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Judge retires

The Henniker Community Center overflowed with friends and colleagues to honor Henniker Circuit Court Judge Bracket Scheffy who is retiring after serving since 1985. **See story and photo on page 3.**



Sparse attendance

Newport Moderator Howard Dunn presided over the Town's Deliberative Session Tuesday where Town officials and employees outnumber voters in attendance. **See story and photo on page 5.**



Bradford Police Officer Brian Eaton fingerprints 5 year-old Gunnar Benedict of Sutton during the department's Open House last Saturday. Additional photo on page 11.

Gun range approved

Attendance at the Newport ZBA hearing was so large that in addition to the 40 or so people who were seated, an additional 10 had to watch the proceedings on TV in the entrance to Town Hall. The hearing was on Strum Ruger and Mountain View Gun Club's application to open a shooting range on a 67 acre parcel West of Whitcher Road. Although

most of those attending were opposed to the range, the board by unanimous 4-0 vote approved the requested Special Exception to the Zoning Ordinance. The approval came with conditions that the backs of the stations be baffled and an independent sound study be conducted. The proposal must still pass muster before the Planning Board.

Violette's Supermarket to open in Newport soon

Shaw's Supermarket in Newport will soon be facing some competition. Violette's Supermarkets expects to open a 14,000 sq.ft. facility in Sugar River Square in a building owned by the bank. Dana Violette said the Newport store,

which is expected to open in early June, would hire about 36 employees, split evenly between full and part-time. Employment applications are available at violettessupermarket.com. A hiring fair is planned for a later date.



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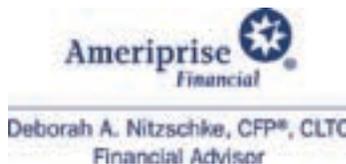


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Impressive ceremony honors retiring Judge

Friends, relatives and colleagues gathered in numbers at the Henniker Community Center last Friday to honor Judge Bracket Scheffy who is retiring after more than 26 years on the bench of the Henniker Circuit Court. Appointed by Gov. John Sununu, Scheffy has been universally praised for his patience, compassion and ability to listen and treat all with dignity and respect.

Judge Tom Bamberger of Nashua read congratulatory messages from the NH Supreme Court Justices, including former Chief Justice John Broaderick, who attended briefly, before presenting him with a framed proclamation from the Supreme Court. Former clerks Peggy Hatfield and Gloria Gidari spoke of their affection for him and Hatfield unveiled a portrait of Scheffy which will hang in the Court.

Henniker Police Chief Ryan Murdough also presented the Judge with a framed

proclamation honoring his years of service to the state.



Former Henniker Circuit Court Clerk Peggy Hatfield unveils a portrait of Judge Bracket Scheffy which will hang next to Douglas Hatfield's in the new facility in Hillsborough.

Peterborough rematch

When Peterborough voters go to the polls on May 8th, they will decide a rematch of the 2009 election for select-board. A gain this year, three term incumbent Liz Thomas faces off against Tony Nichols. In their last match-up Thomas beat Nichols 652-465 with third candidate Gil Duval garnering 168 votes. Only one other contested election is on the ballot, as Kenneth Clarke, Peter Leishman and Jim Stuart vie for two seats on the Zoning Board of adjustment.

H-D teachers propose new staff evaluation policy

HDHS teachers Heidi Welch, John Bramley, Brian McGinn and Noah Denslow presented a Proposed Revised Professional Evaluation Program as part of the School Improve Grant and the Department of Education at the HD School Board meeting on Monday. While HD has been ahead of many other schools in this area by using the Danielson Domains, significant improvements are being made to enhance the evaluation process. One of the main areas will be to increase continuity from

one administrator to another, ensuring that the evaluation process will be able to flow smoothly. Also, more formal observation criteria will help make the process more objective and responsibility for feedback by the teacher will ensure that both student and teacher achievements are being met. The revised proposal for both teacher and principal evaluation systems are going to be presented to SIG schools and the DOE on May 9, a draft submitted by May 31st and the final proposal no later than July 1st.



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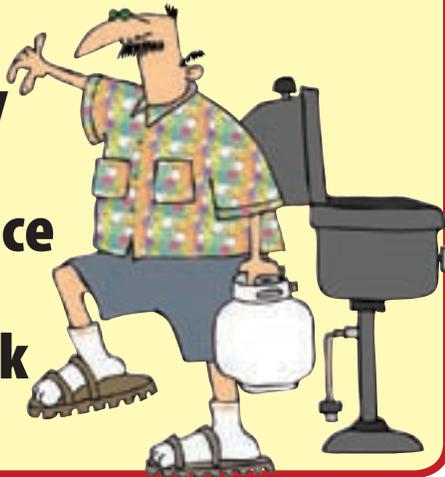
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PHARMACY TOPICS



BY SARAH CHAPIN

Oxaliplatin, a platinum-based anticancer drug that's made enormous headway in recent years against colorectal cancer, appears to cause nerve damage that may be permanent and worsens even months after treatment ends, according to a report in *Neurology*. Many patients who take oxaliplatin report bothersome neurological side effects, including pain in the hands and feet and a numbness or tingling in the throat that affects swallowing. Investigators emphasize that the drug therapy clearly improves length of survival in advanced cancer by months to years, and that the goal of their new study is to find ways of preventing or slowing the damage through nerve-protective therapies identified through simple skin testing.

Severe spinal cord injury can be treated effectively by administering the supplement acetyl-L-carnitine (ALC), a derivative of essential amino acids that can generate metabolic energy, soon after injury, according to research conducted by University of Kentucky neuroscientists.

Use of selected prescription medications, including antidepressants, antihistamines, bronchodilators, anticholinergics, sympathomimetics, and diuretics contribute to 10 percent of lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS) among men, according to a study published in the *Archives of Internal Medicine*. Common LUTS include urinary frequency, weak stream, post-void dribbling, and hesitancy in initiating the stream.

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H-D Interim Superintendent Dr. Garry Murphy presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Laurie Yannis, a paraprofessional in the District, for her implementation of the very popular Tell Me Something Good Initiative. The program is based on Drops in the Bucket, an employee recognition program where employees recognize something good about their peers.

Hillsborough EDC to recruit businesses

Dennis Roberts, Chair of Hillsborough's Economic Development Committee asked for suggestions of types of businesses that are needed and/or wanted that EDC could recruit to come to Hillsborough. John Stetser suggested that a committee of David Fullerton (Pride president), Babette Haley (Chamber of Commerce), Steve Heavener (CRCDC, for financing) and John Stetser (Town of Hillsborough) be appointed to develop a flyer and business recruitment letters to send out to potential businesses. Members present offered suggestions for a grocery store, theatre/arts center/rec center/Hampshire dome, a year-round recreation center, dry cleaner, hotel and small bookstore, preferably with a café. The list was narrowed down to three businesses to focus on recruiting: a bookstore, hotel and dry cleaning business. Dennis Roberts will make contact with business people in these areas.

EMS conference at Mt Sunapee

Mount Sunapee Resort, Newbury is the site of the 12th Annual Central EMS Conference on April 27 – 29, 2012. The event draws Safety Service providers from all over New England. The keynote address, "Tropical Storm Irene—Deployment & Lessons Learned" will be delivered by Steve Fecteau, Captain/Paramedic with the Franklin Fire Department and Commander of the NH NMRS Medical Task Force-1 since 2008. The three-day conference brings in local and national speakers to cover many of the current issues faced by emergency services. Classes are offered that will attract EMT's, ski-patrollers, doctors, nurses, public health and infection control specialists, as well as police and fire personnel.

"This year, we have a strong, diverse group of instructors," said Pamela Drewniak, EMS Coordinator at New London Hospital. "Our course offerings range from "Wilderness and Rescue Medicine" to "Why Do We Breathe?" Specialty courses American Heart Association ACLS Recertification Course and Paramedic RTP will be offered on Friday, April 27. Opening remarks begin at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 28 with Bruce King, President & CEO, New London Hospital, Kenneth Call, MD, EMS Medical Director at New London Hospital and Curtis Metzger, Hospital Preparedness Coordinator, NH Department of Health & Human Services.

Sparse crowd; few attend Newport session

A "crowd" of about 40 people, 19 of whom were not either a town official or employee, attended Newport's Deliberative Session Tuesday evening. Although they questioned and debated virtually every article, none were amended during the session which lasted little more than two hours. Ballot voting on the 28 article warrant will take place on May 8th from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

at the Town Hall.

Included on the warrant are requests for a \$180,000 bond to study developing a new municipal water well, \$158,000 to replace one of the town's three ambulances; and

the operating budget of \$8,816,961. Other articles call for approval of new contracts with the Police and Public Works Unions and the repeal of SB2 voting with a return to a traditional Town Meeting.

Good news - Bad news

It was a case of good news and bad news at the meeting of the Henniker Community School Board Wednesday night. Assistant Superintendent Pamela Shepard presented the board with the good news. Henniker Community School improved greatly in latest reports in the Adequate Yearly Progress testing for reading and mathematics. With a target of 91% of students achieving AYP in reading, HCS's score was 94.5% and with a target of 88% in mathematics, HCS scored 93.1%.

Having been designated as a "School In Need Of Improvement" a year ago, these scores show remarkable improvement for which the board commended the teaching staff. The bad news is that in order to be removed from the "Needs Improvement" category, the school must show improvement for two consecutive years. Thus, the school is facing the daunting task of not only maintaining those high scores, but improving on them.



Newport officials outnumber voters at the recent Deliberative Session.

New London Recreation to control Whipple Hall

At their last meeting, the New London Selectmen turned over the administration of Whipple Hall to Recreation Director Chad Denning. In coordination with the Town Clerk, Denning will now be responsible for scheduling, coordinating requests for use of

the hall and collecting fees. The board also considered increasing the use fees but eventually agreed with member Tina Helm who cautioned against it. With a refundable \$50 deposit, fees are currently \$25-\$35 for local organizations, \$50-\$75 for outside groups.

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Nicholas Metcalf (l) and Tyler Lacasse (r).

Two new Eagle Scouts in Weare

Troop 24 in Weare New Hampshire is very proud to announce that Nicholas Metcalf and Tyler Lacasse have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Both boys were celebrated at an Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, April 1, 2012 surrounded by family, friends, and their fellow scouts of Troop 24. Both Nick and Tyler have been in the scouting program since 1st grade when they entered as Tiger Cubs. The ceremony was presided by Assistant Scout Master – John Robichaud who also read declarations from New Hampshire Senator Kelly Ayotte and Dirty Job's Mike Rowe. Both boys were presented with United States Flags that were flown over the Capitol at the request of Senator Ayotte. Nick and Tyler now share in a long history of Eagle Scouts from Weare.

Youth Group's Shareholder's Banquet

RBA (the middle school-aged youth group based from Smith Memorial Congregational Church) invites you to our Shareholders' Banquet on Sunday, April 15 at 6 PM at the church. The youth group has just spent a long weekend in New York City cooking and serving dinner at a mission site and also sightseeing in the city. The parents of our youth are preparing a delicious lasagna meal – come enjoy dinner with us, see our power point display, and hear all about our experiences in New York City. If you are a shareholder in RBA, your admission to dinner is free with your stock certificate; if you did not buy stock, but would like to come to the Shareholder's Banquet (and we encourage you to do so!), the cost is \$8 at the door. In order to help with our planning, please make a reservation with Barbara Daley at 464-5239 or e-mail bdaley@tds.net

Hopkinton Town Hall repairs costly

The Hopkinton selectmen recently received an architect's estimate for repairs to the historic Town Hall, which could well exceed \$200,000. The next step is to prioritize the various projects that are needed. The most pressing is to make the facility more fully handicapped accessible. Voters at Town Meeting recently added to the \$10,100 fund available for renovations.

Henniker Selectmen discuss varied topics

Things were going smoothly at the Henniker Selectmen's meeting Tuesday night until the end. The board extended the jurisdiction of the Azalea Park Committee for 3 years (see separate story), approved Transfer Station Superintendent Bill McGirr's request to accept the gifts of a dethatcher, valued at \$760 and a drag harrow, valued at \$350 from the Henniker Athletic Boosters Club and Road Agent Carl Knapp's recommendation of purchasing a Caterpillar Front End Loader for \$94,000 after trade ins.

Things got more heated when member Tom Watman asked to take up an item he had withdrawn for the consent agenda. Administrator Chuck Connell had placed a request by Knapp to trade pieces of surplus equipment for a truck sander with a single vendor. Watman objected first that the request even appeared on the consent agenda because it violated Town policy that surplus items be first offered to other departments

Chamber urges hold the land

The Henniker Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Economic Development Committee have written the selectmen asking that the board retain Lot 241B adjacent to the Community Center and make it available for parking.

The lot is one of several owned by the town which is under consideration for sale. The matter will be discussed at the next selectman's meeting.

and if no takers then placed for open bid auction. The board asked Connell to initi-

ate the bid process and also to compile a list of other surplus equipment on hand.



Dave Connor of the Henniker Azalea Park Committee presents drawings of Azalea Park both as it is currently and what it could be in conjunction with work by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Azalea Park Committee extended 3 yrs

Members of the Henniker Azalea Park Committee reported their findings to the Selectmen and made some requests. Dave Connor showed drawings of current and future plans and with Gail Hayden and Joan O'Connor answered questions. Stacy Luke of the Merrimack County Conservation District said that she would assist in the application of grants in order to get the project funded. The board agreed to the

extension of the committee past the current September 2012 deadline for three years as long as the committee staggers the terms of its members and suggested that the committee communicate with the Henniker Conservation Committee. The Selectmen also agreed to allow the committee to apply for grants to fund the project in the name of the Town providing that the grants are approved by the Selectmen prior to application.

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Newbury Selectmen refuse land acquisition

Newbury resident Joe Spaulding presented the selectmen with an offer to sell his property abutting the town's bald mountain property on Route 103 for \$22,000. Selectman Richard Wright thought it would be a good addition, but explained that there is no way for the town to acquire it before the 2013 Town Meeting. The board advised Spaulding to return in November when budgeting begins again, if the property is not sold. Jim Powell was elected to another term as board chairman.

Peterborough's \$11.7 million budget OK

With less than 2% of the Peterborough's registered voters present at Tuesday's Deliberative Session, all articles were approved for including on the warrant. Although some questioned the need for a 7.9% increase spending, the \$11.7 million operating budget, escaped with when no amendments to reduce it were offered.

According to select board Chair Barbara Miller, if the entire warrant is approved the town's portion of the tax rate will increase by .67/1000 of valuation. Ballot voting will be held on May 8th.

Crotched Mountain expansion approved

The Franconstown Planning Board has given conditional approval to Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride' request to install a new high speed lift to the top of the mountain, adding three new trails to the facility. The \$3.1 million lift purchased from Vermont's Ascutney Mountain is scheduled to be dismantled this month and transported and reassembled at Crotched in time for the 2013 ski season. Lighting was a concern but General Manager Pat Terry assured the board that visors or shields would be installed to minimized the glare.

Antrim considers non-resident fee at Gregg Lake

Celest Lunetta and Barbara Reynolds of the Antrim Parks & Recreation Commission met with the selectmen to touch bases before their joint meeting with representatives of the ConVal School Board to review the agreements involving use of the Antrim schools and Shea Field. The schools and gym are owned by the town, they are under the jurisdiction of the School District by lease or other agreements. Likewise Shea Field is controlled by the Recreation Commission but used by the schools. The cooperative effort has worked well over the years and is expected to continue.

Lunetta and Reynolds also asked the selectmen to adopt a fee schedule for non-resident parking at Gregg Lake. The Rec Commission suggests that residents be issued

a free parking permit and non residents be charged \$5 for a one-time, or \$15 for a seasonal permit. A Public Hearing will be scheduled on the proposal.

Newbury student/athlete receives award

The Loomis Chaffee School Athletics Department gathered recently with varsity student athletes, their parents, and coaches, to celebrate the accomplishments of Pelican teams this winter. Director of Athletics Bob Howe and other members of the Athletics Department bestowed honors upon Pelican athletes for their participation and dedication to varsity teams. Tucker Santoro a freshman from Newbury was presented with the Coaches' Award for Alpine Skiing.



The Henniker Community School held its 9th annual Family Math Night, created by teacher Cheryl Cornett for grades K-3. It shows parents what their kids are learning and in math class by working together on games that instill math concepts. This year the focus was "problem solving." Shown are 1st grader Nathan Feudner and his mom Heidi



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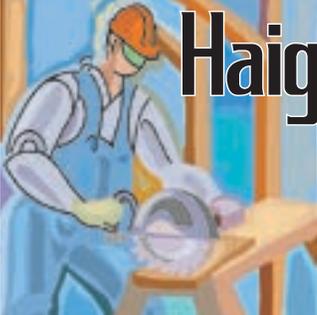
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The Hannah Dustin Society of the Children of the American Revolution took part in the Annual Warner Flea Market Sat., March 31st in the Warner Town Hall. They manned a bake sale and a 50/50 raffle. From left to right: Sophie Snaith from New London, Savannah Smith from Warner, Madison Snaith from New London, Samantha and Lydia Monroe from Warner.

Newport Zoning Board OK's gun shop

Guns were again the topic at the Newport ZBA when Rocco A. & Melissa Saccento applied for a Variance to permit the additional mixed use of a gunsmithing/sales business at property that already contains a Home Business of a bakery and a family residence.

The property is located at 72 Sand Hill Road in the Rural (R) Zoning District. Chairman Burroughs pointed out that there is a difference between a rural district and an industrial or commercial district where such a use may be permitted, and said if the Board allowed the applicant the ability to operate a range for the purpose of test firing, none of the neighbors would be able to complain if they were disturbed by the noise of the guns. He said he wanted to remain respectful for those who want to recreate in their own backyards safely, but did not want to take away the rights of others to complain about the noise. Jeff Kessler agreed and stated that this is not a step to be taken lightly.

After further discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve the variance with the following conditions:

1. The gun repair business remains secondary to the primary pre-approved home business and not to exceed the current existing structure(s).
2. That the hours of operation for meeting with clients would not exceed 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with no restriction on the hours of work being done within the house.
3. That any firing of weapons be for recreational purposes only.
4. That the applicants comply with all federal firearms licensing requirements.
5. That the applicant conforms to existing town ordinances relative to signage and obtains all necessary permits that are required.
6. That the approval of this home business at this address be in the name of the applicants only and any and all zoning approvals cease to exist once the property changes ownership and/or the business closes for a period of 12 months or more.

John Stark special school meeting

The John Stark School Board has voted to request a special meeting in order to revote on the teachers contract which was rejected by voters at the school district meeting. A new public hearing, deliberative session and voting date will be announced shortly.



Members of the Bradford Police Department; Chief James Valiquet, Sgt. Stephen Valiquet, Brian Eaton, Mst. Patrolman Edward ShaNESSy, Officer Chuch Goodale, and Officer Carolyn Valiquet, along with Dawn Rich and Martha Barron of the Friends of the BAC and Debbie Flinkstrom and Margaret Raymonds of Parks & Rec. combined to host an Open House at the newly renovated Bradford Police Department on Saturday.

Warner board reviews sidewalk options

Peter Holden and Bill Rosenault from Holden Engineering presented the Warner selectmen with different scenarios for sidewalks that have been approved through the Safe Routes to School Grant process; particularly from Rosalyn Ave. to Geneva Street. Holden Engineering recommends holding a meeting with the area residents whose property will be directly impacted by the sidewalks, after which, the chosen concept would be sent to the state for review.

Selectman David Hartman confirmed that there are two solutions available for North Village Road and both include a painted bike path, a sidewalk and an alternate route. Selectman Hartman asked if there will be a 5' minimum width for the sidewalks. Holden Engineering said they try to make all sidewalks with a 5' width.

Chairman Clyde Carson asked about the status of the footbridge that leads to Riverside Park. Selectman and was told that Warner Power owns one side of the bridge and the Town of Warner owns the other side. He also learned that the bridge is structurally sound as a walking bridge and for about \$250K the bridge could be rehabilitated. Town Administrator Laura Buono said the Safe Routes to School Committee did talk about the footbridge and it was felt by Central NH Regional Planning Commission the footbridge would be a great project to submit because of its uniqueness; not being part of the current grant, the project would need to be submitted in the next round of applications; it was turned down in this round of applications.

The original grant total was for \$88K which included \$5K for engineering. It was later learned that the cost for the engineering was not enough so more money was requested and approved; another \$24K. Holden said the grant total now is \$107,776; the construction costs are estimated at \$100K; the original estimate for construction is \$76,800. This shows a \$23+K shortfall which Holden Engineering has made the Department of Transportation aware of, as well as CNHRPC. Holden Engineering is looking to both DOT and CNHRPC for guidance to make up the shortfall. The Town Administrator said in-kind labor and material is being looked as well to make up the cost difference. Further funding for the project will need to be approved by Governor & Council, typically a Safe Routes to School project takes about three years.


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Guest Editorial .

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DRIVING FOR DOLLARS

Give credit to State Senator Chuck Morse of Salem and Grant Bosse and the Joshua Bartlett Center for potentially increasing New Hampshire's hard pressed highway fund to the tune of close to \$1 million annually.

That is one estimate of how much will be gained each year if government employees reimburse the state for their personal use of state-owned vehicles. The State senate passed this measure unanimously last week. The House ought to follow suit and the Governor should sign it as soon as it lands on his desk.

Bosse led the Bartlett Center study of the use of state-owned vehicles for personal driving, Center Director Charles Arlinghouse wrote about it in his Union Leader column and our newspaper also reported some of the findings. They were startling, especially for a state that prides itself on stretching its dollars.

State cars used for personal use more than 15% of the time must be reported. Re-

cent figures show that such vehicles racked up 1.5 million personal miles of travel in a single year. Under Sen. Morse's bill that travel will now be reimbursed.

Bosse's study showed that much of Cannon Mountain manager John Devivio's state car's mileage (19,000 out of 31,000 miles in one year) was racked up in driving to and from his home in Maine. If he wants to live in Maine, okay, but not on the taxpayers dime.

George Bald, Devivio's boss, said the man doesn't get overtime and may be called out, even during the holidays, so the car isn't a "perk."

Well, he's a manager and that is what is required of managers. A state-owned car that is used mostly for commuting sure sounds like a "perk." If it part of his compensation package, perhaps it should be reviewed.

The state should regularly review what makes sense in terms of who is assigned vehicles bought and paid for by taxpayers.

Having the state reimbursed for personal use of many of those vehicles makes sense too.



OPINION Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor;

That was a great Guest Editorial by James Hurlbut in the March 23, 2012 Messenger, entitled: "The Green Thing." To add a point, we respected people and property, we formed open relationships based on trust and friendship by openly communicating verbally face to face or via phone with one another. Today people are failing to communicate and instead they are hiding behind a computer or using a phone with machine language enumerated by illiterate communication symbols once called English. We hide behind a Blueberry, a Green or Blue Tooth, a Blackberry, or an Apple. We send meaningless jargon and half sentences for replies and type messages from a phone instead of the one to one verbal communication to ensure you were interrelating with a human being

and not a machine. It is like going to a Doctor, after the Doctor greets you the rest of the visit you watch as he or she types everything you say into the computer. You stare at the Doctor as he works feverishly behind the computer. You wait for a response to the medical issues that brought you there. When the Doctor completes his computer work he prints you out a piece of paper with brief diagnosis and a note for the pharmacist. You would have had more communication from an undertaker. The next time you reach for your electronic device to type a message to your wife, child or friend try the old fashioned phone call or meet the person and have open dialogue which will bring you closer together and form a more meaningful and positive relationship.

Alan B. Urquhart, Hillsborough



OPINION Letters to the Editor

To The Editor;

Veterans who are in need of Veterans Affairs (VA) for health care and due process of disability claims, it is our Government's obligation to take responsibility and be sympathetic to those in need, the American people need to query their members of Congress and Senate. Why won't they help our veterans in need? We Vietnam veterans who are sick need the help of our Congress and Senate. Please do what is right.

WWII and Korean war veterans life expectancy is longer then veterans of the Vietnam war. Why? Because of Agent Orange Dioxin exposure. We are not dying of old age, we are dying of diseases most men would not realize until a much older age. We could realize better quality of life and maybe longer life, if our legislators would make provision for us by simply passing House Bill HR-3612 and Senate Bill S.1629. Is life worth so little by continued delayed action on those Bills?

It is not only about the Vietnam war, likewise the Iraq war and Afghanistan war. It is about the brave souls who died for America. Also, those who came home, and those yet to come home. Some with loss of limb, diseases, post traumatic stress disorder. In some cases,

facing the loss of a family, due to long term deployments of not just one, but as many as three or more.

It is not easy to start life over again after the toil of war. Family values need to be re-strengthened. Friendships need to be renewed. Jobs need to be recovered or sought for. Health issues will crop up and will need to be addressed for possible VA assistance. Will the VA and our Government be there for them? Veterans of today's wars need to learn from the Vietnam war era.

Many of these veterans, in all likelihood will need help from the VA. You very well may need to do battle with the VA and our legislators as we Vietnam veterans are presently doing. Veterans are easily forgotten by our legislators, until we remind them of who we are and why we fought for America's freedom and why you may one day need help. You, someday will likewise be asking the American people to step in and appeal to our Congress and Senate to help veterans. What legislative Bills will be introduced for the Iraq and Afghanistan veterans?

John J. Bury,

US Navy/retired/Vietnam war veteran



Henniker Rotary Club president James Walsh thanks speaker Attorney Janelle Laylagian who spoke about the Bar Association's efforts to put Civics back into the schools. We had a fun question and answer session using information obtained from the US Naturalization Test.

THE Messenger

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Antrim Legionnaire has 50 years service

Thomas Leonard, 87, of Antrim was recently awarded a certificate of recognition for being a continuous active member of the Antrim American Legion Post#50 for 50 years. Mr. Leonard has lived in Antrim for 75 years. His military career consisted of being in the Army as a Combat Engineer.

He was also part of the Battle of Normandy and Battle of the Bulge. When he received the certificate he stated this is great and he appreciates the recognition very much. He stated he was going to frame the certificate and display it. The certificate was presented by the current American Legion Command-

er Steve Roy. Commander Roy pointed out that the Antrim American Legion was one of the original Charter Post of the American Legion which was formed in 1919. He stated he is always pleased to be able to recognize individuals for accomplishments such as this one.

Organic food at hospital

Concord Hospital and the Vegetable Ranch, an organic farm in Warner, recently partnered to bring healthy, organic, locally-grown food to Hospital patients, visitors and staff. "You are getting absolutely fresh, organic produce," said Larry Pletcher, the farm's owner. "We grow most of our potatoes on five acres at St. Paul's School, so they will travel maybe a mile from the field to the kitchen." The Vegetable Ranch has committed to supplying the Hospital red and fingerling potatoes, scallions, summer squash and cherry tomatoes during the summer growing season and continuing into the fall and winter for the potatoes and scallions. The produce will be served to patients and in the Hospital's café and cafeteria for visitors and staff.



Steve Roy (r) presents a fifty year certificate to Thomas Leonard.

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Pats Peak Student Patroller Ian Kendrick receiving the Hans Hyson Award from Craig Larson, the new advisor for the Eastern Division Young Adult Program.

Pats Peak Ski Patroller receives honor

Pats Peak announces student patroller Ian Kendrick as the 2012 recipient of the highly coveted Hans Hyson Memorial Award for Leadership. Hans was the late son of Jerry Hyson. Jerry has been the Student/Young Adult Patroller Division Advisor for many years. The award is based on having a positive attitude on and off the mountain and being respectful of peers, other patrollers, and the general public. The recipient must be active at his/her home mountain as well as being involved with school and community functions. Ian received the award at the 2012 Eastern Division Young Adult Patroller Seminar held March 16-19, 2012 at Bromley Mountain Resort, VT. At this event, Student Patrollers from western Pennsylvania to the tip of Maine meet to challenge each other in skiing skills, toboggan handling skills, and OEC skills. Six Pats Peak Student Patrollers attended this year's event. Over the years, Pats Peak Student Patrollers have received numerous awards at Ian is from Weare and has been a member of the Pats Peak Student Patroller program for three years. His father and his two sisters are also Ski Patrollers at Pats Peak. This is his third time attending the Young Adult Patroller Seminar.

Sunapee Selectmen agree to land purchase

The Sunapee Selectmen received a request from the Abbott Library Trustees to complete the purchase of the property, known as Sunapee Center, with the Library paying the additional funds required by the Purchase and Sales Agreement from the funds available in the Library Capital Reserve Fund (\$125,000) and the funds available in the Library Capital Campaign Fund (\$164,500). Library Trustee Chairman Terri White stated that the Trustees met on Tuesday, March 20th and voted unanimously to complete the purchase of the property, known as Sunapee Center, for the new library and presented the motion to the Board. Chairman Gallup read two emails from residents that were not in favor of the Town continuing with the purchase.

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