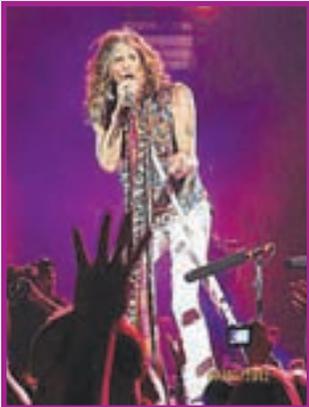


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Steven Tyler was here

Car Nutz Car Club had a special visitor at its July 16th Cruise Night. Steven Tyler visited with many guests and signed autographs. Car Nutz Cruise Nights are Mondays at Sugar River Bank in Newport from 6-8 p.m.



Dispatcher honored

Dispatcher Sabrena Spillar was also honored by Chief David Seastrand. Her award states: May 6, 2012, Dispatcher Spillar assisted in a life saving act by dispatching emergency services to a residence in New London, who, without your quick actions may have succumbed to a life threatening situation. Dispatcher's husband Kevin witnessed the presentation with members of the police and dispatch departments.



Officer David Zuger and his wife, Tammy and daughters, Jordan and Emma.

Police officer honored

Quick action saves New London man's life

New London Selectman Tina Helm recently presented Officer David Zuger with an award for his quick response in saving a man's life. The award states: "May 6, 2012, Officer Zuger engaged in a life saving act by performing Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation on a resident of New London who, without his quick actions, may have succumbed to a life threatening situation." Officer Zuger's

daughters, Jordan and Emma presented their Dad with the life saving medal and pin for his uniform as his parents and wife, Tammy looked on. Also attending the ceremony were Selectman Janet Kidder; Town Administrator Kimberly Halquist; Finance officer, Wendy Johnson; Land use coordinator Amy Rankins; members of the Police and Dispatch departments and their families.

Warner man suing Hopkinton Fair Association

Gamil Azmy of Warner is back in court again. He has a case pending in the New Hampshire Supreme Court, asking the Justices to reverse a Merrimack County Superior Court decision ordering him to comply with a settlement agreement with Warner and Webster over the condition of his property. Now he has sued the Hopkinton State Fair Association, claiming it wants to demolish

the 24x90-foot building on the fairgrounds that he said he's owned for nine years.

According to Richard Uchida, the association's attorney, there is no intent to demolish the building but Azmy does have to move it, as officials do not want him selling his food at the fair this year. Azmy was operating under a one-year lease which the association chose not to renew.

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Exciting Activities Highlight Rotary Club's Chili Fest 2012

The Henniker Rotary Club has lined up some very special activities and events for this year's Fire on the Mountain Chili Fest, Sunday, August 19, 2012, on the beautiful slopes of Pats Peak, in the "Only Henniker on Earth" beginning at 1 :00 PM and extending an extra hour, to 5 :00 PM.

According to Chili Fest Chairman, Jim Walsh, "we are celebrating the 10th anniversary with some extras this year. There will be commemorative beer glasses, magnets and a special tee shirt, designed by New Jersey artist, Brian Sledge, who will be in attendance."

The Children's Midway will feature a Slap Shot game with lots of giveaways thanks to the Manchester Monarchs, a visit with Monarchs Mascot MAX along with all the other great games and activities, including the Big Slide, planned by Henniker's White Birch Community Center, staff and parents, who are back for the third year to coordinate the activities.

Walsh added, "Our biggest special is the addition of a live concert performance by Jeff Dearborn and Chain Drive Wallet. If you like Merle, Willie, Hank and Johnny, you'll love these guys. They opened the season at

the Henniker Summer Concert Series to a delighted and huge crowd of nearly 400 with their classic country sound."

The event will include the 'concert, two Chili Contests, hamburger and hot dog cookout, beer tent, Classic Car Show vendors featuring NH made products, the Children's

Midway, 50/50 raffle, classic rock with DJ Jeff Lawrence, 96.5, The Mill and of course, the finest, fieriest chili to make every hot-head's fever dream come true. All of this and more is included in the still low entry fee of \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 10 and under.



Henniker's Harvester Market made out well at last year's Chili Fest.

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Hillsborough Selectmen to fill admin and planning vacancies

The Hillsborough Selectmen have taken the first step in replacing Town Administrator John Stetser and Planning Director Shane O'Keefe. At Tuesday's meeting the Board approved a proposal by Code Enforcer Kelley Dearborn-Luce that a full-time administrator be hired, Dearborn-Luce be increased to full-time with benefits and a part-time planner or consultant be hired. Rachel Hawkenson from the Planning Board was present to remind the Selectmen that the Planning Board was in favor of hiring a full-time planner, but cost savings seemed to be the Board's priority. Under Dearborn-Luce's plan her pay and benefits would increase by \$21,000 and hiring a consultant planner for \$26,000, giving the town over \$56,000 in savings as opposed to the recent \$198,000 pay to Stetser and O'Keefe.

The selectmen are seeking volunteers to serve on a search committee for a new

town administrator. If interested, call the town office at 464-3877.

\$60,000 bill to taxpayers

The Hillsborough Selectmen have released the cost figures associated with the investigation of allegations of sexual harassment against former Town Administrator John Stetser.

Investigator Emily Rice charged the town \$38,623 for her services. Town Council Michael Donovan charged about \$8,000 to review the report and advise the Selectmen, and the town is paying Stetser about \$15,000 in severance. The total is expected to exceed \$61,000



Lightning fire destroys Newport home and barn

Fire officials in Newport said two separate lightning strikes sparked a fire. Officials said the first lightning bolt hit a propane tank at about 2:45 a.m. A second lightning bolt hit the barn shortly after. Officials said the flames quickly spread to the house. They said both the barn and house are a total loss.

Fire officials said the property is owned by Dr. Cindy Gallagher and Jeri Jachim-Gallagher, a well-known couple in town. The couple and their two young boys were able to safely escape the fire, but a cat and dog were killed, officials said. Newport fire officials said Jachim-Gallagher has owned the property for 36 years and she is only the third owner of the home.

Fire officials said the property is

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148 ride in the Horror On Harding Hill

Over the weekend, Sunapee Recreation hosted the 18th annual Horror at Harding Hill mountain bike race in Webb's Forest. We had 148 racers as young as 6 years old, and some over 50 for the veteran category.

The race was made possible by the generous support of the Web Family and Harding Hill Farms; they provide the race venue as well as the trophies (bottles of maple syrup) for the racers. Will Hurley from Outspoken in Newbury laid the course out and lead the race day officiating crew. Marie Fair, Rhonda Gurney, Rem Mastin, Spec Bowers and Paul Skarin handled the pre-registered riders and well as the race day registrations. Tim Fleury and Rich Ducharme kept track of the riders' laps and Sanctuary Dairy was on site selling their delicious ice cream to keep the staff and competitors cool. Ed Bailey of Bailey Electric in Sunapee provided the power for the day. Jon Reed was the master of ceremonies and Mark Gurney provided support and guidance leading up to race day. The Sunapee Fire Department was on site to provide first aid if it was required.



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Woman protests New London's policy

Robin Albing, a summer resident of Springfield, attended Monday's New London Selectman's meeting to protest the town's policy that only residents may use the transfer station.

Albing's house is in Springfield but the majority of the land, including extensive lake frontage is in New London. She told the Board that she regularly picks up trash on that land, and as she pays "substantial taxes" in New London, she should be allowed to use the transfer station.

Selectman Janet Kidder pointed out that the ordinance was newly adopted after extensive debate and several hearings, so she felt an exception should not be granted.

Town of Antrim to begin tax deeding

At Monday's selectman's meeting the Board voted to proceed with the deeding of tax delinquent properties as required by state law. The Board also abated the taxes on two non-profit groups; the Church of Christ and the NH Housing Finance Authority.

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New London Selectmen deny expanded occupancy request

Harry Snow, the owner of a Cottage Lane duplex and Doug Atkins from Colby-Sawyer College met with the New London Selectmen to discuss the two duplex-unit buildings currently under construction on Cottage Lane.

Snow explained that he wanted to exceed the five person per unit zoning limit by having additional persons as allowed under the provision of "domestic servants." He pointed out that these additional people would be "dealing with domestic issues" within the units and as such should be considered to be "domestic servants" for purposes of the zoning requirements.

Snow observed that the people providing these services might also be students, but they might not be students. Selectman Janet Kidder asked how many people could be housed per dwelling unit to which Snow responded that there could be 8 people per dwelling unit, 16 per building. Each dwelling unit of the duplex building

has 6 bedrooms: 4 bedrooms for single occupancy and 2 bedrooms for double occupancy for a maximum of capacity per

building of 16 people. After a brief discussion the board voted unanimously to deny the request.



Late night fire ravages Weare Center Store

Fire officials in Weare are looking into what caused a late-night fire Monday at The Weare Center Store. Firefighters were called to the store on South Stark Highway just before midnight. Crews from at least eight other communities were called to the scene to assist. At one point, firefighters had to stop fighting the 3-alarm fire when the roof over an addition to the building collapsed.

Fire officials said they were able to

save the main building of the store. Mohammad Nawaz, the store's owner, said he had only just bought the store a year and a half ago.

Nawaz said, "It was a run-down store, and I bought it, and I spent a lot of money fixing it, you know. It's very nice. It looks very nice. People down here ... people are very happy we're here." No one was hurt in the fire, and the cause is under investigation.

Hancock man promoted

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department today announced the selection of Mark Ellingwood as the new Wildlife Division Chief. In this role, Ellingwood will have broad oversight over Fish and Game's wildlife programs, which include nongame and endangered species, game management and wildlife habitat programs. Ellingwood and his wife Susan live in Hancock, N.H., where they raised their three children.

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Bosse named Vice President for Media

The Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy today announced the promotion of Grant Bosse to Vice President for Media. In his new role, Bosse will direct the Center's communications efforts, as well as supervise production of The Josiah Bartlett Report Podcast and The Cloakroom Video Magazine. Bosse will continue his duties as Editor of New Hampshire Watchdog.

"Grant Bosse has demonstrated a unique ability to communicate the principles of freedom and open government in a compelling and interesting way," said Center Chairman Rich Ashooh. "As Vice President for Media, Grant will help share our research and analysis on



Grant Bosse

New Hampshire public policy issues with New Hampshire's press corps, on our own multimedia platforms, and through our social media networks." Bosse joined the Josiah Bartlett Center in 2008 to launch New Hampshire Watchdog. He was a reporter and anchor at radio stations WGIR and WTSL, winning dozens of awards from the New Hampshire Associated Press Broadcasters Association and the New Hampshire Association of Broadcasters, including Best Newscast and Best Election Coverage. He also worked on the staffs of the New Hampshire House and U.S. Senator John Sununu.



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Family brings lawsuit in 2010 death of NEC student

The family of Dana Pool, the then 21 year-old NEC student killed in a single car accident in 2010, has filed suit against the driver in Federal District Court in Concord.

The driver, Matthew Kelleher, also of NEC crashed his car after a night of heavy drinking. Kelleher pled guilty to negligent homicide after being charged with driving up to 86 mph on Route 114 with a 30 mph limit. His blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit.

Kelleher is currently serving a five to 10-year sentence at the NH State Prison. He becomes eligible for parole in October 2015.

The lawsuit requests compensation for loss of life, loss of ability to earn wages, and burial and medical expenses. It also seeks enhanced compensatory damages, alleging Kelleher showed "reckless indifference" when he failed to cooperate with officers responding to the accident.

Reports indicate Kelleher refused to identify Pool as his passenger and

was belligerent and cursing at rescue personnel and telling them to not cut his "expensive clothing."

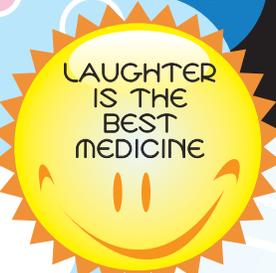
The Pool family's attorney told the Concord Monitor that other parties may be added to the suit.



Citizens Bank will again collect new school supplies during its Gear for Grades initiative, an effort to help local children go back to school with the gear they need to learn. New pencils, folders, glue, notebooks and other supplies can be donated at any Citizens Bank branch through August 10.

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BY SARAH CHAPIN

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has granted Gleevec (imatinib) regular approval for use in adult patients following surgical removal of CD117-positive gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST). GIST is a rare form of cancer that originates in cells found in the wall of the GI tract. These cells, known as interstitial cells of Cajal, are part of the autonomic nervous system, which regulates body processes such as food digestion. More than half of GISTs start in the stomach. Gleevec is a pill that should be taken with a meal and a glass of water. The most common side effects observed in patients receiving Gleevec include swelling (edema), nausea, vomiting, muscle cramps, bone or muscle pain, diarrhea, rash, fatigue, and abdominal pain. Gleevec was first approved by FDA in May 2001 to treat patients with advanced Philadelphia chromosome positive chronic myeloid leukemia.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Votrient (pazopanib) to treat patients with advanced soft tissue sarcoma who have previously received chemotherapy. Soft tissue sarcoma is a cancer that begins in the muscle, fat, fibrous tissue, and other tissues. A rare cancer with many subtypes, soft tissue sarcoma occurs in about 10,000 cases annually in the United States. More than 20 subtypes of sarcoma were included in the clinical trial leading to approval of Votrient.

Scientists have found that clinical evidence that the drug gabapentin, (brand names Fanatrex, Gabarone, Gralise, Neurontin, Nupentin) currently on the market to treat neuropathic pain and epilepsy, helps people to quit smoking marijuana (cannabis), according to a report published in the journal Neuropsychopharmacology. Unlike traditional addiction treatments, gabapentin targets stress systems in the brain that are activated by drug withdrawal.

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New London Hospital is "Most Wired"

New London Hospital has been named one of the most "wired" small hospitals in the country for its achievements in information technology by the Journal of the American Hospital Association. The hospital said it is the first in New England to receive the "Most Wired Small and Rural" distinction. The award focuses on four areas of information technology: infrastructure, business and administrative management, clinical quality and safety, and clinical integration. The distinction was given by the Hospitals & Health Networks magazine to 25 hospitals this year.

The award "validates the work our staff has done collaboratively and will continue to do toward improving clinical quality and focusing on patient safety as our primary goal," Chief Information Officer Dave Foss said.

Peterborough Police arrest Temple man

Peterborough Police Officer David Myer chased after and arrested Sean Kiely, 31, of Temple Sunday morning after Kiely failed to pull over for a traffic violation. Myer was patrolling Route 202 near Cabana Avenue when he spotted a vehicle going 60 mph in a 40-mph zone. Myer turned on his blue lights and turned his cruiser around, but the driver kept going. Myer pursued the 2012 Nissan sedan onto Sharon Road, where the driver pulled into an apartment complex, jumped out of his car and fled into one of the apartments. The suspect later came out and was arrested. He has been charged with speeding, driving after revocation, resisting detention and disobeying an officer.

Deering's John Lassey re-elected as clerk

John Lassey of High Five Resolutions was recently re-elected clerk of the New Hampshire Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Section. He has held this position since 2009. Attorney Lassey lives and practices in Deering with his wife Kathy.

Selectmen grant 40% abatement on barn

The Hillsborough Selectmen have granted a 40% reduction in the assessment of James and Claudia Larkin's barn at 595 Center Road. The historic barn, at the former Withington home, was built in 1814. The action reduced the value from \$35,925 to \$21,565.

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The Nevers Second Regiment Band returns to Henniker

Henniker Summer Concert Series presents The Nevers Second Regiment Band, at 7:00 PM at the Angela Robinson Bandstand.

Founded during the Civil War as part of a Union Army regiment, The Nevers Band is one of the oldest continuing musical organizations in New Hampshire and one of the oldest bands in America. It prides itself on its historic past, its affiliations with the City of Concord and the State of New Hampshire.

Distinguished performances by the band in the 20th century began with a two-day ceremony in 1900 for the dedication of the battleship USS Alabama and the 1905 signing of the Russo-Japanese Peace Treaty, both in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Other events included Dartmouth College commencements, annual performances at St. Paul's School, the Lancaster Fairs, concerts at Mount Sunapee State Park, and the 150th and 200th anniversaries of many towns and cities. Now, midway into the second decade of the 21st century, the Band is still going strong. Under the baton of conductor Rick Cook, the Nevers Band celebrated its 150th birthday in July, 2011. Instrumentation has been expanded to approximately forty

members, including the addition of double reeds, a full four member horn section and a regular timpani player. Concerts offer a variety of summer POPS material with the majority of programs made up of light, fun

selections. Come early, spread a blanket, bring picnic supper, the kids, the family dog and be prepared for a rousing good time and a real old fashioned band concert in the park.



Ovide Lamontagne, GOP candidate for Governor, recently held a Business Roundtable at Hillsborough's American Legion, soliciting views from about 20 area business people. Also attending were State Rep Bob Fredette, State Senator Bob O'Dell and State Rep Chris Christensen, a candidate for Hillsborough County Commissioner.

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County Attorney Dennis Hogan and National Committee Woman Juliana Bergeron spoke to the Hancock Republican Committee recently.

Complaint opens Bradford records

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell met with the Bradford Selectmen regarding access to public records. Mr. Mitchell read from the July 16th Selectmen's Minutes: "Marcia Keller, Chair Planning Board advised the Planning Board has agreed upon giving the public a two business days notice request to peruse public records."

Also, unless it is for routine information such as minutes, a Planning Board member would be notified. The Selectmen concurred that this is a legitimate request. It was also stated that notification of this request should be published in the Bridge and minutes of the Selectmen as well as Planning Board." Mitchell also stated they do not feel the Planning Board Records are owned by the Planning Board, but are public records, and should be accessible to the public. He went on to read the Preamble of the "Access to Governmental Records and Meetings" which reads: Openness in the conduct of public business is essential to a democratic society.

The purpose of this chapter is to ensure both the greatest possible public access to the actions, discussions and records of all public bodies, and their accountability to the people. Mitchell advised the Chair of the Planning Board told them several times that she had to be here while they were looking at the records, and they feel it is a privacy concern for them. They do not want to have to explain to the Planning Board what records or why they are looking at them. Much discussion ensued. Chair Harry Wright said the two day notice is a rule that is held by many towns in the state as noted in 91-A IV which states "If a public body or agency is unable to make a governmental record available for immediate inspection and copying, it shall, within 5 business days of request, make such record available." Wright suggested working out something practical that works. The Board unanimously voted to contact the Planning Board for them to give Planning Board file keys to Administrator Cheryl Behr for access to records for the public's perusal. When finished she will leave the filing for the Planning Board to re-file.



Work continues on School Street as the State prepares to turn it over to the Town of Hillsborough.

Woman killed in Greenfield ATV crash

Greenfield Police have reported that 27-year-old California resident was killed in an ATV accident Thursday morning, only a day before she was to return home. Reports indicate that Bona Lisa Kim of Studio City, Calif., was operating a four-wheeled all-terrain vehicle, when she apparently lost control and the vehicle rolled over. She was staying with the Kokal family on Cornwell Road, visiting their horse farm, Horse Tenders, with several other veterinary students.

Commission lifts Contoocook Water Ban

The Contoocook "Emergency Water Ban" has been lifted and an Odd/Even Water ban has been implemented. If you have an even number house you can use outside water on even number calendar days between the hours of 6PM and 8PM. If you have an odd number house you can use outside water on odd number days between the hours of 6p.m. and 8p.m.

The Commissioners want to thank everyone for their patience during the water shortage and would like to remind everyone to conserve as much as possible to avoid another water crisis.

Sunapee man says stick to the basics

John Augustine informed the Sunapee Selectmen that he's only been coming to meetings the last couple of months, but it seems that the town existed for decades, without all these ordinances that have been recently discussed. Within the past year or so the focus of the Board has been how people deal with their dogs, where they can barbeque, what they can do about fireworks and skateboarding and occasionally about covered bridges and libraries. Augustine is not sure what the Board of Selectmen talked about in prior decades, but clearly not those things. He thinks there are things of great importance to the town about public safety, fire, land use, taxation, the budget and assumes the prior Board talked about those things. His concern is some members of the public now have the Board's ear and the Board's losing sight of the major issues that they should be dealing with. The fact that the ordinances got passed, but are not enforced, means it makes no difference.

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Publisher's Perspective by Leigh Bosse

It Doesn't Just happen!

Did you enjoy this year's Hillsborough Balloon Fest & Fair? It doesn't just "happen" each year. The committee starts meeting just after the first of the year and spends the next six months planning the event.

If you enjoyed the event, take a moment to thank a few people when you see them on the street.

1. Committee Members: Barbara Gaskell-Chairman; George Belanger-Balloon Coordinator; Jim Long and Leslie LaRouche-Manpower; David Fullerton-Car Show; Carle Patridge-Parade Coordinator; Chris Pinkham-Entertainment & Recycling; Danielle Bennett-Ride Balloon Coordinator; Luke Bouley-Set Up & Tear Down.

2. John Cilley dropped everything to fix a problem with our water system.

4. Jerry Gilbert of Moonlight Electric

spent hours and hours hooking up and maintaining our electrical system.

5. Mike Mathewson takes a week off from Wymans each year and works tirelessly at multiple functions throughout the festival. 6. Gary & Gene Edwards, as they have for years, donated their time and equipment to keep the area clean.

7. Barrett & Gould and Willy Merrill always donate the use of their large lots for Balloon Fest parking.

8. Naughton & Sons provides the Dumpsters, Ayer & Goss the propane and American Guardian our Porta Potties all at discounted prices.

9. Gene and Steve Livingston are essential to the Balloon Fest. They spend hours setting up and running the Tractor Pulls and Rock Climb.

10. Thanks also to the many Sponsors, Advertisers and Volunteers who contribute to making the event a success.



Guest Editorial by Grant Bosse

*A friend sent this along
for our reader's enjoyment*

ILLINOIS VS. TEXAS

Illinois

The Governor of Illinois is jogging with his dog along a nature trail.

A coyote jumps out and attacks the Governor's dog, then bites the Governor.

1. The Governor starts to intervene, but reflects upon the movie "Bambi" and then realizes he should stop because the coyote is only doing what is natural.

2. He calls animal control. Animal Control captures the coyote and bills the State \$200 testing it for diseases and \$500 for relocating it.

3. He calls a veterinarian. The vet collects the dead dog and bills the State \$200 testing it for diseases.

4. The Governor goes to hospital and spends \$3,500 getting checked for diseases from the coyote and on getting his bite wound bandaged.

5. The running trail gets shut down for

6 months while Fish & Game conducts a \$100,000 survey to make sure the area is now free of dangerous animals.

6. The Governor spends \$50,000 in state funds implementing a "coyote awareness program" for residents of the area.

7. The State Legislature spends \$2 million to study how to better treat rabies and how to permanently eradicate the disease through out the world.

8 The Governor's security agent is fired for not stopping the attack. The State spends \$150,000 to hire and train a new agent with additional special training re: the nature of coyotes.

9. PETA protests the coyote's relocation and files a \$5 million suit against the State.

Texas

The Governor of Texas is jogging with his dog along a nature trail.

A Coyote jumps out and attacks the dog.

1. The Governor shoots the coyote with

his State-issued pistol and keeps jogging. The Governor has spent \$0.50 on a .45 ACP hollow point cartridge.

2. The Buzzards eat the dead coyote.

And that, my friends, is why Illinois is broke and Texas is not.



OPINION Letters to the Editor

Straighting Out The "Straight Talk"

Marjorie Porter in her "STRAIGHT TALK" column in the newspaper would have you believe that "voting is our most sacred right." And that "Nothing should get in the way of you being able to exercise that right." We should not disagree with those statements but she and the Democrats refuse to protect our votes by claiming there is no problem with people voting that should not be voting. To have any vote cancelled out by someone voting more than once in an election, voting using false names, and other tricks is just as bad.

It has been known for years there have been problems voting. I wonder why people claiming to want to protect our sacred right to vote would not do anything to stop voter fraud. There are many documented cases of voter fraud that are ignored instead of being prosecuted. Some of those people claiming to want to protect our sacred right to vote are the ones refusing to prosecute claiming there is no problem.

David Fullerton,
Hillsborough Resident

P.S. In Hillsborough I believe we have some good people making sure this is not a problem here.

Sunapee Selectmen consider adopting a Skateboard Ordinance

Sunapee Select Board Chairman Gallup stated that the town has been experiencing safety issues in the harbor area with some skateboarders. The Board supported the kids in their effort for the new skateboard park and hopefully it makes it a much more user friendly entity. Some residents asked if the Board is thinking of banning skateboarding in the harbor or different sections of town, and are they banning it every day of the week or just on weekends? Chairman Gallup replied that was a suggestion that Chief Cahill made regarding some areas in the harbor. He went on to say that Chief Cahill did not indicate it would be banned all over town. Gallup feels this is something the Board needs to look at. He is concerned especially in the already congested harbor on summer weekends, with someone riding along on a skateboard, with the pedestrian traffic,

that someone is going to get hit by a car. Gallup doesn't see the Board banning skateboards completely, but there would probably be some compromise in the middle. Another question was would it only be skateboards or would it also be bikes, scooters, etc? Gallup replied that that would be something that needs to be entered into the discussion; it's all open for discussion. Gallup said not a lot of complaints have been received, it's a scenario where a few are causing the problem, and that's part of the reason the Board is trying not to be too restrictive and also give the Police Department "some teeth" to be able to tell individuals that this is not allowed. It all comes down to common sense; there are times the harbor is too busy to walk, run or bike, so maybe traffic should be banned in the harbor during the summer months.

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Deering Graduates L-R: Chief James Pushee, Justice Galloway, Kyle Belouin, Lindsay D'Orio. (missing- Harrison Palmer).



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Washington & Deering Cadets at Police Academy

Deering Police Chief James Pushee and Washington Police Chief Steven Marshall are proud to announce that several area students have recently graduated from the NH Police Cadet Training Academy. The Cadet Academy was held June 23-29, 2012 at the NH Technical Institute in Concord.

This year was the largest class of the Cadet Academy with 138 Cadets registered to attend and 129 Cadets graduating. Cadets attending from Deering and Washington were-

3rd Year Leadership Class

Samantha Cordeiro (17) of Washington
 Lindsay D'Orio (20) of Deering

2nd Year Advanced Class

Michael Cordeiro (15) of Washington
 Harrison Palmer (17) of Deering
 Brian Doherty (17) of Washington

1st Year Basic Class

Kyle Belouin (17) of Deering
 Ainsley Bruno (17) of Washington
 Justice Galloway (17) of Deering

All the local Cadets graduating the Cadet Academy are current students or graduates of Hillsboro-Deering High School. All the Deering students are members of the Hillcat Explorer Post chartered to the Deering Police Department.

Several donors provide scholarships for Cadets to attend the program. Two of the scholarships were awarded to local students. Samantha Cordeiro was awarded the Kevin Curran Scholarship provided by a former Cadet and Michael Cordeiro was awarded the Officer Sean Powers Memorial Scholarship provided by the Powers Family in memory of the fallen Hopkinton Police Officer.

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Several vendors attended Hillsborough Pride's Art in the Park event during the Hillsborough Balloon Festival and Fair last Saturday. Hiding behind a book (right photo) is a shy Karen Johnson with her fabulous selection of homemade candles.

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For more information about the Cadet Academy Chief Steven Marshall at 603-495-3294/ nhpcta@nhchiefsofpolice.com. For

information on joining the Hillcat Explorer Post please contact Chief James Pushee at the Deering Police Department at 603-464-3127 or deeringpd@mcctelecom.com.

Tour Hillsborough's new Wenny-Baker Forrest

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is hosting a tour of its new Wenny-Baker Forest on Thompson Hill in Hillsborough on August 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located in the Quabbin-to-Cardigan land conservation focus area, the Forest Society's new 375-acre Wenny-Baker Forest on Thompson Hill abuts Lowe State Forest. The tour will explore dry red oak forests, stonewalls, apple trees left from early farms, and drinking springs along the numerous hiking

trails. The land also contains the entire summit of Thompson Hill with an elevation of 1,760 feet, offering dramatic views south and east to Mount Monadnock and the Contoocook River Valley, as well as to the west towards Pitcher Mountain and the Mount Sunapee range. Pre-registration is required so we can plan a carpool. For more information, registration and directions to the meet-up visit <http://forestsociety.org/thingstodo/#event490> or call 224-9945 ext. 313 for registrar, Tina Ripley.

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