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Christmas wreaths

In the spirit of giving back, downtown Henniker has been decorated for Christmas thanks to members of the Henniker Rotary Club.



Yes, Virginia, he is

Santa (Al Young) didn't get all dressed up, but he brought a lot of toys from his workshop to the United Methodist Church for its Christmas Fair during Hillsborough's Annual Olde Fashioned Christmas on December 1st



Henniker Rotary President Joyce Bosse (l) presents Richard Edmunds (r) with an honorary membership in the club, in recognition of his generous support of both the club and the community.

Controversy continues

Bradford Selectmen fire Town's Attorney

At a Non-Public meeting on November 12th, the Bradford Selectmen voted 2-1, with Harry Wright opposed, to terminate the relationship with the Mitchell Group, and 3-0, to hire the firm of Gardner, Fulton and Waugh as Town Attorney. Sonny Harris said many people have been unhappy with the attorney's decisions, and the town and its insurance company have paid a lot of money.

Harris also advised that throughout the region, he has heard the reputation of Bradford is "go to work for them and you can sue and get a free ride." He also went on to say the attorney was not representing the town's interest in the

manner they could. Also the way the whole situation was handled; a good fresh look is a good idea. Harry Wright said "I can hear it now, Bradford fired their attorney and didn't even have the guts to give them a call. I think a personal contact should have been there."

Perry Teele questioned if there is any possibility the Selectmen can terminate Remillard without pay, right now, tonight. Harry Wright advised with all that is going on, it would be imprudent for them to do that right now. Sonny Harris said they have followed the advice of the previous attorney so far, and it has cost a lot of money.

High speed internet service proposed for New London

Carole Monroe of NH Fast Roads recently met with the New London Selectmen seeking permission to install the company's equipment in a town hall closet. Installed at no cost to the town, the connection would provide high speed, fibre optic broad band connections to all the town's anchor institutions, such as the hospital,

library, town hall, police and fire departments. Users would then pay a fee for the service. NH Fast Roads is a federally funded program designed to bring fibre optic service to rural areas. Fast Roads is seeking similar connection agreements with 19 area towns. The Board took the proposal under advisement.



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BY SARAH CHAPIN

A study published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* reports that taking between 800 IUs and 2,000 IUs of vitamin D per day significantly reduced the risk of most fractures, including hip, wrist and forearm in both men and women age 65 and older. The current Dietary Reference Intake (DRI) for vitamin D in older adults set by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) is a minimum of 600 IUs per day for adults between 51 and 70 years-old and 800 IUs in adults over 70.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Belviq (lorcaserin hydrochloride), as an addition to a reduced-calorie diet and exercise, for chronic weight management. The drug is approved for use in adults with a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or greater (obese), or adults with a BMI of 27 or greater (overweight) and who have at least one weight-related condition such as high blood pressure (hypertension), type 2 diabetes, or high cholesterol (dyslipidemia).

Patients affected by a form of Neurofibromatosis have seen their tumors shrink dramatically after being treated with the drug Avastin (otherwise known as Bevacizumab). The latest research, which involved 24 patients in England, has provided remarkable results.

Iron supplementation reduced fatigue by almost 50% in women who are low in iron but not anemic, according to the results of a clinical trial published in CMAJ (Canadian Medical Association Journal). Iron supplementation for 12 weeks decreased fatigue by almost 50% from baseline, a significant difference of 19% compared with placebo, in menstruating iron-deficient nonanemic women with unexplained fatigue.

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(L to R) Jim Nash, Dr. Susan A. MacKenzie, and Tina Nash.

Jim & Tina Nash support NH veterans

Dr. Susan A. MacKenzie, Acting Director of the Manchester VA Medical Center, (c) recently accepted a donation of \$611 from Jim (l) and Tina Nash (r) of Henniker. Jim and Tina raised the money by hosting a Past to Present- Motorcycle Riders Gathering at Hillsboro's American Legion Post #59. Dr. MacKenzie said that as requested, the contribution has been deposited into the Needy Veteran Fund, used to support indigent patients or Veterans in crisis with expenses for food, transportation, or for stays in a local shelter.

Searching for Newport's oldest citizen

With the passing of 105-year-old Jesse Scott, his family recently returned the town's Boston Post Cane. At Monday's meeting the Selectmen discussed who the next recipient should be. They are aware of a woman who will soon turn 100, but before awarding the Cane to her, the board would like to be told of any-one else in town who may be older. If you know of an older Newport resident, please call Town manager Paul Brown at 863-1877.

Two H-D musicians selected for All-State

On Saturday, November 17, music students travelled to Manchester Memorial HS to audition for a seat in the prestigious NH All-State Music Festival. We are happy to report that out of 120 female altos that auditioned for the chorus, only 65 were accepted and one was our own senior Avril Howe who will be a part of the NH All-State Women's Chorus in April. Also, senior Alex Ager was one of 68 basses to audition for about 40 spots who made the NH All-State Mixed Choir. Congratulations to our HD Musicians.

Two unsafe Francestown bridges closed

The Town of Francestown was notified that the state recommends the closure of the bridges on Second New Hampshire Turnpike South over South Branch Piscataquog River and Woodward Hill Road over Brennan Brook due to serious safety issues. The inspection report cites critical bridge deficiencies and states that the bridges are "in need of complete replacement or extensive rehabilitation to carry all legal loads." Both of these bridges are currently on the state bridge aid list. At this time, there is no timeframe or cost estimate for repairs that would open the bridges to traffic.

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Hillsborough Pride's Olde Fashioned Christmas - a full day of fun

A dusting of snow added to the festive spirit as Hillsborough celebrated Olde Fashioned Christmas on Saturday, coordinated by Hillsborough Pride. Revelers started the day well fed at The Mason's All You Can Eat Breakfast, with the proceeds going to fund area DARE programs. The Lions Club's tree sales help fund the lighting of the square.

Young and old alike enjoyed a Puppet Show at the library. Area vendors offered their goods at the Moose Club and crafters at the Heritage Museum, while St. Mary's, Smith Church and the Methodist Church provided food and items of all types for

sale. Throughout the day area merchants offered free refreshments and great discounts on their products. After a soup and sandwich lunch at the Methodist Church, many attended a wonderful Holiday Concert at Smith Church, while a record number of kids were having their free photo taken with Santa at the Bible Chapel. The Girls Scouts were again available to

help the kids craft frames for their photos and the Chapel hosted them in cookie decorating. After a day of celebrating, a good crowd enjoyed hot cider and Munchkins at Butler Park while waiting for Santa to arrive. At the appointed hour Santa arrived with his police and fire department escort to top the day off with the traditional lighting of the town's Christmas Tree.



Samantha Gee was one of dozens of children who had their free photo taken with Santa as part of Olde Fashioned Christmas.

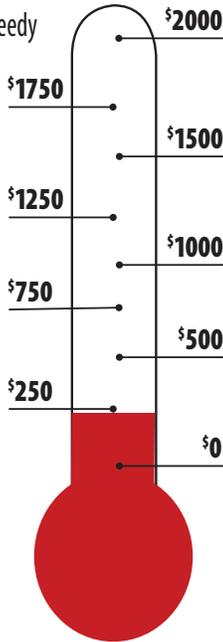
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By Leigh Bosse

If you enjoyed all or part of Olde Fashioned Christmas you need to know that it doesn't happen by accident. When you see them, please thank: the Hillsborough Pride Committee, Herm & Yvonne Weigleman and Jack Wells, The Moose Club, the Heritage Museum and Bible Chapel for use of their rooms, Hillsboro Ford for transporting Santa to the free kids' photos by Red Coat Realty & Travel, the Girl Scouts

who crafted frames, the many talented crafters, merchants and church volunteers who held open houses and sales, the Library Puppet Show, The Fire and Police Depts. who escorted Santa to the Park, Shaws, Dunkin' Donuts and Dave Fullerton for the hot cider and Munchkins, Inga Seaboyer and Fox Forest for the tree, Tom McClure and Vic Wilkins for setting up the Christmas Tree, and of course Santa (Ray Dozois) for making the day perfect.

HEY KIDS!

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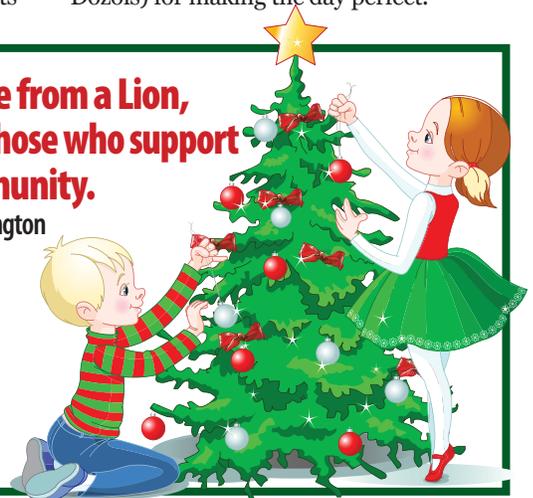
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Sunapee zoning amendments proposed

The Sunapee Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 20th to receive public input on the amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

Amendment #1 Amend Article II, Section 2.30 - District Purpose and Description – Village Commercial/Village Residential District by moving a portion of the district boundary line to include properties northerly of Maple Court, easterly of Maple Street/River Road, and westerly of Burkehaven Hill Road.

Amendment #2 Amend Article II, Section 2.30 – District Purpose and Description – Water Resources Overlay District - Shorelines by reducing the size of this zone from 300' to 250' of any lake, pond, or fourth order stream, making Sunapee's definition consistent with the State of New Hampshire's definition.

Amendment #3 Amend Article III, Section 3.20 – Table of Dimensional Controls – Maximum Lot Coverage - Shorelines by adding a row to the table which will reflect the maximum coverage when pervious materials are used.

Amendment #4 Amend Article III, Section 3.50(j) – Special Exceptions – to require that any handicap access approved by this exception only be temporary in nature and that the footprint of this handicap access structure may not be used for any other purpose.

Amendment #5 Amend Article VI – Non-Conforming Structure, Lots – by adding Section 6.32 entitled "Grandfather Right Policy" which will indicate that all non-conforming uses must comply with the Grandfather Rights Policy from the Board of Selectmen.

Amendment #6 Amend Article XI – Definitions – Height – by redefining the measurement of height as the distance from the lowest ground elevation around the structure to the highest roof peak (excluding cupolas, weathervanes, etc...).

Amendment #7 Amend Article XI – Definitions – by adding a new definition entitled "Rain Gardens" that would give a specific definition of what a rain garden consists of and require that a form of pre-treatment (i.e. catch basins, tanks, etc...) be part of the design.

Amendment #8 Amend Article XI – Definitions – Structures – to require that a fence measure less than 5' in height above the ground surface at all points if it is to qualify as a minor installation.

Newport Selectmen host Planning Board and Conservation Commission

On the suggestion of Chair Virginia Irwin, the Newport Board of Selectmen hosted representatives of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission to become "better informed of their respective roles." Town Attorney Adele Fulton outlined the authority of the Conservation Commission stressing that it has the authority to research, index and recommend courses of action with respect to lands with natural, aesthetic or ecological values, and may make recommendations to the Planning Board on subdivision applications. She made it clear that the Commission has no authority to approve or deny applications.

The controversy between Planning and Conservation stems from the Planning Board's recent approval of Mountain View Gun Club and Sturm Ruger's shooting range on John Stark Highway. Commission Chair Dick Wentzel explained that because the applicant did not appear before the Commission, its members had several unanswered questions about a small wetlands area and thus recommended that the Planning Board deny the application. His members were

upset that the Board apparently ignored their input and granted the application. Selectman Todd Fratzel, the Board's representative on the Planning Board countered that the Commission never documented the reason for its decision, but regardless, the

Board had approved the application only subject to getting a state approved septic system on the property. After an hour long tense but polite discussion, both boards left with a better understanding of their roles and a commitment to work together.



Newport Town Attorney Adele Fulton outlined the duties and limitations of the Conservation Commission.

Hancock woman injured

Police Chief Andrew Wood reports that Anna Hecht, 30, of Hancock was driving westbound on Stoddard Road at about 10:19 a.m. when the car crossed over the eastbound lane and hit a tree, trapping Hecht in the car. Stoddard Fire and Rescue crews used Jaws of Life equipment to remove her. She was taken to Monadnock Community Hospital and later transferred to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, where she was listed in serious condition. The car was impounded and the accident remains under investigation.

Former Peterborough Firefighter/EMT sues town

Attorney, Richard Pennington of Peterborough, representing former EMT Jennifer Duval, 31, recently filed a complaint to Superior Court claiming that she was wrongfully terminated. Duval believes her reputation was damaged as a result of emails and memos sent by colleagues Di-

ana Godin, Keith Roctenhiser, Brian Wall and Paul Thibault. Peterborough officials say Duval was fired because of her inability to get a blood pressure reading from a patient in an ambulance during a February rescue call to Frankestown, coupled with prior disciplinary actions and suspensions.



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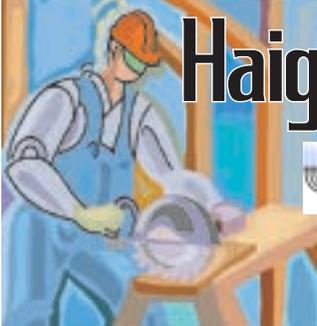
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Country Spirit Restaurant overflowed with friends and family who came to celebrate Louise French's 80th Birthday. She is joined by Ashley, one of her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren

Many attend Warner "Listening Session"

Program Manager Gene McCarthy and Project Engineer Brian Colburn, of McFarland Johnson, Inc., led the two-hour Exit 9 Project Listening Session at the Warner Town Hall. Participants were afforded an opportunity to voice their opinions on the future design of the area. Citing the work previously done, including the 2004 Design Charrette by Plan NH, the 2005 Central NH Regional Planning Commission & Waterford Design Group's Access Management Study, and the 2008 Alternatives Evaluation Report by Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, McCarthy told the crowd that Route 103 Corridor is listed on the N.H. State Aid Highway Program for 2015 construction, with funding currently in place to cover most of the costs. The remaining funds would be paid by the town.

New Economic Development Committee

After two years of discussion by the Planning Board, the Greenfield Selectmen have voted to establish an Economic Development Committee. Officials hope to appoint members to the committee by next week. Planning Board Chair Bob Marshall told the Selectmen that the Planning Board has identified one area that is a good candidate for development: An extension of the industrial zone on Route 31 North. He would like to have the committee charged with developing options for extending broadband internet service. The board agreed to Marshall's proposal, and decided to create a seven-member committee, appointed by the Select Board, for one-year terms.

ZBA overrides Historic District Commission

The Hancock Zoning Board of Adjustment recently overruled the town's Historic District Commission, which had ruled that Tracy and Mark Stevens' new metal barn doors failed to meet Historic District standards. The Board found that the metal doors, which were installed prior to the application, were "inappropriate." When the Stevens appealed, the ZBA first referred the matter back to the Historic District Commission to see if a compromise was possible. When the Historic District Commission members met again, they refused to yield and sent the matter back to the ZBA. Although members expressed regrets that town ordinances provided no penalty for failure to go before the Historic District, they eventually voted, 4-1, to grant the appeal.

Antrim Festival of Trees winners announced - featured on Chronicle

WMUR TV featured the "Fritz" tree on the news and Fritz Wetherbee himself attended the Festival of Trees Gala Friday night. Enchanted by the display, WMUR returned Tuesday to capture the rest of the

trees, wreaths and decorations for a segment on Chronicle, which is scheduled to be aired on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 pm. The Festival of Trees continues at the James A. Tuttle Library for the month of

December during regular library hours. There will be a special Sunday opening on December 16, from 1 pm to 4 pm, and a New Year's Day Open House on Tuesday, January 1, from 1 pm to 4 pm.



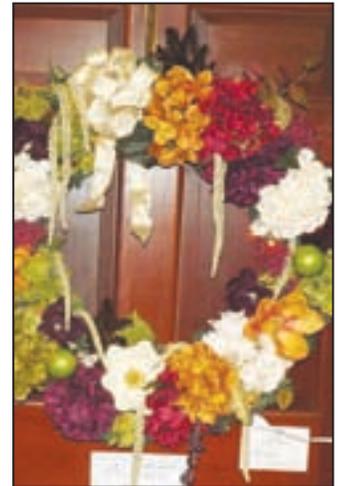
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Teacher sacrifices his mustache for Make-A-Wish

The H-D chapter of DECA raised over \$500 for the Make-A-Wish foundation by collecting donations for veteran English teacher Brian Walsh to shave off his 34-year-old mustache.

Dakota Sousa led this campaign by walking around at school lunches and events collecting donations from students and staff.

This H-D DECA Community Service Project for 2013 is being led by seniors

Dominique Vaillancourt, Erin DeLacy, and Dakota Sousa, and Junior Jonah Walker. Their goal is to raise \$1,000 to donate to the fund for granting the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses. Through three campaigns, the group have raised over \$700.

The December campaign is the purchase of Make-A-Wish Stars for \$1.00. Stars can be purchased via any of the project leaders.

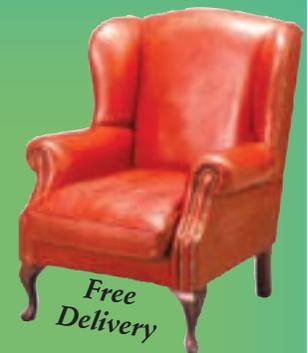


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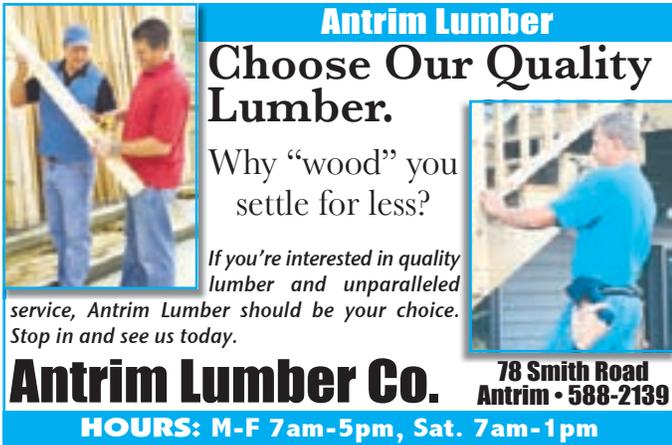
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Vandals recently tipped over several gravestones at the rear of Appleton Cemetery on Route 149 in Deering.

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Vandals topple gravestones in Deering

Vandals recently tipped over and broke about 26 headstones in Deering's Appleton Cemetery within the past month. According to Town Administrator Craig Ohlson, a town maintenance crew discovered the damage to the granite and marble gravestones during monthly upkeep of the Route 149 property. Ohlson said the Selectmen and Cemetery Trustees he's spoken to were "just appalled," and he has contacted a company to determine how much it will cost to repair the vandalism, but he has not yet received an estimate yet.

Newport purchases emergency generator

The Town of Newport has been approved for \$19,000 Homeland Security Grant to purchase a new emergency generator which will be installed at the high school. The school is designated as an emergency shelter. The grant provides a 50% match to local funds which will be shared by the town and the school.

Hopkinton Intern/Job Shadow programs

Starting with this year's graduating class, all Hopkinton students are required to earn an Experiential credit, including two Career Exploration activities, in order to graduate. Students can fulfill these requirements through Job Shadows, Internships, and coursework. A Job Shadow is an observation of a workplace and a professional at work over the course of several hours in one day. Students are encouraged to reflect on this experience as it relates to their career interests and goals. An Internship is a minimum of 34 hours of work over the course of a 5-month semester. Students are required to keep logs of their time and to complete a final project. The internship is graded and students are awarded credit upon completion. The school is asking for help from the parents and guardians of current and future high school students to complete an on-line survey to assist with data collection. Completing the survey is by no means a commitment to take an intern. It is simply a way to learn what types of opportunities may exist for students.

Henniker man chairs NH Food Bank

Neil Levesque, of Henniker, has been appointed Chairman of the New Hampshire Food Bank Advisory Committee. Levesque, a New Hampshire Catholic Charities trustee and current executive director of the New Hampshire Institute of Politics & Political Library at Saint Anselm College, has served on the New Hampshire Food Bank's advisory committee for several years. Levesque will be responsible for leading the committee in supporting the senior staff of the food bank in improving the performance of its programs.

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Colby-Sawyer installs solar photovoltaic arrays on four campus buildings

Colby-Sawyer College has partnered with Exeter, N.H.-based ReVision Energy to build one of the largest solar photovoltaic arrays in New Hampshire. A solar photovoltaic array is composed of a series of panels that use the sun's abundant energy to create electricity. A total of 517 solar photovoltaic panels have been installed on the roofs of four campus buildings: Windy Hill School, Curtis L. Ivey Science Center, Lawson Hall and Lethbridge Lodge.

The installation of the 127 KW solar array is a significant step toward the college's long-term goal of becoming a carbon-neutral campus by 2050. It offers the immediate benefits of saving approximately \$3,000 in the first year on electricity while providing a visible manifestation of Colby-Sawyer's commitment to sustainability and an example of a renewable energy system on campus. The \$509,000 project is financed through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between Colby-Sawyer and ReVision in which the college pays no up-front costs. ReVision leases the roof spaces from the college for a nominal fee and will

own and operate the panels for six years, after which the college has the option to purchase the panels. Power generated by the panels feeds into the existing electrical system of each building, and Colby-Sawyer will pay ReVision a discounted rate for the power the panels generate.

With a lifespan of up to four decades, the panels should still be in prime condition in six years, when Colby-Sawyer will have the option to purchase the system from ReVision. When the system is college-owned, all power generated by the panels will be free.



Colby-Sawyer College's Windy Hill School, a silver-level LEED certified building that houses one of Northern New England's only laboratory schools, was one of four campus buildings to be outfitted with a solar photovoltaic array this fall.

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Henniker Conservation Commission projects

The Henniker Conservation Commission has announced the completion of a year-long project to conserve two important areas of town-owned land. The first area, protected with a conservation easement held by the Piscataquog Land Conservancy, is the Colby Little Brook forest off Colby Hill Road. This remote 112 acre parcel has a wonderful wildlife habitat and sits between two other conserved properties providing a protected wildlife corridor of close to 500 acres for the future. The other, an easement encompassing three lots held by Five Rivers Conservation Trust, protects 75 acres of scenic land

along two sides of Warner Road. This area is distinguished by wetlands and large rock outcrops covered in spectacular sheet lichen. The easement protects a portion of Brown Brook and ensures that future generations of Contoocook Valley ATV Riders will be able to enjoy the existing trail that runs across the southern lot. The Warner Road easement, which incorporates the Preston Memorial Forest at its center, will be called the Watman Conservation Area in honor of the late Henniker Selectman Tom Watman, who was instrumental in gaining town support for the project.

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Holiday gifts and crafts at St. Mary's Catholic Church (left photo) and the Annual Cookie Walk, serenaded by members of the H-D Chorus, at Smith Memorial Church (right photo), were part of Hillsborough's Olde Fashioned Christmas Celebration.

Need for \$1 million budget increase debated

Reacting critically to Superintendent Roberts Hassett's proposed \$1 million increase in the Hillsboro-Deering School Budget, longtime School Board member Paul Plater sent a E-mail to Board members, staff and the press suggesting that rather than a \$1 million increase, the budget should be cut by \$1 million. Plater stated that before increasing spending, the board needs to know the Unexpended Balance from June 30, 2012 that goes back to the taxpayers, and because the preceding year's audit was not received until this September, we need to also return the Unexpended Balance from 30 June 2011. Hassett responded that the H-D School District returned \$171,284 in '10-11 and \$505,169 in '11-12.

Plater was also critical of Teachers' Salary-Increases of \$225,254 and a Health Insurance Increase of \$121,667 stating that when the new teachers' contract was passed in October 2011, we were told that the total of teachers salary and health benefits together would decrease. This does not appear to be the case were we lied-to or was there an administrative miscalculation?

Henniker Selectmen deal with a short agenda

Before continuing their 2013 budget preparations, the Henniker Selectmen approved the purchase of a new glass crusher for the transfer station at a price of \$6,000.

Tia Hooper was reappointed as Coor-

dinator of the committee to do the 5 year revision required of the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Hassett said the salary increase included a 0% COLA and would have been substantially higher since the prior Teachers' contract contained COLA increases up to 3.5%. and that the health care rates are not set by the district.

In reaction to a new Middle School Boys and Girls Basketball Program for \$16,295, Plater said, "ARE YOU KIDDING ME ???" "A school that has failed to meet AYP standards 6 years in-a-row in Reading and Math and only has 10% of its students proficient in Science wants to spend time and money on a basketball program (already serviced by the HY AA)? Before someone makes the erroneous statement that athletics will raise grades, let's not forget that our High School has 19 sports and was among the leaders in its class (for number of sports) and yet was fifth from the bottom per N.H. high schools.

After going back and forth on several other issues, Hassett concluded by telling Plater, "With this revised/accurate information, this is clearly not a good year to entertain cutting the budget by as much as you propose."

The Board signed a Letter of Agreement which qualifies the town for FEMA Disaster Relief Funds

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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

Before we get too consumed with shopping, partying and decorating, lets take just a moment to remember exactly why we observe this holiday. With deference to our non-Christian and non-believing neighbors, we celebrate:

The Birth of Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave

birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger. And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"



Guest Editorial *by Grant Bosse*

Everyone's a winner with Prize Linked Savings

Are you feeling lucky? I didn't win this week's \$587.5 million Powerball jackpot, and neither did you. It's just as well. After splitting the prize with the other winners, paying taxes, and taking the winnings in a lump sum, you'd probably clear \$100 million. That hardly seems worth the paperwork. But I do know of one kind of sweepstakes where everyone's a winner!

The big winners from Powerball and other lotteries are state governments. Across the county, states pocket nearly \$18 billion a year on almost \$60 billion in ticket sales. New Hampshire led the way when it created the nation's first modern lottery in 1964, earmarking the profits to education funding. In Fiscal Year 2011, the Lottery gave away more than \$139 million in prizes, and transferred \$62 million to the Education Trust Fund.

Charlie McIntyre is Executive Director of the New Hampshire Lottery Commission. Following this spring's record \$656 Mega Millions jackpot, he estimated ticket sales generated about \$1.5 million in extra revenue for the Granite State. So it's safe to assume that we brought in at least an extra

million this week from Powerball sales.

But that's small change compared to the New Hampshire Lottery's real money-maker, instant scratch tickets. We spent more than \$161 million on scratchers in FY11, compared to \$64 million for Powerball, Mega Millions, Tri-State Megabucks, Pick 3, Pick 4, and Hot Lotto combined.

Voltaire is sometimes credited with saying that the lottery is a tax on stupid people, or people who are bad at math. Like most quotes attributed to Ben Franklin, it's just too good to stop using, whether or not he said it.

It's true that buying a lottery ticket is a sucker's bet. The state siphons off a large chunk of ticket sales, resulting in odds that would be criminal if a casino offered them. I buy a few lottery tickets a couple of times a year. It's a cheaper diversion than renting a movie. You're not buying any reasonable chance of multi-million dollar jackpot. You're buying a few hours of daydreams.

As a pleasant diversion, state lotteries can be a fun way to boost revenues. But critics argue that these games, particularly instant games, take money from the people who can least afford to lose it. They worry that the poor see the lottery as their only

way out of financial hardship, and spend money on scratchers that should be going into the bank.

What if there was a way to use the lure of big-money jackpots to increase our abysmal savings rate? Stephen Dubner of the Freakonomics podcast calls it the "No Lose Lottery." The concept is known more formally as Prize Linked Savings.

I opened my first savings account with my allowance money back when banks were handing out toasters and clock radios for opening a new account. Under Michigan's "Save To Win," a group of 36 credit unions entered account holders in a raffle for every \$25 they deposited into a special account. That money earned interest and the credit unions gave away small monthly prizes and a big annual jackpot. The program attracted nearly 17,000 account holders, 56% without a previous savings account.

The United Kingdom, New Zealand, Brazil, Mexico and Germany have all tried PLS. Maryland authorized its banks to offer prizes earlier this year. PLS accounts offer lower interest rates than other options,

but the goal is to attract people who would otherwise save nothing.

The problem with PLS is that it threatens the state's sweepstakes monopoly. South Africa's National Lotteries Board sued to shut down that country's hugely successful PLS program.

We already allow private sweepstakes. You could win a million dollars at McDonald's. Publishers Clearinghouse has been using jackpots to sell magazines for decades. Since you can enter for free, No Purchase Necessary, it's not quite gambling. Why not allow a similar option to banks and credit unions?

Whether or not the Legislature approves a casino at Rockingham Park next year, New Hampshire is already in the gambling business. Prized Linked Savings accounts are a constructive way to let people daydream about a prosperous future while actually setting money aside to make it a reality.

Grant Bosse is Vice-President for Media for the Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy, a free market think tank based in Concord, NH.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Ladies Aid Society pie sale was a success this past Saturday. All of our pies were sold and the monies will be placed in our treasury for the upkeep of the Union Chapel. We would like to thank everyone in the community and local area who purchased the pies. In addition, we would like to thank our members and friends of the chapel who baked all the pies. The Winter Hill Farm was a great location to have

the sale. The selection of locally produced products including organic meats, Christmas trees, wreaths, ornaments and other jellies, mustards and cheeses provided the shoppers with a variety of choices. The Ladies Aid Society would like to thank Gordon and Amy Scott for allowing us to use their barn for our sale. It is wonderful to see how our community works together.

*Judy Peucker, President,
Ladies Aid Society*



SPORTS High School Results

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Hopkinton 61 Hillsboro-Deering 25 The hawks started cold, missing 11 shots to lead by 4 points in the first quarter. A stiffening defense and number of steals allowed Hopkinton to outscore H-D 18-7 in the second and put up 29-14 at the break and put the game out of reach. Sabrey Montore led the Hawks with 13 points

Mascoma 59 Kearsarge 22 The Cougars led 7-5 after one but were outscored 18-8 in the second and 17-1 in the third. Anna Cahill led Kearsarge with 10 points.

Bow 73 Sanborn 31 The Falcons won the turnover battle 25-9 and with it the game. Ashie Tucker led the way with 27 points, 4 assists and 2 steals.



Events: Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

GIVING TREE: The Sunapee Giving Tree, which is located at the Town Hall, is up for the season. The Giving Tree benefits seniors and children who live in Sunapee. Please stop by and pick a tag from the tree! A Christmas Cafe will be from 9am - noon at the Antrim Baptist Church. There will be baked goods, cookie making and Veggie Tale movie for children; coffee and muffins/donuts will be served.

HOLIDAY FAIR/COOKIE WALK: King Solomon's Lodge, Elkins, 9am - 1pm. Also available will be baked goods, wreaths, crafts and a gently used white elephant sale. Sponsored by the Ladies Benevolent Society of Elkins. Info: 526-7730.

MRA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: LaSalette Shrine in Enfield at 5:15pm. All Students in Grades 1 - 12 will be performing. LaSalette has a beautiful display of Christmas lights as well.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING TOUR: United Church of Warner, BookEnds, Telephone Museum, Upton Chandler House Museum, the Town Hall, Country Cobwebs and more, 10am - 4pm. Carriage rides, Santa Claus, Festival of Trees, Kids' crafts and activities, etc. Info: info@warnerhistorical.org. Also at Main Street Market Place & Gallery, 16 East Main St., Warner, 10am - 4pm. A reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' in front

of the fire. Local foods and crafts from the Farmers and Artisans Market. Organized by Main Street Warner, Inc.

WINTER CELEBRATION: Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, 18 Highlawn Rd., Warner, 10am - 4pm with songs, dancing, stories, craft sessions, native foods, Abenaki games and more. Free for members and \$5 for non-members. Info: 456-3244.

HAM AND BEAN SUPPER: First Baptist Church Bradford, West Main St., 5 - 6:30pm. Cost: donation.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

TOYS FOR TOTS: Come join the members of the Sunapee Police and Fire/EMS Departments as we host a Toys for Tots drive at the Sunapee Safety Services Building. It will take place from 11am - 2pm in the Lobby. There will be refreshments and we are told that Santa will be stopping by to help the firefighters/EMTs & police officers collect toys. Please bring a new unwrapped gift to contribute.

WILMOT EXPRESS: First stop at 3:30 pm at the Wilmot Fire Station with crafts, spaghetti dinner, Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Second stop at 6:30pm at the Wilmot Community Association, pictures with Santa, activities, and dessert. Third stop at 7:30pm at the Wilmot Public Library for story time with Santa. For more info call the WCA at 526-7934.

SUNDAY AT THE MOVIES: COA Chapin Senior Center,

37 Pleasant St., New London, 2pm. Info: 526-6368.

JAZZ ON A SUNDAY: Center at Eastman, Grantham, 4 - 7pm. Doors open at 3. The twenty first season begins with international vocalist Shawn Monteiro. Tickets: \$18 for adults; \$16 for seniors over 61 and students under 17. Reservations recommended.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

WRITER'S GROUP: Attention writers, Fuller Public Library in Hillsboro is hosting a new writer's group that is looking for members. They will be meeting at 7pm at the library.

TODDLER STORY TIME: Tracy Memorial Library, New London at 10am. For ages two to three and a half, with their caregivers. Books, songs and activities selected for a toddler's developmental level. Caregivers are encouraged to stay after the program to continue to read together with their toddler. Pre-register at 526-4656, ext. 3.

BREAKFAST CLUB DISCUSSION: COA Chapin Senior Center, 37 Pleasant St., New London, 9:30am. "Following Attieus" by Ryan. Info: 526-6368.

QUESTIONS ABOUT MEDICARE: COA Chapin Senior Center, 37 Pleasant St., New London. 1:30 - 3:30pm. Anita Oelfke, Medicare Coordinator for Merrimack County Service Link will be available to answer Medicare questions. Call COA at 526-6368 to sign up for this program.



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HANDLING HOLIDAYS AFTER LOSS: At the New London Office, 107 Newport Rd., 5:30 - 7:30pm. Sponsored by the LSRVNA. Info: 526-4077.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

KNITTING GROUP: Cold weather has returned and with it comes the urge to knit. Just a reminder that the knitting group at Fuller Public Library in Hillsboro meets on Thursdays Dec. 13 and Dec. 27 at 6pm. Knitters and crocheters of all abilities are welcome. If you have always wanted to learn to knit we will have a beginners class on Dec. 13 at 6pm. Call 464-3595 for more information.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME: Tracy Memorial Library, New London at 10am. For ages three and a half through Pre-K. An independent story time with longer stories, songs, fingerplays and simple crafts. Pre-register at 526-4656, ext. 3.

RELAY FOR LIFE KICKOFF: Our Lady of Fatima Church, New London, at 6pm. Potluck dinner. Bring a dish to share. Everyone in the community is invited to come find out about Relay. To join the Relay For Life of Kearsarge Lake Sunapee, call or email: Wendy: walk4nh@gmail.com 748-3820 or Bri: brianna.heath@gmail.com 969-6831.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP: At the COA Chapin Senior Center, 37 Pleasant St., New London. 10am - noon. Call 526-6368 to sign up for a half hour appointment.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

FACULTY ART EXHIBITION: Marian Graves Mugar Gallery at Sawyer Fine Arts Center. ColbySawyer

College, 541 Main St., New London, Monday through Friday, 9am - 9pm.

LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING: COA Chapin Senior Center, 37 Pleasant St., New London, 10:30am. Learn about options with Wayne Blanchard from ServiceLink. Call COA. 526-6368 to sign up.

SANTA IS COMING: At Lake Sunapee Bank on Main Street, New London, from 6 - 7pm. Cookies and hot chocolate provided by Lake Sunapee Bank, pictures by Flash Photo. Santa's Elves will be present for holiday facepainting on site for free.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

WRAPPING SERVICE: 1pm to 6pm the H-D music department is hosting a "Sit and Wrap" fundraiser where we will be offering a plethora of activities to keep children pre-school age through grade 5 busy while parents get an afternoon free to shop or whatever. The cost is \$10.00 per child and will be in the HDHS café. In the library, we offer gift wrapping services - drop off your gift in the afternoon and we will wrap it in time for a designated pick up by you later in the day. This service is donation only based, so bring your gifts.

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR: Croydon Fire Auxiliary Hall, 9am - 3pm. Crafters wanted. \$15 per table. Sponsored by the Croydon Ladies Auxiliary. Info: Sandy Beard, 863-4732.

LAS POSADAS: Henniker Congregational Church, 4pm. Composed by Will Ogmundson and Tom Dunn based on the Tomie DePaolo book.

LAS POSADAS: Hillsboro United Methodist Church,

7pm. Composed by Will Ogrnundson and Tom Dunn based on the Tomie DePaolo book of the same title.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Whipple Town Hall in New London at 7pm, and Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2 and 5pm.

FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:

Come take a break from all the busyness of the season and watch the Christmas classics "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman" on the big screen downstairs at Smith Memorial Congregational Church (big white church in the center of Hillsboro with the town clock in the steeple). Admission is free. The doors open at 6:30pm and the movie starts at 7pm. Complimentary popcorn and drinks will be served.

All are invited- fun for the whole family.

HARRIS CENTER: Annual Christmas Bird Count. You don't need to be an expert to participate and join the fun, which includes getting together after the count to share results and pizza (pass-the-hat).

COOKIE & BAKE SALE: The Henniker Historical Society is conducting its annual Holiday Cookie and Bake Sale at the Henniker Grange Hall, 21 Western Avenue, from 11am - 4pm. The event will feature homemade cookies and more, including great Holiday Gifts. New arrivals in the collection are the Cogswell Memorial School Building, Cats Meow replica, Henniker pottery and photo boxes.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: South Sutton Meeting House, 5pm with traditional music, readings and children's pageant. Dress warmly.



**TOWN OF DEERING
762 Deering Center Road
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Deering Planning Board will hold a public hearing for a two lot subdivision for Patricia Prinz, 78 East Deering Road, Map 226, Lot 15, on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Deering Town Hall.



**TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH
PLANNING BOARD**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4.I(d) 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 Michael Manley for property owned by Michael Manley and located at 72 Church Street (Tax Map 23, Lot 4). The request is to allow for renovation of the existing attached barn into three residential units. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. 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.

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