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Heidi is semifinalist

Having won WZID's Music Teacher of the Year contest and guest conduct-



ing the Boston Pops, HDHS Music Director Heidi Welch has been named one of eight semifinalists as "NH Teacher of the Year," sponsored

by the NH Department of Education. The final selection will be made in September. GOOD LUCK HEIDI!

Howard honored

Attorney Robert Howard of Henniker, a partner with Howard & Urbaitis in



Henniker, earned the Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award from the New Hampshire Bar Association's Pro Bono Referral Program.

Howard has been a pro bono volunteer for more than 30 years. Howard also serves on the New Hampshire Bar Association Board of Governors as treasurer.



The gymnasium was filled to capacity during Hillsboro-Deering's graduation ceremonies Friday evening.

Hillsboro-Deering Graduation

After 2,340 days together

The threat of inclement weather forced the Hillsboro-Deering graduation ceremony indoors Friday night with the crowd barely fitting into the gymnasium.

Class President Austin Brown reminded his 97 classmates of the unusual obstacles they had overcome to make it to this day. Since entering as freshmen, the class has had four principals and multiple schedule changes, which Brown said has prepared them for the "next challenge."

Salutatorian Wendy Eaton urged her classmates to "fight forgetfulness, and re-

member today, the first day of the rest of our lives."

Valedictorian Mollie Moore asked the graduates to celebrate the 2,340 days they had spent together since kindergarten. "The number of days we have been family," she said.

Teacher Phil Swasey concluded his remarks with a song. With guitar and harmonica he sang, "Do something you will love the rest of your life.....Don't be afraid to try something new, you might get good at something you never thought you could do."

Antrim woman quits her job on principle

An Antrim woman has quit her job rather than sell cigarettes to customers using the state's Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards, which are used by people receiving various types of state assistance. Jackie Wilson of Antrim had been working at Peterborough's Big Apple convenience store. When she refused to sell the cigarettes, the customer complained to the manager who checked with the NH Department of Health

and Human services who confirmed that use of EBT cash cards are approved for tobacco purchases. "I decided to give my notice," she told the Monadnock Ledger Transcript, "I'm not against using the cards to buy food..... There are elderly people who can't afford to heat their homes, yet we're paying for people's beer and cigarettes." Wilson gave a week's notice but was told by the manager that her employment was terminated.



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(L to R) Bradford Elementary students, Jocelyn Young, Brie Vonberen, Chris Schnyer and Emily Edmunds looking at the marine exhibit on the boat trip to the Isles of Shoals.

Warner Legion hosts annual boat trip

Photo and text by Rich Dahlgren

Seventy students from the 5th grades at Simonds Elementary in Warner and Bradford Elementary in Bradford, along with nine chaperones, and members of Wilkens-Cloues-Bigelow-Pearson Post 39 and Auxiliary Unit 39 from Warner traveled to Portsmouth for a round trip voyage to the Isles of Shoals on Wednesday, June 6, 2012. This is the 24th consecutive year that Post 39 has sponsored this trip. Passing by the Navy Yard, the boat passed downtown Portsmouth, Strawberry Banke, Newcastle and the closed Navy Prison. The tour guide pointed out many historical places and related their significance in history. As we approached the Isles of Shoals, our guide indicated that some of the islands were located in Maine, the remainder in New Hampshire. The University of New Hampshire has a research facility on Apple’Dor Island. There is a conference center/hotel on Star Island that is open to tourists wishing to visit and stay for the day or overnight.

There were numerous sea specimens on board ship which the students had a chance to examine. The Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation expanded their displays, working exhibits and touch tank this year. Sand dollars, star fish, seaweed, kelp and snails were seen in their native habitat. All the students and chaperones were allowed to disembark at Star Island where the guides conducted a brief tour of points of interest on the island. It also gave the students a chance to “unwind” and stretch their legs.

Kudos to American Legion Post 39 members Charles Trowbridge, Post 39 Commander and Rich Dahlgren, Post Adjutant and Unit 39 members, Sandy Trowbridge and Virginia Dahlgren, for a well-organized trip. I’m sure that the incoming 5th graders will be looking forward to their turn next year.

AG files complaint against Weare Chief

The NH Attorney General has filed a complaint against Weare Police Chief Gregory Begin, alleging an election law violation during the March 2011 elections. Begin assisted a handicapped gentleman through the back door to the polling area. However, because he was on the ballot for reelection, the AG says Begin violated the law and is subject to a \$1,000 fine. Although it is costing him more in attorney’s fees to fight the charge, Begin says he is doing it out of principle.

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

A new large, international study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* finds that the immunosuppressant drug mycophenolate mofetil is superior to azathioprine, an older immunosuppressant, as a maintenance therapy for lupus nephritis. Lupus nephritis is an inflammation of the kidney caused by systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), a disease of the immune system. Lupus nephritis may cause weight gain, high blood pressure, dark urine, or swelling around the eyes, legs, ankles, or fingers. In some patients the inflammation may be severe enough to cause kidney failure. However, some people with SLE have no symptoms of kidney disease. Both mycophenolate mofetil and azathioprine have been FDA-approved since the mid-1990s for use in kidney transplant patients, to help prevent organ rejection. Neither is FDA-approved as a maintenance therapy for lupus nephritis, but their immunosuppressant qualities make them useful for that purpose and physicians have been prescribing them off-label for that indication for many years. The mycophenolate mofetil used in the study is marketed as CellCept, while the azathioprine is sold as Imuran. However, both drugs are now widely available as generics.

A recent study of children published in the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism* has found that low vitamin D levels are significantly more prevalent in obese children and are associated with risk factors for type 2 diabetes. High rates of vitamin D deficiency have been found in obese populations and past studies have linked low vitamin D levels to cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes.

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ConVal graduates reminded that 'it's never too late'

While the threat of rain forced graduation ceremonies at Hillsboro-Deering, Hopkinton and Sunapee indoors the night before, a bright sun broke through in time for ConVal's 252 seniors to celebrate outside.

Senior Class President Will Welch welcomed all and reminded his friends that, "the only way to truly understand a person is to look beyond what they project outwardly and try to understand how they feel inwardly."

Valedictorian Will Stinson ended his speech that "everyone will talk about but no one will remember" by asking his classmates to promise each other that they would "go out with a bang." With that he pulled a toy gun from under his robe and set off a blast of confetti to the delight of the assembled.

Principal Brian Pickering, who has often told his students that to be late is to be in trouble, modified that a bit by say-

ing. "It is better to say you are sorry late, than never. It is better to say I love you

late than never and it is never too late to say thank you."



The senior members of the Chorus opened the ConVal Graduation ceremonies singing the National Anthem.

Lightning starts Antrim fire

A quick response by Antrim firefighters managed to contain a fire at a home on North Main Street last Friday.

The fire was apparently started by a lightning strike as the damage was limited to the outside of the house.

Fire Chief Mike Beauchamp said the homeowner, Deborah Drumm will be able to return once the damage is cleaned up.

Forty graduate from Sunapee Middle/High School

The forty graduates of the Sunapee Middle/High School Class of 2012 were unfazed by the threat of rain. Although the ceremonies were moved from the traditional big white tent to the Sherburne Gym, the mood was festive and the celebrations real. Hollie Reidy, who confessed to being an alien, welcomed the assembled by saying, "When you

put it into perspective, life is pretty amazing." In her Valedictory address she stressed the value of imagination and reminded her classmates that "we need it now more than ever." Salutatorian Jenny Cox warned, "Life becomes uncomfortable as you break out and leave the next behind. From here on out, you make your own decisions"



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District Governor of Rotary District 7870 Jan McElroy presents the Rotary Bell to James Walsh, President of the Henniker Rotary Club. The Bell is awarded to the club who has had the best overall attendance including club meetings and District events during the past year.

Bradford Selectmen told of road repairs

Barry Wheeler advised the Bradford Selectmen of his plans for shimming the roads. He plans to grind from Cressy Road up Sunset Hill Road to the "raspberry house" and fix the culverts. Fairgrounds Road was thought to be number one that needs attention, followed by Center Road as number two. Grinding and culverts were discussed as needed. Barry Wheeler also advised the Highway Dept. is doing a lot of ditching to divert water from the roads in town. He was asked if the roads are going to be repaved, and he said no, not for a while. They will be graded frequently and then be able to dig any rocks out that surface prior to paving in a year or so when it will be ready.

SAU #43 has new Business Administrator

SAU #43 serving Newport and Croydon has a new Business Administrator replacing Jim Veniza who resigned to accept a similar post with the Hartford, VT School District. Chuck Stuart, 63, comes to Newport having served as Business Administrator for the Prospect Mountain School District in Alton. Prior to that he served in similar positions in the Newfound School District in Bristol for four years and in Massachusetts for 25 years.

Henniker church renews scholarship

At the senior banquet at John Stark Regional High School, Morgan Matott received the \$250 Andress-Lewis Memorial Scholarship in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. Mace Andress. The Lewis family made the scholarship possible this year. This year, the scholarship is given through the Congregational Church of Henniker to a deserving church member. The scholarship was most recently given in 2002. The Lewis family wants to renew the scholarship that was established in 1981 with the hope that a young person would go on to high education in the field of their choice and that they might serve others, their country and their God.

Hopkinton graduates told 'The world needs you to care'

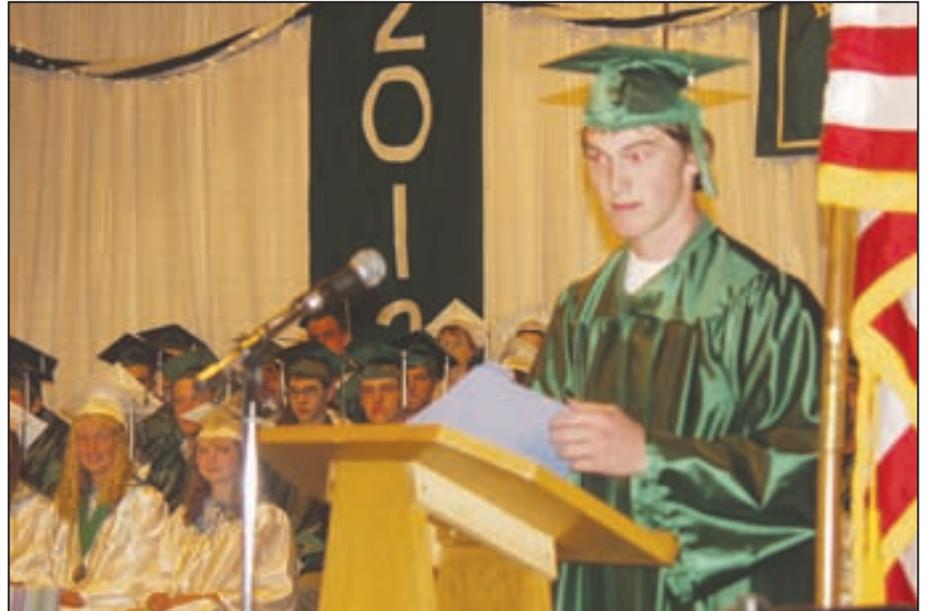
The light rain subsided just as the 74 members of the class of 2012 at Hopkinton High walked from the school to the Durgin Arena for graduation ceremonies last Friday night. Following tradition, the graduates marched in but paused to line the aisle as they "clapped in" the faculty as a sign of respect and appreciation for their teachers.

Senior Class President Sam Bonifant welcomed the assembled. Salutatorian Rachel Salzberg said that although she was not qualified to give her classmates advice on what to do when they step across their parents' threshold, she was qualified to share her feelings. "I am so proud of our class," she said.

Valedictorian Tess Hamilton urged her fellow graduates to "find your groove, but when the time is tight know when to change it up a bit." Superintendent Steve Chamberlin asked his charges to "ap-

proach every person, every challenge in a caring way." "The world needs you to care," he said.

Returning the compliment, the faculty lined the aisle to "clap out" the graduates to honor their students.



Senior Class President Sam Bonifant welcomed all to the Hopkinton graduation last Friday.

Major Crime Spree in Washington, NH

The Washington Selectmen received an E-Mail from a Halfmoon Pond Road resident informing them that snow was stolen over the past winter from the Town's right of way. Police Chief Steve Marshall could not be reached for comment, but we assume he has asked the Attorney General and the State Police's Major Crime Unit to assist in solving this crime.

Antrim boy released with only minor injuries

The 9-year-old Antrim boy hit while crossing the road in front of Town Hall last week has been released from Monadnock Community Hospital with only minor cuts and bruises. Although police are not releasing the boy's name, he was identified as the son of Mike Ouellette of Antrim.

The boy was hit by a car driven by Stacy Grimes, 36, of Hillsborough who saw him at the last minute and tried to avoid him. Police evaluated Grimes on the scene and found no evidence of drug or alcohol impairment. The accident remains under investigation, but no charges have been filed.

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MVP– Kevin Gidari, Most Improved Player – Brian Doherty, Coaches Award – Robert Armstrong

GIRLS VARSITY TRACK AND FIELD

Coaches Award – Katie Kingsbury, Coaches Award – Dominique Vaillancourt, Most Improved – Marygrace Bartoldus

BOYS VARSITY TRACK AND FIELD

Coaches Award – Viktor Montanez, Coaches Award – Henry Glendinning, Most Improved Award – Greg Stevens

JV SOFTBALL

Coaches Award – Brianna Dumeny, Most Improved Player – Brittini Lupien, Most Improved Player – Ashley Piersol

JV BASEBALL

Captains Award – Chandler Baker, Captains Award – Chase Spruce, Cy Young Award – Nelson Grondin

Sunapee Lions Club Car Show June 24

The Sunapee Lions Club Antique and Collectible Motor Vehicle Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 24 at Mount Sunapee Resort. Spectators will have an opportunity to view a super collection of fine automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and tractors. Two new classes this year will be F1-Class of 1962 50th Reunion for Cars and M1-Farm Tractors. Registration at the gate will be \$20 per vehicle. The charge for visitors will be \$5. There will be food, fun and free chair rides to the top of Mount Sunapee for all paying entrants. For more information contact Jim Carrier at (603) 381-2863.

New London Rotary scholarship winners

The New London Rotary Club's \$1,000 scholarship recipients from Kearsarge Regional High School are Kris Bosela, Ryan Burney, Cameron Colby, Christina Cutter, Owen Dayton, Nicole Dow, Jeffrey Foster, Kristina Harrold, Samantha Haskell, Eliza Henley, Holly Huntoon, Nick Iacopino, Katie Levesque, Timothy Mathewson, Emilie Newbern, Paige Newman, Katelyn Orrok, Mary Rodgers, Megan Wirth, Hannah Witmer, and Cara Wolf. The recipients from Sunapee Middle High School are Kylie Brewer, Conner Denny, Troy Fowler, and Hollie Reidy.

New London Selectmen approve \$14,900 for concerts

The Bandstand Committee has informed the New London Selectmen that if the Board doesn't appropriate \$14,900 they will cancel the concerts for the summer. If they don't get the money for the bands, they have to let the bands know that they can't be paid. Chair Peter Bianchi felt New London was being put in the middle.

He thought they would have to instruct the trustees of the trust fund to get this money to the bandstand committee. Tina Helm shared Bianchi's frustration with the different budgetary quotes. She thought they should pay for the bands and the publicity for the summer, and calculated that with 10 concerts from June – August, \$2,000 for publicity might be sufficient, and thought they should exclude the cost for the rental of performance space.

Bianchi said that at the meeting with the Attorney General of the trust division, it was pointed out that many things the bandstand committee wanted to spend money on were not appropriate. After

further discussion the board unanimously approved spending \$14,900 from

the restricted account for the 2012 band concert programming.



Past District Governor of Lions International from Australia, Lance Leak (l) presented Hillsboro Lions President Bob Fredette (r) with a banner from his home club.

Weare man charged with breaking baby's ribs

State Police have arrested Patrick Mackey, 23, of Weare and charged him with felony first-degree assault.

The arrest culminates an investigation begun in May by the Cheshire County Attorney's Office after receiving a complaint

of child abuse in Stoddard. Authorities say Mackey abused an infant, causing serious bodily injury including breaking several ribs and injuring the baby's legs and collar bone. The baby is still receiving treatment for the injuries.

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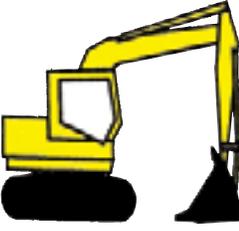


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Newport struggling with budget cuts

After voters rejected the town's proposed budget, Newport officials are struggling with ways to trim more than \$200,000 from their planned spending. At the recent Selectman's meeting Town Manager Paul Brown proposed cuts totaling \$233,000, the largest of which was elimination of \$165,957 for a ten-wheel dump truck. Selectman Gary Nichols thought it was a mistake as the trucks normally have a 20 life and the one being replaced is in its 19th year. Jeff Kessler agreed as did Chair Virginia Irwin, who proposed a furlough program affecting all town employees, elimination of the school resource officer and increasing fees by 50%.

Two Weare officers were on unpaid leave

Two Weare police officers were placed on unpaid leave in May but neither Police Chief Gregory Begin or Selectman Chair Tom Clow would confirm the suspensions. In response to an open records request by the Concord Monitor it was learned that Lt. James Carney and Sgt. Joseph Kelley were not on the payroll for periods last month. Carney was back on the payroll on May 25th and Begin told the Monitor that Kelley "still works for us."

Sunapee recreation ready for summer

Recreation Director Scott Blewitt updated the Sunapee Selectmen on the recreation happenings. The 2012 Summer Newsletter has been mailed. Two members of the Sunapee Community who have been volunteering as baseball umpires for over ten years, Jeff Trow and Steve Anglin, were thanked for their time. The Veterans Field project is complete. It's dry and was done on budget. Mark Usko did a fantastic job. Dewey Field received new dugouts that were built by Craig Heino. Dewey Beach was open for the season on Memorial Day weekend. The grills will be installed next week, waiting for approval from the Fire Chief on safe placement. The poison ivy at Dewey Beach will be taken care of next week without chemicals. The skate park has been ordered and purchased. The July 4th parade and fireworks will be held on July 7th.

Sunapee fireworks ordinance approved

At a continued hearing on a new fireworks ordinance Administrator Donna Nashawaty stated that the residents who had sent letters for the first public hearing were reflected in the continuation of hearings on the ordinance. Sunapee Selectman Chair Fred Gallup said that all the input has been considered all the way thru. After further discussion the ordinance was approved on a 3-1 vote.

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Henniker Eagle Scout develops 'File of Life' packets

Chris Inzinga, a member of Boy Scout Troop 77, has organized an effort by Scouts to distribute File of Life packets to citizens of Henniker and Hopkinton as part of his Eagle Rank community service project. The File of Life program assists Police and emergency First Responders in understanding the medical history of a patient, resulting in more prompt and corrective treatment during an emergency.

The File of Life packet includes a medical history form completed and held by members of each household. The form is then stored in a bright-red File of Life folder and placed in a conspicuous location within the home, such as the refrigerator door. A File of Life sticker is also included in the packet and placed on the front entry-way to the home. Henniker and Hopkinton Police and First Responders are trained to look for the File of Life sticker and packet upon arriving at the scene of an emergency.

Hopkinton Fire Chief Rick Schaefer and Henniker Rescue Squad Chief Tom French both enthusiastically supported Chris' Eagle Project Plan, as did the Police Chiefs in both communities. The File of Life program has been approved for several years by the emergency departments in both towns, but has not gained widespread usage. Chris hopes to change that with his project.

File of Life packets will be distributed at various Henniker and Hopkinton locations and community events in the coming months. Look for Scouts distributing packets at the towns' Farmer's Markets, Transfer Stations, Senior Centers, and other public gatherings. If you would like to request a packet directly from Chris, send

e-mail to fileofflife@inzinga.com.

Chris, a resident of Henniker and the son of Thomas and Crystal Inzinga, is a tenth-grade student at Middlesex School in Concord, MA. He has been an active member of Scouting for ten years, attending the 2010 National Scout Jamboree in

Virginia and 2011 World Scout Jamboree in Sweden, and this summer will trek for two-weeks at the BSA's Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. He has reached the rank of Life and become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's Honor Society.



Chris Inzinga, Boy Scout Troop 77, demonstrates his File of Life project.

Warner couple fined \$12,000 for contempt of court

A Warner couple faces fines of over \$12,000 after being held in contempt of court for failing to clean up their property as agreed.

Gamil and Lois Azmy were sued by the towns of Warner and Webster over an unsightly collection of junk on their 18 acre property which spans both towns. In May 2011 the parties filed a settlement agree-

ment but earlier this year the towns filed the motion for contempt claiming the Azmys had not complied.

Although they were fined, Judge Richard McNamara denied the town's request to place an attachment on the property and indicated the fines could be reduced if the Azmys complied. An appeal to the NH Supreme Court is expected.



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 **Alma Mater: Tracking Grads**

SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

The following local residents graduated from Saint Michael's College: **Ryan J. Cady**, son of Elaine and James Cady of New London graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology; **Chelsea Rachel Duvernay**, daughter of Diane and Thomas Duvernay of Deering graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude degree in English; **Emily Lynn Kimball**, daughter of Jonathan and Lynn Kimball of Henniker graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, cum laude degree in Psychology; **Kathryn Elizabeth Schnare**, daughter of Aileen and Terry Schnare of Bennington graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, cum laude degree in English; **Victoria Laurel Marie Woolner**, daughter of Laurel and Robert Woolner of Hillsborough graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude degree in Environmental Studies. **Christopher Galluzzo** of New London, N.H., a member of the class of 2015 and an undeclared major, earned recognition at the College's annual athletics awards dinner. Christopher, a member of the men's lacrosse team, earned Rookie of the Year.

NORWICH UNIVERSITY

The following students have been recognized on the Dean's List at Norwich University: **Jocelyn Fasulo** of Contoocook, **Matthew Begin** of Warner and **Hunter Fifield** of Warner.

CLARK UNIVERSITY

The following area residents earned degrees from Clark University: **Christopher C. Adams**, of Bradford, graduated with a Master of Business Administration, **Daniel D. Snyder**, of Hopkinton, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in geography and **Lila T. Trowbridge**, of Peterborough, graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in international development and social change. Trowbridge is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Fiat Lux honor societies. **Jocelyn Fasulo** of Contoocook received a degree in Sports Medicine/Health Science from Norwich University.

SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE

The following students that were named to the Dean's List at Saint Anselm College: **Samantha E. Allen**, of New Boston, a Business major and a member of the class of 2012. **Colleen Boyle**, of New Boston, a Nursing major and a member of the class of 2015. **Erica C. Fournier**, of Henniker, a Sociology major and a member of the class of 2013. **Paul J. Haupt-Renaud**, of Greenfield, a Chemistry major and a member of the class of 2012. **Paige S. Heslin**, of Goffstown, a Undeclared major and a member of the class of 2015. **Jay P. Lizotte**, of Goffstown, a Biochemistry major and a member of the class of 2015. **Ryan J. Lunderville**, of Goffstown, a Psychology major and a member of the class of 2014. **Patrick T. McCarthy**, of Goffstown, a Biochemistry major and a member of the class of 2012. **Katherine J. Muzzy**, of Henniker, a American Studies major and a member of the class of 2015. **Ashley E. Scoville**, of Goffstown, a History major and a member of the class of 2015. **Lawrence E. Tillson IV**, of Hillsboro, a History major and a member of the class of 2014. **Matthew G. Conley**, of Contoocook, a Sociology major.

BRYANT UNIVERSITY

Bryant University held its 149th Commencement on Saturday, May 19. Among the graduates is the following local resident: **Geoffrey Kilar**, of New London, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Entrepreneurship.

FISHER COLLEGE

Harrison Hugron from Antrim, NH graduated from Fisher College on May 12, 2012. The ceremony was held at the John Hancock Hall in Boston, MA.

CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE

Local students who received their degrees from Champlain College include: **Fallon McNulty** of Henniker, received a BS degree in Applied Psychology with a possible specialization and/or minor. **Benjamin Pratt** of Newbury, received a BS degree in Computer Information Systems with a possible specialization and/or minor. **Mackenzie Dorwart** of New Boston, received a BS degree in Event Management with a possible specialization and/or minor. **Michael Holm** of Goffstown, received a BS degree in Game Art and Animation with a possible specialization and/or minor. **Elizabeth L. Callow** of Henniker, N.H., received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Clarkson University.

Antrim man named New England College Vice President

Dr. Michele D. Perkins, President of New England College, announces the appointment of Mark Watman as the College's Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs. Professor Watman will take on the new responsibilities immediately.

Mark Watman is Associate Professor of Writing and Director of the Master of Arts in Professional Writing program at New England College. Professor Watman has been a member of the New England College writing faculty for the past seven years and his work has appeared in numerous journals and publications. He is a graduate of New England College and holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Writing and Literature from Bennington College. He is a Calderwood Fellow for the Teaching of Writing in All Disciplines with specializations in 19th and 20th Century Modern and Postmodern American Poetry. Over the past few years, Professor Watman has taken on additional responsibilities. As the Associate Dean of Academic Services, he is responsible for all student services relating to tutoring, mentoring, and career planning. In addition, he has overseen the College's academic program assessment process. With the

adoption of NEC's five-year strategic plan, Professor Watman has taken a leadership role in advancing a number of important initiatives including the move to a year-round academic program.

"Mark Watman has demonstrated outstanding leadership in developing and managing many of the services and

programs that are critical to student success at New England College," remarks Dr. Michele Perkins, President of New England College. "His understanding of the academic needs of our students will play a key role in enhancing a challenging and rewarding academic experience for students at New England College."



Wanda Robie (l) and Amy Cote (r) presented Pastor Cindy Nickerson with a gift during a farewell luncheon at Hillsboro's United Methodist Church last Sunday. Pastor Cindy is leaving Hillsborough after two years for a new post in Exeter.

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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*



SAU #34 Assistant Superintendent Patricia Parenteau (c) presented John (l) and Tom Butler (r) with the 2012 Withington Award at the recent HDHS graduation.

"Well deserved." How many times have you heard that said when one person or another receives some accolade or award? Never was the term more appropriate than at Friday's Hillsboro-Deering High School Graduation when Tom and John Butler were presented with the 2012 Withington Award. Endowed by the late Richard W. Withington, the award is presented annually to the faculty or staff member who demonstrates outstanding commitment and service to the school.

Several past recipients were "well deserved" but none more so than the Butler brothers.

It has been my distinct pleasure and honor to know Tom and John most of my life. Although we attended HDHS together, they were younger than I so I didn't really

get to "know" them until the mid 70's with the advent of the Hillsborough Area Jaycees. Working and playing together in that dynamic group of young men, determined to give something back to the town we loved, we became friends, and discovered that community service can be fun and rewarding.

To the Butler brothers good enough is never good enough, when excellence is achievable. For years when townspeople heard how old and in need of repair our original school was, it was hard to believe because of the care and nurturing given to it by Tom Butler. John has the same commitment to excellence and together they are a tremendous community asset.

Congratulations Tom & John. Your award is well deserved.



OPINION Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

Vote for the John Stark High School Teachers Contract – June 19

Citizens of Weare and Henniker. Please turn out to vote to approve the John Stark teacher's contract next Tues-

day, June 19. Conservative and Liberal voters both need to recognize that this vote is not just about the money. In order to have the school system working as good as it can, and needs to, the teachers, administration, students and townspeople need a



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well written contract.

The document does much more than define the teacher pay for the next two years. This contract is a new document; one that is well researched, well debated and agreed to by the administration and the teachers. It gives clear definition to the rights and responsibilities of the teachers and the administration. It provides good detail on how issues can be settled. It clarifies the work rules so that all involved will feel they are treated fairly.

This document is long overdue. Tough decisions were made on both sides of the table with the final result being a document that works far better than the current agreement. The information presented in the public hearing notes some of the important points.

Some of these are: the evergreen clause is out, there is greater flexibility in determining how force reductions are made, early retirement benefits are more restrictive, and a revised health option is available at a greatly reduced cost as well as 1/2 step increases to the salary structure. These represent salary increases of less than 2%. Board members report many new administrative details are included to clarify for both sides how issues are managed.

A positive vote for this contract is not only a vote for the teachers. It is a vote for

all the people of Weare and Henniker who depend greatly on the school system. It will give us all a better school and better opportunities for our young people.

Scott Osgood, Henniker

Dear Editor:

Henniker's Memorial Day display was, as promised, better than ever. We were very impressed by the turnout for the parade and the display.

The time that visitors took to read the credits for our service people and the essays from the Henniker Community School fourth graders was heartwarming and made our efforts worthwhile.

Our younger generations are getting the "true" meaning of Memorial Day - honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and those that have served or are serving our country.

We look forward to the next display and welcome any new additions to the display, volunteers or donations for this event. We are sending a special thank you to Dawn Nelson who has been the "glue" for this committee, donating numerous hours and funds to make a difference.

Thank you to all who participated.

Maryellen Schule, Martha Taylor, Gail Abramowicz, Lori Marko, Dolly Hess, Pat St. Laurence And Dawn Nelson, Henniker



Henniker Chamber of Commerce President Paul Sheppard begins the Annual meeting at NEC's Simon Center. Reelected for 2 year terms on the Board of Directors were Paul Sheppard of Davis and Towle, Paula Amato of NEC, Lori Rowell of Pat's Peak, Johanna Michie-Hauptman of Michie Corp, and Gerry Gilbert of Moonlight Electric. Elected for a first time two year term was Rick Hall of Country Spirit. Chamber officers will be announced shortly.

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The Hillsborough Selectmen conducted a periodic meeting with their department heads.

Department heads update Hillsborough's Selectmen

The Hillsborough Selectmen met with their department heads at Tuesday's meeting. Highway Supervisor Bill Goss reported that the Gold Pond Road bridge would be replaced starting June 26th and completed in early July. The road will be closed during construction. Code Enforcer Kelly Dearborn-Luce said \$19,207 has been spent on the Kemp property so far much less than budgeted thanks to the contributions of Ray Daniels. The town office renovation bids were awarded to LJM Construction and Mamakating Electric. Police Chief David Roarick reported that three of the six air-conditioning units at the station were broken and it would cost \$7-\$9,000 to

repair them as opposed to \$10-15,000 each to replace them. He also reported receipt of several grants: \$7,000 for DWI enforcement; \$3,000 for sobriety checkpoints; and \$23,000 for 7 radios. Fire Chief Ken Stafford announced that the Firefighters Association had purchased the town's original 1925 Maxim Ladder Truck and would be returning it to Hillsborough for restoration. He also said major repairs had to be made to both ambulances last week. Planning Director Shane O'Keefe reported an agreement with Rob Buker for the widening of Municipal Drive and that Dollar General was giving the town \$5,000 toward engineering fees for sidewalks and a crosswalk at that location.

Market On The Green opens June 20th

Recreation Director Chad Denning and Jennifer Carson, Marketing Manager for Market on the Green, briefed the New London Selectmen that it would begin on June 20th and would run through September 12th and would be held from 3-6pm. Vendors would arrive no earlier than 1:30 to set up, and would tear-down and be gone by 7:00pm. They have a new logo this year, as well as a children's author tent where local

authors will be available to read to children and sign books. They have also added five "drop-in" slots for vendors who may want to try being a vendor without committing to the whole series. Returning this year will be music and children's performances. There are currently 27 vendors signed up; 12 artisans, 8 farmers, 6 prepared foods, and a massage therapist who will give chair massages.

Bradford flags to remain through the 4th

At a recent Bradford Selectmen's meeting Marlene Fryer thanked Perry Teele as well as others who put the flags out on Main Street for Memorial Day. Teele said he found two flags in perfect condition and had no reason to replace them, and he gave the new flags back to Administrator Cheryl Behr. Perry also stated one hanger was missing as the pole has been pulled in

front of Dodges Store. New hangers will be purchased as well as a couple of flags. It was said that protocol states the POW flag can be left up all the time.

Discussion ensued regarding taking the flags down and putting them back up for the July 4th Holiday and it was decided to leave the flags up on Main Street between now and the 4th celebration.

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HENNIKER PICNICS: St. Theresa Church picnic was held Sunday at Lake Massasecum (left photo) while White Birch Community Center held their Monday at Mile Away Campground (right photo).

Hawks advance to the Division III Baseball Finals

Number one seeded Hopkinton will face 3rd seeded Campbell in the Division III baseball Final on June 16 at 10 a.m. at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester after beating Conant 4-3 last Thursday.

After surrendering a two-run homer in the third, Sam Bonifant settled in, al-

lowing the Hawks to pull off another come from behind victory.

Steve Auger's two-run single with two out in the bottom of the sixth capped the rally propelling the Hawks into the finals. The Hawks previously split with Campbell giving them their only loss in a 19-1 season.

Kearsarge loses to top ranked Windham in finals

The Cougars were appearing in the Division II Lacrosse Finals for the third time in the last four years.

Unfortunately for Kearsarge, the third time was not a charm as they lost to #1 seeded, undefeated Windham 15-10. The Cougars opened a 2-0 lead only to trail 5-2

before knotting the game at 5 each at the break.

The Jaguars came out hot in the second half, leading 11-7 before the Cougars closed to 11-10. That was as close as they would get as Windham controlled the remainder of the game.



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