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Neal Cass moves to ConVal

Hopkinton Town Administrator Neal Cass has announced his resignation, effective May 9, 2025. Cass, who has served in this role since October 2009, has accepted a new position as the School Business Administrator at the ConVal School District (SAU 1). Select Board Chair Sabrina Dunlap expressed appreciation for Cass's years of dedicated service, stating, "On behalf of the Select Board, I want to express our immense gratitude for Neal's service to Hopkinton. He has been an exceptional Town Administrator, going above and beyond our expectations for many years. We wish him the absolute best in his new endeavor and will sincerely miss him." "It has been an honor to serve the Town of Hopkinton for over 15 years," said Cass. "This is a wonderful community, and I am incredibly grateful to the Select Board, town employees, and residents for their support. I will truly miss the many people I have had the privilege to work with over the years."

This week in history

March 15, 1972

"The Godfather" opens

March 16, 2006

First Lady of Drag Racing inducted into Hall of Fame

March 17, 1886

Carroll County Courthouse Massacre begins

March 18, 1852

Wells Fargo begins shipping & banking companies

March 19, 1949

East Germany approves new constitution

March 20, 1345

Scholars speculate on origins of Black Death

March 21, 1871

Stanley begins search for Livingston



CHILLING CHALLENGE: Hillsboro Officers support Special Olympics. On March 7 and 8, Officer Normand and Chief Parsons braved the frigid waters of Lake Winnepesaukee for an event-themed "Alice in Wonderland." Between the Mega Dip and the Winni Dip, over \$250,000 was raised for the Special Olympics of New Hampshire. Chief Parsons kicked off the event by dipping 24 times in 24 hours, with the final dip at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, joined by Officer Normand.

Bomb scare at Kearsarge Middle School

Building cleared - responsible individual identified

On Monday, March 10th, at about 7:30 a.m., KRMS staff discovered a bomb threat left on the Kearsarge Regional Middle School voicemail over the weekend. The Sutton Police were immediately notified, and KRMS Administration identified the individual believed to be responsible.

The Sutton Police contacted the New Hampshire State Police, who promptly dispatched an officer with an explosives

detection dog. As a precaution, the school implemented a "Clear Hallways" procedure to allow for a thorough sweep of the building. The building was cleared by 9:35 a.m., and normal operations resumed.

Kearsarge Middle School Principal issued the following statement. "First and foremost, I want to reassure you that all KRMS students and staff are safe.

We understand that situations like this

can be unsettling. Our counseling team is available to support any student experiencing anxiety or concerns. If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly via email or phone.

We sincerely appreciate the swift response and support of the Sutton Police Dept. and the NH State Police. The safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority, and we thank you for your support."

Respected Henniker attorney Rob Howard retiring this month

The time has come for me to retire from the practice of law. Effective March 31, 2025, I will close my office.

I have had many great years in the Henniker area and have worked with many wonderful people. It has been a privilege to

serve the legal needs of my many clients in this community.

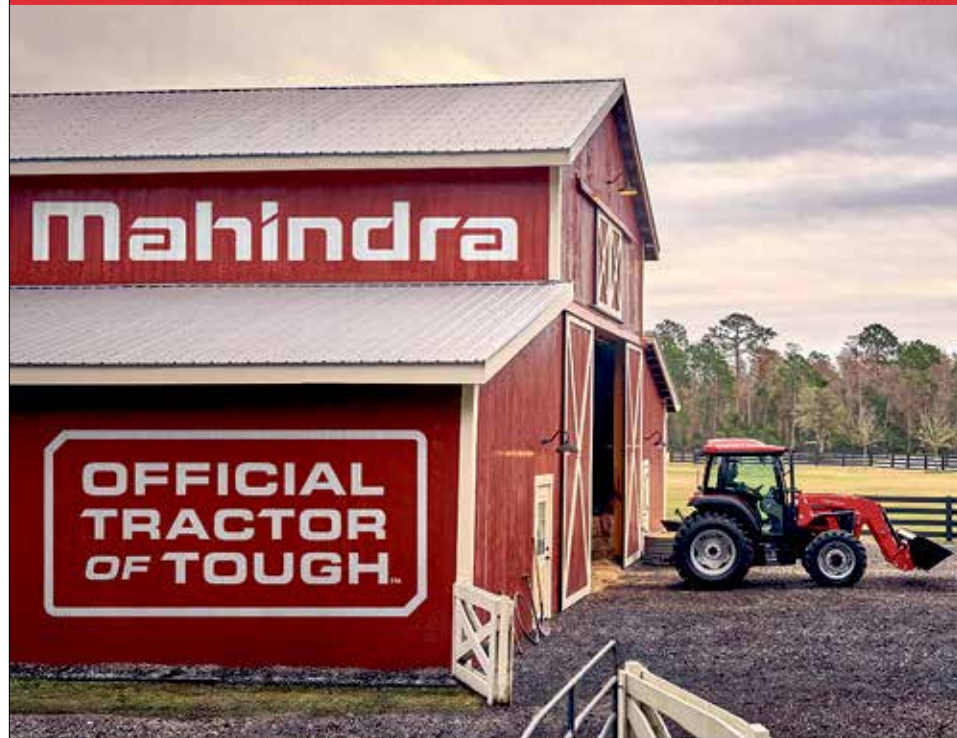
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would like to have your file returned to you, please contact my law office at 603-428-3232 to arrange a day and time prior to March 31, 2025, to pick it up, or if you have any questions regarding your file. Thank you.

Atty. Robert Howard

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Yesteryear *Local history as reported in The Messenger*

March 15, 2024

Franklin shooting was justified
Hopkinton School District voters nix SB2
Dunbarton School District budget up 6.5%

March 17, 2023

Former Bradford Fire Captain convicted of sexual assault
Developer seeks to renovate two vacant Central Square buildings
Hopkinton School District voters reject two attempts to reduce budget
Warner Maple Fest proceeds to benefit Warner's 250th Birthday

March 18, 2022

Hopkinton's Houston Barn preserved
Major expansion planned for New London Park & Ride
Warner voters reject sidewalk engineering study
H-D Elementary developing outdoor classroom

March 19, 2021

Antrim Community Board approved
Henniker honors life of Officer J. Douglas Paul
Antrim's Town Report dedicated to Marshall Gale
H-D reintroducing an adaptation of Home Ec & Shop

March 20, 2020

Towns & schools adopting Pandemic precautions
Antrim's Great Brook School to have new principal
Antrim debates maintaining roads to summer homes
Deering voters overwhelmingly reject SB2

March 22, 2019

Petitioned article on ATVs stirs debate in Henniker
Hopkinton voters reject proposal to sell Bates Building
Antrim Town Meeting at Town Hall - 1st in 40 years
Warner voters cut \$34,000 from \$3.3 million budget

March 23, 2018

Attorney General threatens Washington officials
Popular Hopkinton High School grad dies in Kentucky
Warner will have new fire station by end of the year
Marathon Henniker meeting sparks debate

March 24, 2017

No music at NHMS track
Deering man arrested for road rage with a gun
Pay-By-Bag trash program draws Hopkinton debate
School Board member resigns after husband arrested

March 23, 2016

New Boston voters reject nearly entire warrant
Washington voters reject Police, Fire & EMS Facility
If it was on the warrant Henniker voters approved it
Dogs & Drugs dominate Deering meeting

March 20, 2015

Bow votes to establish full-day kindergarten
New Boston man named Dean of Students
Goffstown student wins Poetry Out Loud Contest
Fracestown Police Chief resigns suddenly

H-D School District voters reject budget, teachers' contract & SAU budget

The new Hillsboro-Deering School Board will begin its term with an overwhelming voter rejection.

During Tuesday's ballot voting, residents of both Hillsboro and Deering expressed their dissatisfaction with the status quo.

Not only was the \$24,721,714 Operating Budget defeated, voters also rejected \$2,500,000 for Food Service and Federal & State projects, and the proposed SAU #34 budget.

They not only rejected the new 3-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the teachers but denied the Board's request to call a special meeting if it was

rejected.

A petition article to Repeal SB2 was soundly defeated.

Hillsborough's Town Meeting voters were in a more positive move, as they approved several Planning and Zoning Articles Tuesday night.

Passage of Article 3 established "the North Branch Planned Unit Development Overlay District," while Article 12 authorized the approval of "Municipal Economic Development Districts," and Article 13 created a "North Branch Gateway Zone," all designed to encourage commercial and industrial development.

Voters approved Article 4, which asked for a \$240,000 bond for inspection of the town's water supplies to treat for copper and lead.

The proposed \$10,707,217 Operating Budget passed without question or debate, as did articles calling for \$907,900 for the Water Department and \$1,109,545

for the Sewer Department.

\$385,000 was added to 10 established Capital Reserve Funds while \$40,000 was approved for a new Parks Equipment Fund.



Johnson returns to Deering Select Board

Former Deering Select Board member Michell Johnson was returned to a Board seat, defeating incumbent member Jill Smith, 234-180.



The Town of Washington's annual Award of the Year went to the Women of Washington — a hard-working philanthropic group. Well deserved.

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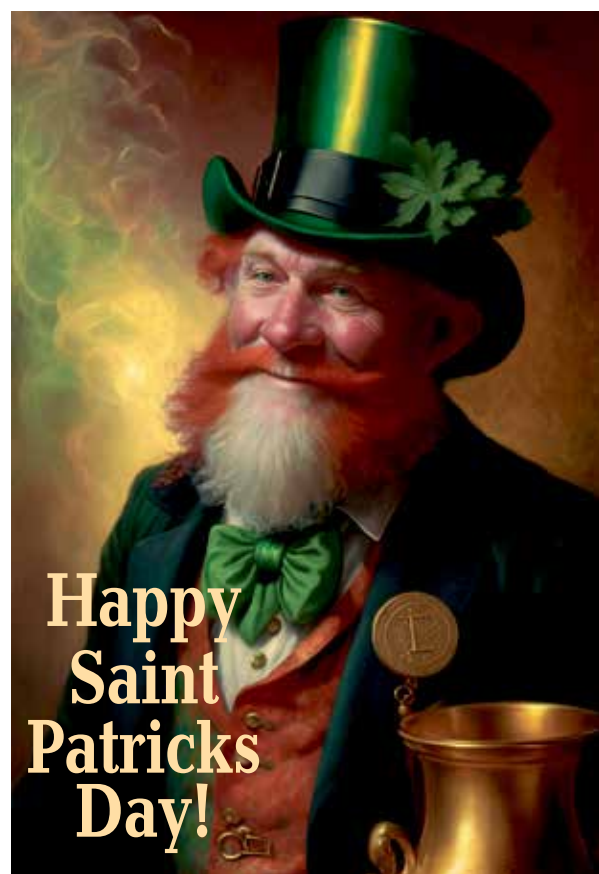
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Hometown Heroes



Weare Police would like to thank the dedicated PTO organizers for inviting them to, once again, play a small role in the CWES Big/Little Dance. They hope to have added a few smiles to the evening. Left to right: Officer Maguire, Captain Hebert, Sergeant Montplaisir and Officer Brophy aka "Lucky!"



Franklin officers had a great time recently playing bingo with the residents at Peabody Place. They look forward to doing it again soon.

Jacob Morrill named Principal of Henniker Community School



Jacob Morrill

The Henniker School District is pleased to announce the appointment of Jacob Morrill, M.Ed., C.A.G.S., as the new

principal of Henniker Community School, effective July 1. Mr. Morrill brings extensive educational leadership experience to the role, having most recently served as Assistant Principal at Hopkinton Middle High School since 2022.

His background includes significant administrative experience leading schools at elementary, middle, and high school levels. "We are thrilled to welcome Jake Morrill back to the SAU 24 community," said Dr. Jacqueline Coe, Superintendent. "His student-centered approach and proven track record of collaborative leadership align perfectly with our values and vision."

At Hopkinton, Morrill led district-wide initiatives including

the development of the Portrait of a Hopkinton Learner, a collaborative process that engaged over 600 community members. He also supported competency-based learning practices and redesigned student support systems to better meet diverse student needs.

Previously, Morrill served as Dean of Teaching & Learning at Weare Middle and Center Woods Upper Elementary Schools, where he supported teachers and developed student-centered behavior intervention systems.

His fifteen-year career in education also includes experience as a Teacher Leader at John Stark Regional High School. Morrill holds a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Educational Leadership from Southern New Hampshire University, a Master of Education from Plymouth State University and The Upper Valley Educator Institute, and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Virginia Tech.

"I am excited and honored

to join Henniker Community School to support students and staff and continue the great work happening in the school," Morrill said. "During the interview process, I was impressed by the positivity and commitment of staff, students and community. I

am looking forward to returning to SAU 24 to be a part of the team of great educators." Morrill's expertise includes student-centered approaches, collaborative leadership, development of student and teacher leadership, family and community collaboration, and im-

plementation of universal design for learning principles.

The Henniker School Board approved Morrill's appointment on March 5, following a comprehensive search process that included input from staff, parents, and community members.





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School Days



KRES-NL 5th Graders needed a new class oven for their special projects, so the PTO helped to fund the oven and get the kids baking again. When they bake, fifth grade students get hands-on experience with customary measurements like teaspoons, tablespoons, cups, and fluid ounces.



Students at Henniker Community School joined in song during a school concert last week. Selections included "Let's Go Fly a Kite" from "Mary Poppins," tied to the first grade's upcoming unit on wind, and "Ernie Canal," which relates to the second grade's Westward Expansion studies. Third graders performed a round called "Henniker," reflecting the town's history, which HCS music teacher Taylor Carroll wrote herself as a learning connection during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Photos:** Above, third graders perform at a Henniker Community School concert last week. Below: First graders wave scarves to represent the wind in a rendition of "Let's Go Fly a Kite."



Goffstown man charged with selling body parts wants charges dropped

A Goffstown man accused of trafficking human body parts out of Harvard Medical School's morgue is seeking to have the charges against him tossed out.

Cedric Lodge, the former manager of the morgue, was indicted in 2023 after being accused of stealing and selling body parts from donated cadavers. His wife, Denise, was also charged.

Lodge faces charges of unlawfully transporting stolen goods worth \$5,000 or more. He is accused of letting buyers come into the morgue to pick out body parts they wanted to buy. He would allegedly steal parts of donated cadavers like brains, skin and bones, bring them to his home and ship them to buyers through the U.S. Postal Service.

The gruesome scheme allegedly operated from 2018 through 2022, according to a complaint filed in federal court

in Scranton, Pennsylvania, where one of the four other defendants lives.

In a brief filed in a Pennsylvania federal court, Lodge's lawyers argued the charges don't hold up because human body parts are not legally considered property and can't be assigned a market value.

"Counts 1 and 2 of the indictment against Mr. Lodge allege that he conspired to, and transported, 'goods, wares, merchandise, securities, or money' in interstate commerce in the form of human remains whose value exceeded the \$5,000 jurisdictional amount," the brief said. "Courts are in agreement in finding that human remains cannot constitute 'personal property.' As a matter of law, therefore, the alleged conduct cannot fit within the ambit of Counts 1 and 2 and these counts should be dismissed on this basis alone."

The brief also argued that because human remains are not "property," they have no compensable value.

"The government cannot simply aggregate the value of multiple human remains to satisfy this requirement," the brief stated.

Lodge worked in the morgue as part of the Anatomical Gift Program until Harvard Medical School terminated his employment on May 6, 2024.

According to U.S. Attorney Gerard M. Karam of the Middle District of Pennsylvania, a nationwide network of people bought and sold human remains stolen from Harvard Medical School and an Arkansas mortuary.

"Some crimes defy understanding," Karam said in a statement. "The theft and trafficking of human remains strikes at the very essence of what makes us human."

The charges allege that Lodge stole organs and other parts of cadavers donated for medical research and education before their scheduled cremations.

Prosecutors claim in court paperwork that Lodge transported stolen remains from Boston to his home in Goffstown and made arrangements for sales via cellphone and social media.

The indictment says Harvard Medical School employees are not allowed to "remove, keep, or sell any human remains, in whole or in part, belonging to a donated cadaver."

In October 2020, a customer purchased two "dissected human faces" for \$600 from Lodge, the indictment alleges. Another sent Denise Lodge a check for \$1,000 with the memo line "Head number 7," documents state.

In November 2020, a cus-

tom later sent another \$200 check, with the memo line "braiiiiiiins."

Court documents allege Denise Lodge shipped stolen human remains in the mail from a post office in Manchester.

Harvard Medical School released a statement saying officials are "appalled to learn that something so disturbing could happen on our campus."

"The reported incidents are a betrayal of HMS and, most importantly, each of the individuals who altruistically chose to will their bodies to HMS through the Anatomical Gift Program to advance medical education and research," the statement read.

"We are so very sorry for the pain this news will cause for our anatomical donors' families and loved ones, and HMS pledges to engage with them during this deeply distressing time."

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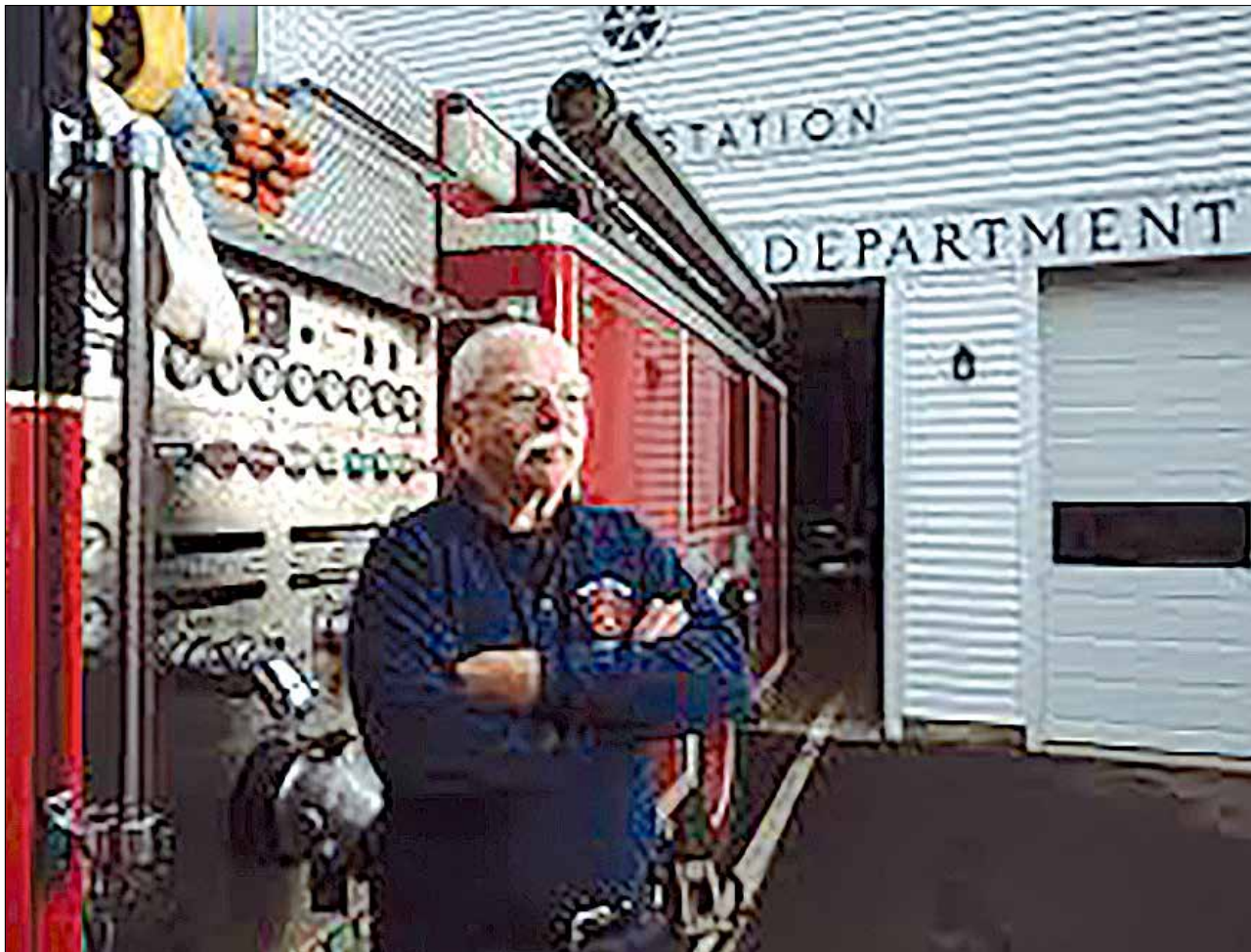
Around Our Towns



Bryan Dillon presents a check for \$1,054 to Shawn Berger; proceeds from the Moose Club's Benefit Dinner was able to raise \$1,054 dollars for the Berger family.



Congratulations to Cal Prussman on his retirement as Newbury Highway Administrator. Cal was presented with the Newbury Rocking Chair by Town Administrator Darren Finneral and Administrative Assistant Pam Bryk. Cal was honored at a retirement ceremony held Thursday afternoon at the town office. The event was attended by town officials, employees and Newbury residents.



A Lasting Tribute: Despite the unanimous opposition of the town's Select Board, New Boston voters overwhelmingly approved a petitioned warrant article naming the soon to be dedicated New Boston Fire Station after former Chief Dan MacDonald, by a vote of 955 YES to 554 NO. Congratulations Dan.

New Boston rejects a Tax Cap and cooperation with ICE

New Boston voters narrowly approved the proposed Operating Budget of \$7,476,141 by a vote of 769 Yes-768 No.

After placing an additional \$300,000 in the Fire Department's Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, voters approved spending \$1,056,000 to purchase a replacement for engine #2.

Two other petitioned articles were rejected: By a vote of 710 Yes to 830 No voters defeated a request to place a tax cap on future budgets

Also rejected 690 Yes to 861 No was a direction to the Police Department to cooperate with Federal officials in the deportation illegal immigrants.

Dunbarton voters approve entire School District Warrant

Dunbarton voters approved the school budget and all warrant articles at their annual school district meeting on Saturday, including a new teacher contract to keep salaries competitive with neighboring towns.

Nicole Sloane, a school board member, said it was the time to boost teacher pay, given the rising cost of living and how Dunbarton's salaries stack up against other districts.

A recent comparison showed that for teachers with a bachelor's degree, Dunbarton ranks 131st out of 163 districts in New Hampshire, said Sloane.

In Dunbarton, a teacher with a bachelor's degree starts at \$40,101, while neighboring districts offer more—Henniker at \$45,749, Manchester at \$45,000 and Goffstown at \$42,000.

"This pay disparity highlights the challenges we face remaining competitive and attracting highly qualified teachers to our district," she said. "We feel we are presenting an article that is fair to both our taxpayers and our dedicated staff. We recognize that exceptional educators are

the foundation of a strong school."

The \$10.5 million operating budget voters approved without any debate is a 3.4% increase from last year.

This bump translates to a tax rate of \$18.76 per \$100,000 of assessed property value, an increase of \$1.25.

School Board Chair Clement Madden pointed to rising transportation and tuition costs as the main budget drivers. Dunbarton doesn't own its buses, instead, it contracts with a private company for transportation.

"As most people have probably heard bus drivers are harder to recruit and keep," said Clement. "The truck center had to increase the wage for individual drivers."

Madden also noted that Dunbarton's student enrollment has been steadily climbing since 2016, when it was 406. Today, that number has grown to 470, with projections showing continued growth.

Voters also approved additional funding for the capital reserve and special education funds, both passing without discussion.

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

The over-the-counter supplement nicotinamide riboside, a form of vitamin B3, increased the walking endurance of patients with peripheral artery disease, a chronic leg condition for which there are few effective treatments, according to a new study published in *Nature Communications*. PAD affects more than 8.5 million Americans over the age of 40. Caused by the buildup of fatty deposits in arteries, and associated with diabetes and smoking, the disease reduces blood flow to the limbs, especially the legs. Walking often becomes painful, and the disease typically causes declines in walking ability over time. Supervised walking exercise is first line therapy for PAD, but most people with the condition do not have access to supervised exercise.

A study of adults aged 60 years and older found that the use of statin therapy as primary cardiovascular disease (CVD) prevention was effective for preventing CVD and all-cause mortality, even in adults aged 85 years and older. The study is published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

A drug approved to treat eczema provided significant improvement in the symptoms of patients with severe itching diseases that currently have no targeted treatments, according to a new study published in *JAMA Dermatology*. The drug, abrocitinib, was found to cause minimal side effects during a small 12-week study. It was beneficial for those with an itching disease called prurigo nodularis as well as for those with chronic pruritus of unknown origin, a condition that causes chronic unexplainable itching symptoms.

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THE ENDODONTIST



Dr. Esin Narli

Q: What is an endodontist?

A: An endodontist is a dentist who specializes in care of the tooth's pulp, the soft tissue inside a tooth that contains nerves, blood vessels and connective tissue. It is one of the areas of specialty recognized by the American Dental Association.

All dentists go through similar training as they earn their DDS or DDM degree. Some choose to go on for more years of study to specialize in a particular area. The word endodontics, which is what the endodontist practices, comes from Greek words 'endo,' which means 'inside,' and 'odons,' which means 'tooth.'

The way most people would come into contact with an endodontist would be through a referral from your regular dentist for a root canal. If tooth decay has reached the inside of a tooth, it can infect the pulp. In root canal therapy, the endodontist removes the diseased pulp, cleans out the inside of the tooth, and then seals the tooth. Endodontists also specialize in the care of cracked teeth. Among other areas of dental specialty are the periodontist, who focuses on the support structures for the teeth, namely the gums and jaw. You might be referred to a periodontist, for instance, if your dentist detects gum disease. And many families have had experiences with an orthodontist, who specializes in installing braces for the straightening of teeth. Talk with your dentist about other areas of specialty.

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Guest Editorial

We Have A Problem

This is a well written and thought out article written by a 26 yr old college student by the name of Alyssa Ahlgren, who's in grad school for her MBA. What a GREAT perspicive...LDB

My Generation Is Blind to the Prosperity Around Us!

I'm sitting in a small coffee shop near Nokomis (Florida) trying to think of what to write about. I scroll through my newsfeed on my phone looking at the latest headlines of presidential candidates calling for policies to "fix" the so-called injustices of capitalism. I put my phone down and continue to look around.

I see people talking freely, working on their Mac-Book's, ordering food they get in an instant, seeing cars go by outside, and it dawned on me. We live in the most privileged time in the most prosperous nation and we've become completely blind to it.

Vehicles, food, technology, freedom to associate with whom we choose. These things are so ingrained in our American way of life we don't give them a second thought.

We are so well off here in the United States that our poverty line begins 31 times above the global average. Thirty One Times!!!

Virtually no one in the United States is considered poor by global standards. Yet, in a time where we can order a product off Amazon with one click and have it at our doorstep the next day, we are unappreciative, unsatisfied, and ungrateful.

Our unappreciation is evident as the popularity of socialist policies among my generation continues to grow. Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

recently said to Newsweek talking about the millennial generation, "An entire generation, which is now becoming one of the largest electorates in America, came of age and never saw American prosperity."

Never saw American prosperity! Let that sink in.

When I first read that statement, I thought to myself, that was quite literally the most entitled and factually illiterate thing I've ever heard in my 26 years on this earth. Many young people agree with her, which is entirely misguided.

My generation is being indoctrinated by a mainstream narrative to actually believe we have never seen prosperity. I know this first hand, I went to college, let's just say I didn't have the popular opinion, but I digress.

Why then, with all of the overwhelming evidence around us, evidence that I can even see sitting at a coffee shop, do we not view this as prosperity? We have people who are dying to get into our country.

People around the world destitute and truly impoverished. Yet, we have a young generation convinced they've never seen prosperity, and as a result, we elect some politicians who are dead set on taking steps towards abolishing capitalism.

Why? The answer is this, my generation has only seen prosperity. We have no contrast. We didn't live in the great depression, or live through two world wars, the Korean War, The Vietnam War or we didn't see the rise and fall of socialism and communism.

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Last week, NEC seniors Declan '25, Zack '25, and Mike '25 took the reins in planning and organizing Meet the Candidates Night — a collaboration between NEC's Center for Civic Engagement and the Henniker Chamber of Commerce. As part of their senior Civic Engagement project, they turned their passion for community involvement into action, creating a space for meaningful conversations.



Saturday's Washington School meeting was held in the elementary school all purpose room. Over a thousand residents are registered to vote in town but, as shown in the above picture, the meeting was sparsely attended... and this year there were many more in attendance than in the past. A budget of over \$3M was discussed and passed. The meeting lasted for about 2 1/2 hours, which was twice as long as it's been in the past. The discussions centered around high property taxes (the backbone of town funding), contingency funds, tuition of students to middle and high school, and, on a much smaller scale, salaries for the school board and ancillary positions. It was a spirited meeting with well thought out questions and answers. Photo by Bob Hofstetter.

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Crime Watch

Contoocook woman charged in roommate's death



A 47-year-old Contoocook woman has been arrested after her roommate died of an overdose in February 2024, Dunbarton Police said.

Melissa Moscaritolo was charged with sale of a controlled drug (death resulting), which is a special felony, and two counts of falsifying physical evidence, Class B felonies.

Dunbarton Sgt. Brian Tyler investigated the fatal fentanyl death for about a year, which involved numer-

ous search warrants and interviews. "Moscaritolo was a roommate of the deceased at the time of the overdose."

Moscaritolo, who was being held on unrelated drug sale charges, was processed at the Merrimack County House of Corrections on Friday, according to the news release. She was set to be arraigned at Concord District Court. Anyone with information related to this investigation is asked to contact Sg. Tyler at dunbartonpd@gset.net or call 603-774-5500. Anonymous tips may be submitted through the Concord Regional Crimeline by calling 603-226-3100.

Goffstown teenager arrested for DWI



A Goffstown teen was arrested and released on personal recognizance Saturday after being accused of impaired driving in Dunbarton.

Just before 5:30 a.m., New Hampshire State Police troopers were sent to a report of a pickup truck stopped in the middle of the southbound side of Stark Highway. When troopers and Dunbarton firefighters arrived, they found a man, who "appeared to be passed out," behind the wheel of a Ford F-350, according to Michal Sventek, a public information officer for state police. The truck's transmission was in drive and the vehicle doors were locked, he said.

"Troopers proceeded to stage tire deflation devices in front of the pickup and wheel chocks at the back tires," Sventek said. "The troopers knocked on the driver's side window and shined a light inside but could not wake the

driver up."

Eventually, he said, troopers broke the passenger side window and began communicating with the driver, Nicholas Walton, 18, of Goffstown.

"Despite instructions to put the transmission in park," he said, "the driver started to pull forward and drove over the wheel chock and tire deflation devices, coming to a stop just before hitting one of the first responders' vehicles."

After an investigation, Walton was accused of being under the influence. He was arrested and charged with aggravated driving under the influence, disobeying an officer, and transporting alcohol by a minor charges, as well as open container and unlawful possession-intoxication violations. Walton was released on personal recognizance and is due in Concord District Court at a later date.

State troopers were assisted in this case by the Dunbarton Fire Department, Sventek said.

Child sex camera found in New Boston home

A former firefighter who was previously arrested for possession of child sex abuse images was arrested after a hidden camera was found in a New Boston home.

Patrick Reardon, 42, now of Greenville, was arrested on Tuesday for breach of bail, interception of telecommunications or oral communications, violation of privacy, and possession of child sex abuse images, New Boston police said.

The investigation began in January when a camera was found in Reardon's previous home on Wright Drive in New Boston. Reardon, a former Nashua firefighter, was arrested in 2023 for 15 counts of child sex abuse images. That case is still pending.

Reardon was arraigned on Wednesday and was held on preventative detention. The investigation remains ongoing, police said.

Manchester man found guilty on 3 felony charges

Christopher Lacerte, 22, was convicted on Friday of first-degree assault with a firearm and two reckless conduct with a firearm counts, all felonies, after a four-day trial. Lacerte assaulted and threatened a woman with a gun at his home.

She later fled to a friend's house in Goffstown, according to Shawn Sweeney of the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office.

"Lacerte located her around midnight," he said. "He turned off his vehicle lights and waited in the driveway."

Franklin man faces multiple charges

Robert C. Young Jr., 56, of no fixed address in Franklin, faces charges of stalking, falsifying physical evidence, two pistols and revolvers; convicted felons, and two controlled drug act; acts prohibited-fentanyl charges, all felonies. The drug charges stem from incidents on

September 25, 2023, and October 15, 2024, in Franklin. Also on October 15, 2024, in Franklin, he was accused of possessing a billy club and a sword cane. Young also tried to conceal the sword by kicking it over an embankment to impair an investigation, according to an indictment.

Crime Watch

Hancock man charged with felonious sexual assault

Philip H. Mathewson, 55, of Norway Hill Road in Hancock on aggravated felonious sexual assault and criminal restraint charges.

He was accused of raping a man, blocking a doorway exit to keep him from leaving, and grabbing him by the neck on March 31 in Hancock.

Franklin man charged with felony stalking

Nicholas R. Scerra, 42, of Plains Court in Franklin, on a felony stalking charge. He was accused of violating a protective order in Franklin on October 22, 2024, after previously being convicted of stalking in Franklin Dis-

trict Court in March 2024. Scerra pleaded guilty to the stalking charge on January 23 and received a 12-month sentence, suspended for three years, with 59 days of time served credit.

Bow woman accused of witness tampering

Meredith R. Simms, 37, of Bow Street in Concord, on a felony tampering with witnesses and informants charge.

She was accused of attempting to induce a girl to provide false information to the police on July 10, 2024, while they were investigating Dylan Simms.

Franklin man accused of theft by unauthorized taking

Seth Roz, 45, of Depot Street in Franklin, on a felony theft by unauthorized taking charge. He was accused of

stealing more than \$1,000 worth of merchandise from Target in Hooksett on September 15, 2023.



Washington Fire Department battles fire during storm

Washington Fire and EMS stayed busy the weekend of February 15th and 16th. On the 15th, after wrapping up the first day of the derby, Washington Fire and EMS was dispatched to Martin Road around 19:00 for a building fire that continued into the early hours of the 16th.

Upon arrival the house was fully involved, and it was unknown if there were any occupants. Washington C1

immediately confirmed all occupants were out and Washington crews continued with defensive operations only. Due to a major snow storm and the location, maintaining water supply was difficult. The fire department is thankful to their mutual aid towns for the help they provided. Manpower was limited on this incident but the effort by all of the crews on scene and at water supply are appreciated.



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By: Joyce Bosse

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Before you look for a home, you'll need to make a list of what features are "must-haves" versus "nice-to-haves." This can be a fun process but make sure you're differentiating between your must-haves, or nonnegotiables, and nice-to-haves — the luxuries or non-essentials. Every homebuyer has different priorities, but remember to be flexible, as that can unlock more possibilities in your budget.

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Michelle Caughey.....152		John Segedy.....303
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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Pauline (Taylor) Pierce

HILLSBORO - Pauline (Taylor) Pierce died recently at Concord Hospital. Born in Deering, 8/21/29 to Charles H. Taylor, Sr and Helene Greene Taylor. She was predeceased by her husband Carroll P. Pierce (2004) and son, Timothy R. Pierce Sr. (2024). Survived by sons, Thomas S. Pierce, Tracy R. Pierce, and daughter, Karen M. Brady. Also leaves 7 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; step grandchildren; nieces and nephews. There will be no services. Donations are welcome to Hospice House in Concord and to the Hillsboro Rescue Squad.



Victor (Vic) Wilkens

HILLSBORO - Victor was born September 26, 1947 in Brooklyn, NY to Gladys Rand Wilkens and Kenneth Wilkens. He passed away in the early morning hours of February 24, 2025 at Hospice House in Concord, NH after a period of declining health. Victor was married to his loving wife, Sharon for 58 years.



Besides his wife he leaves behind his two sons, Steven of Worcester, MA and Mitchel and wife, Jill of Deering NH. He also leaves behind his pride and joy, his two granddaughters, Colby of Brighton MA and Emily, a junior nursing student at St. Anslem College, Manchester,

NH. He is also survived by brothers, Kenneth Wilkens (wife Mary) of Contoocook NH and brother, Larry (wife Penny) of Hillsborough, NH, sister in-law, Janice Page (husband Jeff) of Henniker, NH and sister in-law, Celeste Connor of Deering, NH, along with many nieces and nephews. Graveside services and a celebration of life will be held in the Spring with a date to be announced at a later date. The family requests no flowers and that all donations be sent to either the Hillsborough Rescue and Fire Dept., PO Box 7, Hillsborough, NH 03244 or to Hospice House, 240 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301.

Joseph Garard Bigwood

WEARE - Joseph Garard Bigwood sadly passed away on March 1, 2025, at the VNA Hospice House in Concord, NH. Joseph was born in Boston, MA, the son of John and Margaret (Doyle) Bigwood. Joseph is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Ginny; his nephews, Barry Eaton, Jeff Eaton and Brad Rice; niece, Karen Bartels; brother, Robert Bigwood; and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity.



“DJ” Donald James Auger

HILLSBORO - “DJ” Donald James Auger, 73 years of age, DJ passed away peacefully and painlessly on February 26, 2025, under the care of Hospice in Scottsdale, AZ. He was born on September 11, 1951, in Peterbor-



ough, NH, to Phyllis Romanos Cote Auger and Donald Auger. DJ was predeceased by all six of his siblings: Pam McIntyre, Gracie Prather, Margie Nagy, Norman “Bambi” Cote, Malcolm Cote, and Timothy Auger. DJ is survived by numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins. Donations can be made in DJ’s name to the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center in Greenfield, NH. A celebration of life will be this summer or fall in his hometown of Hillsboro.

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SATURDAY MARCH 15

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

HENNIKER AREA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Henniker Community Center main floor inside. Come to one of the first Craft and Artisan Fairs of 2025. This will be an indoor event, starting from 10:00am to 3:00pm. We are requesting any Artisans and Crafters who would be interested in setting up at this event, call 603-493-0299 for additional information on how to register. Cut off is 3/15/25.

SUNDAY MARCH 16

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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.

RADIO CLUB: 8:00am-1:00pm. You are invited to attend the Contoocook Valley Radio Club "Hamfest/Flea Market" in the BIG Gym at the front of the Henniker Community School. Call Ernie Gray at: 860- 251-9494.

TUESDAY MARCH 18

BLOOD DRIVE: 10:00am-3:00pm, Kearsarge Regional

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THURSDAY MARCH 27

HILLSBOROUGH DEMOCRATS: 6:00pm, Fuller Public Library, 29 School Street. Learn how to navigate the state legislature website to find out what's happening at the state level.

SENIORS' BREAKFAST: at The Nook (previously Hanna's), 83 Henniker Street, in Hillsborough, at 9:00am. We will enjoy our own tables, delicious food, and lots of old and new friends. Come for the French toast --- stay for the schmoozing. For further information, please email Steve Ullman at stephenhullman@gmail.com

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.

SATURDAY MARCH 29

SPRING FLING - SILENT AUCTION: 7:00-10:00pm, American Legion, Hillsboro. Live music, cash bar, \$20/adults, \$15/Seniors.

CRAFT FAIR & SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: 9:00am -

2:00pm, Great Brook School, Antrim.

CONTRA DANCING: Where participants of all skill levels can kick up their heels to this traditional New England folk dance lead by Vermont band, Blind Squirrel. No partner? No problem. Contra dancing is a group routine, similar to square dancing, offering plenty of chances to socialize and dance with others throughout the evening. Contra Dance will be held on March 29, 2025 at 25 Seamans Rd, New London, NH 03257. Whether you are a first-timer or a seasoned dancer, Contra Dancing is the perfect way to meet new people, learn easy steps, and enjoy the rhythm of a live band. Tickets for this event can be purchased from the Town of New London.

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, March 29

- Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

- Tickets: \$15/person, free for 14 & under

- Location: Whipple Hall (New London, NH)

SATURDAY APRIL 5

CRAFT AND ARTISAN FAIR: 10:00-3:00pm at the Henniker Community Center. It is an inside event, with a lot of different vendors, and the event is being put on by Henniker Area Christian Fellowship. There will be a great variety of items to browse from like stained glass items to monogram towels, potholders, sweet goodies to purchase, wood crafts, crochet items to skin care, and more.

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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TOWN OF DEERING, NH

Case No.: 2025-02

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Notice is hereby given that on **March 27, 2025**, at 7:00 p.m., at the Deering Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road, Deering, NH 03244, the Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing:

Regarding a request by Ralph J. Matthes and Dianne K. Donovan, requesting a variance relative to the replacement of the existing home on the property located at 417 Reservoir Road, Tax Map 235, Lot 17, to allow impervious parcel coverage of 29.2% whereas impervious parcel coverage may not exceed 20% per Zoning Ordinance Section 4.4.10 (e), to allow a rear setback of 4.4 feet whereas 40 feet is required per Zoning Ordinance Section 4.1.4 (c), and to allow a front setback of 6.1 feet whereas 50 feet are required per Zoning Ordinance Section 4.1.4 (c).

PUBLIC NOTICE EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT

2025 BUDGET HEARING MARCH 27, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Emerald Lake Village District will hold a Budget Hearing on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Emerald Lake Village District office, 147 W. Main St. Hillsboro, NH. The purpose of the hearing is to review the proposed 2025 budget and proposed warrant articles.

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The following application(s) have been submitted for review and public hearing by the Planning Board:

Site Plan Application. The Wilds of New England. Map 227, Lot 6, and 1181 Deering Center Road, in the Agricultural/Residential Zoning District The applicant seeks to add additional cabins (eight) to the existing site for summer use.

The agenda for the meeting will be posted per RSA 91-A:2. Refer to the agenda for a listing of other items before the Board, including applications and public hearings that were continued from previous meetings which may be heard prior to the above applications.

Copies of the Planning Board applications and associated materials are available for review at Deering Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road, during normal **business hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.** Material is also available online at <https://www.deering.nh.us/planning-board>. Phone (603) 464-3248.

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