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Firefighters donate

Henniker Fire Chief Keith Gilbert recently presented the selectmen with two gifts purchased with funds provided by the Henniker Firefighters Association; a FIT Pack Emergency Air Supply valued at \$2,798 (shown) and a Command Cabinet for the Department's new Command Vehicle valued at \$2,650. The board gratefully accepted the donations with thanks to the Association.

Chief & officer honored



Sunapee Police Chief David Cahill and one of his officers were recently honored for making a felony arrest. **See story on page 8**



Their candidates finished in the back of the pack but these Newbury residents were proud supporters. Full area election results on page 13.

Police Capt. Arrested?

22 year veteran under investigation

Although authorities will neither confirm nor deny it, reliable sources indicate that Capt. Darren Remillard, a 22 year member of the Hillsborough Police Department is being investigated for assaulting a man suspected of being involved with his wife. Chief David Roarick has referred all inquiries to the State Police who would confirm only that they are investigating a matter regarding the local department. According to State Police Lieutenant Wagner, they are investigating what appears to be a simple assault, but he would not identify

the parties involved. Chief Roarick met with the Hillsborough Selectmen in executive session on Tuesday evening but no action was taken pending a report from the State Police. It was further reported that two other officers, members of the newly formed police union, accompanied Remillard during the assault. The degree of their involvement is not known as the union is now involved in the interview process. Lt. Wagner expects the investigation to be completed by the end of next week. At press time, no charges have yet been filed.

Henniker considers fee based programs

During a review of the Athletic, Concerts and Patriotic Purposes budget line items, Henniker Selectman Leo Aucoin proposed that, in the future, all entertainment and athletic programs should develop programs to make them fee based

and self-supporting, without taxpayer dollars. After a lengthy discussion the board decided to retain funding for these programs in the 2012 budget, but to place an article on the warrant to see if the town favored such a proposal.

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(L to R) Merrimack County Attorney Scott Murray, Sheriff Scott Hilliard and Executive Councilor Dan St. Hilaire visited the Contoocook Valley Republican Committee breakfast at Intervale Pancake House recently.

Advanced training at Henniker Rescue

The Henniker Rescue Squad is proud to announce that Catherine Kielwein, Ryan Hornblower, Gregory Aucoin, and Brennan Lorden have advanced their national certification of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) from the Basic to the Intermediate level. Kathleen Rock and Amy Perkins have achieved national certification at the Basic level. EMT certification is broken into three progressive levels. The Basic level takes a minimum of 140 hours of classroom and hands-on practice time while providing a wide range of medical care skills including defibrillation, oxygen therapy, and other routine patient care functions.

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ConVal Special Ed Child Check Clinics

ConVal School District Special Education Dept. will be holding a Child Check Clinic for 3, 4 and 5 year old children living in the towns of Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon and Temple on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at the Antrim Elementary School at 9:00 a.m. Snow date is Thursday, January 26, 2012. The purpose of the clinic is to identify 3-5 year old children who need evaluation/consideration for special education services. Parents who have concerns about their child's speech, language, or overall development (cognitive, motor, social or play skills) should call 924-7503 X2031 to register. Pre-registration is required. Child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Vision and hearing will also be screened.

Selectmen continue trimming Henniker budget

At their meeting on February 3rd, the Henniker Selectmen asked Town Administrator Chuck Connell to provide suggestions for cutting the budget by an additional \$90,000 in an effort to achieve a flat budget. Meeting again on February 9th Connell did just that by making cuts that, combined with those made on the 3rd, reduced the proposed tax rate from \$8.66/\$1000 to \$7.58. Connell's reductions included cutting \$52,000 from the Highway/Transfer Station budgets, trimming \$11,100 from the Police department and reducing the Town office and Executive Budgets by \$4,400.

Still working for a 0% increase the board cut a further \$35,000 by reducing legal by \$5,000, the ZBA by \$1,500, Fire/Rescue by \$7,500, Code Enforcement by \$1,000 and directing the sale of the town's 1978 Huff Loader and its 1996 CAT loader for \$25,000. Those sales required

the purchase of a new \$4,000 bucket for the department's backhoe. The proposal

now goes to the Budget Committee for its review.



The Henniker Selectmen took time out for a photo for the Town Report before settling in to the difficult task of preparing a budget.

Former Newbury man killed

A former Newbury man was one of four people killed in a murder-suicide on New Year's Day in California. Authorities say Matthew Saturley, 31, died of multiple gunshot wounds early Sunday morning at a home in Coronado, California. Saturley grew up in Newbury but had lived in Chula Vista, Calif., for the past several years with his wife, 7-year-old stepson and 5-year-old daughter.

Newport board slights championship coach

Having fired its Superintendent and suspended its High School Principal, the Newport School Board struck again by informing Larry Carle, the winningest football coach in school history that his contract was not being renewed.

Carle, who taught at Newport for 35 years, recently resigned his teaching position but not the position of varsity football coach he has held since 1989. During that time, he has won four state titles, most recently in

2010, and 140 games overall making him the winningest coach in Newport's football history. He was also Newport's varsity baseball coach through the 1980s into the mid 1990s winning the school's only state title in 1983 and guiding the Tigers to two other championship game appearances.

The Board's pre-Christmas notice shocked not only Carle but also Athletic Director Doug Beaupre, who has written the school board telling them of the mistake.



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Senator Kelly Ayotte with Griffin Yianakopoulos, a student at Hopkinton High School, who has been nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Henniker approves Public Works request

Public Works Director Carl Knapp briefed the Henniker Selectmen on his request for new equipment. The board approved a warrant article asking for \$145,000 to purchase a Front End Loader with \$60,000 coming from a Capital Reserve Fund and \$85,000 to be raised by taxation. Knapp believes the equipment can be obtained for a least \$10,000 less. The board also increased from \$25,000 to \$33,000 his request to refurbish the department's 2000 6 wheel dump/plow truck, but instructed Knapp to cut his overall budget by that \$8,000 increase.

Man caught by his own hidden camera

Nathan Morello, 27, of Peterborough pleaded guilty to one count of invasion of privacy for attempting to film patrons at a Milford gym. He was arrested last fall after police were notified of a hidden camera in a tanning room at Gold's Gym at the Granite Town Plaza in Milford. Court records indicate that the camera, disguised to look like a hook one would hang a towel or a robe on, was discovered by someone cleaning the tanning room. When authorities explored the camera's memory, they found images of Morello adjusting the camera along with images of a cleaning person working in the room. Police also found links to Morello's Facebook page. They did not find any images of any other Gold's Gym patrons.

GSC acquires computer services company

Granite State Communications (GSC) is pleased to announce the completion of its acquisition of Cocci Computer Services, a computer networking and hardware solutions company based in Hooksett. Cocci Computer Services specializes in providing computer networking solutions to small and mid-sized businesses statewide. They offer a range of services including network installation and security, proactive 24/7 server and desktop monitoring, and off-site data backup and disaster recovery. Plus, they'll soon be introducing additional cloud services and mobility solutions.



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John Stark budget is down over \$700,000

SAU# 43 Superintendent Dr. Lorraine Tacconi-Moore has presented a proposed 2012 John Stark budget of \$13,440,797 which is \$737,331, or 5.2% lower than the current budget. The proposed default budget is \$817,740 lower at \$13,360, 388. The reductions result from the payoff a bond, eliminating over \$500,000 in debt service and nearly \$200,000 by reducing three teaching positions.

Other warrant articles ask voters to approve a new teacher's contract costing \$90,502 in 2012-2013 and another \$79,992 in 2013-2014, and a support staff contract funded at \$6,278 in 2012-2013 and another \$19,303 in 2013-2014. Several members of Weare's Finance Committee were in attendance. The budget now goes to them for review and comment. As it stands, a Weare

homeowner with a \$250,000 home will see his taxes drop by \$52.50 and a Henniker

homeowner with a similar home will see a \$120.00 savings on the bill.



SAU# 43 Superintendent Dr. Lorraine Tacconi-Moore outlined the proposed John Stark budget

ConVal cuts 2 staff positions

The ConVal School Board's is proposing an operating budget of \$42,281,315, a 1.4% increase over the 2011-2012 figure. School Superintendent Dick Bergeron and his staff have worked with the board to tighten the budget. In order to reduce the budget, two staff positions were eliminated, a World language instructor at the middle school level and the high school's crisis counselor. Business Manager Marian Alese said other savings will come by using funds which remain in the 2011-2012 budget to pay for projects initially included in the 2012-2013 budget, including repaving the ConVal parking lot.

Former Superintendent slams Board

Former SAU #43 Superintendent Virginia Irwin has blasted Newport School Board Chairman Dick Jacobs "and his band of thugs" in an e-mail she sent throughout the town. Irwin called for "reasonable people to take back the Newport School District and do what school board members are legally responsible to do." Her complaint was triggered by the firing of Newport football coach Larry Carle and she claims "Dick is lying," when he claimed that the board was "under the impression" that Carle had resigned both

his teaching and coaching jobs. She stressed that it is the duty of the athletic director and the school principal to recommend coaches to the board for approval, and said "It was very clear to me that Larry resigned his teaching position only." Irwin wants Newport residents to get involved and find reasonable and responsible people to run for the four school board positions that will be open this year. "We must have reasonable people who care about good education," she said. See story Page 3 and Page 12 letter.

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No one injured in Newbury barn fire

Newbury Firefighters with help from from seven other towns were able to extinguish a barn fire at Hopewell Farms on South Road on Sunday, but not able to save several chickens, piglets and fish. Fanned by strong winds and fueled by hay and other combustible material, the fire quickly rose to three alarms. Firefighters were able to keep the fire from reaching the family home, but about half of the barn was consumed in the fire, with damage estimated to exceed \$250,000 because of lost equipment and livestock. Hopewell Farms, owned by the Moran family, grows organic produce and raises goats, chickens and other livestock. It is best known for the Tilapia they raise. Theirs is the first such fish farm in the state. The state fire marshal is investigating, but the fire is not considered suspicious.

Two Peterborough homes hit by burglars

A pair of Peterborough residences were burglarized recently. According to Police Chief Scott Guinard, on January 1st, police were notified of a forced entry at a home on Snow Road. That afternoon, the daughter of a Sand Hill Road resident told police that she had gone to the house and found it had been broken into, with jewelry and electrical equipment taken. Police are collecting a full list of the items taken.

Newport renews NH Circuit Court lease

The Newport Board of Selectmen has authorized Town Manager Paul Brown to sign a two-year lease renewal with the State of New Hampshire for the Newport Circuit Court. The renewal is at a cost of \$83,671 annually, the same amount as the current lease. \$36,627 of that is allocated to pay for propane, electricity, supplies and building insurance, with another \$6,000 to \$8,000 to cover mowing, snow removal, repairs, as well as payroll and benefits for town employees performing those services.

Hancock crew saves man on Norway Pond

A 46-year-old Orange, MA man was taken to Monadnock Community Hospital Sunday after he slipped on ice on Norway Pond and hit his head. Hancock Fire Chief Nevan Cassidy reports that a Hancock rescue crew went to the town beach where they found the man conscious. He was taken off the ice, then transported to the hospital by Ambulance.

Hopkinton girl wins Legion oratorical contest

Photo and text by Rich Dahlgren.

It has been a long standing tradition in the American Legion nationwide to support the youth of America. The purpose of The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, "A Constitutional Speech Contest" is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Objectives include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

On January 8, 2012, students from Merrimack Valley High School, Penacook, and Hopkinton High School gathered at the E. Roger Montgomery American Legion Post #81 in Contoocook to participate in the District 5 Oratorical Contest. There were two parts to the contest: First, a prepared oration by the contestant on some aspect of the Constitution with emphasis on a citizen's duties and obligations to our government; Second, a spontaneous assigned topic chosen by the judges.

Maya E. Bloom, a junior at Hopkinton High School was the winner with Andrea Stinson, a senior at Merrimack Valley High School, taking second place. First place garnered a cash prize of \$150; second, \$100. Bloom will now compete in the State finals to be held at St. Anselm's Col-



(L To R) Ray Lapointe, Dept Oratorical Chairman, Bob Blais, Dept Commander, Maya Bloom, Andrea Stinson, Ernie Jones District 5 Commander.

lege in Manchester on Saturday, February 18, 2012. The State winner will go on to national competition in Indianapolis later this year.

Bloom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eliot Bloom of Hopkinton is planning on college, to major in nuclear engineering. Maya is a member of the National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, a Senior Master Sergeant in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), Commander of the CAP Color Guard, active in the Robotics Club for the past four years and also Pit Manager, a member of the track team doing shot put, discus and javelin. She has been involved in the Girl Scouts for 12 years obtaining the Gold Award (comparable to the Boy Scout's Eagle Scout award) for rebuilding the outdoor classroom at the Harold

Martin Elementary School in Hopkinton, and is the first Ambassador Girl Scout in Hopkinton. She is also a member of the "Poetry Out Loud" Club and was an instructor at the CAP Color Guard Academy this past year. She has benefited greatly from her public speaking course taught by Mrs. Susan McClellan.

Stinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stinson of Penacook is awaiting return of her college applications; she wants to major in pre-medical studies. Andrea is the secretary of the High School Student Council, a member of the National Honor Society, a Girl Scout, a cheer leader in the fall and a member of the lacrosse team in the spring. She was the recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award for 2011.

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Romney and Paul supporters greeted voter at Hopkinton Middle/High School on Tuesday.

Sunapee Police Chief & Officer honored

Sunapee Town Administrator Donna Nashawaty recently presented the Gallantry Star award to Police Chief David Cahill and Sergeant E. Neil Cobb. The Gallantry Awards were presented to Chief Cahill and Sgt. Cobb of the Sunapee Police Department for their actions in the arrest of a wanted felon. The circumstances of the arrest were the result of a motor vehicle stop on November 29, 2011 in which it was revealed that the subject was wanted by the New Hampshire Probation and Parole Department for previous felony drug charges. During the arrest, the subject resisted and fled on foot causing injury to Chief Cahill. Both Sgt. Cobb and Chief Cahill continued to chase the subject and after a brief struggle, successfully arrested the subject. A subsequent search of the subject's vehicle revealed large quantities of illegal drugs, including cocaine, heroin, marijuana, crack and psilocybin mushrooms. The actions of both officers resulted in the removal of a dangerous felon from the community.

2012 Hope on the Slopes at Pats Peak

The American Cancer Society's Second Annual Hope on the Slopes at Pats Peak event will take place in Henniker, NH on Sunday, February 12 at Pats Peak. Registration begins at 8 a.m., skiing/riding begins at 8:30 a.m. and tubing at 9 a.m. Participants gather donations from friends and family and enjoy a fun-filled day on the slopes. A \$35 registration fee (\$15 for Pats Peak Season Pass Holders) and a minimum of \$100.00 raised per participant includes a full day lift or tubing pass. Raise \$150 to compete in the Vertical Challenge and raise \$500 to be eligible to win a 2012/2013 Season Pass to Pats Peak. To register or for more information please go to <http://community.acevents.org/patspeak> or call Pamela Ritchie, American Cancer Society, Community Executive at 603-763-4432 or (800) 227-2345.

Budget Committee nixes \$20,779 increase

Greenfield's Budget Advisory Committee is opposed to the recycling center's proposed \$20,779 increase over last year's budget of \$107,911. Committee members said they could not recommend such a large increase without a plan to increase recycling revenue by taking in more recyclables or with new programs, such as a pay-per-throw system to make up the difference.

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Henniker to update Hazard Mitigation Plan

Tia Hooper, Henniker Emergency Management Director and Nancy St. Laurent of the NH Emergency Management Office, met with the selectmen to request \$5,000 of additional funding to update the Town's Emergency Operations Plan and its Hazard Mitigation Plan. Towns are required to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years and Henniker's is due in 2012. The plan must be current in order for the town to qualify for any FEMA grants. The town's Emergency

Operations Plan is good until 2013. After a long discussion the board approved an ad-

ditional \$2,500 for the Hazard Mitigation Plan, deferring the other for a year.

Odd Fellows Building Phase II

The Warner Selectmen recently discussed creating an informational warrant contingent upon grant money regarding the next phase for the Odd Fellows Building. Phase I was the environmental study on the building that was funded through a grant. Phase II would be the cost estimate for disposing of all the hazardous material in the building. The Selectman would like to hear from the voters.



Tia Hooper (r), Henniker Emergency Management Director and Nancy St. Laurent (l) of the NH Emergency Management brief the Henniker Selectmen.

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The Bradford Bog People were featured at January's Open Door Coffee House performance in Hillsborough.

Bennington may restore town Meeting

The Bennington Selectmen have approved a warrant article discarding the SB2 system and returning to a traditional Town Meeting. Conservation Commission Chair, Joe MacGregor proposed the article and the Board of Selectmen unanimously agreed to include it on the warrant. MacGregor believes the town lost much of its continuity and cohesiveness when voters gave up the Town Meeting. Bennington adopted the SB2 system in the late 1990's.

New London board upset but will pay

New London Hospital's request for nearly a 30% increase in the town's support has New London Selectmen upset but with few alternatives. The majority of the increase is to fund the ambulance service. An Ambulance Study has been underway to determine the possible options if the hospital discontinues its ambulance service. MRI Corp was contracted to complete the study by the end of the year so area towns could have the alternatives prior to Town Meeting. The board anticipates approving the hospital's request for \$121,393, knowing that any changes would take 18 months to two years to coordinate.

Community Wood Program in Warner?

The Energy Committee will be meeting with the Warner selectmen about creating a community wood program. Ideally the Energy Committee would like to see the program staged at the Transfer Station. The Selectmen's office will arrange to meet with Peter Ladd from the Energy Committee at the January 17th meeting. The Energy Committee is still looking for direction from the Selectmen. Selectman David Karrick said he would like to see the Committee implement some programs that would benefit the citizens and an overall energy plan for the future. Selectman David Hartman would like to see windmills in the Mink Hills and on Kearsarge Mountain Road to get the town off the grid, another idea is to have Market Basket solar dependent. Another idea is switching over to highly efficient LEDs in the town buildings instead of light bulbs as well as a program for households.

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Hillsborough Selectmen aim for a flat budget

As it currently stands, Hillsborough's proposed 2012 budget reflects a 3.4% increase, but the selectmen are looking for further reduction in order to present voters with a flat budget. During Tuesday's meeting with Fire Chief Ken Stafford and Emergency Management Director Scott Murdough, some savings were achieved. Stressing that they understood the plight of local taxpayers both Stafford and Murdough were willing to examine their proposals for further savings. Murdough agreed to cut his request for new equip-

ment to outfit the emergency management trailer from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and Stafford reduced his request for increased per diem pay by \$10,000. The Fire Department has also agreed to delay its request to join Capitol Area Dispatch

which will save \$22,000.

Transfer Station Manager Luke Levesque urged the board to begin planning on how to deal with a potential closing of the Concord Coop in the next few years.

Burglary at Greenfield home

Greenfield Police are investigating a January 2nd burglary on Muzzy Hill Road. The residents were not home at the time of the burglary, but reported that jewelry missing when they returned home to find someone had broken the window on their front door to gain access to the house. The value of the items taken is unknown. There have been no similar break ins in the area.



The Hillsborough Selectmen met with Fire Chief Ken Stafford and Emergency Management Director Scott Murdough to review their budget requests.



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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

In a further affront to taxpayers, the SAU #34 School Board has avoided community input by stacking the deck on the Superintendent Search. Although repeating a pledge to involve all aspects of the community in school affairs, average community members are conspicuously absent from the search committee. After naming 1 from the SAU Staff, 1 Washington Member, 3 HD Staff Members, an HD Principal and 3 SAU School Board Members, the following "Community Members" were named: Bob Stafford, husband of a former Interim Principal, Kathy Pepper, Former Teacher and Robert Woolner, Teacher. The board then suggested that the following "Community Members" be contacted by phone for their input: Ba-

bette Haley, Former School Board Chair, Grace & Ron Jager, retired teacher and members of the Dunkin-Jenkins Trust, Bob Charron, former School Board Chair, Steve & Jane Waters, former School Board Member and Headmaster.

Don't get me wrong. These are all fine upstanding citizens whose opinions I would welcome, but whose views can't help but be effected by their ties to the system.

Where are the business owners who are struggling to keep the doors open, the parents who face the huge challenge of raising their children in today's society, or the average homeowner who makes far less than the \$60,000 - \$120,000 paid to our school administrators? Are the opinions of these people irrelevant?



OPINION Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor;

I am writing to express concern about the failure of the SIG Committee / District to follow through with the Public Forums that were supposed to take place bi-monthly according to the grant application. In light of the fact that you insist on holding meetings of the committee in secret in violation of RSA 91-A these Public Forums would seem to be one of the few limited ways to involve parents in this most important work.

I trust that now that I have called it to your attention a forum will be scheduled forthwith, but the fact that I need to do so underscores the lack of consideration given to parents and their potential input into this process. I fear that if this secrecy continues the process will end up being a colossal waste of time and money.

John Segedy, Hillsborough

Dear Newporters:

Pardon this impersonal e-mail but I needed to reach many of you and this is the easiest way. And I hope, after you read this, that you will think of others who should also get this plea. ENOUGH is ENOUGH. This last effrontery by Dick Jacobs and his band of thugs of firing

Larry Carle has to be addressed in two ways. One is that many, many people need to come to the next public meeting of the board which should be the 12th of January although you cannot count on that as the website is not always up to date, and tell them they are not responsible for the day to day management of the schools and the school system; it is the duty of the Athletic Director and the Principal to RECOMMEND coaches to the board. It was very clear to me that Larry resigned his TEACHING position only. Dick is lying. Nowhere in Larry's communication to the board does he quit as coach. And two, you and your friends, and the Young Turks, need to step up and run for the school board. The time is NOW for reasonable people to take back the district and do what board members are legally responsible to do. Please refer to RSA-189; and other sections of that law to see what the duties are. Also look at ED 303.01 which are the administrative rules. Both are found on the website www.nh.gov under Rules and Laws.

The filing period is January 18 to January 27, 2012 and you file at the SAU Office, 9 Depot St. WE must have reasonable people who care about good educa-



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tion and not picking away at personal agendas, to serve on the board. I realize that it is a lot to ask. But you need to pay it forward so to speak. This is your town; many of you grew up here and took pride in saying you were a Newport Tiger. I am not apologizing for my rant; this is NOT about football. Those of you who know me know that I could care less about football. It's about having responsible people governing our district.

Thank you for reading this. Pass it on to someone you think might be able to run, as I know that many of you cannot since you work for the district and or you live out of Newport. But you know people that I don't know..... and keep the faith... PS I hope that the Blind send did not share everyone's e-mail as that was not my intent. Sorry if it did.

Biddy Irwin

New Hampshire Republican Primary Area Voting Results

Town	Romney	Gingrich	Santorum	Paul	Huntsman	Perry
Andover	128	58	35	132	97	6
Antrim	153	50	53	185	120	5
Bennington	109	18	27	85	33	20
Bradford	796	203	195	392	508	15
Deering	116	34	41	124	74	4
Francestown	169	25	53	121	98	4
Greenfield	105	28	36	111	85	6
Hancock	156	31	26	83	168	7
Henniker	242	73	82	239	243	6
Hillsborough	290	72	93	307	200	13
Hopkinton	492	138	115	289	395	4
Newbury	220	58	35	109	122	5
New London	552	114	67	153	340	4
Newport	262	109	115	251	220	12
Peterborough	484	90	87	236	345	9
Sunapee	342	86	92	182	182	4
Sutton	164	54	32	109	102	4
Warner	193	50	67	161	159	2
Washington	86	28	29	64	48	4
Weare	677	168	142	550	274	13
Wilmot	139	26	28	81	73	5
Windsor	14	6	4	18	7	1

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Thomas Jefferson said: 'I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property - until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.'

THE Messenger

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Antrim: Antrim Marketplace, T-Birds, Rick & Diane's

Bennington: Harris Convenience, Bennington Village Store

Bradford: Post Office, Lake Sunapee Bank, Appleseed, Cobble Farms

Claremont: Market Basket, Hannaford's

Contoocook: T-Bird, Colonial Village, Dimitris

Deering: Derring Town Hall

Francestown: Country Store

Goffstown: Sully's Superette

Greenfield: Delay's Store

Hancock: Fiddleheads, Country Store

Henniker: Harvester Market, Country Spirit, Edmunds, Pharmacy, Pop Schultz, Simon Center, St. Georges Cafe

Hillsborough: Sweet Expressions, Shaw's, Diner, Williams' Store, The Corner Store, Irving, Lake Sunapee Bank, Sovereign Bank, Beauford's, Najib's

Hopkinton: Cracker Barrell, Town Hall

Jaffrey: Belletete's

Newbury: Marzelli's, Mobil, Out Spoken, Lake Sunapee Bank, One Mile West

New London: Hannaford's, McKenna's, Colony Marketplace, Gallery, Pizza Chef

Newport: Shaw's, Irving, T-Bird, Country Kitchen, Lake Sunapee Bank, Sugar River Bank

Peterborough: Belletete's, Agway, Shaw's

Rindge: Market Basket, Hannaford's

Sunapee: Digbee's, Sugar River Bank, Lake Sunapee Bank, Exxon

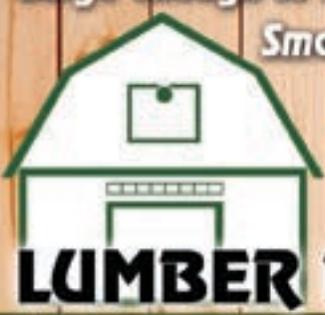
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A study published in *Pediatric Pulmonology* shows promise for the use of azithromycin (Brand names: Zithromax, Zmax) in treating *Ureaplasma*-colonized or infected premature infants to prevent bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD).

BY SARAH CHAPIN

Bronchopulmonary dysplasia is a chronic lung disorder characterized by inflammation and scarring in the lungs. It is common among premature infants, whose lungs are not fully developed at birth. This disorder can lead to chronic lung damage or death. Many infants who survive are at a greater risk for having recurrent respiratory infections, such as pneumonia or bronchiolitis.

Cholesterol-lowering drugs known as statins may help clot-busting drugs treat strokes, according to a study published in the journal *Stroke*. Within three hours after treatment, blood flow restoration in the 12 patients already on statins averaged 50 percent. In the 19 patients not taking statins, though, the average was 13 percent.

Researchers are suggesting in a report in *Cancer Biology & Therapy* that antioxidant dietary supplements, like N-acetyl cysteine (NAC) can also help prevent and treat cancers because they fight against mitochondrial oxidative stress – a culprit in driving tumor growth.

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State officials are looking at the vacant space next to Hillsborough Family Medicine as the new location of the 6th Circuit District Court currently located in Henniker.

Kearsarge school budget down about 2%

Voters at the Kearsarge Regional School District Deliberative Session were presented with a budget of \$35,546,033, which is a 1.9% reduction from the current operating budget. A motion by Charles Forsberg to reduce the budget to \$0 was easily defeated. Other articles on the warrant ask for \$427,483 for teacher raises, \$25,000 for a Special Education Trust Fund, and \$35,000 for a part-time school Resource Officer.

Monadnock Hospital cuts three positions

Changes in the way Monadnock Community Hospital delivers physical therapy services to patients has resulted in the elimination of three physical therapy assistant jobs at the hospital and its satellite offices. Three physical therapy assistants were notified that their jobs were being eliminated last week. The hospital now employs 18 full or part-time physical therapists.

Bradford Town Hall Forum January 14

The Town Hall Restoration Committee is sponsoring a Town Forum for the Future of Bradford's Town Hall, to be held at the Bradford Elementary School on Saturday, January 14th from 10 a.m. - noon. Refreshments will be available. Everyone is invited and all views are welcome. Some of the questions and concerns include: What are our choices? What is the best plan for Bradford's future? What are current Town Hall costs? How will our decision contribute to community life for years to come?

Bennington Transfer Station's new hours

The hours at Bennington's Transfer Station and Recycling Facility are changing. A five week study revealed that the facility received high use on Sundays, despite fewer hours of operation. The Transfer Station currently operates on Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m., to 5 p.m. The Wednesday hours will remain the same, but selectmen have decided to shorten the hours it will be open on Saturday and extend Sunday hours. Now, the facility will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on both days.

Laconia Savings' Steve Ellis Honored

Laconia Savings Bank has announced that Stephen Ellis, Mortgage Loan Officer for Laconia Savings Bank has been named one of the 2011 New Hampshire Five Star Mortgage Professionals. The 2011 New Hampshire Five Star Mortgage Professionals is a select group, representing less than 3% of mortgage professionals in the area. Stephen can be reached at the Laconia Savings Bank Hillsborough Office located at 325 West Main Street and at (603)528-8121 or via e-mail at EllisS@laconiasavings.com.



New London Board approves 2% raises

The New London Selectmen have approved a two percent pay raise for full-time town employees. The salary increase of \$46,185 was approved by a vote of 2-1, with Selectman Peter Bianchi opposing after his proposal for a 1.5 % raise was voted down. In discussing employee benefit packages, it was pointed out that the town saved around \$70,000 last year, changing health insurance providers and choosing a plan with a higher deductible and lower premium. The town also decreased its contribution to each employee's premium, resulting in employees paying an extra \$21,900. Although it was pointed out that the employees still have better benefits than most residents, the board felt it to share some of the savings with them.

Francestown budget up to \$1.4 million

With the goal of keeping the increase in the town's tax rate under 3%, the Francestown Selectmen are proposing a budget of \$1.4 million for 2012, an increase of \$70,510. The proposed executive budget is up \$19,360 due to increases in payroll and professional development. The "highway and streets" budget is up \$24,379 and general expense in the Highway Department is up \$16,992. The Police Department wants an increase of \$12,765 and the Fire Department has asked for an increase of \$2,935. The budget is now in the hands of the Budget Committee to review and make adjustments to the Selectmen.

Warner considers closing Bartlett Loop

Warner Selectman Hartman went with the Director of Public Works to look at the condition of the culvert at Bartlett Loop. Hartman said the culvert is in desperate shape. At this time there is a metal plate over the culvert to allow for traffic flow for passenger cars only. Chairman Clyde Carson recommends a second opinion before closing the road and to meet with the area residents. David Karrick's opinion is to close the road since there is access from the other end. Hartman recommends another discussion with the Director of Public Works before making a decision at the next Selectmen's meeting.



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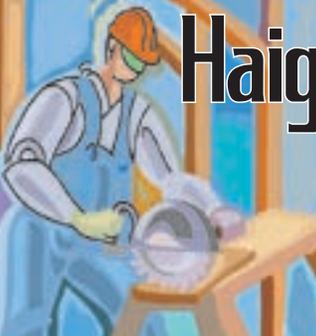
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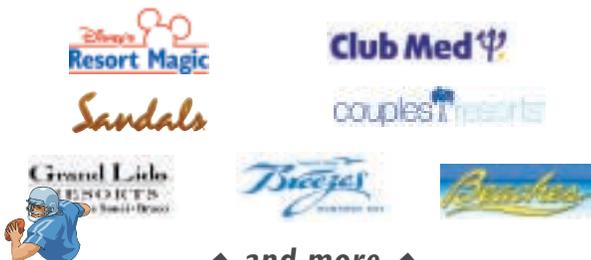
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SPORTS

Boys' Basketball

Hillsboro-Deering 54 Mascenic 44 The Cats used a balanced attack with Tyler Weinstein netting 13 points, Danny Kulbacki 12, Alex Goodwin 10, Brett Bennett 9 and Kevin Gidari 8.

Hillsboro-Deering 47 Monadnock 46 Dan Kulbacki finished with a dozen rebounds but it was his game winning free throw that provided the margin of victory. Tyler Weinstein added 15 points and Alex Goodwin 14 for the Cats.

Hopkinton 58 Bow 51 The Hawks led by 6 after one but trailed by 3 entering the fourth. Led by Frankie Beane's 18 points, 9 assists and 3 steals the fourth belonged to the boys in green. Hopkinton 58 Fall Mountain 47 The Hawks used a balanced scoring attack led by Jay White with 18 points, Steve Ager with 14 and Frankie Beane with 9.

Hanover 66 John Stark 60 Attempting to avenge an earlier 78-49 loss, the Generals led 18-10 after one and 48-44 entering the fourth, but couldn't hold off a late rally by the undefeated Marauders. Cody Drouin had 30 points and 10 rebounds with Nick Lloyd netting 12 points.

John Stark 54 Lebanon 50 The Generals prevailed in a back and forth game thanks to a final hoop by Cody Drouin who finished with 23 points.

Sunapee 49 Derryfield 38 The Lakers prevailed despite missing starters Brian Brewster and Noah Skarin. Troy Fowler tallied 15 with Kieran O'Brien adding 12.

Newport 46 Sunapee 36 The Tigers played 9 players and they all scored against a short-handed Laker team. Devin Wade led Newport with 10 points while the Lakers were led by Troy Fowler with 15 and TJ Wacholtz with 10

Newport 46 Mascenic 40 Trailing 35-25 entering the final quarter, the Tigers clawed their way back, led by freshman sensation Spencer Coronis with 13 points.

Mascoma 60 Newport 47 The Tigers got 15 points from Greg Beaulieu and 10 from Devin Wade but couldn't overcome an early deficit.

ConVal 52 Sanborn 50 The Cougars were leading until a Sanborn "3" tied the game with just over 2 minutes left, Taylor Doyle's "3" put them up for good. Harrison LeFlem led the scoring with 18 points and Doyle added 10.

Conant 60 ConVal 38 Down 5-2 early the Cougars uses a 9-0 run to take a 11-5 lead, but the Orioles went on a 14-7 run to lead at the break. Taylor Doyle led the scoring with 11 points and Jake Broom added 10.

Stevens 66 Kearsarge 43 Down 35-19 at the break, the hole was too big for the Cougars to get out of. Jake Broom led the Cougars with 17 points.

Kingswood 53 Kearsarge 35 Trailing by only 8 at the break, the Cougars couldn't stop the undefeated Knights in the second half. Jake Broom netted 25 for Kearsarge.