



Balloon Festival: It's not just for fun!

Dismal weather forecasts couldn't extinguish the excitement of Hillsborough's Annual Balloon Festival and Fair but attendance was down a bit from previous years. Despite threats of thunderstorms and torrential rains, Friday's 5K road race went off without a hitch, the balloons lifted off both Saturday and Sunday mornings and evenings for the scheduled flights, and fireworks lit up the sky on Saturday night. Sunday's parade was a spectacle that showcased the fleets of area fire departments, the Hillsboro-Deering High School and Shriner's bands, lots of political candidates and several imaginative floats promoting this year's theme of community spirit.

Community spirit and volunteerism comprise the engine that drives all of our popular local events. The Balloon Festival, the Living History Event, Schnitzelfest, the summer concerts in Butler Park, Olde-Fashioned Christmas and lots of other initiatives not only enrich our own experience as residents but also bring in visitors who dine, vacation, explore and shop here.

The Balloon Festival is put on by the Hillsborough Civic Organization's, whose member groups are the Lions Club, the Hillsborough Fire Department and the Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce. Revenues from Balloon Fest benefit local residents and businesses in many ways, from the Lions Club's annual scholarship program, the "Reading is Fundamental" project, Thanksgiving supper for senior citizens, Christmas food baskets and downtown Christmas decorations, to the Chamber's Business After Hours networking program, scholarships, Welcome to Town bags and Gift Certificate program, and other efforts aimed at supporting and promoting local businesses, to the Fire Department's volunteer staff training and education programs, fire safety and prevention education for students and a scholarship program.

Thousands of hours of planning, coordinating and labor were contributed by dozens and dozens of community-minded volunteers to make all of this possible. The willingness of community members to help out at the Balloon Festival is simply critical to the event's success. To all those who helped in this effort,

SAVE THE DATES:

July 22 Summer Band Concert with "Just Desserts" at Butler Park, Hillsborough 7 pm

July 29 Summer Band Concert with the Upper Valley Band, Butler Park, Hillsborough, 7 pm

August 5 Summer Band Concert with "Lazy Boy Rockers" at Butler Park, Hillsborough 7 pm

August 12-14 Hillcat Summer Theatre presents "Alice in Wonderland", Hillsboro-Deering Middle School, 7 pm

August 15 Hillcat Summer Theatre presents "Alice in Wonderland", 2 pm

August 21-22 2nd Annual Living History Event, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4, LivingHistoryEventNH.com

August 21-22 Historic Hillsborough Bridge Downtown Days, HillsboroughPride.org

August 28 Operation Sendoff, Grimes Field in Hillsborough, 1-6 pm (see story on page 2)

September 15 Business After Hours, hosted by Manning Williams Agency & Windsor Cottage

September 18-19 Hillsborough Artisans Open Studio Tour.

Thank You
You've made a big difference!

TIP OF THE MONTH**Good Banking Practices
for Your Teens***Presented by Elizabeth Early Sheehan***Checking Account**

Help your teen open a checking account at your local credit union or at your bank branch. Taking these steps will help teach your teen how to manage money, use a checkbook ledger correctly, know why it is important to balance a checkbook, and teach them a new responsibility. While it may seem a little early, it is never too soon to help them learn how to manage money.

Nothing teaches money management better than actually managing money. With your help, your teens will be in the position to learn good checking habits: regularly balancing the account each month and not just filing away the envelopes filled with bank statements, and keeping an accurate balance. They will soon learn that they only have a certain amount of money to work with each month, how to budget it to last the month, and only to write out checks when they have the funds available to cover them. It is wise to also know your bank's policy regarding overdrafts and keeping a base balance in the account.

Debit and Credit Cards

Start your teen with the training wheels of credit by using a checking account before moving to using a debit card. A **debit card** (also known as a **bank card** or **check card**) is a plastic card that provides an alternative payment method to cash when making purchases. Functionally, it can be called an electronic check as the funds are withdrawn directly from either the bank account or used as a withdrawal from the remaining balance on the card. In some cases, the cards are designed exclusively for use on the Internet, and so there is no physical card. Merchants may also offer cash back facilities to customers, where a customer can withdraw cash along with their purchase. To track ATM debit card transactions teach them to use the account ledger in their check book to record ATM withdrawals by date and amount so they know their running balance.

The next step up is the credit card. Credit cards can be dangerous in a teen's hands if that teen does not know how to manage money. If not paid off each month, credit cards carry a balance with interest that can add up-- fast.

OPERATION SEND OFF**SLATED FOR AUGUST 28 —****PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT**

The New Hampshire National Guard 744th Forward Transportation Company, based in Hillsborough, is being deployed to Kuwait and/or Iraq on September 11, 2010. A barbeque for friends, families, soldiers of the 744th and other deploying soldiers, along with community supporters, is being planned for August 28 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at Grimes Field in Hillsborough.

American Spirit BBQ, of Kittrell, NC, seen on nationally televised BBQ competitions, will cater the military farewell free of charge, as it does throughout the country to "say thanks for doing a thankless job." Families of the soldiers will eat free and other attendees will be asked for a donation to cover food costs. The Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce will hand out ice cream treats. Donations of cases of bottled water and soda are needed.

Winding up the day, the Hillsborough Police and Fire Departments are set to face off in a highly anticipated grudge match of softball at 4:00 o'clock.

Jane Williams of the Manning Williams Agency (tel. 603-478-3500) heads up the all-volunteer planning committee. The committee is accepting contributions from area businesses and individuals wishing to support this event. Checks can be made payable to "Operation Send Off" and mailed to PO Box 105, Hillsboro, NH 03244.

The White Birch Community Center in Henniker will support service men and women by providing each departing guard member with a gift bag containing niceties and items that will be useful on their tours of duty. They are asking for help in the form of items needed for the gift bags. Items listed below can be dropped off with Sue McPhee (call 464-5119), or Pat Mathison at White Birch Community Center in Henniker, or at the Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce (call 464-5858 to make sure the office will be open). The deadline for gift bag donations is August 10th, 2010.

Gift Bag Ideas:

- Trial size toiletries - shampoo, toothpaste, mouthwash, etc.
- DVD movies
- Stationery and black pens
- Snacks
- Gum, candy that won't melt
- Small packs of baby wipes
- Travel size board games, cards
- Hand held video games and batteries also
- Magazines, books
- Calendar (wall) or pocket size
- Address books
- All occasion cards
- Crossword puzzles, word find, Sudoku, etc.
- Ziploc baggies
- Crystal Lite packets or like kind (for single water bottles)

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Weare, NH, July 20, 2010 – **Granite State Communications** recently awarded a scholarship to an outstanding scholar in its service area. Kelly Glynn of Chester, NH received \$1,000 for the 2010-11 academic year. A scholarship certificate was presented by **Granite State Communications' president, Susan Rand King**, on behalf of the Foundation for Rural Education and Development (FRED). Ms. Glynn graduated this spring from Pinkerton Academy, and will begin her freshman year at Cornell University this fall to pursue a career in engineering. **Granite State Communications** was proud to sponsor Ms. Glynn for the FRED Scholarship," explains Susan Rand King, president. "She has a strong academic record and is an exemplary member of the community. I am confident that with further education and resources she will become an even stronger asset to her community in the future."

Each year, FRED recognizes outstanding students who have rural backgrounds, are interested in pursuing careers in the telecommunications industry, or show an interest in returning to rural America. This year, FRED awarded an estimated \$75,000 in scholarships to 63 students nationwide. FRED is a charitable organization established in 1989 by rural telephone companies like **Granite State Communications** to address the educational and developmental needs of rural areas. The foundation raises funds to sponsor programs and activities that will further enhance the educational, social, and economic conditions of rural America.

Hillsborough's 2nd Annual Living History Event— Aug 21-22

Finding Lessons from the Past for the 21st Century

The Second Annual Living History Event hosted by the Hillsborough Historical Society and Living History Event Committee will take place in Hillsborough, NH, the weekend of August 21 & 22, 2010. Experience the 1700's, 1800's, and early 1900's as you interact with period musicians, reenactors, historical figures, artisans, craftsmen, 18th Century Magician, Learn to Square Dance, and children's activities - pan for gold, attend school in the old school house, where history comes alive. For more information E-mail:

LivingHistoryEvent@gmail.com visit: www.LivingHistoryEventNH.com, or www.nhvillager.com and view *The Town Crier* Newspaper telling all about the event, or write to Living History Event 2010, P. O. Box 703, Hillsborough, NH 03244-0703.



ATTENTION MEMBERS:

The Chamber website now boasts a new category for Justices of the Peace and Notaries Public. Any Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce member who is a Notary Public or a Justice of the Peace and would like to be included in that category on the website may contact Babette Haley at 464-5858 or hcofc@conknet.com.





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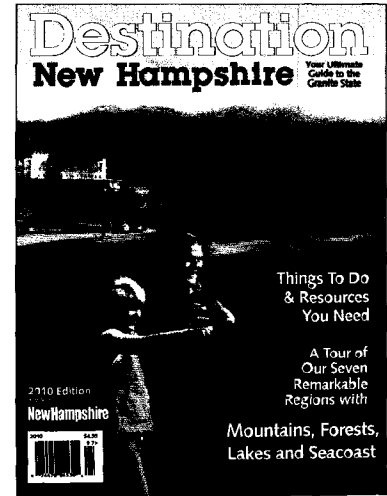
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Nominations also can be submitted online at nhbr.com/bea.

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Title/Position: _____

Company Name: _____

Category (choose ONE from below): _____ Number of Employees: _____

Company Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Name of person making nomination: _____

Please contact me at: WORK HOME (contact information below)

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