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## Festival of Trees

Members of the Hannah Dustin Society, of the Children of the American Revolution, met with the Mercy Hathaway White Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, at the Warner Town Hall to decorate a Christmas tree which is on display at Warner's Festival of Trees open to the public through the Christmas season. Stop by the Town Hall to see a room full of beautifully decorated trees.



## Let there be lights

Making the holidays bright! Once again, members of the Hillsboro Lions Club installed Christmas lighting on downtown street lights. The annual sale of Christmas Trees allows the Lions to purchase and install the lights and pay for the electricity.



Cindy Chagnon of the NH Board of Education (l) recognized Hillsboro-Deering Music Director Heidi Welch (r) as the NH Teacher of the Year during the Leadership in Education Awards Banquet Tuesday evening. See story on page 5.

## 15% contribution

### *New hires in New London to pay more*

Faced with another double-digit hike in insurance rates, the New London Selectmen have adopted a new policy requiring new municipal employees to contribute 15% toward the cost of their health and dental insurance. In their first meeting since meeting with a committee of town employees (see story on page 11), Chair Peter Bianchi first moved to apply the new policy to current employees as well. Stressing his admiration for the town's work force, Bianchi stated that times are changing and towns can

no longer afford to absorb the increasing cost of benefits. When others suggested phasing in the increased contribution, Bianchi objected, saying, "It will hurt either way. Do you want to take the band-aid off quickly or slowly?"

After a long discussion his motion was defeated 1-2 with Selectmen Kidder and Helm voting "no." The board then voted to keep LGC as the insurance provider for the current fiscal year, but to begin reviewing options for future insurance providers.

## Newport's SAU #43 presents flat budget-no increase

At a sparsely attended meeting, the SAU#43 School Board unanimously approved a flat budget for 2013-14. With \$794,910 in expenditures, the budget is exactly the same as the current budget. Jeff Kessler, the Newport Board of Selectmen's representative to the Newport Budget Committee asked for some background information on the fuel oil supplier for the SAU office.

The current supplier is Irving Qil, but Kes-

sler suggested that the SAU should consider purchasing its fuel oil from Goodrich if the bids are close. "This is a local business employing local people who pay local taxes and vote on the school budget," Kessler said. Liz Hennig, chairman of the SAU board, reminded the administration that a request was made a year ago to look at the structure of staffing in the SAU office and that was not done. "That request is still on the table," she said.



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# Dollar General suspends plans for a Bennington store

Representatives from Dollar General have informed the Bennington Planning Board of the company's intent to suspend its application to build a store on Route 202. Dollar General was scheduled for a hearing before the Planning Board on Monday to continue a review of site plans, but Ray D'Mante, Dollar General's attorney wrote Chair David McKenzie that they would not be attending the meeting.

At its November hearing, the Planning Board rejected Dollar General's site plans as not meeting the town's zoning requirements for density or use. Since then, Dollar General has tried to acquire a third lot to

minimize the variances needed, according to D'Mante's letter.

If negotiations had been successful, the lot would have met all the requirements the Planning Board had taken issue with. D'Mante further wrote that, "The ask-

ing price was, in Dollar General's view, substantially greater than fair market value, and could not be justified." Consequently, for that reason, Dollar General has suspended the Bennington project for the present time.



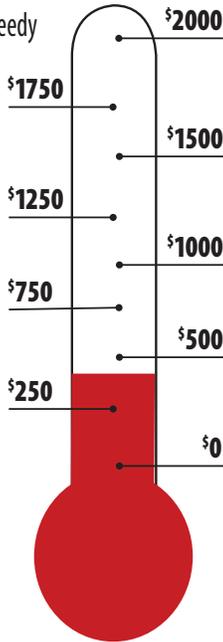
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## Hillsborough police officer fills Antrim position

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was announced, Brian expressed an interest. As a part time officer, he was given first consideration. Based on his level of experience, knowledge of our policies and procedures, training and ability to fit in with the current staff, he was offered the position of full time patrolman. Police Chief Scott Lester said, "I'm very excited to welcome Brian to our agency and look forward to working with him full time."

## HEY KIDS!

*Want to tell Santa what you'd like for Christmas?*

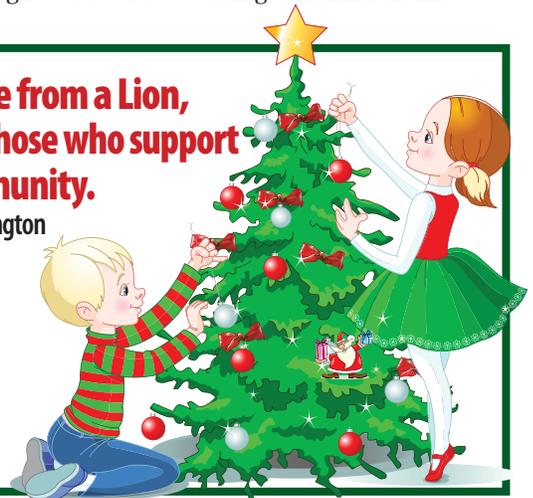
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## Community Alliance needs Drivers

"It's hard to imagine we have completed another year providing volunteer rides for Sullivan County residents. In our second year of operation we provided 3,605 rides and our volunteer drivers travelled 105,212 miles. It is a bit concerning, however, that the number of calls we receive each day continues to rise. We definitely need more volunteers and more local support for this program." Pam Joslin, Director of Transportation for the Alliance is well aware of the needs callers face when they need a ride and don't know where to turn. "We still have need for more volunteers." Joslin commented. "We are not able to provide many rides we receive requests for, and need more drivers. Community Alliance currently has funding that allows the Agency to reimburse volunteer drivers at the identified GSA rate, which is now \$.555 per mile." Joslin reported. For more information on Community Alliance's Volunteer Driver Program or to request a ride, call Pam Joslin, Transportation Director, at (603) 863-0003 or toll free at 1-877-418-0118 or through email pjoslin@communityalliance.net.

## Clarke's Hardware supports Hospice Lights

Clarke's Hardware in New London reached its goal to sell 100 lights for the Hospice Lights program, an accomplishment of which its sales team is very proud. So how did they sell so many lights? They just asked customers. As one member of the team said: "It was fun and definitely not a hard sell ... because Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice does so much for our community." Many of the 27 businesses who participated this year plan to continue displaying and, in some locations, selling lights through Christmas. Every light honors a life and helps LSRVNA honor each hospice patient with exceptional and compassionate care. For Read Clarke the program is especially meaningful. His own parents, Arthur and Joan Clarke, were cared for by the LSRVNA Hospice team and had lights in their memories on the tree,

# Hillsboro-Deering's Heidi Welch honored as "NH Teacher of the Year"

With her family, Superintendent Robert Hassett, Principal Jim O'Roarke, Assistant Principal Jen Crawford and School Board Chair Rich Pelletier in attendance, H-D Music Director Heidi Welch graciously accepted the NH Board of Education's "Teacher of the Year" award at a banquet in Plymouth Tuesday evening. Welch has been teaching music at Hillsboro-Deering High School for the last fourteen years.

The selection committee recognized her passion for education, the excitement she brings to the classroom and her ability to reach every student. Heidi possesses boundless commitment to support and guide the successes of her students, and realizes that literacy is the key to being truly free and strives to engage students in this pursuit through music. Literacy through music means that her students study American history in the context of the music of people's lives and the times, that students read the plays to which they are performing the scores, and that reading is fundamental but literacy means so much more.

Heidi says she knew that education was the key to a door that would lead her out of a life of poverty and fear and into a life of freedom and opportunity. She entered college with the dreams of becoming a British Literature teacher, but within only a few weeks, found the pull of being

a music teacher too much to ignore. She knew that if music education allowed her to find herself as a student, instilled a passion for the arts and for learning, and gave her a chance to push herself in ways that she never thought possible, that it would surely do the same for other young people trying to find where they fit.

She gives them a chance to learn, to express themselves, and most of all to find a safe place to call home for a few hours a day: a space where they belonged, are part of a group that is achieving excellence,

and learning valuable life lessons along the way. While she is a music educator, she stresses the educator first, and to her education begins with the ability to read. Literacy in and through the arts is a passion for her and will continue to be. Though music is her filter, literacy is her ultimate goal. Her message to her students will continue to emulate Fredrick Douglass' words from long ago. When you can read AND WRITE you are truly free, and through music education everyone can find a way to sing.



H-D Music Director Heidi Welch.

## Bergeron back to work

Sunapee Town Manager Donna Nashawaty gave the selectmen an update on Road Agent Tony Bergeron. Bergeron is recovering from his heart attack and is hoping to come back to work on a part-time basis, perhaps as early as this week.



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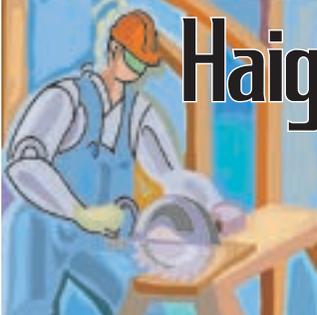
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**Las Posadas in Henniker & Hillsborough**

Alchemists' Workshop of Henniker began a month long statewide tour with a new operetta, Las Posadas, written by Will Ogmundson and Tom Dunn. Performing in Wilmot, Madbury, Concord and Bedford the show based on Tomie dePaola's classic story sold out each venue and got standing ovations. Area residents who are featured in this world premiere include Fred Sprague of Hillsboro as the priest and several devils, Cindy Johnson of Sutton as Sister Angie and the rest of the devils, and the Sewing Sisters of Hillsboro (Susie White and Babette Haley) who had to not only costume all the living actor/singers but also two wooden statues.

Upcoming performances in the area include: Sat., 12/15 at Henniker Congregational Church, 4 pm and at Hillsboro United Methodist Church, 7 pm.

**Sunapee adopts its new noise ordinance**

Sunapee Town Manager Donna Nashawaty reviewed the changes the Town Attorney had made to the proposed noise ordinance with the Selectmen. Selectman Joshua Trow had asked if the police could enforce the ordinance without a complaint, and was told the Town Attorney added the language to authorize the police to enforce this ordinance. Nashawaty stated it was up to the Board if that paragraph remains in the ordinance. After some discussion, the Board agreed they did not want the police to be able to enforce without a complaint. A motion to adopt the noise ordinance as amended passed unanimously.

**Kearsarge School Board favors the town**

The New London Selectmen have been informed that the Kearsarge Regional School Board has voted to negotiate with the town over the possible lease or purchase of the District's 1941 school building. Both the town and Mount Royal Academy had offered similar proposals for the facility. The selectmen met with town's 1941 building committee on Monday afternoon, presumably to finalize negotiation strategies before meeting with the school board.

**Towns' LCHIP grants awarded & denied**

The Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has awarded the Francestown Heritage Commission a \$15,000 grant toward the restoration and renovation of the Town Hall/Academy. LCHIP grants were not awarded to several other area towns, including: \$50,000 to restore Bradford's Town Hall, \$23,000 for Hillsborough's Fuller Public Library and \$55,000 for NH Audubon's Sunapee Hills project in Newbury.

## Antrim Selectmen and Fire Department work to reduce budget increase

The Antrim Selectmen continued to discuss budget requests with department heads at Monday's meeting. Fire Chief Mike Beauchamp requested the largest increase due mostly to two line items.; Vehicle Repair was up to \$10,000 from last years \$3,000 because all the department's pumps must be rectified and the tires on engine need to be replaced #2,

The greatest increase was for Supplies & Equipment which rose from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

Beauchamp presented a list of 11 items totaling \$24,712. which he deemed essential for maintaining department efficiency. A second list of 7 items valued at \$6,059 contained items the department could use, but were not essential.

Selectman Mike Genest mentioned that the department currently had about \$3,000 unspent from the current budget and still had \$6,000 in a Capital Reserve Fund. He suggested that if the department used its current surplus of \$3,000

to purchase the 10 pair of boots requested and used a warrant article to purchase the \$5,120 Lifting Bag Kit from the Capital Reserve, the tax impact would be greatly

reduced. Further, if Beauchamp cut the second "wish list" in half, the equipment request would be up only about \$4,000 over last year's.



On Friday, November 30th Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School held a school wide assembly to wish their former Music Teacher, Laura Corriveau a happy retirement. Laura was honored with musical performances by the high school band and chorus, led by Heidi Welch. Steve Schuch and the 4th grade classes performed songs by Steve Schuch. Mrs. Mims' 3rd grade writing class wrote poems about music and presented the book of poems to Mrs. Corriveau. Mrs. Corriveau taught music at HDES for 11 years.

## Henniker attorney honored

Jan Mysowski of Henniker, a trusts and estates attorney at Gallagher, Callahan and Gartrell in Concord, is one of 33 lawyers nationwide invited to become a distinguished fellow of the American College of Trust and, Estate Counsel. Attorney Mysowski was elected in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the practice of estate and trust law. He has 20 years experience practicing in the area of trusts and estates and has developed an additional focus on special needs and elder law.

## Peterborough approves Scott-Farrar Home plans

Over the objects of residents concerned with the proposed expansion, the Peterborough Planning Board has approved the Scott-Farrar Homes' plans to build a new 73,000-square-foot building with 63 units and construction is expected to begin in

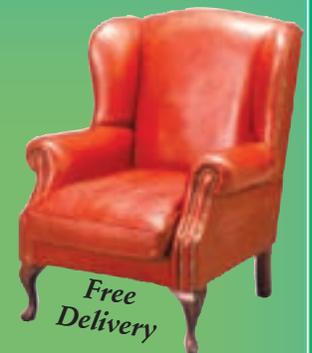
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## Forest Society conserves 80 Weare acres

The Society to Protect N.H. Forests has purchased a conservation easement on 80 acres of land in Weare. The purchase was made possible by several grants and strong local support and collaboration. Under the easement, Dale and Barbara Purington will continue to own the land and operate a small beef farm.

The easement includes scenic frontage on Quaker Street and along Breed Brook. Since the Purington land abuts the Forest Society's 52-acre Breed Forest, conserving it enlarges the protected lands within the area. The easement will guarantee public pedestrian access for hiking, hunting and fishing. The Society raised \$15,000 in private donations, but the bulk of the easement purchase price came from the USDA Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (\$132,000), the Russell Foundation (\$65,000), Mildred Hall Trust (\$70,000), Weare Conservation Commission (\$15,000) and the Emma Sawyer Trust (\$32,000).

## Peterborough's top Citizen & Business

The Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce is accepting nomination forms for 2013 Citizen of the Year and 2013 Business Leader of the Year until Dec. 21 at 3 p.m. Any person may nominate or be nominated. Previous nominations may be reactivated by phone call. All nominations are confidential. The honorees will be feted at a gala banquet on March 20. Award criteria and nomination forms are available online at [www.peterboroughchamber.com](http://www.peterboroughchamber.com), via email at [info@peterboroughchamber.com](mailto:info@peterboroughchamber.com), or at the Chamber offices at the junction of Routes 101 and 202 in Peterborough. For more information, call 924-7234.

## Minor injuries reported in Bennington

Bennington Police Chief Steve Campbell believes driver inexperience was the cause of an accident on Frankestown Road last Saturday. Jeanne Morin, 50, of Mont Vernon was giving her 16-year-old son a driving lesson when he hit a bump in the road and lost control causing it to veer off the road and hit several boulders. Although the vehicle sustained major damage to the front-end and undercarriage, the teen was uninjured. His mother sustained minor injuries to her nose and right hand and wrist. Witnesses say, speed was not a factor in this accident.

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## Board approves MaineLine Graphics moving from Deering to Antrim

Having outgrown its current facility in Deering, MaineLine Graphics will soon be moving to Antrim to occupy the former Place In The Woods on Route 202. Last Thursday, the Antrim Planning Board approved the company's plans to add a 3,192 foot addition and add access to new garage bays, subject to minor conditions. The proposed addition will house the company's computer-controlled equipment, provide shelter for the

company's trucks and provide a larger space to apply vinyl graphics.

MaineLine Graphics currently em-

plys 12 people and is considering hiring an additional employee as it brings more of its contracted work in house.

### Francestown fills position

Francestown officials wasted little time in replacing longtime code enforcement and building inspector Peter Hopkins who recently retired. At its December 10th meeting, selectmen announced the appointment of Ed Hunter of Goffstown, who will begin his duties on January 2nd. Hunter will also function as the town's code enforcement officer, and will be the town's deputy health officer. Hunter has served in those positions for New Boston since 2006. He is certified as a residential building inspector and is a member of the N.H. Building Officials Association. He previously served as a member of the Goffstown Fire Department, including six years as fire chief.



The former Place In The Woods facility.

## Rec Director Chad Denning resigns after seven years

The Town of New London is losing one of its valuable employees. At Monday's Selectmen's meeting Recreation Director Chad Denning submitted notice that he will be leaving to take a job with an Upper Valley non-profit.

Denning said it had been a privilege to work in New London and wished the town well. Selectman Tim Helm praised Denning for his innovation and thinking outside of the box. Denning has served as Recreation Director for the last seven years.

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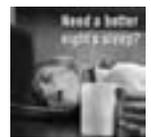


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## Newport schools sponsor 3rd Annual Festival of Trees

The Christmas holiday season will spring to life from 5-8 p.m. on Dec 14 with the 3rd annual "Festival of Trees" Village Celebration hosted by Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center. "Come with your family to enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the holiday season as students transform the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center into a winter wonderland to celebrate the holiday season," said Marcie Ouellette, Director of Career and Technical Education.

The shopping village will be open for gift-giving needs with refreshments, baked goods, make your own ornaments, fresh Christmas trees and wreaths, poinsettias, holiday arrangements, beauty and hair care products, children's table games, raffles and more. Youngsters will be able to shop with a Holiday Elf and have their

purchases wrapped at the Penguin Lane Wrapping Station. Youngsters can also write a letter to Santa at the Gingerbread Library and Post Office.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the village celebration on a layover from the North Pole to share the holiday cheer. Other activities include tree lighting at 6:30 p.m., gingerbread houses on display, Newport Middle and High School chorus will perform carols throughout the village and there will be holiday story reading with Mrs. Claus. Visitors are asked to bring a non-perishable food or toiletry item for the Food Pantry and receive a raffle ticket for special holiday items and services. The holiday festival is sponsored by Newport High School and Middle School, Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center, and student organizations.

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## Amahl and the Night Visitors at Hancock Library

A one-of-a-kind video has emerged which will acquaint area residents with the magic that was once known as The New England Marionette Opera. This summer, theatre founder and general director Ted Leach was viewing the few VHS tapes that survived the tragic fire that totally destroyed the Marionette Opera and its home theatre in Peterborough on January 1, 1999. It was literally the last tape to be viewed, "number 51 out of 51" recounts Leach, and it was a complete performance of Amahl and the Night Visitors. The company gave over 120

performances of the iconic holiday piece and, according to Leach, "this appears to be the final performance." The new DVD will be premiered at the Hancock Town Library at 7 pm on Thursday, Dec. 20. Amy Markus, Director of the Library said, "We are thrilled to be the venue for the first viewing of this unique piece of the New England cultural tapestry. I only wish we had more seats available. We only have 60 seats and they will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis." For more information please call the library at 525-4411.



Over 100 students and their parents from Kindergarten through 2nd grade participated in the first Literacy Night held at the Henniker Community School. Designed to introduce parents to new reading strategies to build reading comprehension at home, Henniker literacy intervention coordinators and classroom teachers met with parents to introduce and practice the reading strategies. Parents also received a list of resources and students each received a new book.

## New London Selectmen listen to town's employees

On November 28th the New London Selectmen met with a committee of town employees, formed to take a look at the proposed changes to the Town's Personell Policy. Chair Peter Bianchi stressed that the purpose of this evening is to hear the report of the committee but that no decisions on changes in employee benefits would be made at that meeting.

Amy Rankins has served as the facilitator of the group and she began the presentation by thanking the Board of Selectmen and Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator, for providing them the opportunity to review and offer their viewpoints on the current personnel

policy and comment on areas that could benefit from revision. The following topics were discussed: Holiday, leave, and sick time, health insurance the possibility of incorporating merit-based raises, and other areas of concern.

Rankins noted that generally speaking, employees are pleased with the current policy and are appreciative of what is offered in New London, and that employees feel that morale is quite low due to a lack of communication.

They would like periodic meetings with the Board of Selectmen and the administration when changes to things, such as health plans, are being discussed.

## ConVal School Board cuts budget increase by 50%

During the December 4th ConVal School Board meeting, members reviewed the proposed budget submitted by Superintendent Richard Bergeron. Bergeron's budget asked for increases in programs and staffing totaling \$44.4 million, a 5% increase of more than \$2 million over the current budget.

The proposal contained two additional full-time and one half-time position for middle school special education programs and an additional teacher and an aide at a new preschool program at Peterborough Elementary School. After discussing the proposal, the board voted.

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## Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

For Christians, this time of year is special as we celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. However, we must also remember that our non-Christian neighbors share that same spirit as they celebrate Chanukah, Ramadan or Kwanzaa. Despite the current hostilities in Afghanistan and the War On Terror, we must remind ourselves that it is the followers of the late Osama Bin Laden, not the Arabs or Islam,

who are the enemies of World Peace.

What a shame that we have had so many wars sparked by religious pride or racial bigotry. Whether we honor a different God, or the same God by a different name, we need always remember that all the world's races and great religions share the same moral lessons and values and that on this small planet, we truly are all brothers and sisters.



## Letters to the Editor

### Letter To The Editor

Sean Cavanaugh was hired as a full time police officer for the town of Antrim in 2007. He was a certified officer with experience and instructor level certifications in many training areas. Sean obtained the rank of Sergeant in 2008. Sean helped me establish a positive perception of the agency and played a valuable role in the development of our new officers. Throughout his time here, he became a well-liked and respected member of this department. He made many personal and professional friends within the community and handled his duties in a professional manner.

In every officer's career they become faced with tough personal and professional decisions. Sean was given an opportunity to become a Lieutenant with the New Ipswich Police Department which will afford him additional time with his family and a jump in rank. Sean expressed to me that this was a very difficult decision as he was very happy working for the Town of Antrim, and that the last five years had been the best of his career so far. We wish

Sean the best in his personal and professional career and his presence will surely be missed.

**Scott Lester, Antrim Police Chief**

### Letter to the Editor:

We are concerned about our cemetery in West Deering. We have no gates and it does not look good. It gives the residence residing there to get out and roam around. Do we want this?

They say we can't have gates because they will take care in keeping them in good condition.

I know of a person that would make new gates and will do the maintenance on them. It would not cost the town anything. If we will do this, will we be fined? Don't know by whom!!

Town offered the old hinges but when it came time to pick them up the person was denied. Why? Just want to make the cemetery look better.

**Jean Feather, Stella Worth,  
and Rodney Kiblin**



## Sold: Real Estate Transfers

### WILMOT

■ 55 Pound Road; land and building; \$144,000; Paula McFarland and others to Phyllis Mitchell Grantham, warranty deed from Anthony P. Hanslin to Mark Brunelle, land and buildings, unlisted location, \$35,000.

### ANTRIM

■ 70 Goodell Road; land and building; \$40,200;

Soundview Home Loan Trust to Troy Z. Property Management LLC.

■ 22 White Birch Point; land and building; \$171,000; Phyllis A. Inloes Living Trust to Kimberly A. Spires Trust.

■ 12 Miltimore Road; land and building; \$272,000; Gregory J. and Barbara C. Morris to Sean T. and Denise R. Omeara.

- Keene Road; land; \$100,000; Richard W. Withington Jr. et al to James L. Creighton Jr. et al.
- West Street; land; \$75,000; Kenneth and Lorraine B. Cloutier et al to Gregory Morris et al.
- No address given; land and building; \$110,000; John H. and Holly A. Bollier et al to Landsite Corp.

**BENNINGTON**

- Old Greenfield Road; land and building; \$60,000; Paul D. and Ronald J. Traxler to Paul V. Traxler.

**FRANCESTOWN**

- 54 Juniper Hill Road; land and building; \$141,000; Israel H. Vadney Jr. Heirs to George and Patricia Zink Jr.
- East Road; land; \$25,000; H. and H. Investments LLC to Carl Henry Hardwick III.
- 498 Old County Road North; land and building; \$175,000; Gagnon Family Revocable Trust to Jodi Lee Forand et al.
- 175 Perley Road; land and building; \$650,000; Thomas H. Cheaney to John W. Ludlam.

**GRANTHAM**

- Jason Trussell, et al to Robert L. Ueberbacher, land and buildings at 48 Troon Dr., \$115,000.
- Gail H. & Robert W. Parsons to Hiroyuki Kataoka, condominium unit 3 at West Cove
- Judith Herman Gross Trust to Irma S. & Lynwood S. Graf, land and buildings, unlisted location, \$450,000.
- Patricia A. Neal to John S. & Nancy D. Clif-

ford, land and buildings at 37 Longwood Dr., \$575,000.

**GREENFIELD**

- Cornwell Road; land; \$27,533; David L. Blanchard to Daniel W. Sousa.
- 30 Longwood Drive; land and building; \$178,000; Matthew C. Brin to Erin C. Doherty.
- No address given; land and mobile home; \$245,000; Everett L. and Rebecca D. Reed Jr. to Paul W. Scott.

**HANCOCK**

- 17 Stoddard Road; land and building; \$162,533; Nadine B. Dubrule to Christopher N. Gagnon.

**HENNIKER**

- 583 Highland Drive; land and building; \$214,400; Daniel and Lisa Sweeney to Bruce and Mary Corsetti.
- 139 Hillside Drive; land and building; \$173,400; Frances Jane Hewitt to Jay and Natalie Gehrig.
- 63 Emery Hill Road; land and building; \$149,000; Michael Campana to Linda Dana

**HILLSBOROUGH**

- West Main Street; land and building; \$500,000; Paula and James Tomacchio to McDonalds USA LLC

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Can you identify these H-D Elementary School students? They are all over 60 now, but they once looked like this. The person who identifies the most students will win a \$50 gift certificate to Alberto's in Bennington.



# Events: Community Bulletin Board

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

**CHRISTMAS BASH:** The American Legion Post 59 is holding their annual Christmas Party Bash at the post. Entertainment by Tattered Lace DJ/Karaoke, starting at 6pm. There will be a yankee swap event at 7pm, all members and guests are invited to participate. Please bring a wrapped gift and/or pot luck to share with all.

**JUNIOR THEATER:** A Letter to Santa... "Dear Santa, I Can Explain..." Performance! Hopkinton High School Auditorium 4pm, THIS SATURDAY. FREE. Everyone welcome. Brought to you by the Hopkinton Recreation Department and Active Jr., LLC (Registrations will begin soon for our Valentine's Day Play).

**TWAS JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS:** Downtown Newport, 4-8pm with horse drawn sleigh rides, marshmallow roasting, exhibitors, displays and performances in the Opera House. Santa Passport locations at local businesses. Plus the annual Chili Walk with 15 chili makers at the Newport Rec. Department. \$5 per person to sample all.

**TUBA CHRISTMAS:** First Baptist Church, New London, at 2pm. Presented by the Kearsarge Community Band. All tuba and euphonium players are invited to participate. Call 526-6011 for more information. Free and open to the public.

**HOLIDAY PARTY:** Springfield Fire Station from 3-5pm. Santa arrives at 3:15; craft and goodies available. Caroling and Lighting of the Town Tree will be at 4:30.

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL:** Whipple Memorial Town Hall, New London, Saturday, 7pm and Sunday, 2pm.

A one hour adaptation with music of the Dickens classic. Donations accepted to benefit A.R. T.S., Adaptive Art, Respite & Therapeutic Play Services, scholarship fund and the Sutton Athletic Fields. Sponsored by Vernondale Country Store, Benedict Brothers Construction and Victory Hill Contracting.

**WRAPPING SERVICE:** 1pm-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 Ogmundson 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 Rein-

deer" 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

**OPEN SUNDAY:** 1pm-4pm: Special Sunday Opening for Antrim's annual Festival of Trees. Tuttle Library, 45 Main Street, Antrim. Antrim's Festival of Trees continues at Tuttle Library during regular library hours for the month of December. For more information, visit [www.AntrimFestivalofTrees.org](http://www.AntrimFestivalofTrees.org), follow the Festival on Facebook or contact Missy Taylor at 588-7146.

**LESSONS AND CAROLS:** 10am. Please come, invite your friends and enjoy this very special Christmas event. Shirley Boucher, our former organist will be participating along with our choir under the direction of Jane Waters. Afterwards, we will have a festive

## HENNIKER SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

Due to a recent Board Member resignation, there is an immediate opening for a School Board Member.

Interested parties must be a resident and registered voter of Henniker.

School Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the Henniker Community School.

If interested please submit a letter of interest with qualifications by December 19, 2012 to:

Dr. Lorraine Tacconi-Moore,  
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## TOWN OF ANTRIM PUBLIC NOTICE

### School Street Traffic Flow Change

Starting January 2, 2013 the ONE WAY traffic flow on School Street will be reversed.

Traffic will now enter from Summer Street and exit onto West Street.



## TOWN OF ANTRIM PUBLIC NOTICE

### Police Station Informational Meeting

There will be an Informational Meeting on Thursday, December 20, 2012 at the Antrim Town Hall starting at 7:00 PM for everyone to see the design progress of our new Police Station.



# Events: Community Bulletin Board

reception where we can relax, eat, visit with friends, and just enjoy this Holy time of year. Deering Community Church.

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

**CAROLING INDOORS:** First Free Will Baptist Church, Route 114 in North Sutton, at 5:30pm. Directed by Dick Dutton. Sing in the Christmas season with your family, friends and neighbors. Stay warm and toasty inside the church singing your favorite carols. Afterwards, enjoy cookies, cocoa and coffee at the church. Free raffle tickets to win gift certificates. The new owners of Follansbee Inn, Cat and Dennis Sword, have graciously invited the group to follow the driveway over to the inn after the caroling, for some more "spirited" Christmas cheer.

**FREE STORYTELLING:** Newbury Public Library, Rte. 103, 2:30pm with British storyteller Simon Brooks. Come for a magical winter journey to places and times of wonder. Sponsored by the Friends of the Newbury Public Library. Reservations: 763-5803.

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

## TUESDAY DECEMBER 18

**FREE PRESENTATION:** United Church of Warner, 43 East Main St., 11:30am, "A Picture Worth 1,000 Words: Relaxation Techniques Using Your Mind" uses guided imagery and visualization as a way of coping with life's difficult situations. Info: 224-4093 or 800-924-8620, ext. 5815.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** 8am-11am Slusser Senior Center, 41 Houston Drive, Contoocook. Cost: Adults: \$5:00, Kids: \$3:00, all proceeds will go toward Operation Christmas organized by the Human Services Department.

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** MacKenna's Restaurant, 293 Newport Rd., New London, 7:30am "Work it out, Life after Loss."

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 20

**ANTRIM POLICE:** There will be an Informational Meeting at the Antrim Town Hall starting at 7pm for everyone to see the design progress of our new Police Station.

**PAJAMA STORYTIME:** Fuller Public Library in Hillsboro at 6:30pm. Wear your PJs and enjoy some Christmas stories in our children's room. For more info call 464-3595.

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 21

**CHURCH SUPPER:** Washington Congregational Church - Supper at 6pm followed by caroling at 7pm, all are welcome.

**HOMELESS VIGIL:** Newport Common at 6pm. During the Ceremony, the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany will honor the homeless who have passed away in New Hampshire during 2012. After the ceremony, join in a walk around a candlelit labyrinth behind the Episcopal Church followed by a dinner of bread and soup, all just a short walk from the common. After dinner, a Blue Christmas service will begin in the sanctuary. Attend any portion of the series of events. Donations are accepted and will be put towards services in the lower Connecticut River Valley area to help those who suffer from lack of a home or food or those who endure abuse.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Monadnock Chorus Chamber Singers, under the direction of Jim Sharrock and accompanied by Cheryl Sharrock, will present a concert of holiday songs titled "A Classic Christmas Concert" at 7:30pm in the Hancock Congregational Church, Main Street, Hancock. Admission is free, but free-will donations would be most welcome.

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 22

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE:** The Union Chapel on Sawmill Road in Hillsborough Lower Village will hold its annual Candlelight Service at 7pm. The service will include holiday music on the pump organ played by Barbara Morgan, acapella singers from the Hillsboro Deering High School and the Christmas message by Pastor Joseph Saunders from the Hillsborough United Methodist Church. There is no heat in the chapel so please dress warmly. Members of the community are

invited.

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 23

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Sugar River Community Room, near Violette's, Newport, 6pm. Old-fashioned sing-along, special message, snacks, gifts and more.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** 10am. This year's pageant starts with Joseph's father visiting a matchmaker. Both adults and children are involved under the direction of Lauren Warner. Deering Community Church.

## MONDAY DECEMBER 24

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE:** Washington Congregational Church, 7pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** 5pm. Our tradition is to gather together on the eve of Jesus' birth to celebrate in a joyous worship that includes choosing favorite carols to sing together, plus a lovely candle light closing to Silent Night. For many including Pastor Barbara, this is a favorite service. Children of all ages are most welcome. Deering Community Church.

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 30

**LAST SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR 2012:** 10pm. Jami Boyle is planning a creative, different type of Sunday worship. Be sure not to miss this special time. Pastor Barbara is on vacation and will return on 1-2-2013. Deering Community Church.

## Attention Bulletin Board Users:

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### John Stark wins HealthierUS Award

John Stark Regional High School (JSRHS) was awarded the HealthierUS School Challenge Bronze Award from the USDA Wednesday evening. Stark is the very first high school in NH and only one of five schools (the others are elementary or middle) in the state to achieve this standard. "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 was 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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