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Colby-Sawyer College names Dean McCurdy as President



Dr. Dean G. McCurdy, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Ivy Tech Community College, has been selected unanimously

by the Colby-Sawyer College board of trustees to serve as the institution's 10th president. McCurdy will succeed Susan D. Stuebner, who led Colby-Sawyer from 2016 to 2024.



This week in history

March 8, 1919

International Woman's Day is observed

March 9, 1862

USS Monitor battles CSS Virginia

March 10, 1969

James Earl Ray guilty of assassinating Martin Luther King, Jr.

March 11, 1942

General Douglas MacArthur leaves the Philippines

March 12, 1933

FDR gives his first Fireside Chat

March 13, 1781

William Herschel discovers uranus

March 14, 1879

Albert Einstein is born in Ulm, Germany



Multiple accidents on I-89

Concord & Hopkinton Fire Departments respond

Concord Fire Department was dispatched to Interstate 89 Southbound in Concord between Exits 3 and 2 for the report of a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA). On arrival, companies found multiple rear-end collisions spanning an 800 yard stretch of highway. Drivers said that intense sun glare reflected by the wet roadway was a contributing cause of the accidents.

The initial accident caused other vehicles to brake quickly or strike the vehicle in front of them, leading to nine vehicles suffering major damage or being destroyed. Due to the scope of the incident and the extreme danger to crews working

on the scene, Interstate 89 Southbound was shut down north of the scene for approximately 45 minutes.

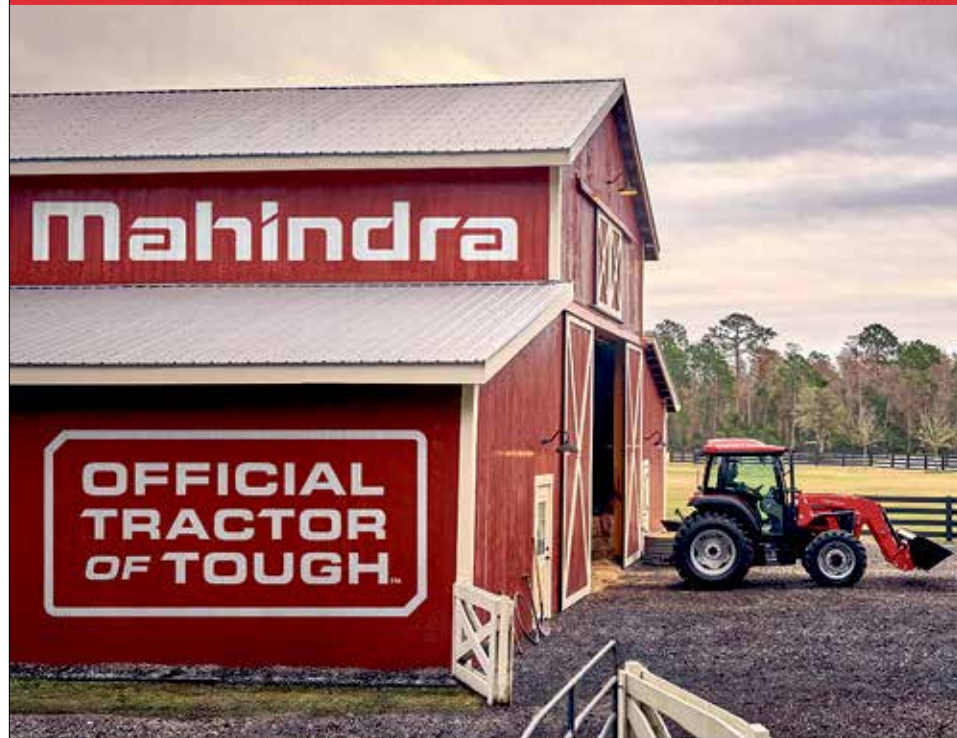
The incident commander requested additional ambulance and engine companies to respond to the scene. A total of three patients were transported to Concord Hospital, two with significant injuries.

At 7:17 a.m., while crews were clearing the accident scene, Hopkinton Fire Department was dispatched to a multi-car MVA involving a large truck and several vehicles, in the south bound lane of I-89, approximately 1.5 miles north of the original accident in Concord. Concord Fire Department sent units to assist Hopkinton

with extricating one patient trapped in a vehicle, and transporting a second patient from the same accident.

The second accident involved multiple cars with significant damage, including an empty log truck that was struck from behind. The bright sun and the sudden braking of multiple vehicles was also cited as a contributing factor in this incident. Two vehicles were destroyed in this incident, and the log truck suffered significant damage. As with the first accident, this incident also led to I-89 being shut down at this location while emergency crews worked to extricate the patient trapped in their vehicle.

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

March 8, 2024

Contoocook cadet awarded \$5,000 Air Force scholarship
Three injured as accidents close Route 101 in Peterborough
Special recognition given Sunapee Chief John Galloway
Accident closed Route 103 in Newbury Sunday

March 10, 2023

New Boston nurse charged with abuse
Franklin Patrolman's Association votes "No Confidence" in City Manager
Hopkinton Boys & Girls suffer double loss to #1 seeds in Division III
Chamber forum features candidates for Select & Planning Boards

March 11, 2022

Explosion and Fire in Bradford
Hillsborough voters reject attempt to cut Police budget
Henniker voters OK school budget & teacher contracts
Antrim's Route 9 closed after tractor-trailer rollover

March 12, 2021

Hillsborough honors Bill Goss for 43 years service
Hopkinton parents want schools opened now
Warner Historical Society Indigenous History
Young Weare boy shows the power of giving

March 13, 2020

Patricia Parenteau named SAU #34 Superintendent
Washington Town Meeting honors Ron & Grace Jager
Persistence pays off - Newbury approves Fire Station
Warner Town Meeting voters face full agenda

March 15, 2019

ConVal district files suit against State of NH
Hopkinton School District approves \$9.8 million bond
John Stark/Hopkinton wins Division II Hockey
Hillsborough voters spend \$9 million in 1 hour

March 16, 2018

Bow voters want community building saved
Henniker Selectman Ben Fortner resigns
Goffstown voters reject additional firefighters
Mixed results at Hopkinton School meeting

March 17, 2017

Northfield officers save woman
Mount Sunapee skier found unresponsive
Peterborough trio arrested at Monadnock Country Club
Newport man arrested with stolen jewelry

March 11, 2016

Franklin firing range takes fire
After four defeats, Bow Safety Building approved
Bradford Town Hall renovation fails by 5 votes
Weare voters support highway garage - nix cruisers

March 13, 2015

Midnight assault on Goffstown man
Bow Safety Complex fails to get 2/3 vote
Henniker school budget cuts \$115,000
Great Brook School survives another vote

John Stark DECA Team at NH Career Development Conference

Fifteen members of the John Stark Regional High School DECA chapter competed among 700 other Granite State high school students at the 2025 New Hampshire Career Development Conference, held in Manchester on February 12-14. John Stark students completed written research projects and participated in competitive role play events in hopes of qualifying for a spot at this year's International Ca-

reer Development Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Senior Bella Mann came in first place in "Human Resources Management" category, with sophomores Evan Payeur, Kaeden Vanasse and Rylan Grolljahn placing second in their category of "Sports and Entertainment Marketing Operations Research." Junior Avery Grolljahn also earned two third place medals in the category of "Quick

Service Restaurant Management," and Sophomore Rylan Grolljahn with one third place medal in "Restaurant and Food Service Management."

Mann, Payeur, Vanasse and the Grolljahns have earned the

opportunity to compete at ICDC in Orlando this April. Maxine Lundeen and Rowan Young have been selected to join the team, representing John Stark at the ICDC Thrive Academy, a comprehensive leadership

program designed to empower DECA members and teach 21st century skills in the areas of critical thinking and problem solving, communication and collaboration and creativity and innovation.

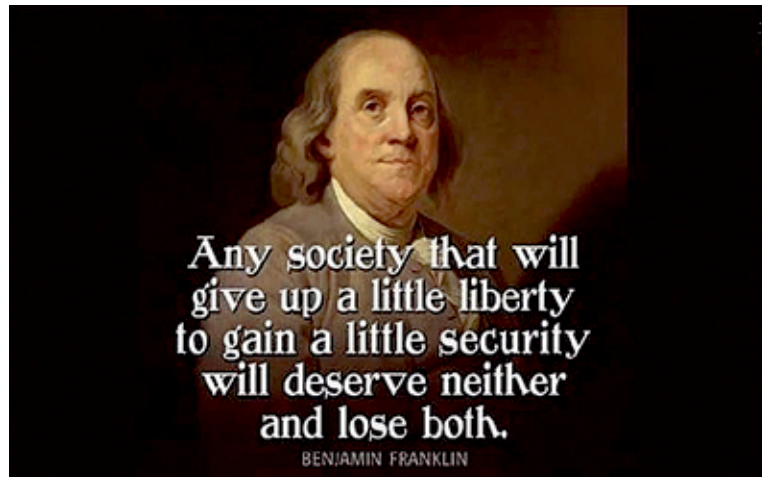


Photo: Back row (L-R): Brendan Bond, Thomas Stevenson, Evan Payeur, Avery Grolljahn, Rowan Young, Chase Lansford, Rylan Grolljahn; Middle Row (L-R): Evan Furness, Maxine Lundeen, Wesley Rosen, Bella Mann; Front row (L-R): Advisor Hana Braga, Luka Madecki, Hailey Tilley, Jayleigh Shelto-Fournier, Advisor-Mandy Hibbert. Missing from the photo is Kaeden Vanasse who participated virtually.



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 **Sports**



Two John Stark Regional High School wrestlers were crowned Division III state champions in February. Junior Sean Crean (113 pounds) and sophomore Lyncoln Jablonski (126 pounds) each earned first-place titles. Photo: Lyncoln Jablonski and Sean Crean.

**BOYS BASKETBALL
DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP**

#1 Belmont 49, #3 Kearsarge 43: The top-seeded Belmont Red Raiders (20-1) played to their strengths to build an 11-point halftime lead and held off a second-half comeback by the No. 3 Kearsarge Cougars (19-3) to win the school's first ever boys' title, 49-43, in the Division III championship.

#3 Kearsarge 52, #2 Mascoma 33: The Whipple brothers, senior Noah and sophomore Eli, put on a clinic with Eli scoring a game-high 24 points and Noah (10 points, six assists, four rebounds, three steals) doing anything else that was needed to lift the No. 3 Kearsarge boys basketball team to a 52-33 victory over No. 2 Mascoma in the Division III semifinal. **Merrimack Valley 81, John Stark 72:** John Stark jumped out to an early 10 point lead, but MV was able to chip away and took a one point lead at the half. MV led by 17 at the end of the third quarter, but John Stark fought back to cut it to six, but the Pride held on for the win. MV will be the No. 10 seed for the Division II playoffs.

Bow 47, Lebanon 31: The Falcons closed the regular season with a win to clinch the No. 7 seed for the Division II postseason.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Merrimack Valley 60, John Stark 29: MV led 18-8 after the first quarter and 35-12 at halftime. Smith scored her 1,000th career point. The victory wraps up the No. 6 seed for the Pride in the Division II postseason tournament which begins next week.

Kearsarge February Athlete of the Month

Congratulations to Soeren Baughman, KRHS student-athlete of the month for February!

Kearsarge student-athletes of the month are seniors who are qualified NHIAA "Scholar Athletes," accumulating a B+ or equivalent GPA over their time at KRHS and actively participating in two or more sports offerings. These athletes consistently demonstrate commitment to their programs, care for their teammates and peers and are competing at their highest potential.

Student-athletes are chosen each month through collaborative efforts of the entire athletic team.

Baughman is an active member of the football and outdoor track and field programs. In addition to his involvement in athletics, he also contributes his time to the Kearsarge community through his work with Student Council.

"Soeren is often the first one to offer a helping hand and can frequently be seen working within the Athletics Department and supporting other teams. He is great role model to his peers and constantly demonstrates his determination, passion, and kindness both on and off the field," said Lipinski. "This honor is well deserved, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for him!"



Soeren Baughman

Weare girls excellent during Project Soapbox speech contest

Seventh grader Myla Small's remarks on reducing screen time was the top finisher in a recent speech contest at Weare Middle School.

The contest, called "Project Soapbox," is a program of the Mivka Challenge, a nonpartisan organization that strives to empower, inform and activate young people in the area of civics. The speech contest is designed to give youth a platform to voice their opinions and propose action on current issues.

To prepare for their speeches,

Weare Middle School students first answered guided questions to organize their thoughts and create a meaningful speech, said social studies teacher Jen Levesque. They also received support in their English Language Arts classes, where they practiced writing argumentative claims and citing research. Every seventh grade student then participated in classroom-level speeches; seven students then volunteered to present at the grade-level showcase.

At the showcase, students covered a wide range of topics,

including healthcare, sexism, gun laws, education and puppy mills. Teachers and office staff were invited to listen, and students were evaluated using a rubric – along with staff discussions – to determine a winner and runner-up.

Levesque said one of the highlights of the showcase was hearing each student's "call to action." Small, she said, suggested setting a time limit for phone use to increase awareness and reduce screen time, while runner up

Jovie Hooper – who spoke about decreasing plastic use – encouraged using reusable containers for lunches and bringing reusable bags when shopping.

Next up will be a state showcase.



Photo L to R: Jovie Hooper and Myla Small.





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In a new study of non-statin cholesterol-lowering medications, one type was linked to lower risks of liver cancer. The findings are published in *CANCER*, a peer-reviewed journal of the American Cancer Society. Cholesterol absorption inhibitors, bile acid sequestrants, fibrates, niacin, and omega-3 fatty acids are types of non-statin cholesterol-lowering medications prescribed to manage cholesterol and lipid levels. The different classes of drugs work in different ways. Use of cholesterol absorption inhibitors (e.g. ezetimibe) was associated with 31% lower odds of liver cancer risk in the overall analysis. The study also confirmed that statins were associated with 35% lower odds of liver cancer. No associations with liver cancer risk were observed for fibrates, omega-3 fatty acids, or niacin. While bile acid sequestrant use was associated with higher odds of liver cancer risk in the overall analysis, the results of analyses based on diabetes and liver disease status were inconsistent.

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Dr. Esin Narli

Q: How much does what we eat affect our oral health?

A: Unfortunately, our increasing exposure to so-called "modern" food has over years had a deleterious affect on our dental health. In 1939, Dr. Weston A. Price, a dentist and pioneering nutritionist, published the book "Nutrition and Physical Degeneration." He reported in the book on so-called "primitive" societies that followed a diet of indigenously produced food and had nicely shaped jaws that held an abundance of strong, pearly white teeth. And this was without the benefit of modern dental care.

As modern foods, particularly white flour and sugar, were introduced, dental problems followed, including the previously rare issue of cavities. Price found that "primitive" diets were rich in calcium, other minerals and in what's called essential fat-soluble vitamins – like A, D, E and K. The diets also were heavy in eggs, butter and fish.

It remains true today that a balanced, nutritious diet is good not only for dental health, but also for your overall well-being. Fresh fruit and vegetables, especially the green leafy variety, prepared so as to retain their nutritional value, are especially good for dental health. Try to avoid processed foods, sugar, white flour and the fast food so prevalent in our world. Talk with your dentist for more tips on nutrition and oral health.

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New London logger convicted of Deceptive Practices

The N.H. Forest Protection Bureau has announced the felony conviction of Stephen O'Neill of O'Neill Timber Harvesting, LLC, in New London under the state's Deceptive Forestry Business Practices Law. O'Neill has been ordered to pay \$27,022 restitution with a potential for jail time and a fine of just under \$5,000. In 2022, O'Neill, who had a written contract with the landowner to conduct a timber harvest, received direct payment of \$27,022.60 for multiple tractor trailer loads of timber originating from the New Boston property but failed to pay the landowner for that portion of timber harvested from their land.

Throughout the year-long investigation, N.H. Forest Ranger Katharine Baughman interviewed multiple witnesses and collected evidence from loggers, truckers, sawmills, landowners and foresters. Additionally, forest rangers executed search warrants at multiple locations to acquire the evidence necessary to charge O'Neill.

"The initial suspicion of the theft was brought forward by Maria Smerczynski who was the licensed forester overseeing the harvest for the landowner," said Capt. Michael Matson of the N.H. Forest Protection Bureau. "Forester Smerczynski played a critical role not only in alerting our bureau to the crime, but also in providing evidence throughout the investigation."

An arrest warrant for O'Neill was obtained and the Forest Protection Bureau worked with the Hillsborough County

Attorney's Office, which brought the case forward for prosecution. On February 20, 2025, O'Neill pled guilty to a Class B felony and was required to reimburse the property owner \$27,022.60 in restitution.

In addition to the felony conviction, O'Neill was sentenced to one to two years in prison, along with a \$4,960 fine. Both the fine and jail time are suspended pending five years of good behavior where O'Neill cannot commit any crimes, including those involving timber harvesting.

"The Deceptive Forestry Business Practices Law is very important because it requires there to be a contract between loggers and landowners for a timber harvest that is signed in advance, with all payment details clearly laid out," said Chief Steven Sherman of the N.H. Forest Protection Bureau.

"Buying and selling forest products is a multi-step and often ongoing process that can be confusing," he continued. "Having a clear written agreement on forest product prices and how payment will be made prior to starting the harvest is necessary for the protection of everyone involved."

The N.H. Forest Protection Bureau is part of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources' Division of Forests and Lands, which protects and promotes the value provided by trees, forests and natural communities. For more information about the Division of Forests and Lands and the work of its Forest Protection Bureau, visit nhdf.dncr.nh.gov or call 603-271-2214.

Chichester rehires Jodi Pinard after Deering resignation

Former Chichester Town Administrator Jodi Pinard returned to the job she resigned 10 weeks ago.

During a Chichester Select Board meeting on Tuesday night more than 100 residents attended to question the board's decision to rehire Pinard with a \$31,000 increase to an annual salary of \$120,000.

Pinard had resigned to accept the position of Town Administrator in Deering only to resign that position after only about a month, announcing that she refused to work with former Deering select woman Michell Johnson, who was

seeking another term.

The Chichester board met behind closed doors in non-public session on a Friday morning in early February to discuss the "dismissal, promotion or compensation" of a public employee. Pinard signed the town's offer to return on Saturday, February 8. Pinard didn't participate in the public conversation about her compensation Tuesday night.

"I am very happy to be returning and looking forward to serving the residents of the community in the position of Town Administrator," Pinard said.

Long-serving Franklin City Manager Judie Milner resigns

Franklin City Manager Judie Milner resigned on Thursday, giving a one-day notice before she left her position, ending nearly two decades at the helm of administrative affairs in the state's smallest city.

The reason for the sudden departure remained unknown as city officials declined to comment. Attorney Mark Broth

at Drummond Woodsum, who represents the city, said the council and Milner have been in ongoing discussions regarding her resignation.

In a press release Mayor Desiree McLaughlin said, "The City Council thanks Ms. Milner for her long service to the community and wishes her well in her future endeavors."

Deering voters:

I confidently recommend the re-election of Jill Smith as Selectman for the Town of Deering. While I am not a resident of Deering, I have had the privilege of working with Jill since March of 2023, when I was hired as the Recording Secretary and Webmaster in Deering. In March of 2024, I was selected as the Finance Administrator, which allowed me to work closely with Jill and the rest of the Board.

I applied for the Finance Administrator position after observing the current Board work together as one of the best Selectmen trios I've seen in my entire municipal career. Over the last year working with Jill, I have seen firsthand her commitment to creating an atmosphere of openness and her willingness to assist anyone with any task.

In my opinion, Jill never hesitates to dive in and thoroughly research any issue that needs attention. She listens attentively to feedback and is always responsive to the concerns of others.

In addition to her duties as Selectman, Jill has volunteered countless hours with other Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees, and she consistently asks how she can help whenever a Department or area of the town is in need. Her care and dedication to the town are limitless.

While I realize I do not have an official vote, I did not want to pass up the opportunity to endorse the person who I believe is best suited to serve the Town of Deering, its residents and its employees.

Wendy Baker, Hillsborough

“Creative Evolution” on display at Henniker’s Tucker Free Library

A new collection of art is now on display in the community gallery space at the Tucker Free Library. Running through mid-April visitors can enjoy an eclectic mix of creations by library staff, trustees, friends, and patrons. Titled, CREATIVE EVOLUTION, the display highlights amateur artists affiliated with the library who sought solace in the arts and crafts movement during the early days of the pandemic lockdown, many of whom have continued creating since.

The pandemic gave library staff a chance to hit the reset button: many of the legacy functions of the library were examined in depth and those functions were either modified or eliminated. Some of the service enhancements made during the pandemic were so popular that they remain today. To fill their days, staff members produced weekly cooking videos, story

time activities, and directional clips to help their patrons navigate online resources. This vast amount of content design stirred their creative juices, the energy then channeled into activities that eased the anxiety and boredom some people experienced.

“We painted, crocheted, knit, journaled, baked bread, and tried to teach ourselves how to play the piano, all to escape the monotony of life during lockdown and virtual work,” said Lynn Piotrowicz, the director of the Tucker Free Library. Many felt overwhelmed by the isolation inherent in the pandemic work from home orders, so they turned to expressive outlets. “Don’t look at the pandemic as a negative experience but instead see it for its benefits, how we evolved personally and professionally because of the isolation” stated Piotrowicz.

The gallery is open during regular business hours: Tuesday,

Wednesday, Thursday 10:00-5:00, Friday 1:00-5:00, and Sat-

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"Woodlands, Wildlife and Wisdom" lecture series at Fox State Forest

The N.H. Division of Forests and Lands and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests have announced the topics and presenters for this year's Cottrell-Baldwin Environmental Lecture Series, "Woodlands, Wildlife and Wisdom—from New England Authors," which begins next week at the Henry I. Baldwin Environmental Center at Fox Forest in Hillsborough. For more than twenty years, the Cottrell-Baldwin series has been a highlight of the late winter-early spring season in the Granite State.

"March in New Hampshire has three constants – frost heaves, town elections and the start of the Cottrell-Baldwin lecture series," said Inge Seaboyer, program forester at the Caroline A. Fox Research and Demonstration Forest. "While we can't predict how those first two items will play out, we do know that this year's lineup of speakers for the series is outstanding and everyone attending will learn from their unique experienc-

es and insights."

Each of the four lectures will be given by well-known authors who will draw on their decades of working in and observing forests, highlighting how people develop relationships not just to the landscapes, but to a wide variety of wildlife as well.

"For 2025, we've put together a real powerhouse of a lineup," said Dave Anderson, senior director of education at the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. "Each presenting author is from New England and has a strong fan base so we expect that all four lectures will be big draws.

"We always encourage folks to register in advance, which really helps us manage seating availability for anyone who may decide that evening they'd like to join us."

The 2025 Cottrell-Baldwin Environmental Lecture series takes place Tuesdays, March 18-April 8, from 7-8:30 p.m., at Fox Forest's Henry I. Baldwin Environmental Center, 309 Center

Road in Hillsborough.

This year's topics and speakers are:

- "Wildlife Out Your Window: Fascinating Facts about 100 Animals Commonly Seen in the Northeast U.S.," by wildlife ecologist Brad Timm; March 18

- "The Promise of Sunrise: Finding Solace in a Broken World" by naturalist and photographer Ted Levin; March 25

- "What's Wild: A Half-Century of Wisdom from the Woods and Rivers of New England," by bear biologist Eric Orff; April 1

- "How to Love a Forest: The Bittersweet Work of Tending a Changing World," by forester Ethan Tapper; April 8

Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase books at the lectures and have them signed by the author. Full descriptions of each lecture are available on the events section of the website, forestsociety.org/events. There is no cost to attend. Walk-ins are welcome, but registration in

advance is appreciated.

- Tuesday, March 18, 7-8:30 p.m. Presenter: Brad Timm "Wildlife Out Your Window: Fascinating Facts About 100 Animals Commonly Seen in the Northeast U.S."

Did you know that...blue jay feathers are brown not blue, some frogs survive freezing by creating anti-freeze, and that gray foxes climb trees? These are just a few of the many hundreds of interesting facts about wildlife of the Northeast U.S. packed in this recent guidebook by Brad Timm, wildlife ecologist and founder and executive director of the Northeast Wildlife Team.

- Tuesday, March 25, 7-8:30 p.m. Presenter: Ted Levin. "The Promise of Sunrise: Finding Solace in a Broken World"

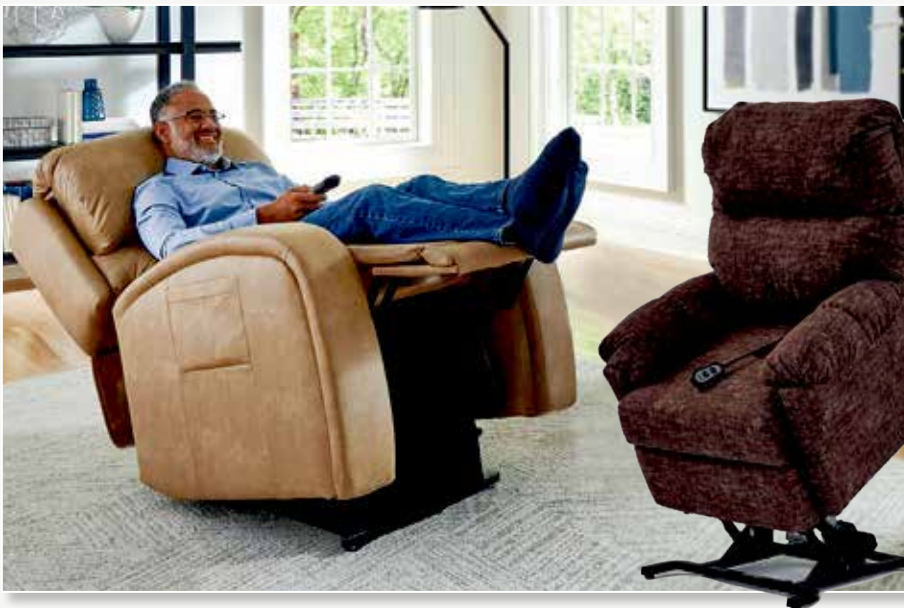
Award-winning writer, photographer and talented naturalist Ted Levin spent the 2020-21 pandemic years rediscovering his home valley, devoted to walking and observing nature, watching seasons pass, day by day. His new

book chronicles the rediscovery of his Thetford, Vermont, hillside where he lived and recounts his daily joys of observing home ground when he was forced by Covid to stay home.

- Tuesday, April 1, 7-8:30 p.m. Presenter: Eric Orff. "What's Wild: A Half A Century of Wisdom From the Woods and Rivers of New England." As N.H. Fish and Game's first bear biologist in the 1970s, Eric Orff began a half century career as a "forest ranger who works with animals," his stated dream job as a seven-year-old. Wildlife is now more abundant across the region than since colonial times, thanks to Eric and biologists like him. From tales of rehabbing bats in the laundry room, to riding a whitetail buck who didn't quite cooperate with a tagging effort, Eric's trademark humor and kind heart, coupled with a solid scientific foundation, provides stories that will make you laugh – and help you connect with wild nature.

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Letters to the Editor

To Windsor Residents and Neighbors:

On March 18th, two selectman will consider approving OHRV use on Windsor and Black Pond state roads. If approved there is a bill, hb113, ready for the state to approve or deny. We oppose this idea for the following reasons. The definition of OHRV is OFF HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE and would include ATV's, dirt bikes and UTV's. The manufacture of OHRV'S warns against using their product on paved surfaces because they are not designed for operation on paved roads or safe on roads. They do not meet safety standards to survive a collision with cars, trucks, delivery vans, buses or tractor trailers, all of which travel our only road on a daliy basis and at a rate of 35 to 50mph. In the event of an OHRV accident our only road into Windsor could be jepordized. In additon the current speeding and abuse has no enforcement as there is no local police. According to Consumer Federation of America, in 2023 there were 498 OHRV fatalities. Disproportionately 332 or 67% occured on paved roads. Two nonprofit accociations who represent OHRV manufacturers and distributors agree the operation on roads should be opposed at all costs. SVIA and ROHVA say; that permitting on road OHRV use conflicts with manufactuers intentions of proper use and would be contrary to federal safety requirements. The negative impact of OHRV use on roads will effect our quality of life and cause property devaluation due to the noise and nuisance. Plus the influx of traffic and the problems that brings. Many towns in northern NH who approved this kind of use are now introducing legislation for abutters to have rights. Even NH Fish and Game state that as long as local roads are open to riders, there is no incentive to delelop off roads trails and establish trail networks. We chose Windsor over 22 years ago because of the peace and quite it provides and want to keep it that way. Please attend the meeting on March 18th at 6pm to voice your opposition. If you can't attend, write the selectmen.

Pierre & Claire Pouliot, Windsor

Letter to the Editor:

I agree with Senator Ruth Ward that the NH School Fairness Funding Project appears to be a politically motivated group advocating for higher taxes to increase financial support of schools. I have questions. The Kearsarge School District budget that will be voted on in March is over \$55 million. This will represent \$33,000 per student per year because there are only 1668 students in the district.

I'm wondering if the Kearsarge Superintendent and School Board are advocating that all NH school districts should spend \$33,000 per student? Does spending more per student equal better outcomes? Kearsarge is about middle of the pack in NH outcomes for reading, math and science. So for all that money spent, the money is not buying better outcomes. About the Education Freedom Accounts (EFA), did you know that the EFA grants equal the "adequate education amount" granted to parents to spend on education? This means that students with an EFA are educated for \$4,182 per

year. The school district is not receiving the \$4,182 for each EFA student, but the taxpayers also do not have to raise the balance of the \$33,000 per student. The EFA turns out to be a big win for taxpayers. The EFA is a big win for parents also who have a choice about how to go about educating their own child. I guess you could say that is the "my child, my choice" movement.

Claire Ketteler, Newbury

Deering Voters:

Deering is a rural fiscally conservative community. That could change with the Budget Advisory Committee's chairman elected selectman. She is now proposing radical changes to town services with higher property taxes. Her BAC recommendations include: (1) arbitrarily cutting the ambulance and assessing clerk's hours by 25%; (2) freezing wages for most town employees; (3) not hiring a highway mechanic to service the town's aging fleet; and (4) not recommending the purchase of needed fire, police and highway department vehicles. The basis for the wage freeze is set forth in confusing spreadsheets that mistakenly use the lower paid Peterborough Labor Market Area as comparable communities, while the state puts Deering's workforce in the higher paid Hillsborough LMA. Such a wage freeze in a time of double digit inflation is unfair to town employees and will jeopardize employee retention. The overall BAC recommendation package results in a property tax rate increase of \$0.36 per thousand of assessed valuation where the average home valued at \$440K would pay \$159 more than last year. However, if the town meeting votes for all of the BAC recommendations and also votes to restore the above four BAC spending cuts, the property tax rate would rise by \$1.44 and the average home's taxes would increase by \$634. In contrast, the Board of Selectmen, led by Selectman Chairman Jill Smith, put together an operating budget, which does fund a mechanic and maintains ambulance & assessing hours. It results in a \$0 estimated tax increase. If Town Meeting approves of all the items on the warrant, including funding the loader, fire truck and police vehicle, the estimate tax increase would be \$0.22, or \$97 for a \$440K home. Lastly, the most recent Town Administrator cited the BAC chairman's negativity towards town employees which "makes for an unhappy work environment" as a primary reason to resign much like what happened a decade ago. This is a well documented pattern for the BAC chairman - see Messenger articles from 08/17/2012; 07/05/2013 and 07/12/2013 that are available on line. Add to that the many lawsuits filed against the town during her tenure and the six-figure cost to the taxpayers, Deering simply can't afford the BAC chairman as a selectman again. Please vote on March 11th to re-elect conservative Selectman Jill Smith to provide needed services to town residents and keep taxes as low as possible.

David Delorey

Letter to the Editor:

Thank you to the voters who came out to the School deliberative session on Tuesday Feb 4. The Hillsboro- ▶

Letters to the Editor continued

Deering School Board has send a financially responsible budget and warrant articles that will go before the voters on March 11, 2025. The board is aware of the financial limitations of members of both towns within our district. We have worked to bring a proposed budget to the voters that is fiscally conservative and still meets the needs of students and employees in our district. We have done a lot of work to reach the goals outlined in our SAU 34 Strategic Plan that help to create and develop student success, culture and learning environments. Our budget reflects these areas of the strategic plan. We have also put forward trust fund warrant articles to reflect the current needs of our district in regard to maintenance, special education, and technology. The funding of these trust accounts will not raise taxes and will only be transferred if there is a positive fund balance at the end of June 2025. Our district also has a tentative agreement with our teachers union that will be on the ballot March 11, 2025. The contract includes several measures designed to limit the total cost of the warrant article including a 0% cost of living increase in the first year, an increase to the teachers' insurance contribution rate, introducing the option of an deductible insurance plan, and cost of living increases in years two and three that are below

the rate of inflation. We firmly believe this agreement is in the best interest of students, taxpayers, families, and staff to keep our district moving forward in the years ahead. Please attend any one of the upcoming meetings in person, online or reach out to any board member.

Ballot Voting - Tuesday March 11, 2025

Deering Voters: 8am - 7pm, Deering Town Hall
 Hillsboro Voters: 7am - 7pm, H-DMS Gymnasium
 Hillsborough-Deering School Board; Christopher Bober Paul Plater Krista Davison Stacey Morin

Michael Kenney

Letter to the Editor:

As we approach the final weekend before the town and school elections, and our annual Town meeting, we face a crucial challenge. How do we minimize the looming tax increase when there are so few options? Both budgets are showing increases this year. While the school budget increase appears miniscule, nearly matching the default budget, it excludes the (Article 6). If passed, this will add \$223,600 to this year's budget, climbing to \$333,000 next year and \$341,000 by year three.

A "yes" vote on Article 6 will without a doubt raise property taxes, giving teachers a raise while leaving

other taxpayers to subsidize the tax burden without similar relief. A "NO" vote on Article 6 helps to minimize the tax increase, especially since school taxes already make up approx. 57% of your property tax bill. Article 7 is another concern. Voting "NO" prevents a special election in July, a time when many voters are on summer vacations and less focused on voting, which could otherwise allow school insiders to push through an uncontested tax hike.

Conversely, voting "yes" on Article 7 almost guarantees higher taxes. Article 12 offers a solution. A "YES" vote to rescind RSA 40:13, requiring a 3/5 majority from Hillsborough and Deering, stops the school from carrying forward excessive surpluses in the default budget. It restores a single Town Meeting vote, empowering residents to debate and reject unsatisfactory budgets directly. This could push the board to prioritize taxpayer needs over unchecked spending.

I respectfully ask that you vote "NO" on Articles 6 and 7 to limit tax increases, and "YES" on Article 12 to reclaim control over school spending. Let's ensure our school budget reflects fairness and fiscal responsibility for all, not just a few.

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William Bryk
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My wife Mimi and I live on Clinton Road. I graduated from Manhattan College and Fordham University School of Law. I'm a member of the New Hampshire Bar. I serve Antrim as a Supervisor of the Checklist. I also served as one of Antrim's representatives to the Contoocook Valley School Board. I diligently attended meetings and contributed time and effort to the people's business. Before my retirement, I worked for thirty years as a lawyer in municipal government and as a bonded and judicially-appointed Examiner of Accounts and Guardian of Incapacitated Persons. The courts and the bonding companies have confidence in my competence and character. There is little waste in the Town's budget because there is little margin for waste. In working with the Capital Improvement Planning Committee in 2020 and 2021, I saw the Town's workers strive to make do with little while striving to budget for the replacement of worn-out equipment, from trucks and compactors to buildings. I respect their work and will support them. The State, though freely imposing unfunded mandates on our public schools, does not pay for an adequate education. Instead, taxpayers are gouged to finance handouts to private and sectarian schools catering to the wealthy and privileged few. These policies defy our State's Constitution, which I've sworn an oath to uphold. Propaganda in local media rejoices in soaring property values. Local government is largely financed through property taxes. Higher property values mean higher taxes. It does not equate to higher personal incomes to pay those taxes. It risks taxing senior citizens on fixed incomes out of their homes. As a lawyer, I am a fiduciary, responsible for other people's money. As a Selectman, I will be as careful with the taxpayers' money.

Dawn Gezelman
Bradford Select Board



In numerous conversations with Bradford residents the two consistent priorities discussed are reducing taxes and minimizing budgetary increases. Similar to many of you, I too experienced a significant tax increase this past December, so I understand these concerns and frustrations, and am committed to working with the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee and CIP members to minimize any increases while maintaining our current Town services. My leadership, project management, process improvement and legal experience has taught me the value of working with peers, employees and residents in a professional, respectful manner. Negotiations and compromise will be required as we go forward, but that is the normal course of business. It is my expectation, as it should be yours, that my Selectman service is about the issues and priorities of the Town residents. I understand that there is no way to satisfy

everyone, however, you can be certain that I will dedicate myself to being available to listen to you and have on-going conversations that address your concerns. I look forward to working with you and the Town of Bradford, and thank you for this opportunity

Jill Smith
Deering Select Board



Hello fellow Deering Residents! My name is Jill Smith and I'm running for re-election to the Board of Selectmen. Over the course of these past three years, I've served as Ex-Officio on the Planning Board, Conservation Commission (ConCom) & Budget Advisory Committee (BAC); and representative to the ZBA. In 2023, as part of the CIP Committee, we produced the first CIP plan since 2018 which has guided Capital Reserve funding for the two past budget cycles. In the absence of a Town Administrator, I have facilitated the past 3 budget seasons. I've developed 6 approved policies with 4 others pending; including an Appointment Policy and Member Responsibilities document so volunteers are better equipped to serve in their positions. I introduced a more collaborative Budget Process. I facilitated the prioritization & funding of projects across all departments - building repairs, new equipment, IT equipment, network upgrades & security equipment - all using federal ARPA funds, not taxpayer dollars. Three years ago I wrote the following goals - increase transparency & reinstate Public Comment; update the 5-year financial plan (CIP); address deteriorating buildings & equipment; and fund the Capital Reserves appropriately to long-term needs. Three years later, I am listing them as accomplishments. My goals for my next term - actively seek out grant opportunities to offset costs and reduce taxpayer burden; fund & implement a salt storage mitigation plan to protect ecologically sensitive areas; ensure the CIP is updated annually; update all Job Descriptions & complete a wage study addressing Deering's unique position between the Peterborough & Concord Labor Area Markets; continue improving the Budget Process; and continue to foster and build a community and workplace where folks want to live and want to work. I've faced and overcome many challenges. In my first year, I uncovered significant issues that couldn't be disclosed at the time but that later financial audits revealed. It was my first year and I was inexperienced; I could have handled the situation better. Deering spoke and I listened, and I became a better Selectman for it. I focused on listening, asking questions to truly understand concerns, and encouraging open dialogue at meetings. I took a positive problem-solving stance - focusing on how to address where we are and not on fault or blame for how we got here. I lead with honesty and integrity, and I treat everyone with respect. I was elected Chair in my second year and again in my third. During my tenure we have hired perfect fits for our Town - our Fire Chief, Road Agent & Administrative staff are just some of those we have onboarded. The Board hired three separate Town Administrators - each noting they enjoyed working with the Board members, but left citing toxic work environment as a result of verbal abuse, harassment, and inappropriate language from residents.

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Aging equipment & infrastructure, minimal capital reserves, and the effects of inflation are Deering's biggest challenges. Deering needs my unique set of skills with budgeting, long-term financial planning and creative use of funding sources to stave off significant local tax spikes in future years. I'm a proven collaborator - I listen, I gather and I bring folks together to create multi-layer solutions to address everyone's concerns. In the past two years, and with this Board and my leadership, Deering is beginning to thrive again - I ask for your vote on Tuesday, March 11th.

Michelle Johnson **Deering Select Board**



I served 12 years as a Deering Selectman and ran a successful business for 15 years. I am knowledgeable and skilled in budgets and financial forecasting. Recently, I've chaired the Town of Deering Budget Advisory Committee. I have lived in Deering for 30 years. The townspeople who have asked me to run again for Selectman expressed a common concern... that there exists a significant disconnect

between town officials and its townsfolk. When residents are removed from the decision-making process, our town loses identity and character. For three years, Deering's governance has been "spend first, ask important questions later", an approach that has created a hostile atmosphere at Town Hall. Five Town Administrators (TA) have resigned in less than three years under the present Selectboard which exposes a serious crisis in leadership.

In 2021 our town tax rate was \$5.68. This year it will be close to \$8.00. Deering's poverty rate is over 12%, almost twice the state percentage. Many of our fixed income residents will be challenged to meet property tax obligations this year. Deering tax payers deserve better. Growing up in a small NH town fostered my active participation in civic and community obligations. I understand the importance of local history and citizen engagement.

I pledge to make timely cost-effective decisions and to cultivate communication between all Town of Deering Departments, Boards and Committees. I promise Deering taxpayers that all spending will be balanced with consideration for hard working families. Thank you for your consideration as Selectman for Town of Deering.

Deb Urbaitis **Henniker School Board**



Hi! I am Deb Bess Urbaitis. I am running for re-election to the Henniker School Board. I am the current Board Chair. I have served on the Henniker School Board since 2013. I also serve on the John Stark School Board and Chair the SAU 24 School Board. It has truly been a joy to serve our community in this way. I am an attorney here in Henniker with a solo practice focused on estate and business planning. I have 3 kids ages 14, almost 15 and 17. They are

in 8th, 9th and 12th grade.

Speaking of Community... Henniker Community School is an amazing place. We have 413 great students, great staff and great administrators. The thing about being a Pre-K through 8th grade school is that the students, staff and families all have a chance to grow together and support each other through this educational journey. School Board service involves a diverse range of tasks from negotiating contracts with our Professional and Support Staff, drafting and revising policy, advocating for education funding reform through our Legislative Committee, working on the Curriculum Committee, handling facilities issues, serving on the Human Resources Committee, finding efficiencies with our SAU 24 Resources and Planning Committee, and, of course, working through the budgeting process. Not all of it is easy work, but it is valuable to our school and our community.

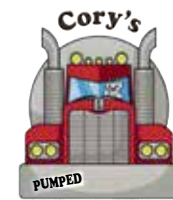
What do I believe about our local public education?

- It is essential for our community to have a good, effective, safe school environment. I believe we do a great job with this at HCS.
- Parents are the experts on their child. We must advocate for our children and their educational needs. I have a significantly disabled child for whom I have been a strong advocate. I appreciate HCS supporting my advocacy for her.
- Students need differentiated education. There is no "one size fits all" approach that works. We do have to have a generalized approach that can be tailored to students' needs. I believe we do a good job of this at HCS. I believe that NH's educational funding system is broken. The State mandates that we do certain things but doesn't give us the funding to accomplish the task. The solution to this must come from legislation in Concord. As a local Board, we are good stewards of our resources, but that won't resolve the funding problem.
- I believe education is far more than reading and math. Learners need to "learn how to learn." They also need opportunities in science, the arts, physical education, shop class, cooking class, sports, collaboration with peers, and learning to communicate effectively. I believe HCS is doing a great job in this arena, as well.

Jason Schrock **Henniker School Board**



Hello Henniker, my name is Jason Schrock, and I am thrilled to be asking for your vote to represent you on the Henniker Community School Board. I have been a NH resident for nearly 10 years, and my wife's family have deep roots in Henniker, having lived here for over 30 years. My wife Maggie is a proud graduate of Henniker Community School; and our 4 children attend HCS now. Here's a little more about me: I earned a Bachelors in Economics from Bradley University in Peoria, IL. I have a Masters in Divinity from Gordon-Conwell. I have worked in Finance, retail, and for the past twelve years, I have worked as a consultant, advising over 200 schools in database solutions and operations in a wide variety of areas: from discipline programs, to communications, to academics, budgeting, IT, and more. I also train school professionals - so not only do I know schools; I highly value what teachers do, because teaching is a big part ▶



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By: Joyce Bose

Is owning a home on your 2025 vision board? If yes — or even maybe — it's never too early to start preparing for that big milestone.

Build your team early

You don't have to go through the homebuying process alone — in fact, it's best to get help early in the process. Check in with a home lending advisor as one of your first tasks because they can help you navigate the homebuying process, everything from considering homeownership to walking through your new front door.

Connecting with a home lending advisor early will also allow you to know what you can afford before you start your home search. They can educate you on product terms, rates and fees, and help you to identify options that work for you throughout your homebuying journey. Once you're ready to shop, your lender may even be able to help connect you to a reputable real estate agent.

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As a first-time homebuyer, there's a lot to learn. And, while the current economic landscape may be all over the news, there's a lot more to a mortgage than interest rates. You'll want to get to know the lay of the land — understand the mortgage application process, learn how to comparison shop, and avoid hidden costs of getting a mortgage.

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of my job. In addition to my expertise in school operations, I have been on the boards of multiple organizations, including holding the positions of Treasurer and President. I manage budgets, I make hard choices, and I lead effectively. Here are a few of my promises & elements of the agenda I would follow as a member of the HCS board: • I am committed to Students, Education Professionals & Staff, and the Community of Henniker. • I will listen, and I will learn about the unique challenges that HCS encounters, and I will find positive solutions to those challenges together with the rest of the Board and the various stakeholders. • I will treat budgeting with the seriousness of purpose it deserves. Budget changes are never to be taken lightly, because they have real impacts.

• I will collaborate. I will support good ideas wherever they come from; and I will bring my unique perspective from years of school consultation. • I will always promote and support everyone to achieve excellence: Students, teachers, educational professionals, administrative staff, and everyone involved. For example: • I want every student to feel like they belong. Kids who "belong" learn better. • I want every classroom to be effective and focused. Teachers teach best when unencumbered by distractions. • I want teachers and staff to receive adequate freedom to do their jobs without micromanagement, with clarity of purpose, because they know the mission and are excited to go to work and contribute to that mission. I will be a part of this team in continuing to improve upon what we have, to make Henniker Community School the best it can possibly be, and it would be my honor to represent you. Please consider me, and tell your friends and family, when you head to the ballot booth on Tuesday, March 11. Thank you.

**John Segedy
Hillsborough Planning Board**



My name is John Segedy and I am a resident (34 years) and property owner (37 years) in Hillsborough who raised 2 wonderful children here. I am running for reelection to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. I have served the town in a number of positions including School Board member, School District Moderator (current), Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) member (currently), Conservation Commission Alternate Member, Recording Secretary - Conservation Commission - current, Planning Board & ZBA. I have been a business owner and understand the needs of property owners and business owners. 2. I am running for reelection to the ZBA because I find it both interesting and challenging. I have experience at it having been involved with the Board since 2010 (recording secretary, alternate member and full member-currently). I believe in the purpose of the ZBA - being to provide property owners a relatively easy, cost effective means of addressing issues involving use of their property to avoid the need to use the courts. 3. Aside from my experience I bring a belief that applicants (and opponents) all deserve to be treated with respect and listened to. I also believe that people should have the right to use their property as they see fit as long as they aren't interfering with someone else's rights. I would also note that since I have been involved with the Board there have been

no cases appealed to the courts. While not entirely my doing as I am only 1 of 5 members I do feel that is an indication that we are doing a good job. I have also worked to bring transparency to the Board by spearheading the changing of this Board to an elected one a few years ago and this year leading an effort to require the town to retain meeting recordings (rather than quickly disposing of them). I appreciate your taking the time to read this and hopefully to come out and vote on Tuesday the 11th, both at the polls and then at Town Meeting that evening.

**Chris Bober
Hillsboro-Deering School Board**



I am writing this letter to officially share my candidacy for the Hillsborough-Deering school board. I am a resident in Deering with my wife of almost twenty years and my son who is a freshman in high school this year. I am also an Eagle Scout. I believe that our public schools have so much more of a purpose than just test scores. Students not only learn academics, but they also gain social

interaction, leadership, work ethics, teamwork and many other skills through not just required course work but extracurricular activities like DECA, student government, and sports teams. Students in our communities feel good at being proud to be a Hillcat! When I reflect on my past term as a board member I am reminded of the importance of community. The purpose of local school boards is to provide oversight and guidance for the school district budget and policy. Through those two areas the school board can support students, teachers and taxpayers in the two great communities we live in. This year our board has worked with the administration to put forth a modest and conservative proposed budget for FY'27. The proposed budget is one that takes into consideration the financial pressures in our local communities while preserving the quality of our local public schools. I feel I have supported a proposed budget, contract and that prioritizes what is important for students, and helps retain teachers. In my current and past years have made decisions on the board that have made good financial sense. Some of these projects have included upgrading boilers and lighting, as well as maintaining the systems and facilities needed to keep our buildings functioning. It is never easy to spend taxpayer funds on building infrastructure needs and improvements, but it is a necessity to provide a continued safe space and opportunities for student learning each day. I have been proud to be part of the committee that developed the five year SAU strategic plan. This plan redeveloped the vision and mission of our school district, with measurable goals. It has now been five years since we began the process to adopt the current working document in place. Our district is preparing for the next five-year iteration to continue the goals for students, teachers and buildings in our district, SAU 34 and our communities. The "Portrait of a Graduate" and the Strategic plan are the blueprint for our schools and what we hope to accomplish. I also helped to redevelop the Superintendent Job description, so the Strategic Plan is the focus of this position for our districts. This led to the creation of a new process by which the SAU Board evaluates the Superintendent on an annual basis. ▶

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I will continue to lobby the state legislature to fully fund the cost of adequate education for students in NH. This will help the legislature finally equalize funding across all school districts in the state so that our property tax dollars have a more direct effect on our local districts not another neighboring district. I urge all members of the communities of Hillsborough and Deering to vote for me on Tuesday March 11. Also on the ballot is our proposed budget, collective bargaining agreement (for teachers) and other warrant articles. I will continue working to keep the quality of our public-school education for students, quality teachers, and budgeting that makes good financial sense. I encourage you to ask me any questions you have by email and of course the public is always welcome at our bimonthly board meetings. Thank you for your vote, and support!

Lorraine Westfahl Weare School Board



Hello! My name is Lorraine Westfahl and I am running for the 1 year school board position in Weare. I feel a sense of duty to fulfill this position given my background. I have been a nurse for 32 years and have the knowledge of working with different age groups which gives me an understanding of student learning. I am proficient in writing contracts, negotiating budgets, and following

protocols as well as making sure my team followed protocols from working as a clinical coordinator/research nurse conducting clinical trials. I have experience serving on a school board as well as presiding as chairman of a school board and grew our student body by 20% during the COVID pandemic. I have 2 school age children whom we homeschool, but they still participate in the public school system in the way of extracurricular classes and after school sports. Given my unique background experiences, I would be proud to offer my services as a taxpayer, mother, and community member to represent a commonsense voice on the school board.

Paul Thoman Weare Select Board



My reason for running is to focus on the towns' policies (old and new) and the impact they have on our Seniors. This demographic lives on a fixed income that is not increasing at the same rate of taxation. We need to be empathetic to our Seniors and continue to investigate solutions to retain and aid them. Not necessarily to increase the budget but invoke more balance. We need to find more ways

for raising revenue that is not mandated of the citizens. I realize this is a time-consuming task, of which I have a lot of being retired. Please consider voting for me on March 11th at the WMS.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Mary Alice (Tompkins) Cadoret

HENNIKER - Sadly, our beloved, Mary Alice (Tompkins) Cadoret passed away in her home on February 5, 2025, after a quick decline in health due to her 101 years of life. Mary was born on September 29, 1923, to Ethel (Goodrich) and Trenner Tompkins in Tarpon Springs, Florida. She is survived by her daughters: Linda Davison with husband Mark Davison and Susan Baker with husband Bob Baker; her grandchildren: Christine, Robbie and Gregory; her great grandchildren: Candace, Erin, Daniel, Emily and Rebecca; her great-great grandchildren: Christopher, Cameron, Caden, Cora and Avrie; and many nieces and nephews. She spent her last 7 years with her daughter Linda and husband Mark along with the assistance of her family in Henniker NH. Her greatest joys were the love for all her gang (as she called us all) and all the time she got to spend with the little great-great grandbabies. A graveside service will be held on Friday June 6, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. at the West Meadow Cemetery, 679 Willard Ave, Newington, CT to bury her ashes alongside her husband Harvey.



Ronald Lee Lucas

GREENFIELD - Ronald Lee Lucas was born in Hot Springs, AR on February 15, 1943 to Darryll and Margaret Lucas. He passed on to his next journey in San



Miguel de Allende, Mexico on January 25, 2025 after suffering a severe stroke. Ron is survived by his partner and wife of nearly 40 years, Maggie Sauvain; his 2 biological children, his son Orin and wife Dannielle Lucas and daughter, Maya Lucas; grandchildren Wyatt Lucas and Manuel Lucas. In addition, his second family children Jeffrey and wife Jean Sauvain, and Sibeal Sauvain; plus grandchildren Hanna Sauvain and Henry Sauvain. A celebration of Ron's life will be held in early June as a barbeque/potluck at the farm. The date will be announced in this paper, or email Maggie at flowerfarm2@gmail.com for more information.

Robert Dean Smith

WARNER - Robert Dean Smith departed his life on earth Feb. 27, 2025 at the Hospice House, Concord. He was born in Concord on May 8, 1933, the fifth son of Charles Blake and Roxie Hariman Bunnell Smith. Proceeding him in death were his parents; sister Marjorie Spurlock and brothers Paul, Richard, Donald and Gordon. Surviving him, his wife Roxana; son Dr. Gerald A. Smith, wife Philippa; son Douglas C. Smith Sr., wife Michele; five grandchildren: Allison, Abigail, Douglas Jr., Benjamin and Savannah; five great-grandchildren: Claire, Mary, Jaxon, Thomas



and Stevie; and sister-in-law Joyce Cantu. Friends may call at the Chadwick Funeral Home, 235 Main Street, New London, NH on Thursday March 6 from 4-6 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held at the United Church of Warner on Saturday, March 8 at 11 a.m. with a light luncheon following. Burial in the spring at Pine Grove Cemetery Annex, Warner. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made the Granite VNA, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord, 03301.

Jacques L. "Jocko" Turbyne

Windsor - Jacques L. "Jocko" Turbyne, 76, of Windsor, NH, passed away unexpectedly on February 15, 2025. Born August 21, 1948, in Orange, NJ, to David Leslie Turbyne and Audrey Sophie Viegler, Jacques lived a life rich in love, laughter, and community. Jacques is survived by his beloved wife, Karen Turbyne; his brother, Jeff Turbyne and wife, Gloria; four stepchildren, Eric, Rebecca, Darren, and Darcy Brown; ten step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Annie. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 26, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home at 32 School Street, Hillsboro, NH. An additional Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



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Events: Community Bulletin Board

FRIDAY MARCH 7

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SATURDAY MARCH 8

CONCERT: Disciple of the Garden - Legacy of Chris Cornell. 8:00pm-10:00pm. 58 Opera House Square, Claremont. \$25-\$30 plus fees. Call 603-542-4433. **MUSIC:** Strangers and InClover, 7:30pm, Showroom, 20 Commercial Street, Keene.

SNOW SHOE YOGA: 10:00am-12:00pm, 928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, NH. Participants will be immersed in the peacefulness of nature as they practice yoga on snowshoes, which help keep yogis on top of the snow and provide a more stable base. Experience inner calm and a sense of wellness in nature with yoga poses, a guided walking meditation and this introduction to shinrin-yoku, or "forest bathing." All experience levels welcome and

accommodated. Snowshoes available (no extra charge) to borrow or guests may bring their own. \$35 (non-members); \$20 for members call 603-366-5695.

SUNDAY MARCH 9

REGGAEFEST: 10:00am, Veterans Memorial Recreation, 266 Flaghole Rd., Franklin.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12

GIVING A WEEK IN NORTH CAROLINA: The Deering Community Church Women's Guild invites the public to a free online talk by Peter Cram at 7:00pm. Peter explores the devastation left from last year's Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina, as he helps with the restoration effort. For a link to the talk email woodentent@gmail.com.

SATURDAY MARCH 15

MAPLE WEEKEND MARCH: Sat., March 15, 2025 - Sunday, March 16. 10:00am-4:00pm, 8 Webster Highway, Temple, NH. Free.

SUNDAY MARCH 16

ROCKIN DADDIOS AT THE MAJESTIC THEATRE: 2:00pm, 880 Page Street, Manchester, NH. Well known for their great harmonies and audience participation along with their stage antics. This is a fun group of guys! Join them (and their band) for an amazing afternoon of Doo-Wop music. \$20 per person.

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FRIDAY MARCH 28

WILLIE AND FAMILY PERFORMS: Willie and Family 8:00pm-10:00pm. Claremont Opera House, 58 Opera House Square, Claremont, NH. \$30-\$35 plus fees, 603-542-4433.

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On Tuesday, March 4th, the Sunapee Fire Department held their monthly department training. This month's training topic was ropes and knots.



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Town of Windsor Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

You are hereby notified to meet on Tuesday March 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to vote on the election of officers and on all warrant articles. Voting will take place at the following location.

Town of Windsor, 14 White Pond Road
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Town of Hillsborough NH LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Zoning Board of Adjustment • Case No. 2025-04

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:7 that the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing submitted by Samuel Joseph Kopp of J&C Estates LLC. at 29 Church Street (Map 23 Lot 109) to allow a renovation to a house that includes dividing it into 4 separate apartment units. This use requires a Special Exception per the Table 4 Chart of Uses, Residential Units, Dwelling 3 and 4 Family.

The Public Hearing for this application will be presented to the Hillsborough Zoning Board of Adjustment Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Office Meeting Room at 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

Please contact Planning Director Robyn Payson at 603-464-7971 or e-mail robyn@hillsboroughnh.net with any questions regarding this application.

EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT (ELVD)

ANNUAL FILING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Persons interested in filing as a candidate for the following ELVD District Officials positions may file for these positions starting on **March 12, 2025**, with the deadline for filing being 5:00 pm on **March 21, 2025**. All candidates for offices must be full time residents and registered voters of ELVD. Persons wishing to file should contact the ELVD Clerk at: clerk@elvdnh.com or by appointment by calling the districts office line @ 603-464-3128.

Open Positions for 2025 Annual meeting:
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EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT (ELVD)

DEADLINE FOR FILING OF PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

The deadline for filing of petitioned warrant articles with the ELVD Board of Commissioners for inclusion in the 2025 District Annual meeting is **Tuesday, March 25, 2025**.

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[NH RSA 39:3; 40:13,II-b(b)].

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