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Newport Chamber

Todd Hjelt, the new Executive Director of the Newport Opera House welcomed the approximately 130 guests to the Newport Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner on Thursday evening. The Newport newcomer had high praise for the friendly, small town spirit he has experienced since assuming the post. **Story and photo on page 3.**



POWs-MIAs Honored

Bugler Kevin Murnane, a member of Richard A. Mitchel Post American Legion #51 plays Taps in memory of our POWs and MIAs at the recent Mid-Winter Conference of the Department of New Hampshire, The American Legion, held in Laconia, on January 28th. **Story and photo on page 11.**



Once again the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School celebrated "100" using ordinary materials, or in some cases their own bodies to count to 100. Several parents helped the staff with the students doing everything from making paper chains of 100 to stacking 100 saltines to touching their toes 100 times.

Application filed 10-Turbine Antrim wind farm

The NH Site Evaluation Committee has acknowledged receipt of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC's application for a 10-turbine wind farm on Tuttle Hill in Antrim. A series of public hearings will be held and the earliest the application could be approved would be in eight to nine months.

Antrim Wind Energy is proposing to build a large-scale wind farm on 1,850 acres of private land in the town's rural conservation zone. During the project's 50 year life span the land will be leased from five different landowners, and only three percent

or 57 acres of that land would be used for the project. The total turbine height from foundation to blade tip of the proposed three-blade turbines would be 492 feet. The turbines would be linked by a private, gated gravel access road.

In its application Antrim Wind Energy notes town support through a November election that struck down both a proposed ordinance that would have prohibitively regulated largescale wind energy projects and another that would have excluded such projects from the rural conservation district.

2% raises for Hillsboro's non-union staff

Tuesday's Hillsborough Selectmen's meeting was well attended by the town's non-union employees as the board was scheduled to discuss possible wage and benefit changes in light of the recently approved union contract for police and municipal employees. After a lengthy

discussion the board unanimously approved a 2% across the board raise for non-union employees and grandfathered the insurance buy-out at \$3,750 for current employees and limited it to \$1,500 for newly hired workers. The raises will total approximately \$11,000.

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Hopewell Farms & StoneFalls Gardens honored

The annual NH Farm & Forest Exposition awards reception recognized a dozen individuals and businesses for outstanding contributions to their industry, including these area NH Farms of Distinction winners:

Hopewell Farms, Marc and Meredith Moran of Newbury. Hopewell Farms was originally built in the 18th century and has been farmed in various capacities ever since. It was a poultry farm in the early 1900's and a horse farm at the end of the century. Today, Hopewell Farms is situated on 50 acres where the Morans focus on producing a wide variety of heritage meats and produce. They also raise and sell tilapia fish, maple syrup and specialty items such as artisanal vinegars. The Morans are committed to reducing energy use and have incorporated solar panels and a wind turbine on the property. On January 8th of this year, the barn was lost in a devastating fire. The Morans credit the community fire department with saving their home and are already working on plans to rebuild.

StoneFalls Gardens, Dennis and Susan Lanphear of Henniker; StoneFalls Gardens

is a plant nursery encompassing 10 acres and four greenhouses. When the Lanphears bought the property 11 years ago it was densely wooded. They selectively cleared the land to create the nursery, purposely leaving many mature trees to shade the

nursery crops. The Lanphears grow a variety of perennials, trees, shrubs and annuals. The grounds feature many display gardens to showcase the plants and provide design ideas to shoppers, thus creating a real destination for garden enthusiasts.



The Newport Area Chamber of Commerce honored Cole Boone (l) and Brianna DeFilippis (r) with 2011 Student Achievement Awards.

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Steve Smith is Newport's Distinguished Citizen

About 130 guests packed the Newport Opera House last Thursday for the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner Meeting. Between the social hour and a fantastic meal, catered by Country Kitchen, outgoing President Laura Jacobi conducted a short business meeting and election of officers including incoming President Donna Mahair and the new board. Opera House Executive Director Todd Hjelt welcomed the assembled, telling them how welcomed he felt in his new position and new town.

Student achievement Awards were presented to Brianna DeFilippis and Cole Boone for their exemplary dedication to community service. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2011 Distinguished Citizen Award to Steve Smith by Chamber Executive Director

Ella Casey and 2010 recipient P.J. Lovely, preceded by a slide show of the various

community events, planned, hosted or participated in by Smith.



Newport Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ella Casey (l) and 2010 recipient P.J. Lovely (c) present Steve Smith (r) with a gift, signifying his selection as Newport's 2011 Distinguished Citizen.

Bradford accepts demolition bid for Main St. property

The Town of Bradford received four bids for the demolition of the burned out property on East Main Street: N.H. Demolition - \$18,800; Hopkinton Forestry & Land Clearing - \$22,900; Naughton - \$15,800; and Merzi Excavation-\$18,500.

The board voted unanimously to accept the bid of N.H. Demolition for \$18,800. It was not reported when work would commence.

Voters approve proposed H-D school budget

With no amendments, few questions and fewer comments, it took Hillsboro-Deering School District voters only about an hour to place the 2012 Warrant untouched on the March ballot. The proposed budget at \$19,697,182 is actually \$530,629 less than the default budget and \$76,507 less than

the current budget. Also untouched was the SAU #34 budget of \$1,012,092, of which the Hillsboro and Deering portion amounts to \$822,127. Several voters complimented the School Board on proposing a reduced budget in these tough economic times. Ballot voting will be on March 13th.



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Mercy Hathaway White Chapter, NSODAR recently held a program celebrating the centennial year for their chapter. 100 years on the 17th meeting postponed until 18th. Mary Isabel Greeley founding Regent with 16 charter members organized in Bradford, NH held their first meeting. Guests included: State Vice Regent, Phyllis Gagnon, Molly Stark Chapter who brought greetings and read a letter from State Regent, Laura Kessler.

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Warner still considering new Fire Station

Warner Town Administrator Laura Buono received an email asking what further the town needed in order to move the Fire Station project forward. Bouno said the terrain altering permit is good for 5 years and cost about \$4,000. Selectman David Hartman said since both Warner and Hopkinton are looking to build a new station, combining efforts is still something worth looking into as the Hopkinton Selectmen showed strong interest in this idea. Hartman said the Town should move forward with the Alteration of Terrain Permit to prove the building as designed would fit, and Buono explained that before the Town can pursue the purchase of the state land a warrant article needs to be approved.

Weare man arrested in Dunbarton

Michael Hess, 62, of Boyce Road in Weare was arrested on Sunday and charged with stealing copper piping from Capital Well in Dunbarton. Police say they watched him disappear into the woods on Concord Stage Road in Dunbarton, near Capital Well and Old Hopkinton Road, and came out of the woods carrying a large duffel bag, in which the Dunbarton Police found four large spools of copper wire and several pieces of wire piping. Hess has been charged with theft by unauthorized taking, receiving stolen property and criminal trespassing.

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Henniker Rescue has Autopulse CPR equipment

On Tuesday, the Henniker Rescue Squad took possession of its new Zoll AutoPulse Resuscitation Systems. The AutoPulse system is credited with reviving patients who would have never survived before. It replaces a person in giving CPR, and unlike a person, doesn't tire after repeated procedures. Local donors contributed \$8,000 to match an amount available from the Concord Hospital Trust, which also provided the Hillsboro Rescue Squad with a similar device. Because of its past affiliation with Henniker, the Zoll Company donated a second unit to the squad so that both its ambulances would be equipped. The Squad would like to extend sincere gratitude for the very generous donations from the following: Ayer & Goss, The Bland Corporation, Fred & Carol Brunnholz, Joe Clement, The Concord Hospital Trust, David Currier, Davis & Towle Insurance, Scott Dias, Edmunds's Department Store, Henniker Chamber of Commerce, Henniker

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(L-R) Veryl "Woody" French, Henniker Rescue; David Currier, Donor; Kris Charsin, Director of Cardiac Care at Concord Hospital; Heather French, Rescue Auxiliary President; Tom French, Rescue Chief.

Hillsborough group seeks improved Senior Services

Article 14 on Hillsborough's Warrant asks for \$250 from the "Senior Outings" account to recognize and support the newly formed Hillsborough Senior Services Committee in its efforts to research and develop programs for seniors. The group has several volunteers and Valley Bible Chapel has offered its facility for a meeting place.

John Stark budget reduced by \$737,331

A small group of about 60 voters received the good news at the John Stark School district's deliberative session Wednesday evening. The proposed operating budget of \$13,440,797 reflects a reduction of \$737,331 over the current budget.

Also proposed is a new two-year teacher's contract which calls for a \$90,502 increase in 2012-13 and \$79,972 in 2013-14. School Board member Mark Zuckerman urged approval, saying the contract gives

teachers raises of approximately 1.5 to 1.75 percent during each of the next two years. In addition, a proposed new support staff contract includes raises totaling \$6,278 in 2012-13, and \$19,303 in 2013-14. Both contracts were passed along to the ballot without changes. Voters will also be asked to approve \$60,000 for the district's buildings and grounds expendable trust and \$40,000 from the surplus to the special education trust.

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The Henniker and Hillsborough Food Pantries are participating in the Feinstein Challenge \$1 Million Giveaway To Fight Hunger. The more donations made to the Henniker Food Pantry - from March 1st to April 30th - the more of the Feinstein Challenge money we will get. These donations can include cash, checks and food items (valued at \$1.00 per item or pound). Each participating organization will get a percentage of the \$1,000,000 in proportion to what is collected - up to \$35,000. So please help the Henniker and Hillsborough Food Pantries collect as much of this \$1,000,000 as possible.

Francestown budget increases slightly

Francestown's proposed town budget reflects only a slight increase. The Executive line is up \$23,260 due to payroll increases for a newly-hired administrative assistant and a proposed new part-time administrative position. Highway Department requests are up \$17,296 because of the cost of gasoline and diesel. The Police Department budget is up \$10,105 over last year's \$136,420 because of heating fuel and gasoline, professional development and dispatch services. The Election Registration line item increases \$3,035 due to an increase in the number of elections this year. Parks and Recreation is asking for \$2,395 more because of an increase in the pay for lifeguards. Budget reduction could occur in the welfare department which could see a \$10,000 decrease in welfare eligibility payments and the personnel administration costs could decrease by \$7,329 due to savings in medical insurance and Workmen's Compensation.

Bradford Hwy truck has blown engine

Matt Waite, Bradford's Director of Public Works reported that the motor on the 2006 Ford F550 is blown; the damage is inside the motor where fragments were pulled into the motor. The cost to replace the motor is \$14,700 and the warranty has expired. Waite said this truck has had multiple issues over the last 2 years. Chairman Clyde Carson asked what the impact would be to go without the truck, but Waite said the truck is a spare, it does have a snow plow route but at this time it has been combined with another truck. The truck is mainly used for lighter duty maintenance, for delivering fuel and to haul the chipper. Waite will gather more information about the cost for a new truck.

Weare voters trim town budget slightly

A relatively small crowd of Weare voters attended the town's deliberative session on Saturday morning. Residents approved Chair Thomas Clow's motion to cut \$20,000 from the budget the selectmen originally proposed, and inserted language urging the board to move some health insurance costs to employees. The budget, at \$4,747,860, is \$82,000 more than the default budget, and has the support of the town finance committee. A warrant article contract with the new union representing the public works department employees was amended to tell voters that the potential increase of \$18,863 from this year's budget to next might not all be spent.

The increase is 4%, but the raises will be distributed based on employees' annual reviews, and the average employee will receive a raise of between 2 and 2.5%. Non-unionized town and library employees, who haven't received raises in five years, were also considered.

The most controversial article was the last one on the warrant. It was submitted by petition, and called for adoption of a policy barring volunteers from serving on more than three boards or

commissions at the same time. Deborah Brown, one of the petitioners said she feels that town is run by too few people.

Several amendments were considered but non prevailed and the article will appear on the ballot.



Weare's deliberative session drew only a sparse number of voters on Saturday.

Deering ambulance back on the warrant

Nearly 40 Deering residents attended the annual Budget Hearing. The Parks and Recreations and Public Safety Departments were the subjects of spirited debate. The issue of the contract with Hillsboro for youth recreation drew the most comments. In the end, the Selectmen held their ground by not allocating any money past the March 31 contract. Two warrant articles dealing with

this issue are being placed on the warrant by Petition. The Deering ambulance was also a topic of conversation with Chief Anderson stating his case for a new ambulance and a Distribution Valve. During the Selectmen's meeting after the hearing, Selectmen JP Marzullo made a motion with John Green seconding to have the town buy a new ambulance to be amortized over 3-4 years.

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Warner considers starting a Wood Bank

Peter Ladd told the Warner Selectmen that there are several towns that have a wood bank program, Newbury, Hopkinton, Hillsborough and Antrim to name a few. He said the program will need at least a one year lead in order to provide dry firewood. Ladd believes an ideal spot to stage the operation would be at the Transfer Station. Matt is concerned about liability issues; is it safe to have residents cut wood on Town property. Administrator Laura Buono has the same concern and recommends checking with the insurance company.

Chairman Clyde Carson recommended contacting the Town of Hopkinton which seems to have a successful program. David Hartman agreed that the insurers of the Town need to be contacted and asked how the Town would go about setting the wood bank program up. Varick Proper, Transfer Station foreman, said the area that is used for composting would be a good staging area for the wood. The main intent is to make the program a complete volunteer effort using the Transfer Station as the secured area. Buono will gather information on the liability concerns and Peter will arrange a meeting with the Town of Hopkinton.

Greenfield proposed budget is up \$67,000

Greenfield voters are being asked to support a proposed town budget which will increase by about \$67,000 over last year's budget of \$1.54 million. Also on the Warrant is a \$125,000 warrant article for road reconstruction on Slip Road, Old Bennington Road and Mountain Road and a \$13,025 article to purchase generators. The same article was approved last year, but the generators were not purchased. One would be located at the Town Hall, and another would be moved among other town buildings as needed. The Select Board is seeking a grant to offset 50% of the cost. In addition, the Police Department wants another new police cruiser. One was purchased last year, and this year's request is for a second car to replace a cruiser that has over 140,000 miles on it and according to Police Chief Brian Giammarino, "won't last the year." The Fire Department is asking for a capital reserve of \$25,080, and the Highway Department wants \$25,000 to buy a new pick-up truck.

Hopkinton town budget OK - school budget hit

The Hopkinton Budget Committee hosted about 35 residents at a hearing on both the town and school budgets. Few complaints were heard about the town budget of \$5,574,223 which reflects an increase of only \$52,000 over current levels. The same could not be said about the school budget which increases \$479,000 to come in at just over \$7 million. If the budget new teachers contract are approved the school tax rate increases 85 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Several called the increase "unreason-

able," criticizing the School Board for reversing an earlier decision to reduce eight teachers from full time to part time because of declining enrollment, after receiving complaints from 15 people at a December hearing. The proposed budget retains

the \$120,000 for those positions, to the chagrin of Arnold Coda who said declining enrollments should mean smaller budgets.

The proposed two-year teachers agreement allows teachers to make up for two step increases not given in the previously.

New Antrim wind ordinance

The Antrim Planning Board held a third public hearing on its new wind ordinance Monday night. Vice Chair, Jesse Lazar, announced that there would be no changes made to the ordinance before voting on March 13th. This version of the ordinance, permits only 450 feet of turbine height from the tower base to the highest tip of the blade, a 50-foot reduction from the first ordinance, defeated at a Special town Meeting. It also provides that sound levels cannot exceed five decibels above normal.



Hopkinton Budget Committee Chair, Janet Kryzaniak opened the public hearing on the town and school budgets Wednesday night.





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It's Community Fun Day in Warner

Got the Winter Blues? Nothing Planned for Vacation Week? Winters in NH are always unpredictable, but one thing seems for sure, eventually everyone is ready to get out of the house and have some fun. Join us in the town of Warner for a day of family fun on Saturday, February 25, 10 am to 4 pm.

There will be wagon rides on Main Street, cross country skiing on Bartlett Loop and guided snowshoeing at the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum for outdoor enthusiasts. Don't worry; we'll have hikes if there isn't enough snow for skis or snowshoes. There are plenty of indoor activities as well: story time and a skit by the Book Nook Theatre at the Library, games at the United Church of Warner, reduced admission at the New Hampshire Telephone Museum, Coffee Tasting at Runner Stone Market, Fairy and Leprechaun Houses by the Kearsarge Conservatory for Performing Arts at The Maples of Warner Bed and Breakfast, Native American snowshoe hands-on display at the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum and a Wellness Open House at the Brookside building where you can get a free five-minute massage from Therapeutique and winter skin care demonstrations by Carolyn Beverly. When you get hungry stop by the United Church of Warner for a hot lunch, afternoon tea at The Maples of Warner Bed and Breakfast and refreshments at the library. Check kearsargechamber.org, the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce website, for a complete listing of activities, times and places.

Weare teachers hope 3rd time is a charm

The Weare School Board amended its own budget during the district's deliberative session Tuesday. In March, residents will vote on a budget that's \$67,000 more than the district's default budget, after approving Chairman Matthew Thomas's amendment reducing the budget by \$50,000.

The most discussion revolved around the proposed teacher's contract. Teachers at Weare schools have not had a raise since 2009, as voters have twice rejected new contracts and last year the board and union could not reach an agreement. Former teacher Bethany Chapman spoke in favor of the contracts, acknowledging that Weare teachers are paid less than other districts and this contract does make up the difference.

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American Legion remembers POWs/MIAs

Photos and text by Rich Dahlgren.

Members of the Legion and Auxiliary Units, of Richard A. Mitchell Post 51, Epping, NH, presented an awe-inspiring POW/MIA Remembrance Service at the recent Mid-Winter Conference of the Department of New Hampshire, The American Legion, held in Laconia, NH, January 28, 2012.

A circular table was set with places for five and each item on the table was described in detail by narrator Paul Franks. Each participant placed or pointed out a particular item as Franks described it.

This "service is used at American Legion meetings, banquets, luncheons, or memorial gatherings in conjunction with the POW/MIA flag draped over an empty chair. The POW/MIA Empty Chair is placed at all official meetings of The American Legion, as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America."

This particular demonstration by Post 51

was modified appropriately for this event; under normal circumstances, the table would be a smaller one with one or two place settings.

Those participating were: Joyce Murnane, Jo-Ann Cooley, Bridget Ivey, Donald Reynolds, Eric Gregg, Paul Franks and bugler Kevin Murnane.



(Clockwise - Joyce Murnane, Jo-Ann Cooley, Bridget Ivey, Donald Reynolds and Eric Gregg.)



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GUEST EDITORIAL By Grant Bosse

Reflections on Reaganism

February 6th would have been Ronald Reagan's 101st birthday. When I first wrote about Reagan's legacy in 1997, conventional wisdom held that the Gipper was an affable and charming leader; the Great Communicator, who used his skills as an actor to guide America through the upbeat 80's. I argued at the time that Reagan's legacy had more to do with his substance than his style; more to do with his ideas and conviction than with his warmth and humor. Now, more than twenty years removed from Reagan's time in office, history has taken note of his greatness. I'm gratified that Ronald Wilson Reagan's place in history has grown over the years, because I'm a bit biased. I've been a Reagan fan since I was seven. I got the afternoon off from school to go see the former Governor of California at a campaign stop in downtown Hillsboro. Growing up around the First in the Nation Primary has its perks. I remember shaking the hand of the man who would be one of America's greatest Presidents. In fact, the campaign poster he signed for me that day has followed me from job to job over the past fifteen years, slightly faded over the years, but still inspiring. My admiration for the man grew as I grew to understand the ideas Reagan promoted. He spoke of freedom not as a

cliché, but as a basic right of all people and a guiding principle for government. He stood up to an Evil Empire, and challenged it to tear down the wall that trapped millions in tyranny. He renewed America's faith in itself, and was never ashamed about the economic, political, and military strength that we possess. He always saw America as a shining city on a hill. And he relied on this strength to win the Cold War, as he knew that the Soviet Union could not hope to match our combination of freedom, democracy, and capitalism. As we mark Reagan's birthday, remember the anecdotes; asking the doctors removing an assassin's bullet if they were all Republicans, and later telling Nancy that he forgot to duck; promising Walter Mondale not to use his opponent's youth and inexperience against him; and reminding Nashua Telegraph Editor Jon Breen that "I paid for this microphone." Remember Reagan's charm. Remember Reagan's humor. But please, remember the core values that Ronald Reagan promoted, and the strength of character he showed by sticking to them. Happy Birthday, Mr. President.

Grant Bosse is Lead Investigator for the Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy, a free-market think tank based in Concord. He won the New Hampshire Young Republicans "Gipper" Award in 2002.



OPINION Letters to the Editor

To the Editor;

Dear Friends and Members of the Community, Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all those who participated in the Walk For Taj on January 29th. We want each of you, and all the local businesses who sponsored the gathering, to know that it was a real inspiration to all of us to feel your support. We believe you are helping Taj and the family to heal. Special thanks to Sonya and Jen for creating this special event. We are blessed to be part of this community. All gratitude,

***Kristen, Steve, Taj, and
the whole Family***

Dear Editor;

The Incasts and RBA would like to thank everyone who made our "Super-

Bowl Subs and More" fundraiser such a big success. A big thank you goes out to Kiki Mauridis and staff at Hillsboro House of Pizza for the sixth year in a row, they helped us make their delicious subs right there. We thank them for their continued generosity to the community. Many thanks goes to Shaw's Supermarket for supplying the containers for the bean dip and chili, Guy Pelletier at Pats Peak for the awesome chili, and Lisa Moore for the delicious bean dip. The Messenger and the Villager for running our article and order forms, giving us great publicity for our fundraiser, thank you!! The drivers that helped us this year, Fran Charron, Sue Fournier, Yvonne Bachand, and Don Veitch. And finally, thanks to all who bought subs, bean dip, and chili. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

HDHS Senior is NH Scholar/Athlete

The NH Athletic Directors Association has chosen HDHS senior Wendy Eaton of Washington as its 2011 Female Scholar Athlete over 800 applicants. Wendy will attend Emerson College in Boston in the fall. Here is her winning essay.

I have never been a confident person. My childhood as well as my middle school years was riddled with the pain of an overweight and under confident girl who was never seen as an athlete but rather an academic. Unfortunately I was an avid athlete who played softball, soccer, basketball, and skied. I loved sports, the confidence of a solid kick or the feeling you get when your bat makes contact with the spinning yellow orb racing towards you, it was an outlet, but I was never recognized for it, and I didn't know how to incorporate the confidence I felt on the field into my everyday life. When I got to high school, however, that changed. I remember my first two-a-day soccer session. Sweat dripped down my face as the sun pounded upon me and yet, every sprint felt wonderful because it was tainted with the camaraderie of a team. Seniors, juniors, and sophomores alike complimented me on the change from overweight kid to slender adolescent and the support of those teammates made me feel proud and confident in a way that I had never felt before. It was high school athletics that enabled me to come out of my shell, to show the world that I was an athlete and an academic and a leader, and that I wasn't afraid to show that. I felt confident enough to show the world that I could juggle all of the facets within my schedule and still be able to create a successful life. As I continued to play high school sports my confidence soared and I was proud to announce that I played sports, was second in my class, as well as president of the National Honor Society, but as the years passed the thing that I enjoyed most vehemently about playing was the team atmosphere. The complex friendship that arises when placed on a field together is a special relationship that I will carry with me throughout my entire life. Every tough moment in practice or in a game seemed worth it when surrounded by the smiling and exuberant faces of my teammates. Every day was an adventure when surrounded by a team and whether it was locker room laughter



Wendy Eaton

or positive reinforcement, it was always extraordinary. The camaraderie within a team is what has had a lasting impact on my life. Being on multiple teams has allowed me to see the world from the viewpoint of my teammates, and to cherish my position on the team because it allowed me to share time with them. I leave high school in full pursuit of my dreams as well as the ability to achieve them because of my time on the athletic field during high school. I was taught sportsmanship, dedication, drive, and most importantly, the power of friendship. High school athletics enabled me to be more than a shy, under confident girl; it enabled me to become a strong, out-going individual who is certain that within all her endeavors she will succeed because she knows the value of teamwork. I will leave those fields behind but I will never leave behind the memories or the lessons that I have learned as an athlete. High school athletics helped me on my way to becoming the confident and driven person that I am, and that is something that I will never forget.

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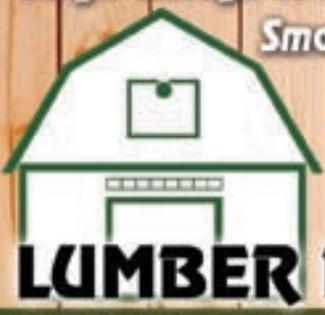
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Opioids—a class of medicines commonly given for pain—were associated with a higher risk of pneumonia in a study of 3,061 adults, aged 65 to 94, published in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*.

BY SARAH CHAPIN

Treatment with the calcium-sensitizing drug levosimendan (Simdax) may be effective in improving muscle function in patients with respiratory muscle weakness, which often accompanies chronic diseases such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and congestive heart failure, according to a report in the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*.

Azithromycin, a common antibiotic sold as Zithromax, among other names, can help reduce the severe wheezing and other acute symptoms of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, according to a study that appears in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD, is the third leading cause of death in the United States, having surpassed strokes in 2008. Heart disease and cancer are the top killers. COPD affects more than 12 million people in the United States. Worldwide, it is the fourth leading cause of death.

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Jay Hewitt, a nationally known Ironman Triathlete living with Type-1 Diabetes, will present "Living Well With Diabetes: Racing to the Finish Line" on Saturday, February 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Cheshire Medical Center/ Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene (CMC/DHK) in the North Conference Rooms.

ConVal dominates Ocean Bowl again!

The ConVal Ocean Bowl team continued its domination of Nor'Easter Bowl competition by placing first in the academic contest for the eighth year in a row. This year a ConVal team also took second place, just as they did in 2009 when they went on to become the national champions. Over one hundred high school students from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont were tested on a wide range of topics in ocean related biology, chemistry, geology, geography, technology and social sciences. Both ConVal teams managed to remain undefeated until the finals. In the finals, ConVal B took an early lead until ConVal A took over and won, 70-44. The Con Val A team, coached by Ken Cloutier, included: Ian MacKay, Gwyneth Welch, Jacob MacKay, Arianna Zrzavy, and Megan Jones. ConVal B, coached by Pati Cloutier, includes: Owen Hale, Ally Umstadt, Andrew James Fox, Jimmy Gombas and Jessica Notemyer. ConVal A's victory earns them a trip to the National Ocean Sciences Bowl finals held in Baltimore, MD in April.

Bradford committed to Town Hall restoration

Chair Eileen Kelly, met with the Bradford selectmen and stated that "The mission of the Town Hall Restoration Committee is to restore the Town Hall to a functional building for municipal services and community use. The best investment for the town is to modernize the building to provide for the town's present needs, as cost effectively as possible, so that it can continue to serve Bradford for many years to come, consistent with its historical character."

Last week the committee met with Fire chief, Mark Goldberg for about two hours and the group listened and learned a lot from him, resulting in not going forward for a Bond at this time. It also met with Architect, Richard Monahon, Jr. who has done the Newbury Meeting House, and Hillsborough's Fuller Library projects. Monahon proposed to provide schematic design for a full foundation and design for full code compliance for occupancy of the upper two levels of the building. All work to be in compliance with the Standards for Historic Preservation. Monahon quoted fees for the work not to exceed \$13,000.00. The board then voted unanimously to post a warrant article for \$13,000.00 to obtain architectural services and to support the renovation of its Town Hall.



Kayliegh Clancy and Teah Johnson sang a song by Adele at the HDMS Talent Show.

Crotched Mt. gets High Speed Quad Lift

Peak Resorts announces the acquisition of the high speed detachable quad chairlift formally of Ascutney Mountain, VT. The installation of the lift, along with a terrain expansion is planned at Crotched Mountain, for the 2012-2013 season. This 3 million dollar capital investment will happen on the 10 year anniversary of the re-construction of the resort. While replacing the current Summit fixed grip lift, the only high speed quad lift in Southern NH will provide an uphill capacity of 2400 persons per hour, and access to an additional 25 acres of terrain in less than 4 minutes of time on the lift. The additional terrain access is accomplished by the extension of the current summit lift profile to the top of the mountain, approaching 1000 feet of vertical drop. The additional 25 acres of terrain will encompass three extra slopes and two glade areas. The new terrain will have 100 percent fan snowmaking coverage as well as being lit for night skiing. Lift construction and trail development are scheduled to take place starting the spring of 2012 pending approval of permitting with NH State and local township regulations.

Committee divided on Veteran Memorial plans

The Newbury selectmen met recently with members of Town Center Building Committee and Peter Tennant, of Tennant/Wallace Architects be updated on the committee's progress and prepare a presentation on the Veteran's Memorial for inclusion in the Town Report. Committee Chair, Bruce Healy reported that originally the plans for the Veteran's Memorial were designed as 70 by 90 feet, but they have been revised to 50 by 125 feet, in the same location in the three versions presented, and each version provides a minimum 100-foot expansion for the Newbury Library, and separate buildings for the Police and Fire Department. The committee is not recommending any particular plan as members are divided in their preference and townspeople also divided equally when the committee hosted a public meeting last November.

Injured hiker rescued in Peterborough

Peterborough Fire and Rescue crews carried an injured hiker out of Miller State Park last Saturday to a medical helicopter, which airlifted him to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

Peterborough Fire Chief Joseph Lenox reports that the 39-year-old slipped while hiking and hit his head.

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SPORTS.



Hillsboro-Deering and Fall Mountain competed in a tough wrestling, I mean basketball game last week.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Fall Mountain 49 Hillsboro-Deering 33 The game was close until the Cats surrendered an 8-2 fourth quarter spurt with four minutes left. Katie Kingsbury led H-D with 12 points.

Bow 56 Hillsboro-Deering 25 Ten Falcons got into the scoring column as this game got away from the Hillcats early.

Hopkinton 45 Mascenic 33 Abby Lui's 14 points led the Hawks to an easy win over the 0-16 Vikings.

Hopkinton 47 Stevens 36 The Hawks overcame cold shooting in the second half, led by Sabrey Montore with 18 points and Brittany Marshall with 13.

Kearsarge 43 Pembroke 37 It was close all the way with the Cougars leading 20-16 at the half. Molly Giles had 9 points and 6 rebounds to lead the way.

Kearsarge 55 John Stark 29 Balanced scoring by the Cougars overcame a great effort by Stark's Jillian Gillman who scored 14 points and grabbed 15 boards. Morgan Church and Katie Levesque each had 10 points, while Brittany Page added 9 with Anna Cahill and Katlyn Wyatt netting 8 each for Kearsarge.

John Stark 45 ConVal 33 Jillian Gillman's double double (21 points, 12 rebounds) led the Generals who took a 29-19 lead at the half and maintained control.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Hillsboro-Deering 59 Bow 39 The Cats took a 24-8 first quarter lead and never looked back. Brett Bennett had 21 points, and Kevin Gidari just missed a double double with 14 points and 9 boards.

Fall Mountain 45 Hillsboro-Deering 38 The Hillcats kept it close despite cold shooting. Tyler Weinstein led the Cats with 14 points.