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#### **BANK PROMOTIONS Ledyard National Bank**

Ledyard National Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Alison Bruce to Senior Vice President. Alison is a long-term Ledyard

long-term Ledyard employee who celebrated her 16th anniversary

with the bank this past year. This new title is an acknowledgement of how her role has expanded as Compliance and BSA Officer, Information Security Officer, CRA Officer, Privacy Officer, and Security Officer.

#### **Lake Sunapee Bank**

Lake Sunapee Bank is pleased to announce the addition of Debbie Johnson as Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer, who will be joining our growing team in Concord.

Debbie has more than



20 years as a Commercial Lender. "I am very excited to join Lake Sunapee Bank and to be part of growing the new Concord office" acknowledged Debbie.

#### **Bank Of New Hampshire**

Barry S. Leonard, EVP — Chief Commercial Banking Officer for Bank of New Hampshire is proud

to announce that Tania L.
Baert has been promoted
to Senior Vice President

- Senior Commercial



Credit Officer. Tania began her banking career at Bank of New Hampshire in December 2001, and will oversee the Commercial Credit Support and workout areas of the Commercial Banking Division.

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The Sunapee Police Department hosted a visit by residents of Sunapee Cove on January 20th. Ron Garceau of the Sunapee Historical Society was on hand and narrated a slide presentation of images of the Lake Sunapee area dating back to the early 1900's. Refreshments were served and the residents were given a tour of the police department by Chief Cahill.

## Franklin fire

#### Elderly man homeless after late night fire

An elderly Franklin man is homeless after a two- alarm fire destroyed his Nelson Street house Saturday night. Fire Chief Kevin LaChappelle called the blaze an "accident" and said it started when the man emptied his wood stove's ashes outside his front door, too close to combustible materials.

A first alarm was upon reaching the scene, as the building was already well-involved in flames. Firefighters knocked down the fire on

the exterior of the building," but the flames extended into the interior, triggering a second alarm which brought a total of 30 firefighters to fight the fire, including crews from Tilton/Northfield, Belmont, Concord, Boscawen, Bristol, Gilford, New Hampton and Sanbornton but by the time firefighters had the fire under control, the building was "uninhabitable," LaChappelle said. The occupant, who lived alone in the home, was not injured.

#### Bow may discontinue New Boston dispatch service

New Boston Police Chief James Brace met with the Selectmen to discuss the current dispatch service. The Town of Bow, e-mailed Brace that it may defund the dispatch service and New Boston should start looking for another dispatch service.

This could occur by June 30, 2016. The Chief has reached out to viable dispatch services for quotes and data conversion costs. He will try to negotiate some of these costs with Bow as he feels they are violating the contract. He recommends New Boston send Bow a letter that this may have a significant impact on New Boston taxpayers. Joe Constance recommended the letter include language that Bow violated the contract. Peter Flynn recommended contacting town counsel. Brace said it is expected that Bow will be using Merrimack County Dispatch and that is probably a significant step backward in technology.



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#### **January 30, 2015**

Newport Superintendent ousted Bow presents plan for Public Safety Building Goffstown Police seek information on stabbing Sinape traffic stop leads to drug arrest.

#### January 31, 2014

David Lantz is Newport's Citizen of the Year Bomb threat clears Kearsarge Middle School Henniker adopts "Pay to Play" athletic program New Boston couple assaults police officer

#### **February 1, 2013**

Doug Mumford named Hopkinton Fire Chief Five towns discuss potential withdrawal from ConVal Martha Taylor named "Outstanding Woman" Sunapee seeking new Highway Director

#### **February 3, 2012**

Plane crash kills daughter
Peterborough crash leads to DWI arrest
Newport High School Principal suspended
Warner teen indicted on felony charge

#### **February 4, 2011**

Newport concert to benefit Keith Walker John Stark team in national Finals Jim Coffey's trial set for April 7 Kearsarge Blizzard Bags getting noticed

#### **January 29, 2010**

Snowmobiler killed in Stoddard crash Teens charged with Hillsborough break-ins Double domestic assault in Weare Founder sues Hopkinton School

#### January 30, 2009

Weare accident closes Route 114
Greenfield fire destroys home
Weare and Town Administrator agree to mutual separation
Newbury Selectmen oppose Planning Board

#### **February 1, 2008**

Leo Corriveau named Superintendent of SAU #34 Antrim's Ben Pratt won't seek re-election Several arrests follow Pats Peak thefts Weare man charged with plot to assault officer

#### February 2, 2007

Brutal murder shocks Hillsborough residents New London Hospital plans a major expansion Crotched Mt. seeks year-round approval Old Glory flies over Bagdad for NEC coaches

#### **February 3, 2006**

Violettes celebrating 89th & 90th birthdays New England College celebrates its 60th anniversary VIP Auto stores coming to Hillsborough Troopers save Warner woman from cliff

## Weatherstone project on hold over pending fee dispute

A long-awaited commercial development in Hillsborough has been put on hold after the town's Sewer & Water Commissioners announced it would charge the developer a \$223,000 hook-up fee. Michael Black's Weatherstone project has been suspended while, he and the Commissioners address this unanticipated development.

Black has been working with the Hillsborough Planning Board for several years in anticipation of bringing a large retail facility to the site. The project has received favorable responses from the Selectmen, Planning and Zoning Boards, the Economic Development Commission and residents in general.

When the project was first introduced, the fee for commercial access was set at \$10,000 each for water and sewer. For Weatherstone the total would have been \$80,000 for the four building complex.

When Riverside Precision Sheet Metal applied, the Board realized that \$10,000 was too high for that small commercial building and adopted a new fee schedule based on anticipated flow at \$5/gallon/day.

The new schedule reduced Riverside's cost to \$1450 but results in a Weatherstone charge of \$111,800 each for water and sewer access.

Since then the Board realized that it needed a public hearing before changing water fees, but not for sewer fees. and the \$111,800 charge for water has been reduced to \$7,500. Weatherstone engineers have projected flow rates substantially lower that those used by the Commission, which has agreed to use those rates initially and monitor flow for the first year of operation.

Finally, the commission has hired a consultant to study the rate structure and make recommendations.

Weatherstone engineers have agreed

that the town's \$5/gallon/day is less that many other towns, so if the parties can agree on the anticipated flow, the issue should be resolved



The Sunapee Fire Department respond to black smoke coming from a chimney at a house in Sunapee just before 5pm January 25. The cause of the smoke was from a faulty furnace. The fire department also vented the house because of high carbon monoxide levels in the home. The owner of the home who was not home at the time has been contacted and furnace repairs were under way Monday night. Paul Howe photo.

#### **Hockey to return to Bob Andrews Memorial Ice Rink**

#### By Heather Dion, Messenger Intern

The New London Selectmen met to discuss several issues including the banning of hockey at the Bob Andrews Memorial Ice Rink. Many came out to discuss the ban and a large discussion was had amongst the Recreation Commission as well as members of the community who were opposed to the ban. An active discussion occurred. Safety was brought up as an issue to why the sport was banned. The Recreation Commission and the community came up with a solution to put up

fencing to ensure the safety of passersby and other accidents from occurring and planned to execute the plan as quickly as the 20th.

The Selectmen also looked over a plan presented by the energy committee to switch the lights in the town from halogen to a more environmentally efficient light bulb. They brought an example of the light that the ones in town could be changed to. The light shall be hung in town to show the difference between the current lights and what they could potentially become.



## **Welcome New Readers!**

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#### Suspected Goffstown bank robber caught

Goffstown Police received a call reporting a robbery at the Citizen's Bank branch office on Church Street, Goffstown Village. The suspect is described by witnesses at the bank as a approximately 6 foot tall black male with light brown skin and some missing teeth. The suspect was wearing a dark grey or black hooded sweatshirt with a pocket on the left chest, that pocket has light grey or white trim. The suspect handed a note to the teller, but did not display a weapon at the time of the incident. An undisclosed amount of cash was taken in the robbery Manchester Police K-9 units assisted Goffstown units in the investigation. The FBI has also been notified. Police report that as of press time they have a suspect in hand.

#### Sunapee Fire EMS Seeks new members

The Sunapee Fire EMS Department is seeking community members for many positions within the Department. Are you a community minded person who wishes to serve the community on the front lines of emergency responses? The SFD may be your opportunity. The Department will provide all your training and equipment. Even if you do not wish to fight fires inside a building we need members to fulfill support positions from outside the fire, during motor vehicle accidents, weather emergencies and other non-firefighting roles in the communications room and on our Auxiliary to provide refreshments and support to the firefighters and EMTs. Applicants for the EMS Company must be NH licensed providers prior to acceptance to the company.

#### Firefighter injured fighting Sunday fire

One firefighter was taken to a hospital after battling a blaze in New London on Sunday night, officials say. Crews were called to the home on Squires Lane shortly before 10 p.m., where they found flames coming from a first-floor bedroom. Officials believe the fire was caused by the improper disposal of smoking materials. Authorities did not disclose further details about the firefighter's condition.

#### Missing 13-year-old Weare boy found safe

A 13-year-old boy from Weare was found safe in Goffstown Thursday night. Colin left home at about 6:30 p.m., and Weare police said he was found before 11:30 p.m. Police were particularly worried because it was so cold, and Colin was last seen wearing black running pants with a red stripe, a black hoodie and black Nike sneakers. New Hampshire Fish and Game officials assisted in the search for Colin Thursday night.

## Weare voters will be asked to approve \$1.36 million highway garage

The Weare Selectmen held a Public Hearing(on the proposal of bonding \$1,360,000.00 for the cost of constructing a new Public Works Garage at the current location of 224 Merrill Road. Vice Chairman Clow provided those present with some background before opening the discussion up to the public.

There was a Highway Garage Subcommittee that consisted of eight (8) residents. The subcommittee contained a good cross reference of residents with broad representation from the fire department, historical society, builders, selectmen, public works director, finance committee and residents. The subcommittee met numerous times and they visited Newbury's new garage and Sutton's garage as a group.

Individually members have checked out the new garage in Henniker and spoken with the Clerk of the Works who is a Weare resident. There has been lots of work by lots of members to come forth with this proposal. Public Works Director Tim Redmond stated that the previous plan was 80' x 180' and this plan calls for the building to be 80' x 140'. The projected cost being used is \$105 per SF. This will be a design build building.

Vice Chairman Clow added that the Board of Selectman has elected to go with a ten year bond. In 2015 the last payment on the Bridge Bond was made and in 2016 the last payment on the Ferrante Land bond will be made. The first payment for this garage would not occur until 2017. The difference in payments on the 2015 long term debit to this projected payment is approximately 6 cents on the tax rate of a \$200,000 home.

Director Redmond stated that based on all the vehicle sizes, they will all fit in the

new facility. The backhoe and the skid steer will have to stay out. Mr. Lawton asked if the plan still included a wash bay. Director Redmond responded, yes. Director Redmond further added that although it is 40' shorter it will work. It is tight but the plan for the building is to build one end without a 4' foundation wall so that in the event the building needs to be expanded, the end wall can be removed and the walls can be extended without having to build another building.



The new owners of The Greenfield Inn.

#### Greenfield's landmark now under new management

A landmark inn that has hosted visitors for a generation has been sold by the founders to a pair of new owners who plan to build on the rich heritage of providing friendly lodging in this New Hampshire town.

Vince and Barbara Mangini have sold the Greenfield Inn Bed & Breakfast in Greenfield, NH to Kenneth Tetreault and John Jordan of Palmer Mass. The Manginis have run the B&B successfully since they started the business in 1986, and have now retired.

The Inn is a quintessential New

England B&B in the Monadnock Region and near the Crotched Mountain State Park and Crotched Mountain Hospital. The new owners will be continuing and revitalizing the business and plan several renovations to the property. They will continue to operate under the same name and phone numbers. This is a career change for both Ken and John, and owning an inn has been a goal for some time. As they start out on this new business endeavor the Mangini family wishes them much success.





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**Brooke Solomon** 

Jordan Barthol

#### **Wilmot Ladies Aid awards scholarships**

The Wilmot Ladies Aid Society (WLAS) wishes to congratulate its two 2015 Merit Award winners. The WLAS Merit Award Program gives out monetary awards to outstanding student citizens residing in Wilmot to help them defray the expense of continuing their education after high school. These awards are given annually based on exceptional character, scholastic achievement, and community involvement. The program is funded by projects such as the society's famous winter holiday Cookie Walk and a bandstand supper hosted by the society during the summer months. This year two students were recognized for their achievements; Brooke Solomon a freshman at Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts and Jordan Barthol a junior at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont. "We are so proud to be able to support these outstanding young people from Wilmot," said WLAS president, Connie Jordan.

#### **Henniker Community School Honor Roll**

6 Grade Effort: Grace Caplan, Carina Keirstead, Alyson Kenney, Brianna Langdon, Devin Patterson, Arden Ulmer

7 Grade High Honor/Effort: Kira Bergeron, Meghan Cole, William Connor, Delaney Forrestall, Alexandria Garside, Margaret Girardet, Ethan Hauptman, Brynna Newcomb

7 Grade Honor/Effort: Jordyn Case, Madison Dionne, Alana Sevigny, Kacie Weston

7 Grade Honor: Christopher Brennan, Riley Brooks, Allyah Day, Rachel McGirr

8 Grade High Honor/Effort: Eve Caplan, Lily Jensen, Nicholas Kenney

8 Grade High Honor: Matthew Abbott, Lucas Marquardt, Madison Martin, Marcus McFall, Jackson Smith

8 Grade Honor/Effort: Jasmine Campbell

8 Grade Honor: Chloe Astholz, Marissa Aucoin, Eli Bryant, Alex (AJ) Corbett, Bowdyn Egner, Avery Forrestall, Shaun Giles, Jacob Greene, Jonah Hammond, Robert McKellar, Kathryn Reph, Marley Tirrell, Joseph Wegman

#### Area residents named on 40 Under 40 list

Several area residents were included in The Union Leader's List of 40 Under 40, recognizing young leaders in New Hampshire. Franklin - Jennifer Creasy; Francestown - Jennifer A. Vadney; Bow - Katherine "Kate" Peters; Bow - Charles Lloyd; New London - Jackie Christensen Goffstown - Jason Beaudet.

## Group formed to provide ConVal with a 500-seat auditorium

The Contoocook Valley Visual and Performing Arts Center (ConVal VPAC), a registered NH nonprofit corporation, has announced the formation of its Board of Directors. "Each of our Board members brings a unique and broad array of talent, enthusiasm, and leadership experience to this vitally important community-based project," commented Rob Eichler, president of ConVal VPAC. "We're thrilled to have the commitment of so many devoted members of our community coming together for the common good," continued Eichler.

ConVal VPAC is working to design and build a multi-purpose arts facility that will serve as a performing and technical arts center and regional venue for events and exhibitions, located at ConVal Regional High School. The high school was built in 1970 with no performing arts facilities for music or theater. An auditorium had been planned for a space behind the school, but was cut for fiscal reasons.

The centerpiece of the new facility will be a 500-seat auditorium, with a stage large enough to support theater, dance, and musical performances. It will also feature gallery space that will professionally showcase the work of students and guest artists. The building will occupy the open area where it was originally intended to be built, and will be designed with an effort to include energysaving green technologies.



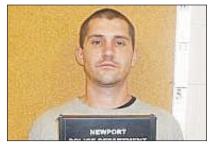
New Board Members include, left to right: Martha Eichler, Liz Halper, Bob Edwards, Krystal Morin, John Halper; back, left to right: Carol Nelson, Gloria Schultz, Dick Sanders, Mary Lou O'Neil, Brian Pickering, Dave DeWitt. Not pictured: Rob Eichler, Sean Ryan and Felicity Pool Photo courtesy: Annie Card Creative Services.



## Newport man indicted for arson, another convicted

Anthony Lantas, 32, of Newport was indicted for arson at a vacant building at 118 North Main St. in Newport on Nov. 3, 2014. Lantas was also indicted on Dec. 22 and charged with one count of burglary at the same location.

Frank Magistro, 39, of Newport, was charged earlier on a count of conspiracy to commit burglary at 118 North Main St. and was subsequently found guilty on Jan. 7. He was sentenced to serve 12 months in the Sullivan County House of Corrections. "These indictments represent the

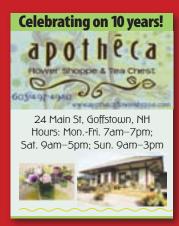


culmination of a long investigation over many months of Lantas and Magistro," said Newport Police Chief Jim Burroughs. The

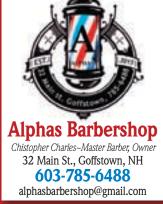


Far left, Anthony Lantas, left, Frank Magistro

residence that once stood at 118 North Main St. has since been demolished and the lot remains empty.



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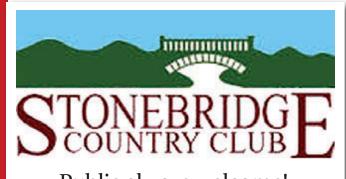


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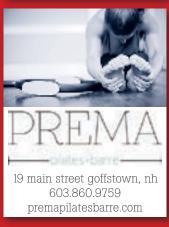
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## New Boston hires Mark Fougere as Planning coordinator

New Boston Town Administrator Peter Flynn noted that over the past couple meetings he has been discussing the reorganization of the Planning Department. There will be a projected savings of \$39,000, due to the resignation of full time Planning Coordinator Nic Strong. Shannon Silver has already been promoted as the new Planning Coordinator.

Flynn recommended hiring an experienced contract Planner. The incoming planner will work part time on a contract basis and will therefore receive no benefits.

An interview occurred with Flynn, Planning Board member Mark Suennen and the only applicant Mark Fougere. Peter and Mark Suennen were impressed with Fougere and recommend his hire.

He is expected to work 24 hours per month with more or less hours as needed.

A one year contract is proposed at \$75 per hour. Peter is familiar with him as he hired him in Henniker seven years ago. Mark Fougere remains a contract planner in Henniker along with three other towns and has provided a valuable service to all.

Peter recommended that Mr. Foug-

ere's contract become effective on February 1, 2016. Mr. Fougere has worked on Master Plans in several towns as well, as

will be as asset in assisting New Boston in updating their Master Plan among other duties. The Board unanimously agreed.



The Secretary of State's office held workshops in January for election officials around the State. All of Hillsborough's Supervisors of the Checklist, the Town Clerk and the Moderator, as well as many other Election officials from other towns attended these informational sessions to hear about new procedures prior to the Primary elections on February 9th.



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BY SARAH CHAPIN

The class of antidepressants known as SSRIs (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors), taken to curb menopausal symptoms, may boost bone fracture risk, suggests research published online in the journal Injury Prevention. The heightened risk seems to last for several years, the findings show, prompting the researchers to suggest that shorter treatment length may be preferable. Further studies are warranted to see if the same association is found at lower doses of these drugs, they say.

About half of all breast cancer patients could benefit from having the cheap and widely-available female hormone progesterone added to their treatment, according to research published in Nature.

FDA is strengthening an existing warning in prescription drug labels and over-the-counter (OTC) Drug Facts labels to indicate that nonsteroidal and anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) can increase the chance of a heart attack or stroke, either of which can lead to death. Those serious side effects can occur as early as the first few weeks of using an NSAID, and the risk might rise the longer people take NSAIDs. (Although aspirin is also an NSAID, this revised warning doesn't apply to aspirin.) The OTC drugs in this group are used for the temporary relief of pain and fever. The prescription drugs in this group are used to treat several kinds of arthritis and other painful conditions. Because many prescription and OTC medicines contain NSAIDs, consumers should avoid taking multiple remedies with the same active ingredient.

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# Newport Carnival

#### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5

## Opening Ceremonies

**6:00p** Torch Lighting, Parade of lights & surprises (Newport Common)

**6:30p** Adult Coed Volleyball games, Newport Rec, round robin with Larry Flint. Limited space, register in advance, 863.1332

**6:30p** Varsity Girls Basketball game vs Winnasquam

(JV @ 5pm)

**7-11:00p** Twin Ridge Mountaineers Casino Night at the Newport Moose Club.

#### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6

10a Superhero Stash
Dash. 1 mile run, starts
at Richards School.
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Richards PTO. \$10
Register onsite.

11:30-3p Bouncy Houses & Obstacle Course at Towle School. Free

**12-1p** Meet & Greet the 2016 Queen Contestants Common

**12-1p** Figure Skate w/the Dartmouth Skate Team on the Common

**Noon** Mustache & Beard Contest, on the Common. All are welcome. Come break the world record.

**Noon** BBQ Festival on the Common.

**Noon** Urgent Care Teddy Bear (bring your teddy) teaching kids first Aid, also a Blood Pressure/Sugar check compliments of Valley Regional & CTValley Home Care. On the Common.

**12:30p** "Headstart" Kids Mustache Contest with Face painting BBQ Festival @ Common (KJ's, Patient Rage, Chris Starcher)

**8p-12a** Arm Wrestling with World Champion Cathy Merrill 1p Tug of War on the Common

**5-7p** Greek Dinner, St. Vasilios Greek Church 45 Winter St, \$12 Adults/ \$6.00 kids

**8-12a** Flew-Z Band (doors open at 7p) Opera House, \$10 pp or \$5.00 if you have all 3 buttons. 21+

#### **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7**

**9:30a- 2:30p** DODGEBALL. Kids start at 9:30, Adults start around 11 at Towle School. Gd K-2 free. Gd 3-8 \$20.

HS/Adult \$25

**10-11:30a** Brunch with Queen Contestants at The Old Courthouse, reservation recommended, 863.8360, \$16.95

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**10a-2p** Historic Winter Carnival Display at the Historical Society Museum, Central St., 863.1294

**12-3** Sugar River Valley Winter Extravaganza @Football field and beyond. Snowman making, sledding, snowshoeing, Food available. Kris Fleming, 765.357.1031, \$1.00.

**1p** Volunteering Challenge (scavenger hunt on snowshoes). All are welcome, meet at Hockey Rink at HS.

#### **MONDAY FEBRUARY 8**

**All day/All week** Register your snowman/sculpture at 863.3040 or email at info@libraryartscenter.org. Map will be online at libraryartscenter.org to check out your favorite. Judging will be held on Saturday, Feb 13 @10a

**5:30p** Yankee luau on the Common. Pig Roast and all the fixings from local businesses (Hosted by the Red Hat ladies) limited tickets (purchace in advance at NRD or Coronis Market) \$10 adult/\$5 child

**6p** Finnish "Wife Carry Contest," Newport Common

#### **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9**

9-11a Paddleball Tournament at Newport Rec. Prizes

**4p** Knights of Columbus #4983 Basketball Free Throw Competition & Hot Shot Challenge at NRD

**5p** Mac & Cheese Bake Off & Cookie Contest at Richards School. Bring your favorite to share or just taste and be a judge! Free. Contact Jeff @ S58.0819 for info

**5:30p** Door Decorating Contest "What WC means to me" @Richards School.

**6:30p** Dylan Tenney Magic Show at Richards School, Tickets \$10.00 Adults/\$5.00 kids

**6:30p** Varsity Girls Basketball vs Inter-Lakes (JV @5p) Winter Carnival Trivia NIght at Salt Hill Pub. It's also 2 burger Tuesday. Prizes.

#### **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10**

**3:30p** Kids Craft Project at the 15 Main St. (library Arts Center, new location). Free. Drop-In. All ages welcome/parents welcome too.

**6-8p** Official WC Dinner at The Old Courthouse Restaurant. Reservation required, 863.8369 buffet \$20.00 + tx & gratuity. Theme: Name that tune from the past 100 yrs. prizes

**6p** Uncorked Painting Class, Main St. (Library Arts Center, new location), \$35.00, register in advance, 863.3040

#### **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11**

11-1p Ping Pong Tournament Newport Rec. Prizes

**3-5p** Ice Skating, games, Soccer on Ice & Turkey Bowling on Common. **6:30p** Rec/Teachers vs Fire/Police Basketball Game, Towle School. Halftime show.

#### **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12**

**5:30-10p** Montessori Babysitting for the Pageant, Montessori School, reservation required, 863.2243. Fee.

**6:30p** Winter Carnival pageant Newport Opera House \$17.50 tickets **10p-12a** Midnight Skating. All welcome. Kids need an adult. Hot cocoa & hot dogs

#### **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13**

**7:00-10:00a** Rotary Pancake Breakfast \$2/\$3 @ Stone Church on Common **10:00a** Snowman/Sculpture Judging. Call the LAC to register, 863.3040. Winners announced online, libraryartscenter.org

**11:00a** Winter Carnival Parade (from HS to Dollar General) (by Newport Fire Fighters Association). To enter contact Chris Smith at 558.1884. Cash prizes for best float in both categories (over/under 25'). Look for the Parade Fly Over T6 Texan.

**11:00-3:00p** Games, Food, Music, Ice Skating & sliding on the beautiful Newport Common

11:30-1:30P Hot Cocoa Bar by New London Hospital, Common

12:00p Axe Man Challenge, Common (open to participate, over 18).

**12:00-3:00p** Fast paced Ski Joring (@ParlinField, airport)

**12:00-2:00p** Horse drawn wagon rides around beautiful Newport Common

**12:30a** Greased Pig on Ice. Put on your skates & see if you can catch him. Prizes PETA Friendly

**12:45p** Hot Dog Eating Contest on the Common. Free. Hosted by: Sons of the American Veterans Club

1:00p Belly Flop Contest on the Common

**1:00p** Hill Billy Snowshoe Race, bring your own shoes. Common. Sponsored by Lk Sun Baptist Church. Prizes.

**10a-3p** Photo Contest at Library Arts Center, @15 Main Street. Theme: Cause of Celebration. Drop off your artwork at the Library Art Center any day that week (1p judging)

**2:00p** Frozen Open at Meadow Park. One Club, One Ball. Memories galore. Contact Lari Bell 863.7913

**5p** Roast Pork Dinner at SeniorCenter, 863.3177, \$10. Adult/ \$5 kids 12 & under

**7-11p** 100th Snowflake Semi Formal Ball at the Opera House

#### **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14**

7-10a Salt Hill Pub Irish Breakfast, Newport 863.7774

7a Pinnacle Tackle Fishing Derby. Check in at Pinnacle Tackle, 865.5411

**9a** 17th Annual Karr Klassic Hockey game. First 30 players to show (18+), teams picked game day. Sticks thrown @ 8:45a

**10-2p** Historic Winter Carnival display at the Newport Historical Society, Central St., 863.1294

**11a** Siebogging (Meet at Moose Club). Open to all. Sieboggin provided. New twist on the 01' sled.

**11:30a** Adult Broom Hockey Games at the Hockey Rink (High School). Trevor Fratzel 372.6936

12-3p Fast paced Ski Joring at Parlin Field

1p Frisbee Golf Tournament, Town Forest. Meet in the HS

**1p** Horseshoes on Snow at the Vets Club, 477.4743. Buck or a button

**3:30-7:30p** Valentines Day Date Night. Childcare for ages 3+ at Headstart. Reservation required, \$15, call 863.3112

**4p** Murder Mystery Dinner @ Moose (babysitting at Headstart), 863.1040

**7:30p** Closing Ceremony with Fireworks at MeadowPark



#### TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

#### 2016 Proposed Town Budget

The Town of Hillsborough Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. at the Hillsborough Town Hall, 27 School Street, for the purpose of hearing public comment on the 2016 Proposed Town Budget.

## A Chiropractor's Thanks

Following 35 years of offering Chiropractic health care services to many wonderful people, a recent change in my own condition has mandated a lifestyle change.

The Hillsboro Chiropractic Center, Inc. has closed, ending a career filled with rewarding results and memorable relationships. The outpouring of support from well-wishers is overwhelming and deeply comforting. I offer to each of my patients a heartfelt thank you and a health-filled farewell.

Sincerely, James P. Powers, D.C.



## Fred and Amy in the moOOOOoorning!











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#### **Senior Lifestyles**

A Guide for New Hampshire's Active Seniors



## Publisher's Perspective by Leigh Bosse

#### We were well served

Each of our jobs or professions has its own good points and bad points, but none can be more demanding and stressfull than being a small town Police Chief. The job demands that you not only be a great cop, but also a legal expert, administrator, supervisor, budget guru and politician, all at the same time.

In The Messenger's readership area, we have been blessed with a trio of such individuals, who have retired or soon will.

Bennington's Steve Campbell, Wash-

ingtons Steve Marshall and Henniker's Ryan Murdough have held their positions for several years with a grace and dignity demanded of the office. Each administered a professional department with a commanding presence tempered by a humble humanity that gave us confidence that justice was being served evenly without favor or prejudice. We thank each of them for their service, congratulate them on their retirement and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

#### Take a deep breath and relax

Nothing spreads faster than a bad cold or a bad rumor. This last week, Hillsborough has been abuzz with rumors about the Sewer & Water Commission attempting to block Michael Black's Weatherstone commercial development on Route 202.

Terms such as bait and switch, traitors, and anti development have been thrown around and the Commissioners described as evil personified. Residents are in arms and ready to do anything short of lynching, including abolishing the Commission.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The lead article on page 3 attempts to put the situation into context. Strangely enough, this situation arose because a pro-growth commission felt a \$10,000 fee

was too high for the Riverside Sheet Metal company and revised their rate schedule. The result inadvertently triggered this dispute with Michael Black.

These Commissioners are honest people, trying to promote the best for the town, Chris Sieg has been a business owner in town for years. Peter Mellen, a second generation surveyor runs a business that is totally dependent on growth, and Herm Weigleman, as Chair of the Planning Board has demonstrated his procommercial development attitude, including support for this project.

So, sit back and relax. There are good people working on it as we go to press. I am confident it will soon be resolved.



## **Letters to the Editor**

#### **Dear Editor:**

I wanted to thank you for your positive coverage in your editorial from January 8th regarding the Tentative Agreement recently reached between the teachers and the Hillsboro-Deering School Board. Throughout the negotiations, we worked hard to get a deal done that was fair not only to the teachers, but one that was also fiscally responsible to the taxpayers that we serve. We realize that many families in our community are still struggling and made many concessions to help control the overall cost and limit the impact on the tax rate.

As presented to the public at last night's Budget Hearing, if approved, all teachers will be on the least expensive health care plan offered by the district starting next year. We

also agreed to a 5% increase in our health care contribution starting next year and to changes that more than double our prescription drug co-pays. Our team felt this was the right move to make given the current economic uncertainty. These changes will result in savings of \$147,979 in the first year and \$181,158 by year three. Yes, the contract itself will result in a \$163,286 increase, but that is only \$26,228 higher than the increase without a contract, largely due to the annual health care rate increases beyond our control.

We are proud to work in this community and help your children, grandchildren, and neighbors' children reach their fullest potential as students, future employees and citizens. This deal helps the district stay competitive and keeps good teachers here at HillsboroDeering. We are all in this together and I urge people to support Article 6 by voting yes for the Teachers' Contract on March 8th.

Alex Luhtjarv. President Hillsboro-Deering Federation of Teachers \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### **Dear Editor:**

It's the time of year again when the Hillsboro District Food Pantry will be holding a fundraiser during the months of March and April. For the past few years, except last year because it was cancelled, we had been participating in a fundraiser called the Feinstein Challenge. The Feinstein Challenge would put up \$1,000,000 as a grant so that 501c3 organizations that focused on feeding people, such as food pantries and soup kitchens, could fundraise during those two months for a chance at a portion of the grant money. Because the Feinstein Challenge was cancelled, I have come up with a similar version of it and call it the Hillsboro Challenge. Instead of the Feinstein \$1,000,000 grant monies, I have received pledges from many of the area businesses in Hillsboro. They have made pledges to be given to the pantry if, and only if, we reach a goal of \$8,000 in our fundraising efforts. Similar to the Feinstein Challenge, all monies collected during the Hillsboro Challenge must be collected from March 1st-April 31st to qualify for the challenge. Also, similar to the Feinstein Challenge, all food items donated from March 1st - April 31st will be valued at \$1 per can or per pound. At the end of April, we will total up all monies collected, and value of all food items donated, and if they total \$8000, or more, then the businesses send in their pledged monies. Because of the support of the following businesses: Amadio Insurance, Up In Vapors, High Tide, Hillsboro House Of Pizza, Douglas Hatfield, Knapton Reade and Woods Agency, Ming Du Restaurant, Valo Home Improvement, Village Discount Center, and J.D. Foods, we already have pledges amounting to \$1249. So please, during the months of March and April, support the Hillsboro District Food Pantry and contribute to the Hillsboro Challenge. Please consider stopping by the businesses mentioned in this article and thanking them for being a friend to the pantry. Any questions contact Gene Gould, Hillsborough.

#### **Dear Editor:**

Sheriff Scott Hilliard has presented Police Chief Erin Commerford with a proposal for using county dispatch for the Bow Police rather than the current situation where Bow spends \$497,000 doing its dispatch. Currently Bow employs a supervisor and four dispatchers handling 26,000 calls a year.

Bow previously built up its dispatch center when almost a dozen towns paid for the service. Over the years most of those towns have gone with the Merrimack County Dispatch Center.In December the towns of Weare and Dunbarton also withdrew leaving us with only New Boston which pays Bow \$30,624 a year for police dispatching service. New Boston is likely to go with either Goffstown or Hillsborough County's service if Bow switches.

Selectman Ben Kiniry said the net cost savings could be significant because the County proposed performing dispatching for only \$56,340. The Fire Department dispatches through the Capital Area Mutual Aid network of about 20 towns and Concord. The bulk of the current Bow cost is salaries and benefits of \$468,000. Paying \$56,340 and foregoing the \$30,624 income from New Boston will result in a reduction from the 2015-2016 budget for the Police Department of about \$400,000.

Merrimack County's Communications Supervisor, Cecily McNair, said the timing is excellent because the county "is planning a million dollar upgrade to our system to help insure that our coverage in the county is the best."

#### Concerned Taxpayers of Bow \*

#### **Dear Editor:**

To: Hillsboro-Deering **Community Members** 

We have well intentioned school board members but they are not doing their job. Their first responsibility is to work to improve student achievement. Our students are doing poorly overall. The Board should work on developing a budget that reflects quality education for all students. They are elected by the community to develop and adopt policies and

Our school district is under-performing.

outstanding curriculum.

They have authority over the business and management of the district. This means that the Superintendent is their employee, not vice versa. I wonder if the board ever asks the Superintendent to try to cut expenditures.

We need people to run for the Board who will work to get a quality education for our students and try to control spending. Obviously, excessive spending is not the answer or we would have better results for the students. We spend quite a bit more than the state average per student but are close to the bottom in test

Please make sure you vote and encourage others to do the same.

The Deliberative Session is held on February 1, 2016 at 7pm in the Middle School Cafetorium.

> Thank you. Mary L. Lannon, Hillsborough

# Messenger

#### Pick up your Messenger at:

Andover: Jake's, Circle K, Diner,

Antrim: Antrim Marketplace, Rick & Dianne's,

**Fdmunds** 

**Bennington:** Albertos, Harris Convenience,

**General Store** 

Bow: Town Office, Mobil, Chen Yang Li **Bradford:** Bradford Marketplace, Bank, Post

Office, Appleseed

Claremont: Hannafords Market Basket

**Dunbarton:** Pages Corner **Elkins:** Post Office

Francestown: General Store

Franklin: Hannafords, City Hall, Franklin Savings Bank, Cumberland Farms, Pizza Chef

Georges Mills: Jake's Market Goffstown: Sully's, Sawyers, Vicksters, Village Trestle, Shell, Cumberland Farms,

China Gormet

Grantham: Rum Brook Market, Circle K

**Greenfield:** Harvester Market Goshen: General Store, Lumber Barn Guild: Post Office, Dorr Mill Store Hancock: General Store, Fiddleheads **Henniker:** Harvester, Pharmacy, All In One Market, Henniker Farm Store, Edmunds Hillsborough: Shaws, Post Office, Diner, JD Foods, Lake Sunapee Bank, Santander, Bank of NH, McDonalds, Subway, Dunkin' Donuts, William's Store

**Hopkinton:** Town Hall, Cracker Barrel **Jaffrey:** Belletetes, Mr Mike's, Dunkin' Donuts

**Keene:** Hannafords, Price Chopper **Lebanon:** Shaws (2), Price Chopper (2) Newbury: Marzelli's, Bubba's, Post Office **Newport:** Shaws, Caronis Market, T-Bird,

Circle K, Quick Stop

New Boston: General Store New London: Hannafords, Colonial Pharmacy, MacKenna's, Jake's Market Peterborough: Shaws, Toadstool Bookstore,

Mr Mike's, Hospital, Dunkin' Donuts, Brady's, Roy's, Nonnies

Rindge: Market Basket, Hannaford **Sunapee:** Mini Mart, Pizza Market, Town Hall Sutton: Vernondale Store, Post Offices Warner: Market Basket, Foothills Restaurant,

Circle K

**Washington:** General Store

Weare: Town Hall, Dimitri's, Country 3, Lanctots, Blackbird Market & Deli

Wilmot: Park & Go

## **Dunbarton police investigating three recent burglaries**

On Friday, January 22nd around 8:30 pm, Dunbarton Police responded to the parking lot at the Hopkinton-Everett OHRV Park to investigate a theft from a vehicle and attached trailer. On scene investigation revealed that the suspect(s) broke a window to the vehicle and cut off several locks on the enclosed trailer. Numerous items of value were taken to include a black Yamaha YZ250 Dirt Bike and a red and black YZ450F Sport ATV.

On Saturday, January 23rd around 9:35 am, Dunbarton Police responded to a residence on Everett Dam Road to investigate a theft from a shed on the property. On scene investigation revealed that the suspect(s) broke off a lock to the shed and stole a North Star generator.

On Monday, January 25th around 6:11 PM, Dunbarton Police responded to a residence on Holiday Shore Drive to investigate a residential burglary. On scene investiga-

tion revealed that the suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked door. Numerous electronic items were taken. The incident took place between 7 am and 6 pm.

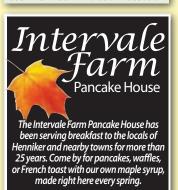
A neighborhood canvas revealed that a silver pickup truck, unknown make, model or plate, was seen in the immediate area during the time frame in which the burglary took place. If you have any information about these crimes, please contact the Dunbarton Police Department at (603) 224-1232.

Find it in Henniker! The only one on earth!

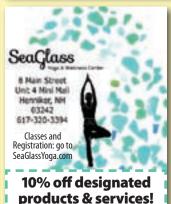




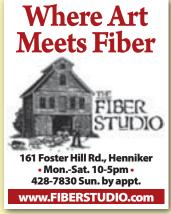














L-R: Center Woods Upper Elementary School runner up Liam Scoledge (5th grade) with Upper Elementary School Principal Shawne Hilliard and winner Rose Kosciuszek. Photo credit: Patti Osgood.



Weare Middle School runner up Stephanie Rodonis (7th grade) and winner Emmet Rinehimer (7th grade). Photo credit: Bronda Crosby.



Henniker Community School runner up Lexi Guimond (6th grade) and winner Owen Jones (6th grade). Photo credit: Carol Sweny.

#### SAU #24 names Spelling Bee winners

It's Spelling Bee season and SAU 24 schools in Henniker and Weare have held their individual school bees. The winners will compete in the NH State competition for the Scripps National Spelling Bee at 1 pm on Saturday, February 27 at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. The State competition, sponsored by the Union Leader, is free and open to the public. In the case that the individual school winner cannot make the State Bee, the runner up will attend in their place.





## Veteran Business Owners Mentorship Program in Peterborough

A new Chapter will be starting up in Peterborough. Anyone interested in discovering what running your own business is like should sign up. Anyone with a business is invited to attend.

This is an eighteen module program designed by successful business leaders that will give you the tools to consider the risk and benefit, define an action plan, set a schedule, and get motivation from businesses owners and business minded peers.

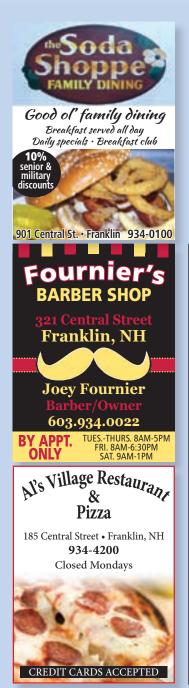
This program is sponsored by The Veterans Business Owners Association and is free to anyone looking to sharpen their skills in all facets of business. You do not need to be a veteran to take this free Business Startup Course.

The program has created more than 140 businesses, assisted in over \$1,4 million is SBA Patriot Express Loans, and created a revolving loan fund. Members engage in business networking, develop

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healthy business relationships, counsel with business mentors, and participate in an active think tank for business startups and business growth.

The VBOA has programs running throughout New England and boasts the mentoring of a one million dollar electrical contractor business, and hundreds of very successful sole proprietors. For more info: George Sterling, 924-7526 or George@SBCNH.com.





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