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Frost heaves returns

The Frost Heaves Players (Dave Nelson, Ken Sheldon, Liz Wright, Kathy Manfre and Beth Signoretti) present Frost Heaves: Holiday Hilarity, Dec. Dec. 7, 8, 9 and 15 at the Peterborough Players theatre.



Nowell Sing We Clear

The Monadnock Folklore Society presents Nowell Sing We Clear on Friday, December 7 at 8:00 PM at the Dublin Community Church. \$15/\$12(senior, youth & advance internet sales).



(L to R) Margaret Watkins, Vice Chair of Five Rivers Conservation Trust, Martha Sunderland of the Henniker Conservation Commission, Kris Blomback, Chair Henniker Selectmen.

Watman honored

Town dedicates Thomas Watman Conservation Area

After nearly two years of investigation and debate over what to do with lots acquired by the town of Henniker, Tax Map Lots 47, 48 and 50, an agreement was finalized between the Town the Conservation Commission and Five Rivers Conservation Trust creating the Thomas Watman Conservation Area.



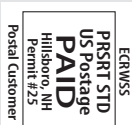
Named in honor of the recently deceased Tom Watman, a longtime Selectman and Board's representative to the Conservation

Commission, the unique arrangement is seen as a win-win-win by all parties. 1. Tom Watman's memory is appropriately honored. 2. The pristine area is preserved in perpetuity, while allowing public access for recreation and enjoyment. 3. Henniker taxpayers benefit from the \$136,100 transfer to the Town's General Fund to reduce taxes. At the November 20th Selectman's meeting, the parties executed the conservation easement and baseline management agreement whereby the town retains ownership of the land while Five Rivers will administer the conservation easement preserving its rural character.

New Kearsarge teachers' contract calls for merit pay

New London Selectwoman Janet Kidder attended a recent Kearsarge Regional School Board meeting and reported that the school's budget would increase by 2.6%. Their operating budget will increase by 1.1%. They plan to offer full-day kindergarten for the 2013-14 school year which will necessitate two more teachers. There

is a new three-year teachers contract that will be a bonus-type plan with four levels of competency. This is a new way of compensating as performance based. Reviews will be done by teachers, administration and outside people. Kearsarge is only one of two school districts in the State that will implement this kind of contract.



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Vice District Governor Sandra Hurd recently visited the Hillsboro Lions Club. Karen Booth Photo.

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Friction between Newport two boards?

The December 3rd Newport Selectmen's meeting should prove interesting. Detecting some confusion, friction and distrust between the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, the selectmen have invited members of both boards to join them in a discussion.

Sunapee Selectmen fill vacant positions

Chief Cahill introduced Officer Edward Shaughnessy as the new part-time police officer in Sunapee, and Town Clerk Betty Ramspott swore him in as a Sunapee officer. The selectmen also appointed Jolene Chappell and Lena Welch as Trustees of the Trust Fund, until the March 2013 election.

Chairman Gallup opened the meeting for public comments on the Noise Ordinance, which there were none. The Town Attorney has requested that the Board hold off adopting the new noise ordinance so she can review it and the Board complied.

Family Literacy Night in Henniker

As a parent do you struggle with how best to help your "just learning" reader at home or are you looking for new strategies to add to the ways you can help your young reader? If so, Family Literacy Night for grades K-2 at the Henniker Community School is for you. Literacy Intervention coordinators and some classroom teachers will be on hand to meet with parents to introduce and practice two reading strategies that can be used at home to build reading comprehension. They will also provide participants with a list of resources for early literacy. Every student who attends will receive a free book and there will also be a drawing for a subscription to Highlights Magazine. The family literacy night will be held from 6-7 PM on Thursday, December 6, 2012 in the seventh grade wing of the Henniker Community School.

Bank of New Hampshire aids Food Bank

Bank of New Hampshire is proud to support the New Hampshire Food Bank with a \$1,500 donation. Bank of New Hampshire ran a Facebook promotion to reach 1,500 likes and would then donate \$1,500 to the New Hampshire Food Bank. For more information on the New Hampshire Food Bank, visit www.nhfoodbank.org.

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Henniker school launches "Roadmap to End Childhood Hunger"

A statewide effort to ensure that no New Hampshire child goes to bed hungry was recently launched at the Henniker Community School and supporters say that while the problem is complex, the solutions are simple. The Roadmap to End Childhood Hunger is a program launched by a group of businesses, organizations, and government agencies called New Hampshire Hunger Solutions.

Coordinated by the Children's Alliance of New Hampshire, The Roadmap to End Childhood Hunger seeks to ensure kids have access to food, to make sure the

systems in place for getting food to those who need it are as efficient as possible, and to promote economic security for all New Hampshire families, said Erika Argersinger, policy director for the Children's Alliance.

Joe Carelli, president of Citizens Bank, said his company partnered with the Children's Alliance because a lack of adequate nutrition puts children at a disadvantage both in school and out. The Roadmap to End Childhood Hunger was launched in

Henniker in part because of the work done to eradicate hunger at the Community School by food services director Marty Davis. Davis, a trained dietician and educator, has seen first-hand the effects of hunger on children both at the school and through her volunteer work at the local food pantry. Her goal at the school was to take the limited resources available, to partner with local farms, and offer breakfast, snacks and lunches so that during the school day, there would be no rumbling bellies.

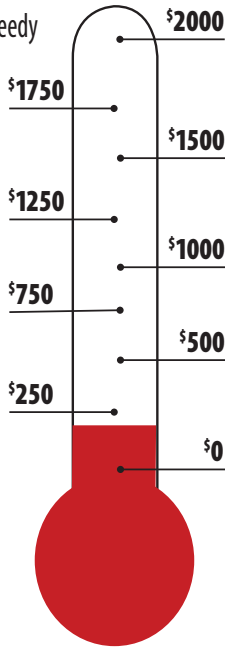
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President of Citizens Bank of NH, VT, & ME Joe Carelli, enjoys a morning snack break with Henniker Community School students just before Thanksgiving. Carelli was a speaker at NH Hunger Solutions, a program sponsored by the Children's Alliance of NH that was held at the Henniker Community School November 20.

Traffic reversed on Antrim's School St. in January

At Monday's Antrim Selectmen's meeting the Board agreed with Police Chief Scott Lester's suggestion to reverse to flow of traffic on school Street. Beginning when school resumes in January, vehicles

will now enter from Summer Street and exit from West Street. Prominent signage will be posted and officers will be on duty during the first week to insure a smooth transition.

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Cumberland Farms burglar still at large

Hillsboro police are searching for a suspect in connection to an armed robbery that happened Saturday. Christopher Corona, 44, reportedly fled from the scene at Cumberland Farms on Henniker Street after he held the store clerk at knife-point while she was on her way to the bank with a bag of cash, police say.



Christopher Corona

Corona was wearing a partial mask and was last seen leaving in a 2011 silver Kia Sorento with New Hampshire plate 3176374. Corona may be using an alias. According to police, Corona also uses "Quigley" as a last name. Authorities are asking people to contact local police if Corona is located. Hillsboro police can be contacted at 603-464-5512.

Newport votes to continue Block Grants

Shelley Hadfield, Grant Coordinator, briefed the Newport Selectmen on the current status of two ongoing Block Grants. The Child Safe Grant is in its final stages and is scheduled to conclude at the end of the year. The Maple Manor Senior Housing Grant, also scheduled to end in December, is completing the renovation of 14 units, including new roofs and windows. The Board voted unanimously to continue both grants funded by the NH Community Development Fund.

6th Annual Turkey Trot attracts 859

A group of 859 runners participated in the 6th Annual Lake Sunapee Turkey Trot 5K road race last week. Joshua Steffen of Wilmot finished first with a time of 16 minutes, 29 seconds followed by William Seidel of Madison, Joshua Hnizdor of Grantham, Neal Graves of Croydon, Andrew Liverman of Alexandria, VA, Ernest Brake of North Sutton, Ryan Twomey of Plymouth, Joseph Halpin of Martinsville, VA, Andy Havey of Bolton Landing, NY, and Parkes Sorenson of Storrs, CT, for the top 10 men. The first woman to cross the line was Sara Graves of Croydon with a time of 19:56, which was good for 16th overall. She was followed by Ariel Hubert of Newport, Madilyn Ferreira of New London, Jillian Corley of New London, Alissa Hubert of Newport, Geneva Heffernan of Sutton Mills, Rosie Webb of Sunapee, Katie Anderson of Washington, DC, Christine Muchard of Newton, MA, and Jennifer Corbett of Portsmouth to complete the women's top ten.

Peterborough's Eastern Mountain Sports sold

Versa Capital Management LLC, a Philadelphia-based private equity investment firm has purchased Peterborough-based Eastern Mountain Sports. Mark Walsh, the chairman of Bob's Stores, a Versa company, will serve as chairman of the board of EMS. Purchase terms were not disclosed. According to EMS Chief Executive Officer Will Manzer, "Versa's acquisition strengthens our future, and I am excited about the prospects before us."

New London Kindergarten students aid NY firefighters

On Thanksgiving day, firefighters at Woodbury Fire Company #1 in New York received a care basket from Kindergarten students at New London Elementary School, who collected baskets of chips, dips and snacks to thank N.Y. firefighters for their efforts in supporting the residents affected by Superstorm Sandy. KRES-NL Kindergarten Teacher Laura James said she was proud of the effort, "The donations were wonderful! Our families brought in all kinds of snacks to thank the men and women who have been helping families in great need. With family on Long Island, this meant a lot to me personally and I know the efforts of our students were greatly appreciated!" James dropped off the baskets of food, and firefighter Rob

Archer accepted the donations. "Fire companies across Long Island, especially on the South Shore communities, have been working in communities devastated by the storm and these snacks will provide a well deserved break as they return to their stations," Archer said. The "Football Food"

fundraiser was part of an overall effort to support families in New York and New Jersey during the holiday season. KRES-NL student council collected donations, filled school buses with supplies, accepted individual donations, and earned money from fundraisers.

Vote for the People's Choice

HDHS has a student participating in the "Made by Milk Challenge." In this challenge students are to create an animal habitat out of at least 100 milk cartons. Senior Dakota Sousa created a sculpture of a tree for the contest. Voting for "People's Choice" is currently happening. If readers would like to vote for Dakota's creation the can go to <http://madebymilkcontest.com/see-entries/entries-details/?id=108#>



Hopkinton voters checked in to vote at a Special Town Meeting Tuesday.

Hopkinton voters fail to approve \$1.3 million bond

Faced with an uncertain insurance settlement with the Local Government Center Hopkinton voters, at a special town meeting on Tuesday night, failed to approve a \$1.3 million bond to re-

place the highway garage destroyed in a fire in June. The bond required a two-thirds majority, but of the 264 people who voted, 172 voted for the building, and 91 against.



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(L to R) Charles Trowbridge, Commander of Post 39, Reverend Dwight Haynes, and Mike Horne, Director of The New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery.

Warner's American Legion Post #39 celebrates Veterans' Day

Photo and text by Rich Dahlgren

To celebrate the 94th anniversary of Armistice Day, now Veterans' Day, Wilkins-Cloues-Bigelow-Pearson Post 39, American Legion, Warner, held their annual pot-luck Veterans dinner at the Town Hall, Sunday evening November 11, 2012. Over 30 members, families and friends filled the lower meeting room greeting old friends and reliving their service experiences. The pot-luck dinner and program was created to honor all veterans who have served our country. A long and varied buffet table offered many different varieties of salads, casseroles, meats and vegetables to whet the appetite. A separate dessert table was overflowing with homemade cookies, cakes and pies.

Honored guests that evening included Aldrich O. "Dick" Violette, Past Commander of Post 39 and a past Department of New Hampshire Legionnaire of the Year award recipient for 2008, Reverend Dwight Haynes who gave the benediction and Mike Horne, Director of the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. Post Commander Charlie Trowbridge welcomed the audience and introduced the honored guests.

Following dinner, Mike Horne presented an enlightening program on the development of the cemetery. The Cemetery was opened in July 1997 as a "dignified final resting place to honor New Hampshire's Veterans and eligible dependents which expressed the state's gratitude for service to our country." Of the 104 acres purchased, 14 acres are currently developed. There are about 600 burials yearly. A non-denominational chapel was built in 1997 for use as necessary. The cemetery was built with federal funds and supported by state funds. The evening could be summed up as one veteran said: "good friends, good food and a good program, and I am looking forward to next year's event."

Ledyard Bank aids KLS Food Pantry

Ledyard National Bank is helping to keep our community warm this holiday season by placing a "Mitten Tree" in their New London office at 178 County Road. Community members are encouraged to decorate the tree with hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and socks. All donations will benefit the KLS Community Food Pantry. Tree decorating begins on Friday, November 30, 2012.

Winter Celebration begins at Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum

Join us for a day full of family activities as we celebrate the beginning of winter. Winter is the traditional time for Native Americans to tell stories and we are pleased to have several Native storytellers who will share their stories with us.

The day's events also include singing and dancing, crafts, games, traditional Native foods and a sale at the Dream Catcher gift shop.

- The festivities begin at 10am with songs and dancing.
- At 10:30am Daniel Harper will share his stories with young and old.
- The Laughing Couple, storyteller Carolyn Hunt and artist husband Rick, continue storytelling at 11:30. Rick illustrates the stories in front of the audience while Carolyn tells them.
- Abenaki storytellers Ken Quiet Hawk and Deb New Moon Rising will share their stories at 1:30pm. Ken and Deb believe that "Storytelling should be a means of teaching, teaching us all how to be better people." Recordings of their stories have

Laura French promoted

Laura French was named executive director of the New Hampshire Telephone Museum in Warner. French has worked part time at the museum since its inception in 2003, while at the same time working for the Telephone Association of New England. Prior to 2003, she worked 13 years at Merrimack County Telephone Company in Contoocook.

won two Native American Music Awards for Best Spoken Word Recordings and they have also been nominated Best Male Artist and Best Female Artist.

- Visitors of all ages will enjoy making corn husk dolls and feather wrapping during craft sessions.
- Children will especially enjoy Abenaki games which will be played all day. A new one every hour.
- The day ends as it begins with songs and dancing.

Winter Celebration is held in the museum Saturday December 8, 10am-4pm at 18 Highlawn Road in Warner.

Visitors can stroll through the arboretum, walk the trails in the Medicine Woods, play in the tipi and tour the museum itself, in addition to all the festival activities.

Admission is FREE for members and \$5 for non-members. Non-members who choose to become members that day will receive free admission.



Storyteller Carolyn Hunt of the Laughing Couple with husband Rick Hunt's illustration of her story in the background.

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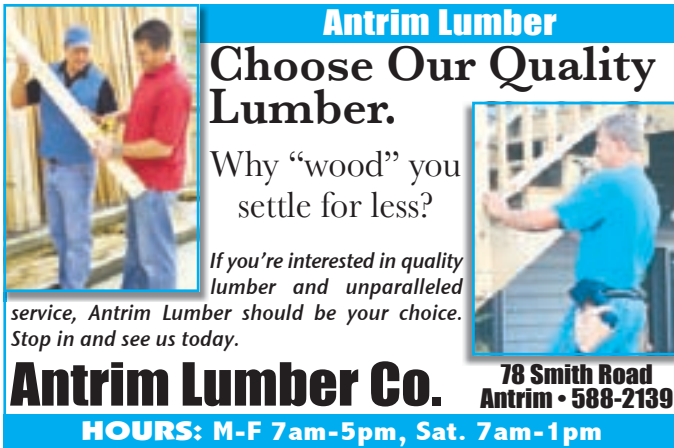


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Ethan Beihl of Antrim receives his Eagle Scout badge and medal from Troop 2 Committee Chairman Edmond Hebert.

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Antrim's Ethan Beihl makes Eagle Scout

Boy Scout Ethan Beihl became the 17th Eagle Scout in Troop 2's 100-year history on Saturday night at Antrim's Town Hall. Beihl's Eagle Court of Honor was attended by over 70 Scouts, friends, family and representatives of local organizations who looked on while he received his Eagle badge and medal. Beihl, 18, completed his Eagle Scout project this spring, leading his fellow Scouts in a survey of the five cemeteries in Antrim, identifying the graves of veterans buried there. Only 4% of Scouts nationally reach the rank of Eagle Scout. Ethan Beihl attends Stony Brook University on Long Island, NY, where he studies mathematics and music, and plays in SBU's marching and jazz bands. He graduated from ConVal in 2011, and was a National Merit Scholar. He is the son of Jeanmarie White and Brian Beihl of Antrim.

New London signs Bucklin Beach contract

The New London Selectmen discussed the proposal submitted by Chris Gaherty in the amount of \$34,000 to do the entire Bucklin Beach project. It was noted that another roof proposal came in just three days prior to the meeting for less than \$6,000 (the amount within the Gaherty proposal) but it did not include the cupola. It was reported to the Board that Gaherty had already started working on the roof, although he had not been awarded the job yet. Chad Denning confirmed that when Gaherty called him on Sunday for the key to the building, he gave it to him, believing that the job had already been awarded. Kim Hallquist said she talked with Gaherty the previous week and informed him that he would be informed by noon that day, after the Selectmen acted on the proposal, if he had the job or not. Janet Kidder thought there must have been a misunderstanding and she did not feel that any harm was done. Chair Peter Bianchi said that this is not how business is done and he should not have started the job until the agreement was signed. Tina Helm agreed that there must have been some confusion, probably due to the fact that he understood that he was the only one who sent in a proposal. Hallquist said that Gaherty has proof of insurance and all the references have been checked and were all great. The Board voted 2-1 to accept proposal of \$34,000 from Chris Gaherty for work to be done on the Bucklin Beach Bathhouse with Peter Bianchi voting No.

Community Educational Support Team

For Hillsboro-Deering students that are struggling academically there is a new community support team that may be able to help. The team is made up of trained educational advocates, local social service providers, school representatives and volunteers. Meeting with the team is free and referral forms are available at The Office of Youth Services. For more information please contact Peter Brigham @ 464-5779.

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New London & Mount Royal Academy bid for 1941 school

Representatives of both the Town of New London and Mount Royal Academy gave their presentations to the Ad Hoc Committee of the School Board on November 26th.

David Kidder and Steve Theroux were the main presenters for the town, with the Selectmen offering support. Both proposals are similar in that each calls for inclusion of the kitchen, cafeteria and two classrooms being included.

Town officials believe that those areas were integral to the town's plans and they

have always been part of the community center plans, and if these areas are not part of the proposal it would be a deal-breaker.

Mount Royals proposal also calls for inclusion of the ball fields, and it is be-

lieved that if the ball fields are not allowed as part of the proposal, Mount Royal will likely withdraw. School officials were non committal and took the proposal under advisement.

Francestown photos wanted

The Town of Francestown is looking for photos for the Annual Report that highlight Francestown scenery, events of 2012 and anything else you think would be appropriate for the report. Please email pictures to francestownnh@comcast.net. Make sure you tell us who you are in your email so we can give credit if the picture is used! If you have a bunch of photos, you can also put them on a cd or flash drive and bring them to the Selectmen's Office.



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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Vitamin D deficiency is associated with worse lung function and more rapid decline in lung function over time in smokers, suggesting that vitamin D may have a protective effect against the effects of smoking on lung function, according to a new study published in the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved generic versions of the blood thinning drug Plavix (clopidogrel bisulfate), which helps reduce the risk of heart attack and stroke by making it less likely that platelets in the blood will clump and form clots in the arteries. Clopidogrel is FDA-approved to treat patients who have had a recent heart attack or a recent stroke, or have partial or total blockage of an artery (peripheral artery disease).

A paper recently published in *Dermato-Endocrinology* indicates that raising vitamin D concentrations among hospital patients has the potential to greatly reduce the risk of hospital-acquired infections. Hospital-acquired infections (HAIs) are a leading cause of death in the US health care arena, with an overall estimated annual incidence of 1.7 million cases and 100,000 deaths. HAIs in US hospitals generate an estimated \$28.4 billion-\$45 billion in excess health care costs annually. Patients are often vitamin D deficient since many diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory infections are linked to low vitamin D concentrations. Pneumonia is the most likely HAI, followed by bacteremias, urinary tract infections, surgical site infections, sepsis, and others.

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John Stark receives HealthierUS Challenge Award

John Stark Regional High School (JSRHS) was recently awarded the HealthierUS School Challenge Bronze Award from the USDA, the very first high school in NH and only one of five schools in the state to achieve this standard. The pubic is invited to attend a celebration of this achievement on Wednesday, December 12 at 5:30 PM in the school library. There will be a reception featuring healthy recipes from the White House and an award presentation by the USDA's Northeast Region Special Nutrition Director Candice Stoibler at 6 p.m. "Our Food Service Director Morgan Trahan and her staff

are extraordinary. They always focus on meeting the nutritional needs of our entire school community and are most deserving of this prestigious award. We are very proud of their achievement," said John Stark Regional High School Principal Chris Mosca. To receive this award, John Stark's efforts include offering healthier items on their menus and emphasis on physical education and activity. On the evening of December 12, the school will be presented with an award plaque, a banner to display in the school, their name listed on the Team Nutrition Web site and a check for \$500.

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'TIS THE SEASON: Bradford's Troop 69 is selling Christmas Wreaths (left photo) as is the Newbury Beautification Committee (right photo).

Gala of Lights & Festival of Trees in Antrim

The big tree outside the Antrim Library is up and the lights are strung, thanks to Andrew Robblee and his merry crew from Robblee Tree Services. Trees and wreaths have already started to appear on all three floors of the library with many more due to arrive this week in preparation for Antrim's third annual Festival of Trees. The Evening of Lights Gala kicks off the Festival this Friday night from 7 pm – 9 pm, with music by Brian Murphy, lots of goodies both savory and sweet, a punch bowl, terrific prizes at the Silent Auction and best of all a time to visit with friends old and new as we start the holiday season. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at Edmunds, the T-Bird, and the Library. The Open House is this Sunday, December 2. New this year, the Festival of Trees will be hosting Antrim Friends of Recreation's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and visit with Santa at the Festival Open

House. The festivities will take place from 1 pm to 6 pm, when the Library will throw open its doors to all to see the delightful display of trees and wreaths. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on the Tuttle Library lawn beginning at 4 pm. All are invited to join in the caroling and excitement waiting for Santa's arrival by fire truck and the official Lighting of the Tree before retiring to the main room of the Library where Santa will take up a special seat by the fireplace and visit with children.

The trees and wreaths will remain on display through the beginning of January during regular library hours. This year, the Library will also open on Sunday, December 16, from 1 pm to 4 pm and on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, from 1 pm to 4 pm in order to give everyone and their out-of-town guests the opportunity to see the decorated trees and wreaths.

Davis & Towle to match Chamber contributions

The Henniker Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Holiday Business After Hours at Daniel's Restaurant, on Thursday, December 6th starting at 6pm.

This will be an opportunity to enjoy hor d'oeuvres, cash bar and network with other chamber members. Sponsors of this event include Daniel's Restaurant, Country Spirit Restaurant and Cathy Dias/Coldwell Banker - J. Hampe and Associates.

Members are asked to register in advance by emailing RSVP@henniker-

chamber.org. The cost to attend is \$10 per person with a donation to the Henniker Food Pantry or \$15 per person without a donation. This event is open to Henniker Chamber of Commerce members and their guest. Payment and food pantry donations will be collected at the door.

Davis & Towle Insurance Group is willing to match up to \$2,500 in total monetary donations that the chamber collects for the food pantry. All checks should be made payable to the Henniker Food Pantry.

Join us at the American Legion Post 59...



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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

I was having an unusually bad day recently, when I came across the following short piece which made me realize that my problems were quite minor when compared to those who have it a lot worse. It reminded me that, as we enter the holiday season, we should all take time to "count our blessings."

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who won't survive the week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 20 million people around the world. If you attend a

church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than almost 3 billion people in the world.

If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75 percent of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8 percent of the world's wealthy.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world that cannot read anything at all.

You are so blessed in ways you may never even know.

Author unknown



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Events: Community Bulletin Board

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 9am-2pm to benefit the Food Pantry Crafts, White Elephant Table and Baked Goods First Baptist Church of Bradford.

KARAOKE: Karaoke is back at the legion. Come join us at 8pm to midnight and enjoy the music by "The Professor," as he plays the hits of yesterday and today, and cheer on the local talent...so much fun, you'll be glad you came. Never a cover.

HARRIS CENTER: Post-Harvest Tour of New Early Succession Join Phil Brown (NH Audubon's Director of Land Management) on Goodhue Hill at the Willard Pond Audubon Sanctuary for a look at post-harvest forest management activities. Departs at 9am from the parking lot near the end of Willard Pond Road off Rte. 123, north from Hancock Village. Ends 1pm.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR: The Wilmot Community Association is seeking vendors for its annual Holiday Craft Fair 9am-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 to the American Legion 9:30-2pm. Photos with Santa for pets and kids of all ages, NH handicrafts 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, 9am-3pm, crafts, baked goods, gifts, Christmas centerpieces, cookie walk. Lunch, 11am-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, 7:30.m 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. 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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Chowder Lunch, First Baptist Church, Newport, 9am-3pm. Crafts, Baked Goods, Gifts, Christmas Center Pieces, Cookie Walk. Lunch - 11am - 1pm. Salmon or Corn Chowder, Sandwiches, Dessert & Coffee. Adults \$8.00 Children \$4.00 12 and under.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2

HARRIS CENTER: Hiking the Beech Hill Reservation in Dublin Moderately easy outing that takes hikers through varied woodland habitat to nice views. Carpool departs 10am from the Dublin Town Library. Ends about 2pm.

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



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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.

Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School Cafeteria
4 Hillcat Drive, Hillsboro, NH 03244

The SAU #34 Board meeting will commence immediately following

	FY2013 Budget	FY2014 Proposed
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
Academic Recognition & School Board Contingency	\$24,243	\$12,700
Total	\$1,012,092	\$1,037,741
Total Percent Increase		2.53%



Events: Community Bulletin Board

Missy Taylor at 588-7146.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: 2-4pm at the Weare Town Hall is Weare's Christmas Party. Craft activities, face painting and refreshments will begin at 2pm, followed by Diane Kordas and her new puppet show. Santa and a sing-along will end the afternoon. Items from the Weare Historical Society and Weare's 250th Anniversary Committee will be available. The Weare Historical Society and the Weare Public Library sponsor this free event jointly. (Children to be accompanied by an adult.) Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Weare Food Pantry.

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

NEWBURY PROGRAM: Christmas Tree Lighting in the front of the Center Meeting House at 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY DECEMBER 3

HAWK BOOSTERS: The Hopkinton Booster Club is hosting a winter season kick-off. Dine in or take out between 4pm- 8pm at Dimitri's and mention the Hopkinton Booster Club and 20% of the total cost of your order will be donated to the Booster Club.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 4

LEGION MEETS: American Legion Post 50 will hold its

monthly meeting at the post home on West St. at 7:30 pm. All members, veterans and guests are welcome.

TO DO DAY: The next How To's Day program on at 7pm at Fuller Public Library in Hillsboro will be an ornament workshop. The instructions and supplies for several different ornaments and decorations will be available for participants to use. Please call 464-3595 for more information and to register. How To's Day is an ongoing program at the library held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Each month a different skill or craft will be featured. If you have a skill you'd like to share, let us know. For more information call the library at 464-3595.

NECART: Youdhithir (Youdhi) Maharjan, The Art of Not Making Art & Nathan Myatt, A Visual Documentation of the Urban Persona at The New England College Gallery November 13 to December 4, 2012.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 6

BLOOD DRIVE: Please help us maintain our blood supply when the Red Cross blood mobile comes to R. P. Johnson & Son, in Andover from 11am-4pm. Donors must be in good health, weigh 110 pounds or more, be 17 years of age, or 16 with parental consent. Because less than 5% of the population gives blood, new donors are always needed. To make an appointment to give blood, or for more information about giving blood,

contact the American Red Cross at 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

HARRIS CENTER: Emerging Forest Pests in New Hampshire. Join Steve Roberge, Cheshire County Forester for the University of NH Extension Service, for an illustrated talk on the Asian Long-horned Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. Cosponsored with UNH Cooperative Extension Service, and the Keene State College School of Sciences. 7-8:30 pm at Room 154, Putnam Science Center, Keene State College.

BOOK DISCUSSION: Pick up a copy of the book Room by Emma Donoghue and take part in the discussion at Fuller Public Library in Hillsboro on Thursday December 6 at 7 PM. For more information please call the library at 464-3595.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7

PREVIEW PARTY: For Warner's Festival of Trees 6-8pm. Tickets available at town office.

SING ALONG: The community is invited to the Lake Sunapee Region Center for the Arts "First Fridays" program 5-7pm. A Winter Sing-along on the New London Town Green with the Community Band. All ages are invited to join us at the Mary Haddad Bandstand, on the New London Town Green, as we sing Carols and other Winter Classics. Hot Chocolate will be served immediately following on the porch of the New London Inn.

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