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It's A Blast

Bob Hatfield prepares to send off the John Stark graduates with a blast from his Molly Stark Cannon, as he has done for the last 22 years. See graduation story and photo on page 5.

Memorial Dedicated

The Deering Heritage Commission will dedicate the new veteran's memorial on



Saturday June 30th at 2:00 p.m. An impressive ceremony has been scheduled including, Presenta-

tion of the Colors, Flag Raising, Singing of the National Anthem and God Bless America as well as the unveiling. All are welcome to join in this patriotic celebration.



Members of American Legion Post #59 in Hillsborough and its Auxiliary conducted their annual Flag Retirement ceremony last week.

John Stetser resigns

After lengthy non-public session

With investigator Emily Rice's report in hand the Hillsborough Selectmen began Tuesday's meeting with a 45 minute non-public session in a phone conversation with Town Council Michael Donovan. Briefly returning to public session, the Board immediately sealed the minutes and invited Town Administrator John Stetser to join them for another non-public session. As the session concerned Stetser, he was given the option of holding an open session but he chose to meet in non-public. After a very brief session, all returned and the minutes were also sealed. Selectman's Chair Russ Galpin

announced that Stetser was given permission to leave, as he had "an upset stomach." At that point he, his wife, and staunch supporter, former selectwoman Lou Ann Rousseau left the meeting. Although no one would speak on the record about the results, reliable sources have told The Messenger that Stetser submitted his resignation on the advice of his attorney, to be effective in the near future. At a Thursday morning meeting of the town's Economic Development Committee, Stetser confirmed that he has resigned and will receive a modest settlement from the town. His future plans are unknown.

60 applicants for New London planning position

At their last meeting Town Administrator Kim Hallquist informed the selectmen that the town has received 60 applicants for the vacant Planning & Zoning Administrator's position. Hallquist has narrowed the list to her top 14 candidates and has asked the board to further reduce the list to a top ten.

At that point a committee consisting of the Selectmen, and Chairmen of the Planning Board ZBA and Conservation Commission will interview them.

Five, 30 minute interviews are being scheduled for July 5th and 12th with the hope of hiring a replacement soon.

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Weare Boy Scout plans Memorial as his Eagle project

Justin DaCosta, a Life Scout from Troop 24, has asked the Weare Selectmen for approval for his Eagle Scout Project. He would like to erect a Veterans Memorial, which will include three granite posts with wire between them on which will hang dog tags with names of soldiers that died in action. DaCosta presented a 3D rendering to the Board. He is proposing a site near the Stone Memorial Building between the Liberty Elm tree and the Library. He has received all the proper permissions from his troop and needs the permission of the town so that he can begin fundraising. The estimated cost of the memorial is \$1,760. Any excess funds Mr. DaCosta raises will go to the Weare Historical Society to print future dog tags. DaCosta told the Board he researched in old Weare books and has all the names of soldiers from Weare that died in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. He will continue to research names of all soldiers that were born in Weare that died in action, approximately 150 names. The memorial will be constructed in such a way that if a name was left out he would be able to add it in the future.

Sherry Burdick, President of the Weare

Historical Society, said that the Historical Society has had some discussion, but not as a whole board. They are concerned with clutter, if the memorial is not a viable option they could put a gold star next to each name in the Stone Memorial Building rotunda. The determining factor is if the Board will allow this memorial on town land. Selectman Lacasse asked if they could give approval to the project and then review the location of the memorial. Mr.

DaCosta told the Board that the location is negotiable. Vice Chairman Butt would like to review the location, and named the area around the cannon as an appropriate location. Chairman Clow asked Mr. DaCosta to start by putting stakes at location sites for the Board to review. To help pay for the cost of his project Justin is selling flags and flag kits at Moody Pond and ice cream and soft drinks at Horace Lake. For more information you can email ddacosta@me.com.



Weare scout Justin DaCosta displays his proposed Memorial.

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Antrim Selectmen want Levesque, VanderWende & Pinello disqualified

In response to complaints that the Antrim Selectmen met illegally with representatives of Antrim Wind Energy Town Council Robert Upton responded that the Selectmen met with Antrim Wind on February 14, 2011, March 7, 2011, April 5, 2011, August 24, 2011, January 11, 2012, and April 25, 2012. There also was a public hearing on November 30, 2011. The purpose of each of the meetings, with the exception of the public hearing, was the negotiation of a PILOT Agreement and Back-up PILOT Agreement. Several of the meetings were also attended by counsel for the Town and Antrim Wind in which confidential financial information was provided. Denying that the meetings were illegal Upton insisted that "RSA 72:74(1) clearly contemplates that these kinds of negotiations would not occur in a public meeting. "Rather, the statute requires the Selectmen to hold a public hearing after the negotiations are complete and give the public a full and complete opportunity to question and understand the PILOT Agreement." Upton then said that the Town is happy to make the records requested available for inspection at the Town Office.

Before closing, Upton warned that "three of the people you identify as your clients, namely Charles Levesque, Sarah VanderWende and Martha Pinello, are members of the Planning Board. Now that they have been formally identified as op-

ponents to the project seeking to have the Agreements negotiated by the Selectmen declared invalid, the Selectmen believe they are disqualified to act in matters

relating to Antrim Wind that may come before the Planning Board and expect they will recuse themselves from consideration of any such matters."



This Flash Mob at Hillsborough's Fuller Public Library was in honor of Robin Sweetzer's birthday. She won't say which one!

Hillsborough's Dollar General set to open Sunday

At Tuesday's selectmen's meeting Planning Director Shane O'Keefe informed the board that an agreement has been reached with abutter Rob Buker to widen Municipal Drive. The board approved the agreement. O'Keefe also reported that Dollar General has contributed \$5,000 toward

the cost of the project and has agreed to give the town a sidewalk easement over its property.

Finally, O'Keefe reported that the State has accepted the town's road widening and sidewalk plans. Dollar General plans a "soft opening" on Sunday.



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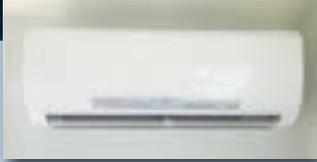
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Judge Bob Stanhope (l) congratulates Andrew Bahara (c) on winning the WCNL "Best Burger In The Valley" competition as proud grandpa and helper Goldie Burroughs (r) looks on.

16 year-old captures "Best Burger" title

Andrew Bahara, 16, of Newport beat out Salt Hill Pub and several other area restaurants to capture WCNL's "Best Burger In The Valley" competition during Newport Chamber Day on the Common last Saturday. Judge Bob Stanhope, who won last year's competition, said that when the entries were judged on Presentation, Creativity and Taste, Andrew's Bacon-Cheeseburger was the best. Andrew told host Steve Smith of WCNL that he wanted to be a chef "when he grew up." Apparently he is one already.

H-D offers free summer children's meals

ConVal Food Service, in association with Hillsboro-Deering Food Service, is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the site and times as follows:

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Bennington woman promoted by bank

Lake Sunapee Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of Wanda Clough of Bennington as Board Member to the Northern New England Center of Financial Training. Clough has been with Lake Sunapee Bank since 2004, first joining the Bank as Branch Manager of its Peterborough office. She now holds the position of Staff Development Assistant and has been working with NNECFT on a regular basis due to her role with employee education. Wanda will serve a 3-year term on the Education Committee, which is responsible for continually reviewing the organization's education and training programs to assure their usefulness in the financial services industry.

Selectmen reject anonymous complaint

The New London Selectmen recently received an anonymous complaint alleging zoning violations on Bunker Road. The Board agreed with Chair Peter Bianchi's suggestion that no credence be given to such anonymous complaints.

Stark graduates sent off with a blast from the Molly Stark Cannon

The huge white tent on the school's athletic field was not large enough to hold the overflow crowd of family, friends and well wishers attending the Class of 2012's graduation from John Stark High School.

The sky was clear and spirits as high as the temperature as the faculty led their graduates up the steep path from the parking lot to the stage.

Principal Chris Mosca paid tribute to retiring teacher Nancy McEachern and to the many support groups aiding students in their chosen paths. "No one in this graduating class was able to appear here alone," he said. While featured speaker Gary Bouchard used General John Stark as an inspiration and urged graduates to use independent thought and courage, and to fear tyranny more than death, Salutatorian Irena Kuzma reminded her classmates to "focus on what you can do, instead of what you can't do."

Thomas Hardy's family expressed what all parents were feeling when the whole group showed up wearing T-shirts bearing a photo of him as a 1st grader.

As has been traditional for the last 22 years, the next phase of the graduate's lives was heralded with a blast from Bob Hatfield's Molly Stark Cannon.



The family of Thomas Hardy was on hand to celebrate his graduation from John Stark High School with T-shirts depicting him as a 1st grader.

Hancock fireworks July 3rd

The annual Hancock 4th of July fireworks and festivities will take place on Tuesday, July 3rd. The traditional events include an ice cream social from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Vestry; the ringing of the Paul Revere bell in the church from 6 to 7 p.m.; and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by resident children at 7 p.m. in front of the gazebo. The evening will finish with a 7:30 p.m. concert with folk musicians Wendy Keith and Doug Farrell, and fire-works beginning at dusk. Donations will be appreciated.

Henniker campers protest the new campground tax

A large group of campers at Mile-Away Campground gather at the Henniker Town Hall to protest the new procedure of taxing some units as real estate. The NH Department of revenue administration considers trailers that are not registered for the road and are permanently fixed to the site to be the equivalent of a house that is subject to a real estate tax. Last

year, after the Henniker Selectmen voted not to assess and tax the units, they were soon visited by DRA representatives and informed of the errors of their ways.

These campers were doubly upset because when they appeared at Town Hall to request tax abatement forms they were denied because they were not residents of Henniker.

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Left to Right: Barbara Corson Chapter Registrar, Merle Dustin, Jan Carlson Chapter Chaplain, Roxana Smith Chapter Vice-Regent, Judy Boehm Chapter Member and, Laurel Corson Chapter Historian at the grave site of Mary Isabel Greeley Founding Regent of the Mercy Hathaway White Chapter, NSDAR January 17, 1912.

DAR at Bradford & Warner cemeteries

On May 26, 2012 members of the Mercy Hathaway White Chapter, NSDAR made a pilgrimage from the Bradford Baptist Church, the Pleasant View and Sunny Plain Cemeteries in Bradford, and the Pine Grove Cemetery in Warner. A prayer was said at each grave site and a small excerpt about each of the original charter members and their role in DAR was read. The Mercy Hathaway White Chapter, NSDAR is celebrating their Centennial this year.

Deering woman injured in Hancock crash

Janice Ritchie, 63, of Deering was airlifted to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon following a one-car accident on Route 202 in Hancock late Friday afternoon. Hancock Police Chief Andrew Wood said Ritchie's car drifted off the right side of the road, went down over an embankment and rolled onto its side, coming to rest against a tree. Ritchie was trapped inside the vehicle, sustained serious injuries in the crash.

Parade Ground Cemetery Road repairs

The three Warner Selectmen met with Ed Ordway, who lives on Parade Ground Cemetery Road, Matt Waite and Tim Allen from Warner's Public Works Department. Each shared Ordway's concern that traffic coming from the east is barely visible until it gets to the top of the rise in front of his driveway and Dick Cutting's driveway. The road also dangerously narrows for some distance east of their driveways. There is also very poor visibility for cars coming up the road headed west until the cars are almost to the top of the rise. Unfortunately more and more vehicles travel this road at high speeds and there is the risk of a serious accident at this location. The Warner Public Works Department proposes widening Parade Ground Cemetery Road east of the driveways as well as reducing the height of the rise near the driveways and doing some filling of the depression in the road looking east about 150 feet from the rise.

Lake Sunapee Bank announces leadership changes

After 25 years with Lake Sunapee Bank, Stephen R. Theroux, President, now assumes the additional role of Chief Executive Officer.

First elected to the Board of Directors in 1986, Mr. Theroux became Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Bank in 1987, Chief Operating Officer in 1997, and in 2007, began serving as President. Mr. Theroux resides in New London, NH.

He is Treasurer of the Town of New London and Treasurer of the Board of Proctor Academy in Andover. He also serves as Overseer of Lebanon College in Lebanon, NH.

William J. McIver is now Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. McIver has been in banking for 37 years, and has been at Lake Sunapee Bank since 1998. He has been Chief Risk Officer, and continues as Chief Information Officer. Mr. McIver lives in Warner.

Executive Chairman - After a career of more than forty years with the bank and twenty years as the Chief Executive

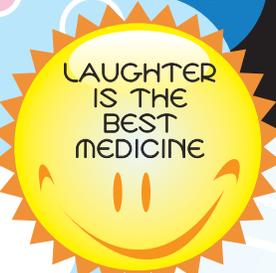


Messenger readers will remember Bill McIver from his early days at The Valley Bank in Hillsborough. He is now the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Lake Sunapee Bank. Congratulations Bill.

Officer, Stephen W. Ensign has moved into the newly created role of Executive Chairman. He will now be focusing on more areas outside of the bank which will

continue to include both local and state-level banking activities. Mr. Ensign lives in New London and is active with many organizations in the surrounding area.

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By SARAH CHAPIN

Although there have been cardiovascular safety concerns about attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) medications because of their ability to increase heart rate and blood pressure levels, an analysis that included more than 150,000 ADHD patients found no evidence of an increased risk of heart attack, stroke or sudden cardiac death associated with current use compared with nonuse or rare use among young and middle-aged adults, according to a study appearing in *JAMA*.

Research from The Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ) on the FDA-approved drugs Celebrex® and Lipitor®—used respectively for arthritis pain and lowering cholesterol—shows that these drugs are well tolerated in the treatment of recurrent prostate cancer.

The anti-blood-clot regimen that adds the drug clopidogrel (Plavix) to aspirin treatment is unlikely to prevent recurrent strokes and may increase the risk of bleeding and death in patients with subcortical stroke, according to research presented at the American Stroke Association's International Stroke Conference 2012. American Heart Association/American Stroke Association guidelines for preventing recurrent strokes recommend anti-clotting medications like aspirin, the customary treatment, or other clot preventives like clopidogrel, but not the combination of aspirin plus clopidogrel. In the United States, stroke is the No. 4 killer and a leading cause of disability among adults.

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John MacKenna not only has given a lot to New London, he also bakes great bread.

NLSO gives Third of A Century Award

The New London Service Organization presented its 2012 Third of a Century Award to John MacKenna last Sunday. The Third of a Century Award is given annually to a person or couple who have lived in New London for at least 33 years and has made valuable contributions to the town.

William Green, president of the NLSO, presented the award to MacKenna, who bought his New London restaurant in 1965. John and his wife, Tracy have hosted benefit dinners and have donated supplies to help many groups raising money for good causes in the community. He has also served as Commissioner of the New London/Springfield Water System, was a member of the drug and alcohol task force at Kearsarge Regional High School, president of the local American Cancer Society and a member of the New London Advisory Committee.

School Street to be repaired this summer

Responding to repeated inquiries by Hillsborough Selectman David Fullerton, Jeff Brillhart, Assistant Commissioner of the NH Department of Transportation has assured Fullerton that "At the time of the Hillsborough Bypass construction, the Town and the Department had discussed turning back School Street and Center Road to the Town, following Department repairs, but the transaction was not completed. Later this summer, we anticipate reconstructing the pavement on School Street from its intersection with NH Route 149 (Main Street) and Henniker Street to the bridge over US 202/NH 9. The project will involve reclaiming, or grinding up, the existing asphalt and placing new pavement. While the width and features of the roadway will not change, we will be coordinating our work with the Town in order to incorporate sidewalks and the like in the project." Town crews are already working to change the level of sewer manholes in anticipation of the project.

Police cruiser incident discussed in private

Washington Police Chief Steve Marshall recently met with the selectmen to "discuss an incident involving the police cruiser." After a brief non-public session, the board voted to seal the minutes. No further information is available

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Washington celebrates Town Hall's 225th Anniversary

On August 11th the Town of Washington is celebrating the 225th Anniversary of its Town Hall & Meetinghouse. Erected on July 4, 1787, the stately building has been used continuously as the center of community gatherings and governance: It has served as church, cultural center, academy and Grange, and has been the Washington Town Hall since it was built. The celebration will begin with a day-long transformation of the Town Common into a typical day in 1787, featuring demonstrations of the construction talents of the late 1700's, including log hewing, timber frame construction, blacksmithing, window sash making, and the history of paint-making and glassmaking.

Other events include tours of the Meetinghouse, bell ringing, and sampling typical mid-day fare of the times, along with refreshments hosted at the Shedd Free Library. Fiber Arts of the era will also be displayed, from spinning and weaving to quilting and rug hooking. Participants will be dressed in period costumes. 1780's era activities for children will also be available.

The evening highlight will be the

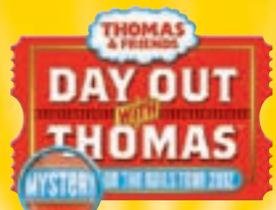
premiere of the documentary, "Meetinghouse: The Heart of Washington, New Hampshire" at the Washington Elementary School. This video sets a high standard for anyone who may wish to tell the story of a

local landmark in the future."

It will be preceded by a dinner hosted by the Washington Seniors at Camp Morgan. All events are free except for the dinner, which is \$6.



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125th Anniversary of Union Chapel

In May 1883 the village was a thriving little community of about 25 dwellings. Within the community stood a tannery, a blacksmith shop, a store, a post office and a sawmill. There was one thing lacking, a church where the villagers could worship God and find guidance in their daily lives. On May 17, 1883 twelve women met at the home of Mrs. Stephen Brown and drew up and adopted a constitution and by laws. It was voted that membership dues should be .25 cents per member.

Of the twelve charter members, Mrs. Mark McClintock was elected President and Mrs. Simon Perkins Vice President, Josephine Manahan to Secretary and Mrs. Stephen Brown Treasurer. Other women in the village joined at different times and soon a fine working group was started.

The women set a goal to raise \$200. When their goal was met, they would ask the gentlemen for their assistance with building a chapel.

At the time, the hosiery mill at the Hillsborough Bridge was manufacturing shirts and stockings. These articles required a crocheted finish. The mill paid .06 cents for one dozen pair of stockings and .35 cents for one dozen shirts. The ladies would earn from .30 to .60 cents for an afternoon's work. Socials and suppers were held at the homes of different members. Oyster suppers were popular in the day and the charge was .10 cents per person.

Other fund raisers were held, such as auctions for quilts and guess the number of beans in a jar. In due time the \$200 goal was met. A committee was appointed to solicit contributions, and secure a site for the building.

The lot of land, which the Chapel now stands, was donated by the tanning firm of Wescott and Son of Boston. John W. Jackman was chosen as the architect. Ground was broken in early May 1886. The town and state as well as those from afar gave substantial help. Many gave lumber and building materials as well as help in the actual carpentry work.

On March 9, 1887, the Chapel was dedicated with a service appropriate to the occasion. The cost of the building and furnishings totaled \$2081.36. As we celebrate the 125th anniversary, please remember that the chapel was established for moral, religious, and charitable purposes. With determination and devotion from past, current, and future members, the society will be able to continue their mission.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold its annual fundraising Bazaar on Saturday July 14, 2012. Doors will open at 9am. Items for sale will include white elephant items, baked goods, crafts, books, antiques, and more. The snack bar will be serving lunch, which includes BBQ chicken dinners with beans and coleslaw. Buy a chance to win one of the many gift cards and prizes donated by local businesses.

The Union Chapel summer services will begin on Sunday July 22, 2012. All are welcome. Please call Jen @ 603-493-1432 with questions.



Union Chapel in Hillsborough's Lower Village.



Prisilla Simm (r) presents Pastor Andrew MacLeod and his wife Karen with one of many parting gifts at a reception at Smith Memorial Church on Sunday. After ministering in Hillsborough since 2009, Pastor Andrew leaves for Bristol.

Bradford Independence Day Celebration

Bradford's 225th Anniversary 1787-2012

FRIDAY, JULY 6

5-7 pm: Parks & Rec Annual Beef Roast Dinner at BACC

7:30 pm: Letvin Concert - Bradford Center

SATURDAY, JULY 7

7 am: Masons Breakfast

7 am: Road Race Registration - Town Hall

8 am-1 pm: Summer Fair Begins - Baptist Church

8 am-2 pm: Brown Memorial Book Sale

9 am: Road Race Begins - Town Hall

10 am-4 pm: Art Show Town Hall

9 am-3 pm. Smithy Shop opens

9 am: Red Cross Blood Drive - BAAC

9 am: Kids Fun Registration - Baptist Church

9 am-11 pm: Children's Fun Run - Baptist Church

10am-2 pm: Lunch Booth Opens - Baptist Church

12:00pm: Set up Colonial Camp - Brown Shattuck Field

1:00 pm: Line up for Parade

1:00 pm: Judging for Parade Entries

2:00 pm: Parade Begins - Old Warner Rd.

3-6 pm: Cannon Firing and Colonial Encampment - Brown Shattuck Field

5:00 pm: Chicken Barbecue-Hot dogs, fries, and much more

9:30 pm: Fire Works Brown Shattuck Field

Fire destroys Hopkinton highway garage

A three-alarm fire destroyed the Hopkinton highway garage Wednesday evening. Jim O'Brien, Chairman of the Selectmen, said the fire was reported by a passerby. Responding fire crews worked to stop the fire from spreading to the nearby fuel depot, but several Highway Department vehicles and equipment were damaged or destroyed.

O'Brien said the building on Public Works Road, which had undergone recent expansions, is "totaled" after the center section of its roof collapsed. The State Fire Marshal was expected to begin investigating the fire's cause Thursday. Fire departments from Hopkinton, Concord, Bradford, Bow, Hillsborough, Henniker, and Salisbury assisted.

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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*



BACK HOME: The Hillsborough Firefighter's Association has repurchased Hillsborough's original 1926 ladder truck to be restored.

It's Time To say "Thank You"

For decades members of the Hillsborough Fire and Rescue Departments have given unselfishly of themselves, saving the lives of many of our neighbors along with hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property. Whether as volunteers or receiving a small stipend as "on call" firefighters they are hometown heroes who we too often taken for granted.

As an Association, they have saved taxpayers thousands of dollars by donating several pieces of equipment from their own pockets or from fundraisers.

Now, the Hillsborough Firefighter's Association has purchased the town's 1926 ladder truck with plans to restore it as a parade vehicle in recognition of the

Department's history.

Originally purchased new by Hillsborough, it still bears the HFD logo on its hood, and has now been returned to its rightful place.

As you can see from the above photo, it will take a major effort and a lot of money to restore it to its original condition. This is history worth preserving, and we can do it without a federal grant. It is time for the people of Hillsborough to say a long overdue "Thank You" to these brave and dedicated public servants. Why wait for a future fundraiser, get them started now with a generous contribution. Make your check payable to Hillsborough Firefighter's Association, PO Box 7, Hillsborough, NH 03244.



OPINION Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On July 4, 1776 the Second Continental Congress of the thirteen States of America met in Philadelphia and Declared Independence. It was a written Declaration to the world that we were free and independent from British tyranny. Josiah Bartlett, one of three delegates to

the Congress from New Hampshire, wrote to his wife: "The British are determined to conquer and subjugate the colonies...they are unfeeling and indifferent." Bartlett with the delegates from the thirteen other states, signed the Declaration of Independence with the following pledge: "With a firm reliance on the protection of Divine



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Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor. All the delegates that signed the Declaration had committed treason. The British penalty for treason: "The Revolutionary shall be hanged by the head until unconscious, then cut down and revived. While still alive disemboweled and beheaded. Then cut into quarters. Each quarter to be boiled in oil. The remains scattered and forever unnamed and unknown."

Would you sign the Declaration of Independence? As Thomas Paine stated: "These are times that try men's souls."

Alan B. Urquhart, Hillsborough

Dear Hopkinton Eighth Grade Parents:

We need your help. This past school year the 8th Grade Plus History classes have worked very hard to prove that we can make a difference in the world. We all read the book *A Long Walk to Water*, by Linda Sue Park. The book tells two stories. The first is about a young Sudanese boy, caught in the civil war, in 1985, between the government of Sudan and the people in the southern part of Sudan. This civil war lasted 22 years, and cost two million lives and left four million people displaced and living in refugee camps in neighboring countries. Salva Dut, an eleven year old Dinka boy, lost most of his family, spent years in refugee camps, helped lead 1,500 "lost boys" across the desert to safe haven, and became one of the first of the "lost boys of Sudan" to be brought to the United States and safety.

The second story is about a young girl, named Nya. Nya's story is like many young girls living in Sudan in 2005. She travels over four hours each day to provide water for her family. This water is unclean and causes serious and sometimes fatal waterborne illnesses. There is no school available for the children of her village and the family is forced to move twice each year to find a place with enough water for them, their crops and their cattle.

Their stories connect in 2005 when Salva's foundation, Water for South Sudan, comes to Nya's village to build a well. As part of the well building agreement, the village must also build a school for boys and girls, allow anyone and everyone to use the well, and must help build the well. To date, the foundation has built 112 wells.

Our history teacher, Mrs. Moskal (who rocks, by the way!), helped us begin this year-long project to help fund a well. She has taught us so much, especially how to work together for an important cause. It has made us realize how fortunate we truly are. We have held multiple fundraisers, dances, sold popcorn at many events, and have even donated some of our own money. So far we have raised \$ 4,054. We are on the final push to raise \$5,000. With this amount of a donation, the well will feature the name of our school. Obviously, we have already raised an enormous amount of money – but we are not ready to call it quits. We really want to reach our goal of raising the full \$5,000.

Recently we scheduled a Skype session with Salva Dut to ask him questions, share our fundraising stories, and "present" him with our donation. The Skype session took place on June 20th from about 9:00 – 9:30. We are so excited to put a face to the name and to share our efforts with Salva.

We have created a Facebook page to let everyone know what we are doing and to make donations if they are able. We would sincerely appreciate any donations to help our cause. Checks need to be made out to Hopkinton Middle High School, please reference Water for South Sudan in the memo area and mail donations to Hopkinton Middle High School, Attn: Pam Moskal, 297 Park Ave., Contoocook, NH 03229. Donations are tax deductible. You can check out the foundation's website at: <http://www.waterforsouthsudan.org/>.

Thanks for helping us make a difference. The Hopkinton Eighth Grade Class

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Several area towns are hosting summer concerts including Newport (left photo) and Henniker (right photo). See the Bulletin Board for a complete schedule of concerts in Hillsborough, Henniker, Newport, New London and Sunapee.

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Bradford official mum over Road Agent problems

Something is "going on" at Bradford's Highway Department but officials are not releasing any details. At a prior Selectmen's meeting Marlene Fryler questioned whether Road Agent Jeff Remillard was on Administrative leave, and is Barry Wheeler running the highway department? Chair Harry Wright said that Remillard is on leave, and that there has been more detail of what has been done regarding the Highway Department in the past couple of weeks.

At the most recent meeting, Jane Johnsen said her problem was that Wheeler

has taken over that job and asked how long Wheeler felt he will remain as a paid stand-in Road Agent, to which Wheeler replied; "As long as what is going, goes on." She also questioned why the Road Agent was put on Administrative Leave, and was told this was a personnel issue that cannot be discussed to which she responded, "I think it can be and the town should know. If he did something really wrong, the town should know." Selectman Sonny Harris stated that the selectmen have been directed by the County Sheriff's Office not to discuss this.

Hopkinton guidance counselor Gene Fox resigns

Hopkinton guidance counselor Gene Fox, charged in April with assault on his elderly uncle, has resigned.

He has been on paid administrative leave since then. His criminal charges remain unresolved.

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PASSING THE GAVEL: Bob Fredette (l) outgoing president of the Hillsboro Lions Club passes the gavel to incoming president Don Karsten (r) (left photo by Karen Booth). Outgoing Henniker Rotary Club president Jim Walsh (r) passes the gavel to incoming president Joyce Bosse (right photo).

Henniker celebrates with a Fourth of July concert

We celebrate our nation's birthday with an iconic doo wop concert by returning crowd pleasers, the Bel Airs, Tuesday, July 3 in Community Park, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The group was recently voted "Best Doo Wop & Oldies Group" by NH Magazine at their annual Best of NH Celebration.

Bel Airs spokesman Gabe Cohen tells us the group has been preparing some special 4th of July selections along with their blend of '50's and '60's doo wop sounds which have wowed the Henniker crowd the past two summers. They promise this will be a red, white and blue performance. What better way to celebrate than going back to those simpler times and reliving the songs that you listened to heading off to the drive-in with your best guy or gal in your '57 Chevy Bel Air. Remember those great tunes like Teen-

ager in Love, The Book of Love and Silhouettes on the Shade that emanated from the street corners or on the AM radio stations?

Spread a blanket or bring your beach chairs and a picnic supper and join your friends and neighbors while listening to some of the region's most talented musicians. The Henniker Summer Music Series is sponsored by the town of Henniker. All concerts will take place at the Angela Robinson Bandstand on the grounds of the Community Center on Main Street beginning at 7:00 PM. (In case of rain, moving indoors to the Community Center). Join us next week for the return of NH's Queen of Country – Tammy Jackson and her band. The complete summer schedule is available on the Town of Henniker website: www.henniker.org



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7:00 PM: Barden Hill Band, at Stage

8:00 PM: Night Glow, at Balloon Field

9:00 PM: Lonesome Train Band, at Stage

SATURDAY:

6:00 AM: Balloon Lift Off

6:00 AM: Pancake Breakfast

10:00 AM: Rock Crawl, at Pulling Track

1:00 PM: Sky Divers Arrive, at Balloon Field

2:00 PM: Self Defense Demo, at Stage

3:00 PM: Francetown Cloggers, at Stage

3:00 PM: Sky Divers Arrive, at Balloon Field

4:00 PM: Monadnock Mavericks, at Stage

6:00 PM: Balloon Lift Off, at Balloon Field

7:00 PM: Just Desserts performs at Stage

9:00 PM: Second Time Around at Stage

10:00 PM: Fireworks!!

SUNDAY:

6:00 AM: Balloon Lift Off at Balloon Field

6:00 AM: Pancake Breakfast at Stage

Noon: Hometown Parade

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