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## Counselor Arrested

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## Newport Contest

Early "Peeped" Balloon flight-Paris circa 1783 by Sally Hague won Best in Show at the Newport Library Arts Center's 1st Annual "Peeps Diorama Contest" last Saturday. **Story and additional photo on page 7**



# Young at art

## *K-12 student art contest*

The New London Historical Society recently announced its bi-annual Young at Art contest for area students. This contest is open to all students grades K-12 that are in public, private, parochial, or home schools in the Newport, Sunapee, Grantham, Andover and Kearsarge school districts. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners from each category and age group. Young artists are

encouraged to complete and submit their registration form, necessary to enter their art, by May 1st. The artwork will be on display and may be viewed by the public on May 12, 2012, between 1-4 pm, at the New London Historical Society. Co-chairs for the Young At Art contest pose with art palettes, from left to right, Kathy Snaith, Jody Cooper, Janet Royle and Linda Jaggard.

## Antrim man ejected from car on I-89

An Antrim man apparently fell asleep at the wheel while traveling on I-89, causing his 2005 Subaru to bounce off a guard rail before crossing into the left lane and striking a Chevy Cavalier driven by Peter Kelpakgian, 24, of Warner. Police reports indicate that Christo-

pher Richard, 31 of Antrim was ejected from his vehicle and taken to Concord Hospital with serious, but not life threatening injuries. The accident remains under investigation but authorities do not believe drugs or alcohol were involved

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# Antrim & Bennington schools may be closed

Faced with declining enrollments, the ConVal School District has established a committee to study potential models to consolidate its 8 elementary and 2 middle schools. Some of the models contemplate closing Bennington's Pierce Elementary, Antrim Elementary and Great Brook Middle School.

The committee is visiting each of the nine towns in the district to explain the process and the various models. Last Thursday the group met with Antrim residents and Tuesday night made a presentation in Bennington.

ConVal's nine town district covers a huge geographic area of over 250 square miles. Its busses travel an average of 3,100 miles each day bringing children to and from school. It takes 95,000 gallons of fuel each year to transport its students.

Once the presentations are complete, the committee will consider the input it

received and select one of the models to recommend to voters at the 2013 district

meeting. Voters will have the ultimate say if the model is adopted or not.



George Kidd, Chairman of the ConVal Model Study Committee presented the alternative school restructuring plans to a group at Bennington's Pierce School Tuesday evening.

## Newport teacher to Claremont

Dan Cherry, a teacher at Towle Elementary School in Newport has been hired to replace Catherine Davigon as principal of the Maple Avenue Elementary School in Claremont. The Claremont School Board unanimously chose Cherry over a field of six finalists.

## Hillsborough voters ratify sewer and water bonds

Hillsborough voters ratified a previous vote to approve two bonds worth \$1.7 million to make repairs to the town's water and sewer systems.

By a vote of 28-3, voters corrected a procedural error at Town Meeting which invalidated the overwhelming vote in support of the bonds. State law requires that bond issues be voted on by paper ballot and that

the polls must remain open for one hour. On March 13th, the polls were inadvertently closed after 45 minutes. The bonds will be used to replace screw pumps at the wastewater facility and build a new filtration system for the water supply.

Not taking any chances, Selectman Russ Galpin said the polls were opened at 7 PM and not closed until 8:06 PM.

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## TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

Juvenile idiopathic arthritis, sometimes called juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, is a common childhood disease that affects up to 400 out of every 100,000 children in the United States. Juvenile idiopathic (meaning it has no known cause) arthritis is the most common form of persistent arthritis in children. It is marked by severe joint pain that is sometimes accompanied by a fever and rash and may cause long-term joint damage. Medications known as disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs, or DMARDs, appear to be more effective than other treatments for children with arthritis, but there is not enough evidence to support one kind of DMARD over another, according to a new report from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). The AHRQ review compared traditional treatments—which include ibuprofen and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and corticosteroids—with DMARDs. There is no cure, but the development of DMARDs over the past 25 years has significantly advanced treatment and control of symptoms.

Exenatide, marketed under the trade name Byetta, a drug commonly prescribed to help patients with type 2 diabetes improve blood sugar control, also has a powerful and rapid anti-inflammatory effect, a study published in the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism* has shown.

Patients who take certain popular types of blood pressure medication once a day are able to achieve somewhat better control of their hypertension if they take their daily dose at bedtime, according to a new systematic review in *The Cochrane Library*.

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Last year's President, Savannah Smith on the left, passing the gavel to Madison Snaith, incoming President.

## CAR installs new officers

Hannah Dustin Society, Children of the American Revolution, met and installed officers for the 2012-2013 term as they entered their third year as a society. They met at the Pillsbury Free Library in Warner Sat. morning, April 7th. The society's new officers are Madison Snaith, President; Samantha Monroe, Vice-President; Nathan Monroe, Secretary; Lydia Monroe, Treasurer; Savannah Smith, Registrar; Sophia Snaith, Chaplain; Alyssa Boehm, Historian and Julia Gustafson, Librarian/Curator.

## Wild Goose boat launch approval again

The NH Council on Resources and Development has approved the Fish & Game Department's plan to build its Wild Goose boat launch on Lake Sunapee along Route 103 in Newbury.

The council is not normally involved in this process, but when the town of Newbury and the Lake Sunapee Protective Association appealed Fish & Game's approval of the project, the court ordered that the Council should also review it.

Opponents have not given up and vow to continue fighting the project.

## Man arrested for selling alcohol to minors

Christopher Delisle, 21, of New Boston has been arrested and charged with prohibited sales of alcohol and three counts of endangering the welfare of a minor. Authorities say Delisle supplied alcohol to three underage teens at a "Guitar Night" event at Hollis-Brookline High School. Police found one girl passed out in a car in back of the school.

## Francetown approves tree removal

At a recent hearing, the Francetown Planning Board approved the Highway Department's request to cut about 30 trees along Pleasant Pond Road to make way for future road improvements. Although the road is designated as a "Scenic Road," the board agreed with Road Agent Gary Paige who said the trees were either dead or leaning over the road.

# HDMS students asked to join "Rachel's Challenge"

Hillsboro-Deering Middle School students and staff spent the day Wednesday in assemblies and work sessions learning about "Rachel's Challenge", a national program modeled after the writings of Rachel Joy Scott, the Colorado teenager who was the first person killed during the Columbine High School killings in 1999.

After spending the day with students, Toy Arnold, one of 45 storytellers who tour the nation telling Rachel's story briefed parents and community members with a moving power point presentation. This remarkable young woman knew that she was destined to have an impact on the world and that she would die at an early age. Her hope was that if each person exhibited one act of kindness, it could start a "Chain Reaction of Kindness" that could

spread all over the world.

In an essay, written shortly before her death Rachel issued five challenges: 1. Look

for the best in others; 2. Dream big; 3.

Choose positive influences; 4. Speak with kindness; 5. Start your own chain reaction.



At the end of a day long session, Hillsboro-Deering Middle school students signed up to accept Rachel's Challenge.

## New London Warrant OK'ed

After the New London Budget Committee gave its approval to the warrant on Monday night, the selectmen gave their final approval at a rare 4 p.m. meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Replacement of the Fire Department's ladder truck occupied most of the discussion at Monday's Budget Committee hearing, after Chair Jim Wheeler opened the meeting stating that the \$860,000 being proposed was one of the largest expenditures the Town has ever seen.

## Already out on bail, woman arrested again

Greenfield Police Chief Brian Giammarino reports that Ashleigh Starr, 26, and Wayne Hoffman, 46, of Greenfield have been arrested and charged with burglarizing a Slip Road residence and taking seven

firearms. Starr was out on bail after being arrested twice for a series of Monadnock area burglaries earlier this year. Police say both admitted to the thefts to feed an addiction to Percocet.

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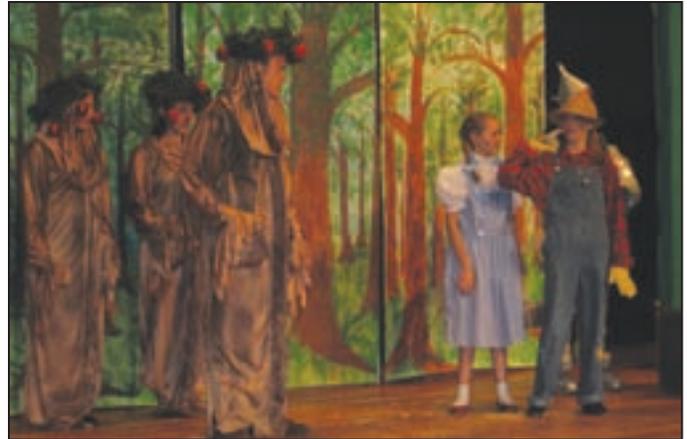
## Trivia Night

Friday, April 13 at 6:30 at  
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The Barford-Wilcoxon Elementary School Players gave a masterful performance of "The Wizard Of Oz" at the H-D Middle School Cafetorium last week.

## HDHS hosts musical artists in residence

Thanks to the amazing generosity of the Duncan-Jenkins Trust, Washington, DC based vocal ensemble "SNOWDAY" will be arriving this week for an artist in residence program with the HDHS Music Department. After working with students for two days, they will be presenting work in a concert featuring our Chorus; Red, White and A Cappella; and featured act "SNOWDAY" on Tuesday, April 17th. We kick off the event that evening with our Disney Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner at 6 p.m. in the HDMS Café. \$5.00 gets you a full spaghetti dinner including spaghetti, meatballs or sauce, salad, rolls, dessert and beverages. Showtime is at 7:00 p.m. for an all-out A Cappella vocal extravaganza and is open to all. Come out and support the amazing vocal program at Hillsboro-Deering High School.

## Francetown man killed in backhoe accident

A Francetown man died last Thursday from injuries sustained when he was pinned under a backhoe he was working on. Authorities say Anthony Clark, 40, was crushed when the backhoe rolled over on him. Apparently he was standing next to it when he reached in to start it. The machine must have been in gear as it lurched forward. Clark's wife Carolyn was home at the time and called 911, but despite a quick response, could not save him. His obit appears on page 23.

## Spring Into Warner Saturday May 19th

The Warner Retailers group of the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes spring with a family-oriented arts festival in Warner from 10am to 4pm on Saturday May 19. The town will be filled with art, music, crafts and more for all to enjoy. Local artists will demonstrate and musicians and dancers will perform at venues along Main Street. Children will enjoy building fairy and elf houses, face painting, story time and crafts. The whole family will want to tour the New Hampshire Telephone Museum for free, see the fire trucks at the Warner Firefighters Museum, meet animals from the W.I.L.D. Center and Zoological Park of New England at Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum and take a horse-drawn wagon ride. The library will have movies and a children's book sale, the Warner Historical Society will hold a barn sale, Main Street Bookends will have a book sale and the United Church of Warner will offer a bake sale, a barbeque lunch and a quiet respite place. The fun continues that evening with a MayFest concert arranged by the Kearsarge Conservatory for the Performing Arts with food catered by the Maples.

# Over 300 attend Newport's Peeps Diorama Contest

Fran Huot, the program coordinator at Newport's Library Arts Center was thrilled with both the participation and attendance at the Center's 1st annual "Peeps Diorama Contest" last Saturday. Over 300 people viewed the 72 entries, including "Sponge Bob Square Peep" and "Mona Peepsa." Art and creativity combined in the varied dioramas featuring the animal shaped marshmallow candies. In addition to viewing the family and children's presentations, attendees could eat peeps at the refreshment table or make s'mores out of them at a parking lot bonfire.

Sally Hague's "Peeped Balloon Flight" (on cover) won Best In Peeps while Lynn Broke and Rette Solomon won the Peoples

Choice Award. Jackson Scheele won in the children's category for "Peep Gods," and

Bryan Huot's "Leaf Peepers" won in the family category.



Peep Phillies v Peep Yankees was one of 72 entries in Newport's Peep Diorama Contest last Saturday and Sunday.

## Bullying at ConVal

Dr. Malcolm Smith, an expert on bullying, and a key figure in developing NH's 2012 bullying law, will speak to ConVal High School students during the school day and address a group of parents and staff in the Lucy Hurlin Theatre at 6:30 p.m. on Monday.

## ConVal Drama Club wins three awards at Festival

Congratulations to the ConVal Drama Club which won three awards at the recent State Drama Festival in Manchester. Director Deborah Thurber and her students should be proud.

## Harvard professor wins Sarah Josepha Hale award

The trustees of Newport's Richards Free Library have announced that the 2012 Sarah Josepha Hale Award is being presented to Jill Lepore, an American History professor at Harvard and a staff writer at The New Yorker. Having finished a book about Charles Dickens, she is currently writing a

biography of Benjamin Franklin's younger sister.

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This young lady had her face painted while waiting for Antrim's Easter Egg Hunt to get under way. The Easter Bunny was busy hopping all over the area depositing eggs at hunts in Warner, Sunapee, Newport, New London and Weare.

### H-D kindergarten registration May 11th

Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School will conduct kindergarten registration for the 2012-2013 school year Monday, May 7th through Friday, May 11th, in the school's main lobby. Children who reside in the towns of Hillsboro, Deering or Windsor and who will be five years of age on or before September 30, 2012 are eligible for kindergarten registration. It is not necessary to bring your child for the registration process; however, we ask that you bring your child's birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residence (ie. rent receipt/utility bill). At the registration you will be given an appointment for your child to attend a Kindergarten Screening in June.

Children, who are new to the district and will be registering for the 2012-2013 first grade class, may do so at this registration. Those students who presently attend kindergarten at H-D Elementary are automatically registered for the 2012-2013 school year.

On Wednesday, May 16, 2012 there will be a Kindergarten Parent Orientation at 6:00 p.m. at the elementary school. A video of a typical kindergarten day will be viewed by parents who will also take a tour of a kindergarten classroom, followed by a question and answer period. We understand how unsettling it can be to parents to send their child off to school for the first time. We hope this orientation will help parents feel more secure about this wonderful experience that awaits their child at Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School. In order to facilitate discussion, we respectfully ask that this evening be an ADULT ONLY event, as no childcare will be available. We are looking forward to seeing you on the 16th.

# Hopkinton guidance counselor arrested for assault

Hopkinton High School Guidance Counselor Eugene Fox of Henniker has been placed on paid administrative leave after his arrest on charges that he assaulted his 75 year-old uncle last Friday.

Fox is charged with second degree assault for allegedly punching, kicking and stepping on his uncle's neck after a hearing in Probate Court in Manchester. The uncle was taken

by ambulance to Catholic Medical Center. Fox was arrested on a warrant by Henniker Police who transported him to Manchester for arraignment. He is free on \$5,000 cash or surety bail pending a probable cause hearing

on the felony charge on May 2nd. SAU 66 Superintendent Steven Chamberlin reports that the high school administration and staff are developing a plan to ensure its students continue to receive the necessary support.

## Three for Newport Selectman

A pair of newcomers have filed to challenge 13 year veteran Elizabeth "Betty" Maiola for a seat on the Newport Board of Selectmen. Todd Fratzel is the principal engineer at United Construction in Newport and currently serves on the Planning Board.

Marie Cassorla and her husband moved to Newport 6.5 years ago. She is pursuing a criminal justice degree, and employed at Staples in Claremont.

Maiola, a member of the Newport Rotary Club, serves as a Director of the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce. Voting is set for Town Meeting Day, May 8th.



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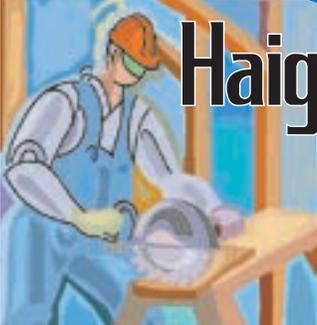
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**SPORTS** High School Results

**Scott Fitzgerald is new Kearsarge AD**

Scott Fitzgerald, who has served as Stevens High Athletic Director for the last eight years as been hired to replace Marty Brown at Kearsarge. A 1992 Kearsarge graduate, Fitzgerald, 38, lives in New London with his wife and two young children.

**SOFTBALL**

**MASCOMA 7 HILLSBORO-DEERING 5** Chelsie Leach gave up just 5 hits but her teammates let her down, allowing 3 un-earned runs. Brittany Greene went 3 for 4 while Jenna Rheault and Sarah Egnor were 2 for 4.

**HOPKINTON 7 HILLSBORO-DEERING 6** The Cats were up 4-3 entering the seventh but the Hawks tallied three in the top of the inning to claim the win. Claire Nee was 3 for 3 and Kelly Scammon went 3 for 5 to lead Hopkinton. The Hillcats were led by Sarah Egnor with a pair of triples, Brittany Greene and Alyssa Bailey who were 2 for 4 and Jenna Reheault's home run.

**BOW 10 HOPKINTON 8** Trailing 4-1, the Hawks rallied to take a 6-4 lead before the falcons took control. Heather Coen was 3 for 3 with 3 RBI and 3 runs scored.

**JOHN STARK 3 BISHOP BRADY 2** Brittany Hardy threw a complete game giving up only 2 hits and registering 7 "K's"

**NEWPORT 17 FALL MOUNTAIN 11** Melinda Carl pitched 6 strong innings and was 4 for 5 with 3 RBI to lead the Tigers in a club fest. Kaytlynn Kennedy was 4 for 4 with a homer, two doubles and a single.

**SUNAPEE 33 DERRYFIELD 1** "One sided" doesn't quite describe this game as the Lakers dominated from the first pitch. Abbie Young threw a one-hitter and was 3 for 4 with a triple to lead the way.

**CONVAL 8 KEENE 5** Shauna Whittemore's two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth helped put the Cougars in the win column. She finished 3 for 4 with 2 doubles and 4 RBI.

**GOFFSTOWN 10 JOHN STARK 2** Trailing 6-0 after two, the Generals couldn't recover. Becca Titcomb's homer was a bright spot for Stark.

**STEVENS 17 KEARSARGE 0** The Cardinals flew off to a 10-0 first inning lead and never looked back, behind the no-hit pitching of Alyssa Nichols. Katie Levesque played well in the one-sided game.

**GIRLS' LACROSSE**

**WINDHAM 17 CONVAL 5** Bailey Cohen scored 2 of the Cougars' goals but Windham was too powerful this day.

**BASEBALL**

**HOPKINTON 23 HILLSBORO-DEERING 5** The Hawks opened the season with a 16 hit attack led by Sam Bonifant who was 3 for 3 at the plate. Nate Greabe was 2 for 5 with 3 RBI.

**HOPKINTON 11 BOW 1** Sam McManus and Harry Legier combined for a no-hitter while teammates were registering 13 hits.

**BISHOP BRADY 11 JOHN STARK 2** James Henry scored both Generals' runs while Scott Morin went 2 for 4 and made a pair of unassisted double plays.

**GOFFSTOWN 12 JOHN STARK 2** The Generals managed

## **SPORTS** High School Results

10 hits but couldn't group them together to score runs. Brann Hannon was 2 for 2 and scored one of Stark's runs. Scott Morin was 2 for 4 with a triple and scored the other.

**SUNAPEE 13 DERRYFIELD 0** Troy Fowler and TJ Wacholtz combined for a no-hitter and the Lakers, who were hitless for three innings exploded for 13 runs in the final three. Matt McAlister led the attack with a 3 for 5 day.

**FALL MOUNTAIN 5 NEWPORT 1** Kyle Green and Greg Beau-lieu pitched well for the Tigers but Newport's bats were cold and the offense couldn't keep pace.

**CONVAL 6 KEENE 2** Ivon Clough threw 6 strong innings backed up by two hits each from Chris Queen, CJ Lowe, Darian Perrault and Forest Stevens

**MILFORD 5 KEARSARGE 1** Grant Reeder pitched well, allowing only one earned run with 6 strikeouts thru four innings, but the Cougar bats were too cold.

**KEARSARGE 10 STEVENS 9** Cam Colby's two-out, two-strike walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh gave the Cougars an opening day win. Leading 7-4 Kearsarge fell to 8-7 in the top of the sixth only to tie it up in the bottom of the inning. Colby finished 3 for 5 with Brad Donnelly adding a 2 for 3 performance.

### **BOYS' LACROSSE**

**MERRIMACK VALLEY 12 CONVAL 7** Down 4-0 at the half, the Cougars played better in the second half but couldn't catch up.

**KENNETT 12 JOHN STARK 9** Keith Galli had 2 goals and 4 assists, while Colbey Decotis and Matt Richard scored 3 goals each.

**HOLLIS-BROOKLINE 16 JOHN STARK 3** Matt Richard and Colbey Decotis each had a goal and an assist and Keith Galli scored the third Generals' goal.

**PELHAM 8 KEARSARGE 3** The Cougars played well and kept it close until surrendering 4 unanswered fourth quarter goals. Will AuFranc made 18 saves.

**HOPKINTON 14 TRINITY 5** Henry Merrow tallied 5 goals and 4 assists to lead the Hawks to a convincing win. Six other players scored including Ian Sinclair with 3 and Joe Montore with 2.

### **Area lakes & ponds open for trout fishing**

Fishing in NH's trout ponds and fly-fishing-only ponds opens this year on April 28, 2012 (the fourth Saturday in April), offering anglers the chance to experience exciting fishing. These ponds are managed specifically for trout, and fishing is allowed through October 15. "Trout are prized by anglers because they can be a challenge to catch, and fishing for them is one of the traditional rites of Spring," Miller said. "Whether your passion is a multi-colored brook trout, a rainbow or the fight of a brown, there's a NH trout pond within reasonable driving distance for you." Hot Hole Pond and Clough Pond in Loudon, French Pond in Henniker, Mount William Pond in Weare, Dublin Lake in Dublin, Lucas Pond (tiger trout) in Northwood, and Barbadoes Pond in Madbury are a few of the generously stocked early season hotspots where opening day trout are taken. It gets no better than this for taking the youngsters along with a simple garden hackle under a bobber, or floating PowerBait fished just off the bottom.


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## Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

It started off as a routine assignment. We love to feature school events, so Wednesday evening Joyce and I headed to the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School to cover a presentation on something called "Rachel's Challenge," a one-day program designed to initiate a school club to continue the challenge.

Teenager, Rachel Joy Scott was the first person killed during the Columbine High School killings in 1999. Her writings reveal that, at an early age, she knew that she was destined to have an impact on the world and that she would die at an early age. As

I fought back tears during this haunting presentation, I was amazed at the wisdom, maturity and compassion of this remarkable young woman.

She truly believed that if we each acted with kindness, we could start a "Chain Reaction of Kindness". The story of the program at HDMS appears on page 5.

The essay she wrote shortly before her death appears below. Thanks go to the school administration and staff for bringing Rachel's Challenge to HDMS. Those who experienced it will never forget it and are better off for it.



## Guest Editorial *by Rachel Scott*

*The following essay was written by Rachel shortly before she was killed in the Columbine Massacre. We should all try to meet her five challenges: 1. Look For The Best In Others; 2. Dream Big; 3. Chose Positive Influences; 4. Speak With Kindness; 5. Start Your Own Chain Reaction.*

### My Ethics, My Codes of Life

Rachel Scott

Ethics vary with environment, circumstances, and culture. In my own life, ethics play a major role. Whether it was because of the way I was raised, the experiences I've had, or just my outlook on the world and the way things should be. My biggest aspects of ethics include being honest, compassionate, and looking for the best and beauty in everyone.

I have been told repeatedly that I trust people to easily, but I find that when I put my trust in people when others would not dare to, they almost never betray me. I would hope that people would put that same faith in me. Trust and honesty is an investment you put in people, if you build enough trust in them and show yourself to be honest, they will do the same in you. I value honesty so much, and it is an expectation I have in myself. I will put honesty before the risk of humiliation, before selfishness, and before anything less worthy of the Gospel truth. Even in being honest and trust worthy, I do not come off cold and heartless. Compassion and honesty go hand

in hand, if enough of each is put into every situation. I admire those who trust and are trustworthy.

Compassion is the greatest form of love humans have to offer. According to Webster's Dictionary compassion means a feeling of sympathy for another's misfortune. My definition of compassion is forgiving, helping, loving, leading, and showing mercy for others. I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same. People will never know how far a little kindness will go.

It wasn't until recently that I learned that the first and the second and the third impressions can be deceitful of what kind of person someone is. For example, imagine you just met someone, and you speak with them three times on brief everyday conversations. They come off as a harsh, cruel, stubborn and ignorant person. You reach your judgment on just these three encounters. Let me ask you something...did you ever ask them what their goal in life is, what kind of past they came from, did they experience love, did they experience hurt, did you look into their soul and not just at their appearance?

Until you know them and not just their "type" you have no right to shun them. You have not looked for their beauty, their good. You have not seen the light in their eyes. Look hard enough and you will always find a light,



## Guest Editorial *by Rachel Scott*

and you can even help it grow, if you don't walk away from those three impressions first.

I am sure that my codes of life may be different from yours, but how do you know that trust, compassion and beauty will not make this world a better place to be in and this life a

better one to live?

My codes may seem like a fantasy that can never be reached, but test them for yourself, and see what kind of effect they have on the lives of other people around you. You just may start a chain reaction.



HDMS Vice-principal Pat Barry (r) introduced Toy Arnold, who presented Rachel's Challenge to students, parents, and staff.

## South Meadow is Middle School of Excellence

The Excellence in Education Initiative recognizes New Hampshire public schools that meet high standards of excellence and can serve as representatives of the many excellent schools throughout the state.

The High School of Excellence is Masconic High School in New Ipswich, the Middle

School of Excellence is South Meadow School in Peterborough, and the Elementary School of Excellence is the Adeline C. Marston Elementary School in Hampton. The awards were presented April 12th before an all school assembly of students, faculty and local education officials.

## Hillcat Theatre's Oliver auditions set for May 14-15

OLIVER! by Lionel Bart was first presented in London in 1962, where it played for 2,618 performances at the New Theatre. It played for 774 performances on Broadway at the Imperial and Shubert Theatres and has become a musical theatre classic and one of the most produced musicals in the world over the last 50 years.

The Hillcat Community Theatre production in August of 2012 will celebrate both the show's 50th Anniversary as well as the author of Oliver Twist, Charles Dickens's 200 birthday. Hillcat is doing their production as part of the Hillsboro Living History celebration. Performances will be 7 pm August 16, 17 and 18 and 4 pm

August 19th.

Auditions for adults and young people will be May 14th and 15th at Hillsboro-Deering Middle School from 6 pm to 8 pm. Reservations for auditions can be made by calling 568-5102 or e-mailing dunn.t@comcast.net. Each person trying out will do a short reading from the script and will sing at least part of a song of their choosing.

Music Director Will Ogmundson will be available to play piano accompaniment if needed. Copies of the Music CD and the script are available at the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School library, the principal's office of Hillsboro-Deering High School and Fuller Library in Hillsboro.

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## Selectmen working on Human Services job description

Reacting to a mandate given at Town meeting, the Hopkinton Selectmen are trying to develop a job description for the town's full-time Human Services Director. A public forum at Monday's selectman's meet-

ing posed more questions than answers as, some residents preferred to remain with the current description, while others wanted to include more community outreach.

Jim Hersey and about 35 volunteers

attended that meeting and reported that they have been studying the possibilities for some time. They would like to continue helping, but asked the board to give them a "leader" to coordinate their activities.

### Bass tours Crotched Mountain

Congressman Charles F. Bass (NH-02) continued his energy efficiency tour by visiting the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center on Thursday, to learn more about their use of a thermal heating system. Bass saw firsthand the Center's use of a thermal heating system to provide heat and hot water to the facility. Bass has been touring several New Hampshire companies during the April District Work Period to see their innovative uses of clean, efficient energy, such as combined heat and power technology. Bass' legislation, the Smart Energy Act, would establish a strategic plan to double electricity production by 2020 through the use of CHP and waste heat recovery.



Fire ravaged this home on Hillside Street in Hillsborough on Thursday but both adult occupants were able to escape without injury, although their pets were missing. The Red Cross is providing the residents with help for food, clothing and other assistance.

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## **More Newport area drivers needed**

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### ***Want to become a Volunteer Driver:***

You will need to fill out an application, sign a release for Criminal Background and Motor Vehicle Checks, undergo a check for Elder Abuse and take a short 3 hour Driver Safety training session to give you some good, up to date, safe driving principles to help you be safe on the road. You also need a reliable vehicle that has liability insurance. There is a mileage reimbursement for drivers who wish to submit for it at a current rate of \$0.55 per mile

### ***To request a ride:***

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