



News Recap: March 11, 2024

The staff of the [NHS Chief Advocate](#), which consists of 48 reporters and 11 editors, continues to cover all aspects of the Nonnewaug community. Here's a recap of some of our students' best work over the past few weeks. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for more regular updates and additional features.

Top Five Stories

[“Nonnewaug Seniors Reflect on Being Among Top 10%”](#) by Morgan Willis '27 – The 17 seniors who earned a spot among the top 10% of the class of 2024 reflected on their journey to the milestone.

[“Nonnewaug Introduces SAT Prep in Advisory to Help Students Get Ready”](#) by Maia Colavito '26 – Weekly SAT prep sessions throughout March for juniors, sophomore, and freshmen aim to prepare students for tests, including the juniors' SAT on March 27.

[“New Year. New Schedule ... New Perks or New Stress?”](#) by Ava Hirleman '27 – With an eight-period schedule set to debut in the fall, students and staff weigh the pros and cons of the new arrangement.

[“Old Dogs Learning New Tricks: FFA Adult Ed Programs Prove Popular”](#) by Noah Zupan '26 – Welding, beekeeping, and hoof trimming are among the countless skills the Nonnewaug agriscience teachers will offer to the community as fundraiser courses this spring.

[“Nonnewaug Girls 4×400 Relay Uses Indoor Success for Outdoor Motivation”](#) by Hailey Goldman '26 – The Chiefs' top relay team finished eighth at the State Open, giving the group momentum for what it hopes will be a championship-winning outdoor season.

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[“Sturges Named DAR's Outstanding Teacher of American History”](#) by Juliana Bailey '25 – Longtime Nonnewaug faculty member and alumnus Michael Sturges was recognized in February for his success as a U.S. history teacher.

[“Nonnewaug Faces Surprise Fire Alarm, Some Order Among Chaos”](#) by Maia Colavito '26 – An accidental activation of a fire alarm before school started Feb. 27 resulted in a somewhat chaotic yet successful evacuation that may serve as a learning experience.

[“Woodbury's Market-Changing New Neighborhood”](#) by Lucas Almeida '25 – The Strongfield housing development, located down the street from Nonnewaug, came in the midst of a real estate boom.

Sports

["Boys Basketball Team Takes Top Seeds into BL State Tournaments"](#) by Aubrie Salisbury '27 and Brynn Clappett '26 – Written before the Nonnewaug boys basketball team won the Berkshire League tournament title, players discussed what makes this year's championship-winning squad special.

["Pitchers and Catchers Get Head Start for Nonnewaug Baseball"](#) by Anna Crocker '26 – The defending Class M state champions have started their preparation for this spring.

["Nichols: All-State Honorees Deserve Spotlight on Nonnewaug Walls"](#) by Juliette Nichols '24 – All-State athletes should somehow be recognized on the walls inside or outside the gym, argues Chief Advocate senior editor and three-sport athlete Juliette Nichols.

["Stankevich, Nicholas NHS' February Athletes of the Month"](#) by the Chief Advocate Staff – Junior wrestler Durkin Stankevich and sophomore pole vaulter Veronika Nicholas are the Chief Advocate's February Athletes of the Month.

["Green Makes Students 'Strive to Be the Best'"](#) by R.J. Barksdale '25 – Nonnewaug feels like home for longtime wrestling coach and wellness teacher Dave Green, who

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["Floriculture Students Hone Craft with Community-Wide Events \(PHOTOS\)"](#) by Arabella Rosa '25 and Savannah Czerepacha '25 – The annual Valentine's Day flower sale and the Vase of the Month activity are two of many opportunities floriculture students have each year to refine their skills.

["Natural Resources Class Harvests Syrup \(PHOTOS\)"](#) by Walker Stanton '24 and Evan Grieger '24 – The NHS natural resources classes recently enjoyed the sweet annual tradition of making syrup at Nonnewaug.

["Country Chicks Podcast: Talking Agriculture with Lexi and Zosia"](#) by Alexa Sweeney '25 and Zosia Olejniczak '24 – On the premiere episode of the Country Chicks podcast, the hosts catch up with FFA officers Sam Kostka and Kyleigh Paige about Woodbury FFA Week.

Features

["NHS Alumnus Faraci Carves up a Future \(VIDEO\)"](#) by Lucas Almeida '25 and Jack LaMadeleine '24 – Ben Faraci, a 2023 Nonnewaug graduate, has seen his woodworking-meets-art business explode over the past year.

["Bologna Loves Her 'Smorgasbord' of Activities at NHS"](#) by Tyler Timko '24 – Senior Campbell Bologna enjoys her involvement in the FFA, theater, timber team, Harbor Program, and more.

["Olejniczak: Abolishing Animal Corporations and Their Corruption"](#) by Zosia Olejniczak '24 – Stopping corporate pet stores from selling animals and compelling more people to adopt would benefit everybody, argues Zosia Olejniczak.

["Let's Talk Nonne: Busy Start to 2024"](#) by Katie Savulak '26 and Morgan Willis '27 – The latest episode of the Let's Talk Nonne podcast features discussions about midterms, the red-out, and more school happenings.

["Snow Days: The Good, the Bad, and the Fun"](#) by Grayson Leveille '27 – Most people like the first couple of snow days, but when does a good thing become a bad thing?

["Talking College Challenges with Chiefs"](#) by Sean Classey '24 and Dylan Duda '24 – On this podcast, Nonnewaug seniors discuss the experiences of applying to and preparing for college.