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Mark Kaplan Thank You

New London residents are invited to stop by the Sydney Cook Meeting Room at Town Hall on May 5th from 8:30-10:00 a.m. to have coffee and say thank you to Mark Kaplan as he retires after 15 years of service on the New London Board of Selectmen.



Did Lizzie Do It?

Fuller Public Library in Hillsboro recently presented a program made possible by the NH Humanities Council entitled "Lizzie Borden took an axe, or did she?" Annette M. Holba, PHD from Plymouth State University's Communication and Media Studies and author of a book about the Borden murders spoke and led a discussion to about 30 people.



The driver of this pickup hit a guard rail while attempting to avoid this sedan which cut him off at the intersection on Rtes. 114 & 202/9 in Henniker. Fortunately no one was injured.

Good News - Bad News

One Henniker business closes – another opens

Bound Tree Medical closing in June

The Bad News: Nine people will lose their jobs when a Henniker landmark closes its doors in June. Bound Tree Medical, the medical supply company founded by David Currier in 1978 will close its Henniker Warehouse on Centerville Road at the end of June. Mike Underwood, a senior vice president of Sarnova, Bound Tree's

parent company confirmed that the affected employees will lose their jobs after turning down positions at the company's other facilities. The news was bitter-sweet for Currier, who sold Bound Tree in 2004. He remains proud of the nationwide company he founded in his garage, but feels badly for those losing their job.

Henniker Brewing Company opening in August

The Good News: The Henniker Brewing Company, a startup craft production brewery, expects to be operational in August 2012. James Moriarty of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts will assume the role of head brewer June 1st. He comes to the Henniker Brewing Company from Cape Cod Beer in Hyannis, MA. Managing Member, David P. Currier stated, "Brewing in New Hampshire is nothing new to head brewer Moriarty, having been a brewer with the former Pennichuck Brewing Company in Milford." He got his boots wet as a volunteer at the Concord Brewing Company and assisted in the rebuilding of the Rapsallion brand which was being contracted brewed by Pennichuck. Henniker

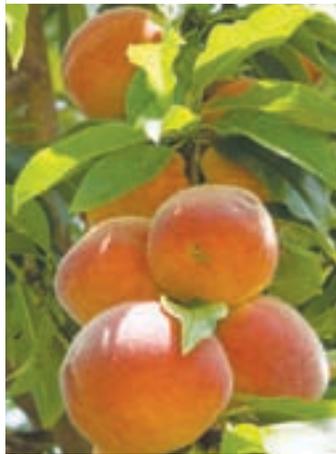
Brewing will be releasing its first batches of beer just in time for James and his wife Julie to welcome their first child. The initial batches will be focused on three year-round beers: a Kolsch-style, American Amber Ale, and an India Pale Ale. In addition to the year-round beers, the brewery will also offer seasonal beers along with some periodic single-batch specialty beers. Year-round beers will be available on draft and in 12 fl. oz. bottles. Seasonal and specialty beers will be available on draft and in 22 fl. oz. bottles. All beers will be available at the brewery in 64 fl. oz. growlers as well. The operating hours of the Tap Room and a schedule for tours at the brewery have yet to be determined.

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Grow Well!

Dog dies in Hillsborough fire after alerting occupants

Dupa managed to wake his owner who with his father was able to escape the fire that consumed their home on Merrill Road in Hillsborough last Friday. Unfortunately, Dupa and three of the other four dogs did not survive the blaze.

Dupa, his five-year-old pet and best friend, woke Paul Sousa, Jr. by biting his hand and barking alerting him to the fire raging in his home. Sousa woke his father and both were able to escape out the back of the house as the front was fully engulfed.

The intense fire spread from the house to a nearby camper trailer and the surrounding brush. The house and camper, along with all the Sousa's belonging were

consumed in the blaze. Both men have a place to stay and the red Cross has provided funds to buy clothes. The Sousas

intend to rebuild as soon as the insurance comes through. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.



Little remains of this property on Merrill Road in Hillsborough after a Friday morning blaze.

Henniker Spring Clean Up Day slated

The Henniker Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Henniker Community Spring Clean Up Day" on Saturday, April 28th from 10am-1pm. Following the clean up efforts will be a barbeque on the lawn at the Henniker Community Center with food provided.

Volunteer Check-In starts at 10 am at the Henniker Community Center for assignments, trash bags and gloves. Volunteers are encouraged to wear a t-shirt with their organization's name on it and to bring their own gloves, hat, sunscreen and safety vest, if possible.

Approval of Newport gun range under appeal

Opponents of a shooting range on the John Stark Highway in Newport plan to appeal the ZBA's approval of the facility. Michael Fisher, a Lempster attorney has been retained to represent a group of residents, which he claims is 20-40 strong and growing. He plans to raise noise, traffic and environmental concerns over the 67 acre range

proposed by Strum Ruger and the Mountain View Gun Club.

On March 29th the ZBA, over the objections of most who attended the hearing, granted the special exception on several conditions, including ultimate approval by the town's Planning Board and the results of an independent sound study.



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Children save at Laconia Savings Bank

Laconia Savings Bank strongly believes that an early understanding of personal finance can help children develop positive money habits that will carry with them through adulthood. Laconia Savings Bank is offering area students a unique financial education experience through the Teach Children to Save program. These out-of-the-box lessons make learning about money fun for students and allow bankers to bring reality and learning together to help students understand the basic principles of using money wisely.

Teach Children to Save is a national campaign of volunteer bankers who help young people to develop lifelong saving habits. The campaign includes an annual awareness day in April, Teach Children to Save Day; a video contest for teens, Lights, Camera, Save!; and the Teach Children to Save website; www.teachchildrenentosave.com.

Since the program began in 1997, bankers have helped millions of students across the nation learn to manage their money more effectively. This year, many will return to the classroom to help fill the money-knowledge gap.

Bradford receives Town Hall repair bids

The Bradford Selectmen received four RFP's from six that had been sent out. U. K. Architects of Hanover \$12,963.00; Christopher Williams, Architects of Meredith \$12,000.00; (Plus reimbursable expenses for mileage, copying etc.) Richard Monohon of Peterborough \$11,500.000 (Plus \$1,500.00 to hire a contractor to perform a building foundation structural report) Dennism Mires of Manchester \$12,500.00.

Chair Harry Wright suggested the selectmen keep a copy of each and the Town Hall Restoration Committee will have copies, and thanked the Town Hall Restoration Committee for getting to work on the project.

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Cialis (tadalafil) to treat the signs and symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), a condition in which the prostate gland becomes enlarged, and for the treatment of BPH and erectile dysfunction (ED), when the conditions occur simultaneously. Cialis was approved in 2003 for the treatment of ED. Common symptoms of BPH include difficulty in starting urination and a weak urine stream; a sudden urge to urinate; and more frequent urination, including at night. Cialis should not be used in patients taking nitrates, for example nitroglycerin, because the combination can cause an unsafe decrease in blood pressure. Also, the use of Cialis in combination with alpha blockers for the treatment of BPH is not recommended because the combination has not been adequately studied for the treatment of BPH, and there is a risk of lowering blood pressure. The FDA has approved eight other drugs to treat symptoms of BPH: Proscar, (finasteride), Avodart (dutasteride), Jalyn (dutasteride plus tamsulosin), and the alpha blockers: Hytrin (terazosin), Cardura (doxazosin), Flomax (tamsulosin), Uroxatral (alfuzosin) and Rapaflo (silodosin).

In the largest and longest head-to-head comparison of two anti-clotting medications, warfarin and aspirin were similar in preventing deaths and strokes in heart failure patients with normal heart rhythm, according to research presented at the American Stroke Association's International Stroke Conference 2012.

Gardasil, the human papillomavirus vaccine that is now recommended for male and female adolescents and young adults, does not trigger autoimmune conditions such as lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, type 1 diabetes or multiple sclerosis after vaccination in young women, according to a new study in the *Journal of Internal Medicine*.

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New London approves Elkins Fish & Game request

Michael Gelcius, president of the Elkins Fish & Game Club met with the New London Selectmen recently to propose a standing agreement between the town and club allowing the club to use the former landfill at the Wilmot border on Mountain Road for event parking.

Gelcius stressed that in the past the club had made such a request for each separate event, but would prefer a more permanent agreement. Doug Homan, who used to live across from the club in Elkins and was upset at the loud noise, objected

to what he saw as an expanded use of the land.

Board Chair Mark Kaplan disagreed, saying it was not an expanded use and the board seem to agree with Zoning Admin-

istrator peter Stanley who said it was better to be parking on the land as opposed to in the road. In the end, the board voted unanimously to grant the permission provided Wilmot concurred.

Newport's New Principal

On April 18th, the Newport School Board unanimously voted to hire Linda J. Sutton as the new principal of Newport Middle/High School. Sutton, who assumes her post in July, met with administrators, teachers, students and parents before being appointed. She currently serves as principal of the Monadnock Regional Middle School in Swanzey.

Newport's \$400,000 grant

The Community Development and Finance Authority has awarded a \$400,000 grant to Newport's Elderly and Handicapped to renovate and expand its Maple Manor Housing complex.

The Newport non-profit is matching the grant so that \$800,000 will be available for the current 40 one-bedroom units housed in six buildings.



After a brief hearing Tuesday night the Antrim ZBA unanimously denied Richard Block's appeal from the selectmen's decision to sign an agreement with Antrim Wind Energy, LLC.

Hazardous material removed from Kemp property

The Hillsborough Selectmen have accepted a bid from Dec Tam of Concord for asbestos abatement and removal of hazardous material from the Kemp buildings on River Street. The property, situated along the Contoocook River near the Pierce Barbeque Oven and the old cider mill, has

been donated to the town, which plans on creating a park.

Before doing so the contaminated Kemp Garage must be torn down. Dec Tam's bid includes \$5,000 for asbestos abatement and \$9,729 for other hazardous materials for a total of \$14,729.

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On April 18, 2012 Richard Edmunds (l) presented Gerry Kney (r) with a plaque signifying his 24 years of excellent service to Edmunds Ace Hardware.

Smith Church Pain Management Program

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a six-week chronic condition self-management program for older adults beginning May 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Smith Congregational Church, 30 West Main Street in Hillsboro. Chronic conditions include but are not limited to congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, asthma, and arthritis.

Better Choices, Better Health is an evidence-based program for older adults who want to: Find practical ways to deal with pain, fatigue, and stress; Discover better nutrition and exercise choices; Make informed treatment decisions; Learn better ways to talk with their physician and family about their health; Obtain the support they need. There is no fee to attend this program. Space is limited. To register, call Concord Regional VNA at (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815.

Francestown selectwoman paid for work

Francestown Selectman Scott Carbee is upset that fellow Selectperson Abigail Arnold was paid \$113.96 to run the Town Office for one day while the Administrative Assistant was out at a Leadership Seminar. Carbee said the board agreed to pay Arnold \$20/hour to train a new Administrative Assistant last August when Sherry Miller left. Christine Lavery assumed the position in December and Arnold's assistance was no longer needed. Arnold was paid over Carbee's objection as both she and Selectwoman Betsy Hardwick approved the pay voucher.

Transfer of Henniker Court delayed

The transformation of the Henniker Circuit Court to Hillsborough is being delayed until July. Governor John Lynch and the Executive Council have approved a three-month lease extension on the Henniker facility at a cost of \$14,917.

Weare family busted for marijuana

Weare Police have arrested a family of four on charges that they conducted a small marijuana growing operation out of the basement of their Holly Hill Farm Road home. Arrested were Christopher Capron, 50, his wife Kathleen, 45 and their two sons, Zachary, 22, and Alexander, 20. Officers found what they described as an "elaborate grow room" which the Caprons' had attempted to hide.

American Legion host Junior High Oratorical Contest

Photos by Ken Maynard & Rich Dahlgren

Over 70 American Legion members, family and friends witnessed a thought provoking contest at the Legion's New Hampshire Department's finals of the 2012 Junior High School Oratorical Program held at The New Hampshire Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College on Saturday, March 31, 2012. New Hampshire is the only state in the United States to hold a junior (grade 6-8) level contest and this is the 10th year that the contest has been held.

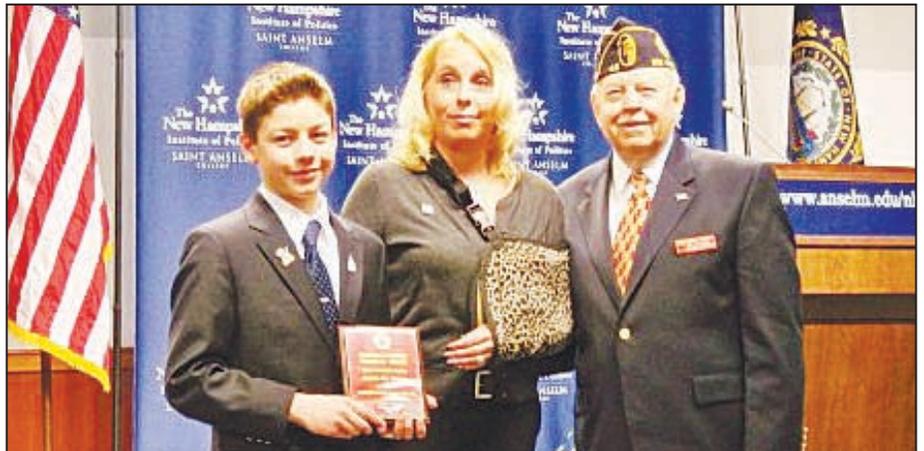
All of the contestants performed admirably and the judges had a tough job determining the winners. Capturing first place and a \$500 Cash Award, Tanner Coffin, Grade 8 from Crossroads Academy in Lyme, who spoke on the 1st Amendment; second place and a \$400 Cash Award, Jacob Hodgins, from Hampstead Middle School who spoke on the Presidential Salary; third place and a \$300 Cash Award, Alexis Ditrappano, from Hampstead Middle School who spoke on the 2nd Amendment; 4th place and a \$200 Cash Award, Abigail Chamberlain, who is home schooled, spoke on the 1st Amendment; 5th Place and a \$100 Cash Award, Rodney

Emerley, Grade 8, from Haverhill Cooperative Middle School who spoke on Treason; 6th Place and a \$50 Cash Award, Hazel Johnston, Weare Middle School, who spoke on Article 2, Section 2.

Tanner Coffin was presented with the Darrell S. Sykes Memorial Award Plaque by Sykes's youngest daughter, Wendy League and Past Department Commander and current Vice Chairman of the National Internal Affairs Commission George West

on behalf of Post 40 in New London. Coffin was the winner of the District 6 Junior High Oratorical Contest. This award is given annually in memory of Sykes by his family to the winner of the District 6 Junior High. Congratulations to the contestants.

The Department of New Hampshire, American Legion, awarded a plaque to St. Anselm College in appreciation of hosting this and the High School Oratorical Contests for so many years.



(L-R) Tanner Coffin, Wendy Sykes, George West.

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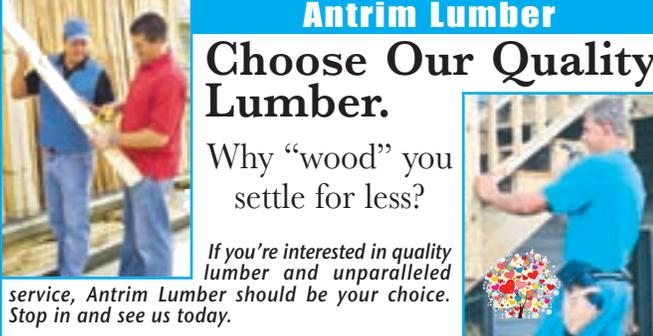
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Washington Police Chief Steve Marshall treated Washington Students of the Month Halie Hurd, Abby Mills and Harry Burbine to lunch at the Sampan Restaurant.

Hancock to retain control of boat launch

The Hancock Selectmen have decided not to turn over management of the boatlaunch on Nubanusit Lake to the state and retain control over it. The discussion was prompted by an earlier visit from Jeff King, from the NH Fish & Game department who suggested the state could lease the area for 30 years and install a boat ramp and maintain the area.

Kearsarge studying full-day kindergarten

The Kearsarge Regional School District is currently exploring the possibility of expanding kindergarten from half-day to full-day sessions starting in the 2013-2014 school year. Assistant Superintendent Mark Maclean, who has been conducting a feasibility study, briefed the School Board on his findings which show that 61 of the state's 88 districts offer full-day kindergarten and attendance and academic achievement improve in such districts. The cost to implement the program in the Kearsarge District is estimated to be about \$137,500. The board voted to form a committee of board members and teachers to study the matter further.

Antrim Police warn of phone scam artists

According to a recent press release from the Antrim Police Department, residents statewide have been receiving telemarketing calls, reportedly from the NH Association of Chiefs of Police, asking for donations to aid the families of slain Greenland Chief Michael Maloney and the other officers injured. Authorities stress that the Chief's association does not do telemarketing of any type and residents should beware of this scam.

Historic Smith Church needs painting

Hillsborough's historic Smith Memorial Congregational Church is in need of repainting and has launched a campaign to raise the \$35,000 needed for the project. Church members have already raised \$10,000 but are looking for community support in raising the balance. Contributions can be mailed to the church at P.O. Box 672 Hillsborough, NH 03244. Please make the check as "Painting Capital Campaign."

SPORTS High School Results

BASEBALL

Newport 17 Hillsboro-Deering 6 In a battle of cats, the Tigers out clawed the Hillcats, coming back from a 1-6 hole after two innings. Kevin Gidari had 3 hits including a pair of doubles for H-D. Dalton Campbell and Justin Beauchaine each had 4 Tiger RBI.

Hopkinton 8 Farmington 1 Liam Nichols pitched well, allowing only one hit, a solo homerun. Colin O'Keefe led the attack going 3 for 3, scoring 3 runs with 2 RBI.

Hopkinton 11 Newport 0 Leading 5-0 after three, Jake Nelson's three-run homer in the fourth put the game away.

Mascoma 7 Newport 3 Matt Bocko had 3 hits and Dalton Campbell's two-run homer got the Tigers on the board.

Monadnock 4 Newport 2 A good game from pitcher Greg Beaulieu was not enough as Ethan Gardner plated the only Tiger runs.

Sunapee 14 Moultonborough 2 T.J. Wachotz tossed a two-hitter with 5 K's and helped himself with 3 hits.

Wilton-Lyndeborough 5 Sunapee 4 Troy Fowler took a tough loss, giving up only 3 hits and 2 earned runs while striking out 11.

Pittsfield 2 Sunapee 1 The Lakers surrendered a two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth, which not only spoiled the shutout but cost them the win.

Bedford 10 John Stark 0 Jeff Taylor and Nick Manna had the Generals' only hits as the Bulldogs dominated.

Souhegan 7 John Stark 0 Jeff Taylor, Brad Hannon, and Tyler Keim, had the Generals' only hits in this shutout.

Souhegan 11 ConVal 5 Lack of offensive consistency limited run production as Souhegan prevailed.

Pelham 11 ConVal 3 Cold bats killed any chance of competing against 0-5 Pelham.

Kearsarge 2 Hanover 1 Trailing 0-1, the Cougars scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth to claim victory. Jake Broom was 2 for 2.

Kearsarge 8 Pembroke 4 The Cougar bats came alive and backed up the five hit pitching of Brad Donnelly.

SOFTBALL

Hillsboro-Deering 7 Newport 6 The Hillcats jumped out to a 6-0 lead and withstood a frantic Tiger rally that fell just short. Jenna Rheault registered 11 K's and allowed only 2 earned runs.

Hopkinton 3 Newport 2 The Hawks scored all three runs in the fourth and held on for the win. Courtney Benson had a pair of hits for Hopkinton.

Mascoma 9 Newport 5 Sophie Willis had a pair of hits but Sky Curtis got little run support.

Monadnock 9 Newport 1 Sky Curtis had 3 hits and Mindy Carl 2 but Carl took the loss on the mound.

Sunapee 6 Hinsdale 5 Trailing most of the game, the Lakers scored 6 runs in the final two innings to take the victory.

Bedford 13 John Stark 1 Scoreless in the third, multiple er-

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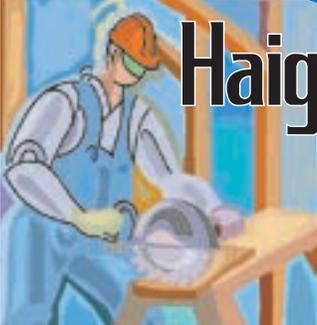
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SPORTS High School Results

rors cost the Generals a chance. Kristen Miller was 2 for 2.
Souhegan 7 John Stark 0 The Generals allowed 7 unearned runs to spoil Brittany Hardy's 7K, three-hitter. Emily Mulcahey had 2 of Starks 7 hits.

ConVal 7 Souhegan 6 Trailing 6-2, Shauna Whittemore hit a grand slam to tie it up and Courtney Fisher hit a solo homer to win the game.

ConVal 12 Pelham 0 JoEllen Racicot was 2 for 3 and scored twice to back up Courtney Fisher and Shauna Whittemore who combined for a one-hitter.

Farmington 7 Hopkinton 6 Down 7-2, the Hawks battled back but their rally fell short. Heather Coen was 2 for 2 and Sloane White went 2 for 4.

BOYS' LACROSSE

Plymouth 8 Hopkinton 2 Down 0-5 at the half, the Hawks couldn't recover. Sam Ruderman and Matt French found the net for Hopkinton.

Hopkinton 7 ConVal 4 Joe Montore had a pair of goals and two assists leading the Hawks over the Cougars.

ConVal 12 Stevens 3 Six goals from Ryder Thompson led the Cougars' attack. Drew Manning-Osborn tallied his first hat trick.

Hollis-Brookline 17 ConVal 2 Buried 15-0 at the half, the game was in effect over. Drew Manning-Osborn and Ryder Thompson scored for the Cougars.

Hopkinton 7 ConVal 4 Limited to just 7 shots, the Cougars made good on four of them but would score no more.

Kearsarge 17 Milford 9 Peter Allen took control of the game, scoring 8 goals with a pair of assists. With their starting goalie absent, freshman Nate Thompson stepped up with 15 saves.

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Hopkinton 14 Pembroke 9 Elizabeth Hancock tallied 4 goals with Sabrey Montore and Paige Cook netting three each as the Hawks prevailed.

Kearsarge 17 Plymouth 13 Tied 4-4, the Cougars ran off 8 of the next 10 goals, only to have the Bobcats fight back to trail 12-10. Gemma Bready had 4 goals and 3 assists while Morgan Galluzzo made 13 saves.

ConVal 12 John Stark 7 Bailey Cohen and Emma Murphy each had two goals and an assist while Mackenzie King and Zoe Paige also had 2 goals each as ConVal marched past the Generals. Maddie Pisapia and Gianna Pezzulo each scored twice for Stark.

BOYS' TRACK & FIELD

ConVal 67.5 Goffstown 67.5 The Cougars amassed 5 wins, including Nawyn Meas in the discus, Tom Hughes-shot put, and Gustav Kvik in the 800 and triple jump.

John Stark 77 Hillsboro-Deering 55 The Generals took firsts in 10 events to beat the Hillcats in a dual meet. Pat Dustin, Ryan Ober and Dan Caterino each won two events for Stark. For H-D, Ian Robie won the discus and high jump while

SPORTS High School Results

Victor Montanez placed first in the 100 and 200 and as part of the 400 relay. Henry Glendinning won the long jump.

GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

Goffstown 74 ConVal 42 The Cougars finished third behind Goffstown and Bishop Brady. Tony Brown finished first in the pole vault.

John Stark 60 Hillsboro-Deering 58 The Hillcats took 8 first place finishes to 7 for the Generals but still came up short. Stark was paced by Virginia Jones who won the 800, 1600 and was part of the 4x400 relay. H-D's Darimar Jimenez won the 100 and 200.

Bradford to make Tax Map corrections

Perry Teele told the Bradford Selectmen that over the past twenty five years, he has been studying the Town of Bradford's deeds and deed history. During the course of that study he has found there are some errors, omissions etc. on the Tax Map. Teele proposed to the town that he be a committee of one to devise a form that can be used between the abutting land owners to settle data, and make the correction. He would get abutters to sign off and bring it to the selectmen to sign off if they are in agreement, then forward to the tax map people to make the correction. The board unanimously agreed to accept his offer.


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Letter to the Editor

On April 19, 2012, there was a massive residential fire on Merrill Road in Hillsborough. I congratulate Fire Chief Kenneth J. Stafford and the entire fire department for their courage and resilience in quelling this out of control fire. There was nothing they could do to save the residence that was engulfed in a blistering fire that observers feared would spread throughout the neighborhood and possibly engulf the entire town. Flames shot up a seventy-foot pine tree destroying it in seconds. I was awe struck at the destruction occurring in seconds. Chief Stafford calmly but firmly directed his small army of firefighters into the onslaught surrounding the residence in a circle trying to prevent further spread of the carnage. The heat, even from a distance, was unbearable. The noise was so vociferous as to be heard throughout the town. Shattering glass, walls falling in despair and the groans of a tortured residence. The firefighters were relentless, tenacious, courageously trying to subdue the fire. Several water trucks lined up in a row each one emptying water into a square pool from there entering a pump truck which poured water through the houses held by the firefighters. As the fire engulfed the residence the firefighters looked like miniature soldiers surrounded by flames bursting at them. The fire was put down as the remnants of what once was a home fell into eternal slumber. They lived to fight another day.

Once again thank you for saving our neighborhood.

Alan B. Urquhart, Hillsborough

Dear Editor;

Let the Games Begin - Political Campaign season opening day is not far away. I have seen several signs around the area already that say and I am paraphrasing "Support New Hampshire's Middle Class" working families etc.. I am guessing there is a political "follow up sign" to come. Does anyone from either side of the political scene really believe deep in their soul that one side or the other does not support the middle class? And who is the middle class? If history serves me correctly it was the efforts of leaders who chose to put one social class against another that created

Socialism and Communism in countries that are in turmoil or no longer exist. I pray that neither party goes down that road. I do not believe that either political party is against woman, seniors; special needs people, or education. Can we all please take a deep breath and remember that those who have died for our Freedom and Liberty were from all classes; all ethnic and racial backgrounds and all had different opinions. They died so that we could express ourselves not destroy our nation. Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

Lets not forget that as we move into the political season and the most important election of our lifetime.

**JP Marzullo is the Director
of Grassroots/Coalition for Ovide
Lamontagne for Governor**

To The Editor;

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Hillsboro Fire Department, Hillsboro Rescue and mutual aid fire departments that responded to our barn fire at 11 Newman Street in Hillsboro on April 15th. The response time and skill were incredible and they saved our home. Most importantly, no one was hurt. There are no words to express how thankful we are. A special thank you to our great neighbors – Chris, Steph, Jackie, Brandi, Ty and Nan for all their support.

Steve and Nina Carte, Hillsborough

Dear Editor;

A dog day afternoon, indeed! Together with the incredible support of The Messenger, our sponsors and volunteers, the Henniker Rotary Club hosted an incredibly successful rabies clinic on April 14th.

This year we vaccinated 163 cats and dogs at the clinic, not a record overall, but a record number of dogs (129). We will be donating over \$1,200 to the Concord Mer-

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rimack County SPCA to help with their capital campaign to build an expanded shelter in Concord.

This Rabies Clinic continues to be one of the largest and most well managed clinics in New Hampshire, drawing attendees from 18 towns in the Contoocook Valley Region. This speaks volumes about the important role The Messenger plays in helping us get the word

out as our primary media partner for the event.

The entire club joins me in saying thank you for all you do to promote Rotary and its activities, especially the Rabies Clinic, which is perhaps our favorite community service activity. Leigh, Joyce –Thank you.

Ruth B. Zax, Chair 2012 Rabies Clinic



At a recent meeting of the Hillsboro Lions Club President Bob Fredette (r) inducted Chuck Laflamme (l) as the club's newest member (Top Photo) and presented a Club Pin to Hillsboro Postmaster Kyle Perkins in appreciation of his presentation to the club. (Bottom Photo)



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Governor proclaims April as Military Child Month

Text by Kent Nolan and Rich Dahlgren;

On Friday, April 13, 2012, approximately 30 military families, New Hampshire National Guard personnel and friends gathered in the Executive Chamber of the State House in Concord to witness Governor John H. Lynch's proclaiming April as Military Child Month. Since Governor Lynch was out of the office, The Adjutant General of the New Hampshire National Guard, Major General William N. Reddel III, volunteered to read following the ceremonies, all the children present were given a "Purple UP" T-Shirt to take home and wear with pride.

The T-shirts symbolize the union of

colors represented by the different military branches and include: Army green, Coast

Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue.



(L-R) Major General William Reddel III, Charlotte Cross, Kent Nolan.

Newport Cruise Nights begin

The Carnutz Car Club has announced that its Cruise Nights will resume on May 14th to run until September 10th. The gatherings will again be held in the Sugar river Bank parking lot from 6-8 p.m. on Monday nights. There will be food discounts, ice cream, driver pizza and a 50/50 raffle to benefit David's House in Lebanon.



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Rep. Marjorie Porter (D), Hillsboro spoke to the Hillsboro Selectmen offering her support with matters in the Legislature that would involve the Town. She also noted that some towns as well as the city of Manchester are contesting the recent redistricting.



Sisters, Madison Snaith (15) and Sophia Snaith (9) of New London, recently served as NH State delegates at the National Conference for the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) in Washington, D.C. Madison is currently holding offices as both the NH State CAR Historian, as well as the Society President for the Hannah Dustin Society. Sophia is the Society Chaplain.

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Weare Selectman questions logging on conservation land

Chairman Tom Clow recused himself from the Weare Selectman's meeting to speak as a private citizen. Clow said that his property abuts 611 acres of conservation, that was purchased by the town through a bond, Mildred Hall funds, and with private donations. Several weeks ago he found bright orange blazes on some trees around his property.

His wife wrote to the Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC) who owns an easement on the property. PLC responded that the blazes were not consistent with those done by them. The letter was then passed on to Andy Fulton, Conservation Commission who stated that the blazing was done by the forester and it was proper procedure to prepare for harvesting.

As a selectman and taxpayer he is concerned with the land, which the town still holds a bond on.

Last week foresting started and huge pieces of equipment were cutting wide swaths through the forest. Clow said that to him the purpose of the conservation

area does not go along with that type of logging and he thinks it violates the actual easement, and it is heartbreaking to see

what has been done. Clow said that it is a terrible mess and he wanted to bring it to the public's attention.



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