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Monadnock Bank now a Credit Union

Monadnock Community Bank (MCB) returned to its roots when its acquisition by GFA Federal Credit Union was completed on December 28th, 2012. The Peterborough bank had been a New Hampshire-chartered credit union until it was converted to a federal savings bank in 1996. The transaction will be the first such acquisition nationally of a stock savings bank by a credit union. GFA's nine full-service branches have a combined asset total of approximately \$429 million, and deposits of approximately \$318.3 million.



New Dispatcher

The Hillsborough Selectmen recently approved hiring Kathryn Flanders as a part-time dispatcher at the Hillsborough facility. She was introduced to the Board by head dispatcher Kevin Belanger. She joins William Bannister of Deer-ing, who was hired in November.



Three members of the New London Recreation Commission met with the Selectmen in a public forum to discuss how to replace Recreation Director Chad Denning, who resigned after serving the town for seven years. See story and additional photo on page 3.

Wedding bliss

Neither side happy with ZBA decision

Apparently the Henniker ZBA made no one happy with its decision to allow weddings at Forster's Christmas Tree Farm, as both parties have filed motions for a rehearing. However, before deciding whether to grant a rehearing, the Board must first rule on a motion by abutters Spencer, Stephen and Ross Bennett to disqualify Board member Bruce Trivellini.

The Bennetts claim that after the hearing Steven Forster approached the ZBA table, gave Trivellini a big hug, and later in the parking lot, the two were overheard discussing plans to go out for a drink together. This, they say, disqualifies Trivellini from further deliberating

on the case.

Although the ZBA approved weddings at the Tree Farm, Forster is appealing claiming the Board ignored the controlling language of RSA 21:34(a) and limited Forster's uses to "weddings and civil unions" only, and not "weddings/events and like functions" as permitted by NH Statutes. The Bennetts, on the other hand, are appealing even the approval of weddings on the property. Even if weddings are approved, the Board should have imposed reasonable conditions for the property's use.

At press time, The ZBA is conducting a hearing on all three motions.

Final chapter in Bradford Road Agent saga?

The saga of the Bradford Road Agent continues as Marlene Freyler attended the last Selectmen's meeting and said she noticed that \$5,000.00 was paid out to Jeff Remillard. She asked what this meant, to which Chair Harry Wright responded that it means Remillard no longer works for the town. Freyler then asked if that is the end, Wright replied that as far as the

town is concerned this is all done. He continued that the lawyers agreed to what was done, advised that it is within the law. When someone commented, "Haven't we reviewed this enough?" Wright responded "yes," the process was done with council's recommendation."

The Selectmen advised there will be an ad for a new Road Agent in due time.

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New London groups united in preserving recreation programs

One thing was evident at Wednesday evening's meeting of the New London Selectmen and the Recreation Commission, Chad Denning's shoes will be hard to fill. Denning's resignation, after serving as Recreation Director for 7 years, has left the town searching for ways to maintain its many recreational programs. The room was filled to capacity as the Board hosted a community forum to gain input as to how next to proceed.

Jason Stadler, of the Recreation Commission, urged the Board to hire a part-time interim director as soon as possible. He stated that hiring an interim director, working 20-30 hours per week over the next six months was necessary to maintain the programs while a permanent position is filled. He stressed that planning for the many upcoming programs must be done months in advance, with an intense registration process for each program.

In response to a question by Selectman Janet Kidder, Stadler said they had a few candidates in mind for the position.

Resident Michelle Houghton suggested that this is the ideal time to mend fences with the Outing Club to ensure that all the community's talents were utilized. Tim Heran, a member of the Outing Club's

Board stressed that the club holds no ill will toward the town, and in fact, shares one simple goal - "helping the kids."

Cicely Markoff, a member of the 1941 Building Study Committee, liked the idea of using all the volunteers, but asked the Board to work towards a full-time Recreation

Director as essential for consistency and coordination of various volunteer efforts.

Chair Peter Bianchi urged the commission to submit their candidates to the Board quickly so interviews and background checks could be done and the position filled.



The meeting room was full as New London residents discussed how best to replace Chad Denning.

We Apologize

Because of last week's early deadline, we neglected to include Jed and Nancy Schwartz and Al Young in the list of those contributing to the Lions Christmas Food Basket Project. Al, Jed and Nancy have been regular contributors for years and we apologize for the omission.

Hopkinton man named Democrats' Policy Director

A Hopkinton man, who once served as chief of staff to former U.S. Rep. Paul Hodes, will now assume a policy role with the State Senate Democrats. Matt Robison will serve as the Democratic policy director in the senate, where Democrats are in the minority by a single seat. Robison was the campaign manager for Massachusetts U.S. Rep. John Tierney, who was expected to lose re-election

because of a scandal involving his family. Yet Tierney won in what Washington newspaper Roll Call dubbed the "upset of the year." In addition to running a congressional office for Hodes, Robison also worked at the U.S. House Appropriations Committee and as an aide to then-Virginia Gov. Mark Warner. Martin returns to the Senate after serving as an aide there for several years.



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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

WHERE WERE YOU?

Do you remember the old saying "Let George Do It"? Well, George is getting older and it's hard for him to keep up with the things that need doing.

When the Hillsboro Lions Club hosted its Senior Dinner or provided free books to the H-D elementary school children, where were you?

When the Henniker Rotary Club sponsored its Rabies Clinic or put up Christmas wreaths, where were you?

When the Masons put on their DARE Breakfasts or do the road side cleanup, where were you?

When the HYAA or HYHA scheduled their many youth sports, where were you?

When Hillsborough Pride hosted its Town Cleanup Day or Old Fashioned Christmas, where were you?

When the PTO organized its Craft Sale, where were you?

These are only a few of the community improvement projects done by VOLUNTEERS, a.k.a "George." These types of

projects are repeated by similar groups in Newport, New London, Warner, Weare, Hopkinton, and the other towns in The Messenger's readership area, and they all share a similar problem - declining membership.

America has a long and proud tradition of volunteerism, beginning with the barn raisings of colonial days. Unfortunately in the hectic pace of everyday life, we are rapidly losing that sense of community which spawns volunteerism. Where are today's 30 and 40 year olds? Where are YOU? A generation is missing from our civic groups. Get off your backside, give something back and do something to make your town a better place to live.

Yes, it will occupy a little of your spare time, but you'll get so much more in return. By joining these groups you will meet, work and play with some fantastic new friends. Nothing else will give you such a sense of satisfaction than in helping others and you'll have fun doing it. Join today -become "George."



Guest Editorial *by Grant Bosse*

13 ISSUES TO WATCH IN 2013

As we look ahead to the top issues of the New Hampshire Legislature in 2013, let's mention three issues from last year's agenda that won't matter much; redistricting, Right To Work, and RGGI. The controversial House redistricting plan got a State Supreme Court seal of approval this year, over my objections, and the Senate isn't going to go redistrict anything for another nine years. There weren't enough votes to override a gubernatorial veto on Right To Work with a Republican supermajority. There won't be enough to send it to Governor -Elect Hassan's desk next year. The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative will limp along into a fifth year, but don't be surprised if RGGI revenues are again diverted to meet other spending priorities.

13. Right to Know - Our law provides broad protection for open meetings and public records, but never anticipated email, PDFs, or cell phone cameras. The law needs a reboot to protect the right to record public meetings, and require government to keeps records so that they remain open

to public inspection. Rep. Mary Beth Walz has introduced legislation to let local officials shield their deliberations behind the cloak of attorney-client privilege, even if their attorney isn't present.

12. Pensions- We're not going to get any significant reform of the New Hampshire Retirement System, despite an unfunded liability approaching \$5 billion. The public sector unions, and the elected officials they support, do not acknowledge the problem. The question is whether the Legislature will make it worse with more pension promises we can't afford.

11. Nanny Taxes- We know that cigarette taxes will go up again. But how about soda? Or bottled water? Which other unpopular activities will some do-gooder in the Legislature decide need to be taxed, for our own good?

10. Business Taxes- Everyone agreed during the last campaign that New Hampshire's punitive business tax climate needed reform. But no one knows where to find the money to Business Profits Tax or

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New London Hospital plans \$8 million expansion at Newport Health Center

New London Hospital Associates Inc. has finalized its purchase of the land and buildings at the north end of the Newport Shopping Plaza and an additional 17 acres of land on the north side of Elm Street for a reported \$2,225,000. The purchase signified the hospital's goal of increasing its presence in Newport. Currently, about one-third of the hospital's business comes from Newport.

The purchase, first announced in October, includes the Newport Health Center building now leased by the hospital, the old bowling alley and the additional land. The existing Newport Health Center contains 15,000 square feet. The vacant bowling alley building is slated to be torn down with a new medical office building constructed on that site. The health center

building will then be completely renovated to provide 30,000 square feet of space.

The project will take up to 18 months to complete and is budgeted at \$8 million.



The Newport Health Center.

Porter at Muster Field Farm

John Porter, who along with Francis Gilman authored the book "Preserving Old Barns," will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Muster Field Farm Museum on January 13, 2013. The meeting will be held at the Freewill Baptist Church in North Sutton at 2 pm. All are welcome to attend at no cost; refreshments will be served during the meeting. Porter and Gilman have compiled a fascinating look at traditional New England agricultural barns and structures, and are known as the go-to experts in this field. Both have had long careers working for UNH Cooperative Extension and are well known throughout the farming community. Porter will have copies of the book for sale or inspection at the meeting.

Firefighters train at Warner's Odd Fellows Building

Fire Chief Ed Raymond met with the Warner Selectmen to ask permission to remove two windows at the Odd Fellows Building. The Fire Department has been hosting Fire Fighter I training at the building and in order to prevent any further damage to the building it was deemed wise to remove the windows that will be used during a ladder exercise. The Board had no objection to the request and granted permission. The Selectmen also asked Ed to contact Odd Fellows Building Committee member Jim McLaughlin about removing the windows. Ed said when the

windows are removed he will replace with them plywood.

Odd Fellows Building Committee member Jim McLaughlin also met with the Selectmen and provided a copy of an Option Agreement created by Michael McChesney who is interested in raising and moving the Odd Fellows Building.

The Board informed Jim that the Fire Department is conducting trainings at the building and will be removing two windows for ladder training, and decided to review the agreement at a future meeting.

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The Hillsboro-Deering Chorus performed at their Holiday Concert.

Bradford Construction Manager selected

Eileen Kelly, Chair of Bradford's Town Hall Restoration Committee came before the Selectmen and presented a letter to them stating the Review Committee has recommended North Branch Construction as the Construction Manager for Bradford's Town Hall Restoration project with the understanding there will be no risk to the town.

Board Chair Harry Wright stated that there were six firms suggested and the final selection was made by the Review Committee who is John Greenwood, Harry Wright and Rick Monahan, Architect.

Equipment donated to Weare Fire/EMS

The Weare Selectmen recently held a Public Hearing regarding the Town's acceptance of \$2,688.00 from the Weare Fire/EMS Association for a Floater Pump and \$13,000.00 for a Lucas "Thumper" with \$2,500.00 match from Weare Fire/EMS Association fundraising and \$4,000.00 match from Concord Hospital Charitable Fund.

Chief Vezina explained that the floater pump is a gasoline driven pump that pumps water up to the hose. The department did not have a floater pump. The funds came from an auction that took place at Cold Springs Campground. \$4,000 was received from the Concord Hospital Charitable Fund for the Lucas Device with \$2,500 from the Weare Fire/EMS Association fundraising. After the hearing, the Board voted unanimously to accept the donations.

HDMS Students of the Month

Class of 2017 Maggie Atkins, Sam Audette, Dylan Beard, Gina Costello, Emily Gibson, Nicole Mooney, Caitlyn Nadeau, Meghan Pushee, Kayleigh Sigman, Alexis Tarbox, Sam Taylor

Class of 2018 Alex Buciak, Thomas Ferguson, Mara Grady, Samantha Grondin, Pia Pellicano, Tia Smith, Kaelyn Snair, Dustin Van Cleave, Hannah Weldon, Emily Wightman, Colby Wilkens

Class of 2019 Kyle Bergstresser, Olivia Davenport, Cheyenne Elliot, Ryan Gillett, Halie Hurd, Mackenzie Murdough, Maddy O'Brien, Rebecca Parris, Kaysyn Walker, Izabella Warren, Zachary Urban, Sam Zdon.

Henniker Community School students to learn about China

The sixth graders in Henniker will begin their long awaited opportunity to experience the Artist in Residency (AIR) program at the Henniker Community School beginning in January. The AIR program in Henniker is designed to enrich and expand the study of cultures from around the world; this year's program will focus on the enduring and rich culture of China.

Henniker sixth graders' classroom study of China will be expanded upon in January during Chinese cooking and abacus lessons with HCS parent and Taiwanese native Fay Childers. They will also learn about traditional Chinese medicine during a visit to the school by acupuncturist Jennifer Woolf from Concord Community Acupuncture. Woolf is a licensed acupuncturist in the state of New Hampshire, board certified in acupuncture, and a member of the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

This year's visiting Chinese teacher at the Henniker Community School, Xu Ke, will team up with the Bo Gao from The Chinese Culture Club at New England College and spend time with the students explaining what life in China is like and talk about the variety of festivals that are celebrated each year. Additionally, Xu Ke will teach students the art of calligraphy which the students will use in a pottery class project at the school with their art teacher Mr. Storro.

In March the students will be fully immersed in Chinese study when two visiting artists, Cai Xi Silver and Mao Mao Liebert, spend the entire week of March 18 working with the Henniker sixth graders. Silver and Liebert will teach the students

about a variety of Chinese activities.

Students will learn and perform Chinese calisthenics exercise, t'ai chi and sword for health, and dances including Chinese dragon, ribbon, and lantern.

Students will also learn to make Chinese paper lanterns and opera masks and calligraphy hanging scrolls. There will be a public performance and art exhibit at the school in the evening of

March 22, 2013 at 7 PM.

This is the 13th year sixth grade students at the Henniker Community School have experienced the Artist-in-Residency program.

On a rotating basis the areas of intensive study, which follows the sixth grade social studies curriculum, include Africa, South America, India, China, and Japan.



Henniker Rotary Club President thanks speaker Lt Col David Hanson of the New Boston Air Force Tracking Station for his informative presentation to the club.

Andover girl injured in snowmobile accident

A 2-year-old Andover girl suffered a serious leg injury Tuesday when the snowmobile she was riding on hit a tree. According to a release from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, the girl and her 4-year-old brother were riding on the vehicle with their father,

whom Fish and Game officers identified only as a 35-year-old man.

The snowmobile hit a tree about 10 yards from where it started. The girl was taken to Franklin Regional Hospital for treatment. At press time, there was no word on her condition.

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The Hillsboro-Deering Concert Band.

New Highway Garage planned for Weare

Tim Redmond gave the Weare Selectmen a hand drawn sketch of the proposed Highway Garage for their review. It will be a stand alone building. Redmond said that they are trying to take a two phase approach, which he feels will be better monetarily. The two phase approach retains the use of the current building while the new building is being constructed. It is not conceivable to tie the two buildings together. In time, if the town chooses, they can take the old building down. The structure will be pre-manufactured and in the future it will be able to be separated as an office modular to go onto a new building. The new building will be 140 ft x 80 ft and it is estimated to cost \$550,000. The current building will house all the bays for the equipment. They will try to put the core facilities into the new building, such as a bathroom and lunch room, on the second floor. Vice Chairman Butt said that they need to consider how they will present the building to the voters. Selectman Lacasse mentioned that the former DPW Director had designs done by Kurt Lauer, an architect from Goffstown. It was discussed that if the building is approved and a number locked in everything will be adjusted to what the voters approve. There will be costs associated with getting plans designed. The goal of the plans is to have something to present to the voters. They can't ask the voters to support a bond for the building without knowing what the building is. The Board discussed that there is money available in the 2012 operating budget to fund engineer costs. There is potential for \$182,000 to be remaining in the 2012 budget.

Locals Artists join Arts Education Team

The N.H. State Council on the Arts is pleased to announce that eight new teaching artists from across the state, who represent a wide range of disciplines and cultures, have been added to its Arts Education Roster. The Roster is a resource of talented professional artists who bring new ideas, skills, energy and creativity to schools and communities. New roster artists from the area include: "Big Paws," folk ensemble, Henniker: Presents original songs, traditional dance tunes, ballads and music from a variety of American and Eastern European traditions. Simon Brooks, storyteller, New London: Provides storytelling education and performances ranging from single to multiple shows, as well as full-day and multi-day residencies. Hunt & Smith, folk ensemble, Hancock: Presents traditional American song and dance for educational programs and concerts.

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Business Enterprise Tax:

9. Voter ID- New Hampshire's new Voter ID system worked well. That won't stop Democrats from trying to repeal it. They see laws that ensure voters are who they say they are as attempts to disenfranchise poor, minority, and elderly voters.

8. Capital Budget- Pay attention not only to how much we borrow to build new court houses, but also whether the Legislature tries to shoehorn operational spending into the Capital Budget in order to make the General Fund look balanced.

7. School Choice Scholarships- Teachers' unions will lead the charge to repeal New Hampshire's modest step towards school choice, arguing that a small tax credit for donations to non-profit scholarship organizations is a threat to public schools. The absurdity of this argument will not lessen the volume with which it is delivered.

6. Education Funding- New Hampshire voters aren't likely to get an amendment that meaningfully reduces the Court's meddling in education funding decisions. Meanwhile, the formulas by which the state determines the cost of an adequate education, raises that money, and distributes it to towns are all in need of updating.

5. Gambling- The Governor's Budget will have a proposal for a single casino along the southern border. If approved, it will end up at Rockingham Park. The only question is whether there are enough votes for the idea in the House. The chamber has

never supported gambling, but a sitting Governor has never pushed for one.

4. LGC Lawsuit- The Local Government Center has for years used revenues from its local insurance to pay for other programs. The huge cost of court-ordered refunds could cause a mess big enough to require legislative action.

3. Medicaid Lawsuit- If Judge Stephen McAuliffe restores the Lynch Administration Medicaid reimbursement rate cuts, does the Legislature cut them again? If the State wins, do they increase Medicaid funding anyway?

2. Medicaid Expansion- Hassan wants to raise the income eligibility for Medicaid, and the feds are offering to pay most of the cost over the next few years. Shifting patients from private insurance to Medicaid will hit hospitals hard, and increase the Granite State's long-term health care costs.

1. The Budget- The state's two-year budget is not only the most important bill the Legislature will debate, but it will be the vehicle through which many of the state's top issues are decided. Hassan's first budget proposal is due by February 15th. As Senate Majority Leader, she relied on optimistic revenue estimates and increased borrowing. Can we expect a more responsible approach in 2013?

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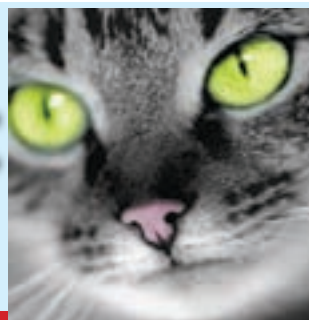
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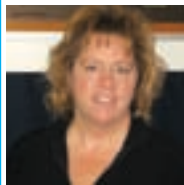
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Cancer Institute, an estimated 241,740 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and 28,170 will die from the disease in 2012.

Vitamin C supplementation in pregnant women who are unable to quit smoking significantly improves pulmonary function in their newborns, according to a new study.

A new study has found that patients with chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) who have not responded to interferon treatments experience long-term benefits when they switch to the targeted drug imatinib. Published in *Cancer*, a peer-reviewed journal of the American Cancer Society, the study indicates that imatinib is the treatment of choice for these patients. Imatinib, a drug that blocks the protein made by a particular cancer-causing gene, has revolutionized the treatment and prognosis of patients with CML. Now up to 93 percent of patients who take the drug as initial therapy for CML survive at least eight years, whereas prior to imatinib, patients survived an average of only three to six years.

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This young man is not quite ready for the National Hockey League, but enjoys learning to skate on the New London rink.

Antrim Wind Farm hearings on Feb 5th

The N.H. Site Evaluation Committee is set to continue deliberations on Antrim Wind Energy's proposed 10-turbine wind energy facility on Tuttle Hill and Willard Mountain in Antrim. The SEC began the process in August of 2011. Originally scheduled to make a decision by November 30th, lengthy public hearings and weather interruptions first dallied that date to December, and now again until February. Public hearings of the application were concluded on December 6th, but the SEC suspended the proceedings until February 5th, when they will convene again to make a final decision. Antrim Wind Energy, counsel and intervenors will have until midnight on January 14th to submit written briefs outlining their reasoning for why the project should be approved or rejected. The SEC will continue to accept any written input from interested parties. The deliberative session is open to the public. Proceedings will begin at 9 a.m. at the Public Utilities Commission Office, 21 South Fruit St. in Concord.

Area craftspeople featured by NH League

Starting January 11, the League of NH Craftsmen is hosting a creative exhibition, *A Child at Heart*, at its Gallery at The Craft Center and headquarters in the SMILE! building on 49 South Main Street in Concord. The exhibition runs through April 13 and all the fine craft items are available for purchase, so visitors can appreciate and purchase the work made by juried members of the League of NH Craftsmen. This multi-media exhibition features work that expresses the wonder and innocence of childhood, real or imagined. An opening reception, where the public can meet and speak with the participating exhibitors, is scheduled for Friday, January 11 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Area craftsmen participating include: Contoocook, NH: Dan Dustin, Francess town, NH: Kathy Marx, Henniker, NH: Stephany Lavalley, Hillsborough, NH: Camille B. Gibson, Diana Lind, Hopkinton, NH: Carol Murphy, Sunapee, NH: Marie Wiggins and Warner, NH: Susan Beere.

Antrim and Bennington teenagers arrested for home invasion and assault

The tears of family members were flowing as the three area teenagers, accused of a Christmas Eve home invasion in Peterborough, were arraigned on felony burglary charges in a Jaffrey courtroom last Wednesday.

The three suspects: Dylan Cadorette, 17, of Bennington; Austin Cadorette, 17, of Antrim; and Isaac Lyons, 17, also of Antrim, have been charged with forcing their way into a basement-level bedroom at 4:30 a.m. on Christmas Eve.

One of the intruders brandished a shotgun. A 17-year-old male who was sleeping in the room confronted the intruders

but was tackled and hit over the head with the butt of a shotgun. When the victim referred to the intruders by name, they fled the home, police said in a press release Christmas Eve.

Only hours after the incident, Peterborough, Bennington, Greenfield, Antrim, and Hancock Police went to a South Ben-

nington residence where they arrested the three 17-year-olds, who had blood on their clothes. Peterborough Police recovered three rifles. The three teens have each been charged with felony burglary for entering the home with the intent to assault.

Judge Phillip Runyon kept each of their bails the same, \$50,000 cash.

Norm Bernaiche is back

The Joint Board representing the towns of New London, Newbury, and Sunapee has announced that Normand Bernaiche is returning to his post as the Chief Assessor.

Bernaiche was originally hired to be the first Joint Assessor for the three communities in August 2005, a position the first of its kind in New Hampshire. He left in June 2012 to become the City Assessor for Keene. His first day back on the job was December 17.



The Smith Memorial Church Hand Bells performed for Cliff Blanchard's 100th birthday party at Hillsboro House on Sunday.

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TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC NOTICE/NOTICE TO ABUTTERS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 that the Hillsborough Planning Board will hold a public hearing on an Application for Site Plan Review submitted by Saxon Partners for property owned by Douglas S. Hatfield, Jr., and located on Antrim Road/Route 202 (Tax Map 11D - Lot 298, Tax Map 11H - Lots 305 & 306, Tax Map 11L - Lots 311 & 327). The proposed commercial development includes five (5) buildings totaling approximately 250,000 SF of retail space and an 80-unit housing community. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 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.

Hillsborough Planning Board
Case No. 13-001



The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen in Hillsboro includes Bob Gefvert (left photo) who celebrated his 90th birthday at the Legion on Saturday, and Cliff Blanchard (right photo) who celebrated his 100th birthday at Hillsboro House on Sunday.

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Several arrests at Bennington underage booze party

Acting on an anonymous tip of a possible party at 7 Main St. across from the Country Store, Bennington Police went to the house on December 21st to investigate. Although they could not see anyone they did hear people and detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the house. When no one answered a knock on the door, the officers applied for a search warrant to enter the residence and look for suspected drug activity and underage drinking.

Assisted by Antrim and Hancock officers, police entered the residence on December 22. and discovered 10 people, all but one under the age of 21. All 10 were detained while police conducted a search of the house. The officers did not make any arrests at the scene, said Campbell,

but removed all evidence and collected personal information, which was later used to apply for arrest warrants which were served on December 23rd.

Brittany Robichaud, 20, and Devin Dame, 20, residents of the Bennington house, were charged with illegal possession of alcohol, illegal possession of a controlled drug, believed to be marijuana, controlling a premise where drugs are located and facilitating an underage alcohol or drug house party. Taylor Cross, 18, of Antrim, Alan Fox, 18, of Temple and Nathaniel Cross, 20, of Hancock were each charged with illegal possession of alcohol. The five are set for arraignment on February 14th. Police have three more arrest warrants for others who attended the party.

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Henniker Rotary Club President Joyce Bosse presents a "Chillifest" t-shirt to Dave Currier of Henniker Brewery for his presentation to the club. The brewery is set to begin distribution soon with bottles being available throughout the greater Henniker area.

Sunapee Board of REALTORS help their neighbors

The Sunapee Region Board of REALTORS®, through its Neighbors Helping Neighbors program, has provided much needed funds and personal hygiene bundles that include, lip balm, shampoo, shower gel, and deodorant with the help of a local Avon representative. At their second annual Glow Ball at Eastman Golf Links in Grantham this past September, the board raised \$1,100 and those funds added to the \$750 raised by Affiliate Lynne Haney of Schaefer Mortgage, allowed for donations of \$250 each to Warner CAP, Kearsarge Lake Sunapee (KLS) and Newport food pantries and \$150 each to Sunapee, South Newbury, First Baptist Church in Bradford, Trinity Bible Church in Sutton, Wilmot, Grantham and the Andover Lions Club in time for Thanksgiving.

At their November membership meeting, a challenge was issued to purchase personal hygiene bundles at a cost of \$4.75 each with a donation by Roxi Decato of Avon; 243 bundles were purchased and delivered to Warner CAP, KLS and Newport, the largest providers in the area right before the Christmas holidays. Food stamps do not allow for the purchase of such items. SRBR President Donna Forest noted that it is often in challenging times that REALTORS® see firsthand the need in our communities and respond accordingly. For several years now the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program has collected food and other needed items as well as money to help our community providers. The SRBR will collect food, Toys for Tots and new bears for CHaD at their holiday party.

Kearsarge School District may approve merit pay

In addition to choosing between two versions of the budget, voters at the Kearsarge Regional School District's Deliberative Session on Saturday will be asked to approve a unique three-year teachers' contract which includes performance-based pay raises.

As proposed, the three-year contract which has been ratified by the Kearsarge Regional Education Association, teachers would get a 1 percent cost-of-living raise in 2013-14 and 2014-15. In the third year,

raises would be based on performance levels.

The school board's recommended budget totals a little more than \$37.3 million, a 0.9% increase, while the district's Budget Committee is recommending a budget containing about \$38,000 less in spending, which comes out to a 0.8% percent spending increase. Both contain a 9 percent increase in health insurance costs, and an increase in retirement costs of \$443,000.

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SPORTS High School Results

BOYS' BASKETBALL

John Stark 39 Plymouth 38 The Generals were up 35-17 entering the fourth but the Bobcats staged a rally and led 38-37 with the ball and 2 seconds left. It was all but over until Nick Simone drew a charging foul and drained the two free throws to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. Zac Grattan was game high with 14 points and 15 boards.

Capital Area Holiday Tournament

Bow 66 John Stark 63 Preliminary (3OT) Cody Desmarais hit a "3" at the end of the third overtime to give the Falcons a tough win over the Generals. Zac Grattan had 21 points and 16 rebounds for Stark and Nicholas Lloyd hit for 21 points also.

Pembroke 52 Bow 32 Semifinals The Spartans led 14-9 after one and 33-20 at the half. Coly Desmarais led the Falcons with 9 points and Dan Crisman added 8.

Hopkinton 50 Kearsarge 15 Preliminary Leading 26-9 at the half, the Hawks didn't let up after the break. Gabe Nichols led Hopkinton with 18 points and Casey Laughinghouse gave the Cougars 7 points.

Concord 53 Hopkinton 46 Semifinals Liam McNicholas' 3 pointer ended a 12-5 run that put the Hawks up 38-31. Momentum switched and the Tide outscored Hopkinton 22-8 the rest of the way to take the win. McNicholas led the Hawks with 16 points.

Merrimack Valley 71 Kearsarge 26 Concolation Cougars Trent Noordsij and Carter Noordsij were limited to just 6 points each. Kearsarge trailed 0-14 after one and 6-35 at the half.

Keene Holiday Tournament

ConVal 47 Monadnock 43 Preliminary Trailing 27-32 entering the fourth, the Cougars took control. Taylor Doyle and Jeremy Doubleday each had 13 points.

ConVal 73 Fall Mountain 43 Semifinals The Cougars used a 13-0 run to lead 15-6 after one and a 28 point fourth to close it out. Taylor Doyle had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Newport 72 Mascenic 54 Semifinals The Tigers led by 6 at the half but turned up the pressure after the break. Newport held the Vikings without a field goal for the first 7 minutes of the third.

Newport 59 ConVal 49 Championship In a repeat of last year's tournament, it was a cat fight in the finals as the Newport Tigers faced off against the ConVal Cougars. The Tigers controlled the board, out rebounding ConVal 45-27. MVP Andrew Houde had 16 points. ConVal opened the third quarter with a run to lead 31-30 but Newport controlled the rest of the game. The Cougars were led by Taylor Doyle with 18 points.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Hillsboro-Deering 27 Monadnock 24 Marygrace Bartoldus netted 4 points in the last two minutes to pull the Cats ahead in this tight, back and forth contest. Bartoldus and Hannah Pepper each scored 7 points while Paige Vincent led the scoring with 10 points.

Capital Area Holiday Tournament

Hopkinton 49 Kearsarge 22 Preliminary Brittany Marshall led the Hawks with 14 points and Abby Lui hit a pair of "3's" while Anna Cahill led Kearsarge with 7 points.

Merrimack Valley 54 Hopkinton 33 Semifinals Down 6-18 after



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SPORTS High School Results

one and 18-33 at the break, the hole was too big for a second half rally. Brittany Marshall had 13 points and 10 rebounds for Hopkinton.

Concord 56 Kearsarge 15 Concolation Anna Cahill had 8 points and Sydney Bryk pulled down 9 boards but the Cougars were out matched in the is came.

Bow 33 John Stark 20 Preliminary Lindsey Nerbonne hit for 10 points and Dina Tischofer grabbed 15 board to lead the Falcons. Kelsey Johnstone lode the Generals with 6 points.

Bow 43 Bishop Brady 31 Semifinals The green Giants jumped out to a 6-0 lead before the Falcons got hot and Lindsey Nerbonne hit a "3" to give the Falcons an 8-7 lead. Bow shot 5 for 5 in "3's" in the second half to seize the win.

Pembroke 46 John Stark 21 Concolation Becca Titcomb scored 7 points to lead the Generals and Emily Weidman added 6 with 8 rebounds but Pembroke was too much to handle.

HENNIKER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Henniker Huskies, Firman Electric Squirts won against Lebanon on Saturday (4-1). Goals were scored for the Huskies by Reece Protzmann, CJ Richards, Drew O'Brien and Harrison Briggs (assisted by Cabot Lineberry). Ainsley King did an outstanding job in net. Strong defense was provided by Maclean Timmons and Noah Lewis

Henniker Huskies, Firman Electric Squirts tied the Hooksett Avalanche on Saturday (3-3). Harrison Briggs scored two goals for the Huskies and Cabot Lineberry scored the third goal. Assists were provided by Cabot and Drew O'Brien. Connor Rogers and Jacob Wheeler played strong offensively as well.

Henniker Huskies, Firman Electric Squirts beat the Dover Stars on Sunday (4-2). Two goals were scored for the Huskies by Darren Earley. Harrison Briggs and Reece Protzmann scored as well. Noah Miller stood tall between the pipes. Andrew Nordstrom and Noah Urban played well offensively.

Henniker Huskies, Firman Electric Squirts beat Twin Valley on Saturday 5-0. Ainsley King had a shut out in goal with strong defense from Drew O'Brien and Cabot Lineberry. Goals were scored for the Huskies by Andrew Nordstrom, Noah Miller, Maclean Timmons and Harrison Briggs (2). Assists were made by Darren Earley, Jacob Wheeler and Noah Lewis.

Henniker Huskies, Firman Electric Squirts tied the Rochester Blackhawks on Sunday 3-3. Goals were scored for the Huskies by Maclean Timmons, Darren Earley and Noah Miller, assisted by Cabot Lineberry. Noah Urban, CJ Richards and Connor Rogers all played well.

The Henniker Huskies Edmund's Ace Hardware Bantams faced Dover twice this weekend. On Saturday, the Huskies dominated Dover 4-1 with goals from Patrick Earley and Tim Sawitsky. Two of the Huskies strong defensive players, Justin Bowen and Kainen Lassonde, also racked up goals for the team. However, on Sunday, Henniker was not as successful. Despite solid efforts from offensive players, Justin Mooney and Tim Meserve, the Huskies were unable to score and lost to Dover 1-0.

The Henniker Huskies Parker, Blake & Cole PeeWees came out on top of the Tri-Town Monarchs Sunday. Zach Urban and Stevie Cantin each had an assist on Paul Molnar's goals, while Chase Buckman skated hard to keep the puck in the Huskie's offensive end, helping Jamo Bourque earn his second shut-out of the year



TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Hillsborough Planning Board pursuant to RSA 675:3.II, on January 16, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Hillsborough Town Office, 27 School Street to consider proposed amendments to the Hillsborough Zoning Ordinance generally described as follows:

Article 1. Section 229-35 C. (1) (b): Ground Sign. One ground sign is allowed per property. A property on a corner facing two streets may have two ground signs. The maximum height for a ground sign is 18 feet and the maximum area is 50 square feet.

Article 2. Section 229-8: The maximum height of all buildings shall not exceed fifty (50) feet above grade level. Steeples, cupolas, chimneys and other service appurtenances shall not be considered in determining height.

Article 3. Delete Section 229-20.1 (f) *maximum height for central business district is four stories.*

Article 4. Section 149-5 A Development that is maintained in compliance with the provisions of RSA 354-A: 15, Housing for Older Persons, shall not be subject to the Impact Fee Ordinance.

Citizen Petition

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the collection of residential "Public School Impact Fees" until further action is taken by the Town or if the Town takes further action in relation thereto.

Copies of the complete text of the proposed Ordinance amendments are available for public inspection at the Town Office during regular business hours, and on the Town web site - www.town.hillsborough.nh.us. Anyone needing assistance to attend this meeting should contact the Office of Community Planning at 464-3877, ext. 227 one week prior to the hearing date. Questions related to the proposed ordinance amendments should be directed to Robyn Payson, Planning Director, at the above phone number or via e-mail at robyn@hillsboroughnh.net or Kelly Dearborn-Luce at 464-3877 ext. 259 or via e-mail at kdl@hillsboroughnh.net.

Hillsborough Planning Board



Events: Community Bulletin Board

SATURDAY JANUARY 5

CONTRA DANCE: The Monadnock Folklore Society presents the Peterborough, NH First Saturday Contra Dance on January 5th, featuring Steve Zakon-Anderson calling with Pete Sutherland, Oliver Scanlon and Peter Siegel. The dancing begins at 8:00 PM, with an optional introductory workshop beforehand. Admission is \$8 or \$6 for students and seniors. The dance takes place in the historic Town House in Peterborough, NH at 1 Grove Street.

COMPUTER QUESTIONS: COA Chapin Senior Center, 37 Pleasant St., New London, 9 - 11 a.m. Half hour appointments. PC users not Apple. Call 526-6368.

WINTER MARKET: Danbury Grange across from the fire station, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Combination craft fair and winter market. Breakfast and lunch available.

GUIDED TOUR: Pine Hill Ski Club, 220 Mountain Rd., New London, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Snow cover permitting. Info: email, jschloss@tds.net

SUNDAY JANUARY 6

HILLSBORO UMC: On January 6th the time of our Sunday Service changes to 10:00AM!!! Please mark your calendars!

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

WIDOW TO WIDOW: Support Group at the New London Office, 107 Newport Rd., 10 a.m. - noon. Info: 526-4077.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE: Our Lady of Fatima Church, New London, 1 - 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of New London. Each donor will receive a coupon for a free pound of coffee from participating Dunkin Donuts during the month of January.

TUESDAY JANUARY 8

BREAKFAST BOOK CLUB: COA Chapin Senior Center, 37 Pleasant St., New London, 9:30 a.m. "The Sense of an Ending" by Julian Barnes. Info: 526-6368.

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Center, 37 Pleasant St., New London, 1 p.m. Info: 526-6368.

MEDICARE QUESTIONS: COA Chapin Senior Center, 37 Pleasant St., New London, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Anita Oellke, Medicare Coordinator for Merrimack County Service Link.

LEGION INSTALLATION: Wilkins-Cloues-Bigelow-Pearson Post 39, The American Legion in Warner will hold their annual installation of officers on Tuesday January 8, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. The installation will take place in the lower meeting room of the NH Telephone Museum, East Main Street, Warner and will be conducted by District 5 Commander Gerard Leduc and his staff of officers. All Legionnaires and their families are cordially invited; refreshments will be served following the installation. For further information, please contact Post 39 Adjutant, Rich Dahlgren at 603-456-2882.

HOW TO DAY: Did you get a jazzy new device for Christmas that you have no idea how to use? Bring it to our next How To's Day program on Tuesday January 8 at 7 PM at Fuller Public Library in Hillsboro. Instructors will be on hand to help you get started with your new Kindle, Nook, iPad, or other device. 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 7 PM. Each month a different skill or craft will be featured. If you have a skill you'd like to share, let us know!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

DOUBLE DIAMOND CAFE: Join the Kearsarge/Sunapee League of Women Voters and Celebrate surviving the Mayan Apocalypse and the 2012 election!! 20% of the proceeds between 4 and 10 p.m. will be donated to the League. (Please tell the wait staff when you order.)

WCA ANNUAL MEETING: Potluck meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Wilmot Community Association barn, 64 Village Road, Wilmot, next to the post office. Info: (603) 526-7934 or email wca@tds.net.

THURSDAY JANUARY 10

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

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

WHOLE GRAIN? - COA Chapin Senior Center, 37 Pleasant St., New London, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. This free, three part program provides information regarding the benefits of whole grains through fun activities and interesting discussions. Taste test delicious whole grain foods and share tips and recipes. Attendance limited to 10 participants. Call 526-6368 to sign up.

SATURDAY JANUARY 12

COUNTING EAGLES: Phil Brown will lead a hike in the Willard Pond/Bald Basin area to coincide with New Hampshire Audubon's statewide Mid-winter Eagle Survey. A moderately strenuous hike with moderate elevation gain. Bring binoculars, water, and lunch. Meet at 9 a.m. at the trailhead parking lot at the end of Willard Pond Road. Back at 1 p.m. Cosponsored with NH Audubon.

SOUP AND CHOWDER FEST: Saturday, January 12th at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church from 5:30 to 7:00pm. Fish chowder and a variety of soups and chowders, breads and cakes will be served. Adults: \$6.00; kids 12 and under: \$4.00.

CONTRA DANCE: The Monadnock Folklore Society presents the Nelson Second Saturday Contra Dance on January 12th, featuring Lisa Sieverts calling with The New Grey Cats. Dancing begins at 8:00 PM, with a short workshop beforehand. Beginners and singles are welcome and all dances are taught throughout the evening. Admission is \$8 or \$6 for students and seniors. The dance takes place in the historic Town Hall in Nelson.

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Three more arrests in Bennington party

Bennington Police have now arrested three more people involved in an underage drinking party in December (see story on page 11). Of the 10 people who were present in the house, eight have now been arrested and charged. Brian Roy, 19, of Dublin, Tyler Skiff, 20, of Peterborough and Robert Donnelly, 27, of Frankestown were arrested in connection with events that took place during the party. Roy and Skiff were each charged with unlawful possession of alcohol. Donnelly was charged with five counts of prohibited sales, as authorities believe he provided the alcohol to minors. He was also charged with breach of bail conditions and possession of a controlled drug believed to be marijuana.

Objections to Scott-Farrar plan raised

The Scott-Farrar Home's plans to build a new 63-unit facility have hit a snag in light of a pair of Motions For Reconsideration of the Zoning Board of Adjustment's earlier approval of the special exception and a variance requested. The variance would allow a small area within the shoreland conservation zone to be filled, in order to accommodate Fire Department access to the rear of the new building. Last week, a motion for rehearing was filed by Robert Wood and Ann Fichter of 16 Union Street and Matt Waitkins of 14 Union Street who own property across the Nubanusit River from the property. A second request was filed by ZBA member Loretta Laurenitis, who at the December hearing, voted to approve the special exception but cast the only vote against the variance.

Goffstown man steals firefighter gear

A Peabody police officer thought there was something suspicious when he spotted a man walking down a city street in full firefighter gear. Sgt. Timothy Maroney didn't recognize the man as either a current or former city firefighter. When he asked the man he spotted at about 4:40 a.m. Sunday where he got the gear, the man said he found it in a park. Deputy Fire Chief Eric Harrison arrived on the scene and said the gear was brand new, had never been issued, and was missing from a fire station basement storage area where a bulkhead door had been found open. Kasey Donovan, of Goffstown, was charged with breaking and entering and other offenses. He was freed on \$1,000 bail.



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Family Math Night at Henniker School

You know reading with your little ones promotes the love of reading and improves reading skills, but did you know that doing math with your kids may have the same results? That's the philosophy behind the Henniker Community School's Family Math Night, which will be held this year on January 17, 2013 from 6-7:15 PM in the school café. Created by Henniker teacher Cheryl Cornett 11 years ago, Family Math Night is designed to provide support, ideas, and materials to assist parents to do math with their students and have fun doing it.

Students through grade 3 are invited to come to school with a parent to try a variety of math challenges. New to Family Math Night this year is the inclusion of preschoolers.

"New research shows learning to actually count in preschool versus just reciting numbers better prepares students for math once they start school," says HCS teacher Cheryl Cornett.

According to a University of Missouri study, preschoolers who can count to 20 may be ahead of the curve when they enter first grade. They also found that such students had the highest math scores. The study looked at data for 3,000 children.

"Counting gives children stronger foundations when they start school," said researcher Louis Manfrans, an assistant professor in the university's department of human development and family studies. "The skills children have when they start kindergarten affect their trajectories through early elementary school; therefore, it's important that children start with as many skills as possible." (Education Week/Early Years blog, November 9, 2012).

The focus of this year's Math Night is number sense and what that means. "Number sense has three components—the concept of number, the relationship of number, and number place value," says Cornett. "The concept of number is counting, the relationship of number is arithmetic—the ability to add and subtract fluently, efficiently, and flexibly. Number place value is our base 10 system and knowing that 23 can be 2 tens and 3 ones, or 23 ones, or 1 ten and 13 ones," continues Cornett.

"Family Math Night is always well attended with sometimes 300 family members joining in the fun," comments Assistant Superintendent (and Principal at HCS at the inception of Family Math Night) Pamela Shepard.

Teaching students that math is everywhere—in games, food, music, weather, art, and sports is important to help them make a connection between their learning and their life experience. Making these connections makes learning easier, more fun, and more likely to be retained," continues Shepard.

Francetown hires Administrative aid

The Francetown Board of Selectmen announced that Michael T. Branley has been hired to serve as Administrative Coordinator effective January 1. Branley has been serving on a contracted basis in Francetown through consulting firm Municipal Resources Inc. since July.



The McGirr family participated in last year's Family Math Night at Henniker Community School.

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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Bernice (Bea) A. Holt

HENNIKER - Bernice (Bea) A. Holt, 88, of Henniker, NH died Saturday December 29, 2012 at Concord Hospital. She was born January 29, 1924, in Webster, MA, to the late Robert S. and Anna A. (Rosentrator) Albecki. She was the wife of the late Robert I. Therrien, who died in 1971, and Kenneth W Holt, who died in 1998; also 1 sister, Evelyn Southard, and 1 brother, Edward Albecki. Survived by 1 son, Robert and his wife, Heidi Therrien of Henniker, NH; 1 step son, Walter Holt of Lyndeboro, NH; 1 sister, Evelyn Southard of Fitchburg, MA; 5 step grandchildren; 2 step great grandchildren.

John J.K. Celms

WARNER - John J.K. Celms, 75, of Warner, died suddenly December 27, 2012 in his home. He was born September 10, 1937 to Janis and Marta Celms in Riga, Latvia. He is survived by his wife, Ilga, and their children, Karlis Celms and Karina Celms and his sister, Rasma (Celms) Kurmins. He was preceded in death by his mother and father. Donations may be made in her name to the Henniker Rescue Squad, 216 Maple St., Henniker, NH 03242 or Henniker Police Dept., 340 Western Ave., Henniker, NH 03242.

Oliver H. Kathan

NEWPORT - Oliver H. "Ollie" Kathan, 85, of John Stark Hwy, passed away at the New London Hospital, December 30, 2012, after a period of declining health.

Ollie was born on April 15, 1927, in Westmoreland, NH, son of Clark A. and Emma (Felch) Kathan. He is survived by his beloved wife, Anne of Newport; his daughter, Nancy Kathan of Newmarket, NH; his son, Dennis Kathan and his wife, Jill (Violette) of Newport; a brother, Earl Kathan of Newport; 2 grandchildren, Kristie and Andrew Kathan of Newport; and many nieces and nephews who considered him their "favorite uncle." He dearly loved his family and children of all ages. He was pre-deceased by his brothers, Elmore, Clark Jr., and Wayland "Buster" Kathan; and sisters, Grace Musgrove, Edna Parry and Lura Kay. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that you make a donation to Kurn Hattin Homes for Children, PO Box 127, Westminster, VT 05158, or to a charity of your choice.

Barbara Strawbridge

HANCOCK - Barbara Strawbridge died on December 26, 2012 at Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough, NH after a sudden illness. She was born in Lawrence, MA on August 25, 1930, the daughter of Jack Smith and Margaret Rogers Smith. Barbara is survived by her son, David Russell of Weare, NH; her daughter, Denise Russell of TN; her brother, Robert Smith of Toronto, Canada; and 2 grandchildren, Christopher and Bobby. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Bennington Congregational Church, 5 Main Street, Bennington, NH 03442.

Gertrude M. (Graulich) Brill

NEW LONDON - Gertrude "Trudy" M. (Graulich) Brill, 89, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2012 at The Clough Center in New London, CT. She was born in New Haven, CT on April 22, 1923, the daughter of Alfred and Margaret (Kreuger) Graulich. Her husband, Alvin G. Brill, died in 1988 and her sister, Margaret Rich, died in 1986. She is survived by four children, Patricia LaBanca of Cape Cod, MA, Stephen Brill of Westerly, RI, Cynthia Estep of East Haven, CT, and Laura Click of Andover, NH; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Doris Leroux

PETERBOROUGH - Doris Leroux died on December 25, 2012 at Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough, NH. She was 104. She was born in Wellesley, MA, on September 29, 1908, the daughter of William and Sarah Gray. Doris is survived by many friends in the Peterborough area. She is predeceased by her husband, George R. Leroux, who died in 1990.

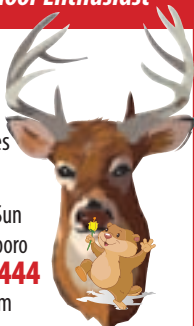
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