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## Career Development And Computer Learning Center Opens At Franklin Business Center

On-Track Training recently opened at 20 Canal Street in downtown Franklin. The new center offers computer classes for all levels and career training programs for in-demand occupations. Day and evening schedules are available and classes are enrolling now.

Torey Kortz, Program Director of On-Track Training, states, "Even if you are a beginner on the computer, On-Track Training offers programs to teach you the skills you need and even offers free classes for the absolute beginner. If you are looking to upgrade your computer skills to an intermediate level, we provide a variety of Microsoft Office Professional classes to learn the skills needed for today's workplace."

Two- and four-week computer classes are available, and all classes are taught through demonstration and hands-on learning; no technical manuals are used.

Whether you are just entering the workforce or seeking a career change,

On-Track Training offers a variety of short-term career training programs in this area's in-demand occupations. In business occupations, choose from:

- Business Office Assistant
- Customer Service Professional
- Bookkeeper/Accounting Clerk.

If you are interested in entering the fast growing medical field, On-Track Training offers training for:

- Healthcare Foundation Skills
- Certified Pharmacy Technician
- Certified Medical Office Assistant

With national certification, individual job placement assistance, and a comfortable and friendly learning environment, On-Track Training can help you meet your career training goals.

On-Track Training is a nonprofit program, offering low training fees and no interest/no fee payment plans, as well as approval as a training provider for workforce training funders. Call 934-4400 or visit OnTrackTraining.org.

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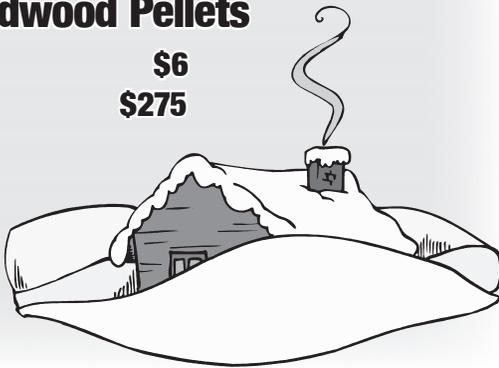
### Premium Hardwood Pellets

Bag (40 lb)

\$6

Pallet (2000 lb)

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## State Legislature Begins A Busy Session

By Anne Hewitt  
 Beacon staff

Another busy season began for state lawmakers on January 4. Issues debated early in the session include group health insurance coverage, governor's term of office, a state code of ethics, and voting matters. Over 800 more bills will be considered. Topics of national interest include:

- Eminent domain
  - The definition of marriage
  - Health care
  - Illegal aliens and immigration
- New Hampshire concerns include:
- Education funding and standards
  - Statewide taxes
  - Judicial conduct

The outcome of proposed bills may impact Andover townspeople: some more, others less. Passage or defeat of a bill can have an effect on a family's economic situation (such as health care costs or tax liabilities) or recreational opportunities (hunting or snowmobiling). Sometimes, the intended outcome of proposed legislation is contentious because of what people consider their right to choose (helmet and seat belt use, smoking restrictions, regulating uses of private property).

State Representative Jim Danforth of Andover will be watching - and voting on - proposals that will affect Andover residents. Current legislative

proposals include:

- Wireless communications and control of the costs of services
- The state's ten-year highway plan
- Taxes on cargo transport over, under, or across railroad rights-of-way
- The methodology for paying Town tax collectors.

Highway construction projects planned in Andover include removal of the Routes 4 and 11 bridge near Potter Place and improving the section of Route 11 in East Andover known as "Cemetery Corner."

Jim sees the role of State Representative as being to support legislation that will allow towns to make decisions supported by residents. "Selectmen are really more in control of how a town spends its tax revenues," says Jim. "Andover has well-organized committees, such as its Conservation Commission, that can best utilize the laws and funds created by the legislature."

Looking ahead, Jim would like to see Andover address economic development more aggressively. "Faced with a growing population, and with educational funding needs increasing dramatically, more local business could reduce the impact on property taxes."

For more information about the state legislature, visit GenCourt.State.NH.US.

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