

"Where's The Straight-Ticket Checkbox?"

In 2007, New Hampshire Senate Bill 36 eliminated the straight-ticket checkbox from ballots. The bill received strong bipartisan support in the Senate and the House.

"One of the most important things we can do as citizens is exercise our right to vote," Governor John Lynch said. "We want every vote to count; however, with the confusion caused by [the straight-ticket checkbox], that is not always the case."

The confusion arose in the past when a voter checked the straight-ticket checkbox but didn't stop there. Checking other boxes on the ballot could invalidate their vote.

"Removing [the straight-ticket checkbox] will strengthen our democratic process by making our ballots easier to read and understand. It will help us ensure every vote counts," Governor Lynch said.

So when you vote on Tuesday, November 4, don't bother looking for a straight-ticket checkbox – you won't find one. Instead, if you want to vote a straight ticket you'll have to check the boxes in each race for the party of your choice.

Andover Town Clerk

By Marj Roy

Andover Town Clerk and Tax Collector

We have attended the NH Tax Collectors' Association and the NH City and Town Clerks' Association conferences over the last two months.

The Tax Collectors' Conference provides valuable information from the Department of Revenue, attorneys, and experienced tax collectors. We learned a great deal that will be helpful during the upcoming tax cycle.

The Town Clerks' Conference features speakers from all departments at the Department of Motor Vehicles, New Hampshire Vital Records, and the Secretary of State's office, which handles all aspects of elections in New Hampshire.

Voter registration is very high in Andover! Also, the number of absentee ballot requests is very high for a small town. As Town Clerk, it is my job to enter all voter registration information, absentee ballot requests and subsequent activity, election history, party changes, and scan all election results into the ElectionNet database at the Secretary of State's office. I'm happy to say you've kept me very busy with these tasks.

If you have questions about the voting process, please give the office a call. We'll see you at the polls on November 4.

ANDOVER GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 2008		INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS		
 SECRETARY OF STATE		1. To Vote. Make a cross (X) in the square to the right of your choice. For each office vote for not more than the number of candidates stated in the sentence: "Vote for not more than ____." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted. 2. To Vote by Write-In. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space. Make a cross (X) in the square to the right of your choice.		
OFFICES	DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES	REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES	OTHER CANDIDATES	WRITE-IN CANDIDATES
For President and Vice-President of the United States Vote for not more than 1	Barack Obama "Joe" Biden <input type="checkbox"/>	John McCain Sarah Palin <input type="checkbox"/>	Independent Ralph Nader "Matt" Gonzalez <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian George Phillies Christopher Bennett <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian "Bob" Barr Wayne A. Root <input type="checkbox"/>	President and Vice President <input type="checkbox"/>
For Governor Vote for not more than 1	John Lynch <input type="checkbox"/>	Joseph D. Kenney <input type="checkbox"/>	Libertarian Susan M. Newell <input type="checkbox"/>	Governor <input type="checkbox"/>
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	Jeanne Shaheen <input type="checkbox"/>	John E. Sununu <input type="checkbox"/>	Libertarian "Ken" Blevens <input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Senator <input type="checkbox"/>
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1	Paul W. Hodes <input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Horn <input type="checkbox"/>	Libertarian Chester L. Lapointe II <input type="checkbox"/>	Rep. in Congress <input type="checkbox"/>
For Executive Council Vote for not more than 1	John D. Shea <input type="checkbox"/>	"Dan" St. Hilaire <input type="checkbox"/>		Executive Council <input type="checkbox"/>
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1	Matthew Houde <input type="checkbox"/>	James W. Danforth <input type="checkbox"/>		State Senator <input type="checkbox"/>
		Jared King <input type="checkbox"/>		State Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
	"Danny" Loehr <input type="checkbox"/>	Priscilla Parmenter Lockwood <input type="checkbox"/>		State Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
	Joy K. Tilton <input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Coffey <input type="checkbox"/>		State Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
For State Representatives Vote for not more than 6	Frank A. Tupper <input type="checkbox"/>			State Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
	Deborah Wheeler <input type="checkbox"/>			State Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
	"Tim" Chrysostom <input type="checkbox"/>			State Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
	Claire D. Clarke <input type="checkbox"/>			State Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	Scott E. Hilliard <input type="checkbox"/>	Scott E. Hilliard <input type="checkbox"/>		Sheriff <input type="checkbox"/>
For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1	Katherine D. Rogers <input type="checkbox"/>	"Tom" Reid <input type="checkbox"/>		County Attorney <input type="checkbox"/>
For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1	James Monahan <input type="checkbox"/>	Roy Maxfield <input type="checkbox"/>		County Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/>
For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1	Lawrence K. Hennessy <input type="checkbox"/>	Kathi L. Guay <input type="checkbox"/>		Reg. of Deeds <input type="checkbox"/>
For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1	Jane Bradstreet <input type="checkbox"/>	Jane Bradstreet <input type="checkbox"/>		Reg. of Probate <input type="checkbox"/>
For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1	Leo R. Bernier <input type="checkbox"/>	Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh <input type="checkbox"/>		County Commissioner <input type="checkbox"/>

Blackwater Auto Body

Pancake Street
Jeffrey P. Sanborn

Wilmot Flat
Bus. 526-4747

Accident Repair and Auto Restoration Our Specialty

Scratches, Dents, Refinishing
Over 20 Years' Experience
FREE ESTIMATES

CLAYTON A. MILLER INC.

Since 1954

PLUMBING HEATING

FULLY INSURED

526-4710

Master Plumber License #22C

Lunch For Two with Jeanne Shaheen

Andover Democrats are raffling lunch for two with former NH governor and current US Senate candidate Jeanne Shaheen. The drawing will be held on Election Day in November.

Donations are \$5 each or \$20 for five. Tickets available at Lake Farm Realty, Highland Lake Apple Farm, or at the Old Time Fair in Potter Place.