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Robert Evans is CEO

The LRGHealthcare Board of Trustees has announced the Interim CEO will be Dr. Robert (Bob) Evans. Dr. Evans is expected to serve in this role until a permanent replacement has been hired. Dr. Evans has been an anesthesiologist with LRGH since 1991, but his experience goes well beyond the clinical field. He has served on various medical staff.



Heather Capraro joins Franklin Savings Bank

Franklin Savings Bank announced that Heather Capraro has joined the organization as AVP, Retail Sales and Business Development Officer. Capraro will work closely with the retail division to provide coaching for various sales initiatives as well as the Bank's business development units.

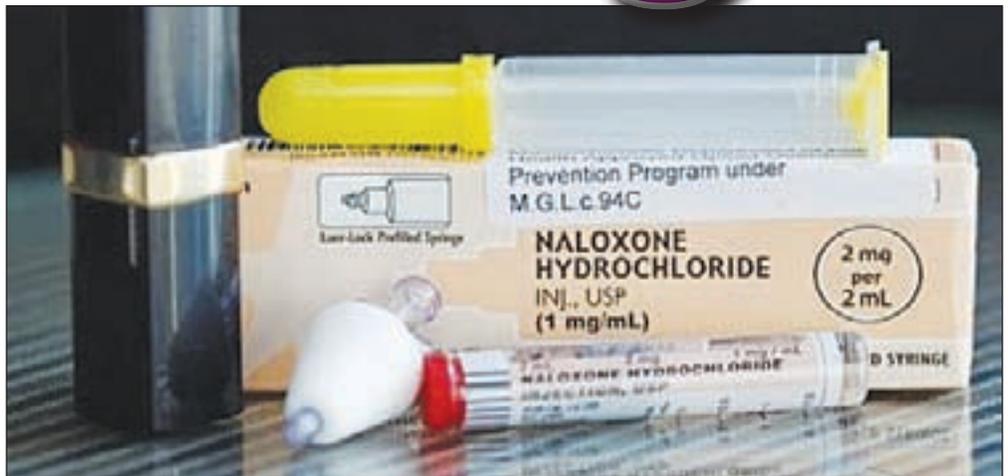


BNH Vice President

Bank of New Hampshire is proud to announce that Susan LeDuc has joined their team as Senior Vice President – Chief Risk Officer. Susan has over 29 years of experience in all areas of compliance and risk management. We are thrilled that such an outstanding risk management professional has joined the Bank of New Hampshire team," stated Mark Primeau, President and CEO for Bank of New Hampshire.



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A vote on Narcan is expected at the next School Board meeting.

Narcan at Newport High? *School Board wants more information before voting*

"This is a scary reality and we need to deal with reality," SAU 43 Superintendent Cindy Gallagher told the Newport School Board at its Thursday meeting, as the Board debated whether or not to have Narcan available for emergency treatment of an opioid overdose.

Gallagher said she had talked with the Nashua superintendent and "the sad truth is we may have a need for it, "Unfortunately, we have the potential population that this would benefit."

Board member Linda Wadensten asked "What is the liability to the school district?" and Virginia Irwin, who requested the Narcan topic be put on the agenda replied, "It is highly regulated."

New H-D Elementary School Principal nominated

SAU 34 Superintendant Robert Hassett has nominated Daniel B. Record to be the new Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School Principal, replacing Mark Campbell who resigned in March. Since 2012, Record has been the Principal of Berlin Middle School in Berlin, NH. From 2001-2012 he was Assistant Principal of Hillside Elementary School & Berlin Junior High School, and from 1994-2001 was an

"You need to think long and hard about this. Speak to Police Chief Jim Burroughs and also speak to first responders," said Todd Fratzel during a public forum. "If one kid thinks he can come here and overdose at school because they think they have a safety net, it sends the wrong message."

High School Principal Linda Sutton favored the proposal. "I would rather have backup and resources available," she said. "In the big picture if it effects one kid I'm in favor of it."

After further discussion, it was Irwin who moved to table the request until May when the board can have more information and discuss it further.

Elementary School Counselor, in Berlin Public Schools.

He earned his BA from Bates college, a MS in Educational counseling from the University of Southern Maine, NH Principal's Certification from Plymouth State University and his EdD from NOVA Southwestern University.

It is expected the school board will confirm his hiring at its next meeting.

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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

April 17, 2015

Bow Principal a finalist for Kearsarge Superintendent
 Three New London landmarks in need of repair
 Bow Safety Building supporters holding a breakfast
 Goffstown Police to receive two cruisers

April 18, 2014

VT police recover body of missing Sunapee man
 New Peterborough Fire Chief named
 Quick response saves Newport home
 Gusting winds hamper Deering firefighters

April 19, 2013

Fire Department conflict in Deering
 New principal named at John Stark
 Sunapee students win at Destination Imagination
 New London Selectmen handling Seastrand incident

April 20, 2012

Antrim's Tyke Ellis arrested on 44 charges
 HDHS placed on routine drug lockdown
 New attractions at Mount Sunapee Resort
 Weare teen escapes arrest

April 22, 2011

Tragedy in Warner - 8-year-old girl dies
 Area crews rescue stranded Antrim logger
 Proctor Square signs banned in Henniker
 Sexual assault reported in Bennington

April 16, 2010

Sunapee Board wants Blodgett property
 Henniker Selectman resigns unexpectedly
 Vandals spray paint Hopkinton School
 Hillsborough Police to work less hours for same pay

April 17, 2009

ConVal Board considers closing elementary schools
 Public access to Lake Sunapee under appeal
 Steve Chamberlain promoted to Superintendent
 School bus causes gas spill at Irving

April 18, 2008

Keene man arrested for assaulting Antrim boy
 Weare man arrested for arson on neighbor's house
 Gravel pit occupies Bradford Planning Board
 Kearsarge interviewing for Superintendent

April 20, 2007

H-D graduate survives Virginia tech massacre
 Police find Henniker man dead near car
 Greenfield man holds police at bay for 3 hours
 Superior Court vindicates Emerald Lake Commissioners

April 21, 2006

State to improve "death alley" section of Routes 202/9
 No drugs found during John Stark search
 Warner Selectmen refuse to appoint Klinedinst
 Bear attacks Hancock woman

Bradford teacher wins the 2016 Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical

If Thom Smith has anything to do with it, elementary school science education in New Hampshire is about to get a boost. Smith, a Kearsarge Regional Elementary School teacher, has been awarded the 2016 Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The sabbatical, created in 1986 in honor of the Concord High School teacher and astronaut and administered by the Foundation, gives an exemplary New Hampshire teacher a year off with pay and a materials budget to bring a great educational idea to fruition.

Smith wants to give elementary school teachers – and college students studying to be elementary school teachers – tools and education to help them be more effective science teachers. Teacher training in elementary school science often lags behind training in other critically important subjects.

Smith will create a curriculum focused on the ecosystem of the state's rocky shoreline – in partnership with the UNH SeaTrek Program, Seacoast Science Center, New England Aquarium and a local artist and book publisher. Smith's curriculum will be made available at no cost to New Hampshire school districts. And he will travel the state offering free professional development workshops for teachers and for college students aspiring to be teachers.

Smith, who lives in Bradford, has been teaching at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School in Bradford for eight years. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education from Nyack College in New York and a Master's in Educational Leadership from New England College. He was a past finalist for a McAuliffe Sabbatical, and won an

Educator of Promise Award.

"To receive an award created to honor Christa McAuliffe, that is like a dream come true. That is an unbelievable

honor," Smith said. "It's an opportunity I'll be forever thankful for. Being an educator, and receiving an award named after Christa McAuliffe."



Thom Smith, a Kearsarge Regional Elementary School (Bradford) teacher, was recently awarded the 2016 Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical from the NH Charitable Foundation. Cheryl Senter photo.

Antrim Wind bought out by Walden Green Energy

Walden Green Energy, a global renewable energy firm based in New York City, has bought out its partner, Eolian Renewable Energy, who through its subsidiary Antrim Wind Energy, is proposing a nine-turbine facility.

Having been once rejected by the NH Site Evaluation Committee, the company has filed a revised project plan. Jack Kenworthy, the former CEO of Eolian, now joins Walden

Green as the head of development.

When Eolian partnered with Walden Green in February of 2015, Walden Green became the controlling shareholder of Antrim Wind.

Kenworthy stressed that the Antrim Wind project will remain unchanged as he and John Soinenen will continue to shepard the process through the Site Evaluation Committee.



Welcome New Readers!

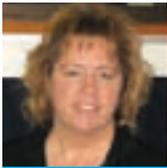
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BY SARAH CHAPIN

Patients with advanced cancers who took a drug designed to relieve constipation caused by pain killers lived longer and had fewer reports of tumor progression than cancer patients who did not receive the drug, according to results presented at the 2015 meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. This is the first study in humans to associate opioid blockade with improved survival. The finding suggests that the drug — methylnaltrexone — (marketed as Relistor®), approved for use by the United States Food and Drug Administration in 2008 to treat opioid-induced constipation — could play a role in cancer therapy.

Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), medications commonly used to treat heartburn and acid reflux, may have damaging effects on the kidneys, according to new studies. Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) are among the top 10 class of prescribed medications in the United States. The prevalence of chronic kidney disease (CKD) is on the rise, with more than 20 million Americans burdened by the disease. Diabetes and hypertension are common risk factors for CKD; however, certain medications can also play a role. The new studies show that increased use of proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), medications that treat reflux and stomach ulcers, may be contributing to the CKD epidemic. Popular PPIs include Prilosec, Prevacid, Aciphex, and Nexium.

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*.

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Evan Gendon (center) does the do-si-do to the music and direction of artists Hunt and Allison with the assistance of Para-educator Bob Thomas (green shirt) and fellow 7th grade student Josselyn LeBlanc (gray sweatshirt). Patti Osgood photo.

Artists In Residence at Weare Schools

Both Weare Middle and Center Woods Upper Elementary Schools participated in a day-long artist in residence with NH artists Hunt and Allison. These multi-talented traditional musicians (Hunt on the fiddle and Allison on accordion) worked with all grades teaching students various traditional dances of New England.

Bow Board of Selectmen Seek Volunteers

Help make a difference. The Bow Selectmen are in search of Bow residents willing to serve the community by volunteering to participate on a Town board, committee or commission. There are currently openings on the Community Building Committee, Conservation Commission, Drinking Water Protection Committee, Police Department Office Review Committee, Recycling / Solid Waste Committee and the Zoning Board. Please contact Nicole (228-1187 x110 or admin@bow-nh.gov) with any questions or for a volunteer application. Volunteer applications are also available at the Municipal Building on Grandview Road, and can be downloaded from this website.

Mission Statement back to Park Board

Hillsborough Recreation Director Peter Brigham brought up the Park Board Mission Statement that was previously approved by the Selectmen and asked for a clarification with regard to the Park Board being an advisory board as it has always been. Brigham suggested that it would be nice to have input from the Park Board to restructure the statement. Doris Beane gave some information that she has researched with regard to putting together a mission statement or charge for the Parks Board. Selectman Fullerton said he would like to see the Parks Board go back to seven members and the statement be “unadopted.” Selectman Bailey feels they should give the Board time to work things out since the statement was only adopted in January and if they want to suggest changes they can. Chairman Urquhart suggested the statement be sent to the Parks Board and allow them to give input which was ultimately agreed to.

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Goffstown School Board will not investigate coach's resignation

The Goffstown School Board has decided not to conduct an independent investigation into the resignation of girls' basketball coach Deanna Goodwin, but will undertake a comprehensive evaluation of all the athletic programs at the high school. Many parents believe Goodwin was forced out by Goffstown High Principal Frank McBride, who had daughters on both teams. McBride, a former basketball coach at Goffstown, said he and Goodwin had a disagreement during the season.

"I would really like to put this to bed," Board member Virginia McKinnon wanted to put an end to the issue, saying "I think our kids have been through a lot, our school has been through a lot. I think we know that there are issues that we need to address ... There aren't any secrets anymore." Superintendent Brian Balke said he will gather input from parents and coaches to figure out just what the sports program evaluation will look like, and recommended reformatting the coach evaluations that players fill out, as well making the feedback

they provide more consistent.

More than two dozen parents attended the meeting, with many expressing support for McBride as well as the school. But, others continue to demand an independent investigation. Roch Larochelle, a New Boston resident with three daughters at the school

said, "The reasons why we're here is because there have been years of complaints made and nothing's been done about that." He continued, "I would ask that you not make your legacy one of arrogance, apathy and inaction and a lack of accountability for what's happened here."



Not all of us are welcome into the world with a police escort.

Hillcat Theatre Open Auditions

Hillcat Theatre will be holding Auditions for their summer musical, *Beauty & the Beast*, on Monday, May 2nd from 3:30 to 4:30 pm and 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Tuesday, May 3rd, from 6:30 to 7:30pm and Thursday, May 5th, 3:30 to 4:30 pm and 6:30 to 7:30 pm. at HDHS. Auditions will be held at the Hillsboro-Deering High School Library and Cafeteria. Participants should be ready to sing 32 bars of a song of their choice, which must include 1 verse and one chorus and have prepared a 1 to 3 monologue, poem or expressive read.

Grantham firefighter and state trooper deliver baby

A volunteer firefighter and a New Hampshire state trooper were among the first to welcome Grantham, New Hampshire's newest resident Friday evening when they helped deliver a baby girl at her parents' home.

Local police and fire officials were alerted at 6:32 p.m. that expectant mother Joana Murad was in labor and

progressing quickly. Jeremy LaBombard, a Grantham volunteer firefighter, and State Trooper Michael McLaughlin arrived just in time as a "beautiful, healthy" baby girl arrived safe and sound just eight minutes later. LaBombard and McLaughlin coached Murad and helped father Rodwell Mabaera cut the cord, state police said.

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The newest member of the Bow Police Department, Michael Murray, was recently sworn in by Chief Erin Commerford prior to the start of a Selectmen's meeting. Officer Murray will begin his 16 weeks of Academy training on May 2nd.

Bow Board welcomes new Police Officer

Surrounded by family, friends and fellow officers, Michael Murray was introduced as a new officer of the Bow Police Department. Murray is from New Jersey and currently serves in the Marine Corp. Reserves. He is engaged to be married, and hopes to continue his legal studies that he began earlier at St. John University. Chief Commerford administered the oath of office.

New London exploring LED streetlights

The New London Energy Committee is working on a plan that would cut the town's streetlight costs. The New London Select Board approved the plan last week, with the provision the committee continues its effort in gathering public opinion on the test light. The test light is on the light post in front of Town Office on Main Street. Several committee members agreed that the new light does a better job cutting through the haze caused by rain and snow. The newer type of bulb is an L.E.D. and uses 70 to 75 percent less energy than the town's current halogen incandescent bulbs. In addition, the L.E.D. lights last eight to 25 times longer. The plan to replace traditional bulbs in the town's 115 streetlights would reduce annual operating costs by 45 percent. The savings are guaranteed since the town would pay Eversource a fixed rate for each of its streetlights.

Work continues on Bradford Town Hall

Progress on retiring services to the Bradford Town Hall is being made. The taping and buffering will be done this week. The Town is currently looking for volunteers to paint the walls. Jim Bibbo has researched ADA for the Town Hall bathrooms and informed the Board that there can be some exemptions from the regulations. Bibbo informed the Board that the current toilet and sink don't meet ADA requirements. John Pfeifle has a source to get a toilet and sink donated that will meet ADA. The Board also discussed ramp placement (temporary vs. permanent).

Warner River considered for protection

The Warner River is being considered for nomination to the NH River Management & Protection Program. Please join us for a public information and outreach meeting: 7pm, on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, Warner Town Hall.

Franklin City Council approves art exhibit in Marsol Park

Joe Kildune recently met with the Franklin City Council to propose creating an exhibit in Marsol Park across from Toad Hall, where he currently exhibits his art. He likes to make art and likes to make it so the people of Franklin and the people traveling through Franklin can enjoy it.

He spoke to Autoserv and they would like to sponsor this. Kildune would take out 1 year insurance liability should anything happen. He does ask for 6 months exclusivity and then open it up to anybody. Councilor Desrochers asked if it is a changeable exhibit or standard. Mr. Kildune stated that yes he would change it up. Councilor Wells asked about maintenance.

Mr. Kildune stated that would be shared as well as he would do around the sculptures. Kildune has 30 – 40 pieces that are quite large and it would be done tastefully as he would not crowd it but not have it look sparse.

Mayor Merrifield suggested that Kildune meet with the City Manager and appropriate people to work out details and to bring back a formal proposal next month. Councilor Giunta wanted to say he thinks it is a wonderful idea as they are trying to

create a certain buzz about downtown and this would do it. He feels that once news spreads would get that same attention

and bring people downtown. He suggests working out the logistics and making this happen.



Joe Kildune's art is on display in Marsol Park



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Corey King and Angerlina Fournier.

Couple busted selling drugs in Goffstown

Two people face conspiracy to commit heroin sales felony charges after police raided a home in town Friday morning. Corey King, 22, and Angerlina Fournier, 23, were taken into custody around 10:30 a.m. at the 37 Laurel St. home the two lived at, according to police. The investigation began after neighbors complained about an excess number of cars going to the house, according to police. The Goffstown Police Department, along with the Hillsborough County Street Crimes Task Force, had obtained a search warrant for the home. Police said they found heroin, cash and other items used for the sale and use of the drug in the house. The investigation is still ongoing.

Hopkinton fugitive and girlfriend caught

Authorities have arrested a Hopkinton man and his girlfriend in separate incidents Thursday night and Friday morning. The U.S. Marshals earlier named Nikolas Carr, 21, of Hopkinton as their "fugitive of the week" seeking to arrest him. Concord police first arrested Rollins at a Fisherville Road restaurant on Thursday, charging her with heroin possession and is being held at Merrimack County jail. Loudon, Pittsfield, Canterbury and the state police located Carr at a friend's house in Loudon Friday morning. He has been charged with possession of heroin with intent to distribute.

Weare habitual offender arrested again

On Sunday, April 17th a Dunbarton Police Officer observed a blue Dodge Ram pickup truck which failed to stop at the stop sign at Pages Corner. After stopping the vehicle, it was determined that the operator, Travis Chaput of Weare, had been certified as a habitual offender. Chaput was arrested and is being charged with operating while a habitual offender (class B felony), operating after suspension/revocation – subsequent offense (class A misdemeanor), driving without giving proof (class A misdemeanor) and failing to stop at the stop sign (violation). If convicted, he faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 1-5 years in prison.

Northfield man arrested in Tilton

On April 18th, 2016 the Tilton Police Department arrested James Zanni, age 20, of 90 Elm St. in Northfield, NH. He was charged with Sales of a controlled drug, specifically Methamphetamine. James is currently being held at the Carroll County House of Corrections on unrelated charges.

Henniker gathers to salute Police Chief Ryan Murdough

A large and appreciative crowd filled the Henniker Community Center to thank retiring Police Chief Ryan Murdough for his long service to the town. Murdough was hired as a part-time officer in Henniker in 1991, left for a full-time position in Hillsborough in 1992, and returned full-time to Henniker in 1994. He has worked as a DARE Officer and is a Certified Traffic Accident Reconstruction Specialist.

A graduate of the FBI Academy, Murdough was promoted to sergeant in 2004 and to chief in 2009. The Chief holds two associates

degrees and is working on his bachelors.

Presentations were made by his Henniker Officers, Merrimack County Sheriff Scott Hilliard and Bill Castinano, Head of Campus Security at New England College.

Not content to turn in his badge, Murdough has accepted the position of Chief of Police in Washington on a part-time basis.

As one guest pointed out, "Henniker's loss is Washington's gain."

BOW MASTER PLAN Community Visioning Session

Please join us for a discussion on the update of the Bow Master Plan.

We are looking for your input as we develop a planning and development vision for Bow for the next ten years.

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Ryan's wife Kathy, daughters Allison and Heather and grandson Braydon were able to attend the festivities.

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Multiple groups combine for forum on area drug use and abuse

In the first of its kind, Hillsboro-Deering teachers and staff hosted a spaghetti supper/informational session for the community about drug use and drug abuse in the area. "Just Say WHOA" (Widening Hillsboro-Deering's Opioid drug awareness) included Representatives from "Hope for Teens," "Project Lift," Hillsboro-Deering Family Health, Riverbend, and the Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention. Each greeted all attendees with information about their programs prior to the dinner.

Students helped by asking attendees to do an anonymous digital survey that may help to

identify community needs. After dinner Officer Christopher Parsons from the Hillsboro Police Department and nurse Patricia Clark and Dr. Thiesing from Hillsboro-Deering Family Health spoke after "Brittany," a young woman who's wrestled with addiction and has been "clean" for nearly two years wowed the crowd with her courage and candor. Teacher John Bramley welcomed the audience of mostly parents and staff of Hillsboro-Deering and added some fun into the mix

by pulling raffle tickets for prizes donated by area businesses. Teacher Kelly Przybyla closed the program by inviting everyone back on May 12 for "High and Seek," an interactive program for adults only using a staged teenage bedroom with indicators and warning signs of risky behavior. Knowledge and communications are two strong deterrents in the fight against drug abuse and the H-D Community Outreach committee is working on giving people these tools.

Help the Washington Police

Washington Police are seeking information on an incident at Pillsbury State Park on Sunday afternoon. Police say someone broke into a car while it was parked outside the gate of the park while the driver was taking a hike. Washington Police Department is seeking information from anyone who may have seen anyone in the area or may have a description of a potential suspect. Anyone with information can contact the police department at 603-495-3294.



Organizers of the H-D "Just Say WHOA" included staff members: Back row: Jay Wood, Brian Walsh, Kelly Przybyla, Heather Ann Labier, and Alex Luhtjarv; front row: Alicia Langille, John Bramley and Cathy Bennett. (left photo) WHOA speakers included: back row: Officer Christopher Parsons and Brittany; front row: Dr. Gregory Thiesing and Clinical Leader Patricia Clark. (right photo)

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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

Giant Strides at Hillsboro-Deering High School

Congratulations to the administration, faculty, staff and student body at Hillsboro-Deering High School who received some fantastic news recently with publication of US News & World Report's Annual Best School Rankings. Hillsboro-Deering was ranked 11th in the state, up from 47th last year. Other area schools favorably ranked included: Hopkinton #1, Sunapee #3, Goffstown #4 and John Stark #12.



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Guest Editorial *Joyce Bosse*

Disgusting

Social media is here to stay, at least in one form or another, but postings during the past week have shown that while we may be more "social," there is a definite lack of civility. A fictitious Facebook page was created for the purpose of smearing a member of the community and the Manahan Park programs in Hillsboro. The rants rehashed prior discussions and allegations that had already been found to be untrue and misleading last winter, but that didn't stop an unscrupulous individual(s) from posting them anyway. In addition names of minors were on the "page" which is just wrong.

Most newspapers, including this one, will publish letters to the editor using "name withheld upon request" to protect a person from being retaliated against after publication. However, we won't publish without verifying the source. Facebook,

Twitter, etc. have no such rules. Anyone can put almost anything on the sites without verifying anything. (Look at how many accounts have been "hacked".) In this instance, the site was deliberate and put there purely to disparage, and remain anonymous. I have only two words for this person: cowardly and disgusting!

Peter Brigham and the Park Board have been working hard for over a year to provide a safe place for children to go during the summer. Swimming lessons, activities and field trips have all been organized and chaperoned, giving younger children something fun and older children some responsibilities, some of those getting paid, others volunteering. Peter has submitted his resignation to the Board of Selectmen as the program director mostly due to this travesty. If they accept, the program and our children lose.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

About two months ago someone helped themselves to my pile of corrugated steel

building materials. That way they didn't have to pay for it. I was saving that for someone who would have paid or maybe I



Letters to the Editor

may have needed it for my own purposes. I think it's awful to steal from anyone, but especially from an elderly person. That thief must have been sick.

Jean Feather, W. Deering

To The Editor:

It's time to step up to the plate in support of a new Henniker Community School playground. A year ago, at the annual HCS meeting, voters rejected a plan for a new playground because they felt it was too expensive and didn't meet the actual needs of the school and community. There was also a strong sentiment that the playground should be funded by public donations.

Since then, a HCS School Board committee and the Henniker PTA have cooperated to develop a new plan, one based on the ideas and suggestions of the community at large. Surveys have been conducted and previews of the plan displayed. Plans are now in place for construction to start and be finished this summer.

What's missing is the full expression of the public's interest in funding the project with public donations. The PTA has raised about \$20,000, against a goal of \$100,000, but half came from one donor (the Evans). Much more is needed. The good news is that the Davis and Towle Insurance Group has offered to match any new donations up to a total of \$20,000. A donation of \$100 now becomes \$200 toward the new playground.

There are roughly 2,000 families in town, many with children who went to HCS, are there now, or will be there soon. If just half donate \$100 we're done, the playground is guaranteed. Some can't do that much, but others can do more. Let's all do what we can to ensure we have a new playground before school starts in the fall. Log on to the HennikerPTA.org website for more information.

John V. Kjellman, Henniker

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regard to the proposed Dollar General currently being considered on Rt. 114 in Henniker.

As a resident and taxpaying member of the Henniker community, I find it concerning that our village has not demonstrated a higher level of oversight on behalf of its residential homeowners regarding protection from the infringements of creeping commercial sprawl. The village has appeared to have dropped the ball some years ago when a national drug store chain wanted to build near residential properties and the public rose up in opposition. That moment should have been a wake-up call and a red flag to the village. Instead, once again, residential property owners are alarmed over the prospect of yet another commercial chain moving into their back/side yards.

This current situation very likely would have been moot if, some years ago, Village leaders had heeded the public outrage of the time and taken responsible measures to avoid a future repeat. It would seem logical that formal re-evaluations of zoning might be prudent on a timely basis so as to keep pace with ever changing demographics.

On a more general level, it would seem beneficial for the Village of Henniker to examine how it wishes to project and indeed protect its overall identity. Does it want to be known as a unique, quaint community where local owner-operated businesses thrive, or does it seek instead to run after ever more potential tax revenues no matter what the outcomes. Based upon the reaction at last Wednesday's Planning Board meeting, it would seem that the majority favors the former.

Donald Palmateer, Henniker

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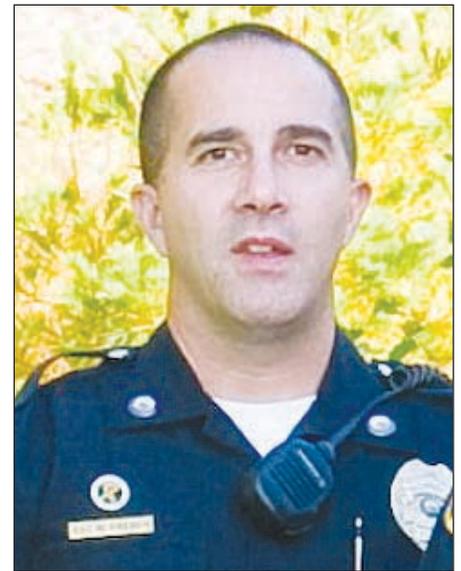
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Matt French returns to Henniker as Chief of Police

Back on January 19, Chief Ryan Murdough informed the Board and community of his intention to retire after 22+ years of service with the Henniker Police Department. To assist in the search for a new Chief, The Board of Selectmen formed the Police Chief Hiring Committee, which was comprised of 5 members of the community, Heidi Aucoin, Doug Paul, Mary Ellen Schule, Bill Christiano, and Mark Lindsley. They reviewed 26 applicants, conducted interviews and brought forward to the Board of Selectmen 3 very qualified candidates to choose from. I want to thank the committee for their great work and due diligence during this process.

The Board then had the opportunity to interview all three candidates and after a few days, we reconvened to discuss and deliberate. As a result, the Board of Selectmen has selected Matthew French to become the next Police Chief for the Town of Henniker, effective May 1, 2016.

Matt began his career in Henniker as a part-time officer in 1992 and became a full-time officer in 1995. He was then promoted by Chief Timothy Russell to the rank of Sergeant in 2004. After 22 years of service with HPD he took a position with



New Boston as Lieutenant in June of 2015. Vice Chair Tia Hooper said, "I believe I speak on behalf of the Board that we are pleased to be welcoming Matthew French back home to Henniker."

A pinning ceremony for Matthew French will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016, 1:00 pm, at the Community Center in Henniker.

Initial meeting of Tilton's Housing Authority Board

A committee established at town meeting as the Tilton Housing Authority Board will have the first of what its chairman hopes will be regular sessions aimed at creating a proposal for minimum housing standards in town dwellings. At the meeting, a 32-page proposal for minimum standards was thought to be too restrictive and too difficult to deal with, said Selectman Pat Consentino, so it was defeated. In its place were several amendments that became an article that passed, naming Town Moderator Chuck Mitchell as the head of the housing board.

Mitchell was required to name several other residents to the board, and the board is required to hold at least two public hearings on its findings before February in order that a new article on the matter can be presented at next year's town meeting.

Consentino, who will serve on the board, said other towns in the area have a standard working ordinance in place. "Something has to be done in our town; we've had some bad reports," she said. Mitchell said as chairman he will try not to take a position on the standards to be

presented to voters. "That's for the board to decide," he said.

In accordance with the final motion adopted at town meeting, the Tilton Housing Authority Board is to consist of a member of the Board of Health (Consentino), the Tilton-Northfield Fire Chief or his designee (Capt. Timothy Joubert), a Tilton Land Use Office employee (Dariush Sassan), a landlord (Lisa Swancott) and three members at large, with one preferably a tenant.

The three members at large are Kristen Vaughn, a realtor; Jennie Lamanuzzi, a tenant; and Marion Abbott, also a tenant. Alternates named were residents Heath Gainer and Nancy Trowsdale.

The first meeting was held Wednesday night at the Tilton Town Hall. Meeting minutes and meeting videos will be posted to the town website at www.tiltonnh.org. All meetings are open to the public. Mitchell said he expects some residents will attend the first few meetings, which he hopes will be held on a regular basis. "We had more people apply for positions than we had positions on the board," he said.

Newport's Z Pharmacy to be reborn as Z Toys & Gifts

Sometimes change is good and in this case it is true. What used to be Z Pharmacy has evolved into an incredible toy and gift store. The pharmacy has closed and the entire store is now dedicated to the toy and gift lines you know, and we've expanded it to include many great new products. Zuzu's Cafe still offers delicious soups, hearty sandwiches and fresh salads, the deck is still open so you can eat in the sunshine and the coffee is, as always, free.

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Initial Newport Service Award presented to Captain Robert Ballou

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At its April 18th meeting the Board of Selectmen presented the initial Newport Service Award Bowl to Police Captain Robert E. Ballou, who had served 40 years with the Police Department.

A life-long resident of Newport and Croydon, Bob was hired by then Chief Norman LaCroix on April 12, 1976 as a Dispatcher and Patrol Officer. He has held the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. During his distinguished career he served the Department as a Detective, Prosecutor, and Records Manager. Although he retired in 1997, Bob remained a regular employee of the Police Department and has continued his duties as a Records Manager.

Bob's forty years of service to the Town

has been and remains exemplary, and is the standard by which all other careers at

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Captain Bob Ballou (l) received the Newport Service Award from Town Manager Shane O'Keefe and Police Chief Jim Burroughs.

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Prior to the event the Paul Smith School PTO will hold the Hero Hustle, a 5K Fun Run/Walk on River Street in Franklin which will begin at 8:00 AM. Community Day activities will begin at 10 AM when booths, games, and food concessions open for the day. There will be a Wildlife Encounters show at 11 AM courtesy of Hope Community Chapel. At noon the Three Rivers Chorale will perform at the gazebo, there will be a karate demonstration by White Tiger Karate at 12:15 PM on the softball field and the Franklin Public Library will sponsor Mad Science at 1:00 PM also at the Odell gazebo. In addition, there will be a climbing wall and bungee jump, petting zoo, pony rides and children's games and activities throughout the day.

This year's parade/event theme is "Franklin Heroes Past and Present." The parade will step off at Franklin High School

at 10 AM and proceed easterly on Central Street to Smith Street where it will turn and continue to Odell Park.

The fair continues from 10 AM to 2 PM and will include games, craft booths and food vendors. Many area service organizations

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Officer David Hewitt of Andover helped a momma snapper cross Rt. 11 on Saturday, Apr. 16. He stopped traffic for her to cross from the Blackwater River to the swampy area across the highway, which she did in a steady, determined manner. Lindy Heim photo.

Tilton-Northfield Rotary is busy in May

There's lots happening at The Tilton-Northfield Rotary Club... Monday, May 2nd is Senior Dinner at the Pines Community Center. If you're a senior citizen of Tilton, Northfield, or Sanbornton and would like to attend, please contact us with your RSVP. Dinner is being served at 5PM with music by Bill Parker. On Saturday, May 7th, it's the Tilton-Northfield Rotary Club's annual Pet Expo! Residents of Tilton, Northfield, and Sanbornton can get their pets vaccinated. All are welcome to come by the Pines Community Center and check out the arts and crafts, along with an agility demo from the Tilton Police Department, and much more.... fun starts at 9:00 am - noon. Hope to see you there. Keep your eye out for more information on our annual kids fishing derby, which is scheduled for Sunday, May 15th at the Tilton School Pond.

Unresponsive man found with a syringe

Police found an unresponsive man with a syringe loaded with heroin in his lap Saturday morning. Daniel Mercier, 32, of Goffstown, was found unresponsive in a car at the intersection of Gordon and Medford streets. He awoke when ambulance workers opened his door and found the syringe in his lap. He was taken into police custody and charged with possession of heroin and violation of bail.

Franklin woman arrested for drug sales

On 20 April 2016 Franklin Police Officers arrested 41 year old Nadine Marie Jacques on warrants generated by the NH Attorney General's Drug Task Force. At approximately 1 PM, Ms. Jacques was taken into custody without incident at 515 Salisbury Road in Franklin. She was charged with 3 counts of Sales of a Controlled Drug/Narcotic. Her bail was set at \$30,000 cash pending arraignment on 21 April 2016 in Franklin Circuit Court. Ms. Jacques is suspected of selling Crystal Meth Amphetamine during the course of this investigation.

Sunapee begins planning for its 250th

The Selectmen will be creating and appointing committees to plan, prepare and deliver a suitable celebration for the Town of Sunapee in commemoration of the 250th year since its settlement. The celebration is to take place in 2018. If interested in being on the planning committee or if you have a special interest and would like to be on a subcommittee, please fill out a volunteer form and submit to the Selectmen's Office.

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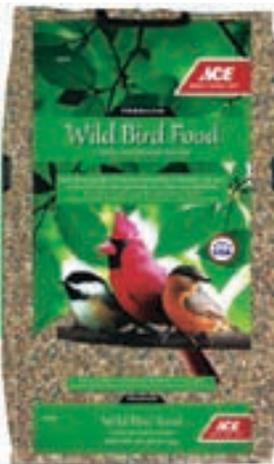


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Izzy Nelson pitching for the Weare Lady Wildcats who had a 17-2 home opener win. Izzy Nelson threw a no hitter with 13 strike outs. The Lady Wildcats, as a team, stole 24 bases and each player scored at least one run. Offensively, Sydney Nelson, Anna Stenger, Riley Lord, and Lilli Stogner were stand outs with multiple hits. Bronda Crosby photo.

SOFTBALL

Pembroke 11 John Stark 2: The Generals were out matched by a tough Pembroke squad.

Souhegan 13 John Stark 2: Souhegan's pitching dominated the game, keeping Stark scoreless for most of the game.

John Stark 12 Lebanon 0: John Stark dominated from the outset of the game, cruising to its first win of the season.

Newport 18 Mascoma 2: Newport batted around in the bottom of the first and the first 11 batters all reached base and scored.

Merrimack Valley 9 Kearsarge 7: Ashley Thompson pitched 7 strong innings allowing only 4 earned runs and IP, 4 K, 4 ER. Samantha Dow had a 3-run home run, but it wasn't enough.

Kearsarge 6 Fall Mountain 2: The Cougars prevailed as the Wildcats' runs came in the seventh inning. Hanna Veysey and Cassidy Cummings each went 2-for-3 with home runs.

Belmont 18 Bow 0: The Falcons were never in this one.

Hopkinton 7 Monadnock 1: Monadnock scored in the second inning to go up 1-0, but the Hawks loaded the bases in the top of the third and Blanchette cleared them with a double before scoring later in the inning.

Hopkinton 10 Bow 6: Alexis Blanchette struck out 12. Bow had scored 3 in the first two innings and had the bases loaded with no outs in the third, until Blanchette came in to pitch, striking out the side and dominating the rest of the game.

Hopkinton 2 Raymond 0: Alexis Blanchette pitched 7 innings with 6 K's. It was a pitcher's duel until the sixth as neither team could find some offense.

Bishop Brady 19 Hillsboro-Deering 1: After allowing a run in the top half of the first inning, Brady answered with three runs and shut out the Hillcats after that.

Somersworth 10 Hillsboro-Deering 6: Maggie Atkins threw 7 innings, with 11



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strikeouts, as the Hillcats battled the Hilltoppers to a 6-6 tie going into the final inning, but a four-run seventh decided the game for Somersworth.

Franklin 8 Newfound 2: Newfound opened the game with a 1-0 lead in the first after a runner scored on a fielder's choice, but Franklin took the lead in the third.

Franklin 13 Farmington 1: The Golden Tornadoes had just five hits, but they used seven walks, two hit batters and multiple fielder's choice situations to score their 13 runs.

Winnisquam 4 Belmont 2: A two-run fourth inning gave Winnisquam a 4-0 lead. The Red Raiders (2-1) countered with two in the fifth, but drew no closer.

Sunapee 8 Derryfield 3: The Lakers scored in five of the seven innings to improve to 2-0 on the season.

Goffstown 7 Pembroke 6: Danielle Parent had a big game at the plate while Alexis Palmisano pitched very well. Kayla Paquin and McKenzie Leblanc each recorded their first varsity hits.

LACROSSE

John Stark 15 Keene 0: The Generals scored five goals in the first six minutes and held an 11-0 lead at halftime.

Hanover 12 John Stark 10: Stark tied it at 6-6 by halftime, but Hanover opened the second half with a four-goal run.

Kearsarge 7 John Stark 4: The Generals scored first, but Kearsarge tied the game 3-3 within the first seven minutes and the Cougars scored again to take a 4-3 halftime lead, and tallied three second-half goals to secure the win.

Kearsarge 15 Plymouth 2: Kearsarge opened the game fast, and ended the day with five different multi-goal scorers on the day.

Gilford 19 ConVal 12: Briana Jones and Lily Sheridan each had 4 goals a piece for the Cougars.

Hopkinton 8 Bishop Brady 5: The Hawks erased a quick two-goal deficit in time to take a halftime lead.

Bow 15 Oyster River 5: Taylor Darrell led the attack with 6 goals and 3 assists, as the Falcons opened an early lead and maintained its advantage throughout the game.



Carol Carlson of Washington and two of her beautiful dogs shared the history of "Chinook" sled dogs and her interest in raising, training and working with the rare breed at the first meeting of the Washington Historical Society on April 11th.



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