



**Serenade in French**  
Eric Wallace-Snaft plays his French horn on a cloudy Friday afternoon in the park next to the Gazette.

photo by Doug McClure

## Select Board votes to consider Grant for Extra Law Enforcement Officer

By Michael Bielawski  
HARDWICK — At a recent select board meeting, Police Chief Aaron Cochran detailed how the Hardwick Police Department's growing work load presents the hiring of an extra police officer.

Cochran was absent from last week's meeting, but the board voted 3-to-2 in favor of applying for a grant that would provide funds to support hiring an additional officer.

The federal recommendation for law enforcement to cover an area the size of Hardwick and Greensboro in eight officers. Hardwick Police Department is one short, with seven. Cochran had also detailed how the number of police incidents has been increasing year by year.

The board asked if it is possible to back up the Federal Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant, once it is approved. The grant would cover three-quarters of the cost of the hire for the first three years. The consensus was that backing it would not go over well with the U.S. Department of Justice, which funds the program.

## Church Street Project on Target For Late July Finish

By Michael Bielawski  
HARDWICK — Better water pressure and water quality are on track for Church Street and Vermont Avenue. The contractor, Munson Earth Moving Inc., has indicated that the work is on pace to wrap up the water line upgrade by mid-summer.

"I think they're doing pretty good, half of the road has been torn up. Town manager Jim Jewett gave an update on the latest at the June 15 select board meeting.

Munson Earth Moving's president and chief estimator Lindsay Vincelle also said that the work is going well.

The project is progressing on schedule. All of the 8-inch PVC water lines were recently installed, and we're currently in the process of testing and chlorinating the main. Then we'll start connecting the services."

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## New Principal for Cabot School to Start July 1

By Michael Bielawski  
HARDWICK — Patrick Demrock, Danville School's Dean of Students, has been named the new principal of Cabot Elementary School.

Demrock will start his new job on July 1, but he is getting involved with the school early to get a jump on things. He is currently meeting with the new Superintendent and the Board of Supervisory Union (BSU) superintendent Joanne LeBlanc recommended Patrick Demrock as the new principal.

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## Act 46 Merger Proposal Fails, 699 to 435

By Will Waters  
CABOT — The Act 46 merger vote to combine Danville, Dummerston and Cabot School districts into the new Cabot Unified Union District failed in voting yesterday, delaying a final decision, possibly until November.

The vote was 699 against, 435 in favor. In an email announcing the final results, Superintendent Nancy Thomas stated that it "will be back to the drawing board for all three districts."

The Cabot School Board over the past few weeks. The Cabot Board is exploring whether it could join the OSSU. This would require the Agency of Education (AEO) to approve Cabot for membership in an "Alternative Structure."

The candidates who were elected to the board on November 7 will take office, since no new board was approved.

A re vote could be called by petition if the new board of voters failed. According to Superintendent Nancy Thomas, the vote was 699 against, 435 in favor.

However, another vote on a revised merger is also possible between November 7 and the next town or revised Act 46 meeting.

## Police Dog Atos Makes Unexpected Journey

By Michael Bielawski  
NEWPORT — During his police career, Atos worked criminal cases with the Orleans County Sheriff's Department. Now retired, he made the former 20 minute the excitement of police work. Whatever the reason, Atos decided he was up for one more big adventure.

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## Retired Hardwick Police K-9 Ato, 12, poses for a picture after his 37-hour journey, walking over 30 miles from Newport to Greensboro, before someone recognized him and picked him up. Though very tired, he was found, Ato is content to be back home with his partner, Sgt. Mike Gloggett, his partner for the past 10 years.

Gloggett said, "My grandkids and I were out for a walk and he was posing as their 'cousin.'"

Atos' rescuer is a very hazy hearing the reports at the Hardwick Police Department. Officer Chris Tetlow works with the new dog at the station. Kubs, who has been with the job for seven years, was picked him up.

Every year there seem to be numerous reports of lost dogs. In a recent report, a dog named "Ato" was found in Greensboro. It is hard to say for the state as a whole, but we are going to be starting another project in Bristol next week. Those original maps were installed in the

photo by Vanessa Fournier  
Hardwick Elementary School 4th grader Max Fournier poses for the picture slide during the school's "Let's Get Wild Day," held June 13 on the school's ballfield.