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Henniker Brewmaster

The Henniker Brewing Company is happy to announce the hiring of new Head Brewer, Christopher Shea. Chris has previously worked at Schlafly and Morgan Street Brewery in St. Louis and was the Head Brewer



of White Birch Brewing in Hooksett. "Chris brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with him to our scrappy little brewery," said David Currier, the founder of the local brewery. Since turning pro in 2009, Chris has garnered awards for his work at Morgan Street Brewery.

Children's Art Show

Dublin Community Preschool and Childcare Center opens its annual Children's Art Show with a free reception Thursday, May 2 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The exhibit will be at 1283 Main Street (Route 101) in the Dublin Village Park business complex, adjacent to the school at number 1281. The public is invited to view children's art created in a variety of media, known as 'The Week of the Young Child.'



Deering Firefighters support naming Interim Fire Chief Jim Tramontozzi as the Department's new Chief.

Fire Dept conflict?

Controversy brewing over next Deering Fire Chief

At their last meeting, the Deering Selectmen appointed a committee to screen candidates for the vacant Fire Chief position. Town Administrator Craig Ohlson then presented the Board with a sealed letter from Fire Captain Doug Connor, which suggested the Board immediately appoint Interim Chief Jim Tramontozzi as Fire Chief. But, Fire Lieutenant Stephen Brooks presented the Board with another letter which stated that he had had complaints regarding Department matters to his chain of command in the past, with no results or corrective actions occurring. It also referenced Connor's letter and stated that members of the Department were forced to agree with the recommen-

dation of appointing Tramontozzi under pressure.

Lou Ellen Beard suggested the Selectmen reconsider the members of the Committee, to omit any past or present Department members, and Tramontozzi requested that Peter Beard be removed, as he has a personal connection with a Fire Chief candidate. The Board agreed and removed Bob Pragoff and Beard.

Wednesday night the Board met again with the room filled with firefighters, who by a show of hands, indicated they were not pressured to sign Connor's letter. In the end, the Board voted 2-1 with Michelle Johnson opposed to disband the committee and interview the candidates themselves.

New principal named at John Stark High School

SAU 24 Superintendent Lorraine Tacconi-Moore has announced the appointment of Christopher Corkery as the new principal for John Stark Regional High School. Corkery will begin on July 1, 2013, replacing outgoing principal Chris Mosca who announced earlier this year he did not plan to return.

"We are excited to have Chris and his proven leadership skills join the SAU 24 community," said Tacconi-Moore. "Corkery will be coming to John Stark Regional High School from Campbell High School in Litchfield, NH,

where he currently serves as assistant principal. Prior to Campbell High School, he was a math teacher at Manchester High School Central. He also completed his principalship practicum at Central.

A retired U.S. Army Colonel, Mr. Corkery was twice awarded the Bronze Star Medal and served in both Kuwait and Iraq. An Eagle Scout, he is also very active with the Boy Scouts of America and youth league sports in Bedford, where he resides with his wife, Kathy, and his two sons, Nicholas and Andrew.



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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

April 20, 2012

Antrim's Tyke Ellis arrested on 44 charges
 HDHS placed on routine drug lockdown
 New attractions at Mount Sunapee Resort
 Weare teen escapes arrest

April 22, 2011

Tragedy in Warner - 8-year-old girl dies
 Area crews rescue stranded Antrim logger
 Proctor Square signs banned in Henniker
 Sexual assault reported in Bennington

April 16, 2010

Sunapee Board wants Blodgett property
 Henniker Selectman resigns unexpectedly
 Vandals spray paint Hopkinton School
 Hillsborough Police to work less hours for same pay

April 17, 2009

ConVal Board considers closing elementary schools
 Public access to Lake Sunapee under appeal
 Steve Chamberlain promoted to Superintendent
 School bus causes gas spill at Irving

April 18, 2008

Keene man arrested for assaulting Antrim boy
 Weare man arrested for arson on neighbor's house
 Gravel pit occupies Bradford Planning Board
 Kearsarge interviewing for Superintendent

April 20, 2007

H-D graduate survives Virginia tech massacre
 Police find Henniker man dead near car
 Greenfield man holds police at bay for 3 hours
 Superior Court vindicates Emerald Lake Commissioners

April 21, 2006

State to improve "death alley" section of Routes 202/9
 No drugs found during John Stark search
 Warner Selectmen refuse to appoint Klinedinst
 Bear attacks Hancock woman

April 22, 2005

Governor Lynch to meet with Sunapee officials.
 Three days of Bio-Energy hearings completed
 Authorities say Dublin crash may be alcohol related
 Major subdivision proposed in Sutton

April 16, 2004

Cathy McComish named "Young Mother of the Year"
 Antrim Auction Extravaganza April 21st
 Hillcat Theatre Auditions April 22 & 23

April 18, 2003

Dr. Christine Tyrie named SAU #24 Superintendent
 Congressman Charlie Bass visits Carron's Diner
 OSRAM Sylvania donates to Girl Scouts

Hillsboro-Deering and John Stark DECA teams off to Anaheim

Twenty-seven members of Hillsboro-Deering's and four members of John Stark's DECA Teams will be attending DECA's 67th International Development Conference in Anaheim, California as part of the New Hampshire State Delegation. They will be leaving on Tuesday, April 23rd and returning on Monday, April 29th. The conference will spotlight DECA's top student performers from around the globe. It will also highlight innovative business partnerships that empower these emerging business leaders and future entrepreneurs to tackle the challenges of an ever-evolving and persistently difficult economic landscape. During the school year, approximately 120,000 of DECA's 200,000 student members take part in the organization's competitive events program, allowing them to compete for local and regional titles. The competitions are designed to simulate real-life business scenarios and test students' academic understanding and skills develop-

ment. The top state and provincial winners will now put their talents to the test during

the program's final round of competition in Anaheim.



Hillsborough Youth Services Director Peter Brigham met up with his daughter Alyssa at 21 miles on Heartbreak Hill. Brigham finished the Boston Marathon in 3:21:50 and his son Nate finished 168th place in 2:36:20. They were several blocks from the finish line when the explosions went off.

Newport house fire being investigated

Newport firefighters received several 911 calls reporting a fire at a Middle Street home last Wednesday night. When they arrived, they found the home fully involved in flames. Although the homeowner, Patrick Patten, was out of town, two of his dogs were found safe outside the house and were released to family members. Claremont, Sunapee, New London, Croydon and Goshen assisted in bringing the blaze under control. Police and the NH Fire Marshal's office are investigating the cause of the fire.

New London supports full-time Recreation Director

Tina Helm suggested that the New London Selectmen should vote on whether or not they want to have a full or part-time Recreation Director, as this would be helpful to the Budget Committee. Chair Peter Bianchi said when they began with an Interim Part-Time Recreation Director, there was talk of having a review of the program and what would be added or eliminated. He thought it would be premature to take a vote now. Janet Kidder said the Budget Commit-

tee was not in favor of over-estimating a budget. She felt they should back up the Recreation Department to vote that they plan to hire another full-time Recreation Director. Helm said the review of the department was never meant to be part of the Interim's job description, and it would show very little vision for the future of the Town if they don't support a full-time Recreation Director position. A motion to approve a full-time director passed 2-1 with Bianchi opposed.

at home & in the garden

Included in this issue, starting on page 20, is our new At Home & In The Garden special section! It features home improvement and lawn & garden stories and businesses that offer those services. This section runs again May 24th!

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TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

New research shows that women who regularly use pain relief medications, particularly aspirin, have a decreased risk of serous ovarian cancer—an aggressive carcinoma affecting the surface of the ovary. The study published in *Acta Obstetrica et Gynecologica Scandinavica*, a journal of the Nordic Federation of Societies of Obstetrics and Gynecology, reports that non-aspirin non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), paracetamol (acetaminophen), or other analgesics did not decrease ovarian cancer risk. Ovarian cancer is the deadliest gynecological malignancy and the fifth-leading cause of death by cancer for women in developed countries.

A small daily dose of aspirin may slow the decline in intellectual capacity among elderly individuals with high cardiovascular risk according to a study published in *British Medical Journal Open*. In addition to preventing heart disease, acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin) has been shown to be effective against cancer, according to several scientific studies.

In a randomized trial that included nearly 15,000 male physicians, long-term daily multivitamin use resulted in a modest but statistically significant reduction in cancer after more than a decade of treatment and follow-up, according to a study appearing in *JAMA*. Multivitamins are the most common dietary supplement, regularly taken by at least one-third of U.S. adults.

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New England College, in partnership with the New Hampshire Humanities Council, recently presented a program on "New England's Colonial Meetinghouses and Their Impact on Society." Built mostly with tax money, they served as both places of worship and places for town meetings, and were the centers of life in colonial New England.

H-D FBLA students Rake In The Dough

The Hillsboro-Deering High School FBLA chapter is planning on doing spring clean ups and yard work during the month of May. The purpose is to raise money to help offset the cost for FBLA students to attend the 2013 National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Anaheim, CA at the end of June. The chapter will be able to complete tasks such as raking, bark mulching, weeding, spreading rocks, and other general yard chores. The chapter is looking for donations for the work they complete. This year Hillsboro FBLA is planning on 9 or 10 students attending NLC and 1 chaperone. For more information about this fundraiser, to schedule a time, or learn more about FBLA please contact Joe Walker either by calling the high school at 464-1230 or e-mail jwalker@hdsd.k12.nh.us.

NSO donates cardiac monitors to town

The Newport Selectmen have voted to accept a donation of \$34,015 from the Newport Service Organization to purchase cardiac monitors. The NSO purchased two of the three monitors that will be used in the town's three ambulances. Selectman and EMT Gary Nichols praised the NSO, explaining how NSO has given the town equipment the town could use but couldn't afford.

Board updated on Wendell Marsh project

Van Webb and Beth McGuinn gave the Sunapee Selectmen an update on the Wendell Marsh North Project. Private funds are at 3/4's of the budgeted amount and they have raised over \$16,000 dollars to date from Sunapee and other towns. The Project has completed its appraisal, survey map, hazardous waste assessment, the easement drafting and the preliminary title. The fundraising is a continuing process. The grants that had been applied for, LCHIP and Mooseplate, were unable to give funding due to lack of funding ability. There are still a few steps that need to be completed; complete fundraising and deeds, title, baseline documentation. The goal is to be completed by the summer of 2013. The result of the project would be that the Town of Sunapee owns the property and Ausbon Sargent will hold the conservation easement on the property.

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Bradford Town Hall restoration fails again

The 452 votes cast at Thursday's Bradford Town Hall reconsideration was the largest turnout anyone could remember. It was so large that officials were forced to set up seating to view a wide-screen in the school's library. Even so, the crowd spilled over into the entrance lobby. Non-registered voters were asked to leave the gym where the meeting was held, so registered voters could have a seat.

The issue was the proposed \$1.8 million restoration of Bradford's Town Hall, originally built in 1797 and moved to its present location in 1863. It has been closed for the past year and a half because of structural and mold problems. The plan called for offices and a meeting room on the first floor and 220 seat auditorium on the second.

At last month's Town Meeting, a

majority of voters voted in favor of the proposal but it failed to achieve the two-thirds required. Thursday's meeting was scheduled after voters approved a

last-minute motion for reconsideration. However, the result was the same. Needing 301 votes to pass, the measure failed by a vote of 228 Yes to 224 No.



The fate of Bradford's Town Hall remains up in the air.

New London Pub is Environmental Champion

New London's The Flying Goose Brew Pub & Grille achieved Environmental Champion Status with the New Hampshire Sustainable Lodging and Restaurant Program. Being part of the program requires implementing initiatives in each of the focus areas: energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction, hazardous waste reduction and education. The restaurant features solar panels and a pellet boiler. Fresh herbs and hops are planted around the restaurant and used in the dishes and beers. The restaurant also has energy efficient bulbs and uses natural daylight whenever possible.

Newport School Board seeks clarification

The Newport School Board has asked for clarification of Sullivan County Superior Court Justice Brian Tucker's ruling that the school district warrant must be revoked.

Meeting in non-public session with the legal counsel Kathleen Peahl, the Board discussed Tucker's ruling on the

petition filed by Bert Spaulding Sr., challenging the legality of the vote at the March 12th annual meeting. The board is asking for clarification on the two collective bargaining articles approved on March 12. One for funding for teacher pay adjustments and the second covered salary increases for support staff.

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Sunapee students win at Destination Imagination Competition

Six Sunapee Central Elementary School third and fifth grade students recently competed in Destination Imagination State Competition in Salem. They won the Spirit of Discovery and Imagination award for Sportsmanship, Spirit and Volunteerism and took Fourth Place overall for their Community Service Project of building an Owl House, a Bat House and a Song Bird House for their Outdoor Classroom, and for teaching the kindergartners about their birds' habitat.

The team included: Cameron Summer-

ton, 5th grade; Saylor Garland, 3rd grade; Molly Reed, 3rd grade; Jackson Scheele, 3rd grade; Audrey Clayton, 3rd grade; and Gabe Humphrey, 3rd grade. The students

were led by dedicated team leaders Danielle King and Lesley Scheele, both 5th grade teachers, and Principal and Team Appraiser Jody Bergon.

Deering woman rescued

On April 13th, Deering Police Chief James Pushee, Hillsborough Officers Danielle Normand, and Christopher Parsons, and Sergeant Nicholas Hodgen with his K9 partner Fanto, responded to a remote section of Old County Road to search for an adult female who had been lost in the woods since midnight. She was located by the K9 team where she was checked by members of the Deering Rescue Squad for weather exposure and other related minor injuries.



The Henniker Rotary Club broke all records by vaccinating 180 animals (137 dogs, 43 cats) at its Annual Rabies Clinic. A portion of the proceeds is being donated to the Merrimack County SPCA's new facility.

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New London Selectmen handling Seastrand incident carefully

Kathy Adams told the New London Selectmen that she was concerned about what is happening regarding the incident with Chief Seastrand. She said that New London has a small Police Department and that perhaps others in the department knew about what was happening and that they were covering for each other. She thought new blood should come into the department instead of promoting from within. Tina Helm noted that the Selectmen have had meetings on this issue and will have more in the future.

She noted that this is still an investigation; what people know is what they have heard in the media. She reminded those at the meeting that their judicial system states that people are innocent until proven guilty. Helm said that they have not had a full documentation of all sides of the situation. They have appointed Ed Andersen (former Sergeant) as Acting Chief, and when they are ready to move forward with hiring a permanent Chief, they would welcome input from concerned citizens like her.

When asked for the turn of events, Town Administrator Kim Hallquist explained that they became aware of this matter when for-

mer Chief Seastrand informed her on March 13th of the investigation being conducted by the Attorney General's Office. At that time, Ms. Hallquist called the Attorney General's Office and the investigation was confirmed, but was not at liberty to share the details of the investigation with the Town except to say that there was an investigation going on. The Town did not learn of the nature of the

investigation from the Attorney General's Office until April 4th after the Chief resigned. Chair Peter Bianchi added that it was the Selectmen's job to hire a new chief. They will put out the ads, collect resumes, and conduct interviews. Helm reminded the attendees that they are governed by laws and at times may need to go into non-public session when discussing certain personnel issues.



The Emerald Lake Village District held its Annual Meeting in the HDHS Cafetorium on Saturday.

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SPORTS High School Results

Baseball

Sunapee 16 Wilton-Lyndeborough 3 Jack Weinberger went and Cole Cruz were 2 for 3 and Weinberger threw a complete game.

Conant 3 Hopkinton 2 The Hawks gave up two first inning runs on 3 walks and an error, but tied it in the fifth. The game winner came courtesy of an error, a walk and a hit in the seventh.

Hopkinton 13 Kearsarge 4 Andrew Cay went 3 for 4 with a pair of RBI and Evan O'Keefe was 2 for 5 with 3 RBI as the Hawks prevailed.

Kearsarge 11 Hillsboro-Deering 10 (9 innings) HD was up 5-0 early but couldn't hold on. Nicholas Bailey led the Cougars, going 2 for 4 and scored 2 runs. H-D was led by Robert Armstrong who went 3 for 5, scoring 3 runs.

Bow 17 Hillsboro-Deering 4 The Falcons were flying high, dominating play from the opening pitch.

Bishop Brady 13 Hillsboro-Deering 9 Brady's 3 run sixth inning broke open

a close game. Andrew Roberge, Robert Armstrong and Brian Doherty each had 2 hits.

Monadnock 9 Newport 0 Fifteen Tigers went down by way of the K as Newport could not make contact.

Sunapee 7 Derryfield 2 The Lakers took advantage of 4 errors to overcome their 11 K's. Noah Skarin had 2 hits for Sunapee.

Goffstown 10 ConVal 7 A 3-run homer capped an 8 run fourth inning for the Grizzlies and resulted in the win.

John Stark 6 Lebanon 0 Nick Manna had 2 hits with 2 RBI as Paul Monray threw a complete game shutout.

Hollis-Brookline 2 John Stark 1 Tyler Kiem recorded 10 K's in six innings but the Generals' bats managed only a single hit.

Boys' Lacrosse

John Stark 12 Stevens 6 Matt Richard and Brody Fredricks tallied 5 goals each as Stark doubled up Stevens.

John Stark 9 Kearsarge 6 Trailing 4-6 after three quarters, the Generals erupted for 5 goals in the final stanza.

Kearsarge 10 Lebanon 6 Will AuFranc recorded 31 saves and Peter Allen led the offense with 3 goals and 2 assists.

Kearsarge 15 Lebanon 4 Will AuFranc had 22 saves and Travis Newman scored 4 goals in the win.

Derryfield 15 Kearsarge 2 Peter Allen and Andrew Van Hooydonk scored and Will AuFranc made 22 saves but it was all Derryfield in this one.

Hopkinton 10 Gilford 3 Bennett Mosseau had 4 goals to lead the attack

Hopkinton 15 Pembroke 3 Bennett Mosseau led the attack with 5 goals and an assist while Henry Mellow and Ned Metcalf added 4 goals each.

Boys' Track & Field

John Stark 2nd Justin Clark took 1st in the 800 and 2nd in the 1600 as the Generals finished behind Windham and in front of Goffstown

Hillsboro-Deering 2nd Viktor Montanez won the 100 and 200 as the Cats

took 2nd behind Prospect Mountain but ahead of Somersworth, Winnisquam and Mascoma.

Softball

SPORTS High School Results

Wilton-Lyndebrorugh 17 Sunapee 5 The Lakers were leading late in the game but 7 errors in the final frame sealed their fate.

Newport 9 Fall Mountain 5 The Tigers jumped out 4-0 only to have the Wildcats tie it up.

ConVal 6 Goffstown 0 Courtney Fisher struck out a dozen Grizzlies in a dominating performance.

Bishop Brady 12 Hillsboro-Deering 0 Erin Delacy and Leah Rheault had 2 hits each but that was the extent of the Hillcat offense.

Hillsboro-Deering 16 Kearsarge 3 Starting slowly, the Hillcats scored 13 runs in the final three innings to open it up. Alyssa Bailey allowed only one earned run in her complete game performance.

Bow 13 Hillsboro-Deering 3 Down only 1-4 entering the sixth inning, the Cats surrendered 4 runs and another 5 in the seventh to put the game out of reach.

Hopkinton 15 Kearsarge 2 The Hawks scored 4 runs in the first to set the tone. Sloane White went 3 for 4 with 3 RBI and 3 runs scored.

Conant 13 Hopkinton 0 (5 innings) It was over quickly as the Orioles flew much higher than the Hawks.

Pittsfield 7 Sunapee 5 Down 0-5 the Lakers battled back with a rally that fell just short.

Girls' Lacrosse

Bishop Brady 14 ConVal 9 Haley Webber, Meghan Close, and Zoe Paige scored 2 goals each and Lilly Grisafi made 10 saves in net. With many of their teammates home sick, ConVal played very hard with few subs.

Kearsarge 14 ConVal 3 With Gema Bready and Libby Brooks scoring 4 goals each and Eleanor Angus adding 3, ConVal didn't stand a chance.

Kearsarge 17 Plymouth 16 (2OT) The Cougars were leading with time running out until the Bobcats scored with 28 seconds left to force overtime. Tied in OT, it took a save by Morgan Galuzzo to force a second. With one player out with a yellow card for the full second OT, Anna Stowell's penalty kick sealed the win.

Kearsarge 10 John Stark 5 Stark keeper Clarissa Foote made 15 saves or the margin would have been greater. Libby Brooks led Kearsarge with 4 goals while Katie Waligura netted a pair for Stark.

Kearsarge 17 Pelham 3 Up 10-0 at the break, the Cougars cruised home.

Lebanon 15 John Stark 8 Clarissa Foote's 14 first half saves kept the Generals close. Gianna Pezzulo tallied 4 goals for the Generals.

Hopkinton 17 Gilford 7 Four goals and four assists from Abby Lui led the Hawks' domination.

Hopkinton 13 Lebanon 6 Elizabeth Hancock netted 6 goals and Abby Lui 3 as the Hawks dominated.

Hopkinton 12 Oyster River 8 The Hawks' offense was led by Elizabeth Hancock with 4 goals. Abby Lui, Sierra Schuster and Meg Hammerlein had 2 goals each.

Girls' Track & Field

John Stark 3rd Goffstown and Windham outpaced the Generals. Stark took 1st in the 4x100 relay and Megan Laramee took 1st in the triple jump.

Hillsboro-Deering 2nd Paced by a pair of winning relays, the Cats finished 2nd behind Prospect Mountain, but beat Somersworth, Winnisquam and Mascoma.

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Guest Editorial *by Grant Bosse*

NEXT DAY'S REACTON TO BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS

My first thought was "Not again." Then horror. Then anger. Then sadness. I simply don't understand the nature of evil. This happened because someone wanted it to happen this way. They are surely disappointed that several other bombs did not explode, and that more people didn't die. I can understand violence that stems from anger, revenge, or greed. I can't understand thinking that bombing children watching their parents finish the Boston Marathon will forward any political agenda.

Then I felt guilty because I haven't given blood in a while. I used to help out at our high school blood drives even before I was old enough to donate, and the radio station where I worked in Lebanon for three years hosted one each year. I gave regularly in college, and when I was working on Capitol Hill, places conducive to a spare hour in the middle of the day.

But I got out of the habit. I live less than three miles from the Manchester Blood Donation Center. I have an appointment for Thursday to give. I didn't see the President's address last night. But my Twitter feed soon contained lots of complaints that he didn't refer to the bombings as terrorism. It was early, and we still don't know who did this, but terrorism is a strategy, not an ideology. Regardless of the motives of the terrorists, this was an act of terrorism, and I always support calling things what they are.

However, I am neither the President of the United States nor a White House speech writer. This particular debate over vocabulary is remarkably low on the list of priorities right now. I simply don't care that the President did not choose the same words I would have chosen.

More cynically, picking a political fight on such shaky ground is self-defeating. Most people would rightfully resent such nit-picking at a time when we want to come together

in grief and resolve. I've been a critic of the Obama Administration's response to terrorism, and think the response to the Benghazi attacks was inept. But now is not the time to engage in that particular debate. Even if it were, seeking narrow political advantage is both silly and counter-productive.

This minor social media kerfuffle then reminded me to expect much, much worse very soon. It's sad that we can reliably predict the insane and disgusting attempts to cash in on a national spotlight following such a deadly attack.

I knew we were going to hear wacky conspiracy theories about how this was an inside job or a setup, and within hours the usual trolls were claiming photos were doctored and former Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney was peddling the first draft of trutherism about bomb drills at the finish line. Chris Matthews speculated about right-wing domestic terrorism. The Westborough Baptist Church announced plans to protest funerals that haven't been planned. I never question the wisdom of the First Amendment, but last night I sure had to acknowledge the downside. What unites us is so much broader and more important than what divides us. I know how easy it is to see new and shocking events as evidence of our pre-existing beliefs. I understand the temptation to run to our comfortable and defended political positions, and to fight back when our opponents recklessly try to take advantage of the nation's grief and anger.

Debate and disagreement strengthen us. But there is more to life than politics. Take a breath. Hug your family. Give to a charity. And renew your determination that terrorism will not weaken us. We will not let attacks on the innocent erode our belief in a free society. We will find who did this, and bring them to whatever justice exists on earth. Will pray for the dead, the wounded, their families, and all those who rushed to help amid the chaos.



Correction

In last week's Publisher's Perspective I wrote that "H-D teachers have a premium health and dental benefit package with about 95% of the cost paid by taxpayers."

That statement is incorrect. After reviewing the current contract, I find that

taxpayers pay 85% of the cost of one plan and 75% of the cost of another. I apologize for the mistake. The Messenger staff and I strive to report facts completely and accurately and encourage our readers to correct us if we are wrong.



Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

CONGRATULATIONS NEW LONDON

New London officials deserve credit for how the town has handled the embarrassment and stress brought on by the recent incident with former Police Chief David Seastrand. Walking the delicate line between supporting a long-time trusted employee and friend and showing compassion and concern for the young complaining witness,

without prejudging the situation. The selectmen, and particularly Town Administrator Kim Hallquist have handled themselves with the utmost discretion in this difficult situation.

I often use this space to criticize public officials for their perceived transgressions. It is a pleasure to congratulate them when they conduct themselves with dignity and honor.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Had Mr. Fredette traveled west another 100 feet, he would have found himself in the land of the Livingstons, "Clean Gene" and his team. In February 2012 I asked Gene to pick me a particular vehicle type at auction. Two months later he called, saying he had found my rig. "That's great, Gene, how much?" "Well, I haven't gone through it yet, I know it needs tires, brakes, around \$5,000."

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Doug Ireland, Hillsborough

Dear Editor:

The Hillsboro Night Riders Snowmobile Club would like to thank our gracious land owners and also the businesses that made this a good season for the snowmobiler's of New Hampshire. We thank you for keeping our trails clean and promise you that next year will be even better. With new and bigger groomers, better signage and hopefully more open trails. Lastly we ask you to please patronize the businesses that worked with us to make Hillsboro, Windsor, Antrim, Bennington, and Deering riding a cut above, Heartfelt thanks,

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*Steve Livingston, President
of the Hillsboro Night Rider's
Snowmobile Club*

Friction at Deering's first selectmen's meeting?

It should be an interesting year for the Deering Selectmen.

At the first meeting of the new Board, Krista Couturier nominated herself as Chairman with Aaron Gill seconding.

When it came to a vote, Couturier won 2-0 with current Chair Michelle Johnson abstaining. Newcomer Gill did note Johnson's three years as Chairman and thanked her for her service.

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April is Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month in NH

Gov. Maggie Hassan has proclaimed April 2013 as Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month in NH. Esophageal cancer is a silent killer that is attacking too many people. It's a disease that's caused much pain and anxiety for one seacoast resident, his family and friends. Three and a half years ago Philip McGranahan was diagnosed with stage 3 esophageal cancer. He underwent chemotherapy, radiation treatment, a 6 hour surgery and spent 11 days in the hospital. While he still experiences a number of side effects from this treatment, he feels very lucky to be alive.

At the time McGranahan was diagnosed, he had no idea that esophageal cancer was one of the fastest growing cancer diagnoses in the U.S. – up more than 400 percent in the past 20 years. "I didn't know that 90% of

the time it is caused by persistent heartburn or reflux disease. I had heartburn most of my adult life and didn't think much about it. When it finally went away I thought that was a good thing."

Unfortunately this was just a sign that he had developed Barretts' Esophagus, a precancerous change in the cells lining the esophagus that increases the chance of developing cancer by 125 percent. Esophageal cancer has one of the worst survival rates of any cancer - more than 80 percent who are diagnosed will lose their battle with this devastating disease within 5 years. A big part of the reason for these dismal statistics is the lack of awareness about esophageal cancer.

Article submitted by Atty Margaret-Ann Moran, a cousin of Philip McGranahan.

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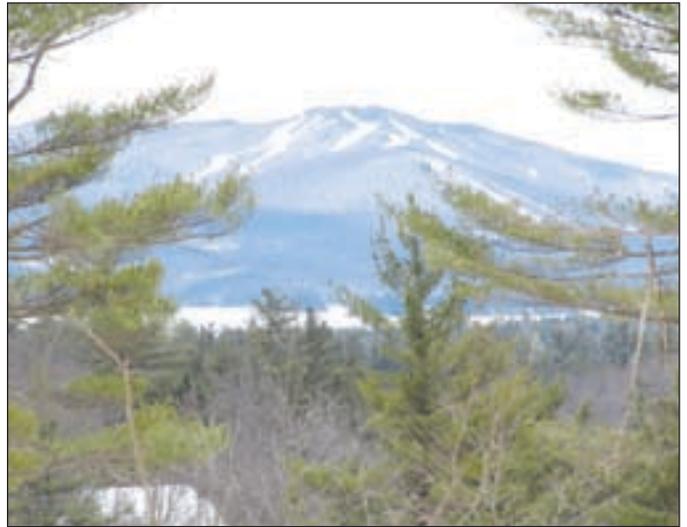
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Leo Maslan speaks to the group at the Phillips Memorial Preserve landing area (left photo). After the cut a newly enhanced view of both Mt. Sunapee and Lake Sunapee is opened up (right photo).

Timber harvest opens the view at Phillips Preserve

The New London Conservation Commission recently hosted a walk through the site of a timber harvest conducted on the Phillips Memorial Preserve property in Otterville. Approximately 25 people attended an information session led by licensed professional forester Leo Maslan and conservation commission members Laura Alexander and Bob Brown. In accordance with the property's stewardship plan, authored by Pierre Bedard & Associates, the timber harvest was done with three goals in mind: to re-establish the vista of Mt. Sunapee from the high point of land, to improve the health of the white pine timber stand, and to enhance wildlife habitat.

Approximately 17 acres of the 71-acre property were affected by the harvest, which was cut by Louis Cadwell Logging. Mr. Cadwell took special care to clear the understory of the scenic view area and to protect a vernal pool on the property. Conservation Commission member Laura Alexander remarked that she regularly brings her college students on forest tours of recently harvested sites and that this

"was one of the nicest jobs" she has seen. Forester Maslan explained the significance of vernal pools to local residents during the tour, and further explained that in order to enhance wildlife den trees had been left intact, as well as red oak trees that provide hard mast for several species of animals.

In addition to the benefits to the health of the timber stand and wildlife, the project generated approximately \$7,000 of income for the Town of New London. Much of the timber harvested from the site was of low grade and therefore sold as biomass chips, pine pulpwood, and hardwood pulp, but some good quality white pine logs were harvested as well. By thinning the pine stands and releasing the red oak trees, it is likely that future timber harvests will realize a higher yield.

New London Conservation Commission Chair Bob Brown explained that some trail blazing will be done this summer where the hiking trail was affected by the logging, and invites interested parties to visit the property and enjoy the newly opened views.

Hopkinton landmark files for bankruptcy protection

A last-minute bankruptcy filing has, at least temporarily, postponed the foreclosure auction scheduled at Blaser's Fireside Tavern in Hopkinton on Monday.

Owners Terry and Nancy Blaser filed for protection under Chapter 7 of the bankruptcy

act last week. They have owned the business since 1999. The Blasers were also notified of an impending \$5,700 tax lien, which would have taken effect April 24, but was also postponed by the bankruptcy. The foreclosure has now been rescheduled for June 17th.

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Come to the family movie night on Saturday, April 20 to watch the animated film "Rango" on the big screen downstairs at Smith Memorial Congregational Church. Admission is free and complimentary popcorn and a drink will be served. The doors open at 6:30 PM and the movie begins at 7 PM. Hope to see you all there.

ANDOVER PROGRAM: A one-man production performed by humorist and songwriter Ken Sheldon, who has appeared on NH Chronicle, on the pages of Yankee and New Hampshire magazines, and his viral internet hit Yoga for Yankees. This family-friendly program of music and laughter that is uniquely New Hampshire will be on Saturday, April 20 at 7 PM at the Andover Elementary/Middle School, 20 School St., Andover, NH. Admission will be at the door on performance night, check or cash only. Adults: \$10; students 6-16: \$5; under 6: free. Proceeds benefit the Andover Service Club Merit Scholarship Program.

SUNDAY APRIL 21

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Antrim Baptist Church will be offering a free pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 21 from 8:30 to 10:00 am.

HARRIS CENTER: Woodcock Watch The woodcock's "dance" and courtship flight are amazing. We might get lucky and spot one or more owl species as well. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at the summer home of leader and Harris Center Trustee Tom Warren at 19 Charcoal Road, off Route 101 in Dublin. Ends at 8:15 p.m. Preregistration is required. For more info or to register, lefebvre@harriscenter.org.

HOPKINTON HISTORY: The Hopkinton Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, April

21, 2012 at 2:00 pm. The afternoon will begin with the meeting and Salute to Volunteers, followed by a finger food social and program. Musicians/educators Marek Bennett and Woody Pringle will present a program "Rally 'Round the Flag," an overview of the American Civil War with a unique combination of period music and visual materials. Members and non-members are invited to attend; no RSVP is necessary. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, drinks will be provided. For more info please contact the Society at 746-3825.

FELLS PROGRAM: Family Earth Day Excursion: The Mystery and Magic of Vernal Pools Sunday, April 21, 1-2:30pm Celebrate Earth Day by visiting a spring-time or "vernal" pool - one of our most fleeting aquatic environments. We'll explore a place where frogs that have been literally frozen in a deep winter sleep have come to lay eggs and continue the circle of life. Aquatic insects swim sluggishly by wood frog egg masses, serenaded by a cacophony of spring peepers. Includes investigations, stories and games. LSPA Education Director Kathleen Stowell co-leads this adventure with Fells Education Director Michael Caduto. Fells and LSAP members free, nonmembers pay site admission.

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HILLCAT THEATRE: 27 Hillcat Theatre is sponsoring a Musical Theatre camp for area young people ages 6 to 18. At the end of the camp presentations of Annie, Kids will take place with every camper having a part. Cost is \$35 for SAU 34 residents and \$60 for non-residents. Pickup a registration form at area schools or the Fuller Library or e-mail dunn.t@comcast.net.

TUESDAY APRIL 23

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPO: Colby-Sawyer College will host the Environmental Studies Expo and a presenta-

tion by Philip Ackerman-Leist, author of Rebuilding the Foodshed: Remapping Our Expectations for the Food We Share. April 23, at 7 p.m. in Clements Hall at the Curtis L. Ivey Science Center. The event is sponsored by the Environmental Studies Department. The public is invited to attend and admission is free.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 24

CONCERT: The College of Saint Mary Magdalen cordially invites you to attend a concert featuring Thomas Zeman - pianist Dr. Mary Jane Rupert - harpist Wednesday, April 24, 201 7:30 PM. The College of Saint Mary Magdalen Auditorium, 511 Kearsarge Mountain Road, Warner, NH 03278 \$5.00 General Admission. Free for Students.

HARRIS CENTER: Keene: Vernal Pool Hike at the Horatio Colony Nature Preserve. A moderately-strenuous, 1.2-mile roundtrip hike to a hilltop vernal pool at the Horatio Colony Nature Preserve in Keene. There, we'll explore the exquisite, ephemeral world of spring-breeding amphibians. Meet at 1 p.m. at the Horatio Colony Preserve parking lot on Daniels Hill Road in Keene. Ends by 3 p.m.

THURSDAY APRIL 25

FAMILY STORY TIME: with Stephen Berwick, Thursday, April 25, 10:00 am. Writer Stephen W.F. Berwick will share stories featuring animals in a Family Story Time on Thursday, April 25, during school vacation. There will also be a craft project and refreshments. Free admission.

RICHARDS LIBRARY: Tales From the Peace Corps: Paraguay Thursday, April 25, 2013 7:00 pm at Richards Free Library. Admission: Free. Contact Person: Andrea Thorpe 603-863-3430; Barbara Davis has just returned from a second tour in the Peace Corps, this time in Paraguay. She will share her pictures and work experiences while in South America.

FRIDAY APRIL 26

HARRIS CENTER: Hancock: Forest Management and Planning on Conservation Land. Come hear Rick Morrill talk about his experience managing conservation land as the Resource Manager Baxter State Park in central Maine. His work includes managing the 30,000-acre

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SATURDAY APRIL 27

SENIOR TRIP: Antrim Area Senior Center free bus trip to Hancock and Peterborough art exhibits, lunch (on your own), and basket factory; 10:00 to 3:00, sign up at senior center/Presbyterian Church by Wed., April 24 (limited seating) 588-2209. Antrim Historical Society hosts Al Gould, discussing Logging in New Hampshire, Then and Now. At the First Presbyterian Church, 73 Main Street, Antrim at 3 pm. Refreshments served. For more information, call Liz Robertson at 588-2562.

CONCERT: The Monadnock Folklore Society presents internationally known folk musicians, John Roberts and Debra Cowan, in concert on Saturday, April 27, at 8:00PM at the Nelson Town Hall, Nelson, NH.

Admission is \$15/\$12 (senior, youth, or in advance).

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ART EXHIBIT: Antrim Area Senior Center and Rec. Dept.: free trip to Hancock and Peterborough art exhibits and basket factory, lunch on your own, Sat., April 27th, 10:00-3:00, limited seating, sign up at senior center/Presbyterian Church by Wed., April 24th, 588-2209.

DRUG DISPOSAL: 10am-2pm at the Antrim Police Department. Bring your unwanted, unused, or expired medications so that they can be disposed of properly and are not misused by others. It is free, safe, and anonymous.

FELLS PROGRAM: Out and About for Preschoolers: Waking up to Spring, Bird Songs & Nests 11am-noon

Nothing says springtime like listening to the birds sing and watching them build their nests. Celebrate the season of renewal by taking a walk to learn some familiar bird songs and search for bird nests. Then create your own song and nest! Member child and care givers free, nonmember children \$5. Advance registration required. Made possible by grants from the Lincoln Financial Foundation and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's Wellborn Ecology Fund.

SUNDAY APRIL 28

CHURCH CONCERT: The Congregational Church of Henniker Music at the Meeting-house Concert Series. Swingin' charts from classics by jazz masters such as Duke Ellington to arrangements of great pop artists such as Van Morrison Sunday, April 28, 2:00 p.m. Admission is free, donations are appreciated. Profits benefit our ministries in the community, such as our thrift shop and free community suppers

CHURCH CONCERT: New Hampshire Country Gospel singer Don Smith in concert at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church at the 10:00am Sunday Worship Service. Come and enjoy some great music as we praise the Lord together! For more info please call the church at 464-3056.

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THURSDAY MAY 2

BOOK DISCUSSION: Pick up a copy of the book Still Alice by Lisa Genova and take part in the discussion at Fuller Public Library in Hillsboro at 7 PM. For more information please call the library at 464-3595.

SATURDAY MAY 4

FLEA MARKET: The First Congregational Church of Hopkinton, UCC, Hopkinton will hold their annual Flea

Market at the Parish House in Hopkinton Village (at the junction of Routes 202/9 and 103), on Saturday, May 4 from 9am-Noon. Household goods, clothing, toys, and furniture in good condition will be available at reasonable prices. Proceeds will benefit our mission endeavors.

CONTRA DANCE: The Monadnock Folklore Society presents the Peterborough, NH First Saturday Contra Dance on May 4, featuring Tod Whittemore with Rodney Miller, Glen Loper, 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.

FELLS PROGRAM: Teaching About Trees & Forest Ecology Saturday, May 4, 9am-3pm. This program integrates science, environmental study, storytelling and the arts. LSPA Education Director Kathleen Stowell co-leads this workshop with Fells Education Director Michael Caduto. Fells and LSPA members \$50, nonmembers \$65. Advance registration required by April 26.

FELLS PROGRAM: Annual Heather Pruning Saturday, May 4, 9:30am-12:30pm (Rain date, Saturday, May 11) Learn about gardening with hardy and beautiful heather as you join members of the Northeast Heather Society while tending The Fells heather beds. Bring lightweight hedge trimmers, if you have them. Members free, nonmembers pay site admission. Meets at the Heather Bed, beyond the Rock Garden at the Main House.

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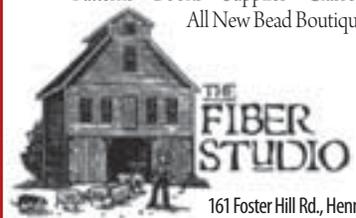
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Making the perfect outdoor living space in your backyard

As the weather begins to warm and the daylight hours get longer, your yard can quickly become the most important "room" of your home. However, you aren't alone if your backyard looks outdated and lackluster. Weather conditions can be tough on outdoor areas, but with a few simple updates, you can create the perfect outdoor living space.

■ Gates and gate hardware

Perhaps the first thing you and your guests see (and use) when entering your yard is the gate, so why not make a great first impression by updating rusty and squeaky gate hardware? D&D Technologies recently launched the LokkLatch Magnetic, a gate latch that



operates and locks from both sides of the gate, and it's re-keyable so you don't have to carry multiple keys for your house.

■ Lighting

Weather permitting, your yard can be the perfect place to relax for an evening. Avoid sitting in total darkness. The many options of patio lighting including path sconces, post lamps and even string lights - all are an answer to keeping your outdoor space lit and inviting.

■ Furniture

The key to decorating any room in your home is attractive, comfortable furniture that beckons to be sat upon, and this is no different for your outdoor furniture. While prices on outdoor furniture can be a little overwhelming, used furniture with a little love and creativity can be good as new, without the high cost. Cozy chairs, chaise lounges and benches can gain new use with a coat of outdoor spray paint, then recover cushions and add colorful pillows to finish it off.

■ Plants, flowers and shrubs

Even if they're only alive for a few months out of the year, flowers can bring any yard to life. A few strategically placed shrubs, flower beds and herb gardens can help turn your outdoor area into a lively space perfect for relaxing personal moments or parties with friends and family.

■ Statues and accessories

Give your backyard even more personality by selecting a few garden statues or other accessories that reflect your style - such as recycled metal sculptures, elaborately painted bird houses, unique planters or large colorful rocks. With a few simple updates, you can easily create an outdoor retreat in your own backyard. (BPT)

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Set yourself up for the perfect season of outdoor entertaining

As temperatures warm, many of us can't wait to get outside and rediscover the joys of our outdoor spaces. One of the best ways to ensure the enjoyment of your space all season long is with some spring cleaning and upkeep of your yard and outdoor living spaces.

There are a few spring cleaning projects that benefit every homeowner and make spaces much more inviting for the hours you'll spend enjoying the summer sun. The home improvement experts at Lowe's offer the following checklist of improvements that will have your outdoor space looking great in no time:

■ **Take the time to prune.** Before the season heats up and the first leaves start to appear, it's the perfect time to shape up your trees and shrubs. Doing so before the growing season is less stressful for your plants, easier to clean up and will promote the type of growth you envision to keep your greenery looking great all season. Make sure your tools are sharp, as cleaner cuts are easier on plants. The new Fiskars DuraSharp pruners and loppers feature fully hardened steel blades making cutting and pruning that much easier. You can find these at Lowe's.



■ **Clean up leftover leaves.** While you probably spent much of the fall raking and mulching fallen leaves, stragglers collect throughout winter, clogging gutters and drains. In addition to cleaning areas of your yard blanketed with leaves, rake your lawn to rid it of matted leaves that can inhibit healthy growth. Break these chores into separate days so you don't have to do it all at once. Using a blower also helps you clean up your yard in short order.

■ **Bring out the power washer.** Winter tends to leave its mark, and the exterior of your house, deck, sidewalks and driveway can all show grime once spring rolls around. A pressure washer is a convenient way to clean these surfaces. The Generac OneWash gas pressure washer makes this easy for homeowners as it can be

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■ **Check in on your deck.** Once it's been pressure washed, it's time to see if you need to re-seal it. If you drizzle water on your deck boards and it beads up, your seal is still effective. If not, it's time to apply another coat of sealant. Pleasant spring days are ideal for re-sealing and staining and once you're done, you can enjoy the whole season without worry.

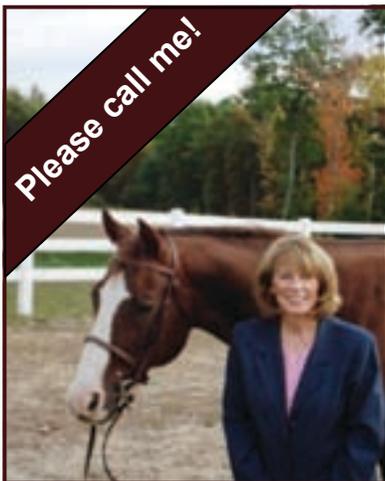
■ **Design your dream outdoor room.** Once you've cleaned up your space, you might realize there's more that could be done to enhance it.

Spring is the perfect time to consider a new patio set, or even a patio extension using decorative pavers. Dress up existing patio furniture by staining wood furniture or buying fresh new covers or cushions. This is also the perfect time to buy that new and improved grill you've had your eye on.

Spring is an exciting time to get back outside and take care of some of the improvements you've been dreaming of all winter. Visit www.lowescreativeideas.com for more inspiration on how to make your outdoor space great this year. (BPT)

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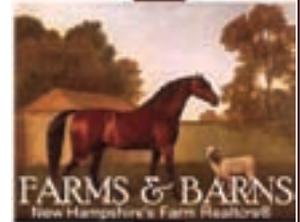
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Selling your home? Make it more appealing to buyers

You've made the decision to sell your home - now you want to position yourself for a quick and successful sale. What's the most important thing you can do to entice buyers? "The most important thing you can do is to make your home look welcoming when people drive by," says Kimber Powell, Realtor and sales manager for Coldwell Banker Mid-America Group in Altoona, Iowa. "You want to invite them in. Make sure your front door looks nice. Trim and landscape your yard. Accent your entryway with a new door mat and pots of flowers that contrast with the color of your home," she says. Follow these tips to position your house for a successful sale:

■ Enhance curb appeal

A well-maintained house appeals to more buyers and can sell faster and may sell for a higher price, according to Realtor.com. Maximize your home's exterior appearance. Keep the lawn and landscaping edged, cut and watered. Inspect doors, windows, trim, foundation and siding for peeling paint. Repaint and replace items as needed. Clean out gutters and replace missing caulk and shingles.

■ Declutter inside

Make your home look bigger by removing clutter and storing personal items and extra furniture before prospective buyers arrive. Make repairs where needed, Powell advises. "Repairs are ongoing maintenance needs that show your home has been well-cared-for and kept up-to-date," she says. Repaint dingy or stained walls with a neutral shade of paint. Repair cracks or holes in walls, ceilings, tile and woodwork. Replace broken items and consider updating worn-out cabinet knobs, dated curtains and battered bath and kitchen hardware.

■ Show lifestyle possibilities

Create a lifestyle story to help buyers envision themselves living in your home. Have a small kitchen but a big deck? Focus on outdoor entertaining by adding lights, comfy cushions and showcasing grilling areas, Powell recommends. If you love your neighborhood, highlight a front porch with wicker furniture and window boxes. "You want to show buyers the ways they can use the entire home and yard," Powell says. "If you don't have outdoor furniture or decorations, work with a stager to borrow those items."

■ Highlight quality brands

If your home features or you've replaced items with high-quality brands, include their names in your home's sell sheet, Powell says. "People are very conscious of name brands and high-quality products. They also want to know about energy-saving benefits and warranties that may transfer to them," she says.

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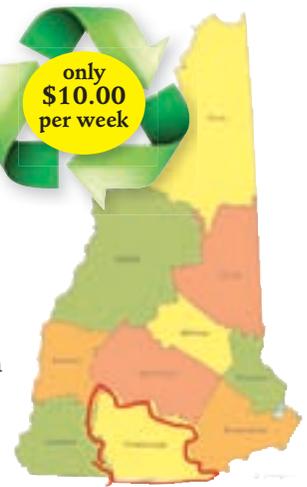
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Tips for creating a greener outdoor living space

Outdoor living spaces remain a popular home improvement, but while you're planning your patio or prepping your planting beds do you consider the impact these improvements might have on the environment? Creating a great outdoor space can be even more satisfying when you take steps to make your project as "green" as possible.

If your spring to-do list includes backyard projects such as building a patio or decorative landscaping, here are some eco-friendly ways to accomplish your goals:

■ Choose greener materials

Long gone are the days when it was difficult to find building materials created with sustainable manufacturing processes. Today, you can find products such as pavers and even paver base - used in patio-building - that are not only made from recycled materials, but also are 100 percent recyclable.

For example, to build a greener patio, start with Brock PaverBase, which holds the coveted "Cradle to Cradle" certification that recognizes a product's safety for people and the environment, and design for future



life cycles. The overlapping panel system makes prepping the ground for patio pavers quick and easy, eliminating more of the time-consuming and labor-intensive aspects of traditional patio-building - all while delivering a better looking, professional-quality result. You can learn more at www.brock-international.com.

When building products made from recycled materials aren't available, consider ones that are naturally sustainable. Such products can also provide a unique look. Bamboo, for example, is gaining popularity as a fencing and decking material and it's eco-friendly because it's fast-growing and durable. Cedar is another decking and fence product that is naturally "green," because it is naturally resistant to moisture - making it

more durable. It also contains natural oils that prevent rot without the chemical treatments needed by other woods such as pine, and it can be recycled and used for other building projects.

■ Responsible accessories

Energy and water consumption are also important considerations when greening your backyard environment. Opting for solar-powered pathway, deck and accent lighting - rather than traditional electric lights - is a great way to reduce the environmental impact of your outdoor living space, while saving money on your utility bill. It's easy to find a wide variety of solar lighting styles, whether you look online or at your local home improvement store.

Reducing water waste is also important for the environment and your wallet. If you have a lawn sprinkler system, be sure to avoid watering during the hottest hours of the day when water will evaporate off the grass before it had time to sink into the soil. Timers on a sprinkler system can also help conserve water. You can also recycle rainwater to irrigate backyard flowerbeds. Simply set up a rain barrel to collect water.

Finally, think about the furnishings you'll use on your patio or deck. While plastic may seem durable - and cheapest to buy - consider what will happen to the furniture once it's no longer usable. Furnishings made from recyclable materials like wood or iron may be kinder to the environment in the long run. You can also look for furniture made from recycled products. Or, visit garage sales and give old wood or metal lawn furniture a fresh coat of paint, some new cushions - and a new life in your environmentally friendly outdoor space. (BPT)

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Five environmentally friendly ways to keep your lawn looking great

1. Drought-condition plants:

Maintaining the perfect lawn is easier than you think and with the right tools, you can be both efficient with your yard work and eco-conscious. If it's lush green turf that you're after, but you also care about your carbon footprint, there are a few tools and practices that can help you have it both ways.

Many of the tips for maintaining a truly green lawn can also save you money and time. As you're gearing up to enjoy your outdoor space this season, here are a few suggestions to follow for a healthy lawn you can feel good about:

■ *** Give back to your lawn.** One of the best treatments for your yard is to let a layer of lawn clippings settle on the top of your turf after mowing. The clippings decompose and replenish your soil, encouraging positive growth. A common misconception is that leaving the clippings on top of your lawn leads to the development of thatch, when in fact it's usually caused by other conditions. Leaving your clippings only helps your lawn, and lessens the amount of work you have to do.

■ **Go green with battery-powered mowers and lawn tools.** Gas mowers' engines don't run nearly as



clean as more thoroughly engineered car engines and contribute significantly to air pollution, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. If you make the switch to a battery-powered mower, you can start it easily every time without having to worry about polluting the air. With a mower like the GreenWorks Twin Force Mower, you can get the same great performance as a gas mower with up to 70 minutes of run time. The rechargeable 40 volt lithium-ion batteries that power this mower can also be used other GreenWorks lawn tools that

include string trimmers, hedge trimmers and leaf blowers, making it possible to take your entire arsenal of lawn care tools off gas for good.

■ **Be wise with your water.** With a few strategic adjustments, you can significantly reduce the amount of water you use to keep your lawn healthy. Water less frequently with a good soaking each time, the water you use will go further. Watering in the morning will also help your lawn soak up the water, rather than having it evaporate before it makes it into your soil. Installing a rain barrel is also a great way to reuse the water that runs off your house without ever having to turn on the spigot.

■ **Buy a discerning fertilizer.** Chemical fertilizers might offer quick results, but organic fertilizers often provide more staying power as they focus more on improving soil quality rather than the quick fix of applying nutrients directly to the plant. To make sure you are effective with your fertilizer use, take a soil sample to a local garden store to analyze it and they'll recommend the best fertilizing mix for your lawn.

■ **Allow your lawn to protect itself.** Mowing too short is a key mistake many people make. A good rule of thumb is to never cut more than one-third of the current height. This will ensure that your grass can develop deep enough roots to thrive and won't get scorched when summer temperatures arrive.

You can have a beautiful, green lawn without putting extra stress on the environment. For more information on environmentally friendly lawn tools that offer gas-comparable performance, visit www.greenworkstools.com. (BPT)

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Help your landscape defeat the heat and thrive this season

While April has traditionally been a rainy period, giving way to the start of spring growth and colors, this coming season also could bring stifling heat that scorches landscapes or results in on-going water shortages. After more than two-thirds of the country experienced drought-like conditions in 2012, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, homeowners everywhere are making preparations for yet another year of extreme heat and a lack of precipitation. This season, experts from Pennington Seed de-stress lawn and garden care with seven quick tips that will help reduce your outdoor water consumption, while keeping your landscapes lush, healthy and vibrant:

■ **1. Drought-condition plants:** Plants can be conditioned for dry weather starting at the beginning of the spring season with a few changes in your irrigation schedule. As part of ongoing maintenance, decrease the frequency of watering and increase the amount of water penetration to encourage deeper rooting. Deeper roots will be more drought-tolerant. That said, it's important to remember that more watering is needed in the early stages of seed development, including germination and



establishment.

■ **2. Don't be overly reactive:** Lawns tend to be overwatered, often with entire lawns being watered to avoid a few dry spots. Overwatering can cause numerous problems, including: shallow root systems; increased disease, weed or insect infestations; reduced drought tolerance; and increased thatch and excessive growth. A lawn does not need water until the color falls by 50 percent, at which time only one inch of water should be added.

■ **3. Select water-efficient plants:** By utilizing grass seed that requires less water, lawns are more resilient during periods of drought and easier to maintain. Consider a pure-bred, drought-tolerant seed which stays green for up to three weeks without water and requires 30 percent less water year after year versus ordinary seed. The varieties in every bag were developed to help homeowners establish fuller, healthier and greener lawns, while efficiently using natural resources.

■ **4. Install water-saving systems:** Install a drip irrigation system around trees and shrubs in your landscape to improve water efficiency. Drip irrigation applies water only when needed, minimizing water loss due to evaporation and preventing moisture from reaching spaces between plants - thus, limiting the chance of weed growth in those areas.

■ **5. Water wisely:** Water at night or in the morning - from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. - to reduce the chance of water being lost to evaporation in the mid-day heat. This timing allows grass to retain moisture but dry in enough time to prevent diseases that are more likely to develop in a wet-lawn.

■ **6. Retain moisture with mulch:** Spread mulch when seeding areas to add a protective layer over soil. The mulch allows soil to retain moisture during the seed germination and establishment stages. The clippings from mulching mowers also serve the same purpose.

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Mark F. Downing

LEESBURG, FL - Mark Frederick Downing, 50, of Leesburg, died April 5, 2013, after a brief illness. He was born in Rochester, NH, on Oct. 15, 1962. He was a Past Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge No. 38 F. & A.M. in Hillsborough. If desired, memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Lake County Shrine Club, PO Box 1744, Tavares, FL 32778, or to Harmony Lodge No. 38 F. & A.M. PO Box 1185, Hillsborough; NH 03244.

John Orville Sizemore

ANTRIM - John Orville Sizemore, 77, formally of Antrim, died Friday April 5, 2013 peacefully in the Autumn Care Nursing facility in Forest City North Carolina. John was predeceased by his wife, Jane E. (Seymour) Sizemore who died in 2009. He was the beloved brother of the late Marlene Salisbury and Ronald Sizemore. He was born in Antrim, the son of the late Charlotte (Dearborn) Hutchinson and John O. Sizemore. Survived by 2 daughters, Bethany Rozki and Amy Sizemore as well as two grandsons and a granddaughter, all of Springfield, MA; and many nieces and nephews; 1 sister, Anita Goulette of Forest City, NC; and 3 brothers, Truman Sizemore of Antrim NH, Eugene Sizemore of Merrimack NH and Kerwin Sizemore of Inman SC. Services will be held Saturday May 18, 2013 at 10 a.m. in the Smith Memorial Congregational Church, Hillsboro. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to

Smith Memorial Church, Autumn Care Nursing Home of Forest City, NC or the Alzheimer's Association.

Margaret M. Memmelaar

HILLSBOROUGH - Margaret "Peg" M. Memmelaar, 75, peacefully went to be with the Lord on April 5, 2013 at Hillsboro House, Hillsboro NH after a long battle with Lewy Body Dementia. Peg was born in Goshen, NY on February 5, 1938, the daughter of the late Jesse Mabee and Irene (McNeiece) Mabee. Peg is survived by her sister, Patricia M. Fazio of Cody Wyoming; her son, Dale F. Memmelaar of Norcross, GA, his wife, Carla and two children, Joseph and Ashleigh, her daughter, Gretchen Stockwell of Hancock, NH, her husband, Steve and their son, Andrew as well as many wonderful brother and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews.

William R. Remillard

DEERING - William R. Remillard, 50, died at home April 13, 2013 after battling a progressive illness, with his dog "Jamaica" at his side. William, better known as "Bill," was born February 16, 1963 and raised in Goffstown. He was the devoted son of the late Edmond J. and Rita Gravel Remillard. He was predeceased by a brother, Edmond "Sonny" Remillard, Jr. Members of his family include his wife, Charnel H. (Kulingoski) Remillard of Deering; two children, Robert Kulingoski of Manchester and Amber Whitfield of Weare; three grandchildren, Landon, Atticus and Lola; five siblings, Gary D.

(Louise) Remillard of Hillsboro, Peter (Karen) Remillard of Washington, Nancy Durost of Londonderry, Sandra Bouldry of Chester and Jo-Ann (Richard) Leclerc of Weare; one Godchild, Jodi Leclerc of Weare; many other nieces, nephews and cousins. Let us not forget his dearest friends, Terry and Diane Hawkins, Jay and Gail Burbee, and Ronald and Ruth Rivard.

Sanford M. Billings Sr.

NEWBURY - Sanford M. Billings Sr., 95, passed away Sunday, April 14, 2013 at his home in Newbury, after an extended illness. Born in Somers, CT Sept 15, 1917, he graduated from Northeastern University in Boston, with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was married to Barbara McLeod Billings for 71 years. Family includes Sanford Billings Jr. and wife, Cathie of Colorado Springs, CO, Kathryn Billings of Essex, MA, and Mary Billings Lambert of Lempster, wife of John Lambert; eight grand-children and 16 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lake Sunapee VNA of New London, PO Box 2209, New London, NH 03257.

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