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The man to blame

WMUR meteorologist Kevin Skarupa visited the Henniker Community School April 29 to talk with Henniker's 2nd and 4th graders about New Hampshire's weather, the significance of different cloud types, and unusual weather such as tornadoes. Skarupa demonstrated the many computers involved with reporting the weather and said his favorite part of his job was visiting to talk with kids about the weather (his least favorite aspect of his job is getting up at 1:00 in the morning to begin work). Posed with fourth graders, Alyson Kenney (r) and Ryan Flaherty (l).



Environmental Ed

Associate Professor and Chair of Environmental Studies Laura Alexander has been named the New Hampshire Environmental Educator of the Year in the Higher Education/Non-formal category by New Hampshire Environmental Educators (NHEE). Professor Alexander received the award at the NHEE Annual Conference held at the AMC Highland Center in Crawford Notch. Alexander joined the Colby-Sawyer faculty in 2001; her courses include Environmental Issues, Exploring Nature, Desert Communities and White Mountain History.



(L to R) Sgt David Zugar, Officer Josh Fisher and Chief Ed Anderson asked the New London Selectmen to support a K-9 Unit for the Police Department.

No dogs allowed

Selectmen reject request to establish a K-9 Unit

At Monday's New London Selectmen's meeting Police Chief Ed Anderson, Seargant David Zugar and Officer Josh Fisher asked the Board for permission to study the possibility of establishing a K-9 Unit within the Department. Anderson said that in his 16 years experience he has witnessed many occasions where a dog was or could have been useful in dangerous situations.

Zugar, who formed the Lebanon K-9 Unit, outlined the many advantages such a unit provides. Fisher, who would be the officer in charge, relayed the \$7,500 cost of the dog and the 4 week training required, and spoke of the tremendous community response he has received. Unleashed has agreed to feed the

animal, and Pleasant Lake Vets will donate medical services. Anderson was confident he could report back that contributions would cover nearly all the expense.

Peter Bianchi was concerned the types of events a dog is needed for, as outlined in their proposal, did not match the type of events handled in the Department's 2013 activity report. Budget committee member Doug Homan felt this would be a foot in the door process that would increase the police budget, but Unleashed owner Penny Murano said many other merchants would make contributions to hold down the costs. A motion to support the program failed 1-2 with Tina Helm casting the sole vote in favor.

Bradford Masons "Take A Veteran To Lunch"

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May 10, 2013

SEC says "NO" to Antrim Wind's 10 turbine project
Selectmen & School Board discuss Fall Foliage options
No injuries in Greenfield industrial fire
Weare woman nominated as "Champion of Children"

May 11, 2012

Wilnot and New London teens found unharmed
Newport voters are in no mood to spend
Warner Selectmen are talking trash
Help with Newbury's Veterans' Memorial

May 13, 2011

Elkins Fish & Game Club awards scholarships
Hillsboro-Deering DECA #1 in the world
NH Fish & Game honors Peter St. James
Colby-Sawyer grads told to act like zombies

May 7, 2010

Haitian man charged with Henniker murder
Peterborough theater reopens after fire
Friction between Hillsborough and Deering continues
Sunapee community room dedicated to Arthur Osborne

May 8, 2009

Police raid another two underage drinking parties
\$10,000 worth of computers stolen at Stark
Hopkinton & Warner Selectmen discuss ambulance billing
Henniker man in hit and run accident

May 9, 2008

Transformer explosion closes Hillsborough power station
Vehicles burglarized at ConVal High School
Warner selected as a "Small Town Destination"
Second H-D union filed grievance against Baker

May 11, 2007

H-D Music Department salutes Sally Jenkins
Fire destroys home at Emerald Lake
Hancock man arrested for sexual assault on a dog
Several arrests made in Washington

May 12, 2006

Stankunas arrested for child pornography
Washington & Contoocook restorations recognized
Why did Sunapee Principal quit?
Man given 5-15 years for Henniker death

May 13, 2005

Barry Ring's porno trial to begin June 6
Weare Selectmen appoint four to ethics commission
New London woman hired at SAU #34
Sunapee School Board Chair resigns to teach

May 7, 2004

Nashua police probe Hillsborough complaint
Hillsborough prison guard charged with harassment
Rotary donates \$5,400 for Henniker bike paths

Newport honors a trio of dedicated public servants

Monday was the last Selectboard Meeting for Chair Virginia Irwin, after serving for 21 years. The last item of the night was Selectman Gary Nichols reading a proclamation, honoring Irwin and declaring May 13 Virginia Irwin Day in Newport. The proclamation was followed with Town Manager Paul Brown presenting her with flowers, and Selectboard member Jeff Kessler giving Irwin an engraved gravel. Irwin took a few moments to reflect on all the Selectboard members she served with and thanked the town of Newport for allowing her to serve. It will be the first time in 21 years that a woman is not on the Select-

board in Newport.

At Monday night's Selectboard meeting it was also announced that this year's town report will be dedicated to Beverly and Henry Rodeschin. The couple is responsible for the growth of NH and the development of the town of Newport. Henry served on numerous town boards throughout the years including the Newport Selectboard, and Beverly served as a Selectboard

member from 1999 to 2012. Beverly also served as State Representative for 11 terms. Former Town Manager Dan O'Neill paid tribute in writing and said, "They are two of the hardest working and dedicated public servants I have ever encountered. I can't think of two more deserving people than Henry and Beverly Rodeschin for this year's dedication. Thank you Henry and Bev for your dedicated service."



H-D Music Director Heidi Welch (l) has returned from Nashville after receiving the "Chasing Rainbows Award," given annually by Dolly Parton (r) to a teacher who has overcome adversity in becoming a teacher. The awardee spends a week as the guest of Parton at Dollywood and her name is inscribed on a plaque inside Parton's Chasing Rainbows Museum.



Selectman Jeff Kessler presents Virginia Irwin with a plaque (left photo), Beverly and Henry Rodeschin (right photo).

Henniker OK's providing Bradford rescue services

Henniker Rescue Chief Tom French met with the Selectmen to submit a formal proposal to provide ambulance and EMT services to the Town of Bradford. Currently 13% of Henniker calls are to Bradford, so French proposed that Bradford contribute 13% of the squad's operating cost plus make a 1% contribution to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund.

For a seven month trial, beginning

June 1st, Bradford would pay \$33,000. The propped contract provides each town with a 30 day "out clause" if the agreement is not working out.

At Chair Kris Blomback's suggestion, a clause will be added providing that Bradford will reimburse Henniker for all Bradford calls not reimbursed by insurance. With that addition, the Board directed French to see if Bradford approved.



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TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



By SARAH CHAPIN

Children should receive their first dose of the measles vaccine when they are between one year and 15 months old to best avoid the side effects of the shot, according to a new report published in *JAMA Pediatrics*. Researchers found that when the first dose of the measles immunization is administered earlier, children have a lower increased risk of fever and seizures.

People who take anti-smoking drugs have no higher risk of depression or suicide than those who use nicotine replacement therapies to help them quit smoking, according to a new study published in the *BMJ*, despite warnings that the drugs Chantix (varenicline) and Zyban (bupropion) — which work by reducing nicotine cravings and withdrawal symptoms — may increase the risk of suicide.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Opsumit (macitentan), a new drug to treat adults with pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), a chronic, progressive and debilitating disease that can lead to death or the need for lung transplantation. PAH is high blood pressure that occurs in the arteries that connect the heart to the lungs. It causes the right side of the heart to work harder than normal, which can lead to limitations on exercise ability and shortness of breath. Opsumit belongs to a class of drugs called endothelin receptor blockers, which act to relax the pulmonary arteries, decreasing blood pressure in the lungs.

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The Food and Nutrition class at John Stark Regional High School teaches students about food safety and nutrition. In this photo, students are making pretzels as part of their study of grains and breads. Students had already prepared quick breads and now have moved onto yeast breads. Shown left to right are: Taylor Pike, Lyndsey Turner, Griffin Higginbottom, Maddy Albee, and Kayleigh Zervos.

Hancock woman killed in Chicago crash

A Hancock woman who was two weeks away from graduating from the University of Chicago law school was killed early Friday in Chicago when the taxi she was riding in was hit by a car driven by a suspected drunken driver, according to Chicago media reports. Laura LaPlante, 26, was riding in the cab shortly before 2 a.m. Friday when a Subaru traveling south in a northbound lane of Lake Shore Drive hit the taxi. LaPlante, a 2010 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, had a job lined up in Boston for after she graduated later this month. Charges are pending against the driver of the Subaru, who was injured in the crash.

Library Arts Center selects its exhibitors

The Library Arts Center in Newport announced Thursday night the local artists who were chosen to be in their Selections Exhibit in February/March 2015. Each artist will exhibit a large body of their works. Carole-Anne Centre, Paula Dorr, Jean Gerber, Gayle Hedrington, Gillian Martlew, Mary Jane Morse, Amanda Perkins, Andrew Williams. Jurors for the competition were: Holly Ross, Manager of the Galleries at Morning Walk, Artist and Art Instructor, Kennebunk, Maine. Also Laura Jean Whitcomb Owner of the Art and Gallery Guide, Kearsarge Magazine and Upper Valley Life publications, based in Grantham, New Hampshire

Springfield teen hurt in single car crash

A Springfield, NH teen is in DHMC after a single car accident on Rt. 10 in Croydon on Saturday just before 7 pm. State Trooper Brandon Dean says Kimberly Morcom failed to negotiate a curve and hit the guardrail. Springfield, NH and NH State police responded to the accident along with Croydon and Newport Fire Departments. Morcom was taken to DHMC by Newport Ambulance. The teen's car received extensive damage to the passenger side of the car and the accident is still under investigation.

Newbury police investigating a break in

The Newbury Police Department is investigating a break and enter in the area of Baker Hill and Stoney Brook Road which took place possibly in the last week and a half. Newbury Police is asking if anyone has ANY information about suspicious activity in that area to contact them right away at 603-763-2221. The slightest detail no matter how small could be important.

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Warner back to square one on plans for a new Fire Station

Apparently the Town of Warner is having second thoughts on its plan to replace the town's 50-year-old fire station, and is forming a new committee to find an alternative site for the facility. That decision was the result of a public meeting held jointly by the selectmen, fire department, fire station building committee, and town administrator, Jim Bingham.

After purchasing a 3.9-acre plot off Route 103 for \$70,000, four years ago, the town secured building permits and an architect, who designed the facility.

Coffey quits, District in flux

In the first meeting of the Emerald Lake Village District Commissioners following the Annual Meeting, Administrator Jim Coffey tried to block the swearing in of newly elected Commissioner Denise Deforest, claiming someone had challenged her election. When asked who, Coffey was silent and the Clerk administered the oath. At that Coffey cleaned his desk and announced that he quit.

District operations are in flux as Commissioner Troy Cornock has purchased a house in Florida and is working there. Deforest has asked Chair Bob Hutchinson to ask for Cornock's resignation so a new Commissioner could be appointed. However, unconfirmed reports indicate that Hutchinson was recently hospitalized with a serious illness and is expected to resign himself. Former Commissioner Joh Dahood is apparently ready to resume his duties, but before that can happen, there must be a vacancy and two other Commissioners to make the appointment.

Recently concerns have surfaced that the land, which abuts the Warner River, is in the flood-plain. With the river eroding the edge of the property leaving little room for future expansion.

The new committee will consist of

one member of the board of selectmen, the budget committee, the conservation commission and the public; along with two representatives from the fire department; and Bingham. It has until July 1st to report its findings to the selectmen.



Superintendent Steve Chamberlain (c) outlines the proposed H-D/Hopkinton JV Football program for the Hopkinton School Board. The Board approved the two-year trial contingent on resolving transportation safety issues.

Hillsborough Park Board OK's Circus

Over the objection of Chairman Jim Bailey, the Hillsborough Park Board on a 2-1 vote approved the Lions Club's request to use Grimes Field for a Circus.

It had been announced that the Hillsboro Lions Club signed a contract with the Kelly Miller Circus for the exhibition of an all new 2014 show, but Bailey told one Lion member that he would not approve it. As a result of the vote, the circus

will roll into town on Wednesday, July 9, 2014. Everyone is invited to come out and watch the animals being unloaded and fed, and the elephants raising the big top. Activities will begin at 7:30 a.m., and the tent will be raised at 9:00 a.m. Guides will be furnished for school groups and anyone attending.

The "old style" circus will present performances at 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday, May 24th 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To be placed on the Town-Wide Yard Sale Map send \$3.00 with your yard sale address before May 10 to:

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The Warner Police Department held a Bike Rodeo on Saturday dedicated to Rosa Valpey, the little girl killed while riding her bike in town.

Bike Rodeo in Henniker on May 16th

The Henniker Community School with assistance from the Henniker Lions Club, Henniker PTA, bike repair mechanic Billy Whitcher and the Henniker Police Department will hold a Bike Rodeo for all students in grades 1-4 during the school day on Friday, May 16, 2014. All activities for the Bike Rodeo will be held at the Henniker Community Center (not the school) and surrounding grounds. Drivers please note: Crescent Street will be closed to traffic from 8:30 to 3 PM on May 16. Bikes may be left on bike racks at the Henniker Community Center parking lot from 6:30 AM and picked up after the rodeo at 3 PM. Parents are encouraged to be sure bikes are locked and their student has a labeled key when dropping off a bike prior to 8 AM. Children riding their bikes to school will need to leave their bikes at the Community Center and walk to school using the Main Street sidewalk. For more information on the Bike Rodeo or to volunteer, contact Peg Keeler or Michele Rogers at the Henniker Community School at 603-429-3476 or email at Peg.Keeler@sau24.org The Bike Rodeo will feature seven different stations to test student riding skills, and bike expert Billy Whitcher will provide bike inspections to ensure the bikes are safe for students to ride. The Henniker Police will be visiting PE classes at HCS prior to the rodeo to talk to students about bike safety and to inspect helmets. The Bike Rodeo is part of the Safe Routes To School effort to promote bike safety and encourage students to walk or bike to school.

Civil suit against Newport Police begins

A pre-trial hearing of the federal civil rights lawsuit against a former Newport police officer and the Newport Police Department was set for Thursday. New Hampshire State Prison inmate Thaddeus B. Nye is suing Aaron Aldridge, as well as the Newport Police Department, where Aldridge worked as an officer from 1999 to 2004. Nye filed the suit in September. Aldridge is currently an inmate at the state prison, serving a sentence for possession of child pornography. Nye claims Aldridge's search was a sexual assault, and that the Newport Police Department is liable for failing to prevent Aldridge from sexually assaulting him when he was a minor, a violation of his civil rights. The United States District Court, District of New Hampshire in Concord has set a May 2015 trial for the case.

New London Town Elections May 13 - Town Meeting May 14

Voters at Town Meeting next week will be asked to approve spending items for repair and maintenance of town buildings and properties, and will be asked to approve monies for the Elkins Sidewalk and Streetscape Project.

Town elections will be held at the Whipple Memorial Town Hall in New London on Tuesday, May 13, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in the Kearsarge Regional Middle School Gymnasium.

Article 3 asks residents to approve the budget committee's recommended \$1,171,062 operating budget. Selectmen recommended a budget of \$1,179,562. The 2014 budget outlay was \$1,233,970.

Article 8 asks voters to raise \$560,924 for payment of principal interest on the town's long-term debt. Last year the town approved \$313,774 for payments.

Article 9 asks residents to approve the raising of \$504,000 to be placed in previously established capital and non-capital reserve funds for the town's sidewalk proj-

ect, bridge repair and maintenance, and fire and police department vehicles. Selectmen are recommending \$524,000, with \$10,000 more in the article for the Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund and \$10,000 more for the Sewer Lagoon Cleanup Capital Reserve Fund.

In Article 10, selectmen and the budget committee recommend raising \$204,500 for vehicle and equipment purchases. That includes \$90,000 for the replacement of a transfer station refuse trailer; \$36,000 to replace a police cruiser; and \$22,500 to refurbish the fire department's Engine 2.

Article 11 asks residents to approve spending \$115,000 for two building maintenance projects — \$85,000 for repairs to the

highway department building, and \$30,000 to repair the Tracy Library's heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems.

Article 13 asks voters to spend \$670,190 for the construction of the Elkins Sidewalk and Streetscape Project, and to authorize the acceptance of \$536,152 from a federal grant for that purpose. It asks to further authorize the withdrawal of \$64,000 from the Intersection Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and \$70,038 from the Sidewalk Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 17, submitted by petition, asks voters if they want to adopt a March Town Meeting and elections, to be held annually on the second Tuesday in March.

Henniker Selectmen approve several highway projects

The Henniker Selectmen approved a long list of proposed summer highway projects totaling \$256,935. \$330,310 is available creating a balance of \$73,375. The balance is to cover unexpected construction expenses, a salt purchase buffer and an overall buffer

to keep the highway within its 2014 budget.

Included on this list are: \$27,000 for replacing the grader engine before it fails; \$101,960 to shim and overlay Quaker Street and \$83,720 to shim and overlay Craney Hill.

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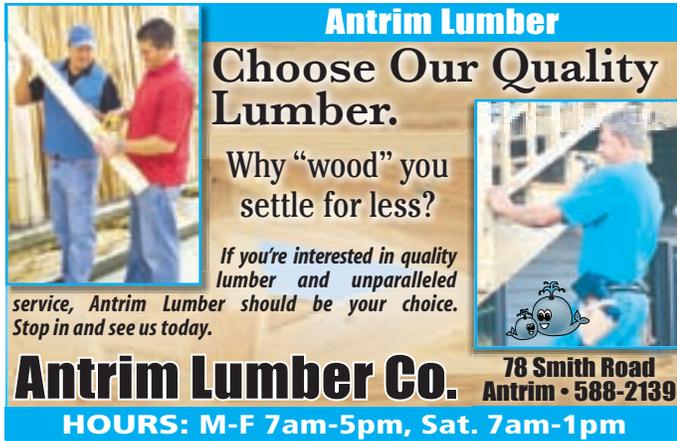


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Local #51 of the Hillsboro Police Employees Union donated 41254 to HYAA which was used to purchase 42 helmets for its baseball and softball players.

Floats are needed for BalloonFest Parade

We are once again preparing for the annual Balloon Fest and Fair parade, our 26th, on Sunday, July 20th starting at 12:00 noon going from the schools to Grimes Field. We have the start of a good line-up but need many more entries to make an exciting parade. We have bands hired, horses coming, floats registering, animals to admire but we need many more to make a great parade comparing back to the old days when Bill Dumais used to organize the parades. Our theme this year is Hillsboro Then and Now. Let your imagination go wild and give us Hillsboro Then and Now. Any member of the committee may be contacted for information, applications or questions. We would even welcome you as committee members. Committee members are Fran Charron, Mary Lou Kulbacki, Joyce Peace, Kyle Knapton, Russ and Phebe Galpin. Call 464-3993.

Peterborough Rotary Club's Cruz-Ins return

The Peterborough Rotary Club is pleased to announce that this summer they will continue the Cruz-In event for the fourth season. The first Enhanced Cruz-In event of 2014 will be on Sunday, May 11th in Depot Square, downtown Peterborough from 9:00 to 1:00. It is open to all makes and models of vintage or special interest cars, truck, motorcycles, and bicycles. The event is free to attendees and all are welcome. In addition to the vehicle displays, an Antiques Market will be held behind the Toadstool Bookshop.

Henniker 3rd graders take a History Walk

Each year third graders across the state study the history of their hometown as part of the third grade curriculum for New Hampshire. At the Henniker Community School they take it a step further by walking to see important places in Henniker's history, including the home of the first doctor in Henniker, the old train depot, the house where a woman known as Ocean Born Mary, the subject of New England folklore, once lived, the Quaker Meeting House and Old School House. The students also conduct research on significant historical sites and make presentations to their classmates about the site they researched. The weekly History Walks are completed in conjunction with their physical education classes and their PE Teacher Peg Keeler. They began right after April vacation. The final walk this year will be held on Friday, June 13. The final walk is approximately 13 miles in length and includes a stop at Pats Peak for lunch. The rain date for the final walk is Monday, June 16, 2014.



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Hillsboro-Deering School Board defers voting on surplus spending

Anticipating a \$1.1 million surplus, the Hillsboro-Deering School Board met to discuss its disposition. Last week the members agreed that about \$450,000 would be returned to taxpayers. Presented with a \$329,000 "Wish List" of possible items, the Board deferred voting on those items until its next meeting.

Items up for discussion include \$35,000 to replace Elementary School Windows; \$33,000 to engineer an Elementary School lobby redesign, with security window; \$11,000 to install a security window & door lock at the Middle School; \$35,000 for a generator & elect upgrade at the Middle

School, a \$20,000 Middle School sound system; \$55,000 to move a wall and replace café tables at the High School; \$40,000 to replace/ repair High school gym bleachers; \$40,000 to pave and repair several areas; \$35,000 for a new maintenance truck; and \$25,000 for an electronic message board.

ConVal wins Design Competition

The New Hampshire Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA NH) has announced the results of its 2014 High School Design Competition. This year's project Program was to design a Submarine History Center at Albacore Park in Portsmouth, NH, for the continued display of the USS Albacore, to serve as a vessel to honor submarine history in New England, and to display many unique Naval artifacts. Local winners are:

Best Design First Place. Ian Farr-Szep and Patrick Joseph, ConVal Regional High School. Best Model First Place. Mason Westover, ConVal Regional High School.



The H-DSchool Board recently recognized retiring staff members for their many years of service. Pictured here are John Butler, Linda Saari, Dennise Hayes, and Anne Stanley. Also retiring but not present were Michele Ferencsik, Greg Avila, and Fran Charron.

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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

They give politicians a good name

One of the great benefits of this job is that I get to cover town officials and boards throughout our broad readership area. Although a hefty ego is required to serve in these positions, those egos are best tempered by a dash of humility and a strong desire to serve the community.



Virginia Irwin



Tina Helm

such champions of civility with the stepping down of Select Board Chairs Virginia Irwin in Newport and Tina Helm in New London. Each runs her meeting effectively and efficiently while allowing all opinions to be heard.

Too often those egos flare, infighting erupts and the effectiveness of that board or committee is destroyed.

It is all the more refreshing when we are fortunate to elect or appoint those rare individuals who transform themselves from local politician to true public servant.

Unfortunately the area is losing two

Both are gentlewomen who prove that civility is not the same as weakness, and that you can hold an opinion and be open minded at the same time.

Irwin and Helm are deservedly stepping down after many years of dedication to their communities. I will miss covering them, but more importantly, Newport and New London will have a tough time replacing them.



High schoolers intern at New London Hospital

New London Hospital announced that eight students from three New Hampshire high schools completed the 2014 Caring Student Intern (CSI) Program. The CSI program is a four-day course that provides a unique hands-on learning opportunity for high school students to explore the healthcare industry and healthcare career opportunities.

This year, students from Bishop Brady High School, Hopkinton Middle High School and Kearsarge Regional High School participated. The students went behind the scenes and visit

several areas in the hospital including the Emergency Department, Radiology, Laboratory, Physical Therapy, The William P. Clough Center and others. They also experienced hands-on classes and learned about infection control, proper hand washing procedures, application and interview skills, quality improvement, and patient safety. The CSI program was rounded out with some students receiving their initial CPR certifications and others receiving CPR recertification. All students were honored with certificates of completion of the CSI program.



Ken and Jenny Kass presented their check to the Boston Firefighters of Engine 33/Ladder 15.

Hillsborough gym raises funds for fallen firefighters

Ken and Jenny Kass want to thank everyone that attended and those that participated in the "Bench Press For A Cause" fundraiser for the two fallen Boston firefighters. The event though hastily organized, was awesome.

It turned tragedy into something very positive. We want to especially thank Premiere Printing and Embroidery, Livingston's Arctic Cat, photographer Samantha Walton and the Lupien Family, all of which spent their own time and money to make this event wonderful. We could not have pulled this off without them or all the participants who solicited cash sponsors in

their name.

All of the major Boston Sports Teams came through with donations and we thank them. Many people and businesses stepped up and donated services, items or gift cards. Ken gladly spent many hours and drove hundreds of miles organizing this event. It was a lot of effort, but done from the heart. We'd like to thank FF Sean Sullivan and his fiancée Tracy for making the special trip to join us at the event. The event raised more than the total on the check as money was still coming in. The total money raised will end up well over \$5,500. Thank you all.

ConVal school consolidation delayed 3 years

The ConVal School Board has agreed to delay a review of possible school consolidations. Meeting at Antrim's Great Brook School, Antrim board member Rich Cahoon reported that the study committee decided that since none of the recent pro-

posals that came forward in recent years were accepted, the issue should be put on hold for at least three years, with consolidation options to be considered during the review of the Articles of Agreement in 2017. After discussion, the board agreed.

Cause of New Hampshire Ball Bearings fire revealed

Authorities have determined that the February explosion at New Hampshire Ball Bearings in Peterborough occurred when nitric acid was transferred into a drum containing an acidic waste mixture. In a letter to company employees posted on the NHBB web site, President and Chief Executive Officer Gary Yomantas wrote, "Since

the evening of Feb. 10, we have been working with the Fire Marshal's Office, OSHA, and independent experts to determine the cause of the blast. We have determined that a chemical reaction occurred when nitric acid from a non-production process was transferred to a 55 gallon drum containing an acidic waste mixture.

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Stark students creating outdoor sculptures

The John Stark Visual Arts Department is hosting an 8-day residency with Vermont master woodworker and sculptor Mark Ragonese. During this residency, Ragonese is working with students in John Stark sculpture, printmaking, painting, and 3-D classes and was made possible with funding from the John Stark Visual Arts Foundation.

Ragonese, a juried member of the League of NH Craftsmen and state woodworking juror for the League, began this residency at John Stark by meeting with all the students in the visual arts classes to come up with what the students would like to create. Together, Ragonese and the students planned, designed and constructed outdoor sculptures and handmade flags.

"The sculpture classes at John Stark have a focus on public installations," said John Stark Visual Arts Teacher Bess Robblee. "By creating a sculpture that someone can interact with, like the ones we are creating (people can walk in and out of them), we hope to help people understand sculpture and public art in ways they never have before," continued Robblee. The installations created by the students with Ragonese will remain on the front lawn of the school.

The work created by the students with Ragonese will be completed in May and will greet visitors who come to John Stark on the evening of the Senior EXPO, Thursday, May 15. The annual student art exhibit will also be on view at the school on the evening of EXPO. The Annual Senior EXPO at John Stark Regional High School will be open from 5:30-8:30 PM and showcases the nearly 200 capstone projects completed by this year's graduating seniors. The school's chapter of Amnesty International will also offer dinner as a fundraiser on the evening of EXPO from 5-6:30 PM and the Ron Lesniewski Oratorical Contest will be held at 7:15 PM, both of those events will be held in the Café. The senior projects will be on display on various locations throughout the school as will the student art exhibit.

Two rollovers-one driver hurt, one missing

Bennington police have been kept busy responding to a pair of rollover accidents last week. The first occurred about at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday on Route 47. Reports indicate that Steve LaFave, 26, of Bennington, lost control of his 1991 Plymouth and rolled over onto its roof. LaFave suffered minor injuries and was taken to Monadnock Community Hospital by ambulance. After investigating, LaFave was charged with DWI. His car was totaled. The second accident was reported by a motorist on Gillis Hill Road, about 12:30 a.m. on Friday. Upon arrival, police found an abandoned 1998 Subaru. An investigation revealed that speed was a factor. The Subaru was totaled and was towed. The area was searched with a police dog, but the driver could not be located.



Middle School 5th Annual Poetry Slam

Hillsboro-Deering Middle School Celebrated National Poetry Month in April with a Poetry Slam. Thirty-seven students and staff members gathered in the Library Media Center on April 16 and recited, sang and delivered selected poems to a packed room. Two teacher judges and one student judge had a difficult time deciding on the three winners, and three honorable mentions because the contestants we all fabulous! Prizes and certificates were awarded, and every contestant enjoyed a special poetry snack to keep their strength up and calm their nerves.

Bennington Library hosts young poets

The GEP Dodge Library in Bennington celebrated National Poetry Month with a Place Based Poetry workshop taking inspiration from a Bennington Scene led by Jeannette Regis. Poets: Adeline (age 5), Noah (age 3), and Cate (age 5) offered the following:

The Poem of Bennington Bridge

Swish, Whoosh, goes the waterfall.

It splashes down into the river.

The bridge, the road, the flowers and the light pole.

The cloudy sky is starting to get dark.

The light will come on.

Cars will light the bridge.

The trees will blow in the wind

and the flowers will bloom and blow down.

Things are ordinary. That is our little town.

Antrim PB gives Landsite final approval

The Antrim Planning Board has approved Landsite Corp's plans to build a multi-use facility at 470 Clinton Rd., offering sand and gravel, cordwood, gravel excavation and Christmas trees. The board approved an earth excavation permit. Previously, Landsite received approval on three other permits, including: a special exception for the gravel pit, a variance from the town's sign size ordinance and a conditional use permit for an increase in impervious land above the allowable 2,500 square feet within the Town Aquifer District.

Most of the discussion centered on a potential bond for the facility. Selectmen's representative Gordon Webber said that considering the businesses Antrim has been losing, the board should consider waiving the need to establish a bond. Chair Jesse Lazar opposed waiving the bond, but member Steve MacDonald agreed with Webber, saying the town should be trying to attract businesses to Antrim. After further discussion, the bond was waived, the bond with Lazar and Robert Holmes opposed.

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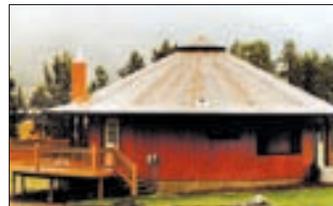


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