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Shumway is retiring

The Board of Directors of the Crotoned Mountain Foundation has announced that after 13 years of leadership as its President and Chief Executive, Donald L. Shumway will be retiring. Don will continue in his present role through the start of the new year while a search is conducted. Don leaves a significant 40-year legacy as a leader in our state's and country's commitment to individuals with substantial disabilities, which culminated in his role at Crotoned Mountain. He made it his life's work to transform the care, and assure the well-being, of New Hampshire's vulnerable citizens.



Franklin man guilty

William Shine, 34, of Franklin was found guilty of trying to sell a 14-year-old girl for sex with an adult. The jury deliberated for about 30 minutes before finding William Shine guilty on all four counts he faced. He was charged with sex trafficking, attempted sex trafficking, conspiracy to commit sex trafficking and endangering the welfare of a child. He will be sentenced in about 30 days. His wife, Julie Shine, 42, was indicted on similar charges and is scheduled for trial next month.



Commissioner Gary Margolis of CALEA presented the Weare Police Department with their official Accreditation Certificate. As the entire department was involved in gaining this achievement, it was fitting that they should all share in this honor as the Weare Police Department makes strides with this important milestone.

Who plows the school?

New Boston Selectmen & School Board at odds

Brandy Mitroff recently met with the New Boston Selectmen and triggered a long discussion who is responsible for plowing at the school. She noted the Highway Department has been plowing the Central School parking lot forever without any problem when Rick Matthews was the principal.

Mitroff believes that this issue came up when the current Road Agent was slammed by someone at the school. The community keeps reminding NBCS that the gym located there is not the school's; it was built as a community center

and is used often by the Recreation Department, a town department, especially in winter, at night and on weekends, almost as often as school is in session. NBCS is also the location of the town emergency shelter. School Board Chairman Wendy Lambert was present on behalf of the School Board along with School Board Member Bill Schmidt, who noted this issue has highlighted a lack of communication between the School Board and the Selectmen.

Selectman Joe Constance said this issue will be discussed again soon.

Five Bow businesses burglarized last Friday Night

Five Bow businesses in the Dunklee Road area were burglarized last Friday night, although only one had anything stolen.

According to Bow Sgt. Art Merrigan, a 2007 Bronze Acura TL and \$2,300 in cash was taken at one location, but at others cash was left behind. The car was later recovered in Manchester. Authorities believe the burglaries may be con-

nected to burglaries in Pembroke, Allenstown, Hooksett and Goffstown.

Based on video evidence, police believe there is a "strong possibility" the same suspect is responsible. Those with information on any of the incidents are asked to call their local police department or the Concord Regional Crimeline at 226-3100.



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Yesteryear

Local history as reported in The Messenger

October 3, 2014

Monier wants better first impression for Goffstown
Franklin fire ravages convenience store

Deering couple arrested for kidnapping & assault
Grand Jury indicts three Antrim men

October 4, 2013

Violette's Supermarket closing in Newport
Man jumps out of moving vehicle to avoid arrest

Former Bennington man killed in Afghanistan
Warner man's body found on Mt. Sunapee

October 5, 2012

H-D's Heidi Welch named "NH Teacher of the Year"
Peterborough woman facing felony DWI

Bradford highway controversy simmers
New London employee grows pot on town property

October 7, 2011

Antrim Girls Shelter to close
Newport seeks competition for Shaws Supermarket

Paul Brown named Newport Manager
New London considers Facilities Coordinator

October 8, 2010

Weare woman assaults arresting officers
Hillsborough's Stone Arch Bridge project continues

AG exonerates Weare Officer

Grand jury indicts Bennington teenager

October 2, 2009

Route 202's "Death Alley" claims another life

Bomb threat at ConVal High School

Peterborough Police looking for child abductor

New Kearsarge Middle School running smoothly

October 3, 2008

Deering Police discover marijuana plants

Sunapee officer retires after 50 years' work

Voluntary fingerprinting controversy in Bennington

Hopkinton rejects privatizing ambulance

October 5, 2007

Hopkinton's Gould Hill Orchard available for sale

Hillsborough man killed in accident

Grapevine receives anonymous \$20,000 gift

Superior Court upholds Greenfield ZBA

October 6, 2006

16-year-old brings gun to Hillsboro-Deering High School

Hopkinton man arrested on drug charges in Weare

Francetown soldier loses arm and leg in Iraq

Melanie Cooper to receive suspended sentence

October 7, 2005

Wal*Mart approved with 20 conditions

Stoddard woman killed on Route 9

ConVal takes steps to reduce thefts

Investigation continues into Warner man's death

Marvel Universe fans needed to help save the world

Marvel Universe fans are asked to assemble in Manchester to help their Superheroes save the world. Mighty Thor shattered the cosmic cube into pieces to prevent it from falling into the wrong hands. But, Thor's villainous brother Loki has devised a scheme to clone its powers, inciting a threat that could not only decimate Earth but also obliterate the Universe. To defeat Loki, Marvel's biggest Super Heroes must band together, including The Avengers - Iron Man, Captain America, Hulk and Thor along with Spider-Man and Wolverine, and must trek across the globe to retrieve the Cosmic Cube fragments and unite them. As the Super Heroes track the Cube, they will encounter some of their biggest adversaries including Green Goblin, Doctor Octopus, Red Skull, Madame Hydra, Aldrich Killian, Electro and more, in the quest for the very same fragments.

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Franklin City Council amends its Ethics Policy

The Franklin Code of Conduct was originally approved in April 2002 and updated in April 2008.

It is provided to newly elected and appointed board members at the request of Mayor Ken Merrifield, the Legislative committee reviewed the document, and proposed adding the following wording which was unanimously adopted by the

City Council: "We remember that we are, first and foremost, servants of the people and treat them with the highest respect and dignity in our public meetings and outside of those meetings. Further, Franklin's public officials should educate themselves on the requirements of the law and ordinances to ensure that they are never using their position to avoid either."

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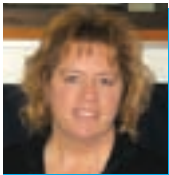
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BY SARAH CHAPIN

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has expanded the approved use for Lucentis (ranibizumab injection) 0.3 mg and Eylea (aflibercept) injection to treat diabetic retinopathy (DR) in patients with diabetic macular edema (DME). Diabetic retinopathy is the most common diabetic eye disease and is a leading cause of blindness in adults in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, diabetes (type 1 and type 2) affects more than 29 million people in the United States and is the leading cause of new blindness among people ages 20 to 74 years. In 2008, 33 percent of adults with diabetes ages 40 years or older had some form of DR. In some cases of DR with DME, abnormal new blood vessels grow on the surface of the retina. Severe vision loss or blindness can occur if the new blood vessels break.

Patients taking digoxin to control atrial fibrillation face a 27 percent greater risk of dying than atrial fibrillation patients who are not taking digoxin, according to an analysis of 19 studies involving more than 500,000 patients presented at the American College of Cardiology's 64th Annual Scientific Session in San Diego.

Taking commonly used medications with anticholinergic effects is associated with a significantly higher risk for developing pneumonia in a study in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics* of more than 3,000 older Group Health patients living in the community — not in nursing homes.

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Nancy Gregory and Hazel Johnstone.

National Merit Semifinalist from Stark

Christopher Corkery, Principal of John Stark Regional High School announced today that Nancy Gregory has been named a Semifinalist and Hazel Johnstone a Commended Student in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. Gregory will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships. Semifinalists represent the highest scoring entrants in each state who took the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) as juniors. Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who took the 2014 PSAT. National Merit Scholarship winners of 2016 will be announced beginning in the spring.

Two from Bow are Commended Students

John House-Myers, Principal of Bow High School announced today that Margaret Jensen, Hayden Udelson and Naina Vig have been named Commended Students in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by a spokesperson for National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

ConVal pair are Commended Students

Principal Brian Pickering announced today that Daniel J. Frehner and Douglas A. White have been named Commended Students in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented by Mr. Pickering to these scholastically talented students. Daniel is the son of Carter Judkins of Peterborough and Paul Frehner of Hancock. Douglas is the son of Darrell and Donna White of Dublin.



Daniel Frehner, Principal Brian Pickering, and Douglas White.

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Choose Franklin sponsors 'Speed Dating With The Candidates'

Franklin Mayoral, city council and school board candidates participated in a "Candidates Forum, sponsored by Choose Franklin, at City Hall Monday evening. The more traditional Forum was preceded by a "speed dating session" where voters could rotate among the candidates for a more personal exchange. Several positions are contested in the October 6th election, including Mayor where incumbent Ken Merrifield is being challenged by Logan Barbosa. Delaney Carrier, who did not bother to attend, is running against incumbent Tony Guinta in Ward 1. In Ward 2, Olivia Zink and Rene Desmarais, another no-show, are challenging incumbent Glen Feener. The Franklin School Board has four open seats, but only one contested race. The Ward 3 position

has three people on the ballot: Karen McAllister, Deborah Brown and Mark Dixon. No one filed for the Ward 1 seat and Ward 2 has two open seats, a two-year term that

Scott Burns, who was appointed to the board earlier this year, is running for, and a three-year term that McAllister's sister Carla Lavoy is seeking.



Franklin's Candidates Forum began with a "speed dating" session where voters rotated among the candidates for more personal interaction.

Lease Newport's L'il Red Baron

Town Manager O'Keefe stated that a letter had been sent to the last lessee concerning his interest in the L'il Red Baron Restaurant. He explained the individual's response and stated the Town had not heard from him. His deadline was up. Mr. Brown had attended an Airport Study Committee meeting. They had voted unanimously that if the L'il Red Baron was not sold as a restaurant that the property not be offered for sale to anyone else, but remain as a part of the airport and be leased as a source of revenue for the Airport Fund. There was a discussion on the feasibility of another restaurant going onto the building. It was the consensus of the Board to put the leasing of the property out to bid.

Weare Selectmen seek comments on Noise Ordinance

At a recent Weare Selectmen's meeting a new noise ordinance was discussed. After looking at ordinances from other towns, the Board and Town Administrator Naomi L. Bolton have pared the proposed ordinance to six items.

While the final ordinance will not have

to be voted on until March, the Board is working on this now to try to get as much public input as possible. Therefore, Bolton will put it on the website and contact the campgrounds so everyone will have a chance to see it and give comments back to the Board.

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Rep. Smith selected for Leadership Conference in Philadelphia

In August, State Representative Steve Smith had the honor of representing NH in the Council of State Governments Eastern Leadership Conference in Philadelphia. This academy takes applicants who are in government from the eastern US and Canada. Smith was one of the 28 accepted.

Participants learned a variety of collaboration techniques, how to evaluate media reports, negotiation, and presentation skills. Smith found it particularly interesting talking to Canadian mem-

bers of Provincial Parliaments, whose differing viewpoints don't align along the political axis that we are used to. They went through a variety of exercises where, despite the fact that they didn't

know each other, required them to work together to achieve a goal. Smith said, "It was a great experience that I hope makes me more effective representing my district."



Representative Steve Smith (R).

New Boston hires Segien

New Boston Town Administrator Peter Flynn reported the Selectmen are to hire Maralyn Segien conditionally and allow her to begin work as the new Selectmen's Assistant. She has been working in the position for about a week and working very well. Flynn recommended the Selectmen officially approve this hire, which they did unanimously.

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Matthew, Katie and Liam Grimes.

Matthew Grimes and Katie Meisel wed

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Grimes were married September 12th in a double ring ceremony. Lisa Meisel, mother of the bride, was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Deedee Grimes, mother of the groom, Karen Donnelly, and Carol St. Onge. Best man was Christopher Grimes, brother of groom. Groomsmen were Harold Grimes, father of the groom, Jeff Meisel brother of the bride, and Steven Meisel father of the bride. Ring Bearer was Liam Grimes, son of the couple. Flower girls were grandmothers, Teresa Parker and Vera Westhall. Matthew is employed at Osram Sylvania and just received his associate's degree in Information Technology. Katie is enrolled at New England College working on her Bachelors in Psychology and will continue for her Master's. A December Honeymoon cruise is planned. The couple lives in Hillsborough.



Friends filled Hillsborough's American Legion hall to celebrate Eugene (Cricket) and Julie Hebert's 50th wedding anniversary.

Woman rescued hiking Mt. Kearsarge

On Sunday afternoon, Wilmot Fire and Rescue, Sutton Fire and Rescue, and New London Fire and Rescue responded to a hiker who sustained a lower leg injury after twisting her leg while falling on the Winslow Trail, Mt. Kearsarge. Two Conservation Officers from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department responded as well. Janet Makarewicz of Northwood, was carried out without event and transported to New London Hospital.

Annual Warner Fall Foliage Festival set for October 10-11

The Warner Fall Foliage Festival will be held October 10 & 11 in downtown Warner. This event is filled with competitions, entertainment, fine crafters, farmers market, music, a midway, and awesome parades. Fairgoers of all ages may join in the competitions or just sit back, watch and enjoy the fun.

The hours are Saturday from 9 to 9, and Sunday from 9 to 6, and admission is free. Parking is \$5, and busses will shuttle folks from the parking areas to downtown at no charge. Handicapped parking downtown is limited. The parades will be held at 1 p.m., with the children's parade on Saturday and the Grand Parade on Sunday, during which time Main Street will be closed. Festival organizers recommend visitors arrive before noon to avoid traffic jams.

The main attractions this year will be the oxen pulling and woodsmen competitions, Five Mile Road Race, Children's Fun Run, and a wide variety of music and entertainment on the stage and other locations. There will be more diverse food offerings than last year, with many more vendors

throughout the festival area, including the ever popular chicken barbecue and lobster tent. The Grand Parade on Sunday will feature an amazing band from Baltimore.

Festival organizers hope you will come and spend a day in Warner, enjoying this wonderful celebration of autumn. More information can be found at: www.wfff.org.



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Weare Select Board Chair Keith Lacasse swears in their newest police officer, Scott Knox, as his daughter Jill and Weare Police Chief Sean Kelly look on. Officer Knox was previously with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department and is certified in New Hampshire.

2nd Annual Brandon Garabrant 5K run

The second annual Brandon Garabrant Memorial 5K walk/run will be held at ConVal High School on Oct. 25. Garabrant, 19, died June 20, 1914, in combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Registration will also take place between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. race day, with the race scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Early registration is \$15, and registration on the day of the race is \$20. Children 12 and under can register for \$10. Proceeds will benefit the Brandon Garabrant Memorial Scholarship Fund.

School Board meeting at Center Woods

The October 20, 2015 Weare District School Board Meeting will be held in the recently renovated library at the Center Woods Elementary School, 14 Center Road in Weare. The meeting time will remain the same, 6 PM. "We completed so many renovations over the summer at Center Woods while moving the 4th grade to the Upper Elementary School at Weare Middle, we thought it would be wonderful for more people to see the improvements," said Weare District School Board Chair Marge Burke. The regular location for the Weare District School Board Meeting will return to the library at the Weare Middle School for the November 17 meeting.

Andover geocaching demonstration 10/10

An outdoor demonstration of geocaching, also known as "high-tech hide-and-seek," will be offered in Andover (NH) on Saturday, October 10, beginning at 10 a.m. The event is open to the public at no charge. All ages are welcome. To be led by Andover resident Glenn Haley, participants will meet in the parking lot of the East Andover fire station on Channel Road for a short walk along the Northern Rail Trail, and should bring their own Global Positioning Systems (GPSs) or smart phones if available. Rain date is Saturday, October 24. Call 735.5135 if weather is questionable.

Sunapee Fire Association purchases iPads

Sunapee Fire Chief Dan Ruggles asked the selectmen to accept a Fire Association Gift of six iPads, cases and mounts for the trucks, at a cost of \$4,610.43. There will be a monthly cost of \$118, which will be paid from the Fire Department's budget. The Board gratefully and unanimously accepted.

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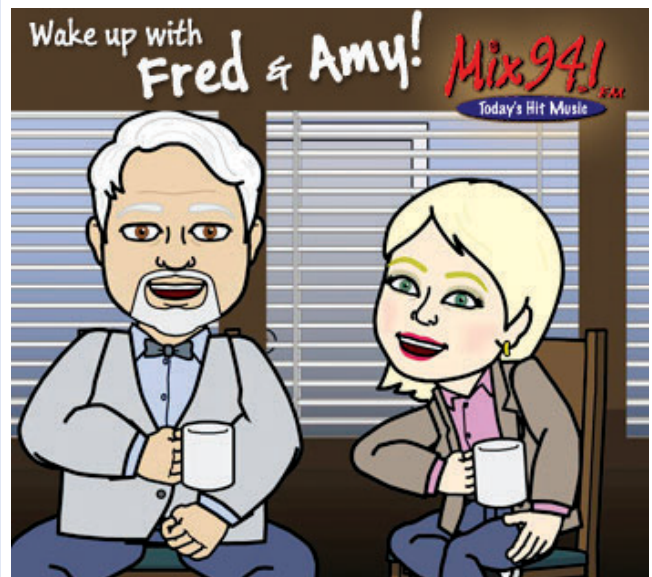
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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

If it ain't broke...

Hopefully, Franklin voters will remember the back end of this saying when they cast their ballot for Mayor on October 6th.

Under the leadership of Mayor Ken Merrifield, Franklin is a city on the move.

A former Chief Financial Officer for the NH Department of Education, and currently managing finances for two Divisions of NH government, Merrifield uses all his vacation time to do city business.

Since becoming Mayor in January 2008, Ken has:

- * Supported the Northern Pass project to energize Franklin's business climate.

- * Worked with the Council and private developers to redevelop downtown properties.

- * Encouraged the largest Solar array project in the state.

- * Arranged to have a NH Employment Security satellite office at the Franklin Library to help unemployed residents.

- * Started the Mayor's Drug Task Force to help prevent drug abuse among young people.

- * Led the effort to raise money to repurchase Franklin High School championship sports banners – which now proudly hang in the Franklin High School gym.

- * Worked with school officials to make Franklin an Open Enrollment District.

- * Encouraged efforts of Franklin For A Lifetime to support senior citizens.

- * Insisted that the City Council review its Ethics Policy, which added the phrase, "We remember that we are, first and foremost, servants of the people and treat them with the highest respect and dignity in our public meetings and outside of those meetings. Further, Franklin's public officials should educate themselves on the requirements of the law and ordinances to ensure that they are never using their position to avoid either."

That is an impressive list of accomplishments, but Ken excels in doing the little things too.

- * When a Planning Board meeting didn't have enough members present, he ran two blocks to another meeting where he knew a couple of members were

available, all to save a Franklin resident from having to wait another month for a decision.

- * He helped a Franklin resident on "life alert" to get her phone service restored during the Fairpoint union strike.

- * He has made countless phone calls and written letters to employers on behalf of unemployed Franklin residents.

- * He teaches confirmation classes for young people at St. Gabriel Parish – where he also sings in the choir and is a lector.

- * When the Mayor's scholarship ran out of money, he wrote a personal check for \$500 to the 2014 recipient.

A member of the Franklin Elks, Lions, VFW Auxilliary, Franklin Opera House Board of Directors, and the Business & Professional Women's Club, he is known and respected statewide;

- * Both Gov. Lynch and Gov. Hassan appointed him to the state's "Workforce Opportunity Council".

- * He was one of only five mayors in the entire United States selected by the "National League of Cities" to host a statewide conference on youth after school programs in 2014.

- * He was chosen as the Franklin Elks "Citizen" of the year for 2013, and as a 2015 "Early Learning Champion" by Early Learning NH.

- * Merrifield has been nominated three years in a row as a "Community Hero" by the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, and Portsmouth Mayor Bob Lister has called him "a hero" for his work battling substance abuse.

Based on all this, Ken was awarded the 2015 Gov. Mel Thomson "Principle Above Politics" Award.

His opponent Logan Barbosa has said he has "no issue with those who are in office right now, and that "he hopes to focus on drug use problems and safety of the community, improve the city's infrastructure, increase the district's education standards, allow Northern Pass to build and operate in Franklin and attract businesses and improve the downtown area."

That's exactly what Ken Merrifield is already doing successfully. And, that's exactly why Ken Merrifield deserves your votes.



Officer Kondash



Officer Soccio

New London adds two new police officers

Two new officers recently joined the New London Police Department ranks as certified officers. Officer Joseph P. Kondash II is a lateral transfer from Montville Police Department where he served for 4 1/2 years prior to coming to NLPD. During his time at Montville PD, Officer Kondash was honored as the 2013 Police Officer of the Year and received the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Award twice for DUI enforcement. Kondash was a Field Training Officer, EMT certified, child safety seat certified and also achieved Taser Instructor. Officer Soccio is a lateral transfer from UCONN Police Department. Officer Soccio is a 3 year veteran police officer who also served as a police officer with George Mason University Police Department. Soccio has a bachelor of arts degree from The Catholic University of America where he majored in Politics and minored in philosophy. Kondash is also a certified Field Training Officer.

Hillsborough woman injured in accident

State police said one woman was killed and another suffered serious injuries in a head-on crash near Exit 2 on Interstate 89 in Concord during heavy rain early Wednesday. State police from Troop D responded to reports of a two-car, head-on collision near Exit 2 on I-89 in Concord. Police reported one vehicle rolled over, while a second vehicle caught fire. Police said a Jeep Liberty driven by an unidentified woman was traveling north when it crossed the center median for an unknown reason and collided head-on with a Ford Focus operated by Lynda Rawnsley, 51, of Hillsborough. The driver of the Jeep was pronounced dead at the scene, while Rawnsley was transported to Concord Hospital with serious injuries. The name of the deceased driver has not been released.

Renaming streets quicker than zip code

Goffstown officials are not counting on an expedited vote from the Postal Service to change Pinardville's ZIP code to 03045. The Board has received a letter from the state Department of Emergency Services Communications advocating for the change of street names as a quicker solution. "The DESC feels that renaming the duplicate or similar sounding streets will be the best way to reduce the confusion for the residents, dispatches, (and) emergency services that may be responding to a call," the letter reads. It also states that while changing the ZIP code would be ideal, tabling the issue until 2022 poses the risk of "more potentially life-threatening delays in emergency response for Pinardville."

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Lake Sunapee Region VNA nurse Dianna Ginter gets a flu vaccine shot ready at a flu shot clinic at the Lake Sunapee Methodist Church in Sunapee September 28. The Lake Sunapee VNA will hold 4 more flu clinics this fall starting October 2 at the town offices in Washington, October 7, at Hilltop in New London, Grantham EMD Health Fair October 10 and at the Warner Pharmacy October 14. Paul Howe photo.

Series of five Franklin arson fires are not related

At Amber Cowan's probable cause hearing on Monday, witnesses confirmed that on the night of the fire Cowan had threatened to start the fire using gasoline, while investigators testified that there is evidence that an accelerant, gasoline, was used to start a fire that destroyed a building earlier this month. Cowan, 28, who has been

charged with starting a blaze that ravaged an apartment house at 36 School Street, Cowan was ordered held on \$600,000 cash bail. Fire Chief Kevin LaChapelle also confirmed that a fire set earlier in the building next door was believed set by a juvenile, who was under 8 years of age. That juvenile was referred to a juvenile program.

Newport Board of Selectmen commend Paul Brown

Chairman Gary Nichols addressed the public in attendance. He spoke of Mr. Paul Brown's years of dedication to Newport, originally as Finance Director and then stepping up to become Acting Town Manager. He told the audience that Mr. Brown had accomplished that job while at the same time continuing in his role as Finance Director.

Chairman Nichols continued explaining Brown's tenure, reminding the attending and viewing public that when asked, Brown had taken on the responsibilities of full-time Town Manager as well as his duties

as Finance Director. He did them well and also became involved in other aspects of the community. Chairman Nichols stated that Mr. Brown had decided last year to step down from the Town Manager position and continue with his Finance Director position. He helped Newport with its selection of a new Town Manager. It would not be right if as a Board and community we did not express our thanks to Paul Brown, he said. Chairman Nichols asked Brown to come to the Selectmen's desk, where he was presented a gift of appreciation. Brown thanked the Board.

Academy Building repairs proceeding on schedule

New London Town Administrator Kim Hallquist spoke with Frank Anzalone last week to get an update on the Academy building project.

Anzalone inspected the building with Trumbull-Nelson staff and a structural engineer. They are happy with how the building looks under the clapboards so far. There are two areas where structural beams need repair. He believes repairs can be made

without extreme additional cost. Trumbull-Nelson will measure for windows this week and they plan to apply spray foam insulation in the next week or two. Anzalone indicated that his project estimate, \$230,000, continues to be good. Hallquist said they do not foresee any problems with the cupola. Anzalone will be providing a written report with pictures when he returns after a week out of town.




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