

# The Messenger

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## Student-Athlete of the Month



Congratulations to Senior River Cook, the KRHS Student-Athlete of the Month for November! River's involvement in soccer, wrestling, and the CLIMB Program demonstrates a commitment to challenging himself, building community, and embracing leadership.

Whether hiking through harsh winter conditions in the Whites or completing a rigorous lifeguarding and counselor training program, River consistently pushes beyond his comfort zone and inspires others to do the same. Academically, River stands out for his dedication, having successfully completed three AP social studies classes and working ahead of grade level.



## Goalkeeper of the Year

New England College senior goalkeeper Makenzie Anderson of Antrim was recently named the Great Northeast Athletic Conference Goalkeeper of the Year for the second straight season.



Tuesday morning shortly after 1:30 a.m. Weare Fire was dispatched mutual aid to 93 Dickey Hill Road in Deering for a building fire with possible extension to a second building. First arriving companies found that the fire extended from the barn to within the home. The fire later grew to a 3rd alarm, calling in more mutual aid companies. Weare Fire assisted with extinguishment and remained on scene for an extended period of time. Crews cleared the scene around 7:30 a.m.

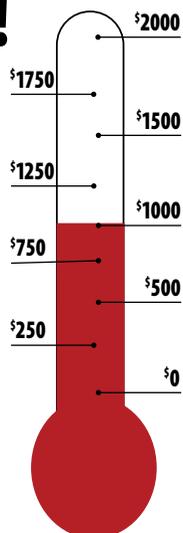
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## H-D School Board begins budget deliberations

SAU #34 Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Crawford presented the H-D School Board with the first draft of the proposed 2026-2027 Budget.

Dr. Crawford presented the proposed \$25, 418,291 operating budget as a \$302,858 or 1.18% decrease from the current \$25,721,149 budget.

The proposal eliminates several teaching positions in the three schools, while increasing the non-teaching support staff

and the budget line items for those positions.

Still under consideration is the closing of the alternative school at the Deering airport and relocating it on campus. Dr. Crawford reported that there are five potential areas on campus which could house that program, for a total savings of another \$100,000. Prior to the meeting, the Board held a Public Hearing to accept a check for \$19,546.88 repayment of attorney's fees incurred in the Claremont Lawsuit.

## Hillsborough approves four Economic Revitalization Zones

Mike Tardiff from the Regional Planning Commission and Bridgett Beckwith from the NH Bureau of Economic affairs met with the Hillsborough Select Board to propose Adoption of four Economic Revitalization Zones (ERZ) in town: The Henniker Street ERZ, Downtown ERZ, Route 202/149 ERZ, and the

Gateway and West Main Street ERZ.

Businesses in those areas who hire new workers and make a Capital Improvement to their facility will be eligible to deduct those expenses from their Business Profit Taxes.

The Board unanimously approved the four zones.

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

### **December 6, 2024**

Deering's Thomas Copadis honored as a "Community Builder"  
Violent arrest leaves two Hillsboro officers injured  
Greenfield Fire Department to be dispatched from Milford  
Pair of Hillsborough buildings destined for the wrecking ball

### **December 1, 2023**

Police investigating H-D school bus driver meltdown  
Blue Seal Feeds acquires Achille Agway Stores in NH & VT  
Multiple towns assist Sunapee in battling house fire  
SAU #24 to discuss School Funding/Property Taxes

### **December 2, 2022**

Untimely New London death ruled a murder suicide  
K-9 Gibbs assists Hillsboro Police in locating injured driver  
Hopkinton Police identify hateful graffiti vandal  
Headphones lead police to stolen car - thieves arrested

### **December 3, 2021**

Driver of Peterborough hit-and-run identified  
Washington Elementary holds a Thanksgiving Feast  
STEM Grants available to establish Robotics Teams  
Bennington woman coordinates Wreaths Across US

### **December 4, 2020**

New London sets budget at just under \$10 million  
Major changes in Henniker's Personnel Policy  
Fantastic support for Dimitri's Thanksgiving Gift  
Repairs completed on Bradford Fire Dept. vehicles

### **December 6, 2019**

Henniker Roundabout scheduled for 2025  
Vandals run down 10 New Boston mailboxes  
Henniker Police Department restructuring approved  
Hungry Goats eatery opening soon in Greenfield

### **December 7, 2018**

Matt Henry named Henniker Town Administrator  
DOT Commissioner speaks at Hillsborough Chamber  
Deering woman charged with animal abuse  
Weare man wants Police Department disbanded

### **December 8, 2017**

McDonald's donates to H-D Playground Fund  
Hopkinton shooting victim & shooter identified  
Seven towns assist New Boston in fighting house fire  
Tilton Police looking for hit & run driver

### **December 2, 2016**

Goffstown considers adding classrooms  
H-D budget seeks 14.58% (\$1.7 million) increase  
Another ex-Weare police officer suing the town  
Dunbarton State Representative files ethics complaint

### **December 4, 2015**

Post Office will not change Pinardville's zip code  
Weare company selected for Bow Safety Complex  
Bow man faces aggravated DWI & negligent homicide  
Conservation group suing Henniker Sand & Gravel

# “Thank You, Hopkinton! Celebrating a Tradition of Care & Kindness”

As we enter into this season of gratitude, the Hopkinton Historical Society invites community members and visitors alike to experience Thank You, Hopkinton! Celebrating a Tradition of Care & Kindness, a heartfelt exhibit honoring the many ways we lift up, support, and look out for one another.

Featuring more than 100 stories submitted by townspeople, the exhibit showcases personal moments of generosity, compassion, and connection both large and small that reflect the spirit of Hopkinton.

The exhibit is free and open to the public and will run through December 14, 2025.

Guest curator Sienna Larson explains: “At its heart, this exhibit is about care, kindness, and connection—about love for one another in all its quiet forms. The stories you’ll see here may differ in detail, but they all reflect a shared spirit: of looking out for each other, believing in

community, and making life a little brighter for someone else.”

Visitors may also pick up copies of the newly released exhibit book, Thank You, Hopkinton! Celebrating a Tradition of Care & Kindness, which would make a great gift (available December 5).

**Special Hours and Events:**

• **Friday, Dec. 5:** Starry Starry Weekend, open late until 6 p.m.

• **Friday, Dec. 5:** Candlelight Tours of Hopkinton Village at 4:15, 4:45 & 5:15 p.m. Meet at the Hopkinton Historical Society for a guided walking tour exploring Main Street’s past, with stops at private residences and the fire precinct house. The tours will wrap up at Barrel & Basket with cocoa and cookies. Free and open to the public.

• **Saturday, Dec. 6:** Open 9-1 p.m.

• **Saturday, Dec. 6:** Table at the Farmers’ Market at Maple Street School, 9-noon. Pick up



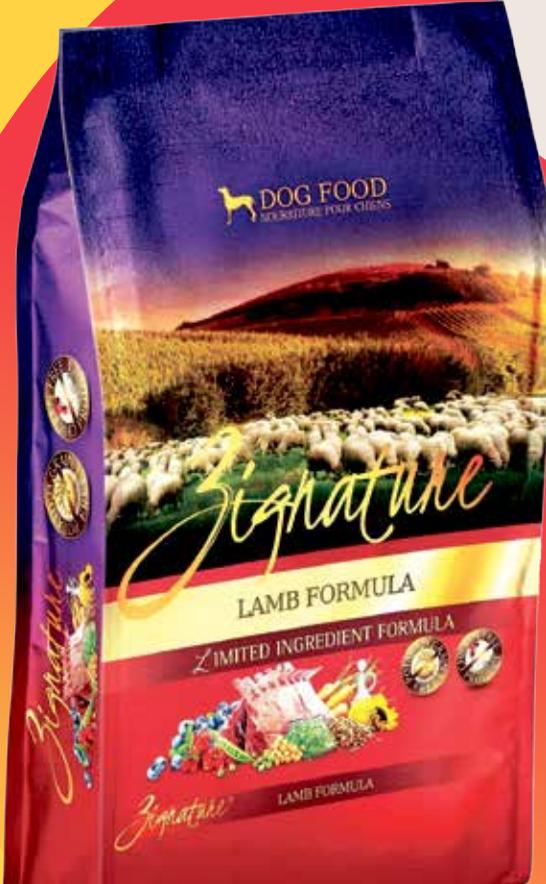
advent calendars, t-shirts, and copies of the newly released exhibit book, Thank You, Hopkinton! Celebrating a Tradition of

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• **Sunday, Dec. 7:** Open 11-2 p.m.

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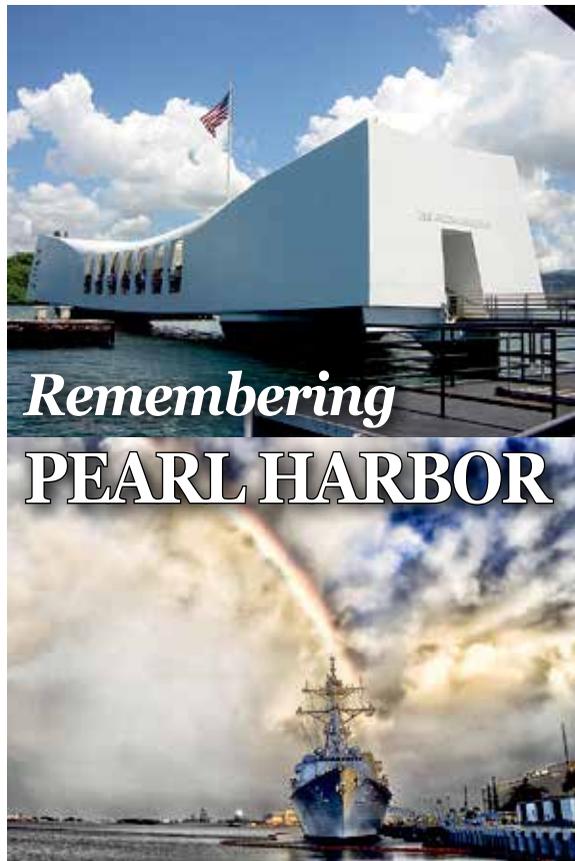
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# Hillsborough for the Holidays Dec. 6th

## A Full-Day Town-Wide Celebration

**7:30am-2pm:** Hillsboro United Methodist Church - Breakfast & Lunch, Holiday Fair.

**9am-12pm:** Smith Memorial Church - CookieWalk (cookies sold by the pound), Jackie's Smittens and Bags for Family Promise.

**9am-3pm:** St. Mary's Church - Handmade Christmas raffles & baked goods.

**9am-1pm & 4-5:30pm:** Hillsborough Heritage Museum - Christmas Trains and Gardens.

**9am-1pm:** Fuller Public Library - Festival of Trees Fund Raiser and Annual Holiday Raffle.

**10am-5pm:** Hillsboro's Holiday Pop-Up Shop and win a chance for the raffle basket - Stonewall Farm – 235 Windsor Rd.

**1-3pm:** Valley Bible Chapel - Pictures with Santa, Mrs. Claus and The Grinch.

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**4:30pm:** Light Parade – Starting from the School.

**5:30pm:** Tree Lighting in Butler Park and Caroling with HDMS Chorus, refreshments provided by Missies Day Spa.

**Businesses Participating:**

Stop by Fuller Public Library for a FREE gift bag with swag from local businesses, coordinated by Hillsborough Area Chamber of Commerce! While supplies last!

**9am-3pm:** Cake Mama – Free Samples and \$5 Off Gift Cards.

**9am-5pm:** AV Concepts/Radio Shack – 25% off Toys & Batteries and Skie's Creations Special: Buy 2 Candles Get 1 Free.

**10am-8pm:** Daisy Jack Studio – 10% off Christmas Trees & Ornaments.

**10am-1pm:** Village Art Café – Holiday Music, Free Coffee and Cocoa.

**10am-1pm:** Aubuchon Hardware – Make a Tree Trunk Ornament.

**10am-3pm:** Earth Magic Shoppe – Enchanting Tidings & Findings.

**11am-2pm:** Monadnock Green Shop – Make a Birch Bark Ornament.

**10am-1pm:** Hillsborough Community Thrift – 50% off Items with Red or Green.

**11am-4pm:** Arachne's Web – Beverages & Samples.

**12-4pm:** Dinker's Indoor Pickleball – Open House and Try Pickleball for Free.

**5:30-6pm:** Missies Day Spa - Refreshments at the Annual Tree Lighting.

**Parking:** Municipal lots: Central Street, Page Lot next to Valley Bible Chapel, Library, and Knapton's Insurance.



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# Greenfield to host Fire and Ice parade & Festival of Trees

Greenfield is gearing up for their big holiday weekend on Dec. 6, when the fifth annual Fire and Ice parade will light up the town.

Former Greenfield Fire Chief Dave Hall founded the Fire and Ice Parade during the COVID pandemic as a way to bring the town together after months of limited social activity.

The first parade and all-outdoor celebration was a success, with hundreds of residents gathering at Oak Park to see Santa, celebrate the season, and reconnect with neighbors and friends.

Each year, neighboring towns send fire trucks and equipment to the parade, and residents create floats. This year's theme is "The Night Before Christmas," by Clement Clarke-Moore, with the famous opening lines: "Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house; Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung

by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there."

There will be no Greenfield Festival of Trees this year, as Stephenson Library is having its floors replaced that week, but the Friends of Stephenson Library will host their annual Children's Holiday Store downstairs in the Wensberg Room from 4 to 6 p.m. during Fire and Ice. Everything is \$1.00, and the Friends will be wrapping gifts and providing hot cocoa.

The Fire and Ice parade culminates at Oak Park, where the Oak Park Committee will be selling hot food, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in the pavilion for photos, and the Greenfield Elementary School PTO, with help from the Friends of the Meetinghouse, will have a bake sale and



cookie walk to benefit the school.

The Friends of the Greenfield Meetinghouse will be selling 3-D printed Meetinghouse holiday ornaments by artist Bruce Dodge at Oak Park. All proceeds benefit the Meetinghouse Building Fund.

The Friends will also be selling raffle tickets for a hydraulic wood splitter reconditioned by Chuck Setaro. Chuck got this wood splitter, which was originally \$3500, working again and cut up a few cords of wood with it

to test it out. Ticket sales will continue until \$1,000 is raised for the Meetinghouse. Raffle tickets are also available at greenfieldmeetinghouse.org or by emailing greenfieldmeetinghouse@gmail.com to pay by cash or check.

The Greenfield Historical Society will be open for holiday shopping, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 6, with many items available for sale, including the town's histories, as well as suncatchers, local honey and collectibles. The Society's collection of historic Advent calendars will be on display.

Town welfare officer Leah Conway is organizing Project Care for Greenfield families who need holiday assistance.

Project Care posters and

collection boxes will be at the post office, the Greenfield Covenant Church, Harvester Market, and the fire department. Items also can be dropped off at the Town Offices on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. or by making arrangements with Leah, who can be reached on Facebook or through the Town Hall. As of Nov. 19, 16 families have reached out for help. Leah is also collecting for Christmas Care Boxes. Items requested by families include diapers, wipes, and pull-ups, toilet paper and facial tissue, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap and body wash, and laundry and dish detergent. Items can be left in the box at the post office.

With renovations still underway, the Meetinghouse will not be hosting any Fire and Ice events, but the Friends are planning a community gathering to celebrate the completion of phase one of the renovations, hopefully in January.



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Though a crown or filling can be loosened by biting on an unpopped popcorn kernel or some other hard object, a lost filling or crown can also indicate that decay has worked its way under the restored part of the tooth. And by the way, be careful when eating. Biting on a hard object like the kernel mentioned above can break an otherwise whole, healthy tooth. In the interim before you can get to your dentist, cover the exposed portion of the tooth with dental wax, an item you should keep at home as part of your dental first aid kit. If the tooth is causing you discomfort, take an over-the-counter analgesic like acetaminophen. Talk with your dentist about first-aid steps for a lost crown or filling or even a broken tooth.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Metformin, which is commonly prescribed to treat type 2 diabetes, reduced knee arthritis pain over six months in a clinical trial published in *JAMA* for people with knee osteoarthritis and overweight or obesity, possibly delaying the need for knee replacements.

The anesthetic ketamine is being hailed as a breakthrough therapy for people with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), treatment-resistant depression and other mood disorders. But the drug does have side effects — some potentially life-threatening — and should only be prescribed and administered by trained health care professionals to ensure the patient's safety, according to new guidance released by the American Society of Anesthesiologists. Long valued for its role in sedation and anesthesia during medical procedures, ketamine also has been shown to provide relief from depression symptoms in minutes or hours, while traditional anti-depression medications can take weeks to show benefits. Although ketamine is not currently approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for non-anesthetic uses, it is increasingly prescribed off-label, fueling the rapid growth of in-person and virtual ketamine clinics across the country. Ketamine is typically delivered by infusion or injection and some clinics provide it by mail, directing patients to treat themselves at home. Patients who receive ketamine at home or at nonaccredited outpatient clinics may not have access to the monitoring, rescue personnel or emergency resuscitation equipment necessary when anesthetic agents are being used. Ketamine can cause a variety of side effects, including high blood pressure and slowed breathing, and administering it inappropriately can lead to life-threatening consequences such as respiratory failure, cardiac issues and seizures.

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## Hometown Heroes



A memorable luncheon was held for Deering Police Chief Mark Philibert to wish him well and let him know he will be missed!



Sunapee Detective Paul Beaudet was officially promoted to Sergeant in the Criminal Investigations Division.



New London firefighters honed their skills on vehicle extrication techniques. They're always making sure they are ready for any situation that may occur.

# Crews from eight towns respond to Wilmot house fire

On Monday, December 1st, the Wilmot Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to a reported structure fire at 60 Deerwood Drive.

Upon arrival, crews found a two-story wood-frame dwelling with a heavy smoke condition from the eaves and second floor access of the attached two-car garage. A 360-degree scene size-up was completed, and an interior attack was initiated on the main body of the fire.

A blended interior crew of Wilmot and New London firefighters entered the garage and conducted an aggressive interior attack. Their efforts were critical in preventing the fire from spreading into the attached home. As additional first-alarm companies arrived, command determined that more resources were needed, and a second-alarm engine assignment was requested. The fire was declared under control at 5:20

p.m., and all units were cleared by 7:45 p.m., with the property released back to the owners. "I couldn't be prouder of how our crews and mutual aid partners worked together," said Fire Chief Sam Clarke. "From interior to exterior operations, everyone knew their role, and it's a perfect example of the skill and dedication our volunteers bring to every call."

The Wilmot Volunteer Fire Department was assisted on scene by New London Fire, Sutton Fire, Andover Fire, Newbury Fire, Warner Fire, Bradford Fire, New London Ambulance, Wilmot Police, and New London Police. Station coverage was provided by Danbury Fire and Grafton Fire.

Through the coordinated efforts of the New London Dispatch Center, Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid, Concord Fire Alarm, and Hanover Regional Emergency Communications Center, resources were efficiently



deployed both on scene and for station coverage. "Our dispatchers keep everything running smoothly behind the scenes," said Chief Clarke. "From alerting the right units to tracking resources en route, their coordination allows us to focus on the work at hand and meet the needs on scene."

Wilmot EMS managed firefighter rehabilitation, keeping all personnel safe and able to carry out their duties. Community members contributed to the effort by providing pizza, coffee, and water at the scene. Special thanks go out to the team at JJ's Market in Andover for donating coffee to help warm first re-

sponders during the incident.

The Wilmot Volunteer Fire Dept. deeply appreciates the assistance of their mutual aid partners, the professionalism of their dispatch team, and the support of the community. Together, they're able to respond quickly and protect those who need them most.



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Hillsboro area churches celebrated their annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service led by (L-R) Rev. Eric Feustel, Hillsboro Methodist Church; Rev. Karen Landry, Deering Community Church; Rev. Donna Vuilleumier, Smith Memorial Congregational Church; Fr. Marcel Martel, St. Mary's Catholic Church.



The Sunapee Police Department would like to extend their sincere gratitude to The Applesed Restaurant and the Fenton Family for their generous donation of Thanksgiving meals for Sunapee residents in need.



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# Colby-Sawyer students sell empty bowls so people's plates can be full

The annual holiday sale and Empty Bowls event at Colby-Sawyer will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, in the ceramics studio at the Davidow Center for Art + Design.

As many as 50 students in Professor Jon Keenan's ceramics courses will sell bowls they've thrown; proceeds will be donated to area food banks and pantries.

"We have been able to raise thousands of dollars on campus to support the fight against food insecurity," said Keenan, who has organized the event for decades since meeting John Hartom, founder of Empty Bowls.

Nationwide, the grassroots effort fueled by artists and craftspeople has raised tens of millions of dollars for food-related charities and has brought attention to food insecurity

throughout the United States.

"Empty Bowls events educate students about the importance of giving back to people, and they provide a means to create positive and lasting change in our communities," Keenan said. "An empty bowl symbolizes the reality that too many people are unable to put food on the table or fill their bowls."

Kyla Ruchti '27, of Guilford, Connecticut, experienced that reality first-hand.

"It means a lot for me to participate. Growing up, my family struggled to put food on the table," said Ruchti, who majors in studio art with a ceramics concentration. "We used food stamps and food pantries."

Ruchti said her bowls — both shallow and deep, and with a foot and flat bottom — will have a blue or black glaze.



Over the years, the money made from the holiday sale has gone to several area organizations, including the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry and the New

Hampshire Food Bank.

"I hope this event is able to raise enough money to be able to benefit all the local food banks, soup kitchens and shelters," Ruchti said. "In

the economy and state our country is in right now with food stamps being at risk, it's important that this fundraiser does well and helps as many people as possible."

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## Publisher's Perspective

### The Dash

*While attending Mark Davison's funeral recently, I heard this remarkable poem again, and thought it worth sharing. LDB*

#### The Dash, By Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend  
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From the beginning...to the end.  
He noted that first came the date of birth  
And spoke the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years.  
For that dash represents all the time  
That they spent alive on earth.  
And now only those who loved them  
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The way other people feel.  
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And show appreciation more  
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## Letters to the Editor

### To The Editor and Publisher:

With the power of the press comes the responsibility for both objectivity and professional reporting standards. Your front-page reporting on the resignation of the Deering Police Chief fails on both counts.

While use of unnamed sources is a common and legitimate practice, doing so without describing their standing or access to the facts alleged is poor practice, especially when no effort to secure an on the record comment

from Chief Philbert is reported. If he was not contacted to respond to the "unnamed sources", The Messenger failed in its responsibility to present all sides.

If he was contacted and refused comment, that should have been reported.

All in all, this was a one-sided report based on poor reporting practices that approached reporting mere gossip. The Messenger can do better.

*Peter Kaplan, Deering*



The Town of Henniker would like to welcome Officer Allysia Stone to the Henniker Police Department. Officer Stone was officially sworn in as a part-time officer. She currently works full-time as a dispatcher for Merrimack County Dispatch. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Management and a Masters Degree in Education.

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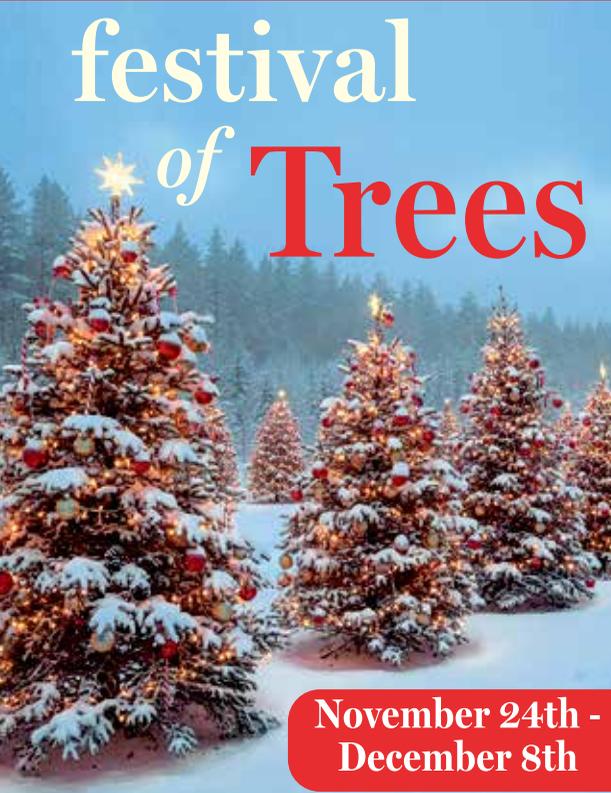
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## Dunbarton accident has car submerged in pond

A driver who allegedly left the scene after crashing a vehicle into a fire pond on Armands Way is likely to face charges.

Dunbarton police responded to a report of a vehicle in the water on Thursday morning. Upon arrival, officers discovered a Mitsubishi partially submerged in the pond. No occupants were found inside the car at the time of discovery.

Evidence at the scene indicates the vehicle left the roadway sometime overnight, striking a wooden guardrail

before traveling approximately 60 feet and landing in the water.

Police eventually made contact with the vehicle's owner at a nearby residence. According to radio traffic reports, the driver had managed to self-extricate from the car following the crash and left the area.

Emergency crews were forced to manage environmental hazards during the recovery effort. Dunbarton Fire was requested to the scene after officers noticed automotive fluids leaking from the submerged car into the water.

## Henniker Police searching for reckless driver

New dashcam video released by Henniker police shows a car nearly hitting another vehicle head-on.

Police said it happened Monday at around 8:40 p.m. on Route 202 and 9.

According to authorities, a car illegally passed a

semi truck and drove so close to oncoming traffic that it knocked the mirror off another vehicle.

The driver was arrested. Anyone who was hit by the vehicle or who has information is asked to contact the Henniker Police Department at 603-428-3213.

## New York man drowns in Contoocook River in Henniker

On August 17th, Henniker Police, Fire and Rescue responded to a report of a distressed swimmer in the Contoocook River in the area of Azalea Park.

First responders and a civilian entered the water where they located a male under approximately 10 feet of water unresponsive.

Once he was pulled from the water, lifesaving mea-

sures were conducted, and he was transported by ambulance to Concord Hospital.

Sadly, the 24 year old victim, identified as Mourya Vamsi Nadimpalli of Albany New York, did not survive.

This incident remains under investigation by New Hampshire Marine Patrol which has jurisdiction on inland water ways.

# Tis The Season



Sunapee's Giving Tree is now set up at the entrance to the Sunapee Police Department. Please consider purchasing a gift for a Sunapee child or senior. Choose a tag off the tree, fill out your contact information on the red tag and drop it in the box. Please return the unwrapped gift with the gift tag attached to the large box in the foyer by December 12th.



The Grand Monadnock Rotary Club coordinates its Operation Santa Project each year.



Hopkinton's Riverside Pizza prepared 150 meals for those in need and those who may be working in emergency services or healthcare.



Newbury begins its magical transformation each year, when the Newbury Beautification Committee dressed the town in festive greenery—lush swags and garlands, wreaths hung with bright ribbons, and winter window boxes filled with seasonal charm.



This is what a community looks like! Many thanks to all of you who helped assemble Thanksgiving Day Baskets for the Goffstown Food Pantry.



Another amazing donation! This time from the Henniker Community School to the Henniker Food pantry. This one was truly HUGE.

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# Newport police make separate arrests of two men for sex crimes

The Newport Police Department received a report of a sexual assault of a juvenile by an adult male who was known to her. Initial investigation revealed a pattern of sexual abuse across multiple jurisdictions in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Investigators from the Newport Police Department and Springfield (VT) Police Department collaborated in conducting interviews and executing multi-

ple search warrants. As a result of these investigative efforts, Skyler Eley, 22, of Springfield, VT was arrested on November 20, 2025.

In the State of New Hampshire, Eley faces two counts of Felonious Sexual Assault and one count of Certain Uses of Computer Prohibited, all Class B Felonies. In the State of Vermont, Eley faces one count of Sexual Assault.



Skyler Eley



Christopher Nix



Newbury NH Fire Rescue, Newbury Police and New London Ambulance responded to a motor vehicle rollover on Route 103 near Mountain Road on a very snowy Sunday. Route 103 had to be closed with all traffic detoured onto Old Post Road for several hours until the car could be removed and towed away. New London Fire Department responded to a second roll over on Chalk Pond Road while the Newbury crews were working at the Route 103 crash.

The Newport Police Department received a cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reporting the alleged distribution of suspected child sexual abuse images over the internet. Over the course of the next year, officers conducted exhaustive investigation to collect evidence and identify the person responsible for the distribution of child sexual abuse images.

As a result of these inves-

tigative steps, the Newport Police Department received warrants to search two residences in Newport for evidence of the crimes of Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images and Distribution of Child Sexual Abuse Images. Those warrants were executed on November 18, 2025, by the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Christopher Nix, Jr., 21, of Newport was subsequently

arrested.

During the execution of the search warrants, Nix, Jr. allegedly attempted to destroy evidence and physically resisted the investigating officers. He is charged with Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Images, Distribution of Child Sexual Abuse Images, Attempted Falsifying Physical Evidence, Resisting Arrest or Detention, and Obstructing Government Administration.

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## Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

### Kenneth W. Harding



Peterborough - Colonel Kenneth W. Harding, US Army, Retired, 82, of Peterborough, NH, was surrounded by his family when he passed on Friday, November 21, 2025, after a period of declining health. He was the son of the late William and Hazel Harding, born on July 19, 1943. Ken is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sandy of Peterborough, his daughter Laura Harding and Tom Lambert of Jaffrey, his son Ken Harding, Jr and wife Sherry of Bedford, his grandson CJ Caron of Gray, ME, grandsons Kiefer Harding and Jake Harding, both of Bedford, his aunts Dot Ziegler and Janet Harding, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. In addition to his parents and many beloved aunts and uncles, Ken was predeceased by his brother William Harding, Jr. There will be no services at this time. Burial and graveside services will be held in the Spring 2026. In lieu of flowers, please consider making memorial donations to Hospice at HCS, 312 Marlboro Street, Keene, NH 03431.

### Gail Patricia (Clement) Morrison

Franklin - Gail Patricia (Clement) Morrison of Franklin, NH, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at home. She was born on May 27, 1943, to the late Lewis and Laura Clement of Ipswich, MA. Gail is survived by her beloved wife, Pauline



Chabot, and their four children, Norman, Rachel, Eric, and Rebecca, along with grandchildren, Norman, Gabriella, Ruby, and Simon. A celebration of Gail's life will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist

Congregation of New Hampshire, in Franklin, NH.

### Salvatore "Sammy" "Sal" Paul Magistro



Bradford - Salvatore "Sammy" "Sal" Paul Magistro, 76, of West Road, died peacefully November 30, 2025. He was born in Boston, MA on December 22, 1948 the son of the late Frank P. and Anne (Fimiani) Magistro. Sal is predeceased by his first wife, Betty Magistro and their loving son, Christopher, his parents and brother-in-law, Pat DiPietro. Surviving family members include his wife, Carla Magistro; children, Brian Magistro, Patrick (Michelle) Magistro and Jason Magistro; grandchildren, Brian Magistro and Mercedes Magistro; siblings, Cammy DiPietro, Patrick (Trisha) Magistro, Annette (Mike) Cafarella and Grace (Michael) McConaghy; nieces and nephews.

### Michael Arsenault

Warner - Michael Arsenault passed away from cancer on the evening of November 21, 2025, with his wife, Anne, by his side. He was 69. Mike was truly beloved by



all who knew him. He delivered the mail in Warner, New Hampshire, for 24 years, and everyone on his route looked forward to seeing him—including the many dogs he always greeted with a treat. Mike is predeceased by his parents, Rosalind and Donald Arsenault. He is survived by his wife and best friend of 34 years, Anne (Lepine) Arsenault; his sister, Michele (Arsenault) and her husband, Tom Leonard; his sister, Deborah (Arsenault) and her husband, Ray Price; his brother, Doug and his wife, Cindy Arsenault; his brother Greg and his wife, Karen Arsenault; his sister-in-law, Debra DiTullio-Arsenault and her husband, Glen Vigorito; and other sisters- and brothers-in-law, father-in-law, as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends. A celebration of his life is planned for spring 2026.

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## Events: Community Bulletin Board

### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 8

**HILLSBOROUGH FESTIVAL OF TREES:** will be at Fuller Public Library. Individuals and businesses can enter an artificial tree of any size, fully decorated, and with gifts (if you'd like) to be raffled off. Please contact the library if you are interested in donating a tree. Tickets to win the trees will be \$5 each or 5/\$20. The Library and Project LIFT will be sharing the proceeds.

### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 18

**RAFFLE:** Fuller Public Library's Annual Raffle will take place. Tickets are \$1 each or 8/\$5. Take a chance, or two, to win baskets of new and gently used items! All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new bookshelf in the Children's Room.

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 6

**HOLIDAY FAIR:** at the Deering Community Church, Route 149, Deering Center, will be open from 10-2. The fair offers vendors, food.

**HILLSBOROUGH FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** A Town-wide event, 7:30am-6pm. Visit venues all over town, stay for the Light Parade at 4:30pm, and the Annual Town Tree Lighting at 5:30pm. Follow on Facebook and check out our website for the full schedule: [www.hillsboroughnhfortheholidays.org](http://www.hillsboroughnhfortheholidays.org).

**CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:** The Area Choir Christmas concerts will be Saturday, December 6th at 7pm and Sunday, December 7th at 3pm and 7pm at South Congregational Church, 20 Church Street in Newport, NH. There is no admis-

sion charge; a free-will offering will be accepted. For more information email [TheAreaChoir@gmail.com](mailto:TheAreaChoir@gmail.com), visit The Area Choir Facebook page, or call 603-863-4007.

**PIE SALE:** The Ladies Aid Society of the Union Chapel will hold our Annual Pie Sale on Saturday, December 6th from 9am until sold out! Outside of Shaw's Supermarkets in Hillsboro. Come down and buy one of our homemade pies. All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the historic Union Chapel."

**COOKIE WALK:** The annual Smith Memorial Church Cookie Walk is from 9-noon

**WINTER SALE:** The Greenfield Historical Society is offering a winter sale, 10am-1pm, at 828 Forest Road. Available- New publication "In the Shadow of Crotched Mountain". Antiques, collectibles including a lot of railroad books, toy tractors, vintage glassware, fun stocking stuffers. Hope you can stop by on your way to our fine bakery and blacksmith shop.

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 7

**BENNINGTON CHRISTMAS BASH:** Come down to the Center of Town for an afternoon of Christmas fun with a petting zoo, DJ & Food at the Congregational Church. Santa and his Elves will be at the Fire Station with cookies and coloring pages so get your lists ready. The annual Nativity Play will be at 4:30 at the Church followed at 5 by our Lighted Truck Parade. Hope to see you all there!

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10

**FREE GIVE AWAY:** At The Cross Antrim is sponsoring its 2nd

annual Free Give Away winter clothing drive. Please bring NEW jackets, snowpants, boots, mittens, socks, hats, etc. to Rick and Dianes. Free Give Away will begin at Rick and Dianes. So please your donation to Rick and Dianes as soon as possible and help those in need. Call Rick Davis for more info 603-464-9915.

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 11

**COMMUNITY SUPPER:** Pierce Elementary School in Bennington hosts a community supper the second Thursday of every month during the school year. [www.facebook.com/p/Bennington-Community-Suppers-61550965989189/](http://www.facebook.com/p/Bennington-Community-Suppers-61550965989189/). Franctown.

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 18

**BLUE CHRISTMAS:** The Blue Christmas service Smith Church is at 7pm. This is a candle lighting service of hope and peace for those who are facing challenges and grief this holiday season.

**COMMUNITY SUPPER:** The First Presbyterian Church at 73 Main St. in Antrim hosts a community supper the third Thursday of every month at 5:30pm. Suppers and sponsors are organized by the Grapevine. Contact 603-588-2620 or email [info@grapevindh.org](mailto:info@grapevindh.org) or visit [grapevindh.org/](http://grapevindh.org/).

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24

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## TIPS TO HELP YOU SELL A HOME DURING THE HOLIDAYS: PART II



By: Joyce Bosse

### Price It Accordingly

Your listing agent can work with you to develop the right pricing strategy based on their assessment of the data. Many variables go into pricing, but you may need to go a little lower than you'd like if you are selling around the holidays.

If you're selling during the holidays, it's not the time to haggle. During this time of year, it's often better to price it right from the start instead of making price reductions later.

### Work with a Reliable Agent

The last thing you want is to work with an agent who goes MIA during the holidays. Be very clear with your agent about your expectations for communication and how much they'll work during the holidays. When you're choosing an agent, you might ask them if they've ever sold a house during the holiday season before.

### Be Flexible About Showings

During the holiday season, everyone is busy and may have more plans than usual, but if you're selling your home, you need to be flexible and accessible when it comes to showings. It's a challenging time so if someone wants to see your home, you need to do everything you can to facilitate that.

### Focus on Outdoor Features

If you live somewhere with harsh winters, selling your home around the holidays can give you the chance to show off some of the exterior features that make it well-equipped for winter weather. For example, maybe potential buyers go outside to take a look at your home's new roof. You could also show off convenient winter features like updated heating and attached garages.

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## SAU #34 Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative, Washington and Windsor School Districts

### PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for SAU #34

**Thursday, December 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**  
Hillsboro-Deering High School Media Center  
12 Hillcat Drive, Hillsboro, NH 03244

**The SAU #34 Board meeting will commence immediately following the hearing**

	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Proposed
Salaries and Benefits	\$1,126,473	\$1,176,199
Audit, Legal and Other Services	\$63,167	\$57,312
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Leases and Other Purchased Services	\$45,350	\$24,950
Supplies & Books	\$11,100	\$7,025
Equipment	\$2,000	\$1,200
Dues & Fees, Academic Recognition & School Board Contingency	\$7,875	\$9,520
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,275,231</b>	<b>\$1,290,926</b>
<b>Total Percent Increase</b>		<b>1.23%</b>



## Town of Hillsborough NH LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

### Case No 2025-15

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 & 675:7 that the Hillsborough Planning Board will hold a public hearing for a Subdivision at 844 Bog Road (Map 003 Lot 39) by Jacob L. Caron and Alyssa B. Caron Trustees. The application is for a three-lot subdivision on property located in the Rural Zone. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, **December 17, 2025**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Offices, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire.

Upon a finding by the Board that the application meets the submission requirements, the Board will vote to accept the application as complete and the Public Hearing on the merits of the proposal may follow immediately. Copies of the application may be viewed at the Office of Community Planning, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire. Anyone with questions about this application should contact Robyn Payson, Planning Director at 603-464-7971 or by e-mail at [robbyn@hillsboroughnh.net](mailto:robbyn@hillsboroughnh.net)

## TUCKER FREE LIBRARY TOWN OF HENNIKER, NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC HEARING

Place: Tucker Free Library  
31 Western Avenue Henniker, NH 03242

### Tuesday December 16, 2025 at 3:30 PM

Per RSA 202-A:4-c, III (a), the Trustees of the Tucker Free Library will hold a public hearing during the regularly scheduled Trustee meeting on December 16, 2025, at 3:30pm at the Tucker Free Library to hear public comment regarding the acceptance of unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$20,000 from Robert D. and Marjorie W. Elinor Revocable Family Trust.

For more information, visit the library website [www.tuckerfreelibrary.org](http://www.tuckerfreelibrary.org) or contact the Library Director 603-428-3471 or email [director@tuckerfreelibrary.org](mailto:director@tuckerfreelibrary.org)

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## DEERING PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 that the Deering Planning Board will review the following submitted application(s) for completeness on December 10, 2025, at a meeting beginning at 7:00 PM at the Deering Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road, Deering, NH. If the application(s) are accepted as complete by the Board, a public hearing will follow immediately after. Applications continued to a subsequent meeting will not be re-noticed.

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

Watershed Conditional Use Permit Application. Benjamin Bauer. Map 235, Lot 24 and 606 Cellar Hole Road in the Watershed Protection District. The applicant seeks to demolish four existing structures and replace them with a single family home and garage.

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.



## Town of Hillsborough NH PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Hillsborough Planning Board pursuant to RSA 675:3 II, on **December 18, 2025**, at 6:00 pm at the Hillsborough Town Office, 27 School Street to consider the following amendments to the Hillsborough Zoning Ordinance:

1. Amend the Zoning Ordinance Article II General Provisions 229-14 Accessory Dwelling Units to amend the definition and add it to section 229-6 Definitions section.
2. Amend the Zoning Ordinance Article II General Provisions section 229-14 Accessory Dwelling Units B(4) to delete the current verbiage and replace it.
3. Amend the Zoning Ordinance Article II General Provisions section 229-14 to remove the requirement for a Conditional Use Permit for a Detached ADU.
4. Amend the Zoning Ordinance Article II General Provisions section 229-6 Definitions to add "Tiny Homes" and its definition.
5. Amend the Table 4 Chart of Uses/ Residential Uses to include Tiny Homes and permit them in all Residential Zones except for the Historic District.
6. Amend Article XIV Cluster Development Ordinance to add "per the authority of the Innovative Land Use RSA 674:21"
7. Amend Article IX Administration and Enforcement to add the provision per RSA that all buildings on Class VI roads must be "Insurable"
8. Amend Article II General Provisions section 229-6 to amend the definition of Motor Vehicle Service Station and repair Garage to include "cleaning".
9. Amend Article VI Special Regulations section 229-35 Signs (D) Specific Sign Regulations by District, (4) Historic District, by deleting letter C which prohibits temporary signs in the Historic District.
10. Amend Table 4 Chart of Uses/Residential Use that permits multifamily housing in Commercial Zone.

Copies of the proposed ordinance changes are available for public inspection at the Town Office during regular business hours, and available on the Town web site – [www.town.hillsborough.nh.us](http://www.town.hillsborough.nh.us) on the Planning Board Page. Questions related to the proposed amendments can be directed to Robyn Payson, Planning Director, at (603) 464-7971, or via email at [robbyn@hillsboroughnh.net](mailto:robbyn@hillsboroughnh.net)

## DEERING PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING AMENDMENTS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 675:7 that the Deering Planning Board will hold a public hearing on December 10, 2025, at a meeting beginning at 7:00 PM at the Deering Town Office, 762 Deering Center Road, Deering NH, 03244, on proposed revisions to the Deering Zoning Ordinance. The revisions were prepared by the Planning Board and the effect of the proposed amendments would be to:

- To add the following new definitions to the Zoning Ordinance: Accessory Dwelling Unit; Accessory Dwelling Unit, Attached; Accessory Dwelling Unit, Detached; Building, Principal; Dwelling, Principal; Principal Place of Residence; Townhouse; and Use, Principal.
- To revise Section 4.1.1 to indicate that additional acreage is not needed to establish an Accessory Dwelling Unit associated with a single family home.
- To revise Section 4.2.4 to indicate that additional acreage is not needed to establish an Accessory Dwelling Unit associated with a single family home within the Aquifer Protection District.
- To add a new Section to the Zoning Ordinance, 3.1.5, for the permitting of Accessory Dwelling Units.
- To revise 4.1.2 to specify that a minimum of one parking space is required for each residential unit and to renumber Section 4.1 accordingly.

Copies of the proposed zoning amendments are available for review online at <https://www.deering.nh.us/planning-board> or at Deering Town Office, 762 Deering Center Road, Deering NH, 03244, during normal business hours.

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