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Veteran Honored

104-year-old veteran Jesse Scott will be honored at 1:30 p.m. on April 22 at the Newport Opera House. Scott will be recognized for his contributions in WWII, Fish & Game, County Sheriff's Department, and NH Legislature. The public is invited to join in this tribute to a truly remarkable man.



Arrested on 44 charges

Antrim and Bennington police have completed a three month investigation with the arrest of Tyke Ellis, 34, of Antrim on 44 separate charges, including eight felonies and thirty-six misdemeanors. **See story on page 5.**



WELCOME TO HILLSBOROUGH! Kelly and Chuck Laflamme, owner-opticians of Laflamme Optical & Eye Care held a successful Grand Opening at their new Hillsborough facility on Saturday.

Teachers contract revote

Originally defeated by 17 votes

Undeterred by its defeat at the polls in March, the John Stark School Board has decided to again ask voters to approve a new two-year teachers contract. Board vice-chair Mark Zuckerman believes the contract, which would cost \$90,500 the first year and an additional \$80,000 the second year is, a respon-

sible compromise between the teachers and the school district. Chair Jim Franciscovich said the tax impact would cost the owner of a \$250,000 house an additional \$17 in Henniker and \$20 in Weare.

A Deliberative Session is set for May 9th with voting on June 19th.

H-D High School placed on routine drug lockdown

On April 19, 2012 at 9:00am the Hillsboro-Deering High School was placed in lockdown to conduct a drug safety check in cooperation with the Hillsboro Police Department's K-9 Unit and surrounding area police departments.

Hillsboro-Deering High School has conducted these types of searches in the past and

in order to continue to provide and maintain a safe and orderly school environment conducive to learning, HDHS will routinely conduct such safety checks. The impact of these efforts will continue to raise expectations of the high school allowing students to continue to come to school feeling safe and proud of our HDHS school community.



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Hillsborough's Alex Ager is an Eagle Scout

Alex Ager became Hillsborough Boy Scout Troop 73s newest Eagle scout in impressive ceremonies at St. Theresa Catholic Church Sunday afternoon. A large crowd of family, friends and fellow scouts attended the event ably MC'ed by Alex's brother Dan. Alex is only the most recent Ager to attain the rank as father Alan, uncle Don and cousin Chris were also Eagle Scouts. For his Eagle Project Alex restored the old police station next to Hillsborough's Historic Museum.

Before partaking in refreshments, Troop 73 presented an inspiring Court of Honor, leading to the presentation of Alex's Eagle Pin. He also received certificates of recognition from the Army and Air Force National Guard and the U.S. Marine Corp

League. Letters of Commendation were sent by Congressman Charles Bass, U.S.

Senator Kelly Ayotte and Governor John Lynch.



Troop 73's newest Eagle Scout Alex Ager (c) is pictured with his Scoutmaster, father Alan, (l) and Troop Committee member mother Jean (r).

We are teen escapes arrest

The Weare Police are looking for a local teenager who they believe is involved with selling cocaine. Officers say they witnessed Dakota Sawtelle, 18, of Weare selling cocaine to others at Lanctot's Plaza last Thursday.

Three other people were arrested on drug charges but Sawtelle ran off and escaped through the woods. Anyone with knowledge of Sawtelle's location should call the Weare police at 529-7755.

Agreement with Antrim Wind Energy being appealed

About two dozen Antrim residents have appealed the selectmen's decision to sign an agreement with Antrim Wind Energy, LLC over the operation of a 10-turbine wind farm on Tuttle Hill. The objectors major complaint seems to be that the selectmen failed to consider objections raised during their March 8th hearing. However, Town Administrator Galen Stearns defended the board's action, saying

selectmen acted properly and the agreement was drafted with the approval of the town's attorney

The matter is scheduled to be heard by the Antrim ZBA on April 24th, but some question the ZBA's authority as the issue is not a zoning matter and the application is under the jurisdiction of the state's Site Evaluation Committee. See related story on page 5.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Where do drugs like Tamiflu (oseltamivir), Nexium (esomeprazole) and Herceptin (trastuzumab) get those odd-sounding generic names? The U.S. Adopted Names (USAN) Council assigns the names, using “stems” that describe a drug’s characteristics. For instance, the “-prazole” ending of Nexium’s generic name, esomeprazole, reveals that it is a type of anti-ulcer medication. Similar drugs will have the same stems in their names.

The USAN Council is careful to avoid words that are difficult to pronounce in foreign languages or that may have other meanings abroad.

A study in the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* concludes that using long-acting beta-agonists (LABAs) in fixed-dose combination with inhaled corticosteroids (ICS) appears to reduce asthma attacks as well as or better than corticosteroids alone. Patient groups who had greatest benefits were patients 18 and older, African-American patients, male patients and patients with moderate to severe asthma. More than 20 million Americans, or approximately 1 in 15, suffer from asthma, which accounts for nearly 500,000 hospitalizations in the United States annually.

The poor safety profile of the smoking-cessation drug varenicline (Chantix™) makes it unsuitable for first-line use, according to a study published in the journal *PLoS One*. Varenicline showed a substantially increased risk of reported depression or suicidal behavior compared to other smoking-cessation treatments.

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These pipe cleaner people are among the many artistic projects completed by Henniker Community School students for their United Arts Festival on April 12.

Vicky Knapp guilty - to serve 30 days

While her husband Carl awaits a jury trial, Vicky Knapp has entered a guilty plea to charges she stole fuel from the Town of Weare during the time Carl was the town’s Road Agent. Her plea agreement called for her to be sentenced to a year in the county jail with all but 30 days suspended, to be served on consecutive weekends. Carl Knapp, who currently is employed as Henniker’s Highway Supervisor, who was also indicted on theft charges, plead not guilty and is scheduled for jury selection on April 30th. Henniker officials have refused to discuss his employment status until the conclusion of his criminal case.

Deering to honor Alfred Kelley April 29th

Chairman J.P. Marzullo proposed that the Town of Deering recognize Alfred Kelley for his many years of service to the Town. Peter Beard announced that on Sunday, April 29th there will be a meet & greet for Alfred from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Beards’ residence on Fish & Game Road. The Board decided to contribute \$75.00 towards a gift card for Mr. Kelley.

Bradford Selectmen consider road repairs

Jeff Remillard, Bradford Road Agent stated that the highway department’s problem is with the Budget Committee and all they can do is maintenance. No issues, just funding. He also stated he has been given an estimate of shimming of Pleasant View Road at a price of \$50,100. The balance of funds available from last year and this year is \$50,000 per Administrator Cheryl Behr. Remillard questioned if they should band aid several roads or do just one. Steel Road repair was estimated at \$3,000. Barry Wheeler suggested the selectmen should ride with Jeff to see what and where he is talking about. Bob Manchester questioned if there is a way heavy truck traffic could be banned or lessened on Pleasant View Road, and suggested the selectmen check this out.

Antrim man arrested on 44 separate charges

After a three and a half month investigation the Antrim and Bennington Police made an arrest involving numerous motor vehicle offenses. Arrested was Tyke Ellis, 34, of Antrim. He was charged with 44 offenses. They include a number of offenses for: Theft of Motor Vehicles, Theft from Motor Vehicles, Operating after Suspension, Criminal Mischief, Receiving Stolen Property and Taking Without Owners Consent.

Because many of the crimes crossed town boundaries and because of the number of offenses Antrim and Bennington Police worked together to solve the crimes. Because of the number of charges Antrim and Bennington Police coordinated all tasks in an effort to make the booking process and court appearance more efficient. Ellis was arrested by the Bennington Police and after booking and processing Ellis was transported to Antrim Police where they completed their booking process. He was transported to the 6th Circuit Court, Henniker Division, for his arraignment. Because the charges included eight felonies and twenty eight misdemeanors the bail was set at \$34,000 cash. He was then transported to the Hillsborough County House of Corrections to await his next court appearance which was on April 17th in Henniker Circuit Court.

Once the arrest was made Chief Campbell stated he felt like a huge weight was taken off his shoulders because this many incidents in this short a period of time in Bennington is unusual – and unacceptable. Chief Lester stated he appreciated the

work that all officers did in bringing the offenses to a successful conclusion. Both Chief Campbell and Chief Lester would like to encourage everyone to keep their vehicles locked, to keep a watch on their neighbor-

hood and to contact the police if you observe anything unusual.

In court on Tuesday, 8 additional charges were filed when it was discovered that Ellis was in violation of bail in Claremont.



Weare's B&C Auto, recently leveled by fire, is quickly being rebuilt.

SEC schedules wind farm site walk & hearing

The state's Site Evaluation Committee will hold a site walk and take public comment on Antrim Wind Energy, LLC's application to construct a 10-turbine wind farm on Tuttle Hill in Antrim on April 30th. The SEC assumed jurisdiction over the proposed

30 magawatt facility in June of 2011.

A subcommittee will conduct a site walk of the facility beginning at 1 p.m. at Town Hall. The full SEC will then hold a Public Information Hearing at 7 p.m. at the Antrim Elementary School.

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Boy Scouts from both Bradford (shown) and Henniker held car washes last Saturday.

Antrim approves highway truck purchase

The Antrim Selectmen quickly dispatched their business at a sparsely attended meeting Monday night. Shelly Nelkins appeared before the board seeking permission to use land the town is purchasing for the new police station until actual construction begins. She wants to use the existing raised bed as a community garden, and to use the remainder of the lot for farmer's markets now that Place In The Woods has closed. Although board members seemed sympathetic, they pointed out that permission could not yet be granted because the sale has not been completed. Nelkins was asked to return with firm dates and times for the Farmer's Markets after the transfer of title. In other business, the board approved purchasing a chase for the highway truck on the lone bid from Keene Chrysler for \$41,695 and reappointed John Griffin and John Kendall to the ZBA.

Henniker approves repair and repaving

The Henniker Selectmen have approved Road Agent Carl Knapp's recommendations and accepted Advanced Excavating's bid of \$9,673 for highway reclamation and R&D Paving's bid of \$185,214 for paving. Work is scheduled to begin soon on Western Avenue from the Oaks to Liberty Hill and on Old Concord Road from Keyser Pond to Dunkin Donuts.

New attractions at Mount Sunapee Resort

This summer Mount Sunapee Resort will unveil a new Adventure Park which will include a guided Canopy Zip Line Tour, a Tree Top Obstacle Course, Off-Road Segway Excursions and a Disc Golf Course. The Canopy Zip Line Tour will be a 2.5 hour tour including eight zip lines of up to 1,000 feet, rope bridges and rappelling down South peak. In the Tree Top Obstacle Course, harnessed guests wind their way through a series of obstacles among the trees on the lower slopes of South Peak. Guided Segway Tours will run through the base area of the resort and Disc Golf Course will follow Province Trail.

Still time to sign up for 2012 BalloonFest

The 2012 Hillsborough Balloon Festival & Fair is rapidly approaching. This year's event is scheduled for July 19-22. Vendor space is filling rapidly but there are still a few spots available. If you or your group are interested in participating you can download an application at hillsboroughballoonfest.org or call Vendor Coordinator Leigh Bosse at 464-3388.

Henniker Rotary Club donates \$1,000 to SPCA

April 14th was definitely a “dog day afternoon” as rabies clinics were held in Newbury, Warner and Henniker. In Henniker a record 129 dogs of all sizes, breeds, markings and personalities received vaccinations from Drs. Alyssa and Bob Brust, ably assisted by the Henniker Veterinary Hospital staff, Rotarians, family members and volunteers from the Manchester Animal Shelter and Concord- Merrimack

County SPCA at the 23rd annual Henniker Rotary Club Rabies Clinic.

In addition to the record number of dogs, the club gave vaccinations to 34 cats for a total of 163 companion animals pro-

tected against Rabies.

As a result, The Henniker Rotary will be donating over \$1,000 to the SPCA to help them build their new and expanded shelter facility in Concord.

Antrim Boy Scout food drive

The Antrim Baptist Church Food Pantry has been serving Antrim and Bennington families for 25 years. This coming weekend Sat. April 21st, The Boy Scouts will be hanging door tags in our towns so folks can place food in the bags to be picked up on the following Sat. April 28th, to be delivered to the Antrim Baptist Church, for sorting and replenishing our shelves. We really appreciate all of the support thru the years from our families in our communities, to help us serve our families in need. Without their help we would not have been able to assist these families for over 25 years.



People were lined up around the building waiting for the annual Henniker Rotary Club's Rabies Clinic to open.



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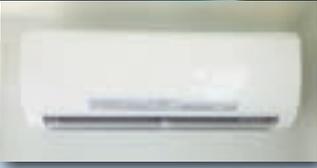
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Newport schools still need improvement

Interim Superintendent Donna Moyers briefed the Newport School Board on the latest Adequate Yearly Progress reports. 7th and 8th graders at Newport Middle School made AYP in both math and reading. If they do so next year also, the school will be taken off the Schools In Need Of Improvement list. Newport High School achieved AYP in reading but failed in math. Moyers plans to challenge the preliminary results which show both the Richards and Towle Elementary Schools fail AYP in math and reading.

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Grapevine offering parenting classes

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SPORTS High School Results

Newport High School coaches appointed

Larry Carle was reappointed as Newport football coach along with a list of others which included: Bill Thurlow-assistant football; Dennis Borchuk-JV football; Tom Cummings-middle school football; Shannon Martin-varsity field hockey; Becky Merrow-JV field hockey; Guenter Hubert-girls soccer; Keith Chadwick-Aram kalpakgian-JV soccer; Vince molesky golf; Jeff Miller-cross country and Casandra Abare-Hoyt-fall spirit.

BOYS' TRACK & FIELD

Hopkinton 1st-H-D 3rd Hopkinton (155) bested Fall Mountain (139) and Hillsboro-Deering (136). The Hawks too 1st place in the 800-Cody Roberge; 110 hurdles-Aaron Beckwith, 300 hurdles-Ben Thesing along with the 4x400 and 4x800 relays. The Hillcats placed 1st in javelin-Ian Robie; long jump-Henry Glendenning; high jump-Brad Moor, 400-Dario Jimenez and the 4x100.

BOYS' LACROSSE

Lebanon 13 John Stark 12 (OT) Stark led 12-6 entering the fourth but the raiders tallied 6 more to force overtime and the game winner with a minute left in overtime. Keith Galli led the Generals with 6 goals and a pair of assists.

John Stark 5 Pembroke 4 Tom Garnett made 15 saves to quell and Spartan's rally and preserve the 4-2 half-time lead.

Milford 9 ConVal 8 Tied 2-2 at the break, the Cougars led 5-3 early in the third before Milford took control.

Hollis-Brookline 8 Hopkinton 3 Nate Hunt, Austin Cowan and Sam Ruderman scored for the Hawks but the team couldn't keep pace.

Kearsarge 8 Hopkinton 4 Kearsarge's Peter Allen equaled the Hawks' output of 4 goals as Own Dayton added 2 more Joe Montore scored twice for Hopkinton.

Plymouth 12 Kearsarge 3 The Cougars hung tough, trailing 2-1 after one and 6-2 at the break. Until the second half fell apart. Peter Allen's hat trick provided Kearsarge's scoring.

BASEBALL

Hillsboro-Deering 11 Fall Mountain 8 Andrew Roberge and Kevin Gidari combined for the victory and Danny Egner had a pair of hit in the win.

Monadnock 14 Hillsboro-Deering 4 The Huskies burned through three Hillcat pitchers in a dominating performance.

Kearsarge 3 Bishop Brady 0 Brad Donnelly threw a complete-game shutout and was 2 for 3 at the plate. Cam Colby also was 2 for 3 and played well as Donnelly's battery mate.

Hopkinton 9 Kearsarge 1 The Hawks scored early and often led by Collin O'Keefe who was 3 for 3 with 2 RBI and Matt Mc Cormack who went 2 for 4 with a home run.

Campbell 11 Hopkinton 2 The Cougars exploded for 9 runs in the sixth to break open a close game and ground the

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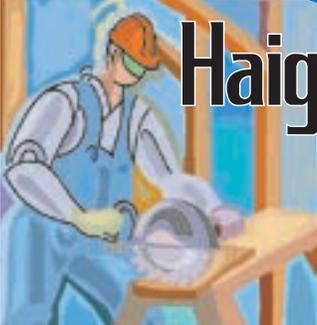
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SPORTS High School Results

Hawks. Sam McManus hit a two-run homer for Hopkinton.

Hopkinton 4 Raymond 1 Steve Auger hit a single, double and triple while Sam McManus added 2 hits. Jay White went the distance for the Hawks.

ConVal 9 Mascenic 3 The cougars trailed 3-0 before scoring 9 unanswered runs to take the win.

Goffstown 6 ConVal 4 Trailing 6-4 in the fourth, the Cougars put on a rally that fell, just short, highlighted by a three-run fifth.

Sunapee 15 Hinsdale 1 Troy Fowler's 3 hit, 4 RBI performance supported good pitching from T.J. Wacholtz and Brian Brewster.

Sunapee 16 Newport 6 Troy Fowler had 4 hits including a pair of homers to lead the Laker's swamping of the Tigers. Brett Simpson also had 4 hits and Brett Brewster hit a round tripper.

Lebanon 5 John Stark 0 The Generals held the undefeated Raiders scoreless thru the fourth only to surrendered 4 runs in the fifth.

John Stark 1 Windham 0 Tyler Keim threw a 3 hit shutout with 9 strikeouts, to claim his first varsity win. Blake MacLellan's double knocked in the games only run.

GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

Hopkinton 1st-H-D 3rd Hopkinton (192) won over Fall Mountain (125) and Hillsboro-Deering (95) Hawks finishing 1st included: Aimee Echelberg-100; Emma Geiger-800; Brianna Russel-100 hurdles; Hanna Hughes-high jump; Brittany Marshal-pole vault; along with the 4x400 and 4x800 relays. H-D garnered several 2nd place finishes, including: Ali Leizure-100; Hannah Murdough-100 hurdles; Haley Legare-high jump and Katie Kingsbury-javelin.

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Windham 12 Kearsarge 11 Trailing 6-4 at the break, the Cougars controlled the second half to defeat previously undefeated Windham in a back and forth match.

Kearsarge 13 Hopkinton 6 Gemma Bready led the Cougars with 5 goals while a tight "D" held the Hawks to only 2 second half goals. Abbi Lui and Meg Hemmerlein each had 2 goals and an assist for Hopkinton.

ConVal 5 Hopkinton 3 Down 5-1, The Hawks rallied but came up short Bailey Cohen scores 2 goals. And Sarah Snell made 12 saves for conVal. Elizabeth Hancock scored twice for the Hawks.

ConVal 12 Merrimack Valley 7 Sam Blood had 4 goals, Bailey Cohen 3, and Emma Murphy 2 to lead the attack. Sarah Snell had 14 saves.

ConVal 12 Derryfield 5 Emma Murphy had 5 goals, Bailey Cohen 3, and Zoe Paige 2, to lead the attack. Sarah Snell had 11 saves.

John Stark 19 Kingswood 18 Maddie Pisapia's 7 goals led the Stark attack but it took Becky Beaulieu's game-winning tally to preserve the win.

SPORTS High School Results

John Stark 17 Pembroke 13 In a back and forth contest, the Generals tallied the last four goals to capture the win. Maddie Pisapia netted 7 goals to lead the attack with Beckie Beaulieu adding 5.

SOFTBALL

Hillsboro-Deering 3 Fall Mountain 1 Kelsey Leach scattered 7 hits and registered 3 "K's over 7 innings. Kaitlyn Bergstresser had a RBI single and Brittany Greene's single drove in the other two runs.

Monadnock 9 Hillsboro-Deering 2 The Hillcats surrendered 4 unearned runs in the first and never recovered. Leah Rheault went 2 for 4.

Goffstown 12 ConVal 6 Tied 3-3 in the fourth, the grizzlies too control after that. Shauna White

ConVal 15 Mascenic 2 JoEllen Racicot went 3 for 4 and scored 3 times to lead the Cougar assault.

John Stark 6 Pembroke 1 Brittany Hardy went the distance, allowing 5 hits and striking out 2. Sam Kazakis and Kristen Miller each went 3 for 3 and had a pair of RBI.

John stark 1 Lebanon 0 Brittany hardy pitched a complete game 2 hitter and plated Becca Titcomb who led off the sixth with a triple.

John Stark 7 Windham 6 Trailing by scores of 4-1 and 6-2, the Generals kept battling back to take the win. Stark grouped 7 of their 9 hits in the last two innings to cap the rally. Brittany Hardy and Sam Kazakis were each 2 for 3. Hardy allowed 8 hits but only one after the third inning.

Newport 10 Sunapee 6 Sky Curtis threw a 7K complete game besting a good performance from Sunapee's Abbie Young. Mindy Carl had 3 hits and Allie Doucette hit a homerun for the Tigers.

Sunapee 6 Deerfield 5 Amber Bernard and kaela Davis had two hits each to lead the laker's come-back win.

Hopkinton 3 Raymond 0 becca Shatney threw a 3 hit complete game shutout and Heather Coen went 3 for 4 with 2 runs scored.

Campbell 13 Hopkinton 1 Maddie Beregethon walked, stole second and third and scored on Sloane White's hit., but that was all the Hawk's offense this day.

Hopkinton 13 Kearsarge 11 Katie Levesque was 3 for 5 and scored twice for Kearsarge but couldn't match Hopkinton's Jessi Quinn and Heather Coen who each went 3 for 5 with a pair of RBI.

Pembroke 3 Kearsarge 2 The Spartans held the Cougars to just 2 hits on the way to a close victory.

Bishop Brady 18 Kearsarge 4 When the Green Giants tallied 8 runs in the second, the Cougars' hopes were doomed. Alison Josefiak and Katie Levesque had hits for Kearsarge.

Milford 14 Kearsarge 0 Alison Josefiak and Angelina Aguilera managed the only two Cougar hits while the team surrendered 12 runs in the third inning.


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Guest Editorial by Grant Bosse

Should NH carve out disabilities from Managed Care Contract?

The New Hampshire Executive Council this week put off voting on a \$2.2 billion contract to bring managed care to the state's Medicaid program. Over the next month, they need to determine which Medicaid services would be cost-effective under managed care, and which should be left alone. There will be no easy answers, but perhaps the toughest question will be whether to include services for people with developmental disabilities.

Medicaid is a strange creature. It is a federal program, but its run by the states. No state has to participate in the Medicaid program, but all of them do. Once they've agreed to be part of Medicaid, they get federal money and federal conditions. Developmental disabilities services are funded under a Medicaid Waiver Program which gives each state broad flexibility to serve those clients.

The central flaw of Medicaid, and America's health care system in general, is that people making medical decisions are not the same people paying for them. Neither patients nor doctors pay the bill for Medicaid services. In what passes for the private health care market, we address this weakness through HMOs, which must approve medical care to ensure that it is medically necessary. Under managed care, governments contract with private companies to fulfill the same role in order to safeguard taxpayer dollars.

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, 47 states and the District of Columbia have already adopted managed care for their Medicaid programs. Only New Hampshire, Alaska, and Wyoming have not. But only four states have applied managed care to DD services. Vermont and Arizona act as their own Managed Care Organization, and state officials determine which services are allowed for each client. Wisconsin and Michigan contract out to private MCOs.

New Hampshire is fairly efficient at delivering DD services already. One recent study ranks the Granite State 32nd in DD spending, while another puts us 4th in DD outcomes. This impressive track record stems from New Hampshire leading the way in moving

disabled adults out of institutions and into the community.

In 1992, New Hampshire closed the Laconia State School, becoming the first state to deinstitutionalize its adult disabled population. Responsibility was turned over to ten private Area Agencies, organized roughly by county, that serve adults with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injuries.

Over the past two years, I've volunteered for Community Partners, the Area Agency responsible for Strafford County. My wife worked there for four years, and my sister-in-law still receives services through them, so I turned to Community Partners Executive Director Brain Collins to learn more about how New Hampshire delivers DD services under Medicaid. He says New Hampshire's decision to serve DD clients in their communities, and if at all possible, in their parents' homes, is the key to delivering great service at low cost.

Parents have no legal responsibility to keep their disabled adult children in the home. When they are overwhelmed, they can force the state to pay for a residential placement, usually in a home setting akin to adult foster care.

"Every time we can keep a family in tact by creating support for them, it's a better outcome because they're happier and it's cost-effective," Collins says.

That's why Collins believes New Hampshire averages \$45,000 annually for each DD client, while high-cost states top \$200,000 per year. But Collins is skeptical that managed care would deliver the same degree of savings for DD services as it does for health care, arguing that predicting DD costs aren't at all like forecasting medical costs.

"There's no such thing as a predictable diagnostic practice for Down Syndrome," Collins adds. "Every individual circumstance with that individual's diagnosis, as well as their family situation, may require different interventions to get positive outcomes."

Community Partners has learned from its experience, and its nine counterpart agencies, that low-cost support services can help hold down long-term costs. Giving DD clients the chance to attend a day program or hold a part-time job, or respite care that allows be-



Guest Editorial *by Grant Bosse*

leaguered parents a day off, make it possible for more adults to stay at home, where their parents are paying for the bulk of their living expenses.

Collins argues these support services save the Medicaid program a lot of money, but he doesn't know if these services, or the Area Agencies themselves, would continue under managed care.

There is plenty of reason to proceed with managed care under New Hampshire's Medicaid program. There is also plenty of reason to proceed cautiously. Our Executive Councilors have a lot of homework to do this month.

Grant Bosse is Lead Investigator for the Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy, a free market think tank based in Concord, NH.



OPINION Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor;

I trust you are doing well. I would like to know when the State Police will publish their report concerning the pusillanimous Police Captain, retired at public expense, and the two officers that purportedly were driving the intoxicated Captain home. The public has a right to know all the nefarious practices of our unionized police department. This issue should be brought to a Selectman's Meeting. This issue will end up with another frivolous legal expense over this pernicious police event. We need a police commission.

Alan B. Urquhart, Hillsborough

Dear Editor;

The Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank all those who participated on a team, volunteered their time and made financial contributions to its 1st Annual Trivia Challenge. The Challenge raised over \$1,250 for the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Program, thanks to local busi-

nesses and volunteers. Event sponsors were Upton & Hatfield, who also contributed soda and cash prizes, Edward Jones, Farmsteads of New England, Stonewall Farm Bed & Breakfast, Bailey Home Improvements, Granite State Communications, USA Recruiters Network, Chris Bober MetLife Auto & Home, Laflamme Optical & Eye Care, and Sewing Sisters. Hillsboro House of Pizza, J. Marino's Italian Restaurant and Brick Oven Pizza, Western Avenue Pizza and Sonny's Pizza, both of Henniker, donated the pizza pies sold at the event. Chamber Board member Attorney Steve Venezia of Upton & Hatfield chaired the Trivia Night Committee, whose members were Linda Flynn, also with Upton & Hatfield, Heather Alexsonis of HollyHock Flowers, Amanda Venezia, Hillsboro-Deering School District Director of Food Services, Connie Sampson, SAU #34 Special Student Services Administrative Assistant, and John Bramley, Hillsboro-Deering teacher.



While crews were busy resealing cracks on Route 202/9 in Henniker on Monday, traffic was restricted to one lane. With three cars backed up waiting for the other lane to clear a fourth, with an inattentive driver rear ended the group giving three drivers minor injuries and sending one to the hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries.

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Neighbors complain about noisy NEC students

Noise complaints occupied much of the Henniker Selectman's meeting Tuesday night. David and June Bowers of Hall Avenue told the board of repeated complaints of excessive noise coming from a multi unit building owned by Robert Seamans and occupied by several NEC students. The Bowers complained of shouting and horn blowing, sometimes at 2 in the morning. They also submitted several letters from neighbors who also complained about the noise.

Mitchel Carney, one of the student tenants said he felt harassed and embarrassed by the police who frequently stop by to ask them to quiet down. He said not a single student has been given a citation or notice of violation.

Police Chief Ryan Murdough said that since August 2011 the department has received 38 noise complaints and found 19 to be valid. On the other 19 the noise had quieted down by the time officers arrived. He reported that the policy is to give a warning first and if the noise continues, then to

give a citation. Each time they have asked, the noise has stopped so no citations have been given.

The board decided to refer the matter to legal council to see if the noise ordinance could be amended to boost enforcement.



On Saturday, April 14, 2012 the Massabessic District of Daniel Webster Council held its annual Chuck Wagon event. One wagon from Pack 24 - Weare had a successful competition. This wagon won the Citizenship award. These boys also scored a perfect score in the Backpacking Event. The wagon included the following boys: Dakota Johnson, Nathaniel Peters, Alex Brown, Liam Scholedge, Jackson Barnes, Wyatt Sohl, Miles Lanier, Ben Prescott, Gabriel Lacasse, Jack Johnson, Aaron Rizzo, Tobin Cocuzzo, Jeff shepherd, Kyle Provencher, Patrick Coyle, Christopher Seaver, Cameron Morse.

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The A Cappella group "Snowday" from the Washington, DC area performed with the HD Chorus after spending two days in the school educating the students about contemporary music education.



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Hillsborough Chamber hosts successful Trivia Challenge

Bosse's Posse took first prize at the Hillsborough Chamber's new Trivia Challenge event on Friday night at the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School, beating out the Fuller Public Library team by just one point.

Leigh and Joyce Bosse, and newlyweds Grant and Jane Bosse put their heads together and beat out 14 other teams to capture the \$100 cash prize in a competition that was fun and challenging for all who played.

In the student division, Team Awesome took home the prize. The Chamber wishes to thank all those who participated on a team, volunteered their time and made financial contributions.

The Challenge raised over \$1,250 for the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Program, thanks to local businesses and volunteers.

The Chamber of Commerce hopes to make the Chamber Trivia Challenge an annual event so start recruiting your team for next year. Any feedback about the event

is appreciated. If you have any thoughts or ideas about the event please contact the

Chamber office at 603-464-5858 or email at hcofc@conknet.com



14 teams participated in the Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce's 1st Annual Trivia Challenge last Friday.

Dollar General proposes to revise Bennington Plans

Dollar General has announced that it intends to modify its plans for a 9,100 sq. ft. store in Bennington. The company has informed the ZBA it will resubmit plans designed to reduce the number and scope of the six variances it originally asked for.

At a prior hearing residents had

expressed concerns that the proposed location on Route 202 was not consistent with the town's rural character and posed a danger to the watershed on which it would sit. Dollar General officials insists the company will use a system the protects the groundwater in the area.



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