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Moderator honored

At the conclusion of Antrim's Town Meeting, the selectmen read a statement honoring Moderator Bob Flanders for his years of service to the town. Bob led this meeting with broken ribs and a collapsed lung. A plaque will be presented to him at a future open house.



Chief vindicated

Efforts to remove Police Chief Steve Marshall came to a halt at the Washington Town Meeting. One article seeking his immediate removal was ruled out of order and another seeking to elect a new chief was not discussed as even the petition's sponsors did not move its adoption.



The New London Selectmen were pleased to learn that the state is willing to give them time to make the necessary repairs on the Pleasant Lake Dam.

Dam repairs delayed

New London must show progress

At their March 19th meeting the New London Selectmen reviewed their meeting the prior Thursday with Jim Gallagher, Steve Doyon and Jeff Blaney from NHDES, Patricia McIlvaine and Joe McLean of Wright Pierce Engineers on the status of repairs to the Pleasant Lake Dam. Originally facing an August 2013 deadline, officials were pleased to learn that the state is willing to accept an extended timeline, so long as progress is being made. Selectman Peter Bianchi suggested that the next step would be to complete a feasibility study on

the project, but the current Dam Capital Reserve Fund contains only \$1. As a first step to show good faith to the state, the board agreed with Tina Helm's request to approach the budget committee to allocate another \$25,000 to the fund to cover the cost of the feasibility study. It was then decided to coordinate this study with the planned Elkins Transportation Study to avoid conflicts. Aware of the impact of the pending \$5 million sewer bond, the board was relieved not to be forced into another expensive repair project at the same time.

Recount set on Newport Support Staff contract

Although Newport School District voters passed the \$17,732,927 operating budget easily by a vote of 290-195, they stalemated 240-240 on approving a new two-year agreement between the school board and the

union representing the support staff. If approved, the agreement would provide raises of \$46,522 in 2013 and \$77,287 in 2014. A recount has now been scheduled for March 26th at 6:00 p.m.

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Katherine Williams being presented the 2012 Anavicus Scholarship Award from Jack Neylon.

American Legion hosts Oratorical Contest

Text and photo by Rich Dahlgren.

Over 70 American Legion members, family and friends were present when Katherine Williams, a sophomore at St. Anselm, received the coveted ANAVICUS James F. O'Neil Memorial Scholarship Award for 2012, on Saturday, February 18, 2012. The ceremony was held at The New Hampshire Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College and was given prior to the annual American Legion Oratorical Contest.

Williams, a native of Damariscotta, Maine, is majoring in International Relations and Environmental Studies. Katherine is a member of the college choir, college orchestra and works with refugee children, after school, in Manchester in a program run by St. Anselm. She was presented a plaque along with a cash award of \$1000. John E. Neylon, Sr. Past Department Commander, Past National Executive Committeeman, and currently a Consultant on the National Foreign Relations Commission of the American Legion, made the presentation.

Henniker woman's killer gets 42.5 years

With her relatives and friends in attendance, Roody Fleuraguste was sentenced to 42.5 years to life in prison for murdering 31 year-old Molly Hawthorne-Macdougal in her Henniker home in 2010. Fleuraguste came to the United States from Haiti after the January 2010 earthquake. Although his visa expired in February, 2010, a week before the shooting, he moved to Henniker to stay with Hawthorn-MacDougall's in-laws. His plea deal states that he cannot seek a reduction in his sentence of 42.5 years to life until he has served at least 30 years. He was given credit for nearly two years served in jail since his arrest.

ConVal's \$4 million bond recounted

Because the vote to approve a \$4 million renovation project at ConVal High School achieved the requires 60% by only 13 votes (2,413-1587), the ballots will be recounted.

School Superintendent Dick Bergeron, along with newly elected Con Val School Board members Myron Steere of Greenfield and David Martz of Temple hand delivered the required number of petitions requesting a recount. In 2010, a \$4.9 million bond for improvements to the gymnasium wing also failed, getting 2,303 Yes votes to 1,573 No votes, a 59.4 percent margin. Supporters of the bond requested a recount, which changed to 2,289 Yes, 1,575 No, a 59.2 margin, still under the required 60%.

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Henniker voters approve all warrant articles

Pleased with the selectmen's efforts to control spending, Henniker voters not only approved the \$4 million operating budget, but all the other warrant articles. Selectman Tom Watman reported that despite a loss of state revenue and granting a 2% COLA increase to town employees, the budget was lower than the current years.

Bob Garrison attempted to modify an article placing conservation easements on four parcels of land by directing the selectmen to sell them at public auction, but his

amendment was defeated. Tim McCormish argued successfully to buy a new front end

loader for \$136,000 in place of the proposed used machine for \$116,000.



Henniker resident Tim McComish convinced the town to purchase a new loader for \$136,000 in place of the proposed used machine for \$116,000.

Hillsborough special Town Meeting April 10

The Hillsborough Selectmen have been informed that the recent Town Meeting votes on two bonds; an \$800,000 bond for repairs to the sewer system and a \$904,000 bond for repairs to the water system are invalid and will require a Special Town Meeting to correct the defect.

Although each bond passed easily by the required 2/3 margin, the votes were deemed invalid because the balloting was not open for the full hour state law requires for each bond vote.

At Tuesday's meeting, the selectmen immediately decided to call a Special Town Meeting for April 10th at 7 p.m. at the High School. A Public Hearing on the town corrective articles will be held March 27th at the next selectman's meeting

Hopkinton voters reject school budget cuts

Three times a group of Hopkinton taxpayers attempted to reduce the proposed school budget and three times they failed as the majority apparently felt that budget cuts would hurt the quality of education offered by the district. The most modest cut asked for a return to the original budget drafted by Superintendent Steven Chamberlin, which reduced eight middle school teachers to part time status because of declining enrollment. Last

December, a large contingency of parents flooded a school board meeting and convinced them to restore the \$120,000. The motion to again cut \$120,000 failed on a vote of 135-172. Motions to reduce the budget by \$602,000 and \$478,000 also were defeated.

It took nearly four hours before the 350 voters approved the \$17,024,395 operating budget and a new two year teachers' contract.



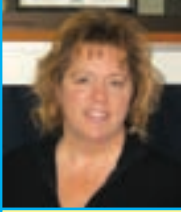
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BY SARAH CHAPIN

People with a good vitamin D supply are at lower risk of developing Type 2 diabetes mellitus, according to a study published in the scientific journal *Diabetes Care*.

X-linked hypophosphatemia (XLH), the most common heritable form of rickets, is a disorder in which low levels of phosphate lead to bone and tooth abnormalities. Available treatments for XLH have focused on supplementing phosphate and vitamin D. But this treatment doesn't cure the disease, and for many people, complications of the supplements make them hard to take or are unacceptable. A study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* has found calcitonin, a medication derived from salmon that, when given intramuscularly or administered nasally, helps regulate calcium and bone loss, to be a promising new treatment for people who have XLH.

Lovastatin, a cholesterol-lowering statin drug, appears to be safe in children with neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1) and may improve learning disabilities, including verbal and nonverbal memory, according to a study published in *Pediatric Neurology*.

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Marralyn Doyle was welcomed into the Mercy Hathaway White Chapter NSDAR at the January 18th meeting. She joined under the service of her ancestor Corporal John Josselyn who served in the Revolutionary War from the state of Massachusetts and his wife Lucy Lowden. (L-R) Barbara Corson (chapter Registrar), Marralyn Doyle (new member), and Jan Carlson (chapter Chaplain).

Newport pedestrian killed by car

Stephanie Burch, 30, of Newport was walking with friends along North Main Street Sunday when she was struck from behind by a 2004 Chevy Trailblazer driven by Kanasha Campbell, 17 of Croydon, a senior and star athlete at Newport Middle High School. Police reports indicate that Burch, and her friends, were walking southerly in the breakdown lane, with the traffic flow, when she was hit by Campbell who was also traveling south. Burch suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. North Main Street was closed for two hours during the investigation. Authorities are unsure why Campbell's vehicle left the highway and into the breakdown lane but believe speed, alcohol or drugs were not involved. Neither of Campbell nor Burch's two companions were injured.

John Stark Boosters want new Press Box

The John Stark Football Boosters are raising money for a new Press Box and Concession Stand. According to the group's web site, the old press box is a tractor trailer with 2x4's as a handrail. The club has \$4,000 on hand toward the estimated \$20,000 cost. Construction is expected to begin this weekend. The group is currently running a raffle to help raise funds.

Wilmot Town meeting lasts only 1/2 hour

About 60 Wilmot voters took just over a half hour to dispose of business at the Town Meeting. The \$1.19 million operating budget passed without debate along with funds for several future projects, including \$20,000 for paving, \$20,000 for a police cruiser, \$25,000 for a fire truck, and \$500 toward a new forestry truck. \$62,000 was allocated to the fire department and \$2,035 to upgrade the electrical system in the library.

Deering kids OK to play in Hillsborough

Fresh from her victory at Deering's Town Meeting, Lou Ellen Beard met with the Hillsboro Selectmen regarding participation of Deering children in Hillsborough's recreation programs. Board members unanimously assured her that Deering children always welcome. They voted to accept the \$26,600 Deering appropriation in payment of full participation through March 2013. On Wednesday, the Deering Selectmen approved a one year extension of the agreement.



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Antrim votes to complete Town's War Memorial

Police Chief Scott Lester was more than pleased with the results of Antrim's Town Meeting. Not only did voters approve purchasing a new \$30,000 Police Cruiser, they also approve funds to purchase the land in front of the Post Office and for a new Police Station.

The article, originally calling for \$85,000 was amended to \$100,000 to provide \$72,000 to purchase the land and the remaining funds to begin engineering for the new facility. The Highway Department was given \$88,000 for a new 1 ton truck. Originally, the old 2002 truck was to be sold or traded in but the Fire Department convinced voters to transfer it to them for use as a Forestry Truck.

\$150,000 was added to the Bridge Capital Reserve fund with \$135,000 withdrawn from that fund to replace the Antrim/Bennington Bridge. The \$3.6 million operating budget was passed with few questions and no debate.

Finally \$25,000 was approved to complete the restoration of the Town's War Memorial by topping it with a bronze

soldier. The measure passed overwhelmingly over the objection of Shelley Neikins who felt it glorified war.



Antrim Selectman John Robertson (r) presented a plaque honoring longtime Road Agent Bob Varnum to his son-in-law Dave Duffy (l). The plaque will be mounted at the highway garage.

New London Church burglary

New London Police Chief David Seastrand reports that a burglary occurred at the First Baptist Church on Main Street sometime between Sunday March 18th and Monday March 19th. The New London police are investigating the incident which happened about 6:45 a.m. Anyone with information is asked to call the New London Police Department at 526-2626.

School improvements delayed, Festival gets OK

Sherry Thomas, President of the Warner Fall Foliage Festival recently met with Kearsarge Superintendent Frew, Simonds Principal Pellettieri, and Warner Selectmen Karrick, Carson, and Hartman. Frew opened by saying that the seeding/grading of the playground would be delayed until after Festival this year; in fact, it will not take place until next spring. He added that the oxen/woodsmen area would be left alone; the area will not be part of the

playground restoration. The routing of busses/parents will separate to cars only on Church Street (turning left on KMR) and busses only on KMR turning left on Geneva.

Thus, there will be no paving of the playground. There will be another such "round table" meeting at Simonds on May 2 to discuss progress. In the future, there may be another Town Hall meeting to solicit public opinion.

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Bradford & Warner discuss Food Bank

Warner Selectman David Karrick said he spoke with Phil Stockwell (Bradford Senior Center) who said there needs to be better communication and coordination between the local Community Action food bank, the church as well as other efforts in Town. Selectman Karrick also asked why the Community Action Program has not moved to the main level at the Old Graded School. Town Administrator Laura Buono said she spoke with CAP Director Laura Hall, there are adjustments that need to be made to the lower room and those changes need to come from their corporate office. Karrick recommended contacting the corporate office about these two issues. Martha Mical thought the church donates to the food bank. Karrick said the church does donate, but they never receive any acknowledgement. Buono said the food pantry was discussed at the Leadership luncheon. The chamber sent a check to the food pantry as well as the Woman's Club without receiving any acknowledgement. At one of the luncheon's the CAP Director, Laura Hall was in attendance. The food pantry open hours were discussed, there seems to be not too much flexibility, but they do make appointments. Selectman Hartman asked what the financial ties are. Buono said the town pays the Community Action Program \$15K for the services they offer Warner residents. Community Action Program pays rent in the amount of \$9,500 per year. Buono reminded the selectmen that they still need to have a discussion on what they want to do with the Old Graded School.

Henniker man guilty of sexual assault

John Spaulding, 60 of Henniker pled guilty to one count of aggravated sexual assault on a teenage girl and 40 counts of possession of child pornography. As a part of the plea deal, prosecutors dropped an additional charge of aggravated sexual assault. Spaulding is likely to spend 7.5-22 years in state prison when he is sentenced later. Spaulding admitted to a pattern of assaulting a 13-15 year old girl between 2001 and 2004.

Dollar General applies in Bennington

Dollar General Stores met with the Bennington ZBA to begin the application process for a new store on Route 202. To be approved, the store will need five variances from the town's zoning ordinance. The ZBA continued the hearing to April 2nd, pending completion of a traffic study. The company will also meet with the Planning Board on March 26th.

Deering votes to renew recreation contract

Over 150 voters packed the Hall during Town Meeting to put an end to the year long controversy over participation of Deering children in Hillsborough's recreation programs. Lou Ellen Beard opened the discussion on the \$26,606 article that would renew the contract with Hillsborough that the Deering Selectmen had let expire. Beard gave an impassioned but fact-filled presentation of the need for Deering kids to participate and was given a resounding round of applause. Her plea was reinforced by 11 year-old Madeline Paresi, who urged the adults not to let the kids down. The 111-32 vote was a clear rebuke of the board's position and a

clear victory for the organizers.

Voters also approve the town's \$1.6 oper-

ating budget along with \$176,000 for a new ambulance by a convincing vote of 122-17.



With over 150 voters turned out for Town Meeting, Deering officials were forced to position themselves on the stage to conduct the meeting.

Lenten Ministry announced

The Hillsboro-Deering Ministerium is offering a Lenten Missions Ministries Program to the wider Hillsboro-Deering Community. All are invited to attend. This program will feature presentations from four organizations doing good works in our New Hampshire community. Bethany Christian Services works with Foster and Adoptive Families; Lutheran Social Services will be speaking about work they do with Refugees in NH; Catholic Charities of NH; and Teen Challenge. Along with the four presentations, there will be time to meet with the representatives of the four groups' representatives; a brief Lenten service of Worship; and light refreshment. For info, please call Smith Church 464-3529.

New London Personnel Policy under review

The New London Selectman's meeting of March 19th was attended by employees of virtually all town departments as the board began its review of the Personnel Policies, which were last amended in 2007. Town Administrator Kim Hallquist presented board members with some revisions, including a more formal dress code.

Road Agent Richard Lee and Peter Stanley stressed that "Work Appropriate" attire for their departments might not conform

to office attire. Selectman Peter Bianchi stressed that he had no prior agenda but that several items should be reviewed to see how New London's benefits compare with similar towns. Sick leave, and vacation time were mentioned as areas to review. Bianchi and fellow Selectman Tina Helm stressed that the review was not to be a unilateral process, but would include not only department heads but, as Helm put it, "A dialogue with employees."

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Greenfield will not Pay-As-You-Throw

Greenfield voters approved the town's \$608,182 operating budget as well as six separate department budgets and funds for road repairs and repairs to the Meeting House Steeple. They were less approving of the Budget Advisory Committee's recommended Pay-As-You-Throw system for Recycling Center. To put it simply, the request for \$10,000 in start-up costs was discarded by voters.

Newport man sentenced to 3-6 years

Justin Bennett, 26 of Newport was give a pair of concurrent 3-6 year sentences after pleading guilty to unlawful possession and sale of gravestones. He was also given 3.5-7 years suspended on a third charge and had previously been sentenced to 3-7 year on a prior offense.

Francestown voters approve all requests

Although they debated virtually every article, Francestown voters ended up approving all 15 warrant articles, including the \$1.4 million operating budget. The one ballot vote came on a petitioned article to set the Police Chief's salary at \$51,000. It was defeated by a vote of 22-81. Ironically, \$51,000 is the salary set by the selectmen in the town budget.

Jim Mitchel scholarship now available

MainStreet Warner, Inc., a non-profit corporation founded in 2000 for the revitalization and preservation of community life in Warner through support of the arts and music, literacy and education, historical preservation and citizen involvement, is accepting applications for the JIM MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP. This scholarship has been created to honor Jim Mitchell, who acted as Warner's ambassador of community spirit, to remember that 'Something Wonderful is Happening in Warner'. Applications for this scholarship are available at info@mainstreetwarner.org or at Kearsarge High School.



Several people came away as winners at last years' Newport Rotary Club penny sale.

Newport Rotary's Annual Penny Sale

Newport Rotary will host its third annual penny sale Saturday, May 12. The sale will take place at the Newport Middle High School Gym, with doors opening at 6pm and the sale starting promptly at 7pm. The Penny Sale will include three separate rounds, with each round raffling 100 prizes. Tickets are \$1.00 each, six for \$5.00, or 25 for \$20.00 and will be on sale that evening. One hundred prizes will be drawn for each round with all winning tickets placed back in the tumbler for that round. "This really is a penny sale as a \$1.00 ticket may win up to 100 prizes," Purdy explained. "We'll be raffling off a prize every 30 seconds for almost three hours." After all 300 prizes are drawn, tickets from all three rounds will be returned to the tumbler and several grand prizes will be awarded.

The evening will conclude as the \$1,000 cash prize is drawn. Tickets for the cash prize will be on sale prior to the event through Newport Rotary members and for the entire evening of the penny sale (or until all 6,000 tickets are sold). The cash prize will be increased to \$1,250 if the winner is present. Tickets for the cash drawing will be \$1.00 each, six for \$5.00, or 25 for \$20.00.

Hancock Meeting House & clock repairs

It took some convincing, but after hearing Police Chief Andy Wood and Officer Melissa Hetrick describe the condition of their current cruiser, Hancock voters approved spending \$32,500 to replace it. Voters also approve the proposed \$1.88 million operating budget along with \$32,640 for repairs to the Meeting House and \$8,400 to repair the Meeting House's clock.

Croydon opts out of Newport agreement

After debating the issue for an hour at their School District Meeting, Croydon voters voted 35-26 to terminate their Authorized Regional Enrollment Agreement (AREA) with Newport and go it alone. Croydon currently has 92 student from pre-K to grade 12. Sixteen of the students receive special education services.

Henniker Youth Theatre Film Camps

Each Saturday morning from 9 to noon Henniker Youth Theatre will be offering film camps for young people from the ages of two (with parent involvement) to twenty-two. Camps go until April 14th and cost \$15 each session or \$50 for all four sessions. Henniker Youth Theatre is one of thirty non-profit youth groups around the United States to be awarded a Youth Serves America—United Health Heroes grant to help pay for this project. Instructors will be HYT Artistic Director Tom Dunn and Dartmouth College internet film expert Bob Robertson. Bob and Tom met while working on the Hillcat Theatre concert presentation of Benny Pierce last Fall and began plans for the Film Camps.

TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on April 3, 2012 at the Town Office at 27 School Street at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the following:

SPECIAL MEETING WARRANT TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH, NH

To the voters eligible to vote in Town affairs of the Town of Hillsborough, notice is given that a Special Meeting of the voters will be held at the Hillsboro-Deering High School Cafeteria commencing at 7:00 p.m. on April 10, 2012 for the purpose of acting upon the following business:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 31:5-b, to legalize and ratify the action taken by the Town at its meeting of March 13, 2012 where the Town passed Article 7 and Article 8 of the warrant for the Town's 2012 annual meeting and appropriated the sum of up to \$1,704,000 to be used to finance (i) the replacement of the two screw pumps at the waste water facility and related costs (Article 7, \$800,000) and (ii) the completion of the design, engineering and construction for the purpose of installing a Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filtration system or alternative treatment methods to the existing water treatment process, along with any related activities (Article 8, \$904,000), such sums which were to come from the issuance of bonds and notes pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33, as amended (together, the "Bond Issue"); the votes on the Bond Issue being procedurally defective due to the fact that the polls at the 2012 annual meeting were not kept open for voting on the Bond Issue for at least one hour, in violation of the provisions of RSA 33:8-a(II); provided, however, that should this article not pass, such vote will not rescind the original bond authorization.

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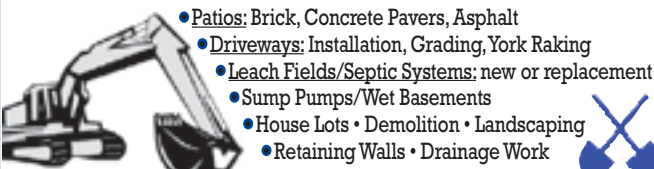
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Thanks to good friend James Hurlbut for sending this along. I admit that I'm old enough to remember what he is talking about.

THE GREEN THING

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized and explained, "We didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days. The clerk then responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right -- our generation didn't have the green thing in its day. Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts -- wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right; we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?



OPINION Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all my friends and neighbors who came out to support the kids and families in Deering, on Saturday at Town Meeting. We had a lot of supporters I knew about and just as many more that I did not know about. Thanks to all, I believe it was a good day for many citizens with the approval of a Veterans Memorial to the replacement of an aging ambulance.

What some people need to understand

is that even if it's not your need, it may be your neighbors and supporting your neighbors is what makes a small town a community.

Thank you!

The Ferguson Family

Dear Editor:

I was unable to attend the Hillsboro Town Meeting and express my concerns. Congratulations to David Fullerton on his



OPINION Letters to the Editor



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election as Selectperson. Dave has provided many volunteer hours to the community.

These are opinions elicited from two outside well known newspapers concerning Hillsboro. These opinions appear to be from computer nerds that hide behind their negative opinions without signing their names. Below are several opinions from the hidden vociferous mob. Admittedly, I subscribe to several of these opinions. The newest member of the Hillsboro Selectpersons should take note of the below and stand up for your over burdened tax paying neighbors.

The Hillsboro Planning Board known as the "Regulatory Board," set forth five regulations voted on, in an attempt to rid new businesses and take away property rights. Thankfully, these regulations were soundly defeated with a "No confidence vote," this would suggest that the Planning Director should be fired and the salary used to offset future attorney fees negotiating with our two newest unions. The irony, why are those same people re-elected on the Planning Board. They approved those regulations that were voted down?

The Police Department: Several writers and voters expressed concern over the Chiefs request for a new police cruiser. Claiming he has a town paid cruiser and that he is allowed to use the cruiser on personal business agreed to by our anointed selectpersons. The problem is, his cruiser has been spotted in Concord. Although, he was not driving it. Of greater concern expressed by several "rumorloids" what happened to the two police officers that were driving a Police Captain home that had been reportedly drinking? It is rumored that the State Police have charged our former retired Captain, who now has full benefits and a pension, with Aggravated Assault. The Police Chief should stop the buzz around town and the Concord News Media by releasing the entire story to his plebian followers. Dave Fullerton will have his hands full with the licentiousness of our police and dispatch community.

Our Hillsboro Chief Police stated to Alan B. Urquhart the town of Hillsboro is rural community; therefore, he maintains there is nothing wrong with the daily barrage of gun fire provided by our neighbors and their own gun ranges. We need to bring back the Planning Board Regulators and stop the individual gun ranges, unless of course they are taxed as heavy industry.

This is one regulation that would be voted for with a bang!

One nameless person of nefarious abilities wrote: The costly renovations to the "Historic Fuller Library" should be used for a new town hall. The person further contended that libraries are no longer in use and the books could be sold on Amazon. Com for \$1.00, proceeds to go the school union.

Hillsboro needs to put an end to all this sexual harassment business stated one writer to the Concord newspaper. I concur with this one and advise beware of Attorney Fees, they will eat out our very tax paying bowels. If you do need attorneys to investigate, hire the richest most fee laden firm in NH-Upton. Wait until we get the bill for this investigation. Speaking of lawyers, did we get bilked by the palliations of Attorney Hatfield's Committee on Kempt Park? Someone should read the minutes of the March 2010 Town Meeting.

A message from the "Old Man," seniors please use the Youth Services Van and vote next March or you will not have to be concerned with the Senior Citizens Program. Thanks to the March Meeting, those screamers in the Middle School Bleachers and their three hour, 3.14% tax increase feeding frenzy, will cost you.

Alan Urquhart

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KRES Bradford students 'Jump Rope for Heart'

The Kearsarge Regional Elementary Schools sponsored "Jump Rope for Heart" March 8. Designed to promote the health benefits of jumping rope, the program featured students using rope jumping techniques and skills taught and practiced in their physical education classes in first through fifth grades. "Jump Rope for Heart" helps to raise funds for the American Heart Association battle against heart disease and stroke, the nation's and New Hampshire's number one killer. Students learned to volunteer in their communities by asking family, friends and neighbors to sponsor their teams. The money will fund AHA's heart and blood vessel research, public education and community programs. KRES at Bradford sponsored its event on

March 8, 3:15-4:45 p.m. Cathy Robjent, physical education teacher, organized the event at KRES Bradford. ChiPS (Children, Parents, School) volunteers, led by Monica Valovic, provided healthy snacks for the Newbury and Bradford students. Many KRES at Bradford staff and parents participated as team leaders (who jumped!) for the 155 Bradford jumpers and as volunteers for this after school event.

The Youth Market Director in NH for the American Heart Association, Christine Mondor, visited the Jump Rope for Heart at KRES Bradford and commented, "The energy at your event was fantastic!!! Really wonderful to see such a positive community event! I agree that it takes a team for that kind of magic to happen!"

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Henniker's Hellings Slope Side Restaurant and Pub was one of fourteen area eateries participating in the 3rd annual "Taste of Hillsboro" expo at the Hillsboro Deering Middle School. Hosted by the Hillsborough NH Scholars.

Annual Henniker Rotary Rabies Clinic

The members of the Henniker Rotary Club hope to break their record and vaccinate 200 family pets at the 23rd annual Dog and Cat Rabies Clinic, Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Henniker Fire Station from 2:00- 4:00 p.m. There will be special incentives and giveaways, as well as nail clipping provided by The Mutt Hut, with the goal of encouraging more people to take advantage of this low-cost, effective way to prevent their companion animals from the deadly Rabies virus.

"We are exceedingly proud that, as word has spread about how well-managed our clinic is, people from surrounding communities have begun to bring their pets. Last year we vaccinated 172 dogs and cats from 15 towns," noted club president Jim Walsh.

Proceeds from the clinic will be donated to the Concord-Merrimack County SPCA. On an annual basis, more than 75 families

from the Henniker-area adopt from the SPCA, and over 100 pets are brought from the Henniker area to the SPCA so that new homes can be found. Volunteers from SPCA will also be on site offering custom-engraved pet tags for just \$5.

Vaccinations will be administered by the professional team of the Henniker Veterinary Hospital, under the direction of Dr. Robert Brust, Veterinarian and Rotary member. Cost for the Clinic is \$12.00 each for the first two household pets, \$6.00 for each additional pet.

Kim Johnson, Henniker Town Clerk and her staff will be on hand to provide 2012 dog licensure for local residents. All dogs should be brought leashed, cats in covered carriers. If your pet has previously been vaccinated against rabies, bring the certificate with you to qualify for a 3-year vaccination.

Driver hurt in Hancock motorcycle crash

Hancock Police Chief Andrew Wood reports that Donald Lambert, 58 of Keene was diving his Kawaski Motorcycle east on Cavender Road Monday afternoon when he lost control, was thrown off and struck a mailbox.

When rescue crews from Peterborough arrived they found Lambert several feet into an adjoining field. He was airlifted to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital where he is in stable condition. The accident remains under investigation.

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SUNAPEE

Hutchinson Trust to Bradley J. & Holly A Piccirillo, condominium unit. B at Burkehaven Hill, \$330,000.
Arthur & Catherine Porter to Robert C. Griffin, et al, land and buildings at 94 Edgemont Rd., \$225,000.
Merlin J. Chapman to Gene R. & Heidi M. Clwtier Jr., land and buildings at 59 Highland Hill Dr., \$181,000.
Samuel E. Murphy Revocable Trust to Krist G. & Helen M. Andersen, land and buildings on Lake Ave. \$145,000.
David Lang Clark Revocable Trust to Natalie & David Stanizzi, land and buildings at 38 New Providence Rd., \$138,533.
James S. & Candis J. Hebert Revocable Living Trust to John L. & Melissa J. Gardiner, land and buildings on Waterlot Rd., \$735,800.

SUTTON

502 Shaker Road; land and building; \$195,000; Virginia Blass and others to Helen Swanger.
Watkins Avenue, land and buildings, \$210,000, Charles, Jr. and Gordon Sr. Olsen to Michael Dennis properties, LLC.
423 Kearsarge Valley Road, land and buildings, \$287,533, Lizabeth Cornelio to Lizabeth and Alber Cornelio.

WASHINGTON

Brian & Donna L. Dobson to Stuart W. Styles, land and buildings at 522 Highland Haven Rd., \$25,000.
Eccardt Farms Inc. to Bear Hill Property LLC, land on Sleeper Rd., \$82,000.

WEARE

60 Roosevelt Road; land and building; \$179,000; Armand Turcotte Jr. and others to Adam and Katlyn Utalien.
Jewett Road; land; \$20,000; Lee Lucht to Christopher and Robin Renaud.
401 River Road; land and building; \$230,000; Roger Hardy Construction LLC to Raymond and Brannigan Burstein.
176 Russell Drive; land and building; \$280,000; St. Mary's Bank to Linnea Hargraves.
45 Reynwood Lane, land and building; \$175,867, Linda Chatfield to Patrick and Betty Rice.
150 Branch Road; land and building; \$225,000; Rosm Trust to Lawrence Earl Veino Jr. and others.
297 Abljah Bridge Road; land and buildings, \$218,467; Lawrence and Ruth Palmer Trusts to Andrew and Katrina Wagner.
1131 River Road; land and building;

\$77,000; I. Realty Investments LLC to Nicholae Marcu.
352 Flanders Memorial Road; land and building; \$160,000; Todd and Linda Bock to Matthew and Heather Harvey.
42 Hilbren Road; land and building; \$285,000; High Roek Development LLC to Stacey Carporiccio.
464 Old Francestown Road; land and building; \$188,000; Betsy Cook to Andre Marcoux.
282 Quaker St.; land and building; \$55650; Veterans Affairs to KBR Commercial LLC.
31 Newman Wilson Road; land and building; \$275,000; Edward and Donna Ware Jr. to Collins Family Trust.
55 Eastman Way; land; \$60,000; Christopher Bolton to Roger Hardy Construction LLC.
East Road; easment; \$20,000; Francis Boiton Jr. to Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

WEBSTER

20 Dustin Road; land and building; no price given; Laura Miliken and others to Tyter Peterson.
Pond Road; land and building; \$600,000; R. Lake Road LLC and others to Edward and Mary Cloues, II.
1567 Pleasant St.; land and building; \$130,000; Phyllis Roberts to Susan Roberts.

WILMOT

Quiet Cove Way; land; \$710,000; Robert and Margaret Batchel to Laurie Ann McDowell Trust and others.
309 Kearsarge Mountain Road; land and building; \$200,000; Bruce, Holly, Anne, Mark Scott to Raymond Heelan and others.
Kearsarge Mountain Road; land and building; \$450,000; Bruce and Grenelle Scott to Raymond Heelan and others.

ANDOVER

4 Valley Road; land and building; \$6,000; Roger and Betty Henderson Trust to Jim Peter and Angela Henderson.

ANTRIM

Clinton Road; land and building; \$60,000; Vildng Ventures LLC to Buck and Claire Somero.
43 Old Carr Road; land and building; \$160,000; Carolyn Greagsaketal to Mattbew R. Gawnn.
318 Concord St.; land and building; \$225,000; Cutter Construction Co. Inc. to Denise M. and Scott L. Mackenzie.