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BNS Soccer Program

Anna Cook shows her support during "USA Day" at the recent Bradford, Newbury, Sunapee Youth Sports Summer Soccer Camp. See team photos on page 2. All photos courtesy of Dawn Grant of DM Grant Photography

Nepotism in Deering

In a case in which the judge said "involves small town politics, personality quirks, conflicts and unchecked nepotism," Deering officials have been severely reprimanded for dumping long standing contractor Ray Daniels in favor of the Road Agent's son. See full story on page 3



It looked like the whole town of Washington turned out for the premier of the documentary "Meetinghouse: The Heart of Washington, New Hampshire"

225th Anniversary

Town of Washington gathers to celebrate the occasion

To celebrate the 11th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the town of Washington, NH, the first town incorporated in the name of our first President, gathered to erect a meetinghouse on July 4, 1787. This Saturday, 225 years later, the whole town gathered again to celebrate the anniversary. The full day of celebration culminated with the premiere of the documentary film "Meetinghouse: The Heart of Washington, New Hampshire." Throughout the day, the celebration included glassmaking, brick, paint and wood construction demonstration of

the skills and tools used over two centuries ago. A farmer's market and colonial children's games gave visitors a feeling of what life was like just after the Revolutionary War.

As one of only three Meetinghouses in NH still in use as a Town Hall, the first floor is still used, but the second floor is inaccessible to those with physical disabilities. The town has started raising money to fund a renovation that would add an elevator so that the second floor could be used in compliance with ADA regulations. See our photo essay on pages 16-17.

Newbury adopts a fee for use policy at Veteran's Hall

At Monday's meeting, the Newbury Selectmen decided to institute a fee for use policy for town buildings. Selectman Richard Wright suggested that the meeting room at Town Hall was never designed for public use and suggested that it be reserved for town functions with private meetings being shifted to the newly renovated Veteran's Hall.

Selectmen Jim Powell and Gary Budd agreed and the Board asked Administrator Dennis Pavlicek to prepare a draft policy calling for private functions to be held at Veteran's Hall for a fee of \$25/hr, with a minimum of \$50. Newbury residents and non-profits would be exempt, except for a \$50-\$100 cleaning deposit.

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MUNCHINS GROUP—Front row, from left: Crawford Pfeifle; Layla Morgan; Evelyn Squibb; Colin McGinn; Chase Paquette; and Caleb Funk. Back row, from left: Coach Paris Waller of Croydon, London, England; Andrew Chandler; Cole Chandler; Camden Altruz; Gunner Benedict; Sawyer Willett; and Coach Matt Ferguson of London, England.



NIPPERS GROUP—Front row, from left: Ava Shapiro; David Prentiss; Sierra King; Victoria Cloutier; Noah Whipple; and Owen Magee. Back row, from left: Austin Bryk; Calvin Smith; Alex Spinney; Anna Cook; Benjamin Perrin; and Braden Hurley. Standing in back are Coach Paris Waller of Croydon, London, England; and Coach Matt Ferguson of London, England.



RECREATIONAL GROUP—Front row, from left: Cole King; Teddy Pfeifle; Rylie Guerrette; and Colby VonKan-Newurff. Back row, from left: Quinton Cloutier; Dylan Selby; Addie Pfeifle; Quinn Bone; and Samantha Wiggins. Standing in the back is Coach Stuart Green of Southampton, England.



COMPETITIVE GROUP—Front row, from left: Noah Bone; Nina Spinney; Gavin Fedas; and Jack Staiti. Back row, from left: Coach Sean Glean of Southend on-sea, Essex, England; Evan Miller; Alyssa Chick; Ian McLennand; and Kaden VonKanneurff.



ADVANCED GROUP—Front row, from left: Megan Casey; Alexis McConnell; Maddie Cook; Brianna Turco; Abby McLennand; and Danielle Ballinger. Back row, from left: Edward Stowell; Gavin Grant; Brennan Carson; Sam Kelly; Raven Carson; Brandon Bullis; and Gabe Benedict. Coach Stuart Taylor of Leeds, England, is in the back.



THE ELITE GROUP is a new program of high school age kids. Front row, from left: Caroline Beaton; Ian Bready; Jacob Donovan; Patrick Moore; Mike Sullivan; and Tyler Little-john. Back row, from left: Coach Craig Muir of Paisley, Scotland; Myles Ward; Nicholas Brady; Sammi Dow; Mia Bailey; Anna Stowell; Jakeb Vierzen; and Coach Brendon Willey of Sidmouth, England. Missing from photo: Michael Bullis.

Deering officials criticized over "unchecked nepotism"

A Superior Court judge has issued his order in the case of Raymond Daniels v. Town of Deering and Elizabeth Kelly. In his opening sentence, Judge Kenneth Brown made it clear how he was going to rule. "This case involves small town politics, personality quirks, conflicts and unchecked nepotism," he said. Brown found that Daniels, a resident and taxpayer in Deering, provided excavation services and construction materials to the Town from 1959 to 2004, when the town stopped utilizing him. At that time, Deering's Road Agent, Peter Beard told Daniels that he had been directed by the chairperson of the Board of Selectmen, Elizabeth Kelly, not to hire Daniels. Kelly denied issuing a "no hire" and the Selectmen never conducted a meeting, vote or prepare minutes regarding the "no hire" directive.

However, since 2004, Beard's son, Travis has been hired as a subcontractor for all excavation work other than work necessitated by the 2007 flood, during which time many outside contractors other than Daniels were hired. Brown specifically found that Deering has a conflict of interest policy and a purchasing/bidding policy. Personnel Policy 2.8 of the employee policy and procedure manual states: "The hiring of relatives shall not be permitted unless authorized by the Board of Selectmen. If related persons are employed, they generally will not be employed in the same department."

In chastising the Board Brown said, "Al- though the selectmen may have authorized

verbally or by acquiescence the recurrent retention of Travis Beard as subcontractor without evidence of competitive bidding, such conduct undermines the public trust in the administration of local government." ... "It is apparent that the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen knew that Travis Beard was being awarded dirt subcontracts without competitive bidding and took no action, which was their obligation in the face of the above-referenced policies.

In concluding his findings, Brown said, "A citizen such as Raymond Daniels should not have to initiate litigation to force his town to comply with its own written policies

and directives. With the above in mind, the Court orders 'the following: 1. Respondent Town of Deering shall comply with its employee policy and procedure manual and its purchasing policy; 2. On an annual basis, the Board of Selectmen will seek competitive sealed bids from contractors interested in such work.

The sealed bids will merely reflect each piece of equipment and its operator's hourly rate. The sealed bids will be opened in public, and the annual subcontracting shall be awarded to the lowest bid from a "qualified" contractor." He also ordered the town to pay Daniel's attorney's fees.



Henniker Rotary Club President Joyce Bosse (all ready for Sunday's "Chilifest") thanks Deb and Steve Puderbaugh of the Raymond Area Rotary Club for their presentation to the Henniker Club. Deb and Steve, in clothing from Pakistan, participated in Rotary's "End Polio Now" campaign by immunizing children in Pakistan last October.



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Grant Bosse talks issues on WGIR-AM

WGIR-AM, New Hampshire's News Radio, is partnering with the Josiah Bartlett Center, New Hampshire's leading think tank, to produce AGENDA 2012, a two-week series investigating the top state issues facing New Hampshire voters this fall.



Grant Bosse

Starting Tuesday, August 14th, AGENDA 2012 will air each weekday morning in the Paul Westcott Show. New Hampshire Watchdog's Grant Bosse will examine the policy questions surrounding such thorny issues as the economy, the New Hampshire budget, education, transportation, and energy, tapping the expertise of the Josiah Bartlett Center's policy analysts.

Bosse will also join Westcott in the WGIR studios to discuss the political ramifications of these policy debates.

AGENDA 2012 isn't about the candidates. It's about giving New Hampshire voters the information they need to question and challenge those candidates on the campaign trail," Bosse explains. "Voters who care about politics listen to WGIR-AM."

The Josiah Bartlett Center will post the entire series as a resource for Granite State voters on its New Hampshire Watchdog newsite. Bosse highlights New Hampshire policy issues on the Paul Westcott Show every Friday morning.

"New Hampshire Watchdog on WGIR has been one of the most popular and informative segments," added host Paul Westcott. "With so much attention focused on the federal races, WGIR and the Josiah Bartlett Center are best positioned to keep our audience informed on state issues."

Substitutes wanted for H-D Schools

Have you ever considered substitute teaching? Are you a certified teacher, non-certified teacher, college graduate or student (at least 21 years of age) and possess experience with children in a classroom or similar setting? If so, you are invited to attend a Substitute Teacher Orientation Session on Wednesday, August 22 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am in the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School Media Center.

Please RSVP by noon on Monday, August 20 with Cathleen Wilson, 464-1110 or email cwilson@hdsd.k12.nh.us.

Lakes group honors New London man

The N.N. Lakes Association has presented Dick Clayton of New London with its John F. Morten Memorial Award.

The award is given annually to the person who has demonstrated exemplary lakes stewardship for the lakes and ponds of NH. Clayton was nominated by the Pleasant Lake Association, where he served as president from 2002 to 2010.

Police investigating burglaries in Henniker, Bradford and Contoocook

Henniker Police are looking for two men caught in surveillance pictures in connection with the burglaries. Henniker Police responded to a break-in at the Mobil On the Run just off Route 114. Sgt. Matt French of the Henniker Police Department told WMUR TV9 that "One of the north entrances was smashed in, the safe was removed from there along with a large amount of cigarettes (and) some other miscellaneous items. They kicked the glass in. First they tried to pry it, and then it appears they just kicked it in. The two men made off with the store's safe on a dolly.

In Bradford, two men broke into a Dunkin' Donuts store by smashing the window, and in Contoocook, an attempted burglary was reported at the Colonial Village Pharmacy. "It appears the incidents are related. The similar vehicle, the same manner of dress on the people and

the time frame, they were almost an hour apart of each one," French said.

The two men are described as about 5 feet 8 inches to 6 feet tall. One of the men has dirty blond hair, and police said the two were wearing navy blue outerwear and black pants with white sneakers. Police believe a third person may be involved in driving a dark sedan

as the getaway car. Officers are urging residents to remain vigilant in helping catch the men. "If something sticks out of your mind and doesn't seem right, just call us. It doesn't hurt for us to go and check on it," French said. Anyone with information on the break-ins is asked to call the Henniker Police Department at 603-428-3213.

Several Warner burglaries

Warner Police are concerned with an unprecedented increase in daytime burglaries at residences in the town this year. Sgt. Ronald Carter told the Concord Monitor that the most recent incident was a forced entry into a home last weekend, in which the burglar took electronics. Although the burglaries have been random, in each one, the burglars enter and exit the home quickly, with different items taken. Residents are asked to call the Warner Police if they see suspicious vehicles or suspicious activity.



NH gubernatorial candidate Ovide Lamontagne conducted a tour of downtown Newport businesses, escorted by former Selectman Betty Maiola and Ella Casey, Executive Director of the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce. In this photo Lamontagne discusses his pro-business record with Mark Pitkin-President and Chief Executive Officer, Sugar River Bank.

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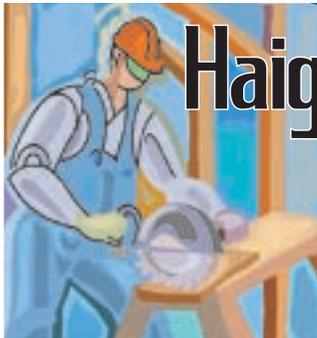
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Weare's Old Home Day, August 25

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9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Weare Historical Society Museum will be open

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friends of the Library and Lions Club annual book and bake sale at the Town Hall

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bike & Helmet safety check

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Weare High School class reunion in the Middle School

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2:00-2:30 K9 Demonstration 2:30-3:00 RTH

3:00-6:00 Peter Hostage Jazz/Blues band

If it rains outdoor activities (as much as possible) will be in the Middle School gym.

Bradford records controversy festering

Administrator Cheryl Behr brought up the tape access storage of non-planning board materials in the Bradford Selectmen's office. Behr said the Assessor is in every second Thursday of every month and she frequently needs to have access to the Planning Board files. Marlene Freyler went on to state eight weeks ago she had asked for stuff from the Secretary and she just won't provide them. They are not hers. Although she is the secretary, they belong to the town. Harry Wright, Chair said the Board would not discuss this tonight. Marlene went on to state the secretary has no right to lock the tapes up in the Planning Board files. Harry Wright, Chair also went on to say the Planning Board will discuss this at their next meeting.

Kearsarge Middle School to start earlier

When Kearsarge Regional Middle School students begin the new school year on August 27th, they will start 10 minutes earlier than last year. Classes now will begin at 7:45 a.m.

ConVal aid arrested, charged with felonious sexual assault

A former Rindge police officer, who also worked as a program aide, working with children with behavioral challenges at ConVal High School, has been arrested and charged with attempted felonious sexual assault. Keene police arrested John

Vargas-Cifrino, 35, of Harrisville, last Thursday. Keene police were informed by Rindge police about an internal investigation of one of their officers for possible criminal acts in Keene. After an investigation, Keene police arrested Vargas-Cifrino. Authorities claim Vargas-Cifrino attempted to assault a girl between the ages of 13 and 16. Investigators said the girl and Vargas-Cifrino knew each other, and he had been staying at the victim's home on their couch, and the entire family had known him for more than 13 years.

The girl had told her mother that on several occasions Vargas-Cifrino entered her bedroom and laid down next to her.

According to court documents, the girl rigged her door to make a loud noise when it was opened. Investigators said there was inappropriate sexual contact. According to Court filings, Vargas-Cifrino contacted a Catholic priest on Facebook and told the priest something so concerning that the priest went straight to the police chief. ConVal has placed him on unpaid leave, and officials are double-checking his conduct. Vargas-Cifrino was released on \$10,000 personal recognizance bail and ordered to have no contact with anyone under age 18 or anyone involved in the case. Authorities say additional charges are possible.



Youth Services Volunteer Jordan Bezio helped replace all the Hillsboro Pride banners in downtown Hillsborough. Peter Brigham photo.

Antrim Wind e-mails available for public viewing

In an apparent reversal of policy, the Town of Antrim has printed copies of all e-mails between the Board and Antrim Wind Energy, LLC and placed them in a binder for public review.

When seven residents, through their attorney, asked for copies of these e-mails, the Board originally said the

1,300 pages could be provided at \$1/page.

That is only one of the issues the suit is based on. The court must still decide if meetings with Antrim Wind violated the Right-to-Know Law, and if so, should the PILOT Agreement between the Town and Antrim Wind be invalidated.

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TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

Low bone density medications, or bisphosphonates, such as Fosamax, Boniva and Actonel, may have a protective effect for endometrial cancer, according to a study at Henry Ford Hospital. Endometrial cancer affects more than 45,000 women a year in the U.S., usually in their 60s, although it can occur before 40. A type of uterine cancer, it's the most commonly diagnosed gynecological cancer, and there is no known preventive medication for women at high risk of developing it.

Recent evidence from clinical trials and case reports suggests fibrates can cause a loss of kidney health through an increase to serum creatinine. The full study is published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Fibrates are a group of medications commonly used to treat high triglyceride levels. Gemfibrozil (brand name: LOPID) is the fibrate most widely used in the United States.

The common antibiotic, amoxicillin-clavulanate, may improve small bowel function in children experiencing motility disturbances, according to a study appearing in the *Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition*. Amoxicillin-clavulanate, also known as Augmentin, is most commonly prescribed to treat or prevent infections caused by bacteria. However, it has also been reported to increase small bowel motility in healthy individuals and has been used to treat bacterial overgrowth in patients with chronic diarrhea. Upper gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, early satiety and abdominal distention are common in children. Despite the advances in the technology for diagnosing motility disorders, there continues to be a lack of medications available for the treatment of upper gastrointestinal tract motor function.

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Mount Royal Academy expanding again

Mount Royal Academy will open the school year with a new academic building. The building is the second new building the school has opened in just the past two years. The 12,000 square foot structure will serve as a classroom building for grades pre-K through 8th. The new building is the latest in facility developments for the Academy which just last year opened a 12,000 square foot building housing a gymnasium, computer and science labs, office space and cafeteria.

Along with the new building, the school is also adding a new outdoor play structure for the children, expansive landscaping, sprinkler system and a school-wide paving project.

Mount Royal Academy is enjoying its largest enrollment to date with 135 students in grades Pre-K through High School. The school's enrollment has more than doubled in the past four years. The new additions to campus will allow Mount Royal Academy to keep us with the continuing increase in student population.

Anyone wishing to tour the new facilities can do so by calling Mount Royal Academy, 603-763-9010.

College staff receives Patriot Award

Staff members of the College of Saint Mary Magdalen in Warner have received the prestigious Patriot Award, which is given to employers who support soldiers of the National Guard and Reserve.

On July 18, college president, Dr. George Harne, was presented with the award by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense, organization. The award is specifically intended for recognition of several members of the college's staff, including Harne, who helped Staff Sgt. Brian Duchesne, one of the college's admission counselors, who returned in January from an 11 month tour in Iraq with the Army National Guard. When he returned, his job was waiting for him, as promised.

Hopkinton private school opening soon

The Beech Hill School in Hopkinton is scheduled to open in September. Although the number of students is lower than the 20 to 45 hoped for by founder Emily Ricard, she is pleased with the beginning and expects new applicants in the coming months. Current enrollees are divided into sixth and seventh grade classes with plans to add an eighth-grade class next year. The total potential enrollment is . 90 students, with two classes of 15 for each of the three grades.

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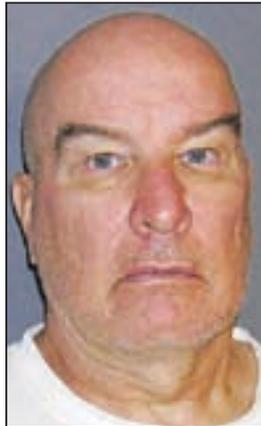
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Former New Boston man files false claims with Vets and Social Security

A former New Boston resident is being held on federal charges after allegedly lying about being involved in special operations missions during Vietnam and claiming he suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in order to collect benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration.

According to the Department of Justice, Charles Kaczmarczyk, 59, and his wife, Martha Ann Kaczmarczyk, 62, now of Knoxville, Tenn., were arrested July 24 and charged with eight counts including conspiracy to steal, stealing public money, Social Security fraud, and making a false statement to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The indictment alleges that beginning in 2002 the couple began making claims to the VA and Social Security that Charles Kaczmarczyk was suffering from PTSD as a result of participating in several special operations missions. Specifically, Kaczmarczyk allegedly claimed that during Vietnam he was involved in the Mayaguez incident — a Marine rescue mission to free



Charles Kaczmarczyk



Martha Ann Kaczmarczyk

the passengers of a merchant ship captured by the Khmer Rouge. They also alleged that Kaczmarczyk said he had been an active part of the Iranian hostage rescue mission.

“Charles Kaczmarczyk did not actually participate in those specific Special Operations missions,” said a press statement from the Department of Justice. “He fabricated the information for the purpose of inducing the United States Department of Veter-

ans Affairs and the Social Security Administration to award him disability payments and benefits on the basis of combat-related posttraumatic stress disorder.”

The Kaczmarczyks also allegedly “manufactured” Air Force documents saying Charles Kaczmarczyk was awarded two Purple Hearts and two Silver Stars, among other medals.

The couple has pleaded not guilty to the eight charges, and are being held pending their trial date of Sept. 26. Both are facing 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine along with restitution for the benefits they've received.

Charles Kaczmarczyk formerly served as a security guard at the New Boston Air Force satellite tracking station. In 2000, he was arrested and accused of stealing radios from both the Pease Air Force Base and another base in Turkey, and was convicted of one felony count of theft and given a one-year suspended sentence. He was also accused of lighting fires at the New Boston tracking station, but those charges were dropped.

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Bob Woolner returned to the Hillsborough Selectman's meeting Tuesday to reinforce his opinion that without lowering the level of School Street, his and his neighbors would continue to be flooded. This is the result after NH DOT applied its first repair.

Weare to change Transfer Station hours?

The Weare Transfer Station employees are requesting to change the hours of operation to be 7:30 to 4:30 Tuesday through Saturday. This will eliminate the Thursday closing by shortening each of the current open days by one hour and will result in the employees working five-eight hour days in a row Tuesday through Saturday. Vice Chairman Richard Butt said that they were told that the half day on Thursday was presented as a need to get maintenance work done without the public. Tim Redmond said this letter is from the employees, he assumes that the employees can get all their work done during the day with the public there. Instead of being open 32 hours a week to the public, the Transfer Station would be open 40 hours. Butt said he is not in favor of the change. Redmond will provide a copy of the employees letter to the Board for their review and discussion at another time. Chairman Tom Clow said that if there was a change in hours, he would prefer additional hours at the end of the day.

Planning & Zoning Administrator hired

The New London Selectmen have announced that Lucy St. John has been hired as the town's new Planning and Zoning Administrator, replacing Peter Stanley who resigned after serving since 2001. St. John, who was selected from a field of 60 candidates, previously served as Deputy Planning Manager/Environmental Planning for the City of Nashua.

Mold found at Greenfield Meetinghouse

An investigation into the cause of foul odors at Greenfield's Meetinghouse has detected the presence of mold in the building. Public Works Ssuperintendent Tim Murry recommends that it be taken care of right away and Administrator Aaron Pratt estimated the cost at between \$1,000 to \$1,200.

Hillsborough Search Committees named

The Hillsborough Selectmen have appointed the following member of search committees:

Town Administrator: Tammy McClure, Roger Racette, Dennis Roberts, Peter Brigham and Bob Hutchinson.

Planning Director: Dennis Roberts, Herm Weigleman, Jack Wells, Kelley Dearborn-Luce, and Larry Baker.

Parlin Field hangar dedicated to the Callum family

The Boy Scouts of Newport's Troop 316 opened the open house festivities at Parlin Field by hosting a crowd of nearly 130 to a delicious pancake breakfast. At mid-day, Newport Selectman Beverly Rodeschin read a Proclamation from the Board naming the field's original 83 year old hangar as the "Callum Community Hangar" in tribute of the contributions of three generations of the Callum family to the betterment of Parlin Field.

Airport Manager Russ Kelsea reports that about 200 people visited the facility during the open house. A group of eight pilots alternated giving 39 young people

Eagle Flights as part of the Young Eagles program.

The field is home to 35 planes and one helicopter which generate about 3,500

takeoffs and landings yearly.

The next project for the facility is to gain FAA approval of its instrument approach procedures.

Newbury wants repayment

Newbury Administrator Dennis Pavlicek informed the Selectmen that a stone wall by the traffic circle was damaged by a negligent driver. The driver has not responded to requests for reimbursement for costs of repair and the Motor Vehicle Registry has been notified to deny license renewal. Pavlicek will attempt to contact him and inform him that civil action will be brought if he doesn't respond.



Troop 316 fed 130 people at its pancake breakfast.

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Publisher's Perspective by Leigh Bosse

A SPECIAL PLACE

Those who live in New York, Boston, or even Manchester will never know that feeling of community, of belonging that comes with living in a small New England town. That feeling was evident Saturday during Washington's Celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the building of the town's Meeting-house.

The day long activities, from the colonial children's games to demonstrations of colonial builder's crafts brought the visitor back to post-revolutionary America. Be-

yond that, the overflow crowds at the pork supper, ice cream social and premiere of the documentary, "Meetinghouse: The Heart of Washington" spoke volumes of the pride and character of rural New Hampshire.

Although we are both Hillsborough natives, Joyce and I bought our first house on Half Moon Pond Road in Washington, where as newcomers, we were immediately welcomed and made to feel a part of the community.

Returning Saturday only reinforced what a truly special place Washington is.



OPINION Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Regarding the breast-feeding mom's offense at a Hillsborough pub: Speaking as a mother of 5 breast-fed babies, I heartedly uphold the state law passed in 1999.

As a retired registered nurse, I certainly have seen my share of breasts - breasts are beautiful (although in my case, as an 80 year old, not so much....)

Being asked to cover-up is simply a matter of courtesy to others. As for me, if I am dining out, I really don't appreciate looking at someone else's anatomy!!!!

Yvonne Wiegelman, Hillsborough

To The Editor:

I breastfed both of my sons. They are now in their mid-20s. I managed to do it without ever exposing myself, and I find the outrage indefensible. These theatrics are nothing more than exhibitionism at its best and an appalling scream for attention at worst, with her child bearing the brunt of her narcissism.

Marilyn Jost, Hillsborough

Dear Editor:

For those who question Jane Healey's manner of breastfeeding her child, I suggest the following experiment: Tonight at dinner, press your cheek up against your neighbor's skin (with permission) and drape a blanket over your head. Spend 20 minutes eating that way. See if you sweat or have the urge to remove the blanket.

Especially in summer, hungry babies often balk at nursing under a covering.

I nursed both of my children in parks, in restaurants, in church, and in many other public places without incident, which is as it should be. Mothers should not have to retreat to ill-equipped restrooms or to their cars to nurse, which is where some would have them go. I don't believe nursing is an act that requires privacy or extreme measures to cover oneself.

Making it easier for busy mothers to nurse will help them achieve the American Academy of Pediatrics goal of continuing until children are at least one year old (only 25 percent or less now do). I am happy that New Hampshire has a law to protect breastfeeding in public, but sadly, making them feel comfortable doing what is best for their children will take more from restaurant owners and fellow citizens, not just courageous lactivists like Jane Healey.

Paula Delbonis-Platt, Contoocook

Letter To The Editor:

In response to the "nurse-in" story, your article left out the fact that the woman put her child on the table!

It was never about breastfeeding; it was always about the woman showing her breasts off! If it was truly about breastfeeding, she would have held her baby and not slapped it on the table like a side dish!

She should be arrested for indecent exposure and child endangerment. Who

brings their baby to a bar? I certainly don't want to eat from a table that had her child's dirty diaper on it! The girl needs to be taught to have some class!

Kayla Johnson, Hillsborough

Dear Editor:

I fully support a woman's right to breastfeed at a restaurant. Baby is hungry, baby cries, good mothers feed - all rather wonderful. Good job, Mom!

John Crosby, Henniker

To The Editor:

A few thoughts about Dorothy and Jane Healy's "boob-in" at the Tooky Mills Pub in Hillsboro:

Though we applaud these women for sticking up for what they believe in, their lack of maturity and life experiences has caused them to miss the point entirely. Yes, Jane has a legal right to nurse anywhere she wants at any time she wants, but having rights comes with responsibility.

If seeing her bare breasts while dining is offensive to others, then there is a little thing that every politician and world leader knows that's called "compromise."

No one asked her to stop nursing, no one asked her to leave. She was simply asked to consider other people's rights and cover herself. Just because you have the right to do something doesn't make it the right thing to do.

Thinking only of oneself with an "I'll do what I want and to hell with everybody else" attitude is not how a successful society functions. No one wants to take away Jane's rights; they just want her to be considerate of others' rights.

Rick and Roxanne O'Neal, Hillsborough

Greetings:

In response to the effrontery, (flagrant disregard), of one of Hillsborough's local papers the Villager, front page article August 10, 2012 Volume 17, Number 32: "Breast Feeding Takes Center Stage" Breast feeding a baby in public might be legal but not placing a baby on a restaurant table a breast feeding. The 'Breast Feeders' along with Representative Marjorie Porter's plebian followers, made a slovenly hygienically dyspeptic statement, placing a baby on a table where patrons eat. How absolutely disgusting. This Breast Feeding frenzy in

Hillsborough reminds me of the epic poem by Spencer: "And her dugs hung down like bladders lacking wind."

Alan B. Urquhart, Hillsborough

To The Editor:

I have been reading with much interest the coverage of the "nurse-in" in Hillsboro. I am in favor of nursing and respect Jane Healy's right to nurse her child in a public place. I also nursed my child, years ago, in the same restaurant when it was The Tavern, however discretely.

Healey needs to understand that not all people are comfortable with a bare breast in a public place. While she may feel "it's a breast - nothing sexual," not all feel the same.

Tooky Mills is a family restaurant. Every time I have been there, there have been multiple generations enjoying their meal. If Healy wants to be respected for her views, she needs to also respect the views of others.

She certainly has the right to nurse her child, but others also have the right to enjoy their meal without being uncomfortable. The staff was apparently responding to their patrons' concern, and it appears that Healey did not take the time to consider that before reacting.

Mutual respect and concern may have gone a long way to diffuse the situation and might have had a much more pleasant ending for all involved. I applaud Healey for doing what she feels is best for her child, but perhaps she should also consider what others may feel is best for their children to be "exposed" to in a public place.

Vickie Haines, Warner

Dear Editor:

There is no excuse for not nursing in a manner considerate of others, especially in a public venue such as a restaurant. Yes, she should have covered up.

The owner was caught in between and trying to accommodate all his patrons in a fair manner. He did nothing wrong. She however did, and is not only rude but also mean.

Beth Taylor, Hopkinton

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ConVal's High School renovation project underway

ConVal's \$4 million High School gymnasium renovation and expansion project is underway. Contractors have begun by fencing off the construction area and relocating plants and trees. Modular locker rooms and offices have also been added to the campus to accommodate the physical education and athletics departments, which will be most affected during the construction phase. As

a result, classes have been planned around outdoor activities and indoor space has been rented at an industrial park across the street.

The project includes a complete renovation of the gym and fitness room and will bring new flooring and lighting. As well as a new athletic training room, a concession stand and additional offices, classrooms and a conference room all dedicated to the athletics department and physical education and health classes will be added.

The project brings the school closer to being ADA compliant, with wheelchairs ramps and an elevator. And with new classrooms in use, the high school will be closer to its goal of discontinuing the use of modular classrooms and offices for the alternative education program.

Bradford receives \$2,200

The Town of Bradford has received \$2,200 toward the purchase of a Downstroke Baler at the Transfer Station.

The award was presented to Facilities Manager Lois Kilnapp by representatives of N.H. the Beautiful in recognition of the town's efforts to improve the efficiency of its recycling program.

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Funds available to repair Bradford's Bement Bridge

Last December, DOT offered the opportunity to apply for a Grant for Bement Bridge, the final round of several rounds of Federal spending. There were twenty two bridges granted funds in this round, two in New Hampshire and Bement Bridge in Bradford was one of them.

This is for a total of seven hundred sev-

enty two thousand dollars (\$772,000) with 20% from other sources to be completed by 2014. Harry Wright, Chair stated some money is in the Bridge Capital Reserve to help cover the 20% and there will be two town meetings to raise the balance. Cheryl Behr was thanked for her efforts in this endeavor.

Hillsborough gives Deering recreation program cost

The Hillsborough Selectmen received another letter from their Deering counterparts suggesting yet another meeting to negotiate an extension to the agreement allowing Deering children to participate in Hillsborough's recreation programs.

Apparently frustrated, the Board in

a unanimous vote decided to write back informing Deering that the cost to Deering would be \$25,000 per year, to be reviewed in three years.

The Board expressed the hope that this would be agreeable to Deering, but saw little use of further negotiations.

Weare Chamber of Commerce awards scholarships

This year, the Weare Chamber was proud to award its two Leon O. Paulding Scholarships to Kyle Morin, attending the Western New England University, and Norrie Osgood, who is studying at Brandeis University. Samantha Walton, our Chamber President, presented the scholarships at JHRS Annual Awards night on June 7th.

The Leon O. Paulding Scholarship serves two purposes, it honors hard working students from Weare and Henniker

and memorializes Leon Paulding, one of the founders of the Chamber, and the Chamber's commitment to the residents of Weare and local businesses growth.

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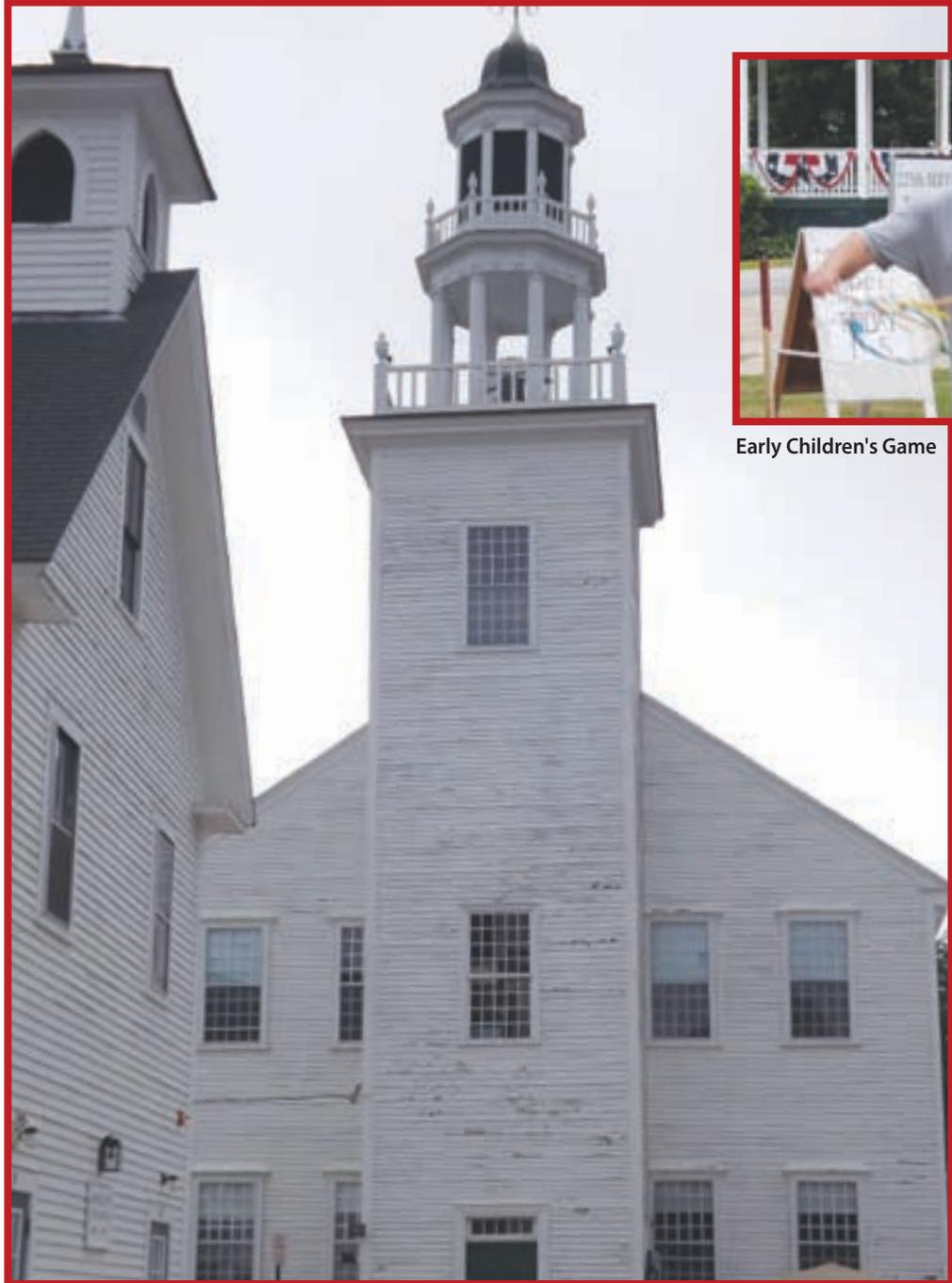
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