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Derek Owen Honored

On behalf of the Hopkinton Selectmen, Christine Hamm presented Derek Owen with a plaque in recognition of his years of service to the town at Town Meeting. See story and additional photo on page 9.



\$28,000 from Pats Peak

Sylvia Pelletier, President of the Childhood Cancer Lifeline of NH receives a check from Lori Rowell, Director of Marketing at Pats Peak, for \$3,740 for the portion that Pats Peak donated. In addition, \$8,104 was donated by Pats Peak skiers/riders at cashier locations. Over \$28,000 was raised for the Childhood Cancer Lifeline 2014 event.



US Senate candidate Scott Brown met with voters at Morse Sporting Goods during a campaign swing through Hillsboro on Thursday.

Antrim voters say yes

Library, Grapevine, Park improvements approved

With the controversial Antrim Wind proposal left behind at the polls, Antrim voters quietly approved the Town's proposed \$4 million operating budget with little discussion and no opposition. Also approved were \$26,478 for the first year of a five-year lease on a front end loader, costing \$132,390, and \$43,000 for a new Highway Department salt shed. Kristen Vance, Grapevine director, successfully amended Article 7, doubling the initial request of \$6,000 to \$12,000 and the Tuttle Library received \$40,000 to repair its heating system and chimney. Much of the debate

centered on Article 14, requesting \$13,000 to improve the drainage system, fencing and tennis court at Memorial Park. Although recreation Director Christine Lunetta agreed that it was a stop gap measure, voters said yes. Articles requesting \$80,000 for updating and reconstructing Highland Avenue and Pleasant Street; \$35,000 for a new police cruiser; and \$35,000 to replace the valve in the Gregg Lake Dam were also approved. The only article defeated was a petitioned article asking that Gibson Mountain Road be designated Class V so that the town could maintain it.

Names of two Weare Police officers revealed

Weare Police Department payroll records give a clear indication of which two Weare officers were put on administrative leave after the August police shooting of an alleged Manchester drug dealer. Sgt. Kenneth Cox and Officer Nicolas Nadeau had their overtime drop to zero for the next three months, a time when the two officers who fired their weapons were on paid administrative leave


and not allowed to perform police work. The Union Leader reported this information after reviewing payroll information received from a right-to-know law request. Cox and Nadeau were the only two officers who saw their overtime drop to zero, starting with their Aug. 29 paycheck. Neither the Weare Police or the Attorney General would comment on the report.



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Local history as reported in The Messenger

- March 22, 2013**
- Clerical error nullifies Newport vote
 - Weare woman to spend 13 months in federal prison
 - Construction begins on Antrim's new police station
 - Henniker voters restore cuts to Tucker Library
- March 23, 2012**
- New London dam repairs delayed
 - Washington Police Chief vindicated
 - Recount set on Newport support staff contract.
 - Deering kids OK to play in Hillsborough
- March 25, 2011**
- Hopkinton's Lajoie is top Guidance Counselor
 - Antrim Selectmen rescind Special Town Meeting
 - Sunapee leases two new police cruisers
 - Hancock woman killed in two car crash
- March 19, 2010**
- Kearsarge teacher named PE Teacher of the Year
 - Sunapee approves treatment plant but not library
 - Newbury house fire quickly spreads
 - Henniker freezes hiring-cuts budget
- March 20, 2009**
- Bomb threat at school-"F" bomb?
 - Community Park planned in Warner
 - New playground planned at Center Woods School
 - Francestown voters approve budget
- March 21, 2008**
- Hillsborough Post Office named for Jeremy Charron
 - Windsor feud continues to simmer
 - Antrim honors Ben Pratt & Mary Hammond
 - Warner woman avoids jail time
- March 23, 2007**
- One more accident on "Death Alley"
 - Hopkinton horse facility suit pending in Supreme Court
 - Bradford voters support Fire Chief
 - Sunapee withdraws from SAU #43
- March 24, 2006**
- Henniker rejects fire truck - approves highway truck
 - Warner woman charged with DWI
 - Bio-Energy permit is withdrawn
 - Deering Town Clerk/Tax Collector to ignore vote
- March 2, 2005**
- Francestown student banned from Geography Bee
 - Two horses returned to Bennington woman
 - Henniker Police find body in the woods
 - Weare Chief not satisfied with \$60,000 severance package
- March 19, 2004**
- H-D DECA dominates the competition
 - Outgoing Superintendent Leo Corriveau honored

Henniker voters approve 19 of 20 Articles on the Warrant

An unusually small crowd of residents attended Henniker's Town Meeting Saturday afternoon. Those who attended were in an approving mood as 19 of the 20 Warrant Articles passed, including the \$4.1 million operating budget, which was up only \$25,538 over the current budget. By a margin of 83-37 voters approved another \$6.04 million to repair the Western Avenue bridge, which has been closed since 2008. The NH Department of Transportation and Federal Bridge Aid will pay 80% of the construction, with the town responsible for 20%, or \$1.20 million.

The Tucker Free Library fared well with voters as did the Transfer Station which will receive a new \$85,000 solid waste trailer.

Upgrades to the ultraviolet disinfection system at the wastewater treatment plant and a water meter for the Cogswell Spring Water Works each passed by wide margins. Improvements to Academy Hall and

the Police Station roof were also approved as was a \$50,000 increase in the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund, and \$20,000 to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. Fire Chief Keith Gilbert was not satisfied, saying that. "This fund needs to be funded

at \$100,000 to \$110,000 per year."

The only article defeated was a petition article to have the town maintain Browns Way. Similar articles have appeared the last several years and have likewise been defeated.



Selectboard Chair Kris Blomback welcomes residents to the 2014 Henniker Town Meeting.

Newport pharmacy burglary

Police are investigating the theft of a small amount of non-narcotic drugs from Z Pharmacy last week. On March 12 at 8:41 a.m., Z Pharmacy reported that upon arriving to open the store for the day they found the business had been broken into. Police responded and the case remains under investigation.

According to Newport Police Chief James Burroughs, non-narcotic drugs were taken from the pharmacy. Police are asking anyone with information to call Sgt. Ernest G. "Buddy" Rowe or Detective Shawn Hallock at Newport Police Department (603) 863-3240.

Cuts made by the New London Budget Committee

The New London Budget Committee met on March 5th with sharpened pencils. Members entered the meeting hoping to trim \$125,000 from the selectmen's proposed municipal operating budget.

After voting on 21 suggested cuts totaling over \$147,000 the Committee approved 9, modified 2, and rejected 10 for a total reduction of \$61,336. Members also voiced their opinion on a pair of warrant articles, supporting the Elkins Sidewalk

Project Capital Reserve Fund, but after a long discussion, voting 6-3 not to support the article requesting \$75,000 for the 1941 Building project.

Recommended cuts included \$10,000 from the Highway Equipment Replacement Fund and the Sewer Lagoon Cleanup Capital Reserve Fund, \$6,000 cut from the Highway Paving Services budget, and half of the Selectmen's Discretionary Pay Fund, leaving a balance of \$5,500.



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Ed Andersen's wife and daughters were on hand to witness his swearing in as Chief of Police. Gayle Hedrington/WNTK photo.

Ed Andersen is New London's new Chief

Whipple Hall in New London was packed with friends, family and fellow police officers to celebrate Edward G. Andersen being sworn in as New London's new Police Chief. Andersen says he has waited sixteen years to become the police chief. Andersen went through a three step interview process along with other well qualified candidates, and has been acting police chief for New London since May of 2013.

Hancock approves Meetinghouse repairs

Hancock voters approved plans to renovate the Meetinghouse by a 171-36 margin on Saturday. More than 200 voters turned out at the Town Meeting Saturday at the fire station, but because of the vote, next year's Town Meeting will be held in the newly renovated Meetinghouse. Work on the project is expected to start next month and is expected to be completed in the fall.

Sutton OK with \$680,000 budget increase

Sutton voters approved a \$2.05 million operating budget, but with funding for a new fire truck, a new grader and road repairs, the total price tag increased to \$3.18 million, up \$680,000 over the current budget. Sutton will have separate tax collector and town clerk positions this year, but the two jobs will be combined into one after 2015.

Newbury Library adds staff and hours

A little snow didn't deter the 100 voters who attended Newbury's Town Meeting last Wednesday night. Voters approved the \$3.7 million operating budget even though it was up almost \$150,000 from last year. About \$32,000 of that increase was for the library order to pay a second full-time staff member and be open every day during the week. A new grader will be added to the Highway Department for \$274,800.

Deering girl acts in Colby-Sawyer play

Heather Dion of Deering is one of ten student-actors featured in "Orlando." The play will be performed on Thursday, March 27, Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29 at 7 p.m. in the Sawyer Center Theater at the Sawyer Fine and Performing Arts Center. Performances are free and open to the public.

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

Most patients who report statin intolerance, including muscle aches and other side effects from the cholesterol-lowering drugs, can actually tolerate drugs from this class on subsequent trials, according to research in the *American Heart Journal*. Statins are among the most prescribed drugs in the world and are a first-line, highly effective therapy for patients with high cholesterol, which is a major risk factor in the development of cardiovascular disease. Statins have been shown to reduce cholesterol levels by as much as 20 to 40 percent at the lowest dose level. However, in clinical trials, about 5 to 10 percent of patients have been reported as suffering from statin-related side effects like muscle pain and liver enzyme abnormalities, making them statin intolerant.

Antihistamines are a group of medications that are used to treat various conditions, including allergies and nausea and vomiting. Some antihistamines require a prescription, but most are available over-the-counter (OTC), and both prescription and OTC antihistamines are often used by women during pregnancy. Until recently, little information was available to women and their health care providers on the possible risks and relative safety of these medications in pregnancy, particularly when it came to specific birth defects. A new study in *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology: In Practice* has found no evidence to support suggestions of risk that had been found in earlier studies.

Aggressive treatment with statins reduces the risk of subsequent cardiovascular events in patients with coronary artery disease even if they have very low LDL cholesterol levels, reveals research presented at ESC Congress 2013.

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Mount Sunapee Ski Club Honors Frank MacConnell

The Mount Sunapee Area Ski Club honored Frank MacConnell III as the recipient of the John W. McCrillis Memorial Ski Award at a dinner and awards ceremony at Mount Sunapee last Saturday. The award is given annually to someone within the Lake Sunapee-Dartmouth region who has made a significant contribution to the sport of skiing over his or her lifetime.

Frank MacConnell started skiing on a small hill behind his parents' house at the age of five and at Mount Sunapee by the age of seven. At Mount Sunapee, he became very active as a young skier in the Mount Sunapee Area Ski Club youth programs and was named to the U.S. Development Ski Team at the age of 16. He won one of the coveted state Ski Meister awards in his junior year

at Newport High School. MacConnell eventually went on to coach skiing at Johnson State College, Crested Butte Ski Club, Colby-Sawyer College, King Ridge, Mount Sunapee and Newport Middle

High School. For the past 30 years, he has owned and operated Bob Skinner's Ski and Sport located at the Newbury traffic circle. MacConnell becomes the award's 20th winner.



Frankie MacConnell is congratulated by Sally McCrillis Eldredge, John C. McCrillis and David McCrillis as he is awarded the 20th John W. McCrillis Memorial Award at Mount Sunapee Resort on March 15. Paul Howe photo.

Warner budget at \$2.9 million

Warners voters approved the Town's proposed \$2,967,008 operating budget with no discussion or debate. Also approved were \$175,000 for the Highway Road Construction Fund, \$100,000 for the Highway Department Equipment Fund towards a new road grader, \$50,000 for the Fire Department Building/Renovation Fund, \$25,000 for bridge maintenance and \$5,000 for hazard mitigation work on the Odd Fellows Building. Voters also gave the OK to \$5,000 for transfer station equipment, \$10,000 for police department vehicles, \$70,000 for fire/rescue vehicles and \$20,000 towards property revaluations.

Dolly Parton selects Heidi Welch for national award

Hillsboro-Deering Music Director Heidi Welch has been selected as the 2014 winner of the Chasing Rainbows Award. The Chasing Rainbows Award is given annually by Dolly Parton to a teacher who has overcome adversity in

becoming a teacher.

The awardee spends a week as the guest of Parton at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN and his/her name is inscribed on a plaque inside Parton's Chasing Rainbows Museum. Congratulations Heidi!

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Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust acquires 54 Andover acres

On March 13, 2014, the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust acquired full ownership of the 54-acre Old College Road Preserve property located between Old College Road and Agony Hill Road in East Andover. A group of neighbors, including Alex Bernhard and Myra Mayman, Fritz and Barbara Hunting, Joyce Jones, Martin Fairall, Jon and Vicki Mishcon, and Lori Cox, purchased the land in 2002 to protect it from development. The owners determined that it would receive the best care and management in the hands of the land trust and they gifted the property to Ausbon

Sargent. The most important factor in ensuring the preservation of the Old College Road Preserve, however, is its connectiv-

ity to other land as this 54-acre parcel is adjacent to over 2,400 acres of previously conserved land.

Town Hall vote falls short

In a rare Saturday meeting, continued from Tuesday because of a storm, Bradford voters again failed to approve a bond proposed by the Town Hall Restoration Committee. Again, this year, a clear majority were in favor but the proposal narrowly failed to gain the 2/3 need to pass. Out of the 239 votes cast proponents need 157 but gathered only 151 with 88 opposed.



Myra Mayman and Alex Bernhard (seated) with Land Protection Specialist Andy Deegan, and Executive Director Debbie Stanley at the closing for the Old College Road Preserve in East Andover, NH.



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Deering voters support Police, Fire & Highway Departments

Deering voters added \$91,937 for new fire department equipment and then approved the Town's operating budget which now totaled \$1,752,538.00. They also added \$147,644 to the previously established Capital Reserve and/or Expendable Trust Funds after rejecting an amendment to add \$5,000.00 for a Steel Building to house a Rescue Boat, and \$38,575 was placed into the Assessing Expendable Trust Fund.

Police Chief James Pushee was successful in convincing voters to spend \$35,000 to purchase a new cruiser and \$4,500 for

a Police Cruiser Video System. Voters did reject a request for \$10,000 to buy a Police Radar Trailer.

\$133,823 was approved for the lease purchase of a Backhoe for the Highway

and Streets Department, \$47,347 representing the first year's with lease purchase payment.

Finally, voters rejected SB2 by a vote of 187 Yes to 243 No.

Newport's \$9 million budget

After a public Hearing and a discussion with Newport Police Chief Jim Burroughs, the Selectmen decided not to make changes to the Town's parking and smoking ordinances.

The Board did review the proposed \$9,144,436 operating budget to be voted on at the May 13th Town Meeting. Included on the warrant are police union and public works union contracts and the lease/purchase of a highway department truck.



Deering Police Chief James Pushee explains the reasons for a new cruiser.



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Hopkinton High School Freshmen visited Washington, DC and are having a good time learning a lot about our nation's capital. Here's a photo of them in front of the White House.

Benefit Concert for Hillsboro fire victim

HDHS Music Department is proud to announce their "Alumni Come Home – a Benefit Recital" performance to raise funds for local piano teacher, accompanist, and youth leader extraordinaire Barbara Daley to replenish her sheet music for her studio lost recently to fire. Featuring over a dozen alumni performers who are current musicians and teachers as well as current piano students and guests, this performance will be a tribute to her teaching for over 30 years in the area. Sunday, March 30 at Smith Church, 2:00 p.m. Donations accepted.

Fund started for injured Claremont man

Adam Barton, the director of Claremont Christian Academy, was trimming trees at his home when a limb landed on his head. Barton's wife, Melanie said on Facebook that he came through surgery but will be asleep for some time. The Bartons have three children and are expecting a fourth. A GoFundMe page has been set up to help the family. In one day, it has raised nearly \$1,700. The goal is \$5,000.

No injuries reported in Newbury rollover

Newbury Police say no one was injured in a single car rollover on Rt 103 near Mountain Road just before 7:30 am Sunday morning. Police attributed the accident to road conditions which were slippery from light ice and snow on Saturday night, and remind drivers to be aware of icy conditions in the early morning.

Mayor's Drug Task Force raises \$4,000

The Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force raised more than \$4,000 by hosting a retirement event for Councilor Bob Sharon, which also brought a sizable donation from Hope Community Chapel. Sharon was an original member of the Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force. The funds were raised and donated in Sharon's honor.

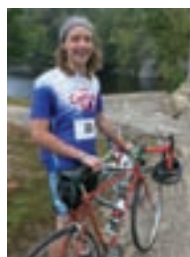
Wilmot voters approve warrant articles

Wilmot voters approved the proposed \$1.2 million 2014 operating budget and another 22 warrant articles costing \$227,542 bringing total spending to \$1.43 million. Included in that total is \$50,000 being set aside to buy a fire truck.



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Hopkinton voters approve \$3 million fire station bond

After adding \$51,700 to the highway department's snow removal fund, Hopkinton voters easily passed the proposed \$5.9 million operating budget, which will increase the tax rate by only .23/1,000 of valuation.

For the fourth time since its inception, voters rejected a proposal to eliminate the town's pay by bag disposal program 110 Yes to 125 No. They also voted to keep bag prices at .75 for 13-gallon bags and \$1.25 for 33-gallon bags.

Most of the three hour meeting was devoted to discussing the proposed \$3

million renovation to the Contoocook Fire Station. Selectman Chair Jim O'Brien gave a 40 minute presentation on the need to renovate and update the 1974 station to meet modern-day standards. A

nearly half hour discussion sparked several questions but no opposition. By a vote of 264 to 90, the bond easily achieved the 2/3 majority needed. The renovations could be started this spring.



State Senator Sylvia Larson (r) presents Gary Richardson (l) with a Senate Resolution honoring his 28 years as Hopkinton Moderator.

Francestown roads posted

At their recent meeting, the Francestown Board of Selectmen agreed to post all Town roads effective Monday March 24, 2014 with a six (6) ton limit until further notice, pursuant to RSA 231: 191.

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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

Major Improvements Noted At Hillsboro-Deering

Hillsboro-Deering School officials got some good news recently in the form of a letter from Dr. Karen Laba, Ph. D., a Consultant for School and District Improvement. The text of her letter follows:

"Kudos to you and the rest of the Hillsboro Deering HS staff! On a recent snow day, I took time to explore the just-posted NH School and District Profiles on the NH DOE website to try to learn if there was evidence of improvement that could be attributed to the efforts of the 2012-2013 (and prior) SINI 4/Restructuring or SIG schools.

I found the "Assessment Rankings" section of the public profile to be particularly interesting. I plotted the achievement rank (index score) and the improvement rank (change in index score) to roughly replicate the display you might recall from two years ago known as the "bubble charts" developed for the NH Growth Model app.

I'm pleased to share with you the positive findings for HDHS. While you still have work to do to move to the head of the line in overall achievement in math, your rank in math improvement is better than many other high schools in the state and better than ALL the priority high schools.

In reading, your improvement rank is in the top third of all high schools, and your overall achievement rank is well ahead of any of the priority high schools and in the top quarter of ALL high schools in NH. Wow!

I know we're saying good-bye to NECAP so we won't be able to track this in the future, but this piece of data is worth celebrating. Please share this with your team and do some reflection to figure out which 2012-2013 initiatives contributed to this result so you can be sure you keep doing what's working!

Enjoy the celebration of your success!"

Senator Shaheen's hypocritical campaign position

Democratic U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen is calling on newly announced Republican challenger Scott Brown to agree to a ban on out of state groups from pouring millions of dollars into his Senate campaign.

In a letter sent Saturday, less than 24 hours after the former U.S. senator from Massachusetts entered the race, Shaheen said she believes such a ban limits "the influence of outside groups and allows the people's voices to be heard." Brown

responded by saying, "It's hard to view Jeanne Shaheen's actions as anything other than hypocritical and self-serving." "The people of New Hampshire can see through the Washington-style game she is playing."

Exactly. The timing of Shaheen's request comes only after out of state groups, on her behalf, spent huge amounts of money in anti-Brown ads, even before Brown joined the race.



Letters to the Editor

Thank you to the Town of Hillsborough, for electing me your Selectman. Shortly, I will publish my goal and objectives that I believe with your support will make our community a better place in which to live. I hope we can translate our negativity into positives through teamwork and through thoughtful deliberation. My motto during the campaign has been Sensible Commercial Growth Will Help Hold Taxes Down.

I would appreciate any suggestions you might offer to help me in my transition as

your Selectman.

If each member of our community would put together a list of things they would like to see happen please feel free to send them to me or call me.

Once again thank you.

Alan B. Urquart, Hillsborough

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who came out to vote in last Tuesday's elections. I won the bid for a seat on the Deering Board of Selectman by twelve



Letters to the Editor

votes. I can count many more than twelve who I know came out specifically to support me. This includes some who haven't voted in some time, others who registered to be able to support me, and others who worked a long, hard day and then made time and energy to come to the town hall. (Even one voter who literally ran from his truck into the polls so he

would be in the building before the polls closed.) This shows that EVERY vote counts. It could not have been done without each and every one of you who voted. I am deeply grateful to you all. I will work hard and do my best for all the residents of Deering. Thank you.

Sharron Fife, Deering

Another Honor for Hillsboro-Deering High School

Hillsboro-Deering High School is one of four schools selected to represent New Hampshire at a Regional Conference on effective strategies for improving teaching and learning in the 21st century. The conference, "High School Redesign in Action" takes place March 20–21, 2014, in Norwood, Massachusetts. It is sponsored by the New England Secondary School Consortium, a state-led regional partnership committed to high school innovation. All the selected schools have made significant progress raising student achievement, graduation rates, college-enrollment numbers, or other indicators of educational success. "These four schools are just examples of the best practices and quality instruction taking place in NH to ensure our students are being prepared to meet the challenges of college and careers," said Virginia M. Barry, Ph.D., Commissioner, NH Department of Education.

In collaboration with the departments of education for Connecticut, Maine, New

Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont, the presenting schools were selected not only for their exemplary work, but also for their extraordinary commitment to making sure every student has a chance to succeed, to live a fulfilled and meaningful life, and to make a positive contribution to the world in which they live. In addition, three of the presenting schools—Hillsboro-Deering High School is one of three members of the Consortium's League of Innovative Schools, a multistate network of secondary schools working together to improve their programs and performance. H-D presenters include: Kym Bergstresser (student leader), Tristan Brooks (student leader), Clarice Clark (faculty advisor), Jennifer Crawford (associate principal), Joshua Gould (student leader), Emma Moore (student leader), Jim O'Rourke (principal), Katie Ort (student leader), Shannon Thomas (student leader), Jeremy Thompson (faculty advisor), Brianna Welch (student leader).

Free dental services for Hillsboro-Deering students

Hillsboro-Deering School District is privileged to be chosen to participate in a new pilot program offered by The Ronald McDonald Foundation and Saving People's Smiles to bring the students of the District FREE dental services. A mobile dental van will be visiting each school to provide comprehensive dental care (exams, cleanings, X-rays, fillings, sealants, extractions etc...) during the school day. Eligible students are those who currently do not have a dentist. If the student has

Medicaid, billing will be submitted on behalf of parents/guardians.

All students in Hillsboro-Deering and Washington schools will be coming home with consent forms Friday, March 21 that will need to be filled out and returned to the school's health office by Friday, March 28, 2014 if parents/guardians wish to have their student participate in the program. For more information, please contact Regina Jensen, School District Nurse, at 464-1290.

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Hillcat Summer Theater Wizard of Oz auditions set

Back under the direction of Heidi Doyle, with Heidi Welch back as Musical Director and Jocelynn Drew as Artistic Designer, the production of *The Wizard of Oz* will be underway this summer as Hillcat Summer Theater Returns for its 13th Season. "It is a great show with parts for all ages, and we are planning on bringing in some new ideas to make this production one of the best yet," said Doyle, who returns to the directing chair after great success with *The Music Man* in 2011.

Jocelynn Drew, who also built fantastic sets for *The Music Man* as well as *Seussical*, the Musical in 2007 is excited to get started as well. "The sets will be dynamic and fun to work on as we transform the HDMS cafegymatorium into Kansas, Munchkinland, and the Emerald City. The students have already come up with some great ideas that we plan on incorporating," said Drew. The show is slated for performance August 8th, 9th, and 10th with evening shows and a matinee.

Heidi Welch is proud of the legacy of Hillcat Summer Theater and is very happy to be holding the baton for this produc-

tion as well once again. "From the start in 2003, we wanted to bring shows to Hillsboro that all ages of our community members could perform in, and once again, I think that we have found the perfect musical to showcase a variety of ages, voices, and talents.

Another goal when we started in 2003 was to produce shows that created memories for families, and that people could bring their children and grandchildren to. Shows that would educate, inspire, and remind us of the great historical significance of musical theater as a mode of storytelling. Over the years, I have been able to be part of eight stellar productions from our first, *Bye Bye Birdie*, to my personal favorite *Peter Pan*. I am proud to be a part of the tradition begun by Steve Murphy as an idea to do a "staff-student musical theater project" over 10 years ago." Auditions for *The Wizard of Oz* will take place on Tuesday, May 6th; Wednesday, May 7th, and Thursday, May 8th in the Hillsboro-Deering MS Café. Audition times are from 2:30-4:30 or 6-7:30. Prepare 16 measures of any song, and be prepared to do a cold reading.

Newport considers charging fees for use of Common

Since the 1990's the Newport Farmers' Market has used the Common free of rent. Town Manager Paul Brown says other organizations have questioned the practice. Brown explained that there are expenses to the group using the Common, extra trash, and electrical costs. Kathy Scheuer, secretary for the group and one of the Newport Farmers Market board members, said they are a group of small farmers and asked that the fee be kept to something that they

could afford. Scheuer also said she understands there are costs involved but asked the Selectboard to remember that they are committed to working for the small farmer in addition to giving free space to various charities in the area. The Selectboard asked Town Manager Paul Brown to meet with the group and to come up with a viable fee. The Board will revisit the fees charged at a meeting in April. The Farmers' Market is due to open May 30 at 3 pm.



The John Stark/Hopkinton Robotics Team sold refreshments at the Hopkinton Town Meeting (left photo); The Henniker Community School Math Team (l to r), Will Connor, Ethan Hauptman, Dillon Brown, and Cailee Green, practice their craft. (Right photo by Leanne Chauvette).

Henniker Community School features a Math Team

More than 20 students in grades 5 through 8 show up for school at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Henniker Community School to participate in Math Team, a club that offers fun and engaging activities aimed at getting and keeping middle school students excited about math. Students work together in friendly competition to enhance their problem solving skills.

In addition to meeting on Thursday mornings, the students also compete in math meets throughout the year in the Contoosook Valley Math League. The categories they compete in are: arithmetic, concepts, geometry, pre-algebra, word problems, and team problem solving. Points are accumulated throughout the season.

The next meet was March 20 at the Shaker Road School. The final meet of this year will be hosted by HCS on April 3. Henniker came in first place last year, so they're aiming to defend their title at this year's final event.

Math Team at HCS is co-advised by teachers Mark VanDenBerg and Betsy Bartolotti.

Ben Pratt offers program on Antrim's history

Please join us Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 3 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church for a discussion of Pratt and Caughey, one of Antrim's most significant businesses.

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This firm, headed by G.H. Caughey and H. B. Pratt, was responsible for some fine construction in Antrim and surrounding towns for the better parts of two decades. The quality of craftsmanship

can still be observed in such places in Bennington village, the stone walls at the Verney farm in Bennington, Nubanusit Park in Peterborough, and the North Branch cemetery, as well as dams and buildings.

We are fortunate to have as our speaker, Ben Pratt - New Hampshire's 2014 Engineer of the Year, Town Treasurer, Grapevine Board Member, and participant in a myriad of other public interest organizations.

Ben is the son of one of the founders of the enterprise.

OSRAM Sylvania layoffs will not affect Hillsborough

OSRAM Sylvania's Hillsborough plant will add more than 30 jobs as a result of plant closings in Manchester, Central Falls, RI, and York, PA, resulting in the layoff of

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Hillsboro-Deering's Destination Imagination Team

H-D shines at Destination Imagination

Hillsboro-Deering's Destination Imagination teams did a fantastic job at the regional tournament this Saturday. They showed great creativity, problem solving, and had a lot of fun too. The first ever Hillsboro-Deering High School team placed 1st in their challenge of "Laugh Art Loud." The middle school team competing in the challenge "Pandemonium" placed 1st. They are the first team from HDMS to place this high. Both teams will be moving onto the state tournament in 2 weeks. The middle school team competing in the challenge "Laugh Art Loud" placed 2nd, and the middle school team competing in the challenge "Going to Extremes" was awarded a "Spirit of DI" award for doing a great job when the odds were stacked against them. We are so proud of you all!

Stark photo exhibit at Weare library

The Camera Club at John Stark Regional High School presents the photo exhibit "Our Generation" at the Weare Public Library now through June 6. The more than 20 photographs by the John Stark students include a wide variety of film and digital photographs. Students exhibiting photographs in this show include: Cian Bremer-Zydenbos, Cole Michie, Ian Gleason, Aaron Dey-ermond, Molly Hagen, Kincaid Pearson, Kaycee Wilson, Rachel Weidman, Brittany Ouellette, Emma Fredericks, Olivia French, Josh Morin, Mariana Manna, Jessica Lamper, Nicole Nikias, and Hunter Eastman.

Newport rejects limited no smoking ban

Parking will continue as usual on Cedar Street after Newport Selectboard member Gary Nichols expressed concern about parking for Episcopal Church members. In a proposed ordinance the street would have no parking on either side. Police Chief James Burroughs stated concern with the narrowness of the road and access for Emergency Vehicles being able to get into the church. After discussing whether to make Cedar Street one way and whether it should be one way east or west. Chief Burroughs recommended the ordinance be struck and the Town will monitor the traffic on Cedar Street. The Board also did not accept the Chief's recommendation for no smoking within 20 feet of town property during Town sponsored sports and events or near a playground.



Sports



Sunapee's Mathew Tenney tries to keep the ball from Epping's Aziz Zerguine during the Division IV boys basketball final at Plymouth State University on March 15. Sunapee lost to Epping 74-70. Paul Howe photo.

Laker Boys join Girls as runners-up BOYS' BASKETBALL Division IV Championship

#3 Epping 74 #4 Sunapee 70 The Lakers led by as much as 17 and led by 13 at the break, could not hold off a furious Blue Devil comeback in the second half. Epping's Jimmy Stanley, who sat the entire second quarter with foul trouble, sparked the rally with 20 of his 26 points in the second half and hit the go ahead basket with only 20 seconds left in the game. The Lakers had a chance to tie or win with the final shot but came up short, and a pair of Stanley free throws with three seconds left sealed the deal for the Blue Devils.

Hawks claim two runner-up slots BOYS' ICE HOCKEY Division III Championship

#2 Souhegan 5 #5 Hopkinton 4 This back and forth contest featured four ties and three lead changes. With the score notted 4-4 the Sabers scored with 3:35 left to play. Unfazed, the Hawks began a power play and skated with a two-man advantage for 20 seconds but couldn't net the equalizer. The Hawks finished with a commendable 12-7-1 season record.

BOYS' BASKETBALL Division III Semifinals

#5 Campbell 56 #1 Hopkinton 51 The fifth-ranked Cougars of Campbell upset top ranked Hopkinton 56-51. Hopkinton led 8-3 early before Campbell took control to go up by 20 points, 40-20 midway through the third quarter. The Hawks were able to climb back into the game, with a 12-0 run to cut the deficit to 50-46 with 2:20 left. Campbell increased the lead to 53-46, but a 3-pointer from Liam McNicholas with 32 seconds remaining pulled Hopkinton back within four at 53-49. The Cougars hit their free throws at the end to seal the game. Gabe Nichols had 18 points to lead the Hawks.

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Sports



Governor Maggie Hassan congratulated Hillsboro-Deering's Scholar Athletes.

New Hampshire Scholar Athletes Named

The annual NHIAA/NHADA Scholar Athlete Awards Ceremony was held on Monday, March 17th, 2014. Scholar athlete recipients will be recognized for achieving academic and athletic excellence. Senior student athletes are nominated each year by their school principals based on the following criteria: must have a B+ grade point average throughout their high school career, must letter and be currently active in at least two NHIAA recognized sports, must participate in community service activities, and must serve as role models to their peers.

Hillsborough Deering High School

Alyssa Bailey, Mary Grace Bartoldus, Brett Bennett, Tristan Brooks, Aspen Dubuque, Danny Egner, Jacob Kallander, Maxwell Parenteau, Hannah Pepper, Matthew Sampson, Makayla Savoy, and Morgan Winters.

Hopkinton High School

Chris Barnard, Courtney Benson, Madison Bergethon, Keara Campbell, Matt French, Brian Hauschild, Meg Hemmerlein, Emily Jones, Jordan Rose Mack, Brittany Marshall, Sabrey Montore, Jake Nelson, Aiden O'Brien, Kelly Scammon, Paige Scammon, Amy Sharpe, and Caroline Sweny.

ConVal High School

Lillian Grisafi, Catherine Long, Casey Kania, Stephanie Leandri, Tyler Ahern, Hannah Anderson, Elizabeth Cheaney, Meghan Close, Malik Earle, Jesse Edwards, Andrew French, Brendan Grenier, Riley Henry, Riordab McCole, Sydney Mihalak, Jessica Nerz, Zoe Page, Olivia Thomas, Ben Wescott, Rowan Wilson, Haley Zanga.

John Stark High School

Serge Boucher, Kellan Brien, Carly Cook, Carson Dunn, Clarissa Foote, Madison Janelle, Brianna LeGrand, Danielle McCarron, Kirsten Miller, Joshua Morin and Ryan Thompson.

Newport High School

Sophie Willis, Julia Sullivan, Hannah Merrow, Leah Peel, Kaytlynn Kenney, Allison Doucette, Lindsay Desmarais, Emily Goss, Zach Brown, Ricky Hammond, Andrew Bahara, Gunter Hubert and Dan Tyminski.

Stevens High School

Austin Tenney, Ryan Tanguay, Kai Kleyensteuber, Donald Pellerin, Zach Shedlock, Spencer Root, Emily Charest, Sam Vashaw, Tori Maslan, Jenna Deschaine, Cassandra Dale, Allison Lessard, Abbey Duford and Gabby Keyser



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