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Support for TAJ

With games, raffles, a bake sale, and donations a community came together Sunday to support the family of H-D 6th grader Taj Estey-Bethel, who suffers from a rare form of cancer. Children made photo cards to show their support. The cards will be sent to Taj over the next few weeks to cheer him up as he undergoes his treatment. See additional photo on page 11.

DAR Good Citizen

Madison Snaith, of New London, recently received a New Hampshire

Good Citizen's Award in recognition of her outstanding volunteer efforts in both

her community, as well as throughout the State of New Hampshire. Pictured are Snaith with Molly Stark Chapter Regent, Patricia Jackson of Derry who presented her with this award.



The Hillsboro-Deering Ministeriam (L to R) Fr. Thomas Duston of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rev. Barbara Currie of Deering Community Church, Rev. Joseph Saunders of United Methodist Church and Rev. Charles Barnes of Smith Memorial Congregational Church celebrated a joint Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening.

Teenager killed

Newport High senior hit in Charlestown

A Newport teenager was killed when he was struck by a pickup truck while moving a deer carcass off Route 12 near Windy Acres Park in Charlestown last Friday night. Adam Pysz, 17, of Newport and David Cummings, 32, of Claremont were attempting to move the deer, which had been struck by another vehicle, out of the northbound lane, when they were struck by a Ford Ranger driven by Benjamin Watkins, 24, of Springfield, Vt.. Both men were transported to Valley Regional

Hospital with serious injuries. Pysz died of his injuries, and Cummings was flown to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

State Police said neither speed nor alcohol appear to have been factors in the crash. Pysz was a senior at Newport Middle High School, and was to graduate this spring. He had planned to join the military. The accident remains under investigation, and witnesses can call Trooper Brandon M. Dean of Troop C at 358-3333.

ConVal staffer resigns after sexual assault arrest

The ConVal High School staffer who was recently indicted by a Cheshire County Grand Jury on sexual assault charges has resigned his position. John Vargas-Cifrino, 35, of Harrisville, resigned as a full-time paraprofessional at ConVal High School in August. According to school officials, Vargas-Cifrino resigned on Aug. 15th,

shortly after ConVal High School placed Vargas-Cifrino on unpaid leave. Vargas-Cifrino has been charged with two counts of sexual assault and one count of attempted aggravated felonious sexual assault of a girl he knew between the ages of 13 and 16. A trial in the case has been scheduled for July 2013.



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Retiring The Colors (l to r) Trevor McConnell, Post 39 Commander Charles Trowbridge and Hailey Hogancamp.

Bradford Elementary honors veterans

Text and photo by Rich Dahlgren

Over 100 students, teachers, staff, parents and veterans attended a program at Bradford Elementary School on Friday, November 9, 2012. Participating in the ceremony were members Charles Trowbridge, Richard Dahlgren and Phil Lord of Wilkins-Cloues-Bigelow-Pearson Post #39 in Warner.

The program was directed by grade 5 teacher, Mrs. Lauren Duquette. Principal Don West welcomed everyone and then Charles Trowbridge, Commander of Post #39 and 5th graders Trevor McConnell and Hailey Hogancamp posted the colors. The pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the Star Spangled Banner sung by the 2nd and 3rd grades.

Mrs. Duquette welcomed all those present and told the audience that the 2nd graders had written some letters for the Veterans and presented them to Commander Trowbridge for distribution. It is hoped that these letters can be brought to the Veterans' Home in Tilton for distribution. The President's Veterans Day proclamation was read by 5th graders Ashlee Start and Ashley Clark. Members of each class, starting with Kindergarten, recognized Veterans in their family who were or had been on active duty in the service.

The POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony was presented by members of the 4th grade classes and all items on the table were explained in detail. This "service is used at American Legion meetings, banquets, luncheons, or memorial gatherings in conjunction with the POW/MIA flag draped over an empty chair."

Several Veteran themed poems were read: "Heroes Die for Me" written by Jamie Burns and read by Ryan Turco and Andrew Grillo; "Veterans Day" written by Cheryl Dyson and ready by Alex Tanksley and Shawn Rowell.

Don West then thanked everyone for coming and had everyone stand while the colors were retired. Music teacher Matt Mitchell then played Taps on the trumpet. Commander Trowbridge, Trevor McConnell and Hailey Hogancamp then retired the colors.

It was a very fine program, well organized and a fitting tribute to Veterans in all branches of the service who have fought and continue to fight for our freedom.



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Help the Lions Club feed our needy neighbors this Christmas

Messenger publisher, Leigh Bosse, is pleased to announce that for the 18th consecutive year, The Messenger, in conjunction with the Hillsborough Lions Club, will be conducting its annual appeal to readers to fund the distribution of Christmas Food Baskets to needy families in the area.

For several years, Hillsborough churches, with donations from area civic groups, had distributed approximately 100 holiday food baskets to needy families three times each year; at Thanksgiving, Christmas and again at Easter. In the fall of 1994, it was decided to concentrate on Thanksgiving

and Easter, primarily because of lack of funds.

Realizing the tremendous hardship that would result, the local Lions Club and The Messenger agreed to step forward and provide this service each Christmas season. Individuals or organizations who wish to contribute to this neighbor to neighbor project

may do so by sending their check, payable to "Lions Food Baskets," to The Messenger, P.O. Box 1190, Hillsborough, NH 03244. In this poor economy, donations of any size are urgently needed. Those who donate to this worthwhile program will be recognized by having their names published in a future edition of The Messenger.

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Guy Eaton welcomed all to Washington's Annual Salute to Veterans' Dinner.

SEC's Decision on Antrim Wind delayed by wind

Superstorm Sandy has delayed the NH Site Evaluation Committee's decision on Antrim Wind Energy's plan to construct a 10 turbine 30-megawatt wind farm on Tuttle Hill and Willard Mountain. The SEC was originally scheduled to issue its decision at the end of September, but the hearings were delayed to allow additional evaluation and comment from the public. When the hearings began on Oct. 29th, they ran for a week, but were interrupted by Superstorm

Sandy. The hearings have now been scheduled for Nov. 27th, but it's unlikely they will be concluded by the end of the month, as scheduled. Michael Icapino, the attorney for the SEC, said that because of interruptions and late starts there wasn't enough time to hear all of the witnesses. Icapino said the hearing will probably run for at least an additional week after Nov. 30th, to hear testimony from the remaining 17 witnesses and allow time for deliberation.

HEY KIDS!

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U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) met with students from Sunapee High School as they toured Capitol Hill as part of the "Close Up, Washington, D.C." program. The meeting with Senator Shaheen was part of "Capitol Hill Day", where students have the chance to meet with their elected officials.



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Meet with Senator Kelly Ayotte's staff

U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) announced today that a member of her staff will be holding office hours in Hillsborough County to assist New Hampshire citizens with official business. Residents who are interested in meeting with a member of the Senator's staff should stop by the following town offices during the times listed below or call Neva Varsalone at (603) 622-7979 to schedule an appointment.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- Antrim Town Hall, 66 Main Street, 8:30 – 9:30
- Hillsborough Town Hall, School Street, 10:00 – 11:00
- Bennington Town Office, School Street, 11:30 AM–12:30
- Deering Town Hall, 762 Deering Center Road, 2:00 – 3:00

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- Peterborough Town Offices, 1 Grove Street, 10:00 – 11:00
- Greenfield Town Offices, 7 Sawmill Road, 11:30 AM – 12:30

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- Hancock Town Hall, 50 Main Street, 3:00 – 4:00

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- Windsor Town Hall, 14 White Pond Road, 9:00 – 10:00

Henniker applies for \$246,000 grant

Scott Osgood met with the Henniker Selectmen to ask permission to apply for Round 6 grant funding of the Safe Routes To School Program. This \$246,000 federal grant would fund safety improvements to the Western Avenue/Bridge Street intersection by providing for a loading zone, concrete ramps, signs, crosswalks, and pedestrian friendly street markings.

It addresses pedestrian safety west of the intersection by improving sidewalk and curbing and providing proper signage, crosswalks and pedestrian-friendly markings. Finally, this application addresses sidewalk and curbing issues along Hall Avenue and Rush Road and deals with Rush Road signage proper pedestrian-friendly markings. After a short discussion the Board unanimously approved the request.

Henniker ZBA overturns wedding ban at Forster's Tree Farm

A crowd of about 50 people sat patiently through a continuation of Steve Forster's d/b/a/Forster's Christmas Tree Farm appeal of a cease and desist order claiming that his property on Hunger Road was being used in violation of the Town Zoning Ordinance by holding weddings and other like functions that are not allowed uses in the RR zone ZBA.

ZBA Chair Doreen Conner opened the hearing by announcing that public testimony would not be taken but because one abutter was not notified of the prior hearing, she would allow his comments and a response from the applicant.

Ross Bennett and his attorney, Michael Donovan then argued that weddings were not a grandfathered use on Forster's property and they were neither incidental nor ancillary to the tree farm.

Citing a letter from the NH Commissioner of Agriculture that weddings were included in the term agrotourism, Forster's attorney Rob Miller argued that weddings were thus a permitted use under state law.

At the conclusion of testimony, member

Bob Sands attempted to make a motion to overturn the administrative decision and recognize weddings as a permitted use, provided Forster applied to the Planning Board for Site Plan Review. Connor convinced him to withdraw the motion and the Board entered into a long discussion

concluding in successive 5-0 votes deciding that 1. weddings were not a grandfathered use, and 2. neither were they an ancillary use. After agreeing by consensus that state law did not preempt the Henniker Zoning Ordinance, Sanders renewed his original motion which passed 5-0.



Attorney Michael Donovan, representing abutter Ross Bennett, urged the ZBA to uphold the Zoning Administrator's decision.

Share in Hospice Lights of Life

Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is holding a Hospice Lights of Life Community Remembrance Ceremony at Hillsborough House Nursing Home, 67 School Street in Hillsborough on Thursday, December 6 at 11:30 a.m. Now through December 1, you may request a candle to be lit for someone special. During December, electric candles will shine in the windows of Contoocook, Goffstown, Hillsborough, and Warner to celebrate lives past.

\$45,000 raised at Mount Sunapee Ski Club swap

Saturday's annual Mount Sunapee Area Ski Club Ski Swap raised almost \$45,000 with the ski club keeping about \$10,000 as its share.

About 200 individuals brought in items for consignment, with some things selling for under 30 percent of their value. After

the sale, consigners can pick up their checks and take back items that didn't sell. Proceeds from the Ski Swap are used to fund Sunapee Area Ski Club's junior ski team winter activities and scholarships, with a donation to the Kearsarge Middle School ski program.



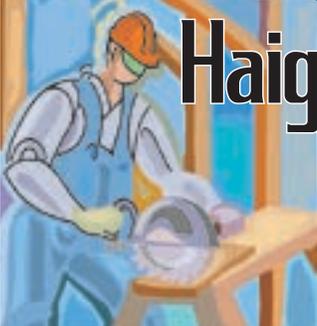
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The Henniker Rotary Club gave HDHS Music Director and NH Teacher of the Year Heidi Welch a standing ovation after her presentation.

Sunapee Harbor Magic:

Saturday December 1st 1-4:30 PM

Celebrate the magic of our community by singing, sharing stories of your family's traditions, having a hot cocoa and taking a hay ride, participating in a workshop, visiting Santa or by strolling through the harbor.

1-4:00 pm Take a hay ride and enjoy a magical tour of the harbor (leaves from boat launch)

1-4:00 pm Each child will decorate their own fresh baked gingerbread cookie (cost \$5)

1-3:00 pm Christmas stories in Pete's Shed

1:00 pm Silent auction at Pete's Shed - make a bid on wonderful locally handcrafted items to support this community celebration

1:00 pm Hot food and drinks on the MV Kearsarge sponsored by SMHS French Club

1:00 pm Delicious homemade pies in Pete's Shed sponsored by SMHS Art Club

2:00 pm Looney lunge - cheer on the loonies taking a winter splash in Lake Sunapee

2:30 pm Santa arrives at the Harbor Bridge to lead the parade and light the bonfire at the Gazebo (sponsored by Sunapee Volunteer Firefighters)

3:00 pm Join in the caroling at the gazebo SMHS Chorus

4:00 pm Santa lights our traditional Sunapee Harbor tree
Sunapee Toys for Joy and Food Pantry donations welcomed.
(Please bring unwrapped toys and needed items for the Sunapee Food Pantry)

Hosted by the Sunapee Recreation Department and Sunapee Volunteers.

Town of Weare set to receive \$12,086

Highway Superintendent Tim Redmond told the Weare selectmen that there has been a settlement of Concord Resource Recovery's lawsuit with the City of Concord. As a result, Weare will receive \$12,086. The Cooperative is asking for a majority vote of whether the twenty-two members in the Cooperative would prefer a credit against the monthly bills or a check for the full amount payable to the Town. The Board agreed to a lump sum payment, not credit towards the average monthly charges of \$14,000-\$16,000. Chairman Clow said that if the payment would come this year he would prefer a credit, but after the first of the year he would prefer a lump sum check.

Reassessment of all New London properties underway

The towns of New London, Newbury and Sunapee have hired Cross Country Appraisal Group to perform data verification on some properties that have not been visited in five years or more. The New London portion of that project began November 19th. The data collectors will have identification, their vehicles will be marked, and CCAG will be on their license plates. The Police Department and Town Office will have this information in the event you have concerns. The data collector will ask to measure the property as well as verify the interior. The data collector will only verify the interior if someone over the age of 18 is present. If no one is home, the data collector will verify exterior measurements, and leave a door hanger request-

ing that you call to make an appointment to verify the interior of the home. Please note: The Town is not performing a revaluation at

this time, only verifying the property data. Your assessment will only change if the data on your property card is not correct.

Peterborough man confesses

A Peterborough man told authorities, "I live there and I lit the apartment fire," Devon W. Tatro, 18, of Peterborough has been arrested on charges of arson and reckless conduct after Peterborough Police and the State Fire Marshal's Office investigation of a fire at the Rockbrook Apartments, on Union Street.

He was arrested at the scene of the fire and is being held in lieu of \$50,000 cash bail. In court Tuesday morning his bail was held and he was returned to the jail. Keith Rodenhiser, a Fire Marshal Office investigator and Peterborough Deputy Chief, was one of the first responders on the scene. Tatro told Rodenhiser he set the fire after a phone call from his mother angered him. Tatro's father told Rodenhiser that his son is in need of help and is currently in counseling for mental health issues.



Principal Katherine McBride, Café staff members Lisa Aucoin and Laurie Barrasso served the annual Thanksgiving lunch at Henniker Community School with all the fixin's. Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, stuffing, rolls & butter and a choice of pumpkin or apple pie....all served up for students with the help of Assistant Principal Karen Raymond.

Henniker food pantry volunteers needed

The Henniker Food Pantry is in need of several more volunteers for 2013. We need caring people who can help distribute food on Wednesday evenings once every 6 weeks for an hour.

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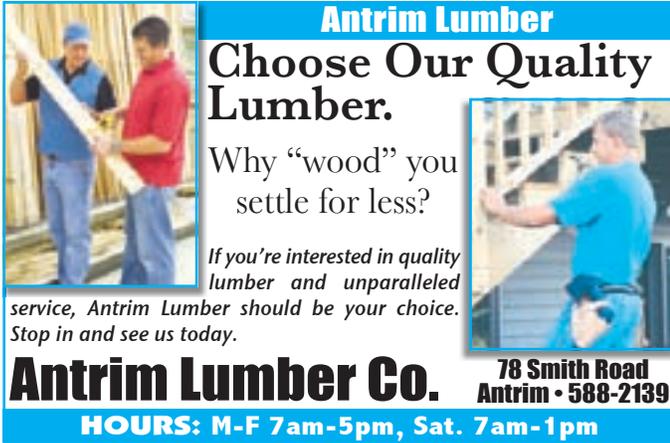


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Women on Target at Deering Fish & Game

The Deering Fish & Game in concert with the National Rifle Association offered the "WOMEN ON TARGET" instructional shooting course again this fall. The class and content was very similar to that of last year. Target, ammunition, eye and ear protection and refreshments were provided by the Deering Fish & Game and NRA. Qualified shooting instructors, range officers, along with hand gun safety professionals were again on hand to instruct and answer any questions regarding handgun use and safety. We provided Mark III 22/45 handguns for use by the students.

The clinic date was Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The maximum of 24 women were registered to participate in this instructional shooting clinic. The central theme of the class is to promote interest in handgun safety and use allowing the students to dismiss any fears or discomfort they might have regarding handgun use and other methods of self protection.

Old Fashioned Christmas New Events

Co-hosting an Artisan's Fair are the Heritage Museum and Hillsborough Pride, show-casing fine, hand-made, one-of-a-kind crafts from which to choose. A special, not to be missed, viewing of 2 restored 1933 theater curtains will also be part of this fun-filled day.

Come on down to the museum December 1st, 9 to 1. Shop early and shop local.

Holiday Musical Extravaganza

On December 1st, from 1 to 3:30 at Smith Church, Main Street. This is a casual concert - come early, stay late or just drop in to listen to your favorite musicians.

- 1:00 Smith Church hand bells
- 1:20 Trumpet Trio - Holiday Music from around the World performed by; Megan Fraser, Kyle Beloin and Chandler Baker
- 1:45 Tea and Crumpets - A Christmas Sing-a-long by Rick & Toni Spiegall and J.P. & Pam Stohrer
- 2:15 A Medley of Love Songs by Steve and Jane Waters
- 2:45 Home-grown musicality by the Bible Hill Boys
- 3:05 Methodist Church Choir - Heavenly Music
- 3:30 A reading -Twas the Night Before Christmas by Martha Bradley.

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Two Weare men among trio arrested for Craigslist scam

Two Weare men were among three arrested for stealing a tractor after posting the item on Craigslist as free for the taking. Authorities say the online web posting provided the men with an alibi. Arrested were Adam Quinney, 20, of Weare; Daniel Chesley, 23, of Conway; and Allen Downs, 29, of Weare. They were charged with one count each of theft by unauthorized taking, a Class A felony; attempt to commit theft, a

Class B felony; conspiracy to commit theft by unauthorized taking, a Class B felony, and criminal trespass, a violation. Quinney was also charged with transporting alcoholic beverages by a minor, a violation. Police learned that the men placed false ads on Craigslist, posting the tractor, and then a truck body, as free for the taking. Shortly after the first item, the tractor, was

listed on Craigslist it was stolen. When they returned on Friday, police had set up surveillance and caught the trio stealing the truck bed and other items from the property. The tractor was recovered at a salvage yard in Tamworth where it had been sold for scrap. The case is still under investigation and additional charges are likely.

Case of the missing blue bull

Ferdinand the 200-pound blue plastic bull didn't wander far from his home at the Winter Hill Farm Store in Hillsborough. Shortly after reports of his disappearance appeared in the media, he was discovered on a vacant lot on Bear Hill Road.

Owner Amy Scott found it at an antiques show last year, brought it home, painted it blue, and placed it at the business to attract visitors to the store which sells homemade ice cream, beef and other items produced on their Winter Hill Farm in Henniker. His kidnappers remain at large.



Bill Luce and Paris Wells led a group of volunteers from the Office of Youth Services in the annual clean-up at Landry Garden in the center of downtown Hillsboro. The Office of Youth Services does group community service projects with teens every Friday after school.

Alcohol-free Holiday Celebrations

Holiday season is here and many adults enjoy a drink now and then. Drinking can be beneficial or harmful, depending on your age and health, the situation, and how much you drink. When celebrating with friends and family there is an option not to drink. Pregnancy, medical conditions, and being in recovery are some common reasons for abstaining. Many people also choose

Too much alcohol can be harmful to your health.

not to drink for religious or personal reasons or because they want to live a healthier lifestyle.

For more information on how alcohol affects your health, visit the following websites:

- <http://rethinkingdrinking.niaaa.nih.gov/>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/fact-sheets/alcohol-use.htm>

Creating a safe environment and encouraging healthy behavior saves lives

If someone you know is struggling with alcohol or other drugs, help is available. To speak with someone confidentially, call the NH Bureau of Drug & Alcohol Services 603-271-6110 or 800-804-0909

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Hopkinton Holiday Programs

Gingerbread House Decorating

Saturday, December 1, 2012 Shifts starting at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at Slusser Senior Center. It's a family day. Come enjoy quality family time decorating your very own tasty gingerbread house. Cost is \$20.00/house.

This includes one assembled house, all the decorations, and the clean-up. Just bring your imagination and some holiday cheer. Space is limited for this event and a pre-payment /registration is required. Registrations are being accepted through Wednesday, November 28th. Please mail or drop off to the Town Hall or Slusser Senior Center.

Holiday Lights Contest

It is time to start thinking about how you are going to decorate your home for the holidays! You may be the lucky winner of the Annual Holiday Lights Contest! Whether you have a peaceful yard exhibit or a massive light spectacle, be sure to enter your home. The top three winners will be chosen by the Recreation Committee on the evening of December 14th. Show some

community holiday spirit and out-decorate your neighbor! Homes must be entered by 4:30 p.m. on December 13th. This event is for all Hopkinton and Contoocook Residents.

Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 8th, 8:00-11:00am at Slusser Senior Center. Santa is coming to Town and wants to visit with all our Hopkinton kids. Come join us in welcoming our guest of honor for breakfast! Children can enjoy a special visit with Santa and participate in fun art activities too! Breakfast will include eggs, pancakes, bacon, toast, muffins, hash browns, etc. Cost: Adults: \$5.00 Kids: \$3.00 All proceeds will go toward Operation Christmas organized by the Human Services Department.

Santa Is Calling

Special arrangements have been made for SANTA CLAUS to telephone your children, ages 3-8, from Santa's North Pole Workshop. Thursday, December 13th, 2011 Between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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Area businesses join Lake Sunapee Hospice Lights

Twenty-seven businesses have signed up to help the Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA) light up the area with Hospice Lights.

This is the second year the LSRVNA has participated in the program. Seventeen businesses participated in 2011. The program, which began Nov. 1, runs through Nov. 30 in celebration of National Hospice Month. There is still time to help "light the way for hospice care."

LSRVNA provides posters, strings of white lights and small note cards [on which

the name(s) of person(s) being remembered can be written if desired]. Participating businesses then sell individual bulbs for \$2 each and display the lights and cards in whatever way works best for them.

Many businesses last year simply tied the cards onto the string next to each bulb. As bulbs are sold, the light strings get brighter, each light honoring someone's life and memory. "Think of the awareness and funds that could be raised. If, for instance, 50 businesses participated and each sold 50 lights, \$5,000 would be raised."



Taj Estey-Bethel (c) presented a trophy to the winning team at the "Pulling For Taj" Tug of War contest Sunday.

Whole community comes together to support Taj

Once again the community pulled together to make the Walk/Run for Taj a complete success. The event raised enough money to help with the everyday costs of caring for an ill child. Organizers of the event were extremely grateful to all the generous donors who help exceed their fundraising goal. The family is appreciative beyond words.

The following is a list of businesses and people that contributed to the walk/run. Shaws, Mobil, Livingston's Arctic Cat, Maine Auto, S.C.Auto, Ming Du, Well Sweep Gallery, Pat's Peak, Tooky Mills, Hillsboro Area Artisans(HAA): Janett Gilman, Trish Dalto, Camille Gibson, John VanHazinga, Nicole Sylvester of Pampered

Chef, Sampan, Sweet Expressions, Gibson Pewter, German John's Bakery, Jessica Szweda, Hillsboro House of Pizza, J.D. Foods, Finicky Framing, Hair Details, My Place Nail Salon, Agway, Yanni's Pizza, The Lischke Family, The Other Ark, Morse Sporting Goods, V.I.P, Hillsboro Diner, Dollar General, Radio Shack, William's Store, Villari's Self Defense, Mamakating Electric, Good Tidings, Irving Oil, Dunkin Donuts, William Goss, Leigh Bosse, Joyce Bosse, The Chadwick Family, The Edsall Family, The Zdon Family, The Marshal Family, The Gibson Family, The Johnson Family, The Ladies Aid Society, Ms. Helen Colby, Ms. Liz Caswell, AND many, many, anonymously donated items.

'Twas Just Before Christmas in Newport

The Newport Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its 13th annual 'Twas Just Before Christmas Holiday Festival from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15. People, businesses and organizations are encouraged to participate.

If your organization would like to join the festivities, please complete the Participation Information and Contract Form and return it to the Chamber as soon as possible and no later than Nov. 30.

Locations will be assigned by the festival organizers based on a number of factors including items being sold and receipt date of participation/ commitment form.

Passport to Santa has children visiting participating Main Street member businesses to collect holiday stamps on their Passport to Santa (to be provided free at the

event to all children). With their completed Passport to Santa, children will enter the Newport Opera House through Santa's Secret Entrance to meet Santa on stage. The Newport Recreation Department's Chili Cook-off will be featured again this year, minus the chowder.

Festival goers can explore the downtown storefronts as they taste and judge chili along the way. The Chili Walk Cook-Off will be held from 4-6 p.m. Please contact the Newport Recreation Department at 863-1332 to enter your chili. Other planned festival activities include: face painting, bonfire and marshmallow, horse and wagon rides and additional vendor locations will be set up through Main Street.

Please contact the chamber about sponsorship opportunities.

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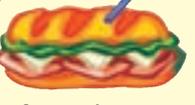
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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

In this poor economy here are several reasons why it is more important than ever that we all shop locally this holiday season.

1. Protect Local Character and Prosperity: By supporting locally-owned businesses, you help maintain our unique community. Can you imagine Henniker without the Pharmacy? Hillsborough without Eaton's? Bradford without Barns? New London without McKenna's, Newport without MJ Harrington's or Antrim without Antrim Lumber?

2. Community Well-Being: Locally owned businesses build strong neighborhoods by sustaining communities, linking neighbors; and by contributing to local causes. Antrim Lumber, Edmunds, Clarke's Hardware and RP Johnsons carry the same quality products as Lowes or Home Depot and they support our Lions, Rotary Clubs, schools and churches.

3. Local Decision Making: Local ownership means that important decisions are made locally by people who live in the community and who will feel the impacts of those decisions. Wymans, Hillsboro Chrysler and Hillsboro Ford do more to support local scouts and youth athletic organizations than big city dealerships.

4. Keeping Dollars in the Local Economy: Dollars spent in locally-owned

businesses have three times the impact on the community as dollars spent at national chains. If you buy a snowmobile from Livingston's you support Gene and Steve as they give back countless hours and services to the community.

5. Jobs and Wages: When shopping locally, you create jobs and promote community development. Locally-owned businesses create more jobs locally and generally provide better wages and benefits than chains do. You can buy them in Concord or Keene, but if you buy a snowblower from Tyler's, or a sofa from Eatons, you keep local people employed who also spend their money in town.

6. Support Entrepreneurship: Entrepreneurship fuels our economy and elevates our families. Eating at Peter Christians, Tooky Mills, Albertos, Bubba's, Foothills, or Daniel's does more to keep our neighbors employed and our communities flourishing than the same meal at Longhorn or Olive Garden,

7. Product Diversity: A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based on the needs of local customers guarantees a broader range of product choices. Have you seen the selections at Hubert's, or Morse Sporting Goods? They carry the same great products as Dick's or Carbella's and their profits are recycled locally.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I don't think for one minute that my fight or our fight is far from over. I have been taking my time to realize what had happened at the ZBA meeting last Thursday in Henniker. After all that time and defending a current state law and what the town has had adopted, the town acknowledges that the RSA is correct?? However, they could not allow me to completely get on with my life without some sort of catch. "Site Plan Review", why I need it is beyond me. I don't think its correct that they added that on to the requirement for me to engage in "Agritourism." Especially, since I'm following a State RSA that the town uses and has adopted in its own Zoning

Regs. Nothing has changed on my property that warrants this. If they wanted to add this requirement on, they should write up a new warrant article and put it to the test. Let the voters and taxpayers of the town determine the direction that they should go to.

A lot of time, effort and monies have been used up, on both sides, for something that could have been addressed right from the onset. If that was the intent of the complainers? As a taxpayer and long time resident of this town, I find it disrespectful and disgraceful that none of the town officials had the decency to come forth and confront me on this issue before it came to this point. It confirms to me how little

government cares about the taxpayer and considers us just a revenue source. Nothing more! I was Guilty before I was Innocent..

The "Good News".. In spite of the fact that a lot of energy has been spent on this and instead of the complainers trying to put me out of business, my phone is ringing off the hook! At this point, I want to thank the Bennett family and the Joyces and tell them, the reverse effect has happened to their intent! Instead of my business declining, it has taken off! They really have put me on the Map...

Other "Good News", I have met so

many people that are on the same page as I. At one point I felt that this battle was just mine. How wrong I was. I must apologize to all of you that have come to the forefront and have supported me for thinking that in this time of crisis. However, never forget, that this is just the beginning in the fight for property rights in the 21st Century. You all know what I'm talking about. There are so many people that I personally want to thank, there are too many to mention. So, to all of you, I Thank You for your support.

**Stephan E. Forster, Henniker
Forsters Christmas Tree Farm**



Alma Mater: Tracking Grads

Anne Fougere, of Warner, a student from Kearsarge Regional High School, will major in Physical Education. **Brooke Novakoski**, of Dunbarton, a student from Bishop Brady High School, will major in Nursing and **Elise Ewing** of Hopkinton, class of 2013 have enrolled at Saint Joseph's College of Maine beginning in the fall semester.

The following area students were named to the Dean's List at Paul Smith's College: **Nathaniel Gautier** of Hillsborough; Gautier majors in culinary arts and service management. **Marc-Anthony Seminara** of New London; Seminara majors in baking and pastry arts. **Clarice Young** of Stoddard; Young majors in food service and beverage management.

Elizabeth Grisafi was named to the Marist College Dean's List for the Spring 2012 semester.

Brendan West '13, of New London was among over 750 students from Union College who made the annual Dean's List. West, a Mechanical Engineering major, is a 2009 graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School.

Kristopher Bloom of Frankestown has announced an intent to begin studies at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Fla., in Fall 2012. Bloom graduated from Contoocook Valley Regional HS and plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering.

Daniel Ager of Hillsborough recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the University at Albany.

Jessica Mullins of Greenfield has been named to Eckerd College's Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester.

Corinne Cabaniss of New London and **Chelsea Geshel** of Goffstown attained membership to the Curry College. Dean's List for the Spring 2012 term: **Taylor Clough** of Dub-

lin, who plans on majoring in athletic training. **Meghan Everson** of New London, who plans on majoring in health sciences. **Taylor Foley** of Peterborough, who plans on majoring in marketing. **Madison Cairns** of Hopkinton, who plans on majoring in public policy and administration have enrolled at James Madison University for the fall 2012 semester:

The graduates from the Tufts University School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Engineering included: **Lauren Klinker** of Hopkinton, with a Bachelor's degree in Biomedical Engineering summa cum laude. **Zachary Cousens** of Contoocook, with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental.

Matthew Savage of Frankestown and **Maximilian Sink** of Contoocook have earned placement on the Berklee College of Music Dean's List.

Elizabeth Betz, of Bradford, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Management. and **Brianna Pappas**, of Goffstown, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Roger Williams University

Lauren Funk of Henniker, earned a BFA degree in Metals and Jewelry and **Kelsie Blanchard** of New Boston earned a BFA degree in Accessory Design from the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Gretchen Grzyb, a resident of Goffstown, and **Kate Seigars**, a resident of Greenfield, were named to the University of Massachusetts Dean's List.

Loretta Donelan of Peterborough, NH has started at Emerson College as an Undergraduate student in the Writing, Lit and Publishing program.

Congratulations!

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Events: Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24

HOLIDAY MARKET: Market on the Green in New London will be holding a Holiday Market from 10am to 2pm at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School in New London. There will be vendors from the summer season of Market on the Green, as well as some new faces, selling produce, preserves, artisan crafts, baked goods, and ready-to-eat foods. All vendors will be selling products grown or made locally. Bring your family and friends for a great day of holiday shopping, and support your local farmers, bakers and artisans.

WREATH SALE: Newbury Beautification Committee, 9am to 1pm, Newbury Town Offices, Route 103, wreaths, roping, kissing balls, centerpieces and handcrafted gifts for all. Create your own or purchase a signature wreath. Enjoy the same low prices as previous years.

HARRIS CENTER: Old Stone Culvert Clearing on Cadot Trail. All hands and abilities welcome. Use your rake, or borrow our tools. Meet at 9am at town gate Number 271 on Old Dublin Road in Hancock. Bring water and a lunch. Done about 1 p.m.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: 9am to 2pm – CHRISTMAS FAIR at Washington Elementary School (next to Camp Morgan). Visit with Santa from 10 to noon – bring a camera. Come and shop for special gifts, homemade

items and delicious food delicacies. Lunch will be served. Sponsored by the Washington Congregational Church. A few tables are still available at \$15 each. Call Becky Denslow for more information at 495-1196.

HOT STUFF RAFFLE: At Washington Elementary School's Christmas Fair November 24th. 1st prize 1 cord of green wood cut, split & delivered, 2nd prize 1 ton of wood pellets, 3rd prize Gift basket with fire extinguisher, CO2 detector & more. Tickets are \$1 and available at: Washington General Store, Washington Town Hall, Washington Elementary School Office, The Heat Is On, Second Life Consignments. Proceeds benefit Washington Elementary School.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25

SUNSHINE DINNER: Feast With Friends. - Enjoy a delicious meal of Lasagne from 4 - 6pm. Continuous seating. Given by the Community for the Community Open to ANYONE in Need of More Sunshine. Free Meal (donations accepted) Church of the Epiphany Newport 863-1786.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 26

BLOOD DRIVE: Francestown's Holiday Blood Drive will be held from 3:30pm -7:30pm at the Francestown Elementary School, positive ID is required: blood donor card, driver's license, or two other forms of ID. Appoint-

ments are recommended, and walk-ins are always welcome. Schedule an appointment at 1.800.733.2767.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28

FALL BREAKFAST: Sponsored by the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce, 8-9am at the Newport Senior Center. Advance tickets only, limited seating, \$5 per person. Tickets available at the chamber office, contact Ella Casey, 863-1510.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29

STONE WALLS: The Friends of the Davis Public Library is presenting the program, "Kevin Gardner: Discovering New England Stone Walls," at 7pm at the Stoddard Town Hall. His informal talk covers a few of the main topics of his book, "The Granite Kiss," as he uses stones to build a similar wall and explains how and why New England came to acquire thousands of miles of stone walls and their significance to the famous New England landscape. It is free and open to the public. A question and answer period will follow along with refreshments. For questions or directions please call Angel Nicoletti at: 603-847-954.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30

CHRISTIAN CONCERT: KaelumWay, an up and coming Christian Band out of Nashua, will be holding a free concert at Antrim Baptist, Antrim, NH at 7pm.

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There will be a free-will offering for the ministry of KaelumWay. Refreshments will follow the concert. Antrim Baptist Church is located at the intersection of Routes 31 and 202. For more information, please call 588-6614.

GALA OF LIGHTS: Evening of Lights Gala, Antrim's Festival of Trees. 7pm - 9pm, Tuttle Library, 45 Main Street, Antrim. Music, refreshments, silent auction, viewing of over 70 decorated trees and wreaths, voting for favorites. Tickets \$10 per person, available at Tuttle Library, TBird and Edmunds Hardware in Antrim, or call Missy Taylor at 588-7146.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1

OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS: Hillsborough Pride's annual celebration of both the liturgical and commercial aspects of the holiday. Events throughout town beginning at 7am.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Christmas Fair and Soup Luncheon December 1, 9am-2pm To benefit the Food Pantry Crafts, White Elephant Table and Baked Goods. First Baptist Church of Bradford.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR: The Wilmot Community Association is seeking vendors for its annual Holiday Craft Fair from 9am to 2pm at the New London Outing Club's Indoor Center, 114 Cougar Court, New London. Applications are available from WCA by calling Kathy

Neuberger between 6 and 9pm at (603) 477-5250.

PET PHOTOS: WAG Craft Fair and Photos with Santa Old Weare Town Hall - Route 114 adjacent the American Legion from 9:30 - 2pm. Photos with Santa for pets and kids of all ages. NH handcrafts and baked goods. For more info, call 529-5443.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS: 9am - 2pm Christmas & Craft Items, Grapevine Wreaths, Candles, Jewelry, White Elephant Sale, Toys, Books, Bake Sale, Memory Tree, and Community Calendars. Luncheon available 11am-2pm. This event will be held at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: First Baptist Church, Newport, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., crafts, baked goods, gifts, Christmas centerpieces, cookie walk. Lunch, 11am to 1pm, salmon or corn chowder, sandwiches, dessert and coffee, adults, \$8, children, \$4.

AREA CHOIR: The Area Choir is made up of about 70 members, some of whom have been part of the group for more than 40 years. Come and enjoy the music of the holiday season at the South Congregational Church, 58 South Main St., Newport, Dec. 1, 7:30pm and Dec. 2, 3:30 and 7:30pm. There is no admission fee but a collection will be taken during the offertory.

PIE SALE: The Ladies Aid Society of the Union Chapel on Saw Mill Road in the Hillsborough Lower Village is

having their annual pie sale again this December. The date is Saturday, December 1, at the Winter Hill Farm at the intersection of Route #9 and Route #31 (towards Washington). The proceeds will be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the Union Chapel. Hours will correspond to those of Winter Hill Farm. We hope to see many of you as you enjoy the Hillsborough Christmas event in our town.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2

FESTIVAL OF TREES: Sun. Dec 2 - Tues. Jan 1: Antrim's annual Festival of Trees. Open House Dec. 2, 1pm - 6pm, refreshments, scavenger hunt, caroling, lighting of tree and visit with Santa from 4pm - 6pm. Open regular Library hours to January 1, and on Sunday, Dec. 16, 1pm - 4 pm and Tuesday, January 1, 1 pm to 4pm. Tuttle Library, 45 Main Street, Antrim. For more information, www.AntrimFestivalofTrees.org or contact Missy Taylor at 588-7146.

NEWBURY PROGRAM: December 2 - Christmas Tree Lighting in the front of the Center Meeting House at 5:00pm.

OPEN HOUSE: New London Historical Society Holiday open house on the society grounds, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. hearth-side cooking, crafts, musical performances, silent auction, members, \$4, non-members, \$6.



TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH PLANNING BOARD

ABUTTER and PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:7 that the Hillsborough Planning Board will hold a public hearing on an application for Exemption from Site Plan Review for a Change of Use submitted by Paul M. Haley for property owned by PMH Auto Realty, LLC and located at 116 Henniker St. (Tax Map 12, Lot 78). The request is to allow for changing the use of an existing building from single-family residential use to mixed-use by changing the use of a portion of an existing building (a porch) to a Law Office. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 7:10 pm. in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 27 School Street, Hillsborough, New Hampshire during a regular meeting of the Board. Should a decision not be reached at the Public Hearing, this application will stay on the Planning Board agenda until such time as it is either approved or disapproved. Copies of the application and plans may be viewed at the Office of Community Planning, 27 School Street, Hillsborough, NH. Anyone needing assistance to attend this meeting should contact the Office of Community Planning at 603-464-3877, Ext. 227 one week prior to the scheduled date.

Hillsborough Planning Board

SAU #34 Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative, Washington and Windsor School Districts

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for SAU #34

Thursday, December 6, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

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The SAU #34 Board meeting will commence immediately following

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| Salaries and Benefits | \$903,283 | \$926,035 |
| Audit, Legal and Other Services | \$21,000 | \$26,640 |
| Postage, Telephone, Advertising, Printing & Mileage | \$25,677 | \$27,677 |
| Leases and Other Purchased Services | \$26,664 | \$31,664 |
| Supplies & Books | \$10,225 | \$10,225 |
| Equipment Dues & Fees, | \$1,000 | \$2,800 |
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