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Town Administrator Christine Trovato cuts the ribbon opening Henniker's new community softball field

If you build it - they will come

Total community effort results in a new Henniker softball field

That line from the movie "Field Of Dreams" became reality in Henniker on Saturday as officials, parents, coaches and a bevy of young girls gathered for the dedication and first game at the town's new softball field. Tom Weston, Henniker Softball Director, welcomed all and introduced the members of the Athletic Committee and

coaches present.

Henniker taxpayers approved \$16,000 for the project but it never would have been completed without a major volunteer effort. Leo and Mitchell Aucoin from Leo's Excavating, Nate Hadaway, the Henniker road agent, allowed one of the town's trucks to haul sand for the base of the field. Henniker Directional Drilling is boring two lines for water and electric down to the softball field. Jerry Gilbert from Moonlight Electrics do-

ing all of the electric work, and Bill McGirr and his crew from the Parks Dept. make all Henniker fields look great.

"A project like this takes a village to accomplish, without all the help that was given this never would have happened," Weston said. "I can only hope that the girls that were there today will bring their own children to play here and say, "I played on this field when they opened it".

Happy Birthday Cynthia

Henniker Community School Food Service worker Cynthia Bumford celebrated her 80th birthday in style. as students, faculty and staff worked behind the scenes all week to pull off a surprise celebration that included a large card designed by art teacher Todd Storro and signed by every student in the school. Preschool teacher Robin Gagnon baked her a cake. No one missed out wishing Cynthia a happy day. A round of "Happy Birthday to You" was sung by students and staff at each lunch period. Heather French photo.



New Boston Police officers to assist in Frankestown

New Boston Police Chief James Brace informed the selectmen that Frankestown's Police Chief and some staff resigned a month ago. Frankestown's Town Administrator approached Jim asking if the New Boston Police Department could help cover Frankestown with four hour patrols at New Boston's detail rate. New Boston Police staffing can handle this coverage.

Other police agencies are helping Frankestown as well. This arrangement would affect the mutual aid agreement. A six month Memorandum of Understanding in addition to the mutual aid agreement was drafted to address many possible issues in-

cluding liability. It was asked if New Boston could use the Frankestown cruiser to avoid wear and tear on New Boston's vehicles. Brace said that is possible but would mean New Boston officers would need training on a different computer and dispatch system.

New Boston cruisers have a system with its own computer and dispatch for assisting other agencies. An extra New Boston cruiser is available. Some days New Boston might tell Frankestown that New Boston does not have any part time officers to offer. The Selectmen approved and signed the Memorandum pending response from Frankestown.

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May 2, 2014

Former Dunbarton Selectman sent to jail
H-D School Board projects \$1.1 million surplus
Armed robbery at Goffstown Cumberland Farms
Peterborough man arrested, released, re-arrested

May 3, 2013

Judge tells Newport School District to revoke 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

Bow residents host breakfast to support a new Public Safety complex

On Saturday, April 18th, members of the Bow Fire Department, the Town Emergency Management Director, Bow Public Safety Supporters and members of the Bow community came together to cook and serve a pancake breakfast. Approximately one hundred and fifty people enjoyed a variety of pancakes, bacon and sausage, while visiting with their fellow neighbors.

The breakfast was the first community fundraising event for the construction of a new public safety building. The Bow Public Safety Supporter group is happy to report that, to date, a total of \$1,300.00 has been raised between the breakfast event and outright donations. Anyone wishing to contribute to the New Public Safety Building Fund may do so by sending their donation to the Bow Fire Department, 10 Grandview Road, Bow, NH. Checks can be made to the Bow Volunteer Fire Department with a notation

in the memo line stating "New Public Safety Building Donation." Any donation amount is greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars now for the next

breakfast to be held on Saturday, June 27, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Bow Community Building. Come out and support Bow's Emergency Responders.



Bow residents vow to raise funds for a new Safety Complex

New DPW Director hired

Goffstown has hired Adam Jacobs as its new director of public works to replace Carl Quiram, who retired in November. A New Hampshire native, Jacobs, of Amherst, will start his new position on Monday. He previously worked for the town of Merrimack as public works operations manager, overseeing a staff of 27 who maintained town streets, sidewalks, storm water system, cemeteries, athletic fields, facilities, and the town fleet. "Mr. Jacobs has a unique combination of public sector, military and private sector experience which will be very useful in his new position," said town Jacobs said one of his top goals as DPW director is to get the department nationally accredited by the American Public Works Association.

Three Henniker Departments share use of new truck

Bill McGirr, Transfer Station Superintendent met with the selectmen to discuss purchasing a new truck. His initial recommendation was to purchase a 2015 Ford F-350 cab and chassis, with a 9 foot straight blade snowplow, with a net price after trade in of \$39,579. This was based on the \$40,000 warrant article approved for this purchase. The straight plow was a compromise to keep the cost under \$40,000.

At the request of Selectman Leo Aucoin,

McGirr appeared to suggest an alternative.

Purchasing a Ford 2015 F-350 cab and chassis, with 9.5' Fisher stainless steel V-2 Jow, and dumping bed, at a net price of \$41,479. McGirr assured the Board that the residual of \$1,479 was to be expended from the 2015 Transfer Station operating budget. The Board was unanimous in feeling the added features were well worth the extra money, as the vehicle is also used by the Highway and Recreation Departments.



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BY SARAH CHAPIN

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has expanded the approved use of Humira (adalimumab) to include treatment of moderate-to-severe ulcerative colitis in adults. Ulcerative colitis is a chronic disease that causes inflammation and ulcers in the inner lining of the large intestine. It is one of two main forms of chronic inflammatory bowel disease and affects about 620,000 Americans, according to the National Institutes of Health. The FDA previously approved Humira to treat rheumatoid arthritis (2002), psoriatic arthritis (2005), ankylosing spondylitis (2006), Crohn's disease (2007), plaque psoriasis (2008) and juvenile idiopathic arthritis (2008).

People who take statins to reduce their risk of cardiovascular disease are less likely to be diagnosed with the most common form of glaucoma, according to a nationwide study of more than 300,000 patients published in *Ophthalmology*, the journal of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Patients over 65 years of age who take the popular insomnia and anxiety drug, benzodiazepine, have a 50% higher risk of developing dementia during the following 15 years compared to people of the same age who never took the medication, researchers reported in the *British Medical Journal*. Benzodiazepines are a type of drug known as tranquilizers, and more specifically minor tranquilizers. Familiar names include Valium (diazepam), Ativan (lorazepam), Klonopin (clonazepam) and Xanax (alprazolam).

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Martha Sunderland of the Conservation Commission and Seth Khallman of American Whitewater met with the Henniker Selectmen to ask the Board to sign a shoreline protection permit for the Eisner Memorial Natural Area along the Contoocook River near the Hillsborough town line. Unanimous approval was given.

New London Hospital wants \$78,775 more

New London Town Administrator Hallquist informed the selectmen that she received a letter from New London Hospital regarding its response to the town of Newport's decision not to provide backup ambulance service to the towns served by New London Hospital Ambulance. It appears that additional funding will be asked of all the towns so that an additional ambulance and staffing can be added to compensate for the loss of Newport as backup. Hallquist reported that she, Chief Lyon and Steve Ensign, Board of Firewards, will meet with Hospital President Bruce King to discuss the options available to ensure ambulance service is available. Ms. Hallquist noted that if the town agreed to the additional amount requested, it could either appropriate additional funds at Town Meeting by amending the article for the ambulance appropriation by \$78,775 (the additional funds being requested by New London Hospital) or the selectmen could transfer money from one part of the budget to the ambulance line.

Weare Food Pantry needs a new home

Tiffany Rogers told the Board that WMUR did a feature on the Weare Food Pantry to help advertise their need for a new location. Ms. Rogers found three town owned properties on roads that would fit their needs. She asked the Board if they were able to get donations of a slab, trailer, or a building that needs work, and volunteer tradesmen would the town waive the permit fees. Vice Chairman Clow asked if they looked at the sites they are discussing to see if they would be suitable. Town Administrator Bolton said that they would have to discuss it based on location because there could be a state driveway permit needed and it depends on the amount of work that needs to be done. Chairman Lacasse noted they would need to come to the Board with proposals. Sherry Burdick mentioned a building owned by Jerry Shin that he might be willing to donate.

Sunapee Police replacing their firearms

Sunapee Police Chief David Cahill asked the selectmen for permission to trade some surplus firearms to a local gun dealer, for a reasonable price, in trade for ammunition. If the Town were to sell the guns, then the money would go back into the general fund. The firearms that the Chief is looking to get rid of are the ones Ruger Firearms gave the Town roughly two years ago, which are ten handguns and one shotgun. The Board unanimously approved. Cahill also met with a representative from Ruger Firearms last week and they are prepared to replace ten handguns for the Police Department. As soon as the paperwork was done, Chief Cahill would ask the Board to allow him to except the gift on behalf of the Sunapee Police Department. This was also approved.



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Bell Tower in Goffstown SAU's Administration Building to be replaced

Superintendent of Schools Brian Balke recently gave the Gofftown Selectmen an update on the status of repairs to the bell tower in the Wight Building. The School Board has authorized an engineering study to look at its structural integrity. The plan is to remove the bell tower altogether since it is not in any condition to be removed intact or preserve it.

The section where the bell tower currently stands will be roofed over, and if funding permits, a new bell tower, similar to the existing one, will be constructed and placed in the bell tower's current location.

The Historical Society has the actual bell (circa 1800) in their possession. Balke stated they have \$70,000 budgeted and are confident they can complete the entire project.

Vice Chairman Campasano voiced his concern that the project be completed with a start and finish date and that the new bell tower replace the old one, but Balke stated that he is confident the project can be done for the \$70,000 budgeted. If a restoration were to be done, he is not sure there would be enough funding to complete that scope of project.

Chairman Georgantas asked Mr. Balke

if the roof access into the building would be eliminated, which Balke confirmed.

Selectman Brown asked how big the tower was. Mr. Balke responded it was 8' x 8' with a smaller structure on top of that with the weathervane atop that.

Chairman Georgantas asked if the \$70,000 included a whole re-roofing. Mr. Balke responded it was just for the area where the bell tower would be removed as the rest of the roof was replaced 3-4 years ago.



Superintendent of Schools Brian Balke.

New London budget up 5.1%

At Town meeting, New London voters will be asked to approve a \$6.5 million budget, a 5.1% increase from last year's budget. Most of the increase is due to the first year of a 20-year bond approved in 2011 for the town's participation in a new solid waste district, as well as to pay for improvements to the town offices.

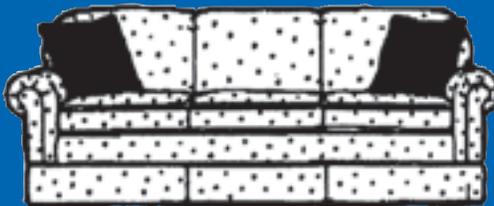
Fund established to aid elderly Bow fire victim

A Sunday night fire destroyed about half of Charlotte Buxton's Bow Center Road home. A noticed flames coming from Buxton's home and called 911.

Firefighters from Bow, Hooksett, Concord, Pembroke and Goffstown responded quickly only to find the house engulfed in flames when they arrived. Buxton was in the hospital at the time of the fire. Buxton's husband died in 2007 and she lives alone, but does have two cats.

A "Helping Charlotte Buxton Fund" has been established. A retired library employee Buxton is into only is she fighting cancer, but her house on Bow Center Road was heavily damaged by fire on Sunday night. A fund has been set up to help her at Merrimack County Savings Bank, with all donations going directly to Charlotte. To make a donation, please visit any Merrimack County Savings Bank branch and make your donation to the Charlotte Buxton Donation Fund.

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Bow Town Manager David Stack and Administrative Assistant Nichole Gage announce the winner of a Door Prize at a recent, well attended Business To Business Forum at the Baker Free Library.

New Boston fills Planning & Zoning spots

The New Boston Selectmen recently met with Douglas Martin, a candidate for the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Ed Carroll, a candidate for the Planning Board. Martin has a background in Real Estate. He grew up in Manchester and his wife is from Bedford. They visited New Boston and liked it so decided to move here a couple of years ago. He wanted to become involved in the community and thought zoning and planning would be a good fit for him with his real estate background. Carroll moved to New Boston from Goffstown last year and wanted to become involved with the town. He was told the Planning Board would be a good place to start, heard about Master Plans and that the Planning Board is working on one for New Boston and wants to help where he can. The Selectmen congratulated them on their appointments. The Town Clerk will meet with them to swear them in.

ConVal Elementary school day extended

The school day for ConVal Elementary school students has been extended to 8:40 a.m. to 3:25 p.m., with additional time dedicated to science and social studies. The previous school day ran from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. According to Superintendent Brandon Mininihan, the school board has been working on extending the school day for years. Although the hours have been set, schedules for each grade have not yet been created.

New Weare Upper Elementary Principal

The Weare District School Board has appointed Shawne Hilliard as Teaching Principal at the new Center Woods Upper Elementary School (grades 4 and 5) located at the Weare Middle School. She will begin her duties on July 1. Hilliard is presently a 5th grade classroom teacher at Chester Academy in Chester, where she began her career as their Title 1 Instructor. She has taught 4th and 5th grade at Chester Academy since 2005.

Sunapee cruise boats' contracts renewed

Sunapee Town Manager Donna Nashawaty worked with the Fentons of Applesseed Cruises and their insurance companies to hash out the certificates of liability to find out what and how they are covered. Nashawaty believes the liability limits are covered. In addition, the police detail bill has been paid to the Town. All the items in question have been resolved. She said she would execute the boat contracts if the Board were agreeable. The Board had no objections.

Dunbarton resident General John Stark honored on his day

The Revolutionary-era muskets being fired sounded like the boom of a cannon. Some of the people who had turned out to the Dunbarton Town Common covered their ears, while members of the New Hampshire Society Sons of the American Revolution reloaded, aimed and fired another volley into the sky. More than 20 people gathered on General John Stark Day yesterday to honor the general and his son Caleb, both of whom fought in the Revolutionary War.

John Stark is famous for writing the words, "Live free or die," which eventually became the state motto. He commanded New Hampshire regiments in that war and fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill. Before the war, he lived in Dunbarton for a few years with his wife, Molly, whose house remains a historic landmark in town. Caleb Stark also was born in town, and is memorialized with a statue standing on the common. Yesterday, local resident and Caleb Stark descendant Lorraine Allen laid a wreath of blue flowers in front of the statue, while members of the color guard stood at attention and a benediction was read.

John Stark Day is a state holiday, but it only recently has gotten its own event in Dunbarton, Allen said. Still, the town's activities were meant to remember both John Stark and his son. "It's very exciting," Allen said. "It's fun to see (them) honored."

Selectman Ted Vallieres and his wife,

Alison, were bundled up to protect against the strong wind that was blowing, but they said they still enjoyed themselves.

"I like the re-enactors and the dedication," Alison Vallieres said. When asked about living in a town with so much history, both agreed: "It's great."



John Stark Day celebrated in colonial style.

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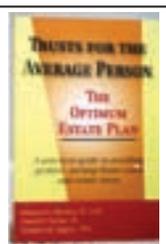
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- 1.) Public hearing to accept the equipment donation from Henniker Firefighters Association.
- 2.) Public hearing to accept the in-kind donation from Directional Drilling.
- 3.) Public hearing 2nd reading to amend Ordinance 120-12. Violations and penalties.
- 3.) Public hearing to amend Ordinance 120 Article V Operation of Off Highway Road Vehicles.

New Boston restricts Town Hall parking

The New Boston Selectmen recently held a First Reading on a Town Hall Parking Ordinance: Administrator Peter Flynn noted there have been issues with vehicles parking overnight at the Town Hall, especially during winter storms when sanding, salting and plowing are needed. The town has tried to work on this by contacting the vehicle owners by letter or phone but the problem still exists where vehicle owners still park overnight hindering snow removal and plowing operations. Flynn proposes adding a section to the existing winter parking ordinance to include a municipal parking lot restriction at the Town Hall lot. If there is a fire call the ordinance would be waived for fire/rescue personnel while on an emergency call. After more discussion, the ordinance was moved to a second reading and Public Hearing.

Antrim Wind offers \$5,000 scholarship

Jack Kenworthy, President of Antrim Wind Energy, LLC met with the Antrim Selectmen to finalize plans for the company to donate a \$5,000 scholarship annual to the town. The Board was appreciative of the gift and asked Kenworthy to coordinate with Ron Hagggett, one of the Trustees of Trust Funds. Hagggett agreed and reported that upon receipt of the funds, the Trustee would report the receipt to the Scholarship Committee who selects the recipients. Final paperwork will be presented to the selectmen and NH Charitable Trust Division shortly.

Dunbarton Police report home burglary

The Dunbarton Police Department is currently investigating a residential burglary that occurred on Mansion Road. The suspect(s) forced their way into the home and took a substantial amount of assorted jewelry. Evidence has been recovered from the scene and a possible suspect has been identified. The incident remains under investigation by Sergeant Chris Remillard.

Hearing on Newport's Oak Street bridge

There is a public hearing for Newport residents on May 4 at 6:30 in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room. The Board will hear public comments regarding the Oak Street bridge and its potential closure and detour routes during rehabilitation/replacement in 2017 and 2018. In 2012, voters passed an article to appropriate 2.15 million dollars for the replacement and or rehabilitation of the historic bridge. The bulk of the money is coming from grants and the Bridge Capital Projects Fund.

7 area towns battle Hopkinton brush fire

It took over two hours for members of the Hopkinton, Concord, Bow, Henniker, Boscawen, Warner and Webster Fire Departments to contain a three-alarm fire that spread across 10 acres in the Mast Yard State Forest, as Dunbarton covered the Hopkinton station.

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Bow police arrest one suspect, the second remains at large

The Bow police are looking for Keenan Hibbard, 29, who fled from the police Tuesday night and is wanted on outstanding arrest warrants.

The police arrived at 59 Knox Road in Bow on Tuesday night, the home of Kathleen Hibbard, to assist the Merrimack County Sheriff's Department with a civil matter. Two residents – Tess Hibbard, 27, a wanted fugitive, and her brother, Keenan – fled out the back door of the house and into the woods.

The two were located by a police dog about 200 yards into the woods, where they continued running in different directions. Tess was apprehended, taken into custody and turned over to the Merrimack County Sheriff's Department. She was charged with resisting arrest.

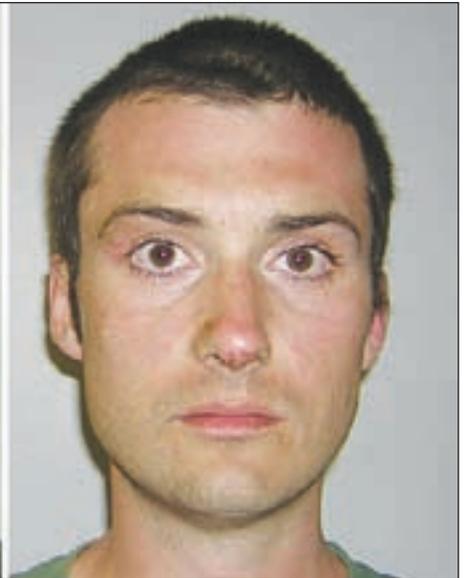
The New Hampshire State Police then received calls of a man fitting Keenan's description running across Interstate 93. The state police responded to the area with a helicopter but could not locate him.

The police are asking the public's help to find Keenan Hibbard by contacting a local

police department or the Concord Regional Crimeline at 226-3100 with information.



Tess Hibbard



Keenan Hibbard

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Goffstown Selectmen approve design changes for Paige Hill Road

Department of Public Works Interim Director Mike Hillhouse informed the Goffstown Selectmen that there is a delay in the bid opening for the Henry Bridge Road crossing. Eversource is working with DOT and as soon as the new plans are approved, bids will be opened. He reported that three bidders had submitted paving bids: Pike -\$698,614, Continental Paving - \$612,917 and Brox Industries -\$688,357.50. Based on past performance and low bid, Hillhouse recommended the bid be awarded to Continental Paving, and the Board agreed.

Hillhouse then reviewed the Paige Hill Road Design. He is working on easements with three families that own the area

Hillsborough Police drug bust

A Bennington man has been accused of growing marijuana. The Hillsborough Police Department said Dana Grano, 52, was arrested on Tuesday on charges including manufacturing a controlled drug. Hillsborough Police, with the assistance of Deering Police, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department and DEA agents seized 85 pot plants during a search of a Hillsborough home on Bridge Street.

where an existing drain is located. He also explained design changes at the intersection with Back Road and where drainage structures are located.

He added there will be an informational meeting and door hangers will be put on

homes in the area as well.

Vice Chairman Campasano asked that Interim Director Hillhouse review the plans with Fire Chief O'Brien. After further discussion, the Board approved the Paige Hill Road design.



Goffstown Interim DPW Director Mike Hillhouse briefed the selectmen on the Paige Hill Road upgrades.



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Hillsboro's Boy Scout Troop 73 planning an active summer

The Boy Scouts from Troop 73 in Hillsboro participated in the April 11 Hike A Thon. These boys want to thank the people in the community who supported them in their fundraising efforts.

They hiked 5 miles around Thorndike Lake and the sponsorship money they raised helps them get to camp and helps other boys get to camp too.

The boys are going to Hidden Valley at the Griswold Scout Reserve in Gilmanton Iron Works for a week in July.

There they will continue to add and improve their outdoor skills and in general get further prepared to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Troop Meetings are at 6:30 Wednesday Nights at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church, the Troop's Charter Organization.

Currently the boys are planning a spring camporee where they will camp and help the Swanzeay Humane Society build pet walking

trails and they also plan to help their charter organization with a dinner theater fundraiser on May 2. Please Contact David Gamache

at 603-822-0665 if you need more information, or ask any boy associated with the troop. Join Scouting at www.beascout.org



Pictured are Liam Noble, Kyle Gamache, Ken Veitch, Joshua Gamache, Austin Preo, and Sean Austin (in Front).

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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

A Gentle Giant Died

It is amazing how reminders of life's essential lessons appear suddenly at unexpected times. It's easy to get caught up in the hectic pace of everyday life. The pursuit of wealth, power and influence dominates our culture and traps us into false definitions of success. "He who dies with the most toys, wins," a friend once told me. He was wrong, and that was never more clear than on Sunday at a memorial service for Marty Robie.

Marty was a gentle giant whose somewhat gruff exterior masked a warm heart and generous soul. I have known Marty for nearly 40 years, through good times and some bad. We were not really friends, more

like friendly acquaintances, but his love and devotion to his family always shone through.

I always knew that if Joyce or I could not make a Hillcat sporting event, I could count on Marty to get us a photo or story.

Marty defied our traditional definitions of success. He never walked with the rich and powerful, and had little influence on national events, but the crowd overflowing from the church, to the vestry, out the door and onto Main Street at his Memorial Service proves that he died rich in the love of his friends and family, with the power to touch people's hearts and influence their actions. Good bye Marty, we will all miss you.



Art Kaufman speaks out in opposition to the proposed Antrim cell tower.

Antrim Hearing on cell tower draws opposition

Hillsboro resident Art Kaufman was one of many people who attended the Antrim Zoning Board's hearing to put a new cell phone tower in Antrim. There were no abutters who spoke either in favor or against the proposition, but there were many people from Hillsboro and Antrim who spoke against it. After doing a balloon test it was noted that the tower (especially a 150 foot one) would be visible not only from many homes

on Pierce Lake, but especially from the lake itself.

Attorney John Cronin of Bennington prepared a memorandum against the issue for the Zoning Board members, and as there were also questions regarding the viability of other site locations that might be less intrusive, the planning board adjourned the public hearing to May 12 at 7:00pm at the Antrim Town Hall.



Capitol Comments By District 8 State Senator Jerry Little

DON'T FLUSH THE FLOOD CONTROL TOWNS

I saw it while sitting in our living room. A vehicle stopped on the nearby bridge spanning the Piscataquog River. Out of curiosity I lowered my newspaper to take a closer look and immediately recognized the unique profile of a New Hampshire Fish and Game Department stocking truck. The driver moved from the cab to the tanks on the back of the truck with the swiftness and ease of St. Nick and, with a few well-practiced motions, popped a hatch, dipped a net and released trout over the guardrail and into the water below. I wasn't close enough to see if he put his finger beside his nose and gave a nod but he certainly disappeared down the road as quickly as Santa up a chimney after spreading his gifts.



A short while later I was standing by the stream wearing boots, holding a rod and shaking my head. There was far too much water traveling by far too fast. It would be futile to try to coax a trout, even a hungry one straight from the hatchery, out of that torrent. The fish I saw tossed off the bridge an hour before had probably been swept far away.

These days almost everything causes my mind to drift back to activity at the State House, and the high, fast waters of a local trout stream made me think about the large, nearby flood control project operated by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. In 1957 the federal government took great chunks of 14 New Hampshire towns by eminent domain to build the project. In return, those towns are supposed to be compensated annually for lost property tax value.

It was calculated back then that thirty percent of the flood damage that could happen if the project wasn't built would be in New Hampshire, so New Hampshire should pay thirty percent of the annual compensation to the impacted towns.

Seventy percent of the damage potential prevented by the flood control project accrues to our downstream neighbor, Massachusetts, so they are supposed to foot seventy percent of the compensation tab — but they often try their best not to. Several years ago the Bay State disagreed with how

the annual price tag was set and simply stopped paying for a while.

New Hampshire, which has always paid its thirty percent share to the effected towns on time, covered the Massachusetts portion too with the idea that the state would use its resources and relationships with counterparts in Massachusetts to collect the debt and then pay itself back. But that hasn't always worked out so well either. Sometimes Mass would eventually pay, or sometimes they'd make a partial payment. It's always a battle and more than a few folks in state government are tired of fighting it. So this year's budget proposal includes language that would clarify that New Hampshire is only responsible for its share of the flood compact bill and the effected towns are essentially on their own to collect from Massachusetts from here on out. In my mind, that's not an acceptable idea.

No one argues that the flood control project doesn't work. In fact, given the amount of development in the Merrimack River Valley on both sides of the New Hampshire/Massachusetts border over the last half century, most years it prevents flood losses that would dwarf the annual amount due to the 14 New Hampshire towns that sacrificed homes, farms and businesses to make it possible. The State of New Hampshire, not the towns, negotiated away the land that is now a federal flood control project. That's no small thing in a state that continues to rely on property taxes to fund itself, particularly at the local level. I think the state should stay in this fight, otherwise it's selling these towns downriver.

Talk To Us

The Senate Finance Committee is nearing the end of the data gathering phase of its work on the next two-year state budget. We've been listening to State department heads make their funding pitches for the past several weeks. Your turn is coming up.

On Tuesday May 5th the Senate Finance Committee will hold a pair of public hearings in Representatives Hall of the State House in Concord. The first session will run from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Then we'll hold a second hearing from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. so folks can swing by after work to share their thoughts. If there's anything you've been reading about the state budget proposals that bothers you, this is your chance to tell us about it.

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The Henniker and Charlestown Rotary Clubs recently held the District 7970 semi-finals of the 4-way test speech contest. Thirteen clubs sent contestants to participate (L to R back row) Brennan Kasteens, Nashua; Baha Hamadna, Bennington VT; Jeremy Wentworth, Northfield; David Bryant III, Springfield VT; (middle row) Amanda Belliveau, Merrimack; Brooke Solomon, Wilmot; Victoria Thieret, Nashua; Catherine Trembly, Newport; (front row) Cedonia Hubicki, Hopkinton; Jasmine Cuena, Derry; Sohani Demian, Bow; Aliya Browne, Weare; and Stratton Coleman, Gilford. Four finalists moved on to the District finals to be held in Portland, Maine in May.

Selectmen commend employees

Sunapee Selectman Sue Gotting read the following employee commendation to the Board; "The Sunapee Board of Selectmen commends members of the town Highway Department for their efforts to keep Sunapee's roads open during a winter of challenging weather.

The sizeable snowstorms occurring with little or no cleanup time between them and the weeks of unremitting cold and windy conditions could have been daunting, but the members of the Highway Department, under the leadership of Scott Hazelton, were unfazed by the most brutal conditions. We, as many other Sunapee residents, could hear the plow trucks going by at any time of the day or night.

We extend our sincere thanks for a job well done, even into April, and wish for you respite from winter woes until next October. In addition, the Sunapee Board of Selectmen

commends the efforts of the Town Manager, Donna Nashawaty, the Highway Director, Scott Hazelton, and the entirety of the Highway Safety Committee for their swift and professional efforts in responding to the sudden closing of a bridge along a roadway that handles over 2000 cars per day.

They quickly alerted neighboring town officials whose citizens routinely use the road and bridge and left personal messages with nearby residents. Continuous consultation with state officials found the best option for safe use of the bridge and it was reopened to single lane traffic in a week. A major disruption to citizens was positively resolved in remarkably short time.

Therefore, the Sunapee Board of Selectmen extends its thanks to its employees for these positive contributions to Sunapee's quality of life."

Bow sets next Business to Business event for May 22

The next BDC Business to Business event will be held on Wednesday 5/22/15 at the Baker Free Library. Invitations/flyers will be mailed out to the 180+ Bow businesses that are on our list.

BDC members divided up the list of businesses and were asked to contact businesses and owners to encourage them to at-

tend and to ask if they would like to donate a door prize to promote their business. Any corrections to the business contact information should be provided to Mr. Westover. Mr. Klubben has spoken with the Library Director and Mr. Arnett offered to attend and assist with appointments that may be made to discuss any business issues.



The National Honor Society at Hillsboro-Deering High School recently held its 2015 Induction Ceremony.



Honors

Kearsarge Regional Middle School

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High Honors: Jadin Archambeault, Marliese Baer, Mia Barron, Madisyn Brayshaw, Ingrid Cole-Johnson, John Compton, Jenna Cook, Kaley Farme, Patrick Geary, Hailey Hogancamp, Jake Hubbard, Jackson Kulacz, Nickolaus LeBlanc, Molli May, Alexis Mennona, William Moore, Lily Pelkey-Jacobson, Peter Russell, Lizzie Soule, Isaac Stearns, Edward Stowell, Aaron Sullivan, Pauline Suprenant, William Verdi, Brandon Waddell, Marina Ware,

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High Honors: Victoria Andrewski, Quinn Antle, Isabella Anzalone, Ryan Bassi, Victoria Burch, Lucas Carey, Matthew Churchwell, Sadie Clark, William Cleaveland, Malcolm Cleveland, Robin Cottrill, Corrinne Croto, Jonathan Doheny, Camden Betcher, Nathaniel Folcik, Reagan Gilson, Noah Gray, Megan Heath, Kiera Janssen, Haili LeBoeuf, Joshua MacKenzie, Owen Merrill, Abby Nadeau, Dylan Palmer, Tyler Penrose, Adam Reeve, Sophie Shields, Allura Spinelli, Kristen Suprenant, Sean Tobin, Abigale Tuthill, Annie Walker, William Walker, Dominic Watterson, Erin Wheeler,

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Bruce, Maureen and Renee Brandon accept a \$400.00 check on April 20 from the Sunapee Middle School Destination Imagination team members Cameron Summerton, Will Sencabaugh and Noell Bergeron to help with Renee's medical expenses as she is treated for leukemia. The Destination Imagination team held a fundraiser in March at the school to raise money for Renee and the Norris Cotton Cancer Center. Paul Howe photo.

New London zoning change redefines the term family

New London Fire Chief Jay Lyon is concerned that the town's current zoning regulations pertaining to the number of people who are legally allowed to live in one dwelling is dangerous. At May 13th Town Meeting, voters will be asked to change the definition of "family."

The proposed amendment replaces old language that includes references to "domestic servants" language that defines a family as related "by blood, marriage, civil unions, adoptions or guardianships," making the terms "family" and "household" synonymous.

Lyon suggestion came after learning

of a November fire in Portland, Maine, which swept through a home that served as workplace housing for the young adults. According to Lucy St. John, the town's planning and zoning administrator, the change would keep the number of non-related residents allowed in a home at five people, but it would update the legal definitions of permitted housing in town.

The change is not being recommended to improve the town's standing against liability claims. It is simply a change in language taken from laws on the books in other college towns in the state, such as Hanover, St. John said.

H-D plans special Veteran's Tribute on May 11th

Hillsboro-Deering High School will be participating in something very unique - the Operation Hat Trick NH High School Initiative. Participating schools will proudly display their logos on a special camouflage Operation Hat Trick hat that their students will wear during OHT Awareness Week. The Initiative, in its second year, is projected to raise close to \$120,000 that will be donated to Operation Hat Trick for use in supporting the awareness and recovery veterans programs in the State of NH.

The donation from NH high schools is the largest donation received by OHT to date. According to Dot Sheehan, Founder of OHT, "I am extremely proud of NH high schools.

This is an extremely important initiative as there is great need among recover-

ing veterans in NH. I want to thank all of the Athletic Directors for their leadership, passion and energy in getting this done. The monies raised will help so many veterans and it is very much appreciated."

The week of May 11, all participating schools will wear OHT camo hats with their school logo for all baseball and softball games to raise money and awareness for wounded veterans. Participating schools will outfit their teams through sales of OHT hats to school and community members.

At H-D, a special veteran pre-game ceremony will take place at the HDHS versus Bow baseball game on May 11th. All veterans from Hillsboro, Deering, Washington, and Windsor are encouraged to attend at 3:50pm to be honored. The game will be played at the HDHS Lower Field.

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Nichols proposes combining town and school finances

Bonnie Sandstrom, the business administrator at SAU 43 in Newport and Croydon, is leaving to become business administrator at SAU 14 in Epping on July 1st. Officials are viewing Sandstrom's resignation as it could provide an opportunity to design a new financial plan, combining the town and school finances in a single department. Newport Town Manager Paul Brown believes it could take at least a year to accomplish, as it would need approval from the New Hampshire State Legislature.

Brown is planning to talk to the New Hampshire Municipal Association and the New Hampshire School Boards Association to explain what Newport is looking for and seek change in the next session of the legislature.

The groundwork for the plan was laid out by Gary Nichols, chairman of the Newport Board of Selectmen, who suggested creation of a Newport Finance Organization governing board consisting of two members of the Newport Board of Selectmen, two members of the Newport School Board and one member of the Croydon School Board. The governing board's responsibilities would include approving the Newport

Finance Organization's yearly budget, yearly review of its performance and evaluating the Newport Finance Organization director.

Nichols listed four general responsibilities for the Newport Finance Organization — the processing and recording of transactions, maintenance of the general ledger and appropriate subsidiary ledgers, preparation

of monthly and annual internal and external reporting, and the preparation of budgets, cash flow projections and other internal financial reports.

Since initially proposed last December, citizens in both Newport and Croydon have voted to study the possibility of withdrawing from SAU 43, which may facilitate the plan.



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New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan congratulates Goffstown Police Lt. Pierre Pouliot on receiving his "Lifetime Achievement Award".

Pair charged with series of burglaries

Peterborough Police have arrested Codie Anderson, 17, of Greenfield in connection with two business burglaries in Greenfield last weekend and a home burglary in Peterborough in October. According to Police Chief Scott Guinard, Anderson is said to have stolen approximately \$1,000 from the Peterborough home. Anderson was also charged with burglaries at New England Forest Products and Forest Road Welding in conjunction with Justin Bell, 19, of Hancock.

John Stark Amnesty International group

The Amnesty International Student Chapter at John Stark Regional High School traveled to NYC on April 17 to participate in the 20 Get on the Bus for Human Rights, an annual day of human rights education and activism organized by Amnesty International USA Group 133 of Somerville, MA. This event draws hundreds of students and activists from all over the Northeast. The John Stark Amnesty International chapter will also be hosting a Soup and Bread dinner on the evening of EXPO at John Stark, Thursday May 21. This Soup and Bread dinner will be from 5-6:30 in the JS Café and will feature a large soup bread, drink and dessert for \$7. All soups will be donated by area restaurants.

Newport's Sarah Josepha Hale honored

Sarah Josepha Buel Hale has been named to the New Hampshire Women's Heritage Trail. The New Hampshire Women's Heritage Trail and the New Hampshire Women's Foundation celebrated Women's History Month by announcing the first twenty-seven inductees to the New Hampshire Women's Heritage Trail. In 2008 the NH Commission on the Status of Women created the Women's Heritage Trail with the mission to "give visible recognition to the historic women of New Hampshire." A call for nominations was sent throughout the state, and Newport's Sarah J. Hale was nominated by the Richards Free Library, and selected for her literary work, editorship of Godey's Lady's Book, and her fight for higher education, better medical care and higher wages for women.

Goffstown boy walks in on home burglar

A Goffstown boy caught a burglar inside his Fairview Street home. Police said Jesse Harbeck, 27, of Temple, broke into the home on Tuesday and stole two video game consoles. When the boy walked in on Harbeck, he fled. Authorities said after a lengthy search, Harbeck was arrested and charged with two counts of burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary and falsifying physical evidence.



Saturday was Town Clean-Up Day in New Boston.

Hillsborough accepts OSRAM donation

After a public hearing, the Hillsboro Selectboard accepted an F-150 Ford truck for the Fire Department from Osram Sylvania. According to Fire Chief Ken Stafford, Jr. the truck will be used as a utility vehicle for towing trailers currently owned by the department, hauling dirty equipment back from fires and moving members to and from scenes. Currently members are using their own vehicles. Chief Stafford and the Selectboard all thanked Osram Sylvania for the generosity of their donation.

Goffstown High partners with NHTech

The Goffstown School District has a close partnership with New Hampshire Technical Institute (NHTI). NHTI interns and professors have supported various networking projects and other technology infrastructure tasks at no cost to the Goffstown School District. The District has been fortunate to hire former students as Technology Staff members. Goffstown High School tech Michael Engelsen, class of 2014 and Maple/Bartlett tech Michael Pica, class of 2015, are both recipients of the NHTI Outstanding IT Networking Senior Awards for their graduating class. Congratulations.

Antrim asked to adopt a UTV ordinance

Jason Leclerc and Rick Edmunds attended the recent Antrim Selectmen's meeting to request that the town adopt an ordinance allowing UTVs (Utility Vehicles) to operate on certain town roads. In the area, Henniker has adopted such an ordinance and Hillsborough has been working on one. The pair hope that eventually Antrim, Bennington, Deering, Henniker and Hillsborough will adopt similar ordinances to allow travel between the towns. The Board was receptive and asked them to return with draft language.

Angus Boezeman speaks on Fly Fishing

Angus Boezeman gave a lecture on the sport of fly fishing at an event held at the Tracy Memorial Library in New London. The Elkins Fish & Game Club sponsored the event, which was conducted to generate cash and non-perishable food donations to help restock the KLS Community Food Pantry. The lecture was held on April 25th to correspond with the opening day of trout pond fishing. The Elkins Fish & Game Club runs a series of events each year to help teach people about activities they can enjoy in the outdoors. Coming up, the club will be holding a "hands on" fly fishing class on the New London Town Common on May 23rd, and will be holding their 3rd Annual Lake-a-Thon event on June 27th. Information on all of the club's activities can be found on their web site at: www.elkinsfishandgame.net

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Boys Sports



Hopkinton lacrosse player James McCluskey tries to knock the ball free from Kearsarge's Justin Norris during a game in Hopkinton April 24. Hopkinton won the game 11 - 4. Paul Howe photo.

LACROSSE

Hopkinton 11 Kearsarge 4: Joe Cullinan led the Hawks with 4 goals, 2 assists, and 8 ground balls. Justin Norris paced Kearsarge with 2 goals.

Hopkinton 13 Monadnock 8: The Hawks took a 9-4 half-time lead, but Monadnock pulled to within one, 9-8, midway through the third quarter. The Hawks then scored four unanswered goals to seal the deal. Joe Cullinan had 5.

ConVal 14 Manchester West 4: Danny Parker and Patrick Joseph dominated the first half and set the tone for the rest of the game. Parker scored a pair of goals and Joseph netted 4.

ConVal 11 Bishop Brady 10: The Cougars' offense was in high gear, scoring 11 goals, 5 by Jimmy Stewart.

ConVal 19 Coe-Brown 3: ConVal improved to 3-1 on the season in dominating fashion.

Kearsarge 19 Campbell 4: Justin Norris scored 5 goals and 4 assists while Lucas Muzzey had 2 goals and 3 assists and Tom Gallo netted 3 goals, with 1 assist.

ConVal 19 Coe-Brown 3: Jimmy Stewart netted five goals. Hunter Gullage and Jake Phillips each scored four.

ConVal 15, Stevens 2: The cougars were hot on both sides of the field.

Goffstown 17 Keene 7: Christian Marquis won 15 of 20 face-offs along with his two goals and an assist for the Grizzlies while Sam Shearin and Peter Girard added hat tricks for the winners.

John Stark 8 Keene 2: The Stark attack was relentless and the score would have been higher except for the great plays of the Keene keeper.

BASEBALL

Sunapee 6 Pittsfield 2: The Lakers led 3-2 after four and shut the door to improve to 4-0. Will Palin went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and two RBIs, Cade Robinson was 1-for-2 and drove in two runs, while Nick Ducharme doubled and scored.

Conant 13 ConVal 0: A lack of hitting and too many errors doomed the Cougars.

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