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A Hero in Bradford

Bradford Police Detective Sgt. Edward Shaughnessy was awarded the Police Certificate of Recognition during the annual New Hampshire Police, Fire and EMS Foundation banquet held at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester last week. His quick action saved a baby from choking to death.



(L to R) Curt Spalding, EPA Region 1 Administrator, Kittie Wilson, John Wilson, Deb Szaro, EPA Region 1 Deputy Administrator.

Lifetime Achievement

New London's John and Kittie Wilson recently received the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Merit Award for Lifetime Achievement. The Wilsons were nominated for the award by the Loon Preservation Committee, the New Hampshire Lakes Association, and the Pleasant Lake Protective Association for their work on behalf of those organizations.



The Circus is coming

The Kelley Miller Circus is in Hillsborough July 9th

Fresh off its success with the Harlem Wizards Basketball Team, the Hillsboro Lions Club has announced that it is bringing the world famous Kelly Miller Circus to Hillsboro on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 with Grimes Field performances at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. The lions' program is being underwritten by Bank of NH, and Granite State Communication,

Owned and produced by John Ringling North II, the energetic, two hour spectacle headlines world - class circus stars from across the globe including: America's own Titan of the Tigers, the courageous Ryan Holder in the giant steel arena; direct from her appearance in the hit motion picture "Water for Elephants", the lovely and intrepid aerial star, Rebecca Ostrof; and from Argentina, the astonishingly astute Fusco Gauchos.

There's so much more including cavorting

clowns, clever canines, prancing ponies and, of course the biggest stars of all, the world famous Kelly Miller Circus performing elephants. High in the Big Top, the lovely North Starlets enchant audiences with their beauty and daring. Camels, zebras and dancers join in a salute to Las Vegas.

On circus day the fun and excitement begins long before showtime. Beginning at 9 a.m., the public is cordially invited to join the circus family as the Big Top rises to the skies, aided by men, machinery and ponderous pachyderms. Tickets will soon be on sale. Tickets bought in Advance are \$ 10.00 for Adults and \$6.00 for Children. Tickets purchased on show day at the Circus Box Office will be \$15.00 for Adults and \$7.00 for Children. Get ready for a big, fun - packed circus holiday for kids of all ages - the best day of the year.

Former Dunbarton Selectmen sent to jail

Former Dunbarton Selectman, Merton Mann, 70, entered a guilty plea to embezzling \$14,500 from the town's historical society, when he was the treasurer. As part of a plea bargain, he will be sentenced next month to two to six years in prison, suspended upon good

behavior, and ordered to repay full restitution over the next four years. Mann had been the Historical Society's treasurer for over than two decades. He was taken from the Court in handcuffs to serve a 20 day sentence as his bail was revoked pending sentencing.



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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

May 3, 2013

Judge tells Newport School District to revote articles
New London taking steps to avoid "Seastrand incident"
Angry rhetoric, personal attacks dominate Antrim hearing
Deering man arrested on drug & firearms charges

May 4, 2012

103 mph pursuit in Hopkinton
New principals named in Newport
Kearsarge High School named to League of Innovative Schools
Henniker department head convicted of theft

May 6, 2011

Antrim Selectmen accused of illegal actions
Weare police seize 39 bags of crack cocaine
Bennington wants two new selectmen
Sutton Library closes for renovations

April 30, 2010

Feds investigating cause of Peterborough crash
Negligent Homicide charged in Henniker
Greenfield supports conservation easement
New London hires grant writing consultant

May 1, 2009

Peterborough police detain 30 teenagers at booze party
Hillsborough woman surrenders 39 cats
Two single car accidents with injuries in Weare
Fire destroys Contoocook home

May 2, 2008

Newport company loans an ATV to Washington police
Todd Feyer resigns as Antrim Police Chief
New London boy survives jolt
Arrested after Warner to Hopkinton chase

May 4, 2007

Newport attempting to save rare covered bridges
Pit bull attacks Hillsborough boy
Another fatality on 202's "Death Alley"
Kearsarge principal leaves for New England College

May 5, 2006

New Athletic Director appointed at Sunapee
Former Hopkinton man indicted in two counties
Bryers Lane bids exceed appropriated funds
Bradford Rescue Squad holds Open House

May 6, 2005

Rodents in attic cause Hillsborough fire
Construction underway at Antrim Girls Shelter
Sunapee Fire Department presents awards
Newbury auto accident leads to arrest

April 30, 2004

21st Annual Interfaith Peace Celebration May 2
Francestown Spring blood drive May 3
Greenfield Teddy Bear Day May 1

H-D School Board projects \$1,163,764 surplus - adopts JV Football

During a lightly attended school board meeting, SAU #34 Business Administrator Jean Mogan informed the Board that she currently projects a year-end surplus of \$1,163,764. The extra large figure is comprised of a \$285,000 insurance rebate from the Local Government center, savings of \$14,138 from the sprinkler project, \$150,000 left over from the Maintenance and Special Education Trusts and \$714,626 in budget savings.

Although no vote was taken Superintendent Robert Hassett suggested, and the Board appeared to agree that the LGC, sprinkler maintenance and special ed moneys (\$449,138) should be returned to taxpayers. At its next meeting the Board will discuss how to handle the remaining \$714,626. Hassett suggested that about \$500,000 could be used to construct modular classrooms to bring the alternative school back on campus from its current location at the Deering Airport.

The meeting was preceded by a lengthy Public Forum on adopting a joint H-D/Hopkinton JV Football Program. High School Principal James O'Rourke gave a

detailed PowerPoint presentation, stressing that there would be no cost to taxpayers during this two-year trial.

Opponents focused on the eventual cost to be incurred and the potential danger of concussions, and the fact that the program was brought forth only after the recent vot-

ing. "Opportunity" was the watch word for proponents, including Kathy Legare who spoke on her own behalf and read a letter from her 16-year-old son. (See page 11)

After a long discussion the Board voted 3-1 to adopt the program with Paul Plater opposed and Ginks Leiby absent.



Retiring Newport Town Clerk and Tax Collector Karlene Stoddard shows off the clock she received from Newport Town Manager Paul Brown at her retirement luncheon in Newport on April 24. Stoddard has worked for the town of Newport for 27 years. Paul Howe photo.

Hopkinton High School is #1

US News and World Report has issued its list of the top high schools in New Hampshire based on student/teacher ratio, 12th grade performance on AP Tests and their math and reading scores on state tests. Area schools ranked as follows: #1 Hopkinton, #5 Bow, #7 Goffstown, #12 John Stark, #15, Franklin, #30 Conant, #32 ConVal, #41 Hillsboro-Deering, # 44 Kearsarge, # 62 Newport, #75 Stevens, #76 Sunapee.

Armed robbery at Goffstown's Cumberland Farms

Goffstown police were searching for a man who held up a convenience store at gunpoint on Wednesday night. Authorities said a man walked into the Cumberland Farms on Mast Road shortly after 9:30 p.m., showed the teller a handgun and demanded cash and cigarettes.

The robber took off on foot and no one was hurt. The suspect was described as

a Hispanic man, about 5 feet 6 to 5 feet 8 inches tall. He was last seen wearing a black short-sleeve shirt with a gray long-sleeve shirt underneath, dark colored pants, a black baseball cap and he had a blue and white bandanna covering his face. Anyone with information is asked to contact Goffstown police at 603-497-4858.



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BY SARAH CHAPIN

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A new study published in the journal *Science Translational Medicine* suggests that swapping between antibiotics that play well off each other will help overcome antibiotic-resistant bacteria. The strategy relies on a concept called "collateral sensitivity," in which bacteria that become resistant to one antibiotic also become more vulnerable to other antibiotics. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently declared antibiotic-resistant bacteria one of America's most serious health threats, estimating that more than 2 million people are sickened and at least 23,000 die every year due to antibiotic-resistant infections. Doctors are finding it increasingly hard to fight some infections because many antibiotics have become useless against bacteria that have developed resistance to the drugs.

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Sunapee Police Chief David Cahill met briefly with the Newport Selectmen to discuss his candidacy for Sullivan County Sheriff. He has now visited 10 Selectboards in the county.

Antrim's Pizza Box Art Contest returns

Antrim Grange's twelfth annual Spotlight on Community Artists exhibit will be held Friday, June 13 through Sunday June 15 at the Antrim Grange Hall. Local amateur and professional artists are invited to exhibit their works. Friday 2pm - 5pm Art Viewing, Friday 7pm - 9pm Evening Gala and Art Viewing, Saturday 10am - 3pm Art Viewing, Sunday noon - 4pm Art Viewing, People's Choice Award presentation at 4:00pm.

We're also excited to announce the return of the Pizza Box Art Contest, which is again being co-sponsored by Rick & Diane's Restaurant. Use a pizza box as your canvas to create a work of art and enter it in the Antrim Grange Spotlight on Community Artists Exhibit June 13-15 and you might be the lucky winner of a Rick & Diane's Restaurant & Pizzeria gift certificate! Requirements: Foundation (canvas) must be a pizza box. Artwork must be a multi-media design and must include at least one recycled/repurposed item (button, bottle cap, glass, tile, etc.) Artist's name, age, address, and phone number must be securely attached to the back of the pizza box. Judging will be done in two age categories: Youth - for artists age 13 and under; Adult - for artists age 14 and over. Entries must be dropped off at the Grange Hall on June 11, 10 AM to noon or 4PM to 6PM.

Rotary Club honoring ConVal Teachers

The Peterborough Rotary Club is pleased to announce the finalists for the "Peterborough Rotary Teacher of the Year." The group includes three teachers from each school level (elementary, middle school, and high school). Each finalist demonstrates a high commitment to education and inspires students to learn. The finalists are: Emily Brnnger, Betsy Gordon, and Carole Storro from the elementary schools; Joan Bando, Nicole Pease, and Kimberly Wall from the middle schools; and Eric Bowman, Angela Hartmann, and Ian West from the high school. All nine finalists will be recognized at a special presentation and gala dinner on May 15, at 6:00 pm, at the Monadnock Country Club. At that time, an "Outstanding Teacher" from each school level will be announced, culminating in Peterborough Rotary's highest honor—the "Teacher of the Year" presentation and \$1,000 classroom award to one exceptional teacher. Tickets for the May 15, 6:00 pm, event are \$35 per person, \$65 per couple, and \$240 for a table of eight, and may be purchased online.

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Colby-Sawyer College to graduate 219 students on May 10th

Colby-Sawyer College will celebrate its 2014 Commencement on Saturday, May 10, graduating 219 students and recognizing them and other individuals for academic excellence, outstanding contributions to society, and service to the college and community. The ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. on the college's front lawn. Colby-Sawyer will recognize members of the Class of 2014 for outstanding achievement as scholars and campus leaders.

Nicholas Ciarlante, a Business Administration major and Political Studies minor from Stoneham, Mass., has been selected as the Senior Commencement Speaker and will deliver an address titled "A New Beginning." Ciarlante has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and dedication to the college from the moment he arrived on campus, and has served as president of the Student Government Association for three years.

The Colby-Sawyer Award, given to the senior who exemplifies the college's ideals of personal dignity, intellectual growth and contributions to campus life, will also be presented to Nicholas Ciarlante. Tireless in his devotion to the college and the pursuit of his goals, Nick has been an asset to the college community while always sporting a smile, a listening ear and bountiful understanding. This fall, Ciarlante will begin a master's degree in Professional Studies in Legislative Affairs at George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management. He hopes to run for public office and create legislation that positively impacts people in need.

The David H. Winton Baccalaureate

Award, which recognizes the graduating student with the highest cumulative grade

point average, will be announced at Commencement.



Fred Sprague, Mike Kemp, Talia Merrill and Isabella Pelletier are seen in a still from the film "Behind The Scenes at the Food Pantry" produced by Alchemists' Workshop with a grant from the Sodexo Foundation. The film will have its world premiere May 18th at 5:30 pm at Henniker Congregational Church's monthly community supper.

New England College Commencement May 17th

Father Jonathan DeFelice, O.S.B., president emeritus of Saint Anselm College, will speak at New England College's 67th Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 17, 2014. Father Jonathan will speak on the value of a liberal arts education, and his long tenure of successful leadership at a liberal arts institution. For his many contributions and service to the state, Father Jonathan will be awarded an Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa. The ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. on the Simon Green. Another special

guest at Commencement will be James T. Brett, President and Chief Executive Officer of The New England Council. Mr. Brett will be awarded an Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa, for his exceptional leadership representing New England organizations that work together to promote economic growth and high quality of life in the region. He has been a leading voice in advocating for public policy issues such as health care, education, financial services, and energy throughout New England and Washington, D.C.

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(L to R) Rebecca Kuzma, sponsored by the Henniker Club, Christine Mitchell, sponsored by Bow, Cameron Gallant, sponsored by Nashua West, and Helene Forney, sponsored by Nashua.

Henniker Rotary hosts contest semifinals

Once again the Rotary District 7870 semi-finals of the "4-way test" Speech Contest was hosted by the Henniker Rotary Club at the Henniker Community Center. Sixteen students participated in the contest with the four semi-finalists pictured above. All four semi-finalists will present their speeches at District 7870's annual conference to be held in Stowe, VT in May.

Peterborough man arrested, released, arrested

John Fortin, 53, of Peterborough has been indicted on one charge of aggravated felonious sexual assault, four charges of sexual assault and three charges of simple assault. The indictments charge Fortin with engaging in sexual contact with a girl who was under the age of 13 prior to the end of December 2011, and having sexual contact with the same girl four times in 2012, and assaulting her in 2012. Fortin was initially arrested in 2013, and released at the time on \$100,000 personal recognizance bail. Later, the initial charges against him were dropped. The new charges, which are based on the same alleged incidents, resulted from a grand jury indictment, and Fortin was again arrested and released on bail.

Four area teens charged with burglary

Bennington Police have arrested four area teens in connection with the theft of a Sig Sauer hand gun, cash, silver coins, a PS3 gaming system, a laptop computer, gold chains and prescription drugs while burglarizing a Bible Hill Road residence last month. Initially arrested were Frederick Lombard, 17, of Antrim, Nicolas Warren, 18, of Bennington and Jordan McKee, 17, of Bennington. Then, on Friday, police arrested Bryan Geddes-Lozeau, 18, of Bennington, and charged him with burglary. According to Bennington Police Chief Steve Campbell, additional felony charges could be filed.

Franklin man pleads guilty to arson

Peter Welch, 45, of Franklin pleaded guilty to felony arson and reckless conduct. He was arrested in December 2012 following a long investigation of an October 5th fire, at 6 Pleasant St. in Franklin. The fire started inside an unoccupied unit, but people were living in the building's other three apartments at the time. The fire damage has been repaired, and no one was injured.

Weare Selectmen & Police Chief review AG's report

The Weare Selectmen met in nonpublic session to discuss the Attorney General's report. The Board's reaction to the report will be discussed publicly. Chairman Clow told the Board that a reporter from the Concord Monitor contacted him and asked if the town will be continuing to pay for defense and if the Board took on some responsibility of not being proactive because the officer was working a number of hours. Clow stated that they were proactive, had a study done, sat at the bargaining table and set a certain amount of hours, and negotiated the hours in the contract. Leadership isn't what it was at that time and with the new chief that issue does not exist. Clow noted that at the time the police administrator came to them and recommended that the officers have representation at the meeting and the intent of the Board was to provide legal representation at the hearing. The Board discussed that the report was very comprehensive and well done, but frus-

trating. The legal references throughout lend a lot of credence to the report and the accuracy of it and those references made it clear as to why they came to the decision that they came to. The Board

then met with Chief Velleca to discuss the AG's report with regard to the shooting. As a result of the nonpublic session, the Board will be putting together a statement for the public.



Hillsboro Fire & Rescue recently conducted another successful rabies clinic.

Henniker Community School's "Walk To School Friday" May 9th

Walk to School Fridays return to the Henniker Community School on Friday, May 9 and will continue every Friday through May 30, 2014. There will be three sites for students, teachers, staff, and community members to meet, walk or bike to school.

The meeting sites will be: the Police Station on Western Ave., the Intersection of Hillside Dr. and Rush Rd. and the Parking lot at Edmund's Department Store.

Walkers should arrive at their departure site by 7:35 AM. Bus students with

signed permission slips may be dropped at a meeting site. (Bus students please note, a pass or "ticket to get off" will be available at school and needs to be signed by a parent or guardian.) More volunteer walkers are needed for all the Friday walks; please call Peg Keeler at the Henniker Community School at 428-3476 if you'd like to join the fun. A walk or bike to school is a great way to start the day! (Please note: all scheduled walks are on rain or shine.)

The Henniker Community School "walk or bike to school days" are a way to promote

increased physical activity for our youth and to raise awareness for the need to create safer routes for walking and biking. It also helps emphasize the importance of pedestrian and bike safety as well as concern for our environment.

Henniker Community School is part of the Safe Routes to School Committee which is committed to improving the infrastructure within the town of Henniker. The Committee conducted several audits and surveys to determine what is needed to have more children walk or bike to school.

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Tony Pereira and Cmdr Stephen Roy of American Legion Post 50 and Susan Ellsworth, Founder and Jean Bacon, of Circle of Strength Military Support Group.

Antrim Legion aids Wounded Warriors

Commander Stephen Roy of American Legion Post 50 presents a check to Susan Ellsworth, Founder of Circle of Strength Military Support Group. This donation helped to defray the postage cost to ship 21 care packages to our wounded warriors and deployed troops in the Landstuhl Regional Medical And Ramstein Air force Base in Germany and Afghanistan. This project lets our troops know they are remembered and appreciated for their service to keep our Freedom and to help others experience and gain the benefits of democracy for grateful citizens at home.

Franklin man arrested for Warner theft

A multi-agency investigation led by the NH State Police has led to the arrest of one of two suspects who fled into the woods after an attempted theft at a remote Warner business was interrupted by the property owner. Mark Charles, 31, of Franklin, was charged with Criminal Trespassing and Attempted Theft. He was released on \$4,000 PR bail. The nearly 5-hour search was led by State Police K9 units with the assistance of the Special Enforcement Unit aircraft. Charles was located with the assistance of a passing motorist who witnessed him acting suspiciously and hiding behind a tree near a canoe launch. The motorist had stopped and asked if he needed help. Charles was later intercepted over the town line in Salisbury by a patrolling State Trooper. Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to call SGT Ronald Taylor or Tr. Irwin Malilay of the NH State Police, Troop D Barracks in Concord at (603) 271-3636.

Sutton women steal from Home Depot

Two North Sutton women are charged in an alleged scheme that netted them a large array of stolen tools and other merchandise worth more than \$3,000 from Home Depot in Lebanon last November. The Grafton County Superior Court grand jury has indicted Charity Lee, 34, and Jennifer MacDonald, 45, each on one count of theft by unauthorized taking, accomplice liability. Authorities claim that Lee ran a cash register at the store when MacDonald came through Lee's checkout where the items were not rung up appropriately. Items taken include: five wall lanterns, a DeWalt jigsaw, a DeWalt driver, a Husky rolling chest, a rotary hammer, a vanity, two banker's lamps and a floor lamp. The charges are Class A felonies.

Tempers flare at Emerald Lake Village District Annual Meeting

Tensions ran high at Saturday's Annual Meeting of the Emerald Lake Village District, with voters nearly evenly split between supporters of Commissioner Bob Hutchinson and his detractors. Citing a District By-Law prohibiting Commissioners from being paid for working in the District, several people asked for an explanation of how and why Hutchinson received payments for plowing and cleaning beaches.

Most of the discussion centered on Article 2 asking for a \$515,000 bond for the construction of new water mains, and other directly related activities as recommended in the 2009 Water System Master Plan. After a prolonged discussion the measure failed to reach the two-thirds majority needed. Martha Carrion's Motion To Reconsider passed and the meeting will be reconvened at a later date for a discussion and revote on this article.

Voters did approve \$171,449 for the operating budget, \$28,500 for improve-

ments to the District's road network, \$304,327 for the Water Department, \$150,000 for making capital improvements to the Patten Hill water pump control and monitoring facility, and \$15,000 to be added to the Water Meter

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In a surprise move, former Commissioner Denise Deforest's write-in campaign easily defeated Peter Vaillancourt to replace John Dahood for a seat on the Commission.



ELVD Administrator Jim Coffey responds to questions about the District's finances.

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Candidates Corner

Experience and Common Sense for New London

I am running for election to the New London Board of Selectmen. The common concerns outlined below, shared with me by many town residents, have prompted my decision to run for office. I believe that my years of experience as a business owner, a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee and a member of the New London Budget Committee will serve me well in the position of Selectman. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to productive discussions.

For five generations my family has called New London home. I was born and grew up here. My wife, Brenda, and I raised three children in town. Our two daughters and our son Tucker went to New London schools. Emily, our oldest, continues to live in town along with her husband Chris and their soon-to-come first child. Following in the footsteps of my grandfather and father, I've owned and operated Lake Sunapee Country Club for thirty-five years. My ties to the land, community and town run deep.

My primary concerns center on several very important financial issues facing New London. Paramount among them is the Town's current operating budget of 6.3 million dollars. Approximately 40% of the budget deals with maintenance and funding of town facilities, buildings, roads, equipment and materials. The majority of our tax dollars is spent on administration, personnel and debt service.

In addition to increasing annual budgets, New London faces anticipated expenditures which are currently unfunded or for which there is no capital reserve.

- \$500,000 for repairs to the Pleasant Lake Dam.
- \$500,000 for renovations to both Whipple Hall and the attached Police Station.
- \$1,000,000 for new town dispatch equipment and infrastructure. Under our current operating agreement New London will be responsible for 100% of this cost.

So who pays for all this? If you own property in New London, you do. The 6.3 million that will be spent by the town in 2014 along with other "miscellaneous expenditures" is passed on to about 3,000 residents and business owners.

In addition to the above are the costs of principal and interest for the \$5,000,000 bond to upgrade the New London/Sunapee

sewer treatment plant. All New London taxpayers will experience a 1.4% increase in their property tax to do this. All sewer users will experience this 1.4% property tax increase plus an approximate 25% increase in their sewer bill.

As costs to operate the town rise each year in proportion to population and business growth, one thing is clear: if we remain on our present path New London property taxes will substantially increase. In time fewer and fewer taxpayers will incur a larger share of the total tax burden. Those who are retirees on fixed income and pensions will suffer.

My goal is to allocate our resources in a sensible, common sense manner that will benefit all voters and town residents. Numerous residents and business owners have raised concerns with me about Town policies that make it very difficult for young families to settle and live in New London largely because of land costs and taxes. The Town's population has not grown significantly for over a decade except for Colby-Sawyer students. The demographics are such that the number of available taxpayers is shrinking each year. The Town needs a truly balanced approach to growth. It simply cannot draw up the ladder and hope for the best.

We must preserve our open spaces, land and environment. Various segments of our community compete for limited taxpayer dollars to meet their good intentioned goals. Our success as a future community will depend on compromise and common sense in trying to satisfy each segment in attaining their priorities.

New London is a unique and wonderful place. I am very fortunate to live here. I'm running for Selectman to help ensure that the things we value and enjoy most about our community remain viable, accessible and affordable for everyone who lives and conducts business in our Town. I respectfully ask for your vote for Selectman of New London on May 13th.



Doug Homan



Letters to the Editor

The following was written by 16-year-old H-D High School student Michael Legare urging the School Board to adopt a JV football program.

Football is not just a sport it's a way of life. It's about friends, and family, and team mates. It's hard work and dedication, not just for yourself but also for everyone involved.

It's for the feeling you get when you step onto the field. It's the pain and frustration and drive to do better when you lose and the pride and push to do even better when you win.

Football definitely makes you a stronger person physically. It keeps you fit and healthy.

But football also makes you stronger mentally. It teaches you to focus and strategize and think quickly on your feet. It teaches you to trust people and to depend on people and to be a trustworthy and dependable person. To have pride in what your doing and confidence to achieve it. These are all things that will help me be successful in everyday life.

Lastly, football teaches you to never give up, to not be a quitter. No matter how sore or tired you may feel after a tough practice you get back on that field

tomorrow because you know it's about everyone on that field with you. Its about the feeling you get right before a game, the sun shining, the music blasting, your coaches and team pumped, and the crowd cheering. That's one of the most amazing feelings ever. A feeling no one should have to miss out on. Please give us, and others a chance to experience that feeling again. We won't let you down!

Thank you, Michael Legare

Dear Editor:

We want to thank the many people who came to the recent fundraiser for our daughter Hallie. We also want to thank the Legion and the merchants who contributed items for the silent auction: Dugree's Auto, All In One Market, Edmunds, Henniker Pharmacy, Moma McDouna's, Took Mills Pub, Sonny's Pizza, Hillsboro House of Pizza, Country Spirit, Village Discount, Western Avenue Pizza, Harvester Market, Ming Du, Shaws', Toppers Salon, Sue's Superette, May Place Nail Salon, Wee Treasures, Maureen Whitney and Sweet Expressions.

The family of Hallie Parker

Sunapee police disposing of unused equipment

Sergeant Cobb came to the Sunapee selectmen to request permission to sell miscellaneous "outdated" equipment for scrap metal. Chairman Gallup suggested to first see if any other, Town Departments could use the "outdated" equipment for parts, and if not, sell for scrap metal. Motion to authorize the Police Department to dispense with their outdated equipment in the preferred manner by Selectman Trow, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous. Sergeant Cobb stated that there was one more piece of "surplus" equipment that does have some value, but not to Sunapee Police Department. The item the MP-5 is an automatic 9-millimeter weapon, restricted to law enforcement and military use. It was purchased with Police Benevolent Association funds, when the Special Operations

Unit was still in the area. This weapon is no longer in use by agencies in the state and other tactical teams are going away from this weapon. The Sunapee Police Department has reached out as far as Kentucky to find an agency who would be interested in this weapon.

If they were to take the weapon, they would take some parts out of it to resell and destroy the receiver, which is the registered gun. The Department is looking to trade the weapon for two (2) Eotechs, which are holographic sight that would mount to the department's existing rifles. The trade value will be \$1,078. Motion to allow the Police Department to dispose of their automatic 9-millimeter weapon in the best means possible by Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous



Live and Local with Ben Sarro



6 AM - 9 AM

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Madison and Sophia Snaith from New London and Lydia and Samantha Monroe from Warner.

Local CAR chapter assembles Health Kits

The Hannah Dustin Society, Children of the American Revolution, sponsored by the Mercy Hathaway White Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, held their April 19th meeting at the home of their Senior President Roxana Smith in Warner where they assembled Health Kits to send to Church World Services. These kits are sent all over the world where there is a need of small items necessary to make a difference in the lives of refugees, displaced people and victims of natural disasters. The members also enjoyed making ice cream sundaes.

Henniker Community Clean Up Day

Sponsored by: Henniker Chamber of Commerce
 Meet at the Henniker Community Center, Gazebo on Main St. Check-in starting at 10am to get assignment, trash bag and gloves.
 How Can You Participate? Businesses, Organizations and Residents can help with the clean up by sending an email to RSVP@hennikerchamber.org with their company/group name/family name and number of people attending. The Henniker Chamber of Commerce will donate \$100 to the team/group with the largest number of people to check-in and check-out as a team/group. Volunteers are encouraged to wear a t-shirt with their organization's name on it and to bring their own gloves, hat, sunscreen and safety vest, if possible. Trash bags will also be available for pick-up at the Henniker Transfer Station during the day. If you would rather, you may pick up bags there and then clean up in your own neighborhood. Please leave your bags on the side of the road by Sunday afternoon for pick up. Following the clean up efforts will be a FREE barbeque for all participants on the lawn at the Henniker Community Center with food provided by the Henniker Chamber of Commerce.

Weare police upgrade the evidence room

Police Chief Velleca briefed the Weare Selectmen on the condition of the evidence room and informed the Board that a much needed renovation needs to be done for the Town to be compliant and to statutorily be able to handle and store evidence that is confiscated and kept for hearings. Chief Velleca got a quote from Donnegan Systems, Inc, out of Northborough, MA that specializes in this work and is really the only company that does this type of work. The Board unanimously approved spending \$24,567.00 to reconstruct the evidence room with the funds to come from the Government Building and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.



The Henniker Lions Club sponsored its annual Kite Day on Sunday.

Hillsboro women Walk Out Of Darkness

On 28, 29, Kelly & Deviroux D'Errico will participate in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's (AFSP) Out of the Darkness Overnight, a 16 to 18-mile walk from sunset to sunrise, to raise funds and awareness for suicide prevention. Kelly lost her son, Kory on October 21, 2009, who died by suicide just 9 days before his 26th birthday. Deviroux lost her only brother and only sibling. It has been devastating. Every year, in June, ever since, they walk in a different city, with thousands of others, to raise awareness. Their walks have been in Boston, New York, San Francisco, Washington, D.C. & this year, will bring them to Philadelphia. They walk as Team "Kory M. Hays" To support Team Kory M. Hays, send checks made out to "AFSP" (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) to Kelly D'Errico, 32 High Street, Hillsboro, NH 03244.

Newport High School graduation June 12

The Newport High School Class of 2014 will graduate at a 6 p.m. ceremony on Thursday, June 12, on the Newport Common. In the event of rain graduation will be moved inside to the Newport Opera House. Other events for the graduating class will be the senior class trip to Boston on May 30; senior exams, June 4, 5 and 6; senior banquet at Loon Lake, June 5; Baccalaureate at the South Congregational Church at 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 8 and Class Night at 6 p.m., June 10th in the Newport Opera House. The last day of school for all other students in the Newport School District will be Friday, June 13. The annual Honors Banquet hosted by the Newport Teachers' Association will be held in the Opera House on May 20.

Henniker/Bradford Rescue proceeding

The Bradford Selectmen received correspondence from Tom French, Henniker Rescue Squad Director who indicated he has a draft prepared to present/discuss with the Henniker Selectmen on May 6, 2014, regarding: both towns joining forces. Shortly after that meeting hopefully the two boards can meet and discuss the proposal. Cheryl Behr questioned if they bill E-Max or go through some other company, which she will follow up on.

Franklin woman hits neighbor with car

A Franklin woman was arrested after allegedly hitting her neighbor with her car. The neighbor told police she was returning from a walk with her dogs on Thursday afternoon, when Rose Wiechels, 53, hit her with her car and then drove away. The woman was taken to the hospital with a leg injury. Wiechels was later arrested on charges including reckless conduct.

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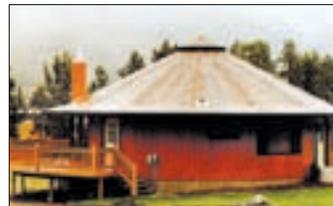


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Trending and techy gift ideas for Mom

If you're struggling to find the perfect gift for Mother's Day, Brett Larson, Emmy Award-winning technology and trends reporter, offers cool gift ideas for both the tech-savvy and not-so-tech-savvy moms (and grandmas) in your life.

1. The Original Pink Box Tools. Sears has a unique and memorable gift idea for Mom, pink tools. Ranging from tool storage to accessories and tools, The Original Pink Box line, available at Sears, combines high style with high quality.

2. Make sure Mom's next mobile device has a Qualcomm Snapdragon processor. Battery life and performance are significant pain points for mobile users. And the processor inside can make a difference. The HTC One is an example of reshaping the smartphone experience.

3. The Kindle Paperwhite, Kindle Fire HD 7". The Kindle Paperwhite is affordable, with a no-glare e-ink screen and built-in front light technology that allows her to read anywhere from the beach to her bed.

4. "The Guilt Trip" Blu-Ray/DVD Combo Pack with UltraViolet. "The Guilt Trip" movie is packed with laughs as a mother and her son set out on a cross-country road trip. The two-disc set comes with over an hour of hilarious bonus features, including specials on Barbra Streisand and Seth Rogen.

5. The Cheesecake Factory. Give Mom a gift card or family brunch from America's favorite restaurant. (NewsUSA)



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