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New Bow Police Officer

Police Chief Erin Commerford welcomed Michael Murray as the Bow Police Department's newest police officer. He will be attending the next full time police academy in May and he is looking forward to being a part of the Department and serving the residents of Bow.



Earth Day Cleanup

Mrs. Nye's first grade class at the Henniker Community School did their part on Earth Day, the last day of school before April vacation, to help clean up around the school. Mrs. Nye's class also pruned and weeded the front gardens and planted pansies in the courtyard garden at school.



Dunbarton man indicted

A former Dunbarton man has been indicted for his involvement in a residential burglary that took place on Holiday Shore Drive on January 25th. Justin Sherman, 29, was indicted on one count of burglary (class B felony) and one count of theft by unauthorized taking (class A felony). If convicted, he faces up to 15 years in prison.



Celebrating the award are (L to R) Athletic Director Pete Ketchum, Executive Director Jerry Frew and Principal Jim Elder.

Great Brook is great

Antrim School receives "Spotlight School Award"

Antrim's Great Brook School was awarded the New England League of Middle Schools' "Spotlight School Award" last Friday. There are 34 New England schools which have received this award, seven of which are from New Hampshire. Great Brook is the only New Hampshire school to receive this award this year.

Two years ago Great Brook won the New

Hampshire Excellence in Education Award for the second time, but Principal Jim Elder believes this New England Award is an even greater validation of his school's achievements.

NELMS is an organization dedicated to the importance of middle level education, and they promote good practices for teachers who work with these students. The Executive Director of NELMS, is former superintendent Jerry Frew.

Goffstown High School rated #4 in New Hampshire

Goffstown High School has, again, been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the nation's Best High Schools. Identified as the fourth Best High School in the state of NH, of 21,000 ranked schools nationally, GHS comes in at number 1,754 placing their performance in the top 10% of the United States, earning them another silver medal.

Superintendent Brian Balke commented, "I couldn't be more proud of Goffstown High School being recognized again this year by U.S. News and

World Report. We have wonderful teachers and staff at GHS that contribute to a positive learning environment every day."

As explained by U.S. News & World Report, the Best High Schools rankings identify the country's top-performing public high schools. The goal is to provide a clear, unbiased picture of how well public schools serve all of their students – from the highest achieving to the lowest achieving – in preparing them to demonstrate proficiency in basic skills as well as readiness for college-level work.



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Yesteryear Local history as reported in The Messenger

May 8, 2015

Bow named "High School of Excellence"
 Goffstown Police arrest two for robbery
 H-D DECA Teams place 8th in International Competition
 Thefts continue at Weare Transfer Station

May 9, 2014

New London Selectmen reject K-9 Unit
 Goffstown Police Chief wants station addition
 Henniker approves providing Bradford rescue services
 Jim Coffey quits-Emerald Lake District in flux

May 10, 2013

SEC says "NO" to Antrim Wind's 10 turbine project
 Selectmen & School Board discuss Fall Foliage options
 No injuries in Greenfield industrial fire
 Weare woman nominated as "Champion of Children"

May 11, 2012

Wilnot and New London teens found unharmed
 Newport voters are in no mood to spend
 Warner Selectmen are talking trash
 Help with Newbury's Veterans' Memorial

May 13, 2011

Elkins Fish & Game Club awards scholarships
 Hillsboro-Deering DECA #1 in the world
 NH Fish & Game honors Peter St. James
 Colby-Sawyer grads told to act like zombies

May 7, 2010

Haitian man charged with Henniker murder
 Peterborough theater reopens after fire
 Friction between Hillsborough and Deering continues
 Sunapee community room dedicated to Arthur Osborne

May 8, 2009

Police raid another two underage drinking parties
 \$10,000 worth of computers stolen at Stark
 Hopkinton & Warner Selectmen discuss ambulance billing
 Henniker man in hit and run accident

May 9, 2008

Transformer explosion closes Hillsborough power station
 Vehicles burglarized at ConVal High School
 Warner selected as a "Small Town Destination"
 Second H-D union filed grievance against Baker

May 11, 2007

H-D Music Department salutes Sally Jenkins
 Fire destroys home at Emerald Lake
 Hancock man arrested for sexual assault on a dog
 Several arrests made in Washington

May 12, 2006

Stankunas arrested for child pornography
 Washington & Contoocook restorations recognized
 Why did Sunapee principal quit?
 Man given 5-15 years for Henniker death

Davis & Towle pledges to match up to \$20,000 in playground donations

The prospect of the Henniker Community School having a playground in place for the beginning of the next school year with much of it coming from donations looks brighter every day. Recently, several major donors have stepped forward to lend support. These major gifts, combined with the fundraising efforts of the Henniker PTA, means that a significant portion of the new playground may come from fundraising and not tax dollars.

The most recent contribution for the Henniker Community School Playground is a dollar for dollar match of up to \$20,000 from Davis & Towle Insurance Group, who made the offer in celebration of this year being the 40th year Davis & Towle has been in business in Henniker. If the full amount of the Davis and Towle challenge match is met, this challenge will become a \$40,000 donation for the Henniker playground. As of April 1, other major gifts for the playground include a \$10,000 gift from Jon and Lucia Evans. Through this generous donation by Mr. and Mrs. Evans and others, \$5,000 of this gift has been earmarked for Buddy Benches for the playground in memory of Jeanne Daniel, a former HCS teacher and community member.

138 mph on I-89 in Hopkinton

A Manchester man was arrested on reckless driving charges Tuesday in Hopkinton for driving more than twice the posted speed limit, state police said. Jonathan Azar, 27, was clocked traveling 138 mph in a posted 65 mph zone on Interstate 89. Azar, who was driving an Infiniti G37, was stopped by a trooper and placed under arrest. Azar is charged with reckless driving.

Additional major gifts for the playground as of April 1 include: \$2,100 from the Henniker PTA; \$1,000 each from the Henniker Rotary Club, Henniker Cham-

ber of Commerce, James McElroy, and J.D. Dannenbaum; and \$500 each from the Henniker Book Farm, Michelle Jones, and John Kjellman.



HCS Principal Karen Raymond looks at the playground plans with Paul Sheppard of Davis & Towle, who is pledging a \$20,000 challenge match for the Henniker Community School Playground.

Runaway teenage girl spotted at Tilton Wal*Mart

A missing teen from Salisbury was seen leaving the Tilton Wal-mart on Saturday.

New Hampshire State Police Sgt. Ron Taylor reports that Joyce Gilbert, 15, has been missing since about 3 p.m. Friday from her family's home in Salisbury following an argument with her father.

Gilbert is 5 foot 4 and weighs 115 pounds with dark blond/ auburn hair with a brown hair band and has blue eyes. She was wearing a gray camouflage zip-up hoodie sweatshirt at the time she disappeared. During the



course of their investigation, surveillance cameras showed Gilbert leaving the Tilton Wal-mart by herself riding a white mountain bike.

Troopers say her current location is unknown, but that she is known to frequent the Franklin, Tilton, Boscawen and Penacook area. No foul play is suspected in this case, troopers said.

Anyone with information is urged to call TFC Carter of the New Hampshire State Police at 223-4381.



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BY SARAH CHAPIN

For the first time, chondroitin sulfate has been more successful than celecoxib in reducing the long-term progression of knee osteoarthritis (OA), according to new research findings presented at the American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Osteoarthritis is a slowly progressive disease in which joint cartilage breaks down. Normally, cartilage on the ends of bones allows smooth, pain-free joint movements. In OA, cartilage becomes thin and irregular, resulting in symptoms of joint pain and stiffness. Grinding or cracking sensations may occur. Joints that are under high stress due to repeated activity or weight bearing are most susceptible to OA. The hips, knees, hands and spine are commonly affected. OA becomes more common with aging.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Zurampic (lesinurad) to treat high levels of uric acid in the blood (hyperuricemia) associated with gout, when used in combination with a xanthine oxidase inhibitor (XOI), a type of drug approved to reduce the production of uric acid in the body. Gout is a painful form of arthritis caused by the buildup of too much uric acid in the body, and usually appears first as redness, soreness, and swelling in the big toe. Uric acid in the blood is produced by the breakdown of substances called purines, which are found in all the body's tissues. Uric acid usually dissolves in the blood then passes through the kidneys and out of the body in urine. Uric acid can build up in the blood, a condition called hyperuricemia. This occurs when the body increases the amount of uric acid it makes, the kidneys do not get rid of enough uric acid, or a person eats too many foods high in purines. Most people with hyperuricemia do not develop gout, but if uric acid forms crystals in the body, gout can develop.

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Town Clerk Kim Johnson administers the Oath of Office.

Matt French is Henniker's new Police Chief

Over 100 people attended the official swearing in and pinning ceremony for Henniker's newest police chief, Matt French. With the exception of a brief stint in New Boston, Chief French has spent his police career in Henniker and the respect from the townspeople and the other members of Henniker's force was evident as soon as he walked in. Far from the usual ceremony after he was sworn in by Town Clerk Kim Johnson, he asked his former Henniker Chief (who had originally hired him) Tim Russell and former fellow officer and friend Doug Paul to pin his chief's stars on his lapel. He then passed his new badge to the audience and invited everyone in attendance to touch it so they could be part of his very special day, after which he called his son, daughter and wife to the stage to pin the badge on his shirt.

New equipment OK'd for Franklin Fire Dept.

The Franklin City Council has approved \$6,000 for the purchase of two video laryngoscopes for the Fire Department. By purchasing this equipment, paramedics will be able to provide a pristine view of the patient's airway which will allow a greater chance for patient survival. One laryngoscope will be placed in each of the two ambulances. The total cost of this project is \$6000. 50% of this project will be supported by a donation of \$3000 from the Concord Eagles Club. The remaining \$3000 will be paid for by funds from the Franklin Fire Department Memorial account.

Newport Town Records now saved on CD's

Newport's oldest records are now on CD. Town Clerk Liselle Dufort had seven of the towns oldest books restored and CDs made with their contents through a Moose Grant in January of 2015. Books that were digitalized are two Town Bookkeeping books, one 1802-1842 and the other 1865-1882, Poll and Tax Book 1835-1845, Militia Orderly book 1848-1853, Marriage Intentions 1854-1880 and the Roster of Fred Smythe Post #10 1861-1864. Dufort said the CD is in the Town Clerk's Office, Richards Library, and Newport Historical Society, but the books won't be ready until June. When the books are returned to Newport, they won't be available to the public. Dufort said once the town gets its new website the CD will be searchable and on-line.

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Doug Mumford retires as Hopkinton Fire Chief-interim appointed

On the same day that Hopkinton feted outgoing Fire Chief Doug Mumford on his retirement, the Hopkinton select board announced the hiring of Shawn Murray as interim fire chief to oversee the department's leadership transition. Murray, a consultant with Municipal Resources Inc., retired from the Hudson department in 2013. He has also served as a captain and training officer with the Goffstown Fire Department and former chief of the Hudson Fire Department.

According to a memo from the Board, "Shawn will bring to the Department a depth of experience, intimate knowledge in public safety, strong administrative

skills, and leadership qualities that will serve the Department and our town well in an interim capacity." The board held two unposted "listening sessions" with members of the fire department last week. Minutes were not kept, only two Selectmen

attended each meeting, one Wednesday evening and the other Saturday morning. The Board's memo was signed by only four members of the board. Member Steve Lux Jr. recused himself as a volunteer with the department.

Bow studs bridge replacement

The Board of Selectmen began to form a plan for the replacement of two bridges in town at a workshop Tuesday night. The Birchdale Road Bridge closed in July 2015 after the state said that it wouldn't be able to handle large loads. State money for the project won't be available until 2024. The plan would be to build a bridge that's 26 feet-long to replace the current structure, which would meet the requirements for state's stream crossing rules. The cost of the project is estimated to be about \$833,000, which would cover all the engineering and construction costs.

The Page Street Bridge has also been red-listed, but has not been recommended to be closed by the state. State money for the project won't be available until 2023. The plan would be to build a 32-foot-long bridge to meet the state's stream-crossing requirements. The cost is estimated at a little more than \$884,000. No decisions on what would be done in replacing the bridges were made. The group will continue the discussion at their next meeting on May 10 at 6 p.m.



Chief Doug Mumford cut the cake during his retirement celebration at Town Hall

New London Selectmen delay cupola repair decision

By Heather Dion,
Messenger Intern

The New London Selectmen met on Monday May 2 to discuss several pieces of business including the cupola on Whipple Hall. Jim Perkins discussed research he had done into other companies and came back with bids from other companies that would put the job cheaper than the company they were previously considering. They would be replacing or replicating molding on the cupola as well as restoring the windows. The selectmen requested more information

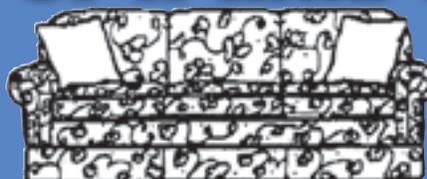
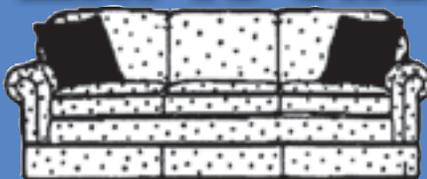


before they made a decision on whether to stay with the current bid or select a different one.

In other business, the selectmen voted to approve a license agreement that would allow the town to begin developing a walking trail from Newport road to Parkside road. The trail will be

maintained by the conservation committee and it will be a walking trail only. The path will be covered in bluestone on the surface. The selectmen approved the license agreement all in favor of the agreement.

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The first of Franklin's Central Street Benches was placed in front of the Franklin Studio.

Goffstown water problems keep crews busy

One Goffstown water main break was fixed but it lead to another problem. Workers from John E. Neville Excavating and Grasmere Water spent the majority of the day fixing a variety of water main-related problems in town. Crews first responded to a water main break at 6 a.m. on Mast Road near the crosswalk for the town's rail trail. The cause of the break, according to Keith Moore of Grasmere Water, was due to the age of the 8-inch pipe. Repairs to the main were finished a little before noon. But when crews went up the street near Wicked Salon and Spa to a valve to restart the water, they realized that it was stuck. In order to solve that problem, crews had to shut the line — which brings water to all 200 Grasmere customers in town — temporarily down a little while after 4:30 p.m. Water was running again sometime after 8 p.m.

Henniker Clean-Up Day set for this Saturday

The Henniker Chamber Of Commerce's Community Spring Clean up Day is set for May 7th from 10am-1pm. Meet at the Henniker Community Center, Gazebo Check-in starting at 10am to get assignment, trash bag and gloves. Organizations and Residents can help with the clean up by sending an email to RSVP@henniker-chamber.org with their 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.

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. Please help us make Henniker look its best. 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.

Sunapee's Coffee with the Chief on May 26

This month's Coffee with the Chief will be on Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Safety Services Building. Joining the Chief on the 26th will be Scott Blewitt, Sunapee's Recreation Director, and NH Fish and Game Conservation Officer Kevin Bronson.

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8 AM: PSS PTO Hero Hustle Race/Walk will take place on River Street Extension

10 AM: Parade begins at FHS

11 AM: Wildlife Encounters Show courtesy of Hope Community Chapel on softball field

NOON: Three Rivers Chorale Performance at gazebo

NOON: Franklin Elks Lodge 1280 - Presentation of Awards to Drug Awareness Program essay and poster contest winners - at Elks Dare Van

12:15 PM: Karate demonstration courtesy of White Tiger Karate on softball field

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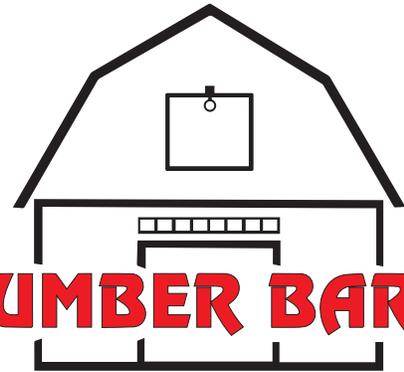
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Weare firefighters battle brush fire that spread to house

On April 30th the Weare Fire Department received a telephone report of smoke in the area of Deering Center Road. After searching the area, a fire was found at 189 Deering Center Road involving an acre of brush and extending into a 1-1/2 story residential building.

Assistant Chief Robert Richards led Weare firefighters in the effort to combat the flames. Initial actions included knocking down the exterior fire that had extended up the side of the building. Firefighters entered the building to conduct a search for occupants and extinguish the fire in the attic. Mutual aid crews were put to work containing the brush fire and were used to open up walls and pull ceilings in search of hidden fire.

Firefighters were able to contain the fire damage to one end of the building and there was heavy smoke damage throughout the second floor. Weare Fire Chief Robert Vezina believes a timely response and quick control of the fire preserved much of the building's contents.

Firefighters from several surrounding communities fought the fire with water that had to be transported via tanker trucks from a nearby water source. The communities of

Goffstown, New Boston, Henniker, and Bow provided Mutual Aid.

The fire appears to have been the result of a previous non-permitted outside fire that was not completely extinguished and allowed to rekindle. That fire in-

cluded materials that far exceed the size permitted by the open burning rules as they continue to burn and smolder for quite some time.

No civilians or fire personnel were injured.



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On Friday April 22nd HDMS Celebrated National Poetry Month with a Poetry Jam. A total of 34 students and teachers recited, sang and acted out their favorite poems. The Poetry Jam Winners were: 6th grade Emily Wilkens and Haley Clukey, 7th grade Tiannan Burke-Smith, 8th grade Anthony Brown, Overall HDMS Winners Lily Gibson and Alyssa Boyd.



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Franklin Police Dept receives matching grant

The Franklin Police Department has been awarded a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Office of Highway Safety for the purchase of a speed trailer and two (2) radar units for the amount of \$17,496.00. This grant is a matching grant with \$8,748 coming from federal grant funding and \$8,748 coming from the municipality. The Franklin Police Department/City of Franklin has budgeted for most of this matching grant (\$7,300) in the budget. The Franklin Police Department currently has two frontline cruisers without radar units. This is a needed piece of equipment rudimentary to a police cruiser. The speed trailer would allow notification to speed violators and allow for self-correcting action of vehicular traffic.

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Sunapee announces summer paving jobs

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The reconstruction and paving of Jobs Creek Road beginning at the intersection of Jobs Creek Road and Route 11 (east end of Jobs Creek Road) and ending west of Westwood Road (at the top of the hill);

Construction of a pavement overlay on Jobs Creek Road beginning at the intersection of Jobs Creek Road and Route 11 (west end of Jobs Creek Road) and ending near the intersection of Jobs Creek and Granliden Road;

Construction of paver shims and pavement overlay on Garnett Hill Road

Construction of a paver levelling course on Prospect Hill Road from Meadow Brook Road north approximately 2,500-feet.

Construction of a paver leveling course on Perkins Pond Road from North Road to the Perkins Pond Road boat launch (To be completed pending completion of projects 1 – 3)

Minor injuries in Dunbarton 1-car accident

Dunbarton Police and Volunteer Fire Rescue responded to a single car accident on Twist Hill Road near number 70. The vehicle drifted off of the road, the passenger side tire went into the ditch and the vehicle struck a tree. The driver was transported to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries and the vehicle was towed by AAA. The road was closed for about 30 minutes while the vehicle was removed.

Bow Police Chief at the Boston Marathon

Congratulations to Chief Commerford who completed the Boston Marathon in 4:29:57.

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Gary Nichols feted on retiring after 22 years as Newport Selectman

It's not every day that cake is served at the Selectmen's meeting, but when it's the Chairman's Birthday and celebrating the end of 22 years of service as a Selectman, it was very appropriate. In addition to the cake, Gary was given a plaque, a "selfie stick" and a dart board complete with 8x10 photos of Bert Spaulding prior to the business portion of the meeting. State Representative and former Board member read a remarkable tribute as was printed in this year's Town Report as the report was dedicated to Gary and the Town's Ambulance service.

After congratulating Selectman Nichols, the Board held a Public Hearing on changing the amount being charged for hauled water from one to five cents per gallon. No one spoke on either side of the issue.

Town Clerk Liselle Dufort reported on the use of the Moose Grant for \$9873.81 from last year. Eight of the town's oldest books have been digitized and copies of the CD's were given to the Newport Historical Society and the Richards Free Library. As part of the Grant copies will also go to the NH State Library and the NH State Archives. The original books are being cleaned; some will get new bindings and covers while others will

be restored as best as possible. The office is currently working on another Moose Grant and she thanked those who worked on the grant and the project.

Ms. Dufort also announced the winners of the "Top Dog" contest after being selected in a random drawing by Selectman Nichols. In

third place was "Ricky" and Brian Kelly; second place was "Baxter" and Darlene Dodge, and first place was "George" and Ella Casey. Many area businesses contributed prizes for the contest, which was deemed a success as more than 160 dogs were registered this year than were last year by April 30.



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Publisher's Perspective *by Leigh Bosse*

A True Public Servant

It was only fitting that Gary Nichols end his 22 consecutive years as a Selectman on his 64th birthday. I first met Gary 40 years ago when we both were members of the U.S. Jaycees, an organization dedicated to developing young emerging leaders through community service projects.



It is clear that Gary adopted the Jaycee Creed, which says, "we believe...that service to humanity is the best work of life." In addition to a 38 year career at Ruger, and raising three wonderful daughters with his wife

Candy, Gary volunteered 40 years as an Intermediate EMT, served on the Planning Board, the Police Facilities Committee, Airport Advisory Committee, Recreation Facility Building Committee, Capital Improvements Committee, Heritage Commission, Waste Disposal Advisory Committee, the

Master Plan Committee and the new Rec Advisory Council, in addition to his duties as a Selectman.

I am proud to call Gary Nichols my friend.

Henniker's newest Selectman not afraid to speak up

The Henniker Selectmen dealt with a variety of issues Tuesday night. After a public hearing, they voted to accept a generous donation of \$25,000 from Henniker Sand and Gravel to be used for storm water treatment at Azalea Park.

New Public Works Director Tom Weston made out well as the Board approved hiring a 6th employee for his department. Also approved was Weston's request for \$18,000 to do much needed crack sealing on several roads.

A hearing was also held on a proposed amendment to open sections of Bacon Road, Browns Way and Old Hillsboro Road for OHRV travel. Many OHRV Club members attended to support the measure. Opposition in the form of one abutter

present and letters to the board centered on maintenance of the Class 6 roads which are not town maintained. Selectman Ben Fortner requested the club provide a detailed plan of action of how they would maintain those roads, but got little support from fellow board members, who voted to schedule a second reading in two weeks.

Warner Community Action Director Erin Reed asked the Board to increase the town's contribution to the program, which was politely declined because Henniker's welfare budget is traditionally overspent. This prompted Fortner to request a full audit of the welfare department's controls and procedures. Other Board members believed it was unnecessary and gave full support to the current welfare director.

Selectmen won't reappoint Cherrington and Segedy

The Hillsborough Selectmen have taken the unusual step of refusing to reappoint two controversial volunteers on Board and Commissions.

In a letter to former Conservation Commission member Bret Cherrington, the Board said, "The Selectmen are evaluating whether or not volunteers are able to work harmoniously with other volunteers as well as with town staff and most importantly, work in the best interest of the community.

Over the last year or so there has been a concern about your actions as a member of the Conservation Commission and whether or not your actions and tones reflect positively on the community. While input from the Commission as a whole is extremely important on various projects, there are

documented instances where it appears you are speaking for yourself rather than the commission you represent: There have also been other occasions in which your conflict with others has been addressed with you.. These types of incidents have prompted the Selectmen to question your ability to represent Hillsborough's best interest."

In a similar letter to John Segedy, the Board wrote "Although we are appreciative of your interest in serving, we do not feel your mannerisms and confrontational nature are attributes that reflect positively on the town as a whole. Because of that, we have chosen not to reappoint you to the Zoning Board and have decided to end your term as an alternate on the Parks Board and Conservation Commission."



Thomas Ferguson, Nicholas Lester, and Ryan Gillett – 7th Place Internationally Virtual Business Sports Management.



Matt Otten, Brandon Soules, and Panagiotis Galatas – 8th Place Internationally Virtual Business Restaurant Management.



Hillsboro-Deering High School DECA recently returned from the International competition in Nashville, Tennessee with several accolades. H-D's Virtual Business Sports team of Nicholas Lester, Thomas Ferguson, and Ryan Gillett finished in 7th place internationally in an event that saw them do well through several rounds of competition. The event which began last fall with over 3000 teams saw the top 16 compete against each other in Nashville. Similarly, H-D's Virtual Business Restaurant team of Panagiotis Galatas, Matt Otten, and Brandon Soules finished in 8th place internationally in their event. The Restaurant competition was also heavily competed in this season with over 3000 teams from around the globe participating.

Senior Michael Carter was an event finalist in the Quick Service Restaurant Management event. While he did not crack the top 10 – he was awarded a medal for a top performance in one of his competitions.

During the School Based Enterprise Academy, sophomores Kaelyn Snair and Jessica Peschel, and freshman Zachary Urban were awarded the Gold Re-certified School Based Enterprise Award on behalf of the Hillcat Corner, the chapter's school based enterprise. This is the ninth consecutive year that the chapter has received this award. Additionally, juniors Allie Lester and Tia Delampan,

who were elected to serve as New Hampshire DECA State Officers at the NH State Conference in February attended the EMPOWER Academy for State Officers. Ms. Lester also served as the New Hampshire flag bearer during the parade of flags at the opening of the conference.

Rounding out the team of twenty-two students from Hillsboro-Deering that attended the conference were: seniors Danielle Armstrong (Thrive Academy), and Natasha Dahood (Financial Consulting); juniors Samantha Audette (Hotel and Lodging Marketing), Reed Cullen (Human Resources Management), Meredith Denu and Shannon Thomes (Public Relations Project), and Sam Taylor (Retail Marketing); sophomores Colby Wilkens and Kianna Carter (Travel and Tourism Marketing), and freshman Josh Marshall (Thrive Academy). When the team had time – they visited Cumberland Caverns to go spelunking, attended a private show of country stars Lindsay Ell, and Craig Morgan at the Grand Old Opry, went line dancing at the famous Wildhorse Saloon, and took a riverboat cruise on the Cumberland River on the historic General Jackson.

H-D DECA would like to express thanks to the Duncan Jenkins Trust for their extreme generosity in assisting with the funding of this enriching activity.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Bow Master Plan Visioning Session – May 11th, 6:30 PM at Bow High School Cafeteria, 55 Falcon Way. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

Bow Business to Business - June 1st, 5:30-6:30 PM at Concord Awning and Canvas, 1 Tallwood Drive. For Bow Business Owners. Sponsored by Bow Economic Development Commission.

TOWN PROJECTS STATUS REPORT

Public Safety Building Project Town Manager David Stack is the Town's project manager for completion of the new Public Safety Building. Any questions about the project should be directed to him. The building will be constructed on town land on Knox Road, on the hill above the gazebo. The building site was logged under the direction of Town Forester Ron Klemarczyk, which ensured that the 100 foot buffer between the building site and neighbors was preserved. The Town received over \$3,000 for the wood removed from the land. We are expecting construction to begin at the end of May.

Community Building & Police Station Once the Public Safety Building is operational, the space currently used by the Police and Fire Departments will be vacant. The Selectmen and Town Manager are studying what the best uses will be for those buildings. The Board has established two committees to study potential uses, prepare reports and present options. These committees are to be made up of Bow residents with experience in construction, building design, and real estate. If you are interested in assisting in this effort, please fill out a Volunteer Application or call 228-1187 x1.

Birchdale Road Bridge Project The Town's engineers have been working with the NH Department of Transportation to develop both temporary and permanent solutions for the closed bridge on Birchdale Road. Due to the volume of water that flows through the area, any option chosen must meet the design standards of the NH Department of Environmental Services. We expect decisions will be made on the design within a few months. In response to concerns of neighbors living on Birchdale Road, the Town's engineers are working with the Town Public Works Department to include ways to reduce speed on the road when the bridge is reopened.

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Department of Public Works (DPW) Department personnel recently installed a new water faucet at the Alexander Cemetery on River Road. The Town is now able to provide visitors with a reliable source of water for flowers and shrubs. The faucet was tied into the Town water system.

Bow Police Department The Department is organizing a speed enforcement initiative as a result of a grant that was received from the NH Highway Safety Agency. The funds will be used to conduct specific patrols for the purpose of reducing speeding motorists and increasing travel safety in neighborhoods. The Department is also utilizing the new speed trailer as part of its efforts. The public will see it positioned at various locations in Town over the coming months.

2016 Assessing Update Inspections

In order to maintain accurate and up-to-date property assessments, the town is currently conducting a review and inspection of 1/5 of the properties in town. All properties in town are inspected on a 5 year rotating basis. This year's inspections are being conducted in the Southeast section of the town. Appraisal representatives will be measuring the exterior of buildings upon their arrival, and if an adult is home, they will request to inspect the interior. If the homeowner is not home or not available at the time of our visit, a follow up letter will be sent in June asking the property owner to call the Assessing Office to schedule a more convenient time. We would very much appreciate your assistance in this process, which should only take about 15 minutes of your time. This is important for the accuracy of your assessment and the overall success of this review process. Please visit the Assessment Department's webpage at www.bow-nh.gov for more information.



Lilliana Gurney from Sunapee, along with many other volunteers, picked trash along the Town of Sunapee roadways during Sunapee Green - Up Day. (left photo). Reilly Avery was one of many volunteers help at the JMC Comcast Cares Community Connections Day as they began to repair the nature boardwalk in the Newport Town Forest. Paul Howe photos.

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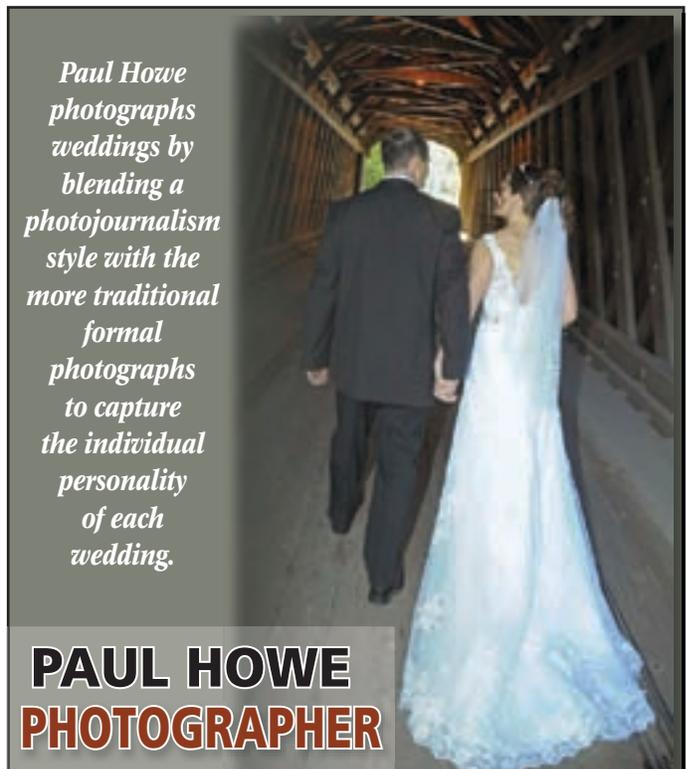
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