Andover Lions Lobster Bake – Howard George (l) cracks lobsters while Tom Schwendler and Mark Phelps tend steaks on the grill. Photo: Al Epperly

Andover Lions Club News

By Diane Rice
Andover Lions Club

Over 450 people joined together on Saturday, August 13 to support the Andover Lions Club in its Ninth Annual Lobster Bake, the club's major fundraiser of the year. Steaks hot off the grill and lobster fresh from the bake were served by members of the Club to guests who came from far and wide.

For the first time, a Chinese Auction was held during the Bake. Gifts and gift certificates were donated by area businesses and individuals. The Andover Lions Club would like to extend a huge thanks for these very generous donations. The proceeds from these gifts and from the Bake itself will allow the Club to continue to fund its many and varied projects in our community.

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Andover Service Club News

By Sharon Darling
Andover Service Club

The Andover Service Club begins a new year with our September 14 meeting hosted by the ladies from Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club. After we are introduced to the new officers of the club and conduct a business meeting, we will enjoy a social luncheon with fabulous desserts.

During this meeting, membership dues will collected for the year, and the new membership directory will be distributed. We will discuss fundraising projects for the coming year and secure chairs for those events. We use our funds for scholarships to Andover families and donations to wider community services. If you want to spend time helping and having a great time, please contact Renee Goodwin, our membership chairperson, at 735-4212.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop will be selling fall and winter donations and consignments starting this month. Check early and often to find just the right items for your wardrobe. If you would like to volunteer at the Thrift Shop, please contact Gisela Darling, Thrift Shop chairperson, for details. Her number is 735-4681.

Membership
By Renee Goodwin
Membership Chairperson

I would like to introduce myself, Renee Goodwin, as the new membership chairperson. Although I am a relatively new member of the Club, my family and I have lived in Andover for three years.

I look forward to meeting and spending time with the members at our next meeting on September 14. Annual dues will be due at that time, in the form of cash or check. If you have any questions, please contact me at 735-4212.

Andover Congregational Church

By Sandy Miller
Andover Congregational Church

On Sunday evening, August 14, many people enjoyed bluegrass gospel music put on by a group of five local musicians and singers, The Living Stones. The group consists of Don Towle, Paul Currier, Bruce Thompson, Jim Connell, and Linda Gauthier. They sang several gospel songs to an enthusiastic group of people.

Although these people have performed at the Andover Congregational Church's Praise and Worship gatherings in the past, this was their official debut as a group, and they were excellent! It is hoped that as soon as they add more songs to their repertoire, they will again perform at the Grange Hall. We will try to get the word out in advance for the next performance so that more people can take advantage of listening to this great local talent.

There was also a special guest appearance by singer and songwriter Mark Martin, who also played the guitar and harmonica.

Alpha Is Coming To Andover
By Linda Danault

Alpha is a free course on Christian Faith, an opportunity for you to explore questions like: What's the point of life? What happens when we die? Is forgiveness possible? Does Jesus have relevance today?

These topics and more will be explored in a relaxed, non-threatening, non-denominational setting. Each evening begins with a dinner and is followed with a video presentation of the topic to be explored. There will also be a small group discussion for a chance to ask questions or just discuss the video.

So join us on September 20 at 6 PM for a celebration dinner and to hear a brief video introduction about the course. We'll meet at the East Andover Grange Hall, 3 Chase Hill Road, East Andover.

For more information, please call Linda Gauthier at 286-8695 or John Wagner, pastor, at 735-5160.

Danbury Concert

Danbury Christian Church will hold a music concert featuring Bob Thompson on Sunday, September 18 at 6 PM. A free-will love offering will be taken.

The church is the third building on the left on High Street off of Route 4 in Danbury.

Get Well Soon, Judy!

from your friends at

- *The Andover Beacon*
- *Andover Service Club*
- *Andover Lions*
- *Andover Historical Society*
- *Andover Congregational Church*
- *Artisan's Workshop*

Blackwater Grange

Blackwater Grange #152 met on August 11 with eight members attending. Officers were elected for the coming year with all the current officers continuing in their current positions.

The Grange's framed charter has been draped in black in memory of Carol Clapper Fontana and Robert Minard.

The next meeting will be held on September 8 at 6:30 PM at the Masonic Hall on Cilleyville Road. It will feature a roast beef and turkey supper prepared by Grange member Pat Rich. Please call Bernice or Willis Nowell at 735-5582 if you plan to attend.