

# THE **Messenger**

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## Chief Mumford retires

Hopkinton Fire Chief Doug Mumford has resigned effective at the end of the month. Chief Mumford will be retiring and leaving the fire service to pursue other opportunities. Mumford has been with the Hopkinton Fire Department in a full-time capacity since 2008 when he returned from the Concord Fire Department. He previously served as a Hopkinton call member from 1996 to 2001. He has served as the full-time Chief since January 2013. "The Board is truly grateful for Chief Mumford's long and distinguished service to the town of Hopkinton," said Jim O'Brien, chair of the Select Board. The Chief stepped into his current role at a time of transition, following the sudden passing of Chief Schaefer, and successfully led the town and the Department through the much needed Contoocook station renovation project. Throughout his years of service, Doug has consistently shown a deep and unwavering commitment to his colleagues and to the citizens of Hopkinton. The Board sincerely thanks the Chief and his family for their years of dedication and sacrifice in protecting and responding to the many needs of our community."



Bow High School Principal Dr. John House-Myers (l) "took one for the team" during the school's Olympics.

## Goffstown man shoots brother

### *Witnesses told police that the shooting was accidental*

A 21-year-old man was flown to a Boston hospital after being shot by his brother about 10 p.m. Sunday. Witnesses told police the two were playing video games and were discussing a handgun on a table near where they were sitting at the 10 Prospect St., 3rd floor, apartment. Police said Timothy Richard Beard, 23, then picked up a 9mm semiautomatic handgun, pointed it at his brother, and shot him in the head.

Christian Beard was flown to Massachusetts

General Hospital in Boston, police said.

Hospital officials had no update on his condition Monday night. Timothy Beard was arrested on charges of second-degree assault and reckless conduct, both Class B felonies.

Police said they received a 911 call at 10:08 p.m. and when officers arrived, they found the younger Beard brother lying on the floor with a gunshot wound. "Witnesses at the scene indicated that they believed that the shooting was accidental," police said in the news release.

## Quick response by Franklin firefighters saves house

A one-alarm fire caused "minimal damage" to a home Thursday afternoon, according to officials. At 12:32 p.m., firefighters were called to 96 Terrace Road for a report of smoke coming from the building. Firefighters found smoke coming from the 1½-story Cape-style home, said Fire Chief Kevin LaChapelle.

Firefighters contained the blaze to the bedroom, leaving "minimal damage" to the rest of the home, LaChapelle said. The occupants of

the home were evaluated at the scene for smoke inhalation, but no one was transported to the hospital for treatment. There were no firefighter injuries. The fire was started by careless disposal of smoking materials, fire officials said.

"Given the fact that our crews were on scene in less than five minutes initiating a quick knockdown, coupled with a great mutual aid response, we were able to save over \$180,000 in property today," the chief said.



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## Franklin City Council and School Board studying financial consolidation

The Franklin City Council and School Board held a joint meeting Monday evening to discuss the possibility of consolidating their finances. Mayor Ken Merrifield opened the meeting by asking City Finance Director Judie Milner what has happened since the idea was mentioned in 2012. She reported that the effort should bring more efficiency, better control and more timely financial reporting, as well as potential annual savings of \$37,405 if

Franklin does not withdraw from the SAU or \$112,905 if it does. The process would take about six months to complete once the decision is made.

The City Council appeared to be favorable to the mergers and City Manager Elizabeth Dragon called it "An opportunity to look at the broader picture, working together."

Superintendent Daniel LeGallo said he supported the project provided "the

superintendent is not isolated from the employees," but some School Board members were hesitant. Greg Husband stated that he needed more information on the savings and how the service was to be determined. Merrifield responded, "Isn't that our next step to take together?"

After more discussion, the consensus was that the School Board would be supportive, provided the details on savings and services were satisfactory.

## Keep Goffstown Beautiful Week

The Goffstown Community Garden Club is again sponsoring "Keep Goffstown Beautiful Week" with

a proclamation from the Goffstown's Board of Selectmen. For over 25 years, the Goffstown Garden Club has sponsored the "Keep Goffstown



Beautiful Week" in honor of Earth Day, which is Friday, April 22, 2016.

The proclamation urges all of the citizenry to participate in efforts to pick up, clean up and spruce up streets, lawns, parks, corners, roadways, etc. as well as around private homes. The proclamation also urges all townspeople to recycle their newspapers, magazines, mixed paper, plastic, aluminum and steel/tin cans, bottles, and corrugated cardboard by utilizing Goffstown's curbside recycling program or visiting the Goffstown Transfer Station.



Franklin's City Council and School Board met jointly on Monday evening

## Bow's Memorial Day Committee cancels parade

Bow Town Manager David Stack has informed the Selectmen that the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony Committee has decided to change the ceremony location and not hold a parade.

A ceremony will still be held, however

the location has been changed to the Gazebo. Plans are also being developed for a community picnic to be held at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The Committee is still working on event details.



## Welcome New Readers!

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# TAKE YOUR MEDICINE



BY SARAH CHAPIN

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Nucala (mepolizumab) for use with other asthma medicines for the maintenance treatment of asthma in patients age 12 years and older. Nucala is approved for patients who have a history of severe asthma attacks (exacerbations) despite receiving their current asthma medicines. Asthma is a chronic disease that causes inflammation in the airways of the lungs. During an asthma attack, airways become narrow, making it hard to breathe. Severe asthma attacks can lead to asthma-related hospitalizations because these attacks can be serious and even life-threatening. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as of 2013, more than 22 million people in the U.S. have asthma, and there are more than 400,000 asthma-related hospitalizations each year.

Eye injections of the drug Avastin, used to treat retinal diseases, bring no greater risk of endophthalmitis, a potentially blinding eye infection, than injections with the much more expensive drug Lucentis made by the same company, according to new research published in *JAMA Ophthalmology*.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Lonsurf (a pill that combines two drugs, trifluridine and tipiracil) for patients with an advanced form of colorectal cancer who are no longer responding to other therapies. Colorectal cancer is the third most common non-skin cancer in men and women in the U.S., according to the National Cancer Institute. While still the second leading cause of cancer-related death in the U.S., over the past 10 years the number of colorectal cancer cases and other related deaths have decreased, due in part to screenings, such as colonoscopies.

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New Boston firefighters practice Vehicle Extrication at Merrimack Station with Patrick O'Brien, Kyle Merron, Ethan Judd, and Anthony George.

## Calendar Contests for Franklin Scholarship

The Franklin School Board Scholarship Committee would like to thank our local and area businesses who have donated goods and services in support of the committee's Cash/Prize Calendar during the month of April. The money raised will be used to provide a scholarship to a deserving Franklin High School senior who will continue his or her college career in the educational field.

We would like to congratulate the following winners:

- April 1 Keith Beylea 4 Seat tickets – Manchester NH Fisher Cats Baseball team donated by Franklin Savings Bank
- April 2 Marlene Burton \$20 Gift Card to Dunkin Donuts donated by the same
- April 3 Tamarah Gargano Free State Inspection donated by Hawthorne Automotive
- April 4 Jordan Paul \$25 Gift Certificate to Central Sweets Candy Store donated by the same
- April 5 Carrie Savary \$25 Uno Dough donated by Uno Pizzeria & Grill
- April 6 Allison Noyes FREE Oil Change donated by Hawthorne Automotive
- April 7 Steven Brown \$25 Gift Certificate to Asian Delight Restaurant donated by same
- April 8 Robert Mitchell \$50 Cash Prize donated by BP Fitness
- April 9 Robert Mitchell \$25 Gift Card to Barnes & Noble donated by Deborah Brown

Stay tuned for the next week's drawing winners it could be you.

## Bradford volunteers for Town Hall move

Bradford Select Board Chair John Pfeifle gave an update on the move back to Town Hall. He advised that the Town Administrator will organize the move, handle purchasing and subcontract work with the support of the board. Selectmen will reach out to volunteers and contractors. The main priority of the board is to have functional offices. Kearsarge Preschool representative, Sara Dockham, met to renegotiate their lease. The current monthly rate is \$450. Selectmen agreed to a rate reduction of \$300/month for July & August and \$500/month for the remainder of the lease year. The lease will be re-written and provided to KAP for signature.

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## Celebrate Spring Into Warner with events from 9am-3pm May 14

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 14, from 9 am to 3 pm, when Warner once again ushers in the start of Spring with their 10th Annual Celebration of the Arts, Spring into Warner.

All day, up and down Main Street, Warner will be filled with artists demonstrating and exhibiting their work, live music, wonderful food, the Warner Farmers' Market at Town Hall, and a "5K Relay for the PreK" Fundraiser.

Three of the town's five museums, the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, the New Hampshire Telephone Museum, and the Upton Chandler House Museum, will open their doors with special exhibits, and the Pillsbury Free Library will host an Edible Book contest.

The town green and the Jim Mitchell Community Park will be filled with activities for the children, and the annual Used Book Sale for scholarships will be set up in front of MainStreet BookEnds.

The day also marks the last day for the MainStreet Warner Silent Auction, being held in The Gallery at MainStreet Book-

Ends, and their evening Live Auction under the tent, starting at 6 pm with the Wine and Cheese Preview Party. This is their

major annual fundraiser, and all proceeds from these auctions go to support the community park and their free events.



Ruth Ann Collins from South Acworth creates a terrarium at a terrarium and air plant workshop at Springledge Farm in New London on April 9. Paul Howe photo.

### Who is new HDES Principal

The Hillsboro-Deering School Board has received 10 applications to fill the elementary principal's position left vacant by the unexpected resignation of Mark Campbell last month. Unconfirmed reports are that one of those applications was from Campbell himself. The Screening Committee has narrowed the field to three finalists who will be available for a Meet & Greet with the public. One is underway as we go to press and the other two will be set for next week.

### Construction of Warner's Exit 9 roundabout in June

Gene McCarthy met with the Warner Selectmen and reported that the state is comfortable with the roundabout project. Chairman Carson asked if the town is at the point of receiving the reimbursement, and McCarthy said the town is very close. He thinks DOT wants to see a set of biddable plans, and once his firm packages the bidding set it will be sent to DOT. Essentially McCarthy said the town is about a week away, and said his firm will put the bid package together and the town will need to

write the letter requesting the reimbursement. McCarthy said they have created suggested time frames for advertising and bid opening. The advertising date is April 12, the plans need to be ready for viewing and downloading for would be proposers with a bid opening date of May 5 at 2:00 pm. All bids will be reviewed after which McFarland & Johnson will send a letter of recommended bidder to the town. McCarthy said early to mid June a contractor should be ready to go.

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Saint A's Students participated in the Relay for Life raising more than \$90,000.

## Kearsarge Assistant Superintendent named

Michael A. Bessette, MEd, was nominated as the new assistant superintendent of schools for the Kearsarge Regional School District, SAU 65, at the March 10 school board meeting. His new appointment will be effective July 1, 2016. Bessette comes to us from Hopkinton where he has served as principal of the Maple Street School in Hopkinton for the past 14 years, which is a Grade 4-6 school consisting of 215 students. He began his educational career as a middle school science teacher and also held the position of assistant principal at both the middle and elementary school levels. Bessette is also an adjunct professor at New England College in Henniker. Bessette received his undergraduate degree from Syracuse University and his Master of Education in Administration and Supervision from the University of New Hampshire. He is currently pursuing his CAGS degree at Plymouth State University.

## Henniker Chamber hosts Clean Up Day

The Henniker Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Henniker Community Spring Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 7th from 10am-1pm. The chamber is looking for businesses, organizations and residents to help with the clean up. If this is something that you can help with, please send an email to [RSVP@henniker-chamber.org](mailto:RSVP@henniker-chamber.org) with your company/group name/family name and number of people attending. The Henniker Chamber of Commerce will donate \$100 to the team/group with the largest number of people to check-in and check-out as a team/group. Volunteer Check-In starts at 10 am at the Henniker Community Center for assignments, trash bags and gloves. Volunteers are encouraged to wear a t-shirt with their organization's name on it and to bring their own gloves, hat, sunscreen and safety vest, if possible. Following the clean up efforts will be a FREE barbeque for all participants on the lawn at the Henniker Community Center with food provided by the Henniker Chamber of Commerce.

## Goffstown firefighters extinguish car fire

The Goffstown FD (Engine 6 and Ambulance 1) was dispatched to the area of the Irving Station - 277 Mast Road, for a car fire. GFD crews extinguished the fully involved car fire and the driver was transported to the Elliot Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

# Henniker residents send a message to Dollar General 'Not in my town'

Faced with an overflow crowd of about 80 people, the Henniker Planning Board decided to move its hearing on Dollar General's preliminary review to the Community Building, only to find it occupied by a yoga class. After a short delay, the venue was moved to the Congregational Church Parish Hall.

Austin Turner, a civil engineer with Bohler Engineering, presented Dollar General's conceptual plans for a 70' x 130', 1900 sq. ft store across Route 114 from the Henniker Farm & Country Store to an obviously hostile crowd.

In an atmosphere similar to that when Rite Aid applied for a store in Henniker a few years ago, residents appeared to mount a united effort against Dollar General. "This just doesn't fit our town," said Bruce Hall, owner of the Country Spirit Restaurant to loud applause. The sentiment was shared by several more speakers.

Board member Dean Tirell reminded the group that the Board must work within the restrictions of the Zoning Ordinance in which the property zoned as Commercial and the current proposal required no variance or special exception for approval

"If you want the process ended, then end it," he said. There needs to be some type of compromise here."

Steven Forster echoed that theme suggesting the town form a cooperative to buy

the land.

The planning board will hold a work session at its next meeting April 27 at 7 p.m. at the town hall to organize a response to Dollar General.



Engineer Austin Turner got a hostile reaction to Dollar General's plans.



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## Sunapee Chief to attend FBI Academy

The Sunapee Selectmen have approved Police Chief David



Cahill's request to apply to the FBI National Academy. The academy offers "A professional development course for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders. It serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation worldwide." Attendees are reimbursed for one trip to and from the academy. The town's expense is limited to about \$400 for four training uniforms. There is a waiting

list, but police chiefs are apparently pushed up the waiting list so it would be about a year before Cahill could attend.

## Andover man sells to undercover officer

On April 8, 2016 the Lebanon Police Department was conducting an investigation into illegal narcotics being supplied in the City. On this same date at approximately 11:00pm, Lebanon Police Patrol Officers made contact with a male subject at a local hotel who had arranged to bring narcotics to an undercover officer. After a brief investigation, Henry Aube, age 33 of Andover, NH was arrested and charged with two counts of Possession of Amphetamine, a Narcotic Drug. Both of these charges are Class B Felonies. Aube was released on personal recognizance bail with a court date of May 23, 2016.

## Dunbarton PD partners with wellness group

The Dunbarton Police Department has partnered with the Community Wellness Coalition of Bow & Dunbarton to help bring awareness, education and resources to residents, students and others regarding drug and alcohol abuse affecting our communities. The last meeting was on Thursday, April 14th in the Bow High School Library. A representative from the Dunbarton Police Department was present at each meeting to help address any questions or concerns.

## Goffstown man guilty of child pornography

A 23-year-old Goffstown man has pleaded guilty to charges of child pornography, after he was found with multiple explicit images last year. Last summer, police seized electronic devices that had child porn on them from Richard Sullivan's home in Goffstown.

## Woman arrested in Weare for prostitution

Weare Police Officers responded to a local establishment for a report of possible drug activity on April 7th at about 3:10 p.m. and placed Delores Manning, age 43, of Providence, RI in police custody. Manning was subsequently charged with possession of a controlled drug, possession of drugs in a motor vehicle and prostitution. Manning posted \$1,000 cash bail and was issued a court date of May 11, 2016 at Goffstown District Court.

# Franklin's plan to withdraw from SAU #18 moves forward

What a difference a day makes. The Franklin School Board's hesitance at a proposed financial consolidation with the City Monday night, turned into outright opposition on Tuesday during a discussion of whether Franklin should withdraw from SAU #18. At a joint meeting Monday night, School Board Chairman Greg Husband and others indicated that if questions of financial savings and the delivery of services could be satisfactorily addressed, they would favor a consolidation of financial services. Tuesday however, during a hearing on the Franklin Withdrawal Study Committee's report, Husband was critical of the committee's report, saying his board had voted not to support it.

Franklin City Manager Elizabeth Drag-on told Husband that the report's financial consolidation was simply a concept for the state Board of Education to consider as part of the withdrawal plan. Husband, however, also disagreed with the premise of separating SAU 18 from Franklin Schools. Superintendent Daniel Legallo estimated that even without the withdrawal, Franklin Schools will have a \$400,000 shortfall. Tamara

Feener, a former Franklin School Board member, believes the withdrawal would be a positive change for Franklin students. "I see an educational benefit in that we get our superintendent 100 percent. In the end,

the committee did agree to make minor changes, noting the school board's disapproval of the financial consolidation plan, and to create a more explicit representation of SAU 18 in the final report.



Lorraine (l) and Hatti Edmunds (r) had high praise for Betty Mead (c) who retires Saturday after 40 years service at Edmunds Hardware in Henniker.

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Chloe Astholz (HCS), Amanda Nikias and Elizabeth Brandt (JSRHS), Robbie McKellar (HCS), JSRHS Spanish Teacher Stephanie Harpring, and Lucas Marquardt (HCS).

**Spanish Honor Society tutors 7th grade**

The John Stark Regional High School Spanish Honor Society visited 7th and 8th grade Spanish classes at the Henniker Community School last week as part of their community service and to promote the continuation of Spanish language students at the high school. The John Stark students also shared their thoughts on furthering the study of Spanish outside the classroom and beyond John Stark. They also shared information about other Global Studies offerings at John Stark including French, Latin and Chinese.



**Honors**

**Sunapee Middle/High School**

**GRADE 12 High Honors** Rachel L. Malanga

**Honors** Hayley E. Emery, Lexie Reed Hamilton, Olivia Marion Hamilton, Jordan D. Lewis, Abigail Rose Palin, Benjamin J. Robinson, Taylor Danielle Santti, Katherine F. Titus

**GRADE 11 High Honors** Lynnsey Trabka

**Honors** Virgile Bissonnette-Blais, Renee D. Brandon, Maryann Armstrong, Cousens Maisi Breann Cowdrey, Abigail J. Downey, Nathaniel E. Emery, Connor Halpin Fleury, Katherine M. Frederick, Mary C. Grzanna, Yuyi Han, Samuel P. Humphrey, Sheena Enriquez Kirk, keir D. Lucas, Jessica A. Parsons, Alexis Waterman, Alexander Lucien Whitehouse

**GRADE 10 High Honors** Uzma Malik, Aubrey Abigail Porter

**Honors** Jacqueline E. Balch, Matthew Joseph Clay, Mary Elizabeth Coverdale, Celeste Rayne Duda, Naomi Wai Gonzalez, Mary Katherine Moynihan, William Anderson Palin, Suzanne Elaine Rickard, Christina Slavin, Benjamin van Paassen

**GRADE 9 High Honors** Elizabeth Kathleen Bennett, Carson Thielicke Garland, Nicole Jocelyn Malanga, Blaise Xavier O'Mara

**Honors** Grace Emma Clay, Liam Henry Gurney, Star Alexandra Lucas, Erin Elizabeth Moynihan, Matthew Richard Nangeroni, Emma Elizabeth Platt, Abigail Olivia Rowell

**GRADE 8 High Honors** Madeline O'Regan Blewitt, Quinlan Thomas Fair, Elizabeth Chantal Nichols, Anastasia Lee Page, Tess Elizabeth Palin

**Honors** Walter Riley Balch, Zachary Charles Belisle, Elizabeth Suzanne Frederick, Abby Rose Hanson, Olivia Simone Johnson, Peter Anthony Koumrian, Jenna Kate Levasseur, Kevin Eric Nolan, Eve MacKenzie Robida, Cameron Michael Summerton

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**Honors** Noell Bergeron, Jackson Morse Cooney, Miah Lexus Hamm, Joshua Craig Heino, Kaeden Michael Hughlock, Riley Warner Kelleher, Fiona Favalaro Nolan, Dominik Rylie Richardson, Philip Michael Ritzmann, Johanna Grace Roth, Paul S. Smith III  
**GRADE 6 High Honors** Jake John-Randall Galloway, Saylor Thielicke Garland, Sophie Brooke Hubert, Marley Rae Ann-Dawn Mozzetta, Jackson Clark Scheele, Jacob Carroll Stoughton

**Honors** Meredith Whiting Blewitt, Maddox Stephen Cahill, Andrew Michael Clifford, Charles Rupert Dalton, Kai Thomas Deyett, Tucker T. Deyett, Josephine Ruth Furlong, Lyla Virginia Holobowicz, Vanessa Renee Pollari, Molly Mulcahey Reed, Sophia August Varian.

### Hillsboro-Deering Middle School

**Class of 2020 High Honor Roll** - Caitlin Bettez, Emma Breed, Cooper Brien, Mia Carter, Amos Ek, Elizabeth Falconer, Miranda Feighery, Jack Ferguson, Lily Gibson, Gunner Hagstrom, Julian Howell, Sawyer Jones, Nathan McGillicuddy, Ethan Moon, Madeline Murdough

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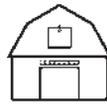
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## In My Opinion

**By: Don Armstrong, Henniker**

Let's set the record straight on the Tree farmer in Henniker and his "problems." For several years I was a member of the Henniker planning board. We had two developments come up on Mt Hunger road where he has his farm. He spoke out against both developments as affecting the rural character of the area. On the first development the Planning board notes "a mainly single lane dirt road that is steep and winding" as a reason for "premature and scattered development" and tried to stop that development. The courts ruled against us. The next development was across the road from the tree farmer and he again spoke out against it. We in fact moved driveways because of the steep nature and hilly terrain of Mt Hunger road. The farmer in fact noted it is "the highest road in the town, steepest road in town, a dirt road and the last serviced by the plows and prone to washouts in heavy rains." All of that to block the development across the road of a family owned parcel being divided between the members of the family. We allowed the development to go through after moving driveways plus the courts ruled we had to allow the other development down the road.

That means the Tree Farmer exercised their rights as an abutter at town planning board hearings to speak up. His operation had been a Christmas tree farm. I went there once on a November day and could barely fit on the road due to vehicles parked on both sides of the dirt road. He then decided to start holding weddings and other functions on his property citing a state RSA about agro tourism. Note he never told the town or submitted plans which means he refused to let any abutters know about it or give "them" the right to say anything in a hearing like he had done for the other developments on the road. The people going to the functions on his property filled both sides of the road because there was not enough parking on his property. He held functions whenever he wanted with zero consideration for his neighbors. He was told to stop and submit plans to the town.

He pointed out that Dimond Hill Farm on Rt 202/9 does that but it's not in Henniker and it does have everything self contained on the site and had all the plans cleared with that town. In fact when Di-

mond Hill Farm had a concert they went to the town to lay out the plan. They showed all onsite parking, sanitary facilities, and hours of operation, set up of the sound equipment to minimize problems for any abutters and asked for any other suggestions. The only thing the town requested was the road is posted as no parking on each side for a half a mile in each direction and a police officer is stationed to direct traffic. The owners agreed and everything went off without a problem.

In the case of the Tree Farm owner he refused to present any plans citing the state RSA on agro tourism even though the town did not have that definition. It then went to Court. The end result is it cost the town a big chunk of change to take him to court and it ended up in the state Supreme Court where he lost. He then announced he would do it anyway.

Now on this year's ballot was a proposal by the Town planning board to allow agro tourism and it required a hearing to show the plans for your operation which would allow input from neighbors but also show where all the onsite parking, sanitary facilities and hours of operation would be. It passed the vote. However he and his friends submitted a competing warrant that removed the town or anyone else from having any say in the operation and it also passed but had a larger number of no votes. As noted recently in the newspapers one of his supporters said Article 4 had been cleared by the Town Planning board which held several hearings to get public input, was vetted by the state regional planning department plus vetted by the lawyers yet they wanted it voted down and replaced by their version instead so there would be no "As the said NANNY input". The trouble was the planning boards version was article 4 of the warrant and the other one was article 5 hence the confusion. However state law states you have to notify the abutters so that should eliminate the validation of article 5. Both articles passed "but" looking at the numbers more people voted no on article 5. Now the state rules are "The article that is the more stringent is the one that should pass".

Now I know there are a lot of people that think no one, including any and all abutters, should be allowed to have any

say because it would affect his business. Now if you feel that way then lets pass a new warrant article that calls for the complete elimination of all Planning and Zoning rules and regulations plus take away the rights of abutters to say anything. That way we could get that Federal nuclear waste disposal site that the Feds pushed for in the 80's.

We could now have that explosives mixing and storage facility in the same area out on 114 that no one in town can see or hear from their house. We could have that power plant over in Hopkinton pumping out 50 tons of lead into the air every year. We could have the power plant that ran on wood chips to supply power to several log mills that people came out to block because they could see

it from their homes. We would now have a combination gas station, Laundromat and Donut shop with a drive through on the lot next to the Post Office. All of those were brought up in hearings at the Planning Board and everyone got to have an input but if you think no one but the landowner should have any say then let the town's people vote on it. If you think anyone with a piece of land that grows something can hold a party with no notice or Planning then I guess you would have no trouble if someone threw a bunch of hay bales in a field and they announced via Twitter that there is a bunch of Hip Hop stars coming so let's get the biggest flash mob we can get to show up at the concert. The rules are in place for a reason. It's your choice.



## Letters to the Editor

### Dear Editor:

Critical day for the Pierce Lake Cell Tower opposition On Monday April 18, 2016 a hearing is scheduled at the Hillsborough County Superior Court in Manchester (300 Chestnut St. at about 1:00 pm) where Judge Abramson will finally hear our side of the issues surrounding the Antrim Zoning Board's lack of due diligence in the siting of the proposed cell tower on Gibson Mountain overlooking Pierce Lake. We have been working diligently with legal counsel to have this decision overturned or at least modified. This will be our day in court and anyone who may want to show support is welcome to attend. This is a trial so no public testimony will be allowed but certainly concerned persons should be present to show the court our concerns.

The Pierce Lake Cell Tower opposition is based upon the height and location of the currently proposed tower on Gibson mountain. We understand and even agree that a cell tower in the general area would be of significant benefit to all who live or drive through the area. There are several potential alternative sites but those were either dismissed or never investigated by the tower company or the town of Antrim before the Antrim Zoning Board rendered their decision. This is important for our lake, our community, and the methodology for determining the appropriateness of the location for this and future cell towers.

Please feel free to attend the hearing in Manchester and feel free to donate to

the Pierce Lake Cell Tower Opposition Fund at Lake Sunapee Bank. You can get a timeline of the history and up-to-date information at <https://piercelakeopposition.wordpress.com>.

**Art Kaufman, Hillsborough**

### Dear Editor:

It's time for another update on the status of the "Hillsboro Challenge." We are a little over half way through the challenge, and the support is overwhelming. I can say, at this point, we have met and exceeded our goal of \$8000. There have been 5448 food items donated that are valued at \$1 per can or per pound. We have also received \$3937 in cash donations. The total of the two together is \$9385 in cash and value of donated food items. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of ...our supporters!

Speaking of supporters, all of the local businesses that pledged to the pantry if we reached the goal of \$8000, please send in your pledges if you have not already done so. The pledged total from area businesses, and a couple of individuals, is \$2144, bringing our total to \$11,529 as soon as all pledged monies are in. This challenge is shaping up to be our second best fund raiser ever. Let's not stop yet... we still have until the end of April when the challenge is over. Let's make this our best fundraiser ever. Again, thank you everyone for your support, and keep it coming.

**Gene Gould,**

**Hillsboro District Food Pantry**

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## James Faulkner excels at Destination Imagination

James Faulkner Elementary School in Stoddard sent two teams to compete in the No. Sutton Region of Destination Imagination in March. Destination Imagination runs as an after school activity in NH high schools, middle schools, elementary

schools and home schools.

One of the JFES teams won the very prestigious Spirit of DI Award. Only one Spirit of DI Award is presented across all school levels (so a high school team could have won this award, but JFES did).



Back row left to right (junior Paige Bartlett, junior Carly Prescott, sophomores Caela Budd, Noah Waldron, & Sydney Boyer, junior Anna Tilley, senior Devon Fortier, sophomore Som Sappaharee. First row left to right sophomores Sam Johnson & Lawrence Sliker, juniors Eric Scheuch, Dylan Fedas, Evan St. Pierre, sophomore Sam Shain, and junior Fionna McSweeney.

## Kearsarge High Youth In Government participants

The YMCAs of New Hampshire held the first weekend in their annual New Hampshire Youth & Government Program involving 27 schools, 300 teens and school advisors/YMCA volunteers.

The motto of the YMCA Youth &

Government Program is "Democracy must be learned by each generation." The program celebrates its 68th year this year and gives high school students the opportunity to learn first-hand about state government.

# Peter St. James to attend U.S. Army War College

Great Eastern Radio is pleased to announce that its long-time, New Hampshire air personality, Peter St. James has been selected to attend the 11th annual U.S. Army War College Commandant's National Security Program in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The program selects sixty-six civilians from across the country every year to participate from hundreds of applicants.



Peter St. James

The program is designed to heighten military and civilian students' understanding of the society they serve and the interests, issues, and trends that influence the formulation of national security policy while at the same time allowing attendees to gain a better understanding of the perspectives and concerns of the defense community.

St. James has made the NH National Guard an integral part of his daily morning show at WTPL-FM, 107.7 "The Pulse" in

Concord. In addition to weekly interviews with soldiers, an annual Christmas Eve show and serving as Master of Ceremonies for numerous Guard deployment ceremonies and events, he has imbedded with units of the National Guard on deployment in Kuwait and El Salvador.

WTPL-FM Market Manager, Courtney Galluzzo said of the appointment, "Our news/talk format is all about being live and

local. Peter has been doing that for us since the first day we went on the air. His long-standing involvement with the National Guard has been good for the Guard, good for our listeners and has resulted in this prestigious honor. No one deserves it more."

St. James can also be heard in the Upper Valley on another Great Eastern Radio property, KOOL-FM 93.9/96.3 - The Greatest Hits of the 60's and 70's.

## Envision Newbury 2027 – We need your input

Newbury has begun the process of updating the town Master Plan and is asking for assistance from citizens, business leaders and stakeholders in the community to help draft the roadmap for the next decade of Newbury.

The project team includes a Master Plan Steering Committee composed of Planning Board members, Select Board members, interested citizens, and Resilience Planning and Design, a professional planning consulting firm, to facilitate and draft a revised Master Plan.

The project team has planned a

number of public outreach events and ways to participate in the process. A community survey is now available online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EnvisionNewbury2027> and hard copies will be available at the Town Office.

Two public forums have also been planned for June 18, 2016, and August 27, 2016, both will be held at the Town Offices. These events will begin at 9:00 am and will be focusing on creating a vision for Newbury and looking at future land use issues.

## Your Home for RED SOX Baseball in Concord and the Lakes Region



# New London Selectmen discuss street lights & sewer lagoons

**By Heather Dion, Messenger Intern**

The New London Selectmen met on April 13th 2016 to discuss several important items. The Energy Committee came forth to discuss the money given to them by Ever-source, \$11,500 dollars to go through with the change to more energy efficient street lights. Phillips also reduced their prices by \$5,000 dollars. The installation of these lights will provide savings for the town. The Energy Committee will be releasing a press release this week to start introducing the public to the idea and getting their opinions on the change. Selectmen Janet Kidder said, "I think this is a worthwhile project and the savings are substantial." The committee will collect four weeks' worth of feedback from the community and then return on May 16th to report the feedback. After this the selectmen will give the green light for the project to continue.

The selectmen also discussed the sewer lagoons as well as other projects that the town needs to accomplish. There was a lot of talk about taking care of the sewer

lagoons and trying to get all three of them done this year. Getting the money would be the issue. The selectmen voted in favor of

taking care of one of the lagoons this year. They plan to work on the other lagoons in the years to come.



The Hampstead Stage Company recently put on an entertaining performance of Alice In Wonderland at the Hopkinton Town Library.

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# Conservation Commission chastises Hillsborough Selectmen

Upset over the way that the Hillsborough Selectmen abated the Current Use tax for the Weatherstone Crossing project, members of the Conservation Commission attended Tuesday night's meeting. Although the Commission was listed on the agenda, members Richard Head and Chair Brett Cherrington spoke to the Board as individuals as no vote had been taken by the commission.

Head pointed out that the procedure for abatement was not followed as the tax has not yet been levied and the person aggrieved by the assessment needs to file an application after the tax has been levied. Also, even though the Board may abate any taxes for just cause, there were no definitions by the Board, making it impossible for other developers to know what the rules are. Cherrington submitted his comments to the Board and began to read them when stopped by Board Chair Alan Urquart, who stated that he didn't intend to listen to what he could read and that the Board would take them under advisement. Cherrington

stated that there should have been communication between the Board and the Commission prior to any action by the Board and that they seemed to be giving all future developers carte blanche to demand whatever they wanted, to the detriment of the

tax payers. It should be noted that money levied for current use taxes are goes into the Commission fund, not in the general fund as do other taxes, and that the Board also granted the Project a 5 year property tax abatement.



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roles and countless other students, staff members, and volunteers who helped with

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### Hopkinton Scholarships

The Hopkinton, NH Recreation Department is preparing for its Summer Day Camp. This program offers a great experience for children to have summer fun in a safe environment. Each year, we rely on the generosity of community members to help defray the cost of camp for families faced with financial hardships. (It costs \$125 to send a child to camp for a week.) The Hopkinton Human Services Department is asking for your help to provide camp scholarships. Tax deductible donations will be accepted in any amount. It is our hope that we can offer scholarships to each financially qualifying family who would like a camp experience for their children. If you are able to help, please make checks payable to the Town of Hopkinton with "Camp Scholarship Program" on the memo line. Checks should be mailed to: Hopkinton Human Services Department, 330 Main Street, Hopkinton, NH 03229.



L-R: Nuns Sarah Sheldon, Abby Van Dyke, Ashley Brown, Sydney Pollard, Sydney Talbert, Rose McCardell with Abby Burke as Maria (in front).

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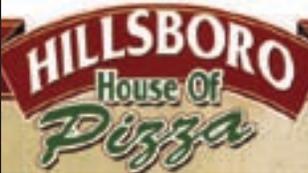
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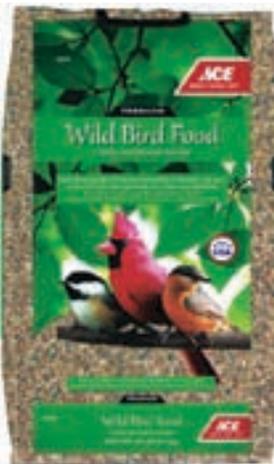
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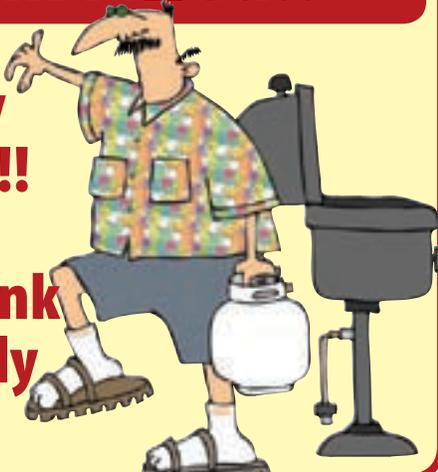
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At the podium of the 2016 National Freeski Championships at Copper Mt., CO: Willy Monje (left, 2nd place) Lake Oswego, OR; Matthew Denham (center, 1st place) Henniker, NH; Henrik deJounge (right, 3rd place) Fairfield, CT.

### Stark senior is 1st in National Freestyle

John Stark senior Matthew Denham took first place in the slopeside competition of the US Snowboard and Freeski Association's National Championships held April 8-12 at Copper Mt. in Colorado. Denham competed in the men's (16-18) division. Denham's first place finish at Copper Mt. will likely garner him an invitation to the US National Ski Team training camp this summer. Matthew Denham is the son of Mark and Monica Denham of Henniker. As of March 8, which was the close of the USASA's 2016 National rankings, Denham was ranked # 2 for his division in slopeside. His sponsor is Faction Skis.



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### BASEBALL

**Windham 4 ConVal 2:** Ryan Faria fired five innings of two run ball in his varsity debut to lead the Jaguars past the Cougars. Faria allowed just two hits while striking out six.

**ConVal 8 Souhegan 4:** Redding pitched 4 2/3 innings to collect the win and added a two-run single to highlight ConVal's victory. ConVal received an RBI double from John Grossi, and an RBI single from Isaac Blake.

**Bishop Brady 3 Bow 1:** Brady senior Tom Blandini pitched a complete game, giving up just one unearned run and striking out seven. Bow freshman Connor Blandini was 0-for-3 against his big brother.

**Wilton-Lyndeboro 3 Sunapee 2:** The Lakers took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on an RBI single from Cole Cruz to score Mike Platt, and held that lead until the fifth inning when Wilton scored three unearned runs to take a 3-1 lead. The lead was cut to 3-2 in the sixth inning when Cruz doubled then was singled in by Will Austin.

**Franklin 5, Gilford 1:** Brendon Frechette pitched a complete game one-hitter, and Brian Sweet had double, with 2 RBI.

**Fall Mountain 13 Hillsboro-Deering 1:** After a scoreless first inning, FM jumped all over the Hillcats in the second inning. The one Hillcat run was unearned in the fourth inning.



# Boys Sports

**Hopkinton 10 Hillsboro-Deering 0:** The Hawks scored five in the first to set the tone.

**Kearsage 2 Hopkinton 0:** Zach Mattos pitched 7 innings, surrendering only 2 hits. His sixth inning squeeze bunt scored Jake Vieren to open the scoring.

## LACROSSE

**Goffstown 13 Timberlane 7:** Nick Ollila scored four goals to help the Grizzlies prevail. Devin Young scored twice.

**Hopkinton 9 John Stark 7:** The Hawks fell behind early and trailed 4-2 at halftime, but found their offensive rhythm in the second half and toppled the Division II Generals. Sam Schuster had 4 goals, and Joe Cullinan 3 for the Hawks, while Ryan Gordon led the Generals with 3 goals.

## VOLLEYBALL

**Souhegan 3 John Stark 2:** Stark pulled out a hard-fought 30-28 first set and then traded wins in tight games 2, 3 and 4 against a solid Souhegan squad. Souhegan was able to hold off Stark for a 15-12 final set to take the match.

## TRACK & FIELD

The ConVal track team kicked off the season against Pelham, Hollis-Brookline, Manchester West, Mascenic and Conant. Strong performances were seen from seniors Dalton Coyne, Steele Tamok and Josh Fulton who placed second in the 800, 3200 and 400 respectively. Sophomore Ryan Murry placed second in shot put.

**Kearsarge 1st: Hopkinton 2nd:** Troy Davis won three events to pace the Cougars, whose 162 points topped a field that included Hopkinton (second, 82) and Hillsboro-Deering (seventh, 17). Kearsarge: Key players: Kearsarge – Troy Davis (1st high jump, 1st long jump, 1st triple jump), Zach Astle (1st shot put, 1st discus), Alex Kalpakgain (1st 200), Tim Cunningham (1st 1,600), Mason Benedict (1st 3,200), Ian Bready (1st 300 hurdles); Hopkinton: Nick Fleury (1st 100), Aaron Dobe (1st 400), Dom Repucci (1st 800).

## TENNIS

**ConVal 7 Manchester West 2:** Ted Ernst, Alex Chambers, Andres Tourgee and Barrett Norton won their singles matches in CV's 7-2 win vs. Manchester West.

## Sunapee's Sestercentennial Celebration

Town Manager Donna Nashawaty gave the details of some of the suggested events and plans for the upcoming 250th Celebration in 2018. Ron Garceau from the Historical Society have already scanned over 100 photos from the 200th celebration and Barbara Chalmers is researching old newspaper articles. On Wednesday, October 26th at the Methodist Church the Historical Society will show photos of the Sunapee 200th celebration that occurred in 1968. Donna Nashawaty said the Board would create a "core" committee, which would have sub-committees. Newbury Street Numbering project begins The Town of Newbury Street Numbering Ordinance requires that every home and business in Newbury has a street address posted that is visible from the road. The reason for the ordinance was to assure that emergency responders would be able to locate a property in the event of a medical emergency, fire, or other emergency. A copy of the Street Numbering Ordinance is available on the Town of Newbury website.

## JV Volleyball coach needed Franklin

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