

# THE Messenger

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## Colby is Buyer's Agent

Larry Colby of Henniker was recently certified by the State of New Hampshire, NHAR Board of Realtors, and



RealNet Learning Services as a CBR®-Certified Buyer Representative. Larry is an Agent with Red Coat Realty

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Wainwright, Senior Vice President and Senior Investment Strategist at Ledyard Financial Advisors, has earned the Certified Exit Planning Advisor (CEPA) credential from the Exit Planning Institute.



(Left to right) DECA President Austin Brown, DECA Vice President Mollie Moore, and NHS Treasurer Logan Henderson.

## HDHS fights Leukemia & Lymphoma Students contribute \$1,000

The Hillsboro-Deering High School chapter of DECA, along with the Hillsboro-Deering High School National Honor Society raised \$1,000.00 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) during a campaign called Pennies for Patients. DECA and NHS students helped HDHS join more than 25,000 schools nationwide in the Pennies for Patients Society's Pennies for Patients program. The goal of this program is to help people who are sick or otherwise afflicted with blood cancers

like leukemia. Hillsboro-Deering students deposited loose change in collection boxes that were located throughout the school. Additionally, NHS's "Penny War" held during Winter Carnival added to the contributions.

Through the efforts of the students at Hillsboro-Deering High School and this donation, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society can continue its mission to develop cures for these diseases while improving the quality of life of patients and their families.

## Attorney General commends Henniker Officers

The Chief of the Homicide Unit of the NH Attorney General's Office has commended the efforts of two Henniker Police Officers in their handling of the Molly MacDougall Hawthorne murder in 2010. In a letter written to Police Chief Ryan Murdough and read at Tuesday's select-

men's meeting, Jeffrey Strelzin wrote that Sgt. Matthew French and Officer Amy Bossi "handled the initial call to the scene and properly secured it and took exceptional care of Molly's family in those initial hours." The Henniker Selectmen added their appreciation for a job well done.

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## Two Henniker students named Scholar Leaders

Nicole Beeso and John (Jack) Rogers, students at Henniker Community School in Henniker were honored at the 13th Annual Scholar Leader Awards Banquet, held at the Center of New Hampshire on May 31st. Each student was presented with a plaque recognizing his or her achievements. The criteria for being chosen to receive the Middle Level Scholar Leader Award include demonstrating academic initiative and scholarship, providing service to classmates and school, exemplifying positive attitudes, and demonstrating leadership in the classroom and school activities.

# Two saved in New London

Police Chief David Seastrand told the New London Selectmen that a of New London man, who was staying at the Inn at Pleasant Lake, heard a noise and crash outside and took it upon himself to investigate.

He found a car that was on fire and was able to pull the driver to safety. Seastrand felt he went above and beyond what a citizen should do and thought the Town could come up with a plaque or proclamation to recognize the person. He noted that Fire Chief Jason Lyon agreed.

Ms. Helm agreed that it was beyond

the call of duty for this man and the Town should recognize his heroic efforts. Chief Seastrand said the citizen could be recognized either by a proclamation or whatever the board considered appropriate and it was suggested that it should be presented at the Town Meeting.

Seastrand also reported officer Dave Zuger had to administer CPR on someone on Burpee Hill, saving the man's life. He said that he has ordered a "Life-Saving" ribbon for the officer's uniform and hoped to be able to present it to him at a Selectmen's Meeting. The Board thought this was a good idea.

## Hopkinton human services director to full time

Acting on a directive from voters at town meeting, the Hopkinton Selectmen have voted to return the town's human services position to full time status. Marilyn Bresaw, who has held the post for more than 20 years, resumes full time work on June 25.

The board has developed a new job description which continues welfare services as the top priority, but now includes coordinating volunteer and community groups like the food pantry and the Community Outreach Group, run by the Methodist Church.

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# Residents urged to remove bird feeders attracting bears

Sightings of Black Bear have increased dramatically in area towns this spring. As a result of frequent sightings in Henniker, Selectman Leo Aucoin asked the Henniker Police and representatives of NH Fish & Game and Wildlife Services to brief the board on how to handle the problem. Parker Hall, director of Wildlife Services said the problem stems from so many residents with bird feeders in their yards. With an extra large number of cubs surviving a mild winter, bird feeders provide an easy way for a cow to feed her cubs. Hill warned residents not to let the bears become habituated to feeding from the bird feeders, "remove the food source" he said, "and you remove the bears."

Officer Brown said Fish & Game rules provide for up to a \$1,000 fine for those who continue to feed the bears after being notified not to. He said if residents didn't quickly remove the feeders he would reluctantly have to start writing tickets.

Brown stresses that the mother bear was not hostile and it would be a shame to kill her and leave the cubs as orphans.

Residents are urged to remove their feeders and douse the area with ammonia to remove the scent of the seeds.



NH Fish & Game Officer Delayne Brown (l) and Parker Hall (r) of NH Wildlife Services briefed the Henniker Selectmen on how to handle the increased sightings of Black Bear in the community.

## Antrim Recreation Donations

At their last meeting the Antrim Selectmen gratefully accepted the following donations to the Recreation Department:

- \$600 Cathy Garland Zumba
- \$517 Tenneys TaeKwonDo
- \$250 Tenneys Baseball
- \$225 Antrim Family Dental Softball
- \$225 Antrim Bennington Lions Softball
- \$225 Edmunds Ace Hardware Baseball
- \$225 Rick & Diane's Softball
- \$50 Volleyball Group Volleyball

## Bradford volunteers do lawn mowing

Administrator Cheryl Behr advised the Highway Department is understaffed and is not capable of doing the lawns they were going to do.

Perry Teele volunteered to do the Center Meeting House lawn. The Cemetery

there is questionable as to who does it. George Cilley has been and will continue to do Bicentennial Square as well as Lafayette Square. Barry Wheeler advised the Highway Dept. will do the Center Meeting House lawn.



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Henniker Community School students who studied Chinese language this year with Chinese exchange teacher Qin Wei pose with the Chinese masks they created this week. Left to right: Sydney Malachi, Erin Loc, Hunter Jensen, Qin Wei. Front row: Tian Quinn.

## Peterborough fireworks at ConVal July 7

The Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce has set Saturday, July 7th at the ConVal athletic fields as the date for its annual fireworks display. The event is sponsored by Petersons Real Estate in cooperation with the Town of Peterborough. Local non-profits will be selling refreshments and The Boogie Men from Greenfield will provide the musical entertainment. The gates will open at 6 p.m. with admission of \$3/person or \$10/family max. Parking is available in the ConVal lot for \$15/carload.

## Newport town & school talk bus repairs

Charles Schultz, Chairman of the Newport School Board, met with the selectmen to discuss school bus inspections. Town Manager Paul Brown said that prior to 2010, the school contracted with the Town for all school bus inspections, but after that the Town eliminated a mechanic so the school contracted with that employee to maintain their busses. In March the question arose whether or not the mechanic should be using the Town's garage for school bus inspections. Brown said that after reviewing the situation with DOT, it was determined that if the school uses the Town's inspection station, then the Town would be held liable. He asked the Board if they would be willing to renegotiate the lease for the use of the bay, to include a waiver of liability. Selectman Nichols said that he did not see any difference of whose pocket this would come out of, since the same taxpayers support both the Town and School.

## Cause of Hancock fire under investigation

The NH Fire Marshals Office is investigating a Sunday night fire at a vacant house on Forest Road in Hancock. Firefighters fought for three hours and were able to save the building, which had been vacant for years, but the interior suffered major damage. Responders were unable to access the interior which had been vandalized and lacked floors in some areas.

# Hillsborough Food Bank meets the Feinsein Challenge

The "Feinsein Challenge" has come and gone, and it was a phenomenal success. The Hillsboro District Food Pantry would like to thank everyone who was a part of this effort. There were donations of both cash and food items from individu-

als, organizations, and businesses alike. Through the efforts of all involved, we raised cash donations of \$6586.46, pledges of \$520, and donated food items at a value of \$1. per can / pound totaling \$2587, all adding together for a grand total of

\$9693.46. To quote Food Pantry director Norma Hubbard: "It never ceases to amaze me how giving the supporters of the Hillsboro District Food Pantry are." The pantry hopes to make this an annual event. Again, thanks to everyone for a job well done!

## Antrim set its PILOT hearing for June 20

The Antrim Selectmen have announced that the Board will hold a public hearing on June 20th at 7 PM to review potential Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) agreements with Antrim Wind Energy.

## John Jordan of the ConVal Model Study Committee ousted

A member of ConVal's Model study committee who favors moving fifth graders to their local elementary schools and closing Great Brook School will not be reappointed at the request of Chairman George Kid of Hancock.

John Jordan, also of Hancock, serves as the Chair of the Selectman's Advisory Committee to the School District had publicly expressed his views which are contrary to the Committee which had voted not to make a recommendation to voters on the several cost saving options studied.



Norma Hubbard, Director of Hillsboro District Food Pantry and Gene Gould, Board Member of Hillsboro District Food Pantry and Organizer of the Feinsein Challenge.

## Half day OK'ed at Bennington school during voting

The ConVal School Board has approved Superintendent Dick Bergeron's recommendation to allow Pierce Elementary School children in Bennington attend school for just a half day on Election Day in both November and March, so that the town

can use the school multipurpose room for voting. Bennington Moderator John Cronin had wanted to close the school for the entire day when the elections are held, but complimented Bergeron on a compromise which all agree is a stop-gap measure.

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Members of Cub Pack 67 (L to R) Ben Blakeslee, Colin Roy, Alex Swanson, Kodi Allen, Brayden Allen, Ryan Dillon and Post 39 Commander Charlie Trowbridge.

## Warner Legion observes Memorial Day

*Text & photo by Richard Dahlgren*

It was a beautiful day, warm and sunny with a light breeze blowing, when Wilkins-Cloues-Bigelow-Pearson Post 39, American Legion, Warner, presented their annual Memorial Day program on Monday, May 28, 2012, a day fitting to honor those of our comrades who gave their lives for our freedom. The ceremony began with the retiring and replacement of the American flag at the Post, by Charlie Trowbridge, Commander. A parade was led by the Post 39 color guard, other members of Post 39 and Auxiliary Unit 39 to the Soldier's Monument on Kearsarge Mountain Road, accompanied by Cub Scout Troop 67 from Warner and the Kearsarge Regional High School Band. At the monument, Paul Violette, Past Post 39 Commander, said a prayer and laid a wreath to honor those veterans who had given their lives for our country.

The procession then marched to the Town Hall where the American flag flying in front of the Town Hall was retired and replaced by a new one by Charlie Trowbridge, Post Commander, with the assistance of the Cub Scouts. Local residents were invited into the Town Hall where Commander Trowbridge welcomed a crowd of over 130. Trowbridge gave the invocation, followed by the Cub Scouts leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Commander Trowbridge then introduced the speaker for the program, Arthur Robbins from Sutton, who gave a very thought provoking and inspiring speech. Patriotic songs were then sung, accompanied by pianist Edith Daigle. The benediction was offered by Commander Trowbridge, and then the Legionnaires, Cub Scouts and townspeople assembled along with the Band for a march to Pine Grove Cemetery. A brief Memorial Service and Rifle Salute ensued at the Cemetery and Paul Violette placed a wreath on the grave of a departed Legion member. The band played "Taps" at this service.

The marchers then proceeded to North Village Road and the Warner River at Ela Bridge where another brief Memorial Service and Rifle Salute was rendered. Violette then tossed a wreath of flowers into the river to honor Service personnel buried at sea. "Taps" was played again at this location. The marchers then returned to the Legion Hall via Mill Street and Main Street.



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# Antrim to study ecology of Campbell Pond

Peter Beblowski and Linda Bryer from the Conservation Commission met with the Antrim Selectmen Monday night to discuss working with the Bennington Conservation Commission to develop and enhance the trail system along the rail trail near the Bennington well.

They will hike the area on June 16th.

Selectman Eric Tenney suggested checking with the Water & Sewer Commissioners also. Beblowski also reported that the commission has hired Moosewood Eco-

logical to conduct phase I of a study of the Campbell Pond area at a cost of \$2,500. The complete project is estimated to cost \$7,000 to \$8,000.

## Hopkinton staff recognized

At Hopkinton's last All District Staff Meeting of the year, the following people were recognized: Police Chief Stephen Pecora was named the 2012 Hopkinton School District Champion for Children for his exceptional work with the young people of Hopkinton, second grade teacher Joan Follansbee and eighth grade math teacher Melanie Thornley received the 2012 Susan Graham Pisinski Teaching Excellence Award, and Harold Martin School Assistant Lori Feller and High School Assistant Dan Haggerty received the 2012 Support Staff Recognition Award.



The Antrim Conservation Commission met with the selectmen to discuss Campbell Pond.

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About half of male breast cancer patients who take the drug tamoxifen to prevent their disease from returning report side effects such as weight gain and sexual dysfunction, which prompts more than 20 percent of them to discontinue treatment, according to a study published in the journal *Annals of Oncology*. Only about 2,000 men are diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States each year, but its incidence is increasing.

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Henniker Officer Mike Martin welcomed parents and friends to the 5th Grade DARE Graduation at Henniker Community School Tuesday evening.

## Peterborough Lions Crus-Ins resume

Sunday, June 10 the Peterborough Rotary Club will hold the second Cruz-In of the season in Depot Square from 9:00 to 1:00. It is open to all makes and models of vintage or special interest cars, truck, motorcycles, and bicycles. The event is free to attendees and all are welcome - there is no fee to display a vehicle. In addition to the vehicle displays, an Antiques Market will be held behind the Toadstool Bookshop.

Each space measures 12 x 20 ft and costs \$20. To reserve a space in the Antiques Market or for other information about the Cruz-In event, call John Kaufhold at 924-3114 or 801-8364. The nearby Peterborough Diner offers 2 for 1 breakfast specials to all who drive their vehicles to display at the show. There is also a 50/50 raffle where the winner gets 50% of the proceeds and the rest goes to the Rotary Club for distribution to local charities.

## Weare Police overtime study due soon

Alan Gould from Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI) met with the Weare Selectmen to update them on the work force deployment review that he is conducting regarding the Police Department overtime. Mr. Gould indicated that he still has some more work to do, including meeting with the Chief. He is hoping to complete the review within two months, but hopefully sooner.

## Newport adjusts to budget defeat at polls

Town Manager Paul Brown told the Henniker Selectmen that since the budget failed, they would be cutting approximately \$274,000.00 to meet the default budget, which he planned to have for the Board at their June 4, 2012 meeting. Police Chief Burroughs is investigating grant opportunities for the mobile data terminals to minimize the town's cost. The fire chief is also looking into a USDA grant for the cardiac monitors. Brown also said that the article for the well study failed and he would be presenting that again for the next budget season.

# Antrim boy hit by car on Main Street

Channel 9 reports that a child leaving a school play was hospitalized early Wednesday evening after he was hit by a car in Antrim.

Police said the child was crossing Route 202 after leaving a play at the Antrim Town Hall about 8 p.m. Wednesday. Investigators said a female driver was headed north as the play let out and wasn't able to avoid the child.

Investigators said the boy was about 9 or 10 years old. He was able to briefly speak with emergency crews at the scene and was taken to a nearby hospital. His

condition does not appear to be life-threatening, police said.

Investigators said they are still looking into whether he was in the crosswalk near

the crash scene.

Alcohol and speed did not appear to be factors in the crash, officers said.

The incident is under investigation.



Photo from Channel 9

This Antrim boy was taken to Monadnock Community Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

## Relay For Life raises \$84,864

Organizers were thrilled with the success of this year's Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Relay For Life. Although shortened by heavy wind and rain on Sunday, the event raised \$84,864 for the American Cancer Society. Of the 242 registered participants 71 were cancer survivors and 35 caregivers among the 26 teams.



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**#2 Kearsarge 12 #4 Plymouth 6 Division II Semifinals** The Cougars started slowly, trailing 4-1, before scoring 3 unanswered goals to tie it at the half. Kearsarge will face undefeated and #1 seed Windham in the finals.

**#1 Windham 18 #5 Hopkinton 11 Division III Semifinals** The Hawks trailed 4-0 just over two minutes in and 13-6 at the half. Elizabeth Hancock led the Hawks with 5 goals.

**BOYS' LACROSSE**

**#5 Gilford 11 #12 Kearsarge 6 Division III Preliminary** Owen Dayton had two goals and an assists while Travis Newman also netted 2 goals.

**#2 Plymouth 13 #7 Hopkinton 4 Division III Quarterfinals** The Hawks trailed 7-1 at the break and the second half was no better Jack Hastings and Henry Merrow each netted a pair of goals.

**SOFTBALL**

**#3 Kennett 5 #10 ConVal 4 Division II Semifinals** What a heartbreaking loss. Leading 4-2 in the seventh, the Cougars surrendered a pair to tie the game and gave up the winning run on a two out passed ball.

**#18 Newport 8 #15 Raymond 7 Division IV Play-In** The Tigers clawed back with 3 runs in the seventh to take the win.

**#2 Gilford 17 #18 Newport 1 Division IV Preliminary** This one was over almost before it began as Gilford dominated play.

**#10 Littleton 9 #7 Sunapee 1 Division IV Preliminary** Kaela Davis had two hits and the Lakers only RBI as they were upset by the Crusaders.

**#10 ConVal 5 #2 Merrimack Valley 2 Division II Quarterfinals** The Cougars started fast, scoring a run in the first and another 2 in the second to upset the #2 seed. Lauren Mackey was 3 for 3 with 2 RBI to lead the attack.

**BASEBALL**

**#15 Newport 10 #18 Winnisquam 0 Division IV Play-In** Greg Beaulieu pitched a complete game shutout surrendering only 2 hits.

**#2 Monadnock 4 #15 Newport 3 Division III Preliminary** Tailing 2-1, the Tigers battled back but couldn't quite catch up.

**#9 Pembroke 6 #8 ConVal 2 Division II Second Round** The Cougars played this one tight until surrendering all 6 runs in the last two innings.

**#3 Sunapee 4 #6 Pittsfield 2 Division IV Semifinals** The Lakers will have a chance to defend their Division IV Championship as they advanced to the finals again this year. Troy Fowler gave up only 4 hits in a complete game effort. Catcher Brian Brewster had 3 hits including a triple and scored 3 of Sunapee's 4 runs.

**#1 Hopkinton 6 #17 Mascenic 1 Division III Second Round** Sam Bonifant allowed just 1 run and went 2 for 2 at bat as the Hawks took control with 3 in the third.

**#1 Hopkinton 7 #8 Franklin 6 Division III Quarterfinals** The Hawks led 4-3 after six but the Golden Tornadoes plated 3 runs in the top of the seventh to take the lead. The Hawks loaded the bases with 2 outs in the bottom of the inning before Liam McNicholas emptied them with a walk-off triple to win the game.

## Andy & Laurie Sanborn resign but file to run again

Henniker residents State Senator Andy Sanborn and his wife Representative Laurie Sunburn both resigned their respective seats in the New Hampshire legislature only to file for election for those positions from Bedford where they have moved. As a result of redistricting both of the Sanborn's House and Senate districts became more heavily Democratic making it more difficult for them to win reelection.

Andy Sanborn said the move was prompted by a desire to be closer to Laurie's family which lives in Bedford, however, having previously moved from Loudon to Henniker to run in a favorable district, critics are saying that this is just another "carpet-bagger" move to gain an advantage. Andy Sanborn's opponent in the republican Primary, 10, term Representative Ken Hawking released a statement critical of the move saying, "Andy Sanborn's signs moved to Bedford before he did."

"To think that you can abandon the Senate district you represent, resign before major votes are taken just to further

your own political career is certainly not the New Hampshire way or what

constituents who place their trust in you expect."



Members of the Hillsboro-Deering DECA club attended a meeting of the Henniker Rotary Club to talk about their recent experiences in the State Leadership and International DECA competitions. Austin Conroy, Sarah Egner, and Robert Armstrong all participated in the International competition in Salt Lake City last month where Austin and Robert came in 5th in the Virtual Business presentation.

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## Publisher's Perspective by Leigh Bosse

Since Mitt Romney's visit to Hillsborough much has been written about our "Bridge To Nowhere." Several letters to the editor criticized Romney and local Representative Marjorie Porter penned a column claiming Romney had insulted the good people of Hillsborough. He did no such thing. He used our bridge as a classic example of poor stimulus spending.

We have often used The Messenger to extoll the virtues of preserving our history. We have urged support for maintaining the Smith Mansion, which houses the library, as well as restoration of the old Fire Station and Police Station, and urged community assistance in repainting the Smith Memorial Church. Future projects worth restoring include the Pierce BBQ Oven and the old Cider Mill. However, not everything that is old is a historic landmark worth preserving.

Let's look at the facts. If the Sawyer Mill Bridge was to be preserved as a historic landmark, the proper way to do it was through a Historic Preservation Grant, clearly stating the purpose for applying. If it was a true priority, the people of Hillsborough could have done it years ago.

That was not done. The restoration was funded with a Transportation Grant from

President Obama's Stimulus Fund. In applying for the grant, state and local officials stated that the purpose was to provide a safe pedestrian walkway across the river without having to use the newer and heavily traveled highway bridge. Clearly it does not do that, and some might say the whole application was a fraud from the beginning.

Beyond that, this restoration has ruined any vestige of historic value of the bridge. Unlike the five other Hillsborough stone arch bridges, which are still being used, the Sawyer Mill Bridge is no longer "dry" as mortar was used to shore it up.

Some in town have hoped to use the area as a gateway park and picnic area, but they forget or ignore the fact that there is no access to the bridge. For years, town officials have frustrated efforts by the owners of Express Tire to further utilize their large parking lot for commercial purposes, and now want them to graciously grant free access to the bridge area.

With dozens of state highway bridges red lined for safety hazards, use of transportation funds on this project is insulting, not to the people of Hillsborough, but to those of Porters ilk, who refuse to prioritize spending.



## Publisher's Perspective by Leigh Bosse

### Advice To Graduates

*As I usually do this time of year, I started to pen a column of advice to recent high school graduates. Had I done so it would have been great; full of the wisdom, knowledge and insight I have accumulated over a lifetime (LOL). But, before I could put pen to paper, I came across the following, by Mother Theresa, which says it better than I ever could.*

"People are unreasonable, irrational and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win

some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others may destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find sincerity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."



# OPINION Letters to the Editor



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### To The Editor:

The New Hampshire advantage means sticking with tried-and-true, time-tested ways, even when they don't seem to be working s'good at the moment. Therefore, I urge NH House Speaker O'Brien and his stalwart phalanx of right-wingers, tea-baggers, free-staters and libertarians to step up and initiate a constitutional amendment banning, now and forever, the automobile-and whatever other hare-brained ideas so-called "progressives" might dream up downstream. Horse-and-buggy transportation was good enough for our forefathers, and it should durn well be good enough for us and our posterity. Come to think of it, the old out house worked just fine, too. S\_it free or die!

**Mike Bradley, Hillsboro**

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### John Stark Football Parents:

Thanks to all of you who came to the football meeting tonight. I got a chance to talk to some of you after the meeting and it was great seeing the excitement for football.

There are vacant positions available on the John Stark Football Boosters Board. We are looking for anyone that might be interested in joining the board or who would be interested in helping in anyway. We are trying to look at several things (i.e. press box, football camps, more scholarships, equipment) to make football better at John Stark and we can only do that with the help from all of you.

We appreciate those of you that signed up tonight for the NASCAR Fundraiser on July 15th but we need more people. This event is a total of 7 hours. This is a great opportunity not only for the players to build better relationships but a great time for parents to get together before the season.

This fundraiser will not only help complete our press box but in the immediate future it will help us make a truly memorable homecoming for our football team.

I know that some of you could not make tonight's meeting but if you have not signed up please contact me to let me know if you can give some time to our football team on July 15th.

**Tony Sawyer, President**

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### Greetings:

The Republic has won a great victory in Wisconsin, this is the first time in American History a governor withstood a recall. This was an attempt from a certain few of the unruly mob to subvert a state government by a minority of descendants. These few, called the left, came out of their sewers to spew their anarchist ideology. They offered nothing but increase taxes, work less, send businesses to other countries and prevent the American dream of hard work brings success. Organized Labor, in their latest attempt to destroy our way of life, was soundly defeated by the hard-working citizens who have had enough of high taxes due to outrageous state pensions and retirement benefits. Governor Scott Walker deserves credit for standing up for the tax payers by increasing business, cutting the state budget, reducing unemployment to 6.5%. Yet, the anarchist, organized labor, spent millions to keep the union bosses rich and a honest politician out of office. They had a recall vote of an elected official who did what he said he would do for his state. Can you imagine the GSA laughs at us while they, the government watch dog, waste millions having parties and nothing is done. Is this what the people want from our government? President Herbert Hoover had it correct: "Bless the young for they all inherit the national debt." The irony government debts work there way up from local to national. It is simply a continuation of more and more spending.

The most important freedom is our right to vote in a free and open society. The pusillanimity recall attempt ruins our democratic process. It cost millions to have frivolous recalls simply because we do not like a political party or an elected official's platform. This is democracy at its lowest. We need strong safeguards to prevent unnecessary recalls of our elected officials. Especially, those elected on a platform and carrying it through. Governor Walker exemplifies the best a politician can offer: honesty, integrity, principles and a love for his state and country by using our Federal and State Constitutional process and upholding his Oath of Office. "We the People," should not allow frivolous recalls and we need a Constitutional Amendment to prevent this destruction to our political process.

**Alan B. Urquhart, Hillsborough**



HDHS School Resource Officer Rory Bohanan along with students and athletes from HD schools and Farmsteads of NE participated in the law enforcement Torch Run to support Special Olympics. (left photo) They were then treated to lunch at Hillsboro's American Legion Post #59 (right photo).

# Sunapee supports Dispatch

Sunapee Administrator Donna Nashawaty asked the Board if they had seen the letter from Sullivan County regarding the emergency operation center. After the last meeting, Donna Nashawaty, Chief Ruggles and Chief Cahill met relative to what the town could expect. They felt there was no harm in letting the committee figured out all the bells and whistles of doing a county wide dispatch, however, Nashawaty feels, and both Chief Cahill and Chief Ruggles agreed, that this shouldn't be paid for by general taxation. Gene Hall stated that he read in the paper that the Town of Newport does not want to participate, why wouldn't the Town of Sunapee take a stand and also say they do not want to participate. Chief

Cahill stated that it's the trend to have a county dispatch center, and in Chief Cahill's opinion it's a great idea.

Cahill feels the best thing to do right now is to support this committee. He went on to say that in the next couple of years almost every community will belong to a dispatch center and being in at the beginning stages, the Town can have some say, input and direction on what's happening. Ruggles also agrees with Cahill that the Town needs to be on the ground floor of this project. In general, Chairman Gallup doesn't have much faith in the county, but feels it's to the town's advantage to support the committee and get some concrete facts before deciding if the town wants to participate.

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The H-D school Board was treated to presentations on using visual arts to develop language art skills by Ms. Brett's 2nd graders (left photo) and Alternative energy programs by Ms. Stiles' 5th graders (right photo).

## Hopkinton Town Band sets concert schedule

The Hopkinton Town Band will present their Summer Concerts at the Jane Lewellen Band Stand in Contoocook Village every Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. starting with Wednesday, June 20 through August 8, 2012. Please bring your chair and or blanket and enjoy an evening of a variety of

marches, show tunes, old tunes as well as new tunes, and music that was written just for the Hopkinton Town Band. Depending on the evening, we will feature either bell, oboe, saxophone, baritone, basses, trombone, clarinet or trumpet solos. Admission is free.

## Medieval Festival at Henniker Community School

Jesters, knights, kings, queens, lords, and ladies will all come to life in the seventh grade at the Henniker Community School during a Medieval Festival on June 13, 2012. Planned by the students as part of their study of the Middle Ages, it features students dressed up in character and joining school for a medieval lunch. The students have planned all games, activities,

and decorations.

Parents and friends are invited to the school for the Living Wax Museum exhibit at 2 pm. Students have researched their characters and will appear in costume as wax figures. Each time a visitor presses the start button associated with the figure, the student will come alive and recite a fact from that time period.



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