburn has tried to play more like Ava, a natural scorer. The sisters played two seasons together at Goffstown. “I’m trying to transform into her, in a way, and get a good look to the basket, for sure,” Winterburn said. “I love her aggressiveness on offense and I’m just trying to get there myself.”

Winterburn is plenty comfortable in her other role as captain. She loves guiding her teammates and helping Goffstown’s younger players improve. Bracy said Winterburn is a second coach and that her younger teammates look up to her. With about three minutes left in the Londonderry game, Winterburn congratulated Grizzlies bench player Katherine Jones for drawing a foul and making her free throws. It was Jones’s second game appearance this season.

Sophomore point guard Jenna Shannon said Winterburn helps her get out of her head. “This is my first year (on varsity) so I have a lot of pressure and she really took me under her wing,” Shannon said.

While it has been frustrating for her at times, Winterburn has handled leading the team during a difficult season well, Bracy said. Winterburn’s goal is to bring the best out of her teammates, Shannon said.

“She just pushes me and pushes everybody to our limits during practice,” Shannon said. “Her pushing helps me (push) other people. It’s just like dominoes.”



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## Publishers Perspective

### It's Time To Repeal SB2

Hillsborough and Deering voters have an opportunity to restore sanity and fiscal control to the School District budgeting process by supporting the Warrant Article calling for the Repeal of SB2 voting.

Over the last decade our school population has dropped dramatically, while the annual school budget has escalated. One of the reasons is because of SB2 and its provision for a Default Budget.

Ironically, SB2, which is short for "Senate Bill 2," was drafted by conservatives as a means for holding down spending. The result has been the exact opposite.

Under the former, conventional voting at the

School District Meeting, if the budget is defeated, the Board must go back to square one and draft a new leaner budget. Currently, under SB2, if the Budget is defeated, the Default Budget kicks in at generally a higher rate than the previous budget.

In addition, under SB2 only about 1/4 to 1/3 the number of voters attend the Deliberative Session, as opposed to the traditional Town or School District meeting.

Voting on something as significant as a multi-million dollar budget should be done in open session after vigorous explanation and debate. Please, vote YES on the repeal article on your ballot.

## Letters to the Editor

### Letter to the Editor:

My grandfather always told me when you deal with politicians, always look at what they have done and not what they tell you they will do. Let's take a look at the Deering Selectman candidates. Michelle Johnson has lived in Deering for 28 years. Community Service; Selectman for 12 years, Deering Conservation Commission for 6 years, Budget Advisory Committee for eleven years, Capital Improvement Committee for two years. Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years, Central NH Regional Planning Representative for 3 years, Solid Waste Advisory Committee for 8 years, Safety Committee for 4 years, Hazardous Mitigation Committee for 4 years, and Regional Conservation Committee for 4 years.

Jill Smith has lived in Deering for 5 years.

Community Service; Selectman for 3 years, Planning Board (ex-officio) for 1 year, Budget Advisory Committee for 2 years, and Trustee of Trust Funds for one year.

Citizen involvement and participation are now at all time lows, due to current policies and restrictions. If you want Deering to go back to a small town committee based government where you can speak at meetings, participate in decisions, and utilize the Town Hall, I would suggest that you vote for the candidate who has supported and participated in these activities for 28 years!

*Ed Cobbett, Deering*

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**Dear Editor:**

Ridicule and Disrespect will never win out. The NH School Fairness Funding Project gave an overview of school costs and funding sources last Tuesday night. The whole realm of educational services and funding is more complex than 'just the money.' However, a good attempt to educate taxpayers with facts was offered up. It was held at Kearsarge High School. The highlight of the night took a tragic turn. An elected official from Newbury attempted to corner another elected official (a State Senator) in a question trap. It was unprovoked; the senator had been quietly listening to the presentation. Very much premeditated and delivered in an unhinged, disrespectful, and caustic tone. She didn't let it rest. On the way out of the

meeting she taunted the senator in a sarcastic tone one last time. Is she taking her pointers from immature children? Supposedly she is on the Kearsarge School Board. We'll not let this quietly move to the sidelines. There is no space in public discourse for her bully tactics. Public officials aim toward a respectful discussion to advance solutions. Not this official. May the Newbury voters retire this person from elected office at the next opportunity. A shameful, divisive behavior creates problems. We don't elect people to throw fuel on a fire; we elect people to find solutions. Another senator, respectfully, called this person out as being out of line with over the top behavior. I commend Senator Innis for taking the mature, high road by deflecting away from the person and comments. To feed into others' bad behavior gains no followers. Senator Innis knows first hand students entering UNH are poorly prepared for college work. As a professor, he teaches freshman classes. As an educator, this presentation was time well spent. This informational forum was sponsored by and is a reflection on the school district. Superintendent Fortney introduced the event but did not involve himself afterwards. See what you miss when you don't attend a public forum. Good luck Newbury, please manage your town bully out of your town affairs. Nothing of value came out of her unprofessional behavior.

*Stephen Pierce, Bradford*

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**Dear Editor:**

Back in 1997, Hillsborough and Deering voters adopted the SB2 form of school district meeting (RSA 40:13). The process fundamentally changed how school district voting decisions occurred compared to the longstanding traditional town meeting format.

In traditional meetings, typically held in March, everything is decided in one session; SB2 splits the process into two.

First, the Deliberative Session, held on an evening in early February, where registered voters openly discuss, debate, and potentially amend warrant articles. However, no final decisions about the outcome are made until the second session, which happens in March. Unless ►

# Letters to the Editor continued

you attend the Deliberative Session, you miss out on the discussions and amendments that shape the ballot.

The SB2 form of meeting allows for something that our traditional meeting does not — a “Default Budget.” The default budget is essentially the previous year’s budget with adjustments made for specific changes or reductions for one-time expenditures from the previous year.

Here’s the problem with the default budget. While this system offers flexibility, it has created an issue. For years, the school board has built a recurring surplus into the budget, averaging \$1.6 million annually over the last seven years, creating unnecessary financial padding.

Last year, the district spent \$122K on a greenhouse, funded entirely through surplus tax appropriations. This year, costs for a new football program, field, and scoreboard are included—both one-time expenses that should be removed from the default budget but haven’t been.

This year, despite voicing my concerns at the public hearing, such expenses remain unaddressed in our default budget. It’s concerning that the school board has not yet removed one-time expenditures from the budget. We need accountability to ensure our tax dollars are used efficiently.

That’s why several of us are asking for you to join us in rescinding SB2. Let’s eliminate the provisions of RSA 40:13 and return to a Town Meeting format where decisions are clearer, and budgeting reflects our priorities

more accurately.

Let’s work together to ensure our schools thrive while being fiscally responsible.

**Riché Colcombe, Hillsborough**

**Dear Editor:**

I served on Deering’s Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) The BAC scrutinized department budgets for 2025, expenses three years prior, examined services, future expectations and proposed a budget that kept the tax rate within a reasonable range.

Deering’s administrative staff is the highest paid in the region and the largest compared to our neighboring small towns.

Deering offers town employees more attractive health benefits than most other towns.

Recently, the Selectman Chair publicly expressed her resolve to award every town employee a raise in 2025, just like last year, contrary to the Budget Advisory Committee’s recommendation of freezes on all wage increases and hiring for all vacant positions for 2025. Next year, our local property taxes will reflect the full effect of having two full-time Administrators and speaks directly to why the local portion of your taxes have risen two dollars per thousand in the last three years.

Taxpayers, consider that the leadership of this Board watched Deering’s Highway Department fall into disrepair by allowing unqualified people to run it. For years

to come, the bulk of the budget will be going to reclaim our roads and replace a neglected equipment fleet.

Deering residents also have to ask, did we lose FOUR Town Administrators in short time because...we weren’t paying them enough?

Deering is in crisis, we are losing the voice of long standing residents who sustain our culture. Deering can bring back local collaboration and engagement in the polls. Vote Michell Johnson for Selectman.

**Robert Compton, Deering**

**Dear Editor:**

I wish to express my appreciation to the voters of Hillsboro and Deering for giving me the opportunity to serve the community as a School Board Member-at-Large. Especially Deering whose votes made it happen. Since I’m not running for reelection, I’d like to leave a few nuggets of wisdom to those who are about to be voted in to form a new School Board on March 11.

1.In K-12 education the primary focus of the School Board should be to ensure that it is the quality of education that counts, and which must be reflected by 21st century curriculum and faculty teaching that enables excelling in student competencies.

2.Your evaluation of policies, procedures and administration initiatives should consider both the practicality of application and costs to get the ‘biggest bang for the buck’ to prevent overtaxing the community with a bloated budget.

3.You should support the school administration’s ‘Portrait of a Graduate’ as a pathway for students to continue further education and career venues post high school as productive citizens who will contribute to continuing the legacy of the greatest nation on earth because they will lead the country for several decades.

4.Your tenure does not have a short learning curve. The learning process will continue to grow throughout your term as you take on additional responsibilities of collateral committee assignments.

To the HDS Administration and Faculty - I’m sure that I’ll be seeing some HDS graduates as they become college undergraduates at NHTI, including Lila Murphy recipients.

**Prof. Michael F. Kenney**

## PUBLIC NOTICE HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL BOARD

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board will hold a **Public Hearing** on **Monday, February 17, 2025 at 5:30 pm** (Snow Date Tuesday, February 18, 2025) in the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School Media Center

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment to consider rescinding the provisions of RSA 40:13 official ballot referendum form of meeting (known as SB 2) to return to an Annual School District Meeting format.

A petitioned Warrant Article has been placed the following question on the 2025 annual school warrant:

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(Submitted by Petition)

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## Crime Watch

### Newport man arrested on multiple felonies



On January 23, 2025, the Newport Police Department opened an investigation into a reported sexual assault of a child by an adult male. It was alleged that the man had traveled to Newport after communicating with the child over social media, and forcibly sexually assaulted the child while parked at a trail head.

Officers conducted an extensive investigation including witness interviews, canvassing local security camera footage, the collection of physical and medical forensic evidence, and the collection of digital forensic evidence. As a result of these efforts, investigators obtained an arrest warrant for:

Evan Pitt, 19, of Durham, NH

On January 28, 2025, Pitt was arrested on that warrant by the Durham Police Department, and transferred to the custody of the Newport Police Department. Pitt was charged with:

- Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault; Superior Physical Strength
- Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault; Coerce/Threat
- Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault; Kidnapping
- Felonious Sexual Assault; Age Difference 4 Years or More
- Certain Computer Uses Prohibited

Pursuant to the new bail statute RSA 597:2, III (a) (1), Pitt was not eligible to have bail set by a bail commissioner, and he was detained without bail at the Sullivan County House of Corrections pending his arraignment on January 29, 2025, in the 5th Circuit Court – District Division – Newport.

The Newport Police Department was assisted in this investigation by Durham Police Department, the Child Advocacy Center of Grafton and Sullivan Counties, Dartmouth Health, the Massachusetts State Police Fusion Center, and the Lincoln Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Cyber Forensics Laboratory. The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and further charges may be considered when the case is presented to the Sullivan County Superior Court grand jury. Anyone with information about this investigation should contact Detective Sergeant Alexander Marvin at (603)863-3232 or amarvin@newportnh.gov.

### Hillsboro man arrested for stalking

Keegan S. Blanchard, born 1987, of Hillsboro, was arrested at 9:21 p.m. on Jan. 15 on stalking and breach of bail charges. Also arrested was Susan A. Hall, born 1960, of Concord, on driving under the influence and hindering apprehension or prosecution charges. They were arrested after an incident or investigation on High Ridge Trail.

### Franklin woman charged with cocaine

Cynthia Boisvert, 66, of Salisbury Road in Franklin, on three felony controlled drug act; acts prohibited charges, crack cocaine and methamphetamine. She was accused of possessing meth on Oct. 31, 2024, and selling crack and meth, on Oct. 25, 2024, in Franklin.

### Franklin man charged felony theft

Cole Criniti, 36, of Lawndale Avenue in Franklin, on two felony theft by deception charges. He was accused of accepting deposits for work on a truck he never performed

between Oct. 1, 2023, and Sept. 17, 2024, in Franklin.

### Hillsboro man motor vehicle violation

Aubrey Desrameaux was observed by a Hillsborough officer revving his vehicle's engine while stopped at a traffic light. When the light turned green, the defendant intentionally caused the rear tires to spin, briefly losing control of the vehicle. This action endangered other motorists in front of and behind him, placing them at risk of bodily harm and/or property damage. The defendant was subsequently stopped and issued a Must Appear summons for a future court date.

### Henniker woman on possession of drugs

Alyson Kathleen Orchard, 28, of Henniker, was arrested at 5:13 p.m. on Dec. 12 on two felony possession of controlled drug charges after an incident or investigation on Sewalls Falls Road.

### Hillsborough man for domestic violence

Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at an apartment. Upon investigation, it was determined that Raymond Cheney, 36, had assaulted his former girlfriend, broken multiple windows of the residence, and made numerous threats against her. The defendant was subsequently arrested, processed, and transported to the Hillsborough County House of Corrections pending arraignment.

### Hillsborough woman charged with DWI

An officer, with his emergency blue lights on, was directing traffic at the intersection of West Main Street and Antrim Road, stopping all traffic for a funeral procession. Towards the end of the procession, a vehicle went through the intersection in front of the officer's cruiser without being directed to do so. The officer then conducted a traffic stop and identified the driver as Anne McCarthy. A subsequent investigation revealed the Defendant was operating under the influence of alcohol and was arrested. She was later bailed and released with a future court date.

### Franklin man charged domestic violence

Joseph R. Clough, born 1997, of Franklin, was arrested on a bench warrant at 1:09 a.m. on Jan. 6 as well as simple assault, domestic violence-simple assault, domestic violence-criminal threatening, and criminal threatening charges after an incident or investigation on South Main Street.

### Nashua man charged with speeding

While patrolling South Stark Highway, an officer observed a motor vehicle exceeding the posted 50MPH speed limit. A motor vehicle stop was conducted. During the stop it was discovered the vehicle's registration was suspended. The operator, Sai Burri, 26, Nashua, NH, was issued a hand summons in lieu of physical arrest with an arraignment at Goffstown District Court. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

### Deering man arrested for DWI

While patrolling South Stark Highway, an officer observed a motor vehicle turn from Short Street onto South Stark Highway without stopping at the clearly posted stop sign. As the vehicle passed the officer, he observed the operator had a cellphone up to their ear. A motor vehicle

## Crime Watch

stop was conducted. While speaking with the operator, Philip Lorenz, 54, Deering, NH, it was suspected he was driving under the influence. Lorenz was subsequently arrested and transported to the police department for booking. Open containers of alcohol were located within the vehicle. Lorenz was released on personal recognizance bail with an arraignment date at Goffstown District Court. Lorenz was released to the custody of a sober adult and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

### Weare man arrested for DWI

Police responded to a reported crash at the intersection of Abijah Bridge Road and Shady Hill Road. An investigation into the crash was conducted. While speaking with the operator, Delainey Lapointe, 23, Weare, NH, it was suspected she was driving under the influence. Lapointe was subsequently arrested and transported to the police department for booking. Open containers of alcohol were located in the vehicle. Lapointe was released on personal recognizance bail with an arraignment date at Goffstown District Court. Lapointe was released to the custody of a sober adult. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

### Goffstown man violates protective order

Weare Police were contacted by the Amherst Police Department and asked to locate James Butcher, 33, Goffstown, NH, as he had reportedly violated an order of protection. Butcher was located at Dollar General and arrested without incident. After his arrest, Butcher was transported and released to the Amherst Police Department.

### Weare man arrested domestic violence

Weare Police were advised of a domestic disturbance where the reporting party was coming to the Weare Police Department to speak with officers. After speaking with the reporting party, officers located the other involved party at their residence on Walker Hill Road. Nathan Sweeney, 43, Weare, NH, was arrested on the

forementioned criminal charges. Sweeney was transported to the police department. Sweeney was released on personal recognizance bail with an arraignment date at Goffstown District Court.

### Merrimack man for unregistered vehicle

While patrolling South Stark Highway, an officer conducted a search of a passing vehicles registration. The officer was alerted the registered owner had a suspended driver license. A motor vehicle stop was conducted. During the stop it was learned the operator of the vehicle was the registered owner, Branden Bailey, 45, Merrimack, NH. Bailey was issued a hand summons in lieu of physical arrest with an arraignment at Goffstown District Court. The vehicle was driven from the scene by a licensed operator.

### Webster man arrested for DWI

While driving to work an off duty Weare Officer observed a motor vehicle with lane control issues on South Stark Highway. The officer called an on-duty officer who also observed the lane control issues and conducted a motor vehicle stop. While speaking with the operator, Robert Pelletier, 60, Webster, NH, it was suspected he was driving under the influence. Pelletier was subsequently arrested and transported to the police department for booking. Open containers of alcohol were located in the vehicle. Pelletier was released on personal recognizance bail with an arraignment date at Goffstown District Court. Pelletier was released to the custody of a sober adult. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

### Henniker man suspended registration

While patrolling South Stark Highway, an officer conducted a search of a passing vehicle's registration. The officer was alerted the registered owner had a suspended registration. A motor vehicle stop was conducted. Cody Wilkins, 32, Henniker, NH, was issued a hand summons in lieu of physical arrest with an arraignment at Goffstown District Court.



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*By: Joyce Bosse*

If you're concerned about your home's air quality, especially if anyone in your household has asthma or allergies, now is the perfect time to consider cleaning up your indoor air quality. Here are tips to improve your indoor air quality.

**Change air filters frequently:** When filters aren't replaced, dirt and debris buildup results in more particles remaining in the air and decreased airflow. This makes your HVAC system work harder, reducing efficiency and raising energy bills. It's crucial to regularly replace disposable filters that can be found in furnaces, air conditioners, air handlers, humidifiers or cleaners. Be sure to clean any filters that are not disposable.

**Eliminate sources of indoor pollutants:** Common sources include gas stoves, some cleaning supplies, paints, tobacco products and wood-burning fireplaces. When contaminant levels are high, effects from exposure can show up immediately such as irritation of eyes, nose and throat, headaches, dizziness and/or fatigue.

**Use controlled ventilation:** When sources of indoor air pollutants can't be eliminated, consider supplying clean, fresh air to your indoor environment. Opening windows may allow for air exchange but won't filter the incoming air or block allergens or asthma triggers like pollen. The best way to ensure adequate fresh air is supplied to your home is to keep windows and doors shut and use a filtered mechanical ventilator to bring fresh air in, filter it through your HVAC system and expel the stale and polluted air outside.

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## Center for the Arts Teen Writers Project Winners

For five years the Center for the Arts has asked local students in the towns of Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Newport, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot to submit a writing sample in non-fiction, fiction, and poetry. Each year, winners are awarded prizes and their works printed in the CFA's Writers Project Booklet.

This year many young writers submitted their work from local schools. The talent and creativity in this community are profound. Thank you to all the students who were willing to share their work.

Without further ado, the Center for the Arts is pleased to announce the winners of the 5th Annual Teen Writers Project Competition. As a reminder, this competition was open to local students between the ages of 12-18 in the categories of non-fiction, fiction and poetry.

The winners in the fiction category are:

1. Jenna Valela, sophomore at KRHS – Hurricane Inbound (with thanks to Makayla Gosselin)

2. Arianna Garceau, Sunapee, senior at SMHS – How to Measure Grief (with thanks to Katie Flint)

3. Annaliese Rowell, Sunapee, freshman at Colby Sawyer College – Step by Step

The winners in the non-fiction category are:

1. August Bates, sophomore at KRHS – A Thank You Letter to the Ocean (with thanks to Chris Dayhoff)

2. Annaliese Rowell, Sunapee, freshman at Colby Sawyer College – New Eyes

3. Harper Hoglund, 7th grader at KRMS – C is for Coughing (with thanks to Dr. Scolforo)

The winners in poetry are:

1. Arianna Garceau, Sunapee, senior at SMHS – To be an Unpronounceable Word (with thanks to Katie Flint)

2. Gabriella Soto, Newport, sophomore at SMHS – Siren's Sonnet (with thanks to Katie Flint and Scott Macnamee)

3. Jenna Valela, sophomore at KRHS – Lannagan (with thanks to Makayla Gosselin)

## Alma Mater

### Springfield College Dean's List

**Sarah Austin** from New Boston, a primary major of Business Management. **Malachi Page** from Peterborough, a primary major of History.

**Gracie Pierce** from Goffstown, a primary major of Movement & Sport Studies.

### Assumption University Dean's List

**Isabella Anzalone** of New London, Class of 2025, **Connor Haas** of Hancock, Class of 2028, **Sophia Lake** of Hancock, Class of 2028.

### Worcester Polytechnic Institute Dean's List

**Daniel McCall** of Peterborough, New Hampshire, class of 2027, majoring in Chemical Engineering.

**Elizabeth Scharpf** of New London, New Hampshire, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science and Interactive Media and Game Development - Technology.

**Ian Tschida** of Goffstown, New Hampshire, class of 2027, majoring in Interactive Media and Game Development.

**Anelle van der Merwe** of Dunbarton, New Hampshire, class of 2028, majoring in Architectural Engineering.

**Amanda Vance** of Dunbarton, New Hampshire, class of 2028, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

**Lisa Vickery** of New Boston, New Hampshire, class of 2025, majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

### College of Charleston President's List and Dean's List

**Ryan Kennedy** of Goffstown was named to the Dean's List, majoring in Marketing.

**Ashley Ogden** of Contoocook was named to the Dean's List, majoring in Studio Art.

**Margaretta Sasso** of Goffstown was named to the President's List, majoring in Undecided.

### Other Colleges & Universities

**Natalie Preble** named to Muhlenberg College Dean's List. A graduate of Conval Regional High School, Natalie Preble of Antrim, NH, has been named to Dean's List while studying Physics and Mathematics at Muhlenberg College.

Among those named to the Dean's List at Endicott College is **Alexis McClure** of Hillsboro, NH. McClure is majoring in Nursing and is the child of Jill McClure and Matthew McClure.





Troop 529 B and G celebrated Scout Sunday at Holy Cross Church in Weare NH on Sunday February 2. Troop 529 has scouts from Weare, Henniker, Deering, Frankestown, Hillsborough and Sunapee.

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## Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

### John Joseph Craven III

New Boston - John Joseph Craven III, Private First Class - Vietnam War, passed away peacefully in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on January 8, 2025. He was 82 years old. Joe was raised in Pennsylvania and predeceased by his parents, Leonard and Adeline Craven; and brother, Leonard Craven Jr. He is survived by his sister, Joyce Crawford; his five children, Colleen Elizabeth, John Joseph IV, James Charles, Joseph Christian and Jerard James; and Karen Koman Craven, the mother of his children. His love and pride for his family extended to his six grandchildren, Patrick, Jojo, Jack, Tilly, Susie and Charlie. In lieu of a service, Joe asks you to enjoy a nice nap in his honor. He lived his life to embody the spirit of the 197th Infantry: "Wherever brave men fight and die for freedom, you will find me. I am always ready now and forever. I am the Infantry — Queen of Battle! Follow Me!"

### Paul Guy Huard

Formerly Hillsborough - Paul Guy Huard was born on January 31, 1947 and was lovingly raised by the late Gertrude and Henry Huard of Manchester NH. He passed on January 23, 2025 after a brief illness. He met his wife Kathy Rysnick at Keene State and they were married on November 28, 1970. They lived in Hillsboro NH for several years, until they made the decision to



move and start a family in Salem NH, where they resided since 1973 and raised their two daughters, Rebecca and Amy.

He is predeceased by his wife, Kathy; his brother, Robert DesRochers; and his sister, Agnes Beaulieu. He is survived by his brother, Gerry DesRochers; his daughters and their families: Rebecca and Rick Sousa of Millbury MA, and Amy and Jason Dailey of Salem NH. He is the proud Papa to 4 grandchildren, Isabel Sousa, Jack Dailey, Nate Sousa and Michaela Dailey. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Dollars for Scholars in his memory. Please mail to: Salem Dollars for Scholars, PO box 297, Salem NH 03079.

### Claire Angela Hunter (Shallow)



Weare - Claire Angela Hunter (Shallow), 89, of Weare, NH, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Jan. 31, 2025. She was born in Cookshire, Quebec, Canada, on Oct. 13, 1935, daughter to the late Holman Shallow and Clairbel Shallow (Ward).

She is predeceased by her loving husband of 47 years, Richard H. Hunter; her daughter, Lori Beth Hoyt (Hunter); her grandson, Aaron Hoyt; and her sister, Elizabeth Cox (Shallow). Claire is survived by her daughter, Teri Angela Snow (Hunter) of Goffstown; her grandchildren,

Amanda Hinton (Hoyt) of Swanzey, and Angela Snow of Weare; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. SERVICES: A service will be held in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to Old Dogs Go To Helen, [www.olddogsgotohelen.com/donate](http://www.olddogsgotohelen.com/donate), 83 Range Road, Epsom, NH 03234.

## Celebration of Life for George Diamond


A Celebration of Life will be held in George's honor at Main Street Grill on February 15th from 12:00-2:00 PM.

We invite all who knew George to join us in remembering and celebrating his life.

## SAVE THE DATE!

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 **Monday, Feb 10th at 6:30pm** (following the Selectboard's regular business)

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## Events: Community Bulletin Board

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8

**FISHING DOWN UNDER:** The Elkins Fish & Game Club is holding their 10th Annual Fishing Down Under charity ice fishing tournament on Saturday, February 8, 2025 on Kezar Lake in North Sutton. All proceeds from this event will be donated to local people in financial difficulty. Prizes will be given for the longest Perch, longest Pickerel and longest "other" fish caught. Full details and tournament rules can be found on the club web site: [www.elkinsfishandgame.net/fishing-down-under](http://www.elkinsfishandgame.net/fishing-down-under).

**SNOWMOBILE SHOW:** The Andover Snowmobile Club will be hosting our 22nd Annual Highland Lake SnoFest Vintage Snowmobile Show 11:00am at the Andover Fish and Game Clubhouse located at 45 Channel Road in Andover NH, at the intersection of Snowmobile Corridor 2 and Highway Rt. 11. The event starts at 9:00am, and we will have hot food and a warm clubhouse with vintage snowmobile videos playing. This event is open to any and all Antique and Vintage snowmobiles. Trophies will be awarded.

**WINTER FROLIC:** 10:00am-1:00am, Hancock meeting-house crafts, snacks. Sledding Hill Sled racing Norway Pond Outdoor activities.

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11

**REBECCA RULE:** will be at Fuller Public Library at 6pm to talk about her new book New Hampshire Trivia. How much do you know about New Hampshire? Share your

knowledge, hear and share some stories. Let's have some fun and teach each other a thing or two about the Granite State.

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13

**HEALTHY EATING CHALLENGE:** informational meeting at Fuller Public Library, 6:00pm. The Let's Move in Libraries/Connectwell program will run for 5 weeks as we learn about whole food choices for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks. Join our weekly meetings for tips, recipes, and ideas for changing our habits. Must register and be able to attend 4 of the 5 meetings, program begins on the 17th.

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13

**CARICATURE DRAWING:** by Paula Kerouac at JA Tuttle Library in Antrim. 4:30-6:00pm. Paula will draw a caricature from a photo or from a live model. Fee: By donation.

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15

**MORSE SPORTING GOODS SCORING DAY:** 10:00am-4:00pm. Scoring Deer, Bear and Moose. Event by NH Antler & Skull Trophy Club. Anyone welcome.

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15-16

**WASHINGTON FISHING DERBY:** Camp Morgan Lodge opens at 5:00 for breakfast. Tickets \$6- \$15.

### TUESDAY MARCH 18

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**Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 6:30pm**

**Place: Henniker Community Center  
57 Main Street Henniker, NH 03242**

Per RSA 231:133, the Town of Henniker Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on February 18, 2025, starting at 6:30 p.m. during the regularly scheduled board meeting. The purpose of this hearing is to gather public comments regarding the renumbering of properties located on Pike Street, should the petitioned warrant article to completely discontinue Pike Street pass at the annual Town Meeting on March 15, 2025.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE HILLSBORO-DEERING SCHOOL BOARD

The **Hillsboro-Deering School Board** will hold a **Public Hearing on Monday, February 17, 2025** at **5:30 pm** in the **Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School Media Center**

The purpose of the hearing is to accept unanticipated revenue received from Eversource for the Energy Efficiency Incentive Offer. Said funds are being accepted under the provisions of RSA 198:20-b, and will total up to not more than \$29,100.

## TOWN OF WASHINGTON SELECT BOARD

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**Thursday February 20th, 2025  
6:30pm**

Hearing Location:  
Washington Town Hall, 2nd floor  
7 Halfmoon Pond Road  
Washington NH 03280

Notice is hereby given that the Select Board will hold a Public Hearing at the aforementioned time and place to present and solicit public input on the following:

1. Winter Operations: Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy and Procedures
2. Class VI/Private Road Policy
3. Class VI Town Roads: Limitations of Responsibility and Waiver of Liability
4. Hazardous Tree Mitigation Policy
5. Hazardous Tree Report

Members of the public may preview all these documents at <https://www.washingtonnh.org/selectmen> or in person at Town Hall during normal business hours.

## EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT BID SOLICITATION

### FOR SUMMER MAINTENANCE OF BEACHES AND PARKS

Emerald Lake Village District, located within the town of Hillsborough, is accepting bids for Summer Maintenance of Beaches and Parks.

Sealed bids must be received by 5pm on February 19, 2025 and mailed to ELVD, PO Box 1753, Hillsborough, NH 03244 or dropped off at the District Office by appointment, 147 W. Main St., Suite 103.

For bid specs, contact the District Office at 603-464-3128 or email [info@elvdnh.com](mailto:info@elvdnh.com).

## TOWN OF WASHINGTON PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Wednesday, February 12, 2025**, (Snow date 2/13/2025) at **7:00 pm** Second Floor Town Hall.

The purpose is to receive public input on the Town's proposed 2025 operating budget and proposed articles.

## TOWN OF WINDSOR NOTICE OF A BUDGET HEARING

Town of Windsor will hold a Budget Hearing on **Tuesday February 11** at 6:00 p.m. at the Windsor Town Hall, 14 White Pond Road, Windsor NH.

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The **Hillsboro-Deering School Board** will hold a **Public Hearing on Monday, February 17, 2025** at **5:30 pm** in the **Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School Media Center**

The purpose of the Hearing is to accept Haslet Trust funds in the amount of \$29,208.17.

## *Town of Weare*

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING

The Weare Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, February 24, 2025**, beginning at **7:00 PM** pursuant to RSA 31:95-d, V, for the purpose of hearing public testimony and comment on changing the fractional portion of revenue going into the previously established Transfer Station Recyclable Special Revenue Fund, from 50% to 100%. The fund was originally approved at the March 2022 Town meeting, Article 12 pursuant to RSA 31:95-c.

This hearing will be held at the Town Office Building conference room, 15 Flanders Memorial Drive in Weare, NH. Please note, any person with a disability who wishes to attend this meeting and needs to be provided a reasonable accommodation to participate, should call the Weare Board of Selectmen's office at 529-7535 at least twenty-four hours in advance so that arrangements can be made.

## LEGAL NOTICE AND NOTICE OF HEARING

**Maine Department of Health & Human Services**

**MAINE DISTRICT COURT**

**IN RE: Maddox Campbell**

**Doc. No.: BID-PC-24-52, FM-2024-806**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO Ashley Campbell and Matthew Maynard**, whereabouts unknown: Pursuant to 22 M.R.S. §4001 et seq., the Maine Department of Health & Human Services (hereafter, "DHHS") has petitioned the Court for a Child Protection Order which has been consolidated with a Petition for Appointment of Guardian concerning the child: Maddox Campbell d/o/b: 22/8/2016 born in Nashua, NH. The mother is Ashley Campbell, and the father is Matthew Maynard. DHHS has met the requirements of M.R. Civ. P. Rule 4(g)(1)(A)-(C). Hearing on the pending Petitions will be held on **May 6, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at York Judicial Center, 515 Elm Street, Biddeford, ME 04005**. **Failure to appear at this hearing may result in the issuance of a child protection order, appointment of a Guardian and/or any other order permissible under 22 M.R.S. §4001 et seq and 18-C M.R.S. §5-201 et seq.** Mr. Maynard's court-appointed counsel is: Kathy McKechnie, Esq., P.O. Box 307, Saco, ME 04072. Tel.: (207) 956-3321. Ms. Campbell's court-appointed counsel is Amanda Ramirez, Esq., PO Box 78, Newfield, ME 04056. Tel.: (207) 608-3916. Contact the court at the above address or 207-283-6000. To obtain a copy of the Petition(s), contact the court or DHHS at 207-286-2400, 457 Alfred Street, Biddeford, Maine. DHHS is represented by the Maine Office of the Attorney General, 125 Presumpscot St. Ste. 26, Portland, ME 04103.

**Dated:01/27/2025**

**Michael Duddy**  
Judge, Maine District Court

**Julie Howard**  
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