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New Hillsboro Officer

Hillsboro Police Chief David Roarick (r) nominated Ethan Vaillancourt (l) as the newest officer in the department. The selectmen unanimously approved.



Briar Hill Road Open

Hopkinton's Briar Hill Road is now open. The photo shows the new culvert prior to it being covered. There may be further delays as work continues.

Newbury's new Chief

On Monday night, Sergeant Bradley Wheeler was promoted to Police Chief in Newbury. He has served in Newbury since 2001.



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The collision was so violent that the Jaws of Life was needed to extricate both drivers.

Hancock accident

Both drivers suffer life-threatening injuries

Joseph Mays, 29, of Keene was arrested and charged with aggravated drunken driving after State Police said he caused a two-car, head-on collision on Route 202 in Hancock that left both drivers with life-threatening injuries. Mays was arrested and charged Friday night from his hospital bed at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

State Police said Mays was eastbound on Route 202 when he crossed the center line and struck head on a 2012 Honda that Merissa Aldrich, 33, of Peterborough was driving. The

collision was so violent the Jaws of Life equipment was needed to remove both occupants.

Aldrich and Mays both had to be transported by medical helicopter from the accident scene and eventually brought to DHMC in Lebanon. Aldrich sustained life-threatening injuries while a 3-year-old child securely belted in a safety seat in the rear of her car suffered serious but non-life threatening injuries. The child was taken to Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough initially and later transported to DHMC.

Antrim residents cite increased Gregg Lake pollution

A group of Antrim residents on Gregg Lake have petitioned the governor and council for approval of a federal grant to develop a program aimed at improving its water quality.

Joan Gorga said that in 2014 the NH Department of Environmental Services listed the lake as threatened or impaired due to its phosphorus levels. It also ranked it as a high recovery potential, which means that water degradation can be slowed. Ben Pratt, also an Antrim resident, said he kayaks on the lake, and has noticed an increasing amount of algae in

the water body. Volunteers have been testing the water, once a year, for about 20 years. Last year, testing was increased to three times, and this past summer it was tested seven times. The majority of the \$25,000 grant would be used to compensate a professional to advise the group. If the group receives this grant, they would then be eligible for additional funding that could be directed toward more costly projects like culverts, water drainage management plans, and retention basins that would prevent silt from entering the water.