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History Comes Alive

Once again the clocks were turned back to colonial times as the Hillsborough Historical Society sponsored its 5th Annual Living History Event. With venues in Downtown, The Center, Jones Road and the Franklin Pierce Homestead, visitors were shuttled by trolley in order to observe the dozens of displays, demonstrations and reenactments. See our full photo essay on pages 16 and 17.

New Stark Principal

Parents and community members are invited to meet the new John Stark Regional High School Principal, Mr. Christopher Corkery, on Wednesday, September 11 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the school library. The regular John Stark School Board Meeting will follow at 6:30 PM also in the library and is open to the public. Full story on page 5.



Authorities have not said whether the dead man had a gun.

Officers suspended

Officer involved in fatal shooting; under investigation

New Hampshire Attorney General Joseph A. Foster and New Hampshire State Police Colonel Robert C. Quinn have identified Alex Cora DeJesus, 35, of Manchester, as the suspected heroin dealer killed by Weare Police last week. "Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, Jennie Duval, has ruled that DeJesus died as a result of a gunshot wound to the head, and the manner of death was homicide."

According to Senior Assistant Attorney General Susan Morrell, an undercover drug buy was to take place Wednesday night about 10 p.m. at Dunkin' Donuts at Lanctot's Plaza on Route

114 in Weare. Several Weare police officers, two confidential informants and the target of the investigation met at the plaza.

At some point during the sting the deal went sour and DeJesus tried to flee and two Weare police officers fired their weapons, wounding DeJesus.

DeJesus' Acura crashed a few hundred yards from the plaza followed by two undercover police cruisers which crashed as well, with neither officer injured. DeJesus later died at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester. The incident remains under investigation.

Bradford committee seeks to preserve Town Hall

A committee has been formed to save the Bradford Town Hall by privately raising half of the cost of renovating the building to make it more acceptable to taxpayers.

The Town Hall, built in 1797, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In 1863 the former "meeting house" was moved from Center Bradford and reconstructed in its present location on West Main St.

It was closed in 2010 because of structural concerns and the presence of asbestos. At March's Town meeting voters defeated a \$1.76 million bond issue for restoration and repair of the building, as it failed to get its needed two-thirds vote for passage. The committee now wants to raise \$700,000-\$800,000 from private sources and donations to reduce the \$1.76 million bond.

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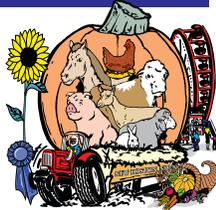
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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

August 24, 2012

Threats and suspensions at Deering Fire Department
New London Selectmen dump Pathways, seek new engineers
Bradford awards East Main Street bids
Weare man arrested on multiple charges, \$25,000 cash bail

August 26, 2011

Alan Genovese resigns as SAU Superintendent
Hancock man drowns in Moose Brook
Grand Jury indicts Newport woman & Lempster man
Hopkinton well tests positive for lead

August 20, 2010

Henniker -Hillsborough District Court facing closure
Newport businesses fall for golf scam
Newbury considering major dock replacement
Residents want Bradford eyesore eliminated

August 24, 2009

Weare man arrested for raping 18 year old girl
Three arrested in Hillsborough underage alcohol sting
Driver survives Antrim tractor-trailer rollover
Future of Hopkinton's Bohannan Farm still uncertain

August 22, 2008

1,000 mourners celebrate the life of Sean Powers
Peterborough lieutenant to be Antrim Police Chief
Town of Bennington accepts VFW Post
100 MPH chase leads to DWI and firearms charges

August 24, 2007

Hopkinton School Board critical of subcommittee
One Hancock suit dismissed - another pending?
Area family keeps several police departments busy
New London Hospital breaks ground on \$7 million project

August 25, 2006

Green Mountain Explosives asks for reconsideration
Hopkinton man sentenced to 15-36 years
Former Greenfield Tax Collector under investigation
Henniker woman suing Merrimack County Jail over tampons

August 26, 2005

Warner couple moves back in - gets arrested
Three arrested for Antrim burglary
Sunapee Board reviews its athletic policies
Francetown now has five Eagle Scouts

August 20, 2004

Hillsborough Police Chief sues Town
NEC President Ellen Hurwitz resigns
Developers sue Weare over growth plan
Henniker Attorney James Gleason elected NH Bar President

August 22, 2003

Hillsboro Ford hosts "Child Safety I.D. Day"
Weare Civil War encampment Aug 23-24
Hillsborough Chamber hosts Estate Planning Luncheon

Many changes at the Center Woods Elementary School

It's been a busy summer at Center Woods Elementary School as staff gets ready to greet students on opening day on Wednesday, August 28. Right away visitors will notice the new landscaping in the front of the building and the removal of some trees behind the school. Additionally, Center Woods has a new roof and an improved drainage system behind the school.

"The physical improvements to our facility are wonderful," commented Principal Jess Potter. "Removing the trees improves student visibility and that increases their safety, but it was done in such a way as to not compromise the beautiful setting of our school," continued Potter. The new roof and drainage work were vital to maintaining the integrity of the physical plant.

"It is the behind the scenes work that is not immediately visible that has me really excited," said Potter. "Center Woods will be the first school within SAU 24 to roll out standards-based report cards." The new report card will look different because it will show student learning as the student progresses through mastery in specific standards in common core subjects: English, math, science, and social studies. "Instead of letter grades, students will receive marks that show how well they have mastered the skills," said Potter. Another change will be in English language arts and math where there will be a list of skills and knowledge that students are responsible for learning. "A parent will be able to see clearly what needs to be learned in a particular standard and how their student is progressing throughout the year in that learning process," said Potter.

In other news, new staff members joining

Center Woods Elementary this year include: Grade 3 teacher Amy Campbell, Title I teacher Kara Loth, Enrichment Coordina-

tor Deb Lynch, Technology Coordinator Michael Muzzy, and Paraprofessional Kira Winward.



New landscaping will greet students at Weare's Center Woods School

Brown reports progress on several Newport projects

Newport Town Manager Paul Brown informed the Selectmen that the bids for paving have been sent out. Paving is anticipated to be done this fall. Also, the State Governor and Council has approved the Oak Street Bridge Project. Meetings will be held with Newport representatives Brown and Larry Wiggins and the State DOT. Construction should be in summer of 2016-17. Brown also gave a summary of the difficulties at the Sewer Treatment Plant. He stated that the Town has met with contractors, subcontractors and the State. Newport has been work-

ing closely with DES. He went into further detail, and stated that he would have more information at future meetings. He was asked if the Town had a fixed contract with the vendor. He stated yes. He was asked if the Town had issued a fine to them. Mr. Brown stated that the Pine Street Bump has been fixed, and the water problem on Union Street has been fixed. There were holes in the water line. New water connections have been installed on Union Street and the problem has been resolved.



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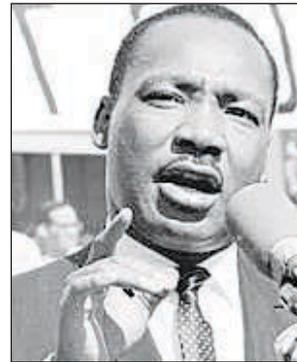
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50th anniversary of "I have a dream"

Smith Memorial Congregational Church will be ringing the church bells on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 3:00 pm to mark the



50th anniversary of the memorable and powerful I Have a Dream speech made by Dr. Martin Luther King. The New Hampshire Council of Churches is calling congregations from around the state to ring bells together that day at 3:00pm as a way of celebrating the Civil Rights leader's vision and commitment to a nonviolent approach to confronting America's system of racial bias.

Dr. King's I Have a Dream speech was a pivotal point in the American Civil Rights movement. In the speech, he urged Americans to let freedom ring "...from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire".

Smith Memorial Congregational Church invites all to remember Dr. King and the important contributions he made in the quest for racial justice.

Man hurt in Newbury motorcycle accident

Toby Blanchard, 34, of Claremont was hospitalized Thursday morning after being ejected from his motorcycle off Route 103 in Newbury. Reports indicate that Blanchard was traveling west-bound on Route 103 when he tried to make a left-hand turn and hit another unidentified vehicle. Blanchard suffered serious injuries as a result and was transported to the intensive care unit at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon. The operator of the second vehicle was not injured.

Weare considers new Highway equipment

Tim Redmond, Weare's Director of Public Works, requested that the Selectmen allow him to purchase a stainless steel body for \$33,996. The equipment maintenance line is in good shape and after this purchase would have a remaining balance of \$10,000. Chairman Clow said that the purchase would be made from a line in the budget and Board approval is not needed, but Redmond does need a purchase order. Redmond also said that if the Board should decide about the disposition of the FEMA funds, he would like to purchase a used backhoe. The town's current backhoe can only be used around the Transfer Station because of its condition. Redmond would like to see that backhoe designated to be at the Transfer Station and purchase a used backhoe with the \$47,000 given back to the town by FEMA.

Peterborough man jailed on drug charges

Alan Wheeler, 24, of Peterborough was sentenced to 1.5 to 4 years in prison and fined \$500 on a charge of possession of heroin. Wheeler was also sentenced to 3.5 to 7 years, suspended for five years, and fined \$500 on a charge of possession of crack cocaine. Wheeler was also found guilty of resisting arrest and driving after suspension, and was sentenced to one year in jail on each of those charges.

New Principal and staff join John Stark High School

Parents and community members are invited to meet the new John Stark Regional High School Principal, Mr. Christopher Corkery, on Wednesday, September 11 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the school library. The regular John Stark School Board Meeting will follow at 6:30 PM also in the library and is open to the public. "I am very honored to have been given the opportunity to serve the John Stark Community. I have enjoyed meeting so many students, parents, and staff as they have come to school for the various summer offerings, and I look forward to greeting the Class of 2017 on August 28th, and the rest of the students on August 29th," said Corkery. "It's all about creating the best support to help our students become college and career ready, and I am glad to be a part of it".

"We are fortunate to have Chris and his proven leadership skills join the SAU 24 community," said Superintendent

Lorraine Tacconi-Moore about Corkery who comes to John Stark Regional High School from Campbell High School in Litchfield, NH, where he was 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. Chris earned his M.Ed. in Administration and Supervision from the University of New Hampshire and a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York. 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, NH, where he resides with his wife, Kathy, and his two sons, Nicholas and Andrew.

Other new staff joining the John Stark community this year includes: Kimberly Hudson, science teacher; Jayne Segedy, choral music teacher; Anthony Mucciari, physical education teacher; Colin Stone, Project Lead the Way and math teacher; Nicole Ainsworth, English teacher, Equity II; and Philip LaCasse, social studies teacher, Equity II.

John Stark Regional High School, the home of the Generals, was founded in 1987 and serves the communities of Heniker and Weare, NH.



John Stark Regional High School

Fracestown Police awarded \$

The Fracestown Police Department has been awarded two grants from the N.R. Department of Safety. A grant for \$4,471 will allow the department to conduct patrols targeted at speed enforcement and another, for \$5,962.3 is for DWI patrols. Police Chief Stephen Bell said the grant will pay for extra officers out on the road, as normally only one officer is on the road at a time patrolling and taking calls from dispatch.

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The Masons of St Peter's Lodge in Bradford hosted a fabulous Chicken Dinner Saturday to raise money for the Brown Memorial Library

Kearsarge CROP Hunger Walk Sept. 22

Plans are under way for the Kearsarge area CROP Hunger Walk to be held on Sunday afternoon, September 22, at the Elkins beach on Pleasant Lake in New London. Church World Service began the CROP Hunger Walks following World War II, using the walk to symbolize the distances hungry people and refugees have to walk to find food. As we all know, thousands of refugees and hungry people still remain throughout our world. CROP Hunger Walks have been held in the area since 1995, and the need to replenish food supplies both locally and throughout the world is as great as ever. Twenty-five percent of funds raised this year will be given to the Kearsarge Community Food Pantry. The goal is to raise \$19,000. Walkers are also asked to bring a can of food for the Food Pantry. The registration table will open at 12:30 p.m., and a group photo will be taken at 12:45. The walk begins promptly at 1 p.m. Walkers should plan to walk only as far as is comfortable, as it is not necessary to walk the entire route around Pleasant Lake. Everyone is welcome to join in this community effort, whether or not you attend one of the sponsoring churches. Envelopes are available at the First Baptist Church on Main Street in New London. It is hoped that many residents will decide to join the walk this year and help stock the shelves both in our local pantry and in food distribution centers around the globe.

Deering Cadets provide traffic control

On August 18th, Four Deering Police Cadets, along with Advisor Hargreaves, Advisor DeOrio, and Chief Pushee, helped with traffic control, pedestrian safety, race course monitoring, etc. during the Annual "Hampshire 100" Mountain Bike and Extreme Running race. This event has grown dramatically over the past several years, to the tune of 500+ participants, all converging on and eventually crossing a span of Route 149 near the town center!

Sunapee hosts Summer Town meeting

Chairman Fred Gallup opened the meeting at 7:00pm, welcomed everyone and introduced the Board. The following Department Heads gave updates on the happenings in their department: Town Manager-Donna Nashawaty, Town Clerk/Tax Collector-Betty Ramspott, Water & Sewer-David Bailey, Garage, Roads & Recycling-Scott Hazelton, Recreation-Scott Blewitt, Tri-Town Assessor-Norm Bernaiche, Fire-Chief Dan Ruggles, Police-Chief David Cahill, and Library-Mary Danko

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

A UCLA study shows that heart failure medications recommended by national guidelines are highly cost effective in saving lives and may also provide savings to the health care system. Heart failure, a chronic, progressive disease, affects millions of individuals and results in considerable morbidity, the use of extensive health care resources, and substantial costs. The study appeared in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*.

Researchers studied the incremental health and cost benefits of three common heart failure medications that are recommended by national guidelines developed by organizations like the American College of Cardiology and American Heart Association.

Most older adults with dementia can successfully be taken off anti-psychotic medications, which have negative side effects and increase risk of death, finds a new evidence review from *The Cochrane Library*. The reviewers searched for evidence about the benefit of stopping these medications versus the risk that discontinuing use would result in a reoccurrence of distressing dementia symptoms.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Ospheña (ospemifene) to treat women experiencing moderate to severe dyspareunia (pain during sexual intercourse), a symptom of vulvar and vaginal atrophy due to menopause. Dyspareunia is a condition associated with declining levels of estrogen hormones during menopause. Less estrogen can make vaginal tissues thinner, drier and more fragile, resulting in pain during sexual intercourse. Ospheña, a pill taken with food once daily, acts like estrogen on vaginal tissues to make them thicker and less fragile, resulting in a reduction in the amount of pain women experience with sexual intercourse.

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New staff and a new schedule will greet Weare Middle School students

A brand new schedule awaits students at the Weare Middle School when they arrive on the first day of school on Wednesday, August 28, 2013. An intervention/extended learning session will be offered four times per day, every day for all students, grades 5-8. The new schedule was designed in response efforts to follow the professional learning community model and offers time each day to safeguard instruction in the core content areas of English, math, science and social studies. The intervention/extended learning sessions will occur in conjunction with core classes and will be held either just after or prior to each core class. According to Principal Mark Willis, this new schedule ensures that no student misses core content class time for any reason and students who have a full grasp of the topic will receive additional learning opportunities. "If a student needs speech services or any direct service, they will leave the classroom for that during this extended learning time," says Principal Willis. "Maybe a student's home environment isn't great and they need more time to read the assignment, this gives them that time. Or,

if the student excels in that subject, he or she will receive enrichment work and projects during this session," continued Willis. "This new schedule serves every student's needs without compromising time away from the core topics."

In addition to the academic schedule change at the Weare Middle School, students can look forward to a new activity.

An archery program will be introduced this year by physical education teacher Peter Barrasso. New staff members at the Weare Middle School include: Karen Fountain, 5th grade teacher; Ashley Neagle, physical education; and Deborah Lynch, enrichment coordinator for both the Weare Middle School and Center Woods Elementary School.



Weare Middle School



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Masonic scholarship to Hopkinton grad

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Emily is the daughter of Mrs. Amy Bogart and is a resident of Contoocook. During her high school career, Emily was a member of the National Honor Society in her Junior and Senior year and on a varsity sports team nine out of twelve seasons. She received four sportsmanship awards, two coach's awards, one Most Valuable Player award, and one Rookie of the Year award. Bogart was captain of her Field Hockey, Cheerleading and Softball teams in her senior year. She also volunteered at her church, Contoocook United Methodist Church in Contoocook. Presenting the scholarship award to Emily were Harvey Greenberg, chairman of the scholarship committee with George Cummings, assisting, Brian S. Stiles, Master of Harris Lodge and Bob Lethbridge, District Deputy of the Fourth Masonic District who was pleased to advise Emily that his niece was an alumna of Saint Michael's.

40th Apple Pie & Craft Fair in Newport

There will be something for everyone at the 40th Annual Apple Pie Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 24 on the Newport Common. More than 90 vendor booths will fill much of the common featuring a variety of crafts. There will also be a pie contest and sale and the firefighters' famous chicken barbecue. Fairgoers will also be able to enjoy pottery, woodworking, glass, fiber arts and quilting.

The Apple Pie Crafts Fair is sponsored by Goodrich Oil and Bob Skanners Ski' and Sport and community business partners, Amanda Perkins Photography, Beyond Design, HodgePodge Fibers and Yarns and King of Cupcakes. Each pie sold raises \$12 for the Library Arts Center programs.

Newport man sentenced to 15-30 years for manslaughter

David Carrier, 48, of Newport will spend up to 30 years in prison for running over his former friend Arthur Desilets of Claremont with a van last year. Carrier, who has been in a wheelchair since a 2007 car accident, turned himself in to police in April, 2012, after he ran over Desilets, 45, with his handicapped accessible van. Carrier and Desilets were childhood friends, but that ended when Carrier learned that Desilets had been sleeping with his wife Betty who was separated from her husband. Carrier said he first planned to commit suicide, but then went to confront his friend. When Desilets tried to get away, Carrier said he "lost it." witnesses said Carrier drove over Desilets two-to-three times with his van. An autopsy showed Desilets died from his injuries. Carrier then parked his van on Main Street and fled on his motorized wheelchair. He called his ex-wife

to give him a ride and she convinced him to go to turn himself in.

Carrier was facing the possibility of life in prison after being indicted on a second degree murder charges He agreed to plead

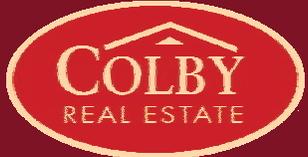
guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced by Judge Brian Tucker to a minimum of 15 years and a maximum of 30 in state prison in a plead agreement approved by the Desilets family.



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If you ever even considered being involved in a town project, this is the perfect opportunity to get involved. Master Planning is a creative, positive process that builds bridges and grows community spirit. If you are interested in being appointed to the Subcommittee, please submit a letter of interest to: Robyn Payson, Planning Director, PO Box 7, Hillsborough, 03244-0007 or robyn@hillsboroughnh.net. Feel free to call the Planning Department Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-3:00 pm with any questions: 464-3877 ext. 227.

Candidates should plan to attend the Steering Committee meeting being held at the Town Office at 27 School St. on Sep-

tember 18th at 6:00pm and be prepared to stay for the Planning Board meeting at 7:00pm for appointment to the Subcom-

mittee. Appointments will be placed at the beginning of the agenda. We look forward to seeing new faces and old friends!



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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

WHO THOUGHT HISTORY COULD BE SO ENTERTAINING?

With a History minor in college, I have always been interested in discovering the past. It's one thing however to read about our colonial past, but quite another to have the era come alive before your eyes. Over the weekend, it did just that as Hillsborough Historical Society, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, presented the 5th annual Living History event.

Simply looking through the multiple events, demonstrations and reenactments staged over four venues, give you

some idea of the tremendous logistical effort needed to organize and present this spectacle to the public. On pages 16-17 you will see our photo essay, mostly by Bob and Sue Hoffstetter, on the multifaceted presentation.

It only portrays a small portion of the weekend's events as there are just as many wonderful photos on our cutting room floor which we couldn't fit into the paper. Congratulations to all who played a part in turning the clocks back.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was insulted by the letter written by Bob A. Paine about horses. He has "heard" the town has spent money on signs for horse people. I have not seen any of these signs, what are they and where are they? If the town spent money on one yellow sign showing a horse, I doubt that it has pushed them into bankruptcy. Laws about horses are not outdated. They are common sense. Would you speed past a family pushing a baby carriage while walking their dog? Would you fail to slow down and pass slowly on a person enjoying their bicycle riding? Should the roads be closed to everyone except cars? Let's be reasonable. The roads are for public use. We ALL pay taxes to use them. I ride my horse about 100 yards down the road to get to the trail system that is open to multiple use. Most people are extremely polite and I wave and smile at everyone. Every now and then a person will find it amusing to come as close as they can to me as fast as they can. Why? I am someone's wife, daughter, sister. Would you find it amusing if I fell off and was knocked out? Bob, if slowing down from 50 mph to 30 mph is a great inconvenience to you, would you also run over someone's dog or child that was in your way in the road?

Also, I am not rich. I drive a school bus for a living and my husband is a mechanic. I sacrifice many things so I can afford my horse, so do my friends that own horses. I do not have one rich friend, but I have many that work hard and sacrifice much so we can enjoy our hobby. I do pay to have

my horse, not in a license, but I must have a proper Coggins test for the state to prove my horse is healthy. This is like paying for your snowmobile or four wheeler. What is your hobby Bob? Maybe we should ban that because it is not convenient to someone. I do not expect you to cater to me. I expect us to all treat each other with respect and civility. Judge not yet ye be judged Bob.

Jill Lorenz Hillsborough

Dear Editor:

Horse paved the way and should always be respected as such. They built this country and we wouldn't have the roads the way we do without them. Mr Bob A. Paine this is not the city. This is rural America. My family has been in this area for 6 generations and counting. I also used to trail ride and know people who still ride and own horse and can attest that they are not rich, not many are rich around here. They pay their high taxes just like anyone else. You stated that there are people speeding past horses. First of all no one should be speeding; we have speed limits for a reason. Speeding past horses, people walking, etc. should not be tolerated. You also state that the horses should be kept of the roads. How are the horses suppose to get to the trails? Which they have to share with four wheelers who don't obey the speed limits either. I think drivers need to pay more attention people are so much more distracted nowadays. You say they should have to pick up there poop. Why? The farmers around here spill their poop on the roads as

they take it to fertilize their fields. Should they have to clean up what they drop too? There was a time when people welcomed the horse poop. They would pick it up if dropped in front of their house and put it in their gardens. Free fertilizer. Our society is too regulated as it is. Horses have the right of way. This law has been on the books for a reason. If the poop on the roads is a bother go live in the cities where the working horses of the city have to wear diapers, yet they still have the right of way. This is a rural area lets keep it that way and keep the right of way for horses.

Heidi J. Feather

Dear Editor:

Kudos to two great civic minded organizations. For the fifth year Hillsborough enjoyed an experiential weekend, thanks to the efforts of two hard working volunteer groups. The Living History event took visitors to various town locations to sample life as it used to be. They enjoyed re-enactments-ice cream making-cider pressing, an old time magician and much more. Hillsborough Pride brought people back to the present with our Farmers Market-Artisans Fair in downtown Butler Park. Hand-crafted items by talented artists were offered side by side with fresh produce, jams & jellies and original recipe colonial treats. The music of Cow-Hampshire-Folk kept toes tapping all day long. Thanks to all, Yvonne Wiegelman & Bonnie LaRose, Hillsborough.

Dear Editor:

Three weeks ago, the mother of two Concord High School pupils was told she could no longer pray on school property for

the wellbeing of the students. A couple of months after the Sandy Hook shooting and with the blessing of Principal Eugene Connolly, this mom began a routine of briefly praying at the school each day beginning at 7am (45 minutes before classes started). She prayed alone for about 15 minutes outside of the school building and left about half an hour before school even started. The last month before school ended, she was there merely praying silently.

After receiving a letter from the Freedom from Religion Foundation, the principal arranged a meeting with this mom to tell her she could no longer pray on school property. That directive completely disregards the First Amendment & Article 5, Part 1 of the NH Constitution which both explicitly prevent government from suppressing the free exercise of religion. Although the principal and attorneys for the school district have refused to put that decision in writing, so far they have not backed off from the verbal order to stop praying (even silently) on school property.

It is not only unreasonable, but virtually impossible, to enforce a ban of private (silent) prayer on public property. If this latest encroachment on religious liberty is left unchecked, who knows what venue will be next where the expression of one's faith will not be tolerated in public.

Don't allow religious freedom to be squelched in the "Live Free or Die" state. Contact the school officials and politely insist that they respect this woman's Constitutional rights and remove the ban on prayer at Concord High School. Please pass this information on to your friends who care about preserving our personal liberty. Rep. David Bates, Windham

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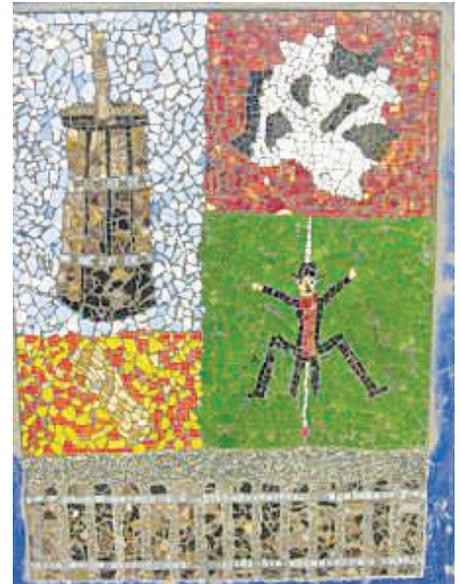
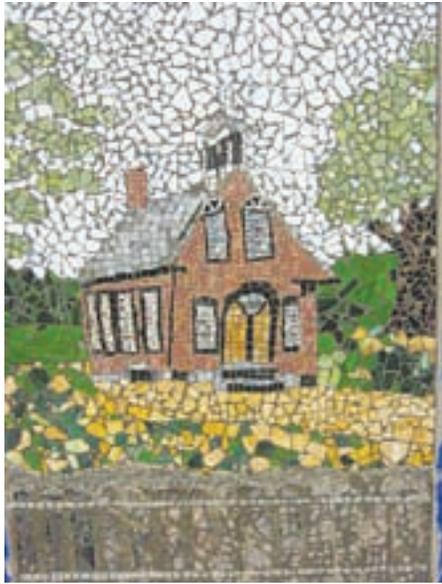
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Middle School students honor Weare's 250th

Six large (3'x4') mosaic panels featuring historical landmarks and items once manufactured or grown in and around Weare, NH, now grace the entrance to the Weare Middle School. The project, inspired by Weare's 250th Anniversary this year, began with a meeting with the Weare Historical Society and quickly moved on to an artist in residency project this spring with NH mosaic artist Liz Van Saun.

Add the energy and talent of the 450 plus students of the Weare Middle School and their teachers and the end result is stunning.

"All of these mosaics were completed in a week and all of our students participated," said Weare Middle School Principal Mark Willis. "As you can imagine, it was a very busy, creative week of learning fun," he continued. "Our students discovered that in the past this area of New Hampshire manufactured linseed

oil, boots, rope, and wooden toys. They also learned how to hand cut tile to make pieces for the detailed pictures," said Willis. The images depicted in the mosaics were based on photographs borrowed from the Historical Society.

"The students worked hard on these enormously detailed mosaics, especially on the buildings," said artist Liz Van Saun. "They had to learn perspective and did a great job on getting all the angles right." In a nod to railroads in our history, running across the bottom of each of the six panels are sets of railroad tracks and in between the tracks real gravel was incorporated in the mosaics. "The tracks truly "tie" it all together," said Van Saun of the creative touch.

"We consider our school a community school," said Principal Willis. This project is just one more way we show everyone how proud we are of our school, community, and history".

Grapevine receives donation from Chris's Concert

The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center received a donation of \$4,650 last week, proceeds from the second annual Chris' Concert July 20 at Granite Gorge in Roxbury. The music festival was organized by the friends of Peterborough native Christine Patten, who died suddenly in 2010 at the age of 46.

Grapevine Executive Director Kristen Vance said, "We are so grateful to Doug, Cheryl and the entire Concert crew, and we are honored to receive this support in Chris' memory. Chris' Concert is a huge help to The Grapevine as we continue to rebound from the loss of state aid two years ago."

The check was presented by concert organizers Cheryl Barlow and Sue Durling of Harrisville, Denise Barlow of Peterborough and Tom Briggs of Antrim. Chris's parents, Marcia and Roland Patten, were also present.

"We are thankful for the support numerous local businesses and individuals whose generous sponsors. contributions helped make the success," said Cheryl Barlow was a very caring, giving person who touched her life; this is reflected by the diverse outpouring of support we've received."



The following new teachers have joined the staff of the Henniker Community School: Kim Perozzi (l) teaches Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. Karen McGee (c) of Bow is a sixth grade math and English language arts teacher. and Danielle Harris, (r) who grew up in Vermont and now lives in Henniker, is a special education teacher and the case manager for third/fourth grade.

Three groups combine to host Weare's Old Home Day on Saturday

Weare's Old Home Day on Saturday promises something for everyone according to organizer 'Heleen Kurk. On Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Weare Center, the town will come together for the annual Old Home Day celebration at various locations, including the gazebo, the Stone Building, town hall and the middle school. Kurk said the annual celebration is hosted by the Weare 250th Anniversary in conjunction with the Historical Society and the Recreation Committee. The town's 250th is in 2014, and Kurk said this year's Old Home Day is the last major event before the big hurrah.'

At the gazebo, there will be martial arts demonstrations, folk music by Kip Ferguson, K9 demonstrations, HulaHoop and

bubble gum-blowing, contests and jazz from Fountain Square Ramblers and the Peter Hostage Band.

An antique car show will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the gazebo. At the Stone Building, a dunk tank will be set up, to offer folks a chance to soak some local personalities including School Board Chairman Matt Thomas, middle school Principal Mark Willis, elementary school Principal Jess Potter and state Rep. Neal Kurk. Proceeds from the dunk tank will help to fund next year's 250th celebration. Inside the Stone Building, the Weare Historical Society Museum will be open and welcoming visitors to explore the museum's extensive collection of Weare artifacts, photos and documents. Refreshments will be sold on the grounds of

the Stone Building; and a chinese auction will be held.

At town hall, the friends of the Library book sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunapee seeking to acquire Wendell Marsh property

Chairman Fred Gallup opened the Sunapee public hearing on the acquisition of the Wendell Marsh North Property, the first of two required public hearings. Chairman Webb of the Sunapee Conservation Commission stated that

this is a project the Commission has been working on for some time and the cost of the project is \$291,000, which includes \$257,000 from the Conservation Commission budget and \$24,000 from fundraising.

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Convicted rapist wants a new trial

A New Hampshire man convicted of raping a 15-year-old member of his fundamentalist Baptist church is arguing for a new trial, saying statements he made to his pastor should not have been used against him. Prosecutors however argue that statements made by Ernest Willis, 54, to his pastor were not protected by religious privilege because they involved the sexual abuse of a child. Willis was convicted in May 2011 of forcible rape and statutory rape of the girl in 1997. He is serving a 15- to 30-year sentence. Charles Phelps, the pastor of the church both he and the girl attended made the girl apologize to the congregation. Phelps then helped send the pregnant girl to live with a Colorado couple she didn't know and put her baby up for adoption. Phelps reported the sexual assaults after learning the girl was pregnant. Prosecutors claim Phelps acknowledged he was "conducting a bit of an investigation," as opposed to spiritual counseling, when he confronted Willis in the fall of 1997. The New Hampshire Supreme Court heard arguments in the case Wednesday.

Labor Day at the Old Meeting House

Pause during all the excitement this Labor Day in Frances-town—and step back in time at the Old Meeting House. Dressed in colonial garb, R. P. Hale—recognized by the Smithsonian Institution as one of the top musical instrument makers in the U.S.—will be back with a free concert starting at 11 am Monday. Free tours of this 1801 landmark on the National Register of Historic Places will take place at 11 am, 12 noon, and 1 p.m. To help you keep your cool, the Old Meeting House will again serve ice cream sundaes—with all the fixin's for \$4—from 11 to 2 Monday. Part of the "open door" policy at this privately maintained historic landmark, the ice cream social is one of Frances-town's most popular Labor Day events. And don't forget Vespers—another peaceful pause at the Old Meeting House that wraps up Sunday's events at 7 pm. In addition to community singing and favorite readings, the bell will ring, celebrating those who were born this year in Frances-town, while remembering those who have passed on.



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Newport PTSO to meet August 28th

The first Parent, Teacher, and Student Organization (PTSO) meeting of the school year at Newport Middle and High School will be held at 6 p.m., Aug. 28 in the Lou Thompson Room at the high school. All parents, guardians, teachers and students of Newport's 7th through 12th grades are welcome. Bring your ideas, thoughts, questions and suggestions, as this will be a planning meeting for this year's PTSO activities. There will also be help available to fill out forms for the new school year and answer questions. "Together we can accomplish much to support Newport Middle and High School," said Kathy Hubert, PTSO president. Refreshments will be provided.

Two teen girls hurt in Hancock accident

A pair of teenage girls received minor injuries in a single vehicle accident in Hancock on Sunday evening. Hancock Police Chief Andrew Wood reports that a Chevrolet Aveo driven by Madeline, 16, of Hancock was attempting to turn onto Davenport Road from Stoddard Road when a vehicle approached in the opposite direction. The Aveo caught the edge of the shoulder and Zimmerman lost control of her car, left the roadway and struck several trees before coming to rest between two trees. Zimmermann and her passenger, Ashley Martz, 15, of Peterborough, sustained non-life-threatening head injuries, and were taken to Monadnock Community Hospital for treatment. Authorities report the cause of the crash appears to be driver inexperience, but no charges have been filed.

Jake Maxfield Connection serves Newport

The Jake Maxfield Connection Day volunteers completed a pair of community service projects in Newport last week before sitting down to a Thank You Barbecue. Now in its fifth year of making improvements in the Newport community, 75 volunteers helped restock the Newport Food Pantry and make improvements to the Hoyt Community Care Center at 95 South Main St. in Newport, the building that houses the food pantry.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 24

YARD & BAKE SALE: The Bennington Historical Society is holding its 3rd annual yard sale, bake sale and 50/50 raffle on August 24th and 25th, Saturday & Sunday, 8:00 am-1:00pm. This is the museum's main fund-raiser for the building expenses. The museum is asking members and friends for donations of items to sell at this event. If you can help, contributions can be dropped off at the museum on Thursdays, 9:30am - 12:00pm or call to schedule a pick up: 588-4871.

OLD HOME DAY: Weare's 250th Anniversary Committee will be kicking off two contests at Weare's Old Home Day that will culminate in 2014. Go to Weare's 250th Anniversary Committee booth during Old Home Day and pick up information and forms to participate in "Scenes of Weare" a photo contest and Weare's Beard and Mustache contest. Plan now for our great celebration in 2014.

ROAST BEEF SUPPER: Serving between 5:30 and 6:30 PM at Camp Morgan Lodge in Washington NH. Adults \$8.00 children under 6 \$5.00. Roast Beef, mashed potato, gravy, rolls, variety of salads, vegetables and desserts. Tickets at the museum 2-4 Wed or Sat., the Gen Store or officers of the WHS. Please support the Washington Historical Society.

SUNDAY AUGUST 25

CHURCH CONCERT: The Glorification Singers in concert at 10:00am at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church. Pot Luck lunch to follow so bring a friend and bring a dish to share! 16 Henniker St, Hillsboro, Call 464-3056 for more info.

NEWPORT CONCERT: 4-Play sponsored by: New London Hospital and the Newport Health Center, 6 to 8pm. Free admission, bring your blankets and lawn chairs

TUESDAY AUGUST 27

HEALTH PROGRAM: Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is offering a free presentation "Invigorate Your Spirit, Rejuvenate Your Body" from 1 to 2 p.m. at Greater Hillsboro Senior Services, St. Mary's Parish, 38 Church Street in Hillsboro.

HENNIKER CONCERT: KAREN MORGAN & PONY EXPRESS - Often called "New Hampshire's First Lady of Country Music" Karen Morgan has received more awards than any other person in the history of the New Hampshire country music scene. Karen and her band will provide an evening

of great country songs and line dancing instruction. 7:00 pm, Angela Robinson Bandstand, Community Park, Free. In case of rain, program will be in Community Center. www.henniker.org

GREENFIELD CONCERT: Mottau, Drew & Clark Folk, Blues, & Ragtime Sponsored by The Greenfield Recreation Dept. & Plowshare Farm Free Concert Every Tuesday Evening at 6:30 pm On The Common

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28

SUNAPEE BANDSTAND: Sky Blue Boys

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

HOW TO DAY: Fuller Public Library's How To's Day for September will be Friendship Bracelets. Join us at 7pm as we learn how to make bracelets. Bring in your own embroidery floss, beads, charms, or anything else you would like.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4

PIERCE HOMESTEAD: Monadnock Travel Council meeting where we will provide a tour of the Homestead, and perhaps, given the interest of the group, a tour of our famous stone arch bridges and our historic villages. All members of the Monadnock Travel Council are welcome

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7

CONTRA DANCE: The Monadnock Folklore Society presents the Peterborough, NH First Saturday Contra Dance on September 7th, featuring Nils Fredland calling with Elixir. The dancing begins at 8:00 pm, with an optional introductory workshop beforehand. Admission is \$10 or \$7 for students and seniors. The dance takes place in the historic Town House in Peterborough.

PIERCE HOMESTEAD: September 7 through Columbus Day: Exhibition: From the Back Room. Every museum has them. Those things in the back room that have been collected - and we really don't know why. An eclectic mix of "what-nots" and "what-are-they's." Most of these items have not been seen in public for over a half a century.

FELLS PROGRAM: The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens commences fall hours now open weekends and Monday Holidays, September 7 through October 14. Discover what life was like on a 20th century new Hampshire summer estate. Take an historic guided tour of the 22-room colonial revival main house, explore the renowned gardens, build a fairy house in the children's Fairy Village and experience the natural world on one of our scenic

trails. Members visit free, nonmembers \$10, discounts for seniors, students and families.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9

PIERCE HOMESTEAD: 7 pm: Scott Edwards of Scott's Clocks in Peterborough will present his program Antique Clocks. Scott will bring around 20 clocks to show with his presentation, followed by a question and answer segment.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14

CHURCH SUPPER: United Church of Warner Church Suppers. Served From 5 to 6:30. Adults \$8.00/under 10 yrs old \$5.00. Pork Roast

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16

PIERCE HOMESTEAD: 7 pm: Discovering New England's Stone Walls presented by Kevin Gardner, author of "The Granite Kiss." Along the way during his touching upon the history, technique, stylistic developments, and aesthetics he occupies himself by building a miniature stone wall on a tabletop, using small stones from a five gallon bucket.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21

NSSF FIRST SHOTS: The Elkins Fish and Game Club is conducting a free hands-on seminar about the sport of shooting. This event is associated with the NH Hunting & Fishing Day Expo and The NSSF "First Shots" Program. The event will be held, rain or shine, at our range at 189 Pine Hill Road in Wilmot. All safety equipment, firearms, ammo, and targets will be provided. Just bring a desire to learn a new and fun sport. All new shooters are welcome but all children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required and sessions are limited, so sign up right away. To register for this event or to get more information, please visit our web site at: elkinsfishandgame.net

FELLS PROGRAM: Calling All Cameras: Autumn Ramble 10am-Noon (Rain Cancels). Photograph the autumn faces of the Fells along woods trails, open fields, gardens and lakeshore. Discover trees and shrubs with the brightest foliage, including wild plum, blueberry and black gum. Co-led by Tammis Coffin, Coordinator, John Hay Ecology Center and Larry Harper of Portrait Design Photography. Designed for outdoor lovers of all ages who are passionate about photography and want to contribute seasonal photographs of The Fells for use in our publications. Fells members free, nonmembers pay site admission. No

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TUES. SEPTEMBER 24

BOOK & BAKE SALE: A Book and Bake Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Wear Public Library and Wear Lions Club will take place at the old Town Hall, 16 North Stark Highway, Wear from 9 am to 3 pm. Clean used books for adults and children will be available at below bookseller prices. A selection of homemade baked goods will also be sold. A lap quilt will be raffled at the end of the sale. All proceeds benefit library activities.

FELLS PROGRAM: Take A Child Outside Week, September 24-30. In cooperation with Take A Child Outside Week, an international program created to help and encourage children discover the natural world, The Fells extends an invitation to "Bring A Child, Receive One Free Adult Admission." All children are free. Be part of this national movement and bring a child to The Fells to experience the beauty of our natural world. Smithsonian's Museum Day Live Saturday, September 24, 9am-4pm in the spirit of Smithsonian Museums, who offer free admission everyday, museum day live! Is an annual event hosted by Smithsonian Magazine in which participating museums across the country open their doors to anyone presenting a museum day ticket.

MON. SEPTEMBER 30

PIERCE HOMESTEAD: 7pm: Manahan-Phelps-McCulloch Photo Collection presented by Curator Gilman Shattuck. The MPM is a collection of more than 250,000 images from a studio in continuous operation in Hillsborough from the early 1860's. In the words of Michael York, NH State Librarian: "... this unique historic photographic collection is of great value to the entire state of New Hampshire."

WED. OCTOBER 2

GOLF TOURNEY: 13th Annual Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) Benefit Golf Tournament, at 8:30am, The Country Club of New Hampshire, Kearsarge Valley Road North Sutton. For more information contact: Kellie Spinney at 603-801-0260.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5

FELLS PROGRAM: Fungi Foray for Beginners from 1-4pm. Mushroom Enthusiasts, Jill & George Montgomery, with assistance from the Montshire Mushroom Club, will present an introduction to fungi for beginners followed by a foray amid the rich Fells woodlands, ending with an identification session. Please bring a basket and knife. Members \$5, non-members \$10. Advance registration required by September 27.

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Ideas to create an outdoor sanctuary in your backyard

By creating an outdoor sanctuary in the backyard, this private place of solace will become the first destination for all members of the family when they need a break. Here are tips to build an outdoor sanctuary in your own backyard.

1. Create a walkway - A beautiful walkway around your backyard, through different scenic zones, can help you to clear your mind of troubled thoughts. This walkway can be a paved path, or composed of stepping stones or gravel and woodchips. Consider planting different gardens close to the walkway, inviting walkers to immerse themselves within the blooms and scents wafting from the flowers.

2. Incorporate a seating area - This space doesn't have to be large, but give it a sense of ambiance with an arbor made of cedar to allow plants to grow taller, or a pergola to provide shade and that wonderful natural aroma that cedar gives off. Natural materials like Western Red Cedar weather naturally, and are rot-resistant, giving



homeowners a durable and long-lasting material to enjoy for years to come.

"Using Western Red Cedar for backyard sanctuary seating areas gives homeowners a variety of design options to work around," says Mark Clement, a building expert and co-host of "My Fix It Up Life" which airs nationally on iTunes, Blog Talk Radio and myfixituplife.com. "This wood is sustainable, environmentally friendly, easy to work

with, ages beautifully, and, when incorporated into an arbor or pergola design, makes a stunning visual element to the space."

In this seating space, place a bench, outdoor patio furniture or even comfortable lawn chairs to encourage family members to stop for a rest and settle their thoughts for the day.

3. Design for both night and day - Sometimes a sanctuary space is most needed when the moon is shining brightly. Provide illumination to pathways, the deck area, and in garden clusters to give a new sense of beauty to the plants. When designing your lighting scheme, be careful to avoid creating any scary shadows. If you notice this occurring, adjust the lighting to come from a different direction, or try using a different light. Would you prefer low watt electric lights, or candlelight, which would require a person to spend time preparing? Once your backyard sanctuary is built, your family will have a place handy where they can escape for some peace of mind. (BPT)

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Don't be daunted by drywall: try some of these tips for success

Whether you're finishing a basement or adding space, many home improvement projects require you to replace or add drywall. These days, many homeowners are considering hanging and finishing drywall themselves, giving their projects a complete do-it-yourself flair and helping to cut expenses.

As you plan your summer home improvement projects, consider adding the drywall portion of the task to your to-do list. Nearly 80 percent of homeowners who remodeled their home, or built a new one in the last two years, did all or a portion of the construction themselves, according to a survey by Priority Metrics Group.

Anitra Mecadon, host of DIY Network's Mega Dens, is working with National Gypsum, the maker of Purple drywall products, to help homeowners install and finish their drywall during this summer's home improvement season. She provides some easy tips to ensure their projects look professionally done when finished:

■ 1. Choose the right drywall product to ensure your walls are built to last. For example, Purple products are fire resistant, provide unparalleled resistance to moisture, mold, mildew, scratches or dents, and can even help reduce the noise heard between rooms.



■ 2. Measure the wall and ceiling space twice to determine the amount of drywall needed. You only get one cut, so double check your measurements. Using a utility knife, score the front of the drywall deep into the core.

■ 3. Snap the board so it's connected only by the back paper.

■ 4. Cut the back paper so it separates, using a utility knife or keyhole saw to cut around electrical outlets, windows and doors.

■ 5. Trim rough edges using a rasp or utility knife until the edges are clean and smooth.

■ 6. Hang the drywall horizontally against the framing and attach using fasteners such as screws or nails. Remember to hang and attach ceilings first. Ask a friend for help.



■ 7. Using joint compound and paper joint tape, apply a coat of joint compound to the joints and firmly embed the tape to ensure a good bond, then let it dry.

■ 8. Apply joint compound over the taped joints and fastener heads - feathering out further with each coat - then let dry.

■ 9. Using sandpaper, sand excess joint compound to create a smooth surface, making sure you don't damage the drywall face paper.

■ 10. Make sure the finished wall or ceiling is free from dirt, grease, dust or anything that might affect your primer or finished paint.

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Avoid extensive repairs by winterizing your home this fall

Autumn is on the way, so don't fall behind on your seasonal home repairs checklist. It pays to know which renovations to tackle now, which repairs can wait until next season, and what preventative measures can help you avoid large-scale, costly repairs.

"While staying warm is top of mind for many homeowners this upcoming winter, it is important to note that in order to stay warm and dry, homes must first be functioning properly," says Bill Jacques, American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) president. "A home inspection can help homeowners prioritize maintenance projects as the seasons change and weather becomes more severe." ASHI recommends fall as the ideal time to begin home inspector consultations and any necessary home repairs. Maintenance costs are generally lower when homeowners proactively prepare their home for winter weather.

Homeowners may want to consult with a professional home inspector on winterizing projects, including:

Cleaning gutters and downspouts - When ice damming occurs, water cannot drain from gutters and can sometimes seep into the home and damage ceilings and walls.

Roof, siding and shutter repairs - Heavy rains and high winds can call for window protection from shutters and the necessity of a sturdy



exterior and roof for protection. ASHI recommends inspecting your roof, siding and shutters at least once a year.

Caulking cracks to stop cold drafts - Worn-out weather stripping around doors and windows allows cold air to seep into the home, which increases heating costs.

Inspecting chimneys - Adding a cap or screen to the top of a chimney will prevent birds nesting or animals entering. ASHI also recommends inspecting the damper for proper operation and checking mortar between bricks.

Checking batteries in carbon monoxide and smoke detectors - Many fires or cases of carbon monoxide poisoning occur during cooler months due to an increase in furnace and other



heat source usage. If you have gas appliances, you need a CO detector for increased safety.

"The time to get serious about home repairs is before the temperature starts dropping," says Jacques. "Once winter begins and your home has problems, you will be wasting money each month, so think about getting your home professionally inspected so you can keep it in good condition and reduce problems from lack of maintenance. Home inspectors can help identify problems so you can keep your home in good condition."

Homeowners can find an ASHI inspector by visiting www.ashi.org. The ASHI "Find a Home Inspector" directory allows homeowners to locate an inspector in their area, by language preferences or services provided. (BPT)

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Upcycling: Breathe new life into decor with a dash of DIY inspiration

If you've ever looked around your house and gotten the urge to purge, you might consider pausing and first thinking about how you could transform that old, damaged piece of furniture or outdated light fixture into a fresh-faced show-piece for your home.

Not only are you doing something good for the environment - and likely your pocketbook - by restoring something, you're embracing your inner creativity. You can make a truly one-of-a-kind decor piece, tailored to your personality and style.

This notion of restoring and reusing items that would otherwise be cast aside to the junkyard or thrift store is called "upcycling," and it's a trend that has caught on quickly, especially in home design. With a little inspiration, creativity and the right tools, you can tackle countless decorating projects with things you already have around your home. And the best part? Upcycled pieces make for great conversation starters, often tell a good story and can even be sold for a much higher price than you put into them. Here are some helpful tips for tackling your own upcycling projects.

Start with a little inspiration

Take a look through magazines, home design blogs and websites to gather inspiration. Look for pieces that catch your eye and have the same structure and "bones" as the items in your home that you'd like to restore.



For example, DremelWeekends.com is filled with inspiring and low-cost do-it-yourself projects, tool recommendations and step-by-step instructions to help you transform just about anything while bringing a new perspective to home renovation and decoration.

Shop around without breaking the bank

Decorating your home doesn't have to cost a fortune. Look around your basement, attic, or at yard sales and consignment shops for free or inexpensive items that you might be able to breathe new life into. The old adage "never judge a book by its cover" would apply here. Do your best to look beyond an item's current condition and let the inspiration you've gleaned take over as you see its full potential in a different light. If the piece has some defects, don't immediately overlook



it. Sometimes perfection and personality can be found in the imperfection.

Secrets of upcycling success

The secret to any do-it-yourself project is to plan ahead. Beyond finding the inspiration for a project, gather the supplies and tools you'll need, read up on step-by-step instructions, dedicate a roomy workspace where everything is at your fingertips, and be sure to carve out time to focus on the project.

But the No. 1 secret of upcycling success is to be patient and not get discouraged. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. It's OK to make mistakes because sometimes you'll uncover hidden beauty during the process. The important part is that you find the whole experience of restoring and reusing rewarding. (BPT)



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Obituaries: Friends & Neighbors Remembered

Peter H. Beane

DEERING - Peter H. Beane, 82, of Deering, NH, passed away at home on August 19th, surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's. He was born in Henniker, NH, on November 12, 1930, the son of Gerald E. and Evelyn H. Beane. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Doris E. Beane; his son, Peter E. and his wife, JoAnne Beane of Houghton, Louisiana; and his daughter, Valerie and her husband, Alan Stuart of Barrington, New Hampshire. He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Peter J. Beane, Joshua E. Beane, Wade A. Beane, Sherry L. Brown, Sarah E. Stuart, Alan C. Stuart Jr. and Ethan Stuart. In addition he is survived by seven great grandchildren: Hailey Beane, Peter A. Beane, Elizabeth M. Beane, Samuel Beane, Alexander Beane, Leo Connor and Sasha Conner. Peter was predeceased by his brother, John Beane. He is also survived by his sisters: Dr. Carolyn Allen, Constance Madler, and Mary Cobb; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Roger M. Andrus

CONTOOCOOK - Roger M. Andrus, 82, of Contoocook, leaves his wife, Norma L. (Judy) Blanchette Andrus of 62 years on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at Presidential Oaks, after a short illness. He was born on November 23, 1930



in Sanbornton, NH, son of Max Lee Andrus and Florence A. Merrill Andrus, one of six children. He was predeceased by a son, Ray Niles Andrus in 1960; a sister, Florence Langlais; and a brother, Walter Andrus.

He leaves seven children, Dianne L. Cooper and husband, Gary of Contoocook, Roger J. Andrus and Leona Raymond of Penacook, Roland "Ruban" P. Andrus and Wendy Weeks of Webster, Gene L. Andrus and Linda Ogden of Contoocook, Rocky L. Andrus and wife, Cheryl of Contoocook, Sherry A. Andrus of West Hopkinton and Vicki L. Doubleday and husband, Daniel of Northfield; eight grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 1 great great granddaughter; as well as nieces and nephews. He also leaves brothers, Michael Andrus of Andover, Theodore Andrus of Salisbury and Bryant Andrus of Andover.

Donations may be made in his name to CRVNA 30 Pillsbury St Concord, NH.

Jacqueline (Cricenti) Kelly

NEW LONDON - Jacqueline (Cricenti) Kelly passed away on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013, after a long period of failing health surrounded by members of her family and friends. Jacqueline was the daughter of the late Maria and Joseph Cricenti. Jacqueline was predeceased by her husband, Michael. She is survived by sisters, Christine Cricenti of New London and Catherine Cricenti Kerrigan of Hooksett, and many nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 294, New London, 03257.

Theophilo Vincent

PETERBOROUGH - Theophilo Vincent, 92, of Peterborough, died Saturday, August 17, 2013, at Cheshire Medical Center in Keene.

Born in Fall River, MA, on September 25, 1920. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Albertine Viveiros Vincent of Peterborough, and their children: Elizabeth Brown and husband, Peter Howe of Keene; Joan O'Connell of Hampstead; Paul Vincent and wife, Vivi of Germany; Barbara Ann Ettinger and husband, Jeffrey of Connecticut; and John Vincent and wife, Deb Fortin of Georgia. He also is survived by grandchildren, Shannon O'Connell Weems, Brendan and Corbett O'Connell; Joshua Vincent Brown; Daniel and Jonathan Vincent Ettinger; Melanie Vincent; Perry and Taylor Vincent; and by great-grandchildren, Parker and Ava Brown. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Gloria daCosta Vincent and by his brothers, Captain Manuel daCosta Vincent and Dr. Gilbert Vincent. The family requests donations in his honor to Paralyzed Veterans of America, the American Heart Association, or Cheshire Medical Center

Bruce A. Todd

GREENFIELD - Bruce A. Todd, 66, of Greenfield, formerly of Rindge, died Wednesday August 14, 2013 at the Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough following a period of failing health. He was born June 3, 1947, in Peterborough, son of the late Cecil H. and Florence E. (Fuller) Todd. He is survived by his sister, D. Judy

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Todd of Greenfield and several cousins. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, John H. Todd in 1999. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Monadnock Humane Society, 101W Swanzey Road, Swanzey NH 03446.

Janet-Louise Lewis

Janet-Louise Middleton Lewis passed away peacefully on August 13, 2013, with her oldest daughter, Sharon Gaffey, by her side. Sis, as she was known by her family and friends, was born in Brooklyn, NY on May 21, 1927, to Cornelius Walworth Middleton and Isabelle Hoxie Middleton. She is survived by her children, Sharon (David) Gaffey of Simsbury, Charlotte (Julian) Hankus of Derry, NH, Richard (Dale) Lewis of Yarmouth, ME and Neil (Jen) Lewis of Ft. Collins, CO; "Gram" will be greatly missed by her nine grandchildren and great-grandson. She was pre-deceased by her husband, and her three brothers, William, Donald, and Richard.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to New London Hospital, 273 County Road, New London, NH, 03257 or Kurn Hattin, P.O. Box 127, Westminster, VT, 05158 in her name.

Emma Marie (Thulin) Thorpe

NEWPORT - Emma Marie Thorpe, 85, passed away at the Seasons at Summercrest on August 14, 2013. Emma was born in Saugus, MA, January 11, 1928, daughter to the late George Washington and Daisy Charlotte (Nelson) Thulin. She is survived by her children: Andrea Thorpe of Newport, NH, Suzanne McEmber of Libertyville, IL, Brian Thorpe of St. Augustine, FL, Melinda Thorpe of Newport, NH, Elizabeth Melby of Minneapolis, MN; her grandchildren, James, Caitlin, Leah, John, Alison, Ian; and twin great-grandsons. She was predeceased by her husband and her granddaughter, Corin Thorpe. In lieu of flowers, please consider an act of kindness in Emma's memory.

Barbara (Lyons) Deane

NEWBURY - Barbara "Bobby" (Lyons) Deane, 95, died on Monday, August 12, 2013, at her home. She was born in New York City on Nov. 26, 1917, the daughter of Frank and Evelyn (Beston) Lyons. She was predeceased by her husband, Harry Tenyson Deane and two sisters, Evelyn and Helena. Members of her family surviving include four children, Raymond Dalton. Deane and his wife, Betty of Upper Darby, PA., Dr. Francis Tenvson Deane and his wife, Susan of Marathon, FL, Susan Deane of Waitsfield, VT., and Mary Patten and her husband, Scott of Newbury; 10 grandchildren, Robert, Kim, Stephanie, Elisa, Birch, Sky, Grey, Cicely, Rebecca and Leila; and 15 great grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Blind Veterans Association, www.blindveterans.com or to the Upper Valley Humane Society, 300 Old Route 10, Enfield, NH 03748.

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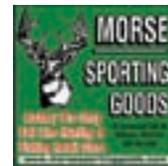
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