

NOTICE TO READERS: Because of production problems, today's Sentinel appears in 16 pages, not 18, and in two sections, not three. The Food section can be found on pages 15 and 16. We expect Wednesday's paper to be back to normal.

Nearly 2,500 pounds of meds turned over

By **JENNA STAUL**
Sentinel Staff

Cheshire County officials said hundreds of pounds of unwanted prescription drugs were turned in this weekend during the Drug Enforcement Agency-sponsored Take Back Day.

The DEA reported that 2,479 pounds of prescription drugs were handed over to officials in New Hampshire alone.

The Vermont Department of Justice reported that 1,127 pounds of drugs were turned

in statewide.

The event, which was sponsored locally by Monadnock Voices for Prevention, provided a location for people to anonymously drop off unused prescription medications for disposal.

Thanh Nguyen, a Cheshire County official who helped organize the event, said 185 people from across the county participated.

The DEA reported that 25,810 pounds of medications were turned in throughout New England.

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Co-op picks a spot Railroad Street chosen for new market

By **JENNA STAUL**
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The Monadnock Community Market Co-operative is moving ahead with plans to build a grocery store on Railroad Street in Keene.

The proposed 12,000-square-foot facility, which organizers hope to open in 2012, will house a full-service organic and natural foods store operated by the co-op, said board member Deborah O'Meara.

But plans for the new store are contingent on fundraising, said co-op Project Manager Bonnie E. Hudspeth. She said the organization needs to raise \$200,000 in total

membership fees by December. Membership in the co-op costs \$200.

She said the co-op's goal is to have 850 more members by December. Currently, the co-op has 191 members.

"This is all contingent on upon raising the necessary start-up capital," Hudspeth said. "It's in the very early stages, and really the only decision that's been made is the intent to move forward."

The co-op is hosting several fundraising and membership drive events in the coming months, including a concert at Mole Hill Theatre in Alstead Nov. 6. Hudspeth said the co-op is also applying for

several grants and seeking loans from members to fund the project.

Earlier this month, the group received authority for \$500,000 tax credit financing from the N.H. Community Development Finance Authority to assist with construction of the new facility.

The tax credit "is helpful, but the bottom line is we're still looking for lots of money," O'Meara said. "Receiving the member equity tells the world that we're viable and that people will want to shop at the store."

The co-op will finance construction of the new building through Keene-based Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

THE WAY WE WERE

UPTON: A MAN ABOUT TOWN

By **RICHARD BOUTWELL**
Jaffrey Historical Society

JAFFREY — In 1837, as Factory Village was growing up along the Contoocook River, Peter Upton, a 21-year-old born in Tyngsborough, Mass., came to town. About a dozen years after his arrival, Upton built a home on Main Street close to the middle of town.

The 2½-story clapboard building of the Italianate style is set on a granite foundation and is capped by a slate roof. The original front entry has been removed in favor of an east-side entry from beneath a single-story porch. Behind the main house a single-story wing connects a two-story, clapboard barn that currently houses the Despres Real Estate office.

Upton first worked as a store clerk in town, later becoming a partner and eventually the owner of the business. At about the time his home was erected, the Monadnock Bank went into operation with its charter secured by Upton.

He was chosen as cashier, a position he held for more than 30 years, including later when the bank became the Monadnock National Bank and then the Monadnock Savings Bank. For more than 20 years the bank operated from the front room of Upton's home on Main Street.

Along with his work for the store and bank, Upton was interested in all public activity in the town. He represented the town for three sessions in the Legislature, served on the Governor's Council, was town treasurer, and an incorporator of the Monadnock Railroad.



RICHARD BOUTWELL

Jaffrey businessman Peter Upton built this home on Main Street in Jaffrey around 1849. He died in 1910 at the age of 94.

He was among the most interested and influential citizens involved in getting the railroad built and securing a post office for the village. It was at this time that Factory Village became known as East Jaffrey, the name continuing in use until 1946. There were few improve-

ments that occurred in town in which Upton was not involved and his wise counsel sought, right up to the time of his death in 1910 at the age of 94.

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Sale takes step forward

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and about 1 million square feet of residential, commercial and retail property, Parsells said.

The company made an offer on the 135,000-square-foot building and 4.8 acres several months ago, while developer CSM North LLC's offer was still on the table, Parsells said.

Late last month, CSM North pulled out of the deal, opening the way for the potential buyer to re-submit its offer.

A letter of intent outlines a preliminary sales agreement but is not a binding contract.

Once the letter of intent is signed, attorneys for the school district and the buyer have up to 30 days to draft a sales contract, Parsells said.

The school board would then review the contract and decide whether to sign off on it.

The name of the potential buyer would be made public only after the contract is signed, Parsells said.

The committee put the property out for bids last

year, which would have meant all offers for the would have been opened at the same time and the names of the interested parties made public.

But no one bid on the property, so the committee members decided to work with a commercial real estate agent.

If the contract is signed, the buyer would have until Jan. 14, 2011, to finalize the sale.

Voters in the district would have the final say during March's district meeting on whether to sell the building.

Late last week, a fourth company expressed interest in the building to the district's marketing committee. It gave the district until today to respond, Parsells said.

"It gave virtually no time to deal with it," Parsells said. Company officials "have not visited Keene or the school and with the short window it was not doable."

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Stubborn brush fire finally put out

Charlestown fire officials believe it was caused by lightning; 10 acres burn

By **JENNA STAUL**
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CHARLESTOWN — A brush fire that had burned since Saturday off Lamb Road in Charlestown was extinguished Monday.

Charlestown firefighters reported the blaze, which burned a 10.6-acre area, was put out at 4 p.m.

Several local fire departments responded to the fire over the course of the weekend.

Charlestown Fire Lt. Charles Baraly said it's believed the blaze was caused by a lightning strike several days ago, but the forest fire warden has not yet issued an official cause.

No injuries were reported.

Bellows Falls man faces drug charges

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. — A Bellows Falls man faces

drug charges after he attempted to throw away 122 marijuana plants behind the State Police station in Rockingham, Vt., police said.

Earlier this month, Christopher Paige Jr., 29, was stopped by police on Route 5 for driving erratically and charged with driving under the influence, police said.

He was then taken to the state police station in Rockingham.

Following his release, Paige went to his vehicle, parked behind the station's barracks, and attempted to dispose of 122 marijuana plants, 60 suboxone pills and a half an ounce of processed marijuana, according to a news release from Vermont State Police.

Police dogs had earlier detected odors inside the vehicle, prompting police to obtain a search warrant. They recovered drug para-

phernalia, prescription pills and syringes, according to the news release. Paige was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of a regulated drug, cultivation of marijuana and obstruction of justice.

Paige will appear in Windham County Superior Court on Oct. 12.

Mutual Aid Log

Dispatchers at Southwestern N.H. District Fire Mutual Aid in Keene handled requests for medical aid and fire calls on Monday, Sept. 27, including:

9:17 a.m., Keene Fire Department to 677 Court St., fire alarm.

9:27 a.m., Keene Fire Department to 91 Maple Ave., gas leak.

9:32 a.m., Keene Fire Department to Court Street, motor vehicle crash. No medical transport.

11 a.m., Peterborough Fire Department to 150 Rivermead Road, fire alarm.

11:10 a.m., Keene Fire Department to 29 Victoria St., fire alarm.

1:53 p.m., Jaffrey Fire Department to 47 Turnpike Road, appliance fire.

3:01 p.m., Peterborough Fire Department to 106 Hancock Road, fire alarm.

7:44 p.m., Westmoreland Fire Department to 160 River Road, fire alarm.

8:31 p.m., Keene Fire Department to 80 Butler Court, fire alarm.

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