The Pellerin's house on Meadowlark Lane was nearly completely destroyed in the fire that killed Roger and Mary. Photo: John Tully, *Concord Monitor*

Roger and Mary Pellerin Die in Tragic House Fire

By Laura McCrystal
Concord Monitor staff

From the January 21 Monitor

A house fire killed an elderly Andover couple and injured their son yesterday morning, according to fire officials.

There will be a **memorial service** for Roger and Mary Pellerin at the Proctor Academy dining hall on Saturday, January 28 at 2 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Pellerin Fund has been established at the Andover office of the Lake Sunapee Bank. Donations can be sent to PO Box 274, Andover 03216.

The couple, Roger and Mary Pellerin, were both retired employees of Proctor Academy and had lived on Meadowlark Lane for more than 40 years, friends said yesterday.

"They were very well-loved members of the community," said Gretchen Hildebrand, a second-grade teacher at Andover Elementary School, where Roger Pellerin worked as a custodian for many years.

When firefighters arrived at the scene of the fire about 2:30 AM yesterday, the home was fully involved in flames and Mary Pellerin was found dead outside the home, the state fire marshal's office said in a press release yesterday. Another man [Roger] was later found dead inside the home. A third victim [Roger and Mary's son, Bob] was running down the driveway to find help when the emergency responders arrived and was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries, said Deputy State Fire Marshal Robert Farley.

Mary Pellerin was 80, the fire marshal's office said. Friends said yesterday

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Total Proposed Budgets For 2012 Nearly Flat

By Ed Hiller
For the *Beacon*

The Andover Budget Committee has finalized the budgets for 2012 to be recommended to the Andover School District Meeting on Monday, March 5, and to the Andover Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 13. The recommended appropriation for the Town budget, including warrant articles is $1.399 million, down from the 2011 net appropriation by $61,067. The recommended appropriation for the School District budget, including warrant articles, is $4.351 million, up from the 2011 appropriation by $33,448. The recommended appropriations for the Fire Departments remain essentially identical to those of last year.

Assuming that the Merrimack County charge to Andover remains the same this year as last year, the total recommended budgets for 2012 will be $6.514 million. This is a decrease of $26,935 (-0.4%) from the total net appropriations voted in 2011 of $6.541 million. However, there is some indication that the Merrimack County charge may increase significantly in 2012.

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The recommended 2012 budget for the Town, including warrant articles, is

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Budget Hearing Videos Widely Available

Channel 8 has made the Andover Budget Committee's public hearings on the Town and School budgets available on the Town Web site (instructions in the Cable TV article on page 11) and on DVDs at the libraries.

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Beacon Starts 2012 Fundraising

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

It's that time of year again – time for Andover residents, each of whom receives the *Beacon* in their mailbox each month at no charge, to make a voluntary contribution to help keep the *Beacon* going.

The Andover Beacon is published by Community Publishing of Andover, Inc., a 501(c)(3) charitable trust. We rely on voluntary donations for about a third of the *Beacon's* annual operating expenses.

Other than a salary for me and commissions for our ad salespeople, the *Beacon* is produced entirely by volunteers. But it still takes a budget of over $70,000 a year to bring the *Beacon* to every mailbox in Andover every month at no charge.

About two-thirds of our budget is covered by the approximately 120 advertisers you see in the *Beacon* every month. That leaves about a third of our annual budget that has to come from somewhere other than ads. Some comes from out-of-town subscribers and gift subscriptions, but most of it has to come as voluntary donations from the residents of Andover. (Visit AndoverBeacon.com/EO.asp for details about tax deductibility of donations.)

Especially in tough times like these, it's vital that the *Beacon* has solid financial support from the community. Please "get a round tuit" right away and send in your envelope or the coupon on page 2 today!

Workshop To Help Reduce Home Energy Costs

By Larry Chase
Ad hoc Energy Efficiency Group

An evening workshop focusing on the basics of home energy costs and the values of home weatherization will be offered to local residents on Tuesday, February 21, in the Andover Town Hall meeting room. The two-hour session, open to the public at no cost, will begin at 7 PM.

Part of a statewide program called Button Up New Hampshire, the workshop is funded by the New Hampshire Department of Energy and Planning and administered by two New Hampshire environmental action groups, Clean Air – Cool Planet and the New England Carbon Challenge.

Workshop topics will include:

- Residential heat use and loss
- Benefits of simple do-it-yourself weatherization
- Value of a professional home energy audit
- Benefits of extensive professional energy retrofits
- Improvements in health and comfort that weatherization can bring
- Technical and financial resources available to make it happen

The presentation will be divided into two segments. The first will offer a general overview of energy-related problems. The second will focus on hands-on solutions to the problems identified. There will be a short break between the two segments.

The workshop will be led by home energy experts Bob Eldredge and Bob Tortorice. Eldredge is community manager at BetterBuildings New Hampshire, a federally funded program to

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