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New Superintendent

The SAU #34 School Board has selected Robert Hassett of Melrose, MA as the new Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1st. The final details of



his contract are expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks. Recently retired after 38 years of service in

Massachusetts, Hassett is completing his final year as Superintendent of the Lynnfield Public Schools. H-D's is the only position he applied for.

Selectman 'Retires'

New London Selectman Chair Mark Kaplan has announced that he will not seek re-election. He noted that he has enjoyed his years on the Board but feels that now is the time to "retire." Both Selectmen Tina Helm and Peter Bianchi expressed their appreciation for Kaplan's work with the Board and his



service to the town. Bianchi noted that because of the change to a May Town Meeting, Chair Kaplan will be serving more time on the Board prior to the elections (to May instead of to March) and he suggested that some thought be given to amending the salary to cover this extended period of time. The Board took the issue under advisement.



The Henniker Rescue Squad recently received it's new ambulance. The town has been designated as a "Heart Safe Community" See story on page 23.

New London Dams *Pleasant Lake & Elkins Reviewed*

Engineer Jay Boeri met with the New London Selectmen to present the results of his study of the potential Elkins dam hydro project funded by an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. The purpose of the grant was to study the hydroelectric potential of the Elkins dam at Scytheville Park and the Pleasant Lake dam. Boeri concluded that the most promising plan would be to develop a small hydro plant at Scytheville Park, refurbishing the dam and intake and building a small powerhouse in the old tailrace. However, after completing his study Boeri recommended

that, from an investment standpoint, a hydroelectric plant at Scytheville is "a concept for another time." In studying several options, the best option produces a negative cash flow of \$145,000 over 25 years and the worst option \$260,000 over the same period. The board agreed and thanked Boeri for his efforts.

At the same meeting, the engineers at Wright-Pierce presented the board with an estimate of \$32,000-\$59,000 to complete a feasibility study for repair to the Pleasant Lake dam. The board decided to delay a response until they could meet jointly with the engineers and state officials.

Former Henniker officer is New Boston's new Chief

The New Boston Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce the appointment of James Brace to the position of Chief of Police in New Boston. Brace comes from the Town

of Amherst, NH Police Department where he serves as the Operations Lieutenant of that department. He previously served on the Henniker and Hookset Police Departments.

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The Antrim Grange sponsored its 2nd Annual Candidates' Forum Wednesday night. Participating (L-R) were the following candidates: Arthur Merrill-Moderator; Kara Penney-Supervisor; Mellissa Lombard-Water & Sewer Commission; Sarah Van derWende-Planning Board; Steve MacDonald-Planning Board and Mike Genest-Selectman. Also participating were Diane Chauncey-Supervisor and Ben Pratt-Treasurer

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Blood drive honors HDHS' Marc Payeur

The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive in honor of veteran business teacher Marc Payeur on Friday, March 18. The drive will be held at Hillsboro-Deering High School from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. By hosting a blood drive in honor of Payeur, the students of H-DHS hope to provide a positive way that members of the community can respond and help to provide adequate blood supplies for all hospital patients. Payeur was diagnosed with Hairy Cell Leukemia and Multiple Myeloma in the summer of 2011 and has recently returned to his position as busi-

ness teacher and DECA advisor. He sees the blood drive as an opportunity to help raise awareness. Payeur's diagnosis was discovered last summer after a knee injury and after having received a complete blood count. He would like to encourage all members of the community to request a CBC with each annual physical and hopes that this blood drive will help students see how important it is to donate blood whenever possible. To schedule an appointment for this blood drive or any other American Red Cross blood drive, call 1-800-RED CROSS 733-2767.

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Defective headlight leads to hash arrest

On March 3rd, Hillsborough Police Officer Parsons stopped Jordan Bezio, 18, of Hillsborough for a defective headlight. During the course of the stop the driver showed several indications that there may be drugs in the vehicle. Parsons asked Officer Hodgson to have K9 Fanto check the vehicle from the outside. When K9 Fanto indicated the presence of narcotic odor coming from the inside the vehicle, the vehicle's owner was contacted by phone and consented to a search. While executing the search Officer Parsons located some alcohol in the vehicle and the driver was arrested for Transporting Alcohol by a Minor. After handcuffing and searching Bezio, Parsons found 32 grams of Hash and 4 grams of Marijuana that was stuffed down in

front of his pants. Because Bezio was already out on bail for alcohol and drug offenses stemming from a Hillsboro PD arrest, he was

also charged with Breach of Bail in addition to Possession of a controlled / narcotic drug and bail was set at 500 dollars cash.

Bradford Town Meeting

Brackett Scheffy, Town Moderator came before the Bradford Selectmen to see if there is anything he should be made aware of prior to Town Meeting. Scheffy emphasized the importance of the Selectmen responding to questions. With no reflection on Cheryl Behr, Administrator, but it could carry more weight for the Selectmen to respond. Scheffy also stated he had spoken with the Budget Chair, Dick Keller and they are also going to be bringing up topics and answer questions pertaining to their budget. Harry Wright, Chair advised the Selectmen are planning on being more involved and Behr will be furnishing back up information.



This is all that remains of the former BC Auto Repairs in Weare.

Weare fire destroys BC Auto Repairs

Firefighters from several surrounding towns assisted the Weare Fire Department in battling a fire at BC Auto Repairs Thursday evening, March 1. Road conditions were treacherous, making progress difficult.

and by the time they could respond, the building was fully involved and beyond saving.

Route 77 was shut down and traffic diverted because of fear the gas tanks could explode. In addition to the building, the blaze claimed three customers' cars and owner Bob Currier's personal vehicle.

According to Lt. Mark Bluteau, Weare crews were out on another call when the call for this fire was received,



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Haitian man guilty of Henniker murder

Rodney Fleuraguste, 23, of Haiti faces years in prison and possible deportation after entering a guilty plea to second-degree murder in the shooting of NHTI nursing student Molly Hawthorn-MacDougall at her Henniker home in 2010. Fleuraguste entered the plea last week in Merrimack County Superior Court before a dozen of Hawthorn-MacDougall's relatives and friends.

He is scheduled to be sentenced March 19th. According to Senior Assistant Attorney General Susan Morrell, the plea agreement calls for a prison term of 42 years to life, of which he must serve at least 30 years before he can request early release. Fleuraguste had been scheduled to go on trial next month on charges of first and second-degree murder, but his plea allows him to avoid a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Had the case gone to trial, a former inmate at the Merrimack County jail would have testified that Fleuraguste said he had taken a gun to a Henniker woman's house with the purpose to have sex with her and

shot her when she refused, as he had done in Haiti. Hawthorn-MacDougall was killed two

weeks before she would have graduated from NHTI with her nursing degree.



Rodney Fleuraguste is shown with his attorney at his arraignment in the Henniker Circuit Court in 2010.

24 Amherst teens busted at Hillsborough booze party

Hillsborough Police Chief David Roarick reports that a large group of Amherst teenagers came to Hillsborough during school vacation week to party at a family camp.

A neighbor became suspicious after seeing several cars parked on the road with

teens who appeared to be drunk stumbling around.

The neighbor called police who discovered a large party in progress. Five of the partygoers were taken into custody and not charged, but the the remaining 19 were

arrested and charged with possession of alcohol by a minor.

The Chief was most concerned because there were kids who drove away from the party and authorities don't know what condition they were in.

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AT&T wants an 85' cell tower in Antrim

AT&T has requested a site plan review on its application to construct an 85-foot monopole cell tower in Antrim. The company wants a joint hearing with both the Planning Board and Zoning Board. The cell tower would be built on Ernest and Rose Litchfield's 56 Smith Road property, which is in the Rural District. According to New Cingular Wireless, the tower would require waivers from the zoning ordinances before it would be able to move forward with construction.

1. A waiver for the allowed span of the antenna array. The ordinance allows four feet in width, but the array on the tower is

12 feet wide.

2. A waiver for the grade on sections of the driveway leading to the facility. The cell tower would be 85-feet tall, and located 202 feet from the nearest property line and 437 feet from the nearest habitable build-

ing. It would be 200 feet from Smith Road and 1,500 feet from Whiton Road, and leave a 150-foot tree buffer to camouflage the proposed tower. The Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing on March, 22 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Markets open year round

Fresh produce and other goods will now be available year-round at farmers markets in Weare. According to Wendy Stevens, director of both the winter and summer markets, the WeArei Farmers Winter Market will run until its summer market opens in June. The winter market, now in its second year, was originally set to close this month, but Stevens said both customers and farmers requested that it stay open. The market has grown popular because customers can pre-order goods and pick them up once a week at the market. The winter market is open Friday afternoons from 3 until 6:30 at Holy Cross Church on Center Road. The summer market on the town green will be held from June to October. Both markets usually have about a dozen vendors.



With little discussion and virtually no opposition, Henniker Community School voters approved a new \$6,675,387 operating budget along with new contracts for teachers and support staff. The approved budget reflects a \$61,000 reduction from the current budget. As a result of Wednesday's vote, Henniker' school tax rate will be \$10.72/\$1,000 of assessed property value.

Repeat sex offender from Hillsborough back in prison

James O'Brien, 39, of Hillsborough was sentenced to serve 1.5 to 7 years in prison after pleading guilty to exposing his genitals to an adult woman in Concord last year. A registered sex offender, O'Brien has a long history of offenses. In 1995 he was convicted of felonious sexual assault on a victim

younger than 13. He served sentences in the state prison from 1998 until 1999, and again from 2000 until 2005 for parole violations, and was convicted in 2006 of indecent exposure and lewdness. He was on probation from 2006 until 2008, for another out-of state conviction of indecent exposure.

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New London property values decline slightly

Chief Assessor Norm Bernaiche updated the New London Selectmen on the latest real estate assessments. He reported that in the current market conditions, he is seeing a 4%-5% decline in property values. He cited the Seamans and Hilltop Condominiums,

\$500,000 pledged for library

Organizers of the Capital Campaign for Sunapee's new Abbott Library building recently reported that they have achieved the goal of raising the initial \$500,000 in pledges toward the new library in the first two months of the campaign. Contributions and pledges range for just over \$18 to \$100,000 and organizers are confident that the remaining \$825,000 in contributions can be raised. The 8,000 square foot facility, costing 2.7 million is to be funded with \$1,325,000 in private contributions, \$400,000 currently available from prior Campaigns and a \$975,000 bank loan. The pledges are contingent upon a successful vote, and voters will be asked to approve the project on March 13th.

which will probably see their valuations decreased in the next cycle. On the other hand, the New London Shopping Center recently sold for just over \$15 million, which is substantially above the town's current assessment of \$14 million. Bernaiche distributed a chart showing that waterfront properties are 12% of the town's units but reflect 34% of its

assessed value. Residential units comprise 55.25% of the units but generate only 49.90% of the value. Condos are 12.79% of the units with only 7.4% of the assessments. Commercial and Industrial properties total 4.56% of the units and generate 6.8% of the value while Vacant land is 15.4% of the units with 1.9% of the town's assessed value.



The New London selectmen review current assessment trends with Chief Assessor Norm Bernaiche (EDITOR'S NOTE: Apologies to Peter Bianchi (l). Our photographer caught him reviewing Bernaiche's report. We can attest that he was not sleeping!)



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Chocolate lovers gathered in New London

The Lake Sunapee Region hosted some of the area's most celebrated creators of chocolate desserts on March 3rd at their 17th annual ChocolateFest and Chocolate Challenge. The event was held again on the campus of Colby-Sawyer College.

ChocolateFest 2012 gave visitors the opportunity to sample and vote for their favorite chocolate creations.

A panel of judges, including Kathy Dalrymple of K-D's Teacup, Sarah Parker Cave of Gourmet Garden, and Executive Chef Glen Moyer of New London Hospital, rendered their votes on two awards, "Best Chocolate" which was won by the Concord Food Co-op/Celery Stick Café of Concord, NH, and the "Best Overall" was won by Ooo La La Creative Cakes of Meredith, NH. The "Peoples Choice" award, voted on by the 400 attendees, also went to the Concord Food Co-op/Celery Stick Café of Concord.

There was an impressive line-up of silent auction items to benefit the Chamber, including several overnight stays at regional B&Bs and Inns, a large basket of "doggie"

goodies, to rounds of golf and a local ski package. Several gift certificates were also donated by regional businesses. Beautiful music was provided by Will Ogmundson,

pianist and Rick Lindberg, guitarist.

All proceeds benefit the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce which helps support Lake Sunapee Regional businesses.



Hillsborough Selectman Steve Venezia asked voters for their support during Tuesday's well attended Candidates' Forum sponsored by Hillsborough Pride.



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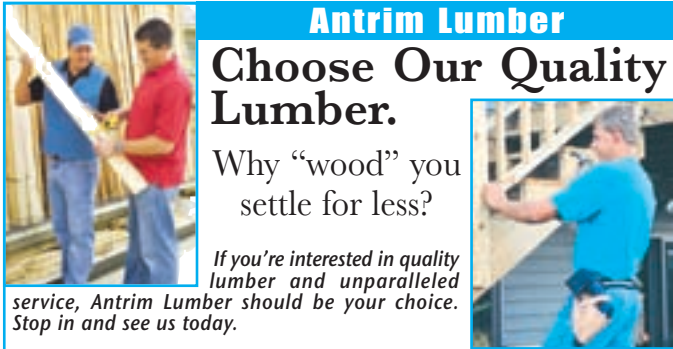
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Candidates Corner

Antrim Selectman Mike Genest

I am running for re-election and feel my 10 years experience is important to the Board of Selectmen. With one selectman having just served his first year and the other one planning on getting done next year, experience does matter, especially with the current issues facing the town. I have been involved with the issues on the Antrim wind project from the beginning and after numerous polls, the November Ordinance defeat and the public support on the amendment which allows this type of project in the Rural Conservation District. I feel it is important that at least one member of the BOS represents the majority.



Mike Genest

One very important issue with this wind project is the Pilot (payment in lieu of taxes) contract that was tentatively negotiated between the BOS and Antrim Wind. The NH Department of Revenue Administration had put a major burden on this project involving the way the local school tax and County tax are calculated, including the assessment of the wind farm. I feel this issue is very important for the town to work with Antrim Wind to resolve and provide both sides with a fair agreement on Pilot. Another issue facing the town is the need for a new Police Station. The current space has been undersized for a number of years. The present proposal is for the town to purchase the lot in front of the Post Office. Then during 2012, develop plans to bring to Town Meeting in 2013.

If I am re-elected I hope to serve on the Planning Board as the ex-officio member from the BOS. I feel I can bring some balance to the board. The town does need to regulate growth, but should not try to keep businesses from wanting to come to our town, that would help our tax base.

Deering Selectman Krista Couturier

I am Krista Couturier and I am running for Selectman in Deering. I would like a moment of your time to tell you a little about myself. I have lived in Deering since 2003. I am the mother of two girls (ages 6 and 8) and I am a wife (for over 10 years). I work full time as a high school science teacher. I currently serve as a member of the Deering Conservation Committee.



Krista Couturier

I graduated from the University of Southern Maine in December 1993 with a Bachelor's Degree in Geology. I worked as a geologist until 2001. While working as a geologist, I was laid-off three times due to lack of funds (much of my work was to fulfill both state and federal government mandates). My first lay-off brought me to New Hampshire from Maine in 1995. After the third lay-off, I chose to change careers, and in the fall of 2001 I became a high school science teacher. I have taught the physical sciences since 2001 at Manchester High School West. In 2009, I enrolled in a Masters of Education Program at New England College. I completed my Masters of Education in School Administration in May 2011.

I have worked hard; in the private sector, as a public servant and as a student. I know first-hand that government policies affect individual people. I am a problem solver who has experienced set-backs and has overcome them. I will work hard as your Deering Selectman both for the town as a whole and for the residents of Deering. It is important that your views are represented by the selectmen of the town so please contact me if you have questions or concerns. My email address is clover@gsinet.net. Please vote for me, Krista Couturier, on March 13.

Candidates Corner

Deering Selectman Ray Farrell

I would appreciate your vote for the Board of Selectmen for the town of Deering New Hampshire. I am a long time Deering resident and former selectman from the late 1970's. I graduated from the Hillsboro-Deering high school and I graduated from the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Manchester, N.H. I served three years in the United States Army and three more years in the United States Army Reserves. For many years I've owned and operated Deering Sheet Metal Company and Copper and Tin Works. I served on the town of Deering's first Zoning Board of Adjustment and numerous other boards for the town of Deering over many years. In the mid 1990's I attempted to change the formula in the Hillsboro-Deering Co-operative School so that it would be based on per pupil attending the Hillsboro-Deering Co-operative School, which would have been more equitable and fair to the Deering tax payers and would have saved the tax payers of Deering many tax dollars. I would appreciate your vote to the Board of Selectmen on election day. If elected I promise to be open and accountable to the people of Deering, making sure that the finances of Deering are accountable and accurate. If possible I will attempt to lower Deering's taxes.



Ray Farrell

Henniker Selectman Kris Blomback

As a selectman, reflecting backward on my first term, I have gained a huge appreciation of how a community has pulled together in decades past and how when situations arise it comes together in today's day and age. We have learned a lot on how, what, and why the Town Fathers did what they deemed necessary many years ago with limited resources. What they lacked in terms of financial resources they more than made up for in sweat equity, New Hampshire self reliance, common sense, and a general affinity to live within their means.

As a manager of a locally owned family business and member of the Henniker Economic Development Committee, it has been helpful in seeing the town, for what it is, from the proverbial 30,000 foot elevation. We have a lot going for us as a town. I see a vibrant downtown inclusive of restaurants, bars, and small stores; an industrial base, a college, and a ski area to name just a few of the assets. Couple those qualities with a great bed base, traffic infrastructure second to none, superb central location, and Henniker's greatest days are clearly ahead. It is my sincere hope that we can capitalize on our Town's assets going forward. No doubt these are challenging times but no more or less than what people have faced in the past. We don't pretend to have all the answers but when presented with good ideas -- adaptability and a pragmatic approach take center stage.



Kris Blomback

Henniker Selectman Robert French

Hello my name is Robert French JR. I am running for the office of Selectman in Henniker. I have held this office for about 20 months now, filling in an open seat on the board for the rest of the year in 2010 and running last election for the last year of the open term. I have lived or worked in Henniker for about 48 years now.

I worked at Granite State Forest Products for about 11 years before buying Mile Away Campground in Henniker in 2001.

I was on the board of Directors for the NH Campground Owners Association for 8 years before becoming a selectman in Henniker. I have worked hard for the town that has



BY SARAH CHAPIN

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE

A new study reports that plerixafor (trade name Mozobil), a drug already approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in patients undergoing a bone marrow transplant, may also have promise for treating people who have a rare immune deficiency known as WHIM syndrome. People with the syndrome are more susceptible to potentially life-threatening bacterial and viral infections, particularly human papillomavirus infections, which cause skin and genital warts and can lead to cancer. WHIM stands for warts, hypogammaglobulinemia, infections and myelokathexis, which are the main features of the disease. Hypogammaglobulinemia is an immune disorder marked by a deficiency in gamma globulins, blood plasma proteins that include antibodies made by the body to fight infections. Myelokathexis refers to an inadequate number of neutrophils in the blood, despite adequate production in the bone marrow.

Older people with low levels of vitamin B12 in their blood may be more likely to lose brain cells and develop problems with their thinking skills, according to a study published in *Neurology*.

Joint injury can result in irreversible damage of cartilage which, despite treatment and surgery, often eventually leads to osteoarthritis (OA) in later life. New research published in the journal *Arthritis Research & Therapy* demonstrates that short-term treatment of damaged cartilage with glucocorticoids can reduce long-term degenerative changes and may provide hope for prevention of OA after injury.

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 **Candidates Corner**

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I believe we need to have a tax rate that is a balance between low costs and an effectively funded town to take care of the needs of its people. If we don't take care of our people with a conscientious budget we might lose the people of town that built it that have been here so many years. I was one of the founding members of the Henniker Trail Travelers Snowmobile club many years ago.

I sit on many committees in town like the Highway Safety committee, Courier and Ives Scenic Byway council, The Spirit of Henniker Organization Team, Safe routes to school, also volunteering many hours to these committees. For many years I have donated the use of my pool at Mile Away Campground for swimming lessons through the White Birch Community Center.

I will continue the difficult task of keeping the tax rate low while trying to maintain an effective Capital Improvement Program and a healthy Town/Employee working relationship.



Robert French

Hillsborough Selectman Steve Venezia

My name is Steve Venezia and I am running for the one year term of Selectman. As some of you may know, I am an attorney in town at Upton & Hatfield. My wife Amanda and I moved to Hillsborough in January 2010 and tried to get involved in the community. I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce and serve on the Policy Committee for Hillsboro-Deering.

As you also may know, I was appointed to replace Rob Buker when he resigned last summer. I have learned a lot since becoming a selectman and hope to continue to serve in that capacity. I believe one of the roles of the selectmen is to help Hillsborough realize its potential. As I said at a recent meeting, I believe many boards of selectmen, including our own, are more reactive than proactive. They wait for complaints or problems to arise and deal with them. This is not a criticism, merely an observation.

My hope is that the board becomes more proactive, seeking ways to save money for the taxpayers and increase revenues by welcoming new businesses and residents to town in order to ultimately decrease the tax burden.

My background beyond law is in business. I believe a town can and should be run similar to a business. We must be cautious of spending but keep the big picture in mind. Saving \$1,000 today only to be forced to spend \$10,000 tomorrow does not help anyone. We must evaluate the way we operate to ensure it is efficient and effective for the town. I believe I bring a rational and logical approach to my decisions as selectman and have no preconceived agenda. I am there to do what is best for the town.

Most importantly, I am willing to listen. The selectmen are three people. I do not believe it is the role of the selectmen to micromanage.

We must ensure that we hire good people to work on behalf of the town and rely on their expertise and decision making abilities. I welcome ideas from anyone who has them and am willing to listen, become informed, and make the best decision available. That is what a representative form of government is all about. I hope you all get a chance to vote in the upcoming election and be heard at town meeting. I also hope to be working on your behalf to help make Hillsborough a better place to live.



Steve Venezia



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Hillsborough Selectman David Fullerton

I can bring a wide range of knowledge and leadership to the Hillsborough Board of Selectmen. I am David Fullerton, third generation Hillsborough resident but I also went to school out of state and have traveled so I know Hillsborough well but also have ideas from other places. I graduated from college with a Bachelors of Science in Ocean and Electronics Engineering which has taught me how to solve problems. I believe in K.I.S.S, keep it simple which is often the most cost effective and best way.



David Fullerton

We have a number of things that need to be fixed in town. I love a challenge and working with the other members of the board, town workers, other groups, and the taxpayers. I will find cost effective solutions. One of my strengths is being able to work with people to make Hillsborough a better place even if I disagree with them on other things. One of the things we need in this town is people working together more. I have been involved in a number of committees like the cleanup of Woods Woolen Mill. I am a member of the Park Board, Economic Development Committee, Lions' Club, Balloon Fest Committee as Chairman of the Auto Show and worker, and Chairman of Hillsborough Pride which is Hillsborough's downtown program. I have helped the town with new creative ideas and would like to bring back some of the things we had in town when I was young.

I have also been working behind the scenes to improve life in the town by talking to the contacts I have with state and federal elected officials. With the changes in state funding and laws it is important to work with these officials. With all the lack of understanding, discord, and fighting in the past that has caused people to give up and quit, Hillsborough needs someone like me that does not quit and gets along with a lot of different types of people. I believe Hillsborough can be better and my only goal is to help make this a great town to live in.

H-D School Board Nancy Egner Denu

I am seeking a seat on the Hillsborough Deering School Board. I ran last year also, and was wonderfully surprised at the amount of support I received, but due to health issues did not work hard at introducing myself to you the voters. This year I hope to do a better job at that. I am also much more sure I want this responsibility and feel more confident I have something positive to offer.



Nancy Egner Denu

I am a mother of a current middle schooler, the aunt of two high schoolers, and have been a resident of Hillsborough for 16 years. I have been active in town, being a founding member and past president of Hillsborough Pride, am a church goer, and love to be involved in the school and sport activities my daughter gets involved in. Though I am not an educator, my sister has been a high school teacher for 20+ years, and my brother is getting a doctorate in education policy. I work full time in Concord, and am a program manager in social services. As such, I know how to manage a large budget, how to set goals and expectations for people and an organization, and how to work within a team to progress towards those goals.

It is my belief that one of – if not the – most important job that government does is educate our youth. They are our future. Since No Child Left Behind, the trend has been towards more accountability and testing for all, and bringing all up to a standard expecta-



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tion. As we know Hillsborough/Deering has struggled with this, though we are on the upswing. Nationally, it seems there is some momentum to see the pendulum begin to moderate, and some states have decided to be out from under NCLB. NH is contemplating that choice. It appears there will be lots of potential challenges and things to sort out and decisions to be made about how this may impact our children and our community will be coming to our School Board in the near future.

One thing I wish for our school system is to work towards ALL of our children growing and improving and becoming better citizens of the world. Due in large part to standardized testing and No Child Left Behind, the emphasis has been on the kids not meeting proficient levels on tests. The Goal of NCLB is have all children proficient by 2014. But how about those that are proficient being challenged to be above proficient? And those that are gifted and test as being above proficient, are they challenged and offered enough to keep them interested and striving to be better and do well? I think as a district we need to have more focus on each child; those below the standard that need extra, and those that are at or above the standard, but may also need extra support, of a different sort. I seek your support and your vote on March 13th, and thank you for your time and attention.

H-D School Board Rich Pelletier

I'm Rich Pelletier and I am running for the Hillsboro-Deering school board. I've been a resident and homeowner in Hillsboro for the last 26 years. My four children all graduated from the Hillsboro-Deering school system. I have coached HYAA baseball, basketball and soccer, was a Cub Scout leader and I am a current member of the Lions Club.

I bring the following to the school board:

1. I listen to all sides of the story before making my decision.
2. I vote on each issue based on its own merits.
3. I solicit input from all parties.
4. I have 3 years of proven leadership on the SAU board and 2 years of leadership on the Hillsboro-Deering board.
5. I have no connection to the school, so I can look at all issues objectively.



Rich Pelletier

During my term in office the school board has:

1. Shown fiscal restraint by presenting budgets at or below the default budget.
 2. As the school board representative I was part of the team that successfully negotiated a contract with the Teacher union which included major concessions by the union on health care.
 3. Opened up the channels of communication between the board and the voters.
- Over the past several years the school board has worked very hard with the school administrative team to put all of our efforts into improving student outcomes. It is not a single year effort. Looking at our test scores from this year all of the hard work we have put into improving student outcomes is beginning to show and should continue over the coming years.

Over the next few months the school board will hire a new superintendent, curriculum coordinator and business administrator. One of the most vital characteristics of a successful organization is leadership stability. With all of these changes happening within the district I think it is important to have stability and proven leadership on the school board. Therefore I would ask the voters of Hillsboro and Deering to consider me for one of your two votes on March 13th.

H-D School Board Dan Donovan

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Along with my wife Joanne and other dedicated professionals we developed community based transitional rehabilitation and long term supported living facilities across the country for young adult survivors of brain and spinal cord injury. Our facilities treated in excess of 5,000 clients. I retired from that company in the late 90's but continue to be dedicated to healthcare and community based treatment of young adults. My wife and I own and operate Rose Meadow Farm and Rose Meadow Garden, two facilities in New Boston specializing in assisted living for people with brain and spinal cord injury.

During my career in healthcare I was always interested in my own community of Deering, NH. Our family continues to live on the original homestead in West Deering. I have four grown children and two grandchildren. I was pleased to be a volunteer firefighter and EMT for the town and like my brother Jerry before me, I served as Selectman in the town for 6 years.

I have been inspired to run for Hillsboro-Deering School Board because of my passion for history and interest in education. Over the past years I have attended many school committee meetings, met personally with the former superintendents and board members and realized I could make a contribution to the system. Our students deserve the highest level of education possible with dedicated teachers providing their knowledge and commitment toward this goal. My experience in business and government will assist in achieving superior outcomes for our students. I was disheartened by the recent status of the state ranking of our local school system and want to offer my services to change this order and put our students back in a competitive category with their peers.

I am running for School Board to give a voice to the students of Hillsboro, Deering, Washington and Windsor who deserve the best education possible.

H-D School Board John Segedy

My name is John Segedy and I am running for the Hillsboro-Deering School Board because I believe that a strong School Board is needed to guide our schools in the extensive improvement that is needed. I believe that we can improve our schools without taxing and spending our citizens out of their homes, and will continue to work to that end.

I am the parent of a current High School student as well as of a past graduate. One of the reasons I am running is that I believe that our schools have a lot of potential that I would like to see fulfilled both while my daughter is still in the school system as well as beyond for all of our children and grandchildren. In addition, progress is already being made toward their improvement in spite of challenges that we have faced with our inconsistent administration in the past few years and I believe that I have the knowledge of the schools to help provide the citizen guidance that a School Board is supposed to as an integral part of the improvement that is necessary.



Dan Donovan



John Segedy

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I also will bring to the Board the knowledge of the Budget Process to ensure that your tax dollars are spent wisely. I believe that the school budgets have often included things that are not essential to the job of providing a strong academic education. It is because of this that when I have made proposals to decrease budgets at deliberative sessions, during public comment periods of Board Meetings or as a Board Member in the past I have always provided specific suggestions on where those cuts should be made. I do not believe in just cutting for the sake of cutting much as we should not just spend for the sake of spending.

A belief in open government is another important strength I would bring to the Board. I strongly believe that the public has the right to know almost everything that is going on in our public institutions. A focus on transparency must come from the Board down. Faced with a citizens request for information a public employee's response should be to provide that information as quickly as possible not to employ an attorney (at taxpayer expense) to try and figure out how to not provide that information. Both on and off of the Board I have fought to increase transparency and will continue to do so.

Please come vote on Tuesday, and please consider making that vote for me.

Hillsborough Planning Board Larry Baker

I have been a resident since 2009. I work at a high tech company in MA as a Data Network Engineer.

Every day I work with multiple customers and clients, as well as various managers in order to accomplish daily tasks and goals.

If I am elected to the Planning Board, I would like to see:

- Growth for the Town of Hillsborough
- Development in the Commercial Zone
- Helping new businesses come to Town



Larry Baker

Hillsborough Planning Board E. Ann Poole

I am owner and principal of Poole Ecological Consultancy based in Hillsborough, NH. I have over twenty years experience in land use and water resources planning. This year marks my fifteenth year in business providing ecological assessment and land use consulting services to a wide variety of clients.

I understand the challenges encountered in community planning. Encouraging economic growth without sacrificing our natural landscape and unique character seems a lofty, if not impossible, goal. Technical requirements and political objectives can make it difficult to build consensus.

As a member of the Planning Board, my goal is to find workable solutions that benefit the whole of Hillsborough. I will continue to work hard to balance the natural, social and economic interests - for today and into the future.



E. Ann Poole

Antrim Moderator Bob Flanders

I have served the Antrim community in the position of Moderator for over forty years. Prior to that I had served as a member of the School Board, Board of Selectmen, Zoning Board, and was elected to the New Hampshire State Senate in District 7 where I served for six years.

My long history in and commitment to the Town of Antrim, the extensive experience garnered in the many years of service as an elected official to Antrim, the County and the State



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of New Hampshire.

When you serve as Moderator there are two issues that are very important. The first is that you remain impartial and make sure the meeting you run is not a reflection of any personal opinion. The second is to maintain control of the meeting, make sure everyone who wishes to speak is recognized, the meeting remains orderly and that personal agendas are not allowed. Fairness, impartiality, firmness are all important – as is a good sense of humor.

Hopkinton Town Clerk Wendy Hayes

My name is Wendy Leonard Hayes and I am running for Town Clerk/Tax Collector of Hopkinton because of my strong commitment to serving a community I admire, respect and adore. I was born and raised in NH and have always lived in the local area and for the last 22 years in our great town of Hopkinton. My husband, Jim and I had two children go through the Hopkinton School system.

My background is extensive and I am confident my skills and experience along with my vow to continue the personalized attention we have come to enjoy from Sue Strickford and her staff over the last several decades will make for a seamless transition. I'd like to THANK Sue and wish her well in her retirement and I look forward to following in her friendly footsteps! Thank you for your support on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.



Wendy Hayes

Weare Selectman John Lawton

I have been a resident of Weare for 33+ years. I have been active in the town as a member of the Fire Dept for 11 years, Park and Recreation Committee for 10+ years.

I also served on the Cable Comm, Finance Comm, Weare School Board for 9 years. I also was involved with the Weare Athletic Club

Coaching girls basketball and softball for 9 years. Work and family commitments caused me to back away, but I am now retired and feel I have the time to commit to the office of selectman. Thank you.



John Lawton

\$1.5 million Francestown budget up 3.9%

Francestown voters are being asked to approve a \$1.5 million town budget, including warrant articles. The operating budget reflect a 3.9% increase over last year's \$1.4 million.

Hancock's \$1.88 million budget up 2.9%

Hancock voters will be asked to support a \$1.88 million operating budget and warrant articles totaling an additional \$100,910. Approval of all the articles will result in a 2.9% increase over last year. Expected to generate a debate is an article supported by the Select Board and Police Chief Andrew Wood to purchase an All-Wheel Drive Ford Intercept SUV to replace the department's 2007 Ford Expedition. Wood had wanted to keep the Expedition as a back-up vehicle, but the Select Board decided to sell it. The controversy occurs because the town's Advisory Committee voted 5-1 to oppose the purchase.

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Dan Donovan Candidate for Hillsboro-Deering School Board



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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

Area voters face an abundance of contested races in Municipal and School Board elections. Although my opinion is no more valid than yours, if you are still undecided, I offer my impressions from covering the various boards these last few years:

Antrim Selectman-Mike Genest

Current Selectman Chair Mike Genest has filed for re-election. Mike runs his meetings with dignity and respect for others and their opinions. Throughout the whole wind farm debate and conflicts with the Planning Board, he remained calm and objective, giving everyone an opportunity to express their opinions. Antrim voters can do no better.

Henniker Selectman-Kris Blomback

Of all the boards I cover, the Henniker Board of Selectmen runs more smoothly and effectively than any other, in large part to the leadership of Chair Kris Blomback. Usually the last to voice an opinion, Kris looks to develop a consensus on the board, and with Tom Watman and Ron Taylor on his left and Leo Aucoin and Bob French on his right consensus is anything but automatic. Quiet and contemplative, Kris leads by example. He deserves your votes.

Henniker Selectman-Robert French

Bob was appointed to fill out the term of Rocky Bostrom who stepped down. From his first day Bob has taken his responsibilities seriously and is often seen at Henniker School and John Stark board meetings trying to balance the community's needs with the ability of taxpayers to fund them. Let's see what he can do with a full term.

Hillsboro Selectman-Steve Venezia

New to town, Steve and his wife Amanda, who serves as the H-D Food Service Director, have become active in community affairs. Appointed as a selectmen to fill the term of Rob Buker, he also serves on the Chamber of Commerce Board. Steve has been a valuable contributor from the start.

He listens attentively, treats everyone with respect and casts his votes for the good of the town. He deserves a vote of confidence.

Hillsboro Selectman-Dave Fullerton

Dave is well known to most people in Hillsboro. He has run unsuccessfully for selectman in the past. He is outspoken and opinionated and is often his own worst enemy. Nonetheless, he is committed to making Hillsborough a better place to live. As Chairman of Hillsborough Pride and member of the Hillsboro Lions Club, Park Board, Economic Development Committee and Balloon Fest Committee he has dedicated hundreds of hours to community service. A true taxpayer's friend, he recognizes the good work of our town employees and would be a valuable addition to the board. It's time to give Dave a chance.

HD School Board-Rich Pelletier

Messenger readers know that I have often been a critic of the H-D School Board, and have disagreed with many of the votes cast by Rich Pelletier. Nevertheless, I have always found Rich to be a man of character and integrity. He cares deeply for the success of our school and the education it provides to the next generation. He wants to provide the best possible education to our kids, but knows it must be done within the confines of what taxpayers can afford. He runs the meetings fairly, always seeking consensus over confrontation. Rich deserves another term.

H-D School Board-Dan Donovan

State Representative Dan Donovan of Deering has a strong business background. He believes in openness and accountability in the public and private sectors. Dan knows the value of a good education and is firmly committed to providing one to each child in our schools. He understands the dual, and often conflicting responsibilities of providing a quality education and guarding tax-payers wallets. To guarantee continued improvement in our school, Dan is the man!



OPINION Letters to the Editor

A Rationale for a 5 Member Board of Selectmen in Deering:

The objective behind seeking a 5-member BOS in Deering is to have a cohesive, happy, caring community served by ca-

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