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Momies For Anti-Terrorism Wish Lists Are Awarded

By Bernie Marvin

Nearly \$3million in federal funding approvals for emergency services to help fund the fight against terrorism in New Hampshire has been forwarded to Governor Craig Benson and his appointed terrorism committee for the final OK.

That is but a small part of a total of more than \$20million that has been made available to New Hampshire to fund the anti-terrorism programs. The money recently approved will be forward to the Governor's Council for the final nod this month.

The funds went to fire and police units throughout the state, including the community of Pittsburg, the northern most town in the state. There, Police

Chief Richard Lapointe asked for and will receive \$5,000,00 for night vision equipment.

Elsewhere in the battle for those free flowing dollars into the Granite State and the other 49 states, several grants have already been made with local and area fire and police units benefiting from the money, approved by congress in the country's battle against terrorism in the home front. Last year a total of \$17.5million was made available for local towns and cities to upgrade communications, anti-bomb threat equipment and response gear. State agencies will also receive a portion of the funds for their various programs and updates.

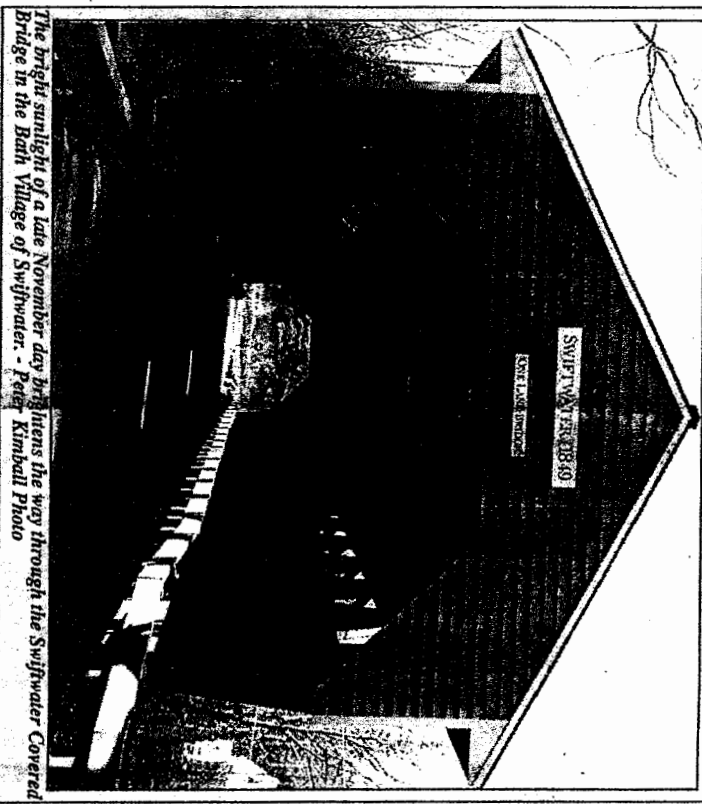
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Warren Committee Completes Plan To Protect Local Drinking Water

The Warren Source Water Protection Committee has completed a groundbreaking plan to protect local drinking water in Warren, NH. Since June 2004, a group of volunteers has been meeting twice monthly to brainstorm ideas to protect local drinking water supplies. The committee focused their projection efforts

on the South Main Street Water District and the water system which supplies Scenic View Campground. The Water District system serves the Warren Elementary School, the medical center, town office building, town hall, two restaurants, a church, the village market and 39 residential customers, providing water daily

Swiftwater Covered Bridge.....



The bright sunlight of a late November day brightens the way through the Swiftwater Covered Bridge in the Bath Village of Swiftwater. - Peter Kimball Photo

to approximately 200 people. According to Committee Chair, Chuck Sackett, "These systems have good water. We want to make sure it stays that

way". With the assistance of Northeast Rural Water Association, the six person committee has identified risks to two drinking water supplies and has proposed 11 management activities to address these concerns. According to Jennifer Palmiotto, a water protection specialist at Northeast Rural Water, "This

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Water System Operator, Ed Wright, signs the plan to offer government workers of the State, Litchfield Hills, and...

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committee should be commended for their hard work. They have come up with some creative solutions for addressing threats to these water systems."

The Committee has identified the municipal salt pile as one of their top priorities. The uncovered salt pile is located within 200 feet of the District's shallow wells. Salt piles should be located away from water sources, covered at all times, and be located on an impervious surface in order to prevent rainwater from leaching salt into the water supply.

Road salt is considered a potential contamination source because it can lead to elevated

levels of sodium and chlorides in wells. Salt is a relevant public health concern because of the effects of salt on hypertension. Over the past 30 years, communities in the Northeast have reported higher sodium and chloride concentrations in private wells and public water supplies.

To address this threat from the salt pile, the Committee has applied for a source water protection grant from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. If awarded by the State, the grant will provide funds for the construction of a salt shed at a new and improved location away from the District wells.

State Board Of Education To Hold Hearing

The public is invited to attend a hearing regarding the implementation of new standards for public school approval. Among the major initiatives being discussed is one that directs all districts to offer kindergarten opportunities for 5 year olds, smaller class sizes, broader routes to alternative compliance and a number of high school reforms, including an increase of credits needed to graduate.

The first of five such hearings will be held at the State Board meeting at the Department of Education (DOE), State Board Room, 101 Pleasant St. in Concord on Wednesday, December 15th, from 5 - 7 p.m. The hearing provides an opportunity for citizens to learn more about the proposed changes in standards and voice their opinion. Four more meetings will follow, all from 5 - 7 p.m.:

- January 12 at Littleton High School;
- January 19 at Monahock High School;
- January 26 at Nashua High School, North; and February 8 at Dover Middle School. Prior to each hearing, Fred Bramante, chairman of the New Hampshire state board of education, will hold one hour informational sessions about education reform. These sessions will begin at 4 p.m. at each of the locations.

For more information, call Lori Kincaid at the New Hampshire Department of Education at (603) 271-6646 or visit the DOE Web site at www.ed.state.nh.us.

NH Fish & Game Contributes To "Hunt For The Hungry"

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Law Enforcement Division recently donated over 1,000 pounds of moose and deer meat to the New Hampshire Food Bank's Hunt For The Hungry program for distribution to people who need a little extra help this time of year. The large donation consists of illegally shot animals seized by Conservation Officers in the North Country. All the animals were processed by a professional butcher and the meat was frozen and secured until all judicial action had been completed.

During this past fall's hunting season, Conservation Officers in Coos County seized 3 moose and 6 deer as a result of investigations. "We feel fortunate that we are able to release a large portion of seized meat prior to the Christmas season. I know it is going to a well run organization that will help to bring comfort to those of us who are less fortunate," stated Lt. Douglas Gralenski.

This gift from the Fish and Game Department nearly equals the total amount of meat donated to the "Hunt For The Hungry" program last year. Lt. Gralenski reminds all of us, "There is definitely a need. There are over 270 food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and group homes that look for assistance from the New Hampshire Food Bank. Any contributions from the public would be gladly accepted."

To give game meat or financial assistance to cover butchering costs to the "Hunt For The Hungry" program, call the New Hampshire Food Bank (located in Manchester) at (603) 669-9725.

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