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Andover Fire Department Invites Public to First Open House

Includes Touch-a-Truck event; October 15

Shawna Otis
 Emergency Services Auxiliary

All are welcome to attend the Andover Fire Department's first annual Open House and Touch-a-Truck event on Saturday, October 15, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Meet our firefighters and EMTs. The fire department will

be open to the public, with lunch and snacks, goodies for the kids, games for all, giveaways, and demonstrations throughout the event.

Learn about fire safety and have a blast in our inflatable fire safety house (generously donated by Mike Prete). Smokey the Bear will even be making an appearance.

On top of having our fire department and
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Anonymous Benefactor Donates Telescope to Andover Libraries

Available to public for week-long loans

The best thing that we're put here for's to see; The strongest thing that's given us to see with's A telescope. Someone in every town Seems to me owes it to the town to keep one. In Littleton it may as well be me.
 – Robert Frost, from *The Star-Splitter*, 1923

Chuck Will, Bachelder Library

Robert Frost would be delighted! The William A. Bachelder Library has a new item available to loan to the public: a fine telescope. A gift from an anonymous benefactor, this Orion Starblast 4.5

is a highly portable instrument designed for all aspiring astronomers to enjoy. This model has been chosen for placement in thousands of libraries across the nation due to the combination of compact, lightweight design, simplicity of operation and robust optics. The New Hampshire Astronomical Society – recipient of the Out-of-This-World Award from *Astronomy Magazine* for outstanding public programming – began placing telescopes in local libraries for circulation to the pub-



Bachelder librarian Lee Wells looks over and admires the newly donated Orion Starblast telescope. Photo: Chuck Will

lic in 2008. Today, more than 130 New Hampshire libraries offer telescopes to patrons. Every one of these telescopes is a Starblast 4.5.

The Starblast is a "reflector" telescope of the kind invented by Sir Isaac Newton in 1668. Unlike earlier "refractor" scopes which employ finely crafted lenses to achieve magnification (like a spy glass or pair of binoculars,) a Newtonian reflector is a simple, open tube with a concave mirror at the bottom. This mirror reflects and focuses incom-

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Volunteers cleaning the gravestones and foot stones at Philbrick Cemetery include, from left to right: Susan Huntoon, Ashley Hicks, Lance Ford, Beth Frost, Melissa Spencer (kneeling in front), Joe Bonanno, Susan Nellen, Dana Swenson, and Cheri Swenson. Caption and photo: Cheryl Swenson

Volunteers Scrub and Clean Gravestones at Philbrick Cemetery

Join the next work days on October 8 or 15

Cheryl Swenson, Andover Cemetery Committee

A group of eight hard working individuals gathered at Philbrick Cemetery at Old College Road and Maple Street to scrub and clean each gravestone and foot stone in this old graveyard. What a difference a few hours make! Drive by and take a look.



Photo: Dana Swenson

We will be meeting again on Wednesday, September 28, at 9 AM. We will also be working at the Taunton Hill Cemetery as well on Saturday, October 8, and Saturday, October 15 at 9 AM. Come join the fun.

For information or questions, email Cheryl.Swenson@tds.net.

Free Community Lunch Offers Food, Conversation, at the Hub

Sunday, October 16, from 11 AM to 2 PM

Susan Chase
 Andover Community Hub

Andover residents are invited to stop in at the Andover Community Hub on Sunday, October 16, for a Community Lunch between 11 AM and 2 PM. There's no charge, and lunch will be served in the studio, the former stage at the back of Andover's original 1879 town hall.

Food will be provided courtesy of local chefs and Hub board members Ty and Sam Morris. It's a great chance for conversation with friends and neighbors as well as with those in town you may not know – over chicken pot pie, soup, salad, fresh bread, and a variety of homemade pies.

Coffee and other beverages will also be provided. Local musicians will provide informal music.

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There is now a woodpile at the Transfer Station where you can donate cordwood if you have extra, or pick up some if you are in need. When I took this photo, there was just a fraction of a cord in the pile; there need to be many more donations if the pile is to be a meaningful help to some Andover residents this year. Caption and photo: Charlie Darling

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Al Pomeroy paints between the stencil lines to finish the maple leaf herald on the trail side of the caboose. Caption and photo: Bob Norander

Progress Continues on Potter Place Caboose Repairs

The following is reprinted with permission from the September 2022 issue of the Central Vermont Railway Historical Society (CVRHS) magazine. Visit their website at CVRHS.com.

The Caboose at Potter Place

By Al Pomeroy and Bob Norander

Potter Place is a village of Andover, New Hampshire, located on the former

Boston and Maine Northern line between Concord, New Hampshire, and White River Junction, Vermont. The location is named for the Potter family.

The property consists of a well preserved Boston and Maine station with museum inside, a freight house, and general store, a short section of the original mainline and sidings, and

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a B&M 50' 6" Boxcar #4503 (originally B&M 77764), itself a unique relic as it was one of eight cars converted by the addition of grain doors and used to haul spent grain. (It is possible that 4503 was used to haul residue from beer production at the Budweiser facility in Merrimack, New Hampshire.) And of course our primary subject, CV Caboose 4030.

All these properties are under the care of the Andover Historical Society, which maintains this historic site and museum.

Today the northern mainline has been converted into a 58-mile long bike trail between Lebanon, New Hampshire and Boscawen, New Hampshire.

George Dutka reported that the CV4030 was sold to Frank R. Dickinson of Proud Yankee Enterprises, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, on December 1, 1971 for \$850.

I was first contacted by Ed Hiller of



The Central Vermont Railway caboose in Potter Place in September 2022, after the stencils and herald have been applied. Some painting of the exterior remains to be finished.

the Society back in May of 2018. He indicated the caboose was a gift to the Society from Wolfeboro Railroad in the 1980s and arrived in Andover in 1987.

Since the exterior had badly degraded over the years, the siding was removed and replaced, along with other repairs. With this work completed in 1989, a fresh coat of red paint was applied.

Since some 30 years had passed, it was time to consider painting the car,



In other Potter Place news, Fred Nystrom and Doug Colby, volunteers for the Andover Historical Society, install the horizontal "Train Order Signal" (semaphore) support beam.

Caption: Lindsey Schust. Photo: Bob Norander

but what color to paint it? I was able to dig up photos of the car in all the paint schemes that had been applied in recent years, and after some internal discussion the decision was made to do the Maple Leaf Scheme.

In the spring of 2018, another member, Bob Norander, received a report that the roof was leaking. Bob and Tim Norris made temporary repairs and recommended replacement on the entire covering. A fundraising effort for the roof was begun.

I prepared drawing files for them, based on what I knew from my own prior research on CV 4014. Ed Beaudette made color copies of the car cards from the files and sent them to me, and using the car card data I was able to identify the correct shopping dates for the paint job, as well as other servicing information, to be applied to the car. In early 2019 I forwarded the maple leaf files to Ed Hiller. I followed this up shortly by the other car data.

In April of 2020 Bob notified me that a grant had been awarded from Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts Inc. for the roof repairs and other work and would start soon. Contractors found considerable rot beneath the surface, requiring replacement of the sheeting, support

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CPR and First Aid Class Offers Training and Completion Card

Sunday, October 23, at the Andover Hub

Larry Chase
Andover Community Hub

A coming three-hour class at the Andover Community Hub, taught by experienced local certified athletic trainer and emergency medical responder Kelly Griffin-Brown, is designed to help local residents respond effectively and efficiently to both life-threatening emergencies and the first-aid needs of others.

The class will begin at 1:30 PM on Sunday, October 23, at Andover's old town hall, now the Hub headquarters, at 157 Main Street in Andover Village. Cost is \$25 per participant and can be paid at the door. In addition to the training, the cost will cover take-away course materials provided by the American Heart Association, and a Heartsaver Course Completion Card, also supplied by the Heart Association, valid for two years.

The class will be divided into two 90-minute segments: the first, beginning at 1:30 PM, will focus on CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation, also

known as closed-chest heart massage) and AED (automated external defibrillation). The second segment, beginning at 3:15 PM, will cover more general first-aid information, along with hands-on skill instruction for each type of



Under the watchful eye of the photographer (her mother), five-year-old Mabel Griffin-Brown practices CPR on a baby mannequin.

first-aid emergency. The \$25 cost will cover one or both segments.

Because of the need for closely supervised training, much of it with the use of CPR feedback-supported man-

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These are facsimiles of the ballots for the primary election of September 13. The first number for each candidate is Andover votes; the second is total votes. The winner in contested races is in boldface.

Andover Democratic State Primary Election September 13, 2022		
For Governor Vote for not more than 1	For State Senator Vote for not more than 1	For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1
Tom Sherman 245 / 85,384	Richard A. Lobban, Jr. 238 / 3,288	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	For State Representatives Merrimack District 5 Vote for not more than 2	Susan Cragin 244 / 11,144
John Riggieri 3 / 1,746	Ken Wells 243 / 513	<input type="text"/>
Maggie Hassan 256 / 91,041	Lorna Carlisle 190 / 487	For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1
Paul J. Krautmann 8 / 3,747	<input type="text"/>	Erica Davis 242 / 11,158
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1	For State Representative Merrimack District 26 Vote for not more than 1	For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1
Ann McLane Kuster 260 / 48,630	David A. Nesbitt 250 / 1,471	Jane Bradstreet 248 / 11,248
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1	For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1
Cinde Warmington 152 / 21,040	David A. Croft 236 / 10,936	David B. Karrick, Jr. 249 / 3,743
Michael J. Cryans 87 / 4,244	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Bradford P. Todd 8 / 1,206	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Andover Republican State Primary Election September 13, 2022		
For Governor Vote for not more than 1	For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1	For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1
Jay Lewis 4 / 1,436	Harold F. French 191 / 12,184	Mary R. Heath 225 / 12,027
Richard A. McMenamon II 2 / 874	Kim Strathdee 49 / 6,095	<input type="text"/>
Thaddeus P. Riley 12 / 11,651	<input type="text"/>	For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1
Chris Sununu 189 / 121,877	For State Senator Vote for not more than 1	April Kaplan 100 / 5,417
Karen Testerman 49 / 55,572	Thomas A. Dunne 78 / 2,044	Peter J. Spaulding 122 / 7,076
Julian M. Acciard 5 / 3,060	Daniel E. Innis 157 / 3,509	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	For State Representatives Merrimack District 5 Vote for not more than 2	Scott Maltzie 223 / 11,804
Vikram Mansharamani 22 / 11,307	Deborah Aylward 104 / 474	<input type="text"/>
Andy Martin 0 / 988	Louise Andrus 213 / 700	For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1
Chuck Morse 79 / 53,314	<input type="text"/>	Stuart D. Trachy 218 / 4,893
Tejasinha Sivalingam 1 / 892	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Kevin H. Smith 24 / 17,203	For State Representative Merrimack District 26 Vote for not more than 1	For Delegates to the State Convention Merrimack District 5 Vote for not more than 2
Gerard Beloin 7 / 553	Alvin See 214 / 2,078	Erik Bishop 129 / ✓
John Berman 1 / 1,034	<input type="text"/>	Terry Cox 151 / ✓
Donald C. Bolduc 109 / 56,961	For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	A. Marcus Zuech 34 / ✗
Bruce Fenton 16 / 6,570	Keith Mitchell 225 / 11,869	<input type="text"/>
Dennis Lamare 0 / 825	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Edmond Laplante, Jr. 1 / 779	For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1	For Delegate to the State Convention Merrimack District 26 Vote for not more than 1
<input type="text"/>	Paul Halvorsen 227 / 11,945	Scott Maltzie 118 / ✗
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1	<input type="text"/>	Amy Griffin 102 / ✓
Dean A. Poirier 15 / 2,047	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Lily Tang Williams 60 / 15,727	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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We couldn't publish the *Beacon* without you.

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EMS vehicles, we will have the Andover Police Department, the Merrimack County Sheriff's Department, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, and other cool trucks for everyone to see!

Since this year is our first annual open house as well as the 100th annual Fire

Prevention Week, we decided to invite local resources to showcase their services. Representatives will be present from Crisis Center of Central New Hampshire, American Red Cross, Twin Rivers Food Bank, and others that Andover residents are able to access in times of need.


It is sure to be a great time with our local heroes! Be sure to stop by. 

Hub from page 1

In addition to lunch, the event also welcomes local residents who would like to set up a table to display or sell their goods and crafts, including any local farmers and gardeners who might like to sell or share some of their fall harvest. Anyone interested is asked to contact Ty for details and to reserve a spot. Vendors will need to provide their own tables and display set-up; nothing

will be provided.

The Hub is located at 157 Main Street, next to Pizza Chef. Parking is limited and is also available at the Post Office across the street and in the AE/MS parking lot behind the Town Office.

Everyone is invited! RSVPs are encouraged – even at the last-minute – although not required, in order to give Ty an idea of how many to expect. He can be reached at Ty@TheCBLife.com or text or phone at 603 237-2060. 

Telescope from page 1

ing light onto a small, flat mirror back at the top of the tube.


Positioned at a 45-degree angle to the tube, this second mirror sends the sharpened image to the viewer's eyepiece, where the real magnification and final focusing takes place. The eyepiece is the only lens, and the viewer can switch eyepieces for greater or lesser magnification. The function could not be simpler.

As the Earth rotates on its axis, the night sky appears to spin overhead, making it necessary for a telescope to move in order to track an object and keep it in view. Tracking is easy with the Starblast. Instead of standing on a wobbly tripod with complicated controls, this scope sits on a "Dobsonian" mount, which is a rotating wooden disk or plate. Place it on a backyard table. Nudge the scope with your hands to track objects; up-and-down motion is also directly manual. You just push it where you want it. It could not be simpler.

What is there to see? Start with the moon. Not when it's full and flooded with sunlight, but when its spectacular craters, mountain ranges and lava plains are illuminated and dramatized by the direct

low-angle light of the sun from the lunar perspective. A "half moon" is ideal, but anything other than a full moon is good.

Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and its four largest moons, Saturn and its rings, and the outer planets all can be enjoyed with the Starblast, as well as stars, star clusters, and several deep-space nebulae. A star chart that comes with the scope can help you navigate the skies, and the telescope's excellent viewfinder makes locating precise objects relatively easy. If you're motivated and patient, you can find the Andromeda Galaxy, and view light that has been traveling for two-and-a-half million years to reach your eye.

This exciting addition to the Bachelder Library's holdings is available to be borrowed for week-long loans on a first-come basis. Call 603 735-5076 (Bachelder Library where the telescope is stored) or 603 735-5333 (the Andover Library) and the two librarians can work together to reserve it for you. When you come to pick it up, a librarian will provide simple instructions to get you started. Fall and winter typically provide the driest atmospheres of the year, ideal for amateur astronomy. Enjoy your new hobby! 


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nequins, class size will be limited to 15 people. Advance registration by October 15 is required and can be made by calling 603 735-5509 or by emailing TheAndoverHub@gmail.com. Those registering should indicate which class segment(s) they wish to attend. Financial assistance is available to those with limited resources.

The course will be taught by Andover resident Kelly Griffin-Brown, Proctor Academy's head athletic trainer and anatomy and physiology teacher. She is also an adjunct instructor who provides medical emergency simulation for the National Football League sports-med-

icine teams. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from SUNY Buffalo.

Who should attend? A wide range of individuals, according to Mrs. Griffin-Brown: "Anyone age 14 or older, especially kids trying to break into babysitting, people who have family members who are at high risk for medical emergencies, or anyone with small children."

What to wear? "Clothing that you're comfortable working on the floor in. You must be able to perform CPR in the clothes you happen to be wearing at the time. Physically, you should also be able to perform CPR on the floor on adults, children, and infants. If you cannot perform the physical skills, you will not be able to get certified." 

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Caboose from page 2

members, and of course the membrane. By late October, rubber roofing was being installed to protect the car.

Bob was looking to source some orange paint for the car, but it would be spring of 2021 before I finally got him the info from my paint cans. He had difficulty in getting these paints and had to use a close substitute. They painted the car in June of 2021.

By July, they had one quote to do the lettering at a staggering \$5,580. I thought this outrageous and offered to do the lettering work for them, if they paid the expenses. The only caveat was that I could not start the work till mid-September.

Unfortunately that was not to be either, as I suffered a hand injury from an old accident that took me out of commission for a while.

There were two methods used to apply the lettering to the car. The first method utilized stencils that I was able to make from my artwork on a Silhouette Studio Machine. This is a crafter product that will cut vinyl and cardstock from a digital file. The stencil is applied to the car, and an almost dry paint roller is used to apply the paint.


The second method utilizes the artwork transferred through the use of a pounce pattern. The paper that the maple

leaf was printed on was punched out using a dressmakers pounce wheel and applied to the car using chalk. This is then painted in with appropriate colors with a brush, painting between the lines.

Fast forward to June 2022. Over approximately four days on site I have, with the help of Bob and other volunteers, applied all the historical lettering to the car. While some work still remains to finish the car, it now has its proper identity back and is attracting a lot of attention from those passing by on the Rail Trail.

Additional Information

The car card maintenance records mentioned in this article were donated to the CVRHS by Frank Orr. These cards trace work performed on 4030 between 1923 and 1968 and are interesting reading, especially for the railroad enthusiast.

Although considerable progress has been made since 2018, additional exterior and interior painting, reattachment of the two roof access ladders, along with window sash repairs for most of the windows remain. Those wishing to contribute to this on-going project are encouraged to send a contribution, large or small, to the Andover Historical Society Caboose Fund, PO Box 167, Andover NH 03216. 

LETTERS

Grateful for Help and Votes

Another successful election is wrapped up! We are impressed again and again by our wonderful town. We are so grateful to all who helped out and all who turned out to vote!

We received help and support from JJ's, the Hub, the police, the faculty, staff, and students of AE/MS, the Select Board, all of the staff at Town Hall, especially our Town Clerk, the Supervisors of the Checklist, and 28 volun-

teers who worked as ballot clerks, ballot counters, and data entry help.

We are also grateful to the voters who showed up to vote and treated all the poll workers with kindness, respect, and gratitude.

We do this for our town and for our democracy.

Stuart Green and Lee Wells

Moderator and Deputy Moderator

Not Programmable

An organization, WeThePeopleNH.org, states that New Hampshire elections are vulnerable using programmable voting machines. This is a lie. Don't want to trust me? Call the Secretary of States office for the facts at 603 271-3246 or email Elections@sos.nh.gov.

Let me assure voters in Franklin and all of New Hampshire they have nothing to fear. The vote counting machines we use in this state are simply counters. They are not programmable or connected to the internet in any way. They are counting machines, period. Be careful what you read, and when in doubt, check it out!

This organization, among other things, is suggesting that people should write in anyone they want to vote for so that poll workers will be forced to hand count, as the machine kicks out any ballots that have handwritten notations on them. A business card that is circulating says, "This will override the machines and take our State back with elected officials who work for us."

As a dedicated poll worker for many years who has lived by the oath we all must take to serve, this is insulting. Poll workers work diligently to do their jobs within the law and with the best checks and balances. We are both Democrats and Republicans working side by side at every polling place. A polling place is

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required to have a balance of both parties represented. Be careful what you read.

Judith Ackerson
Franklin

Vote Ken Wells

Ken and Lee Wells are our next door neighbors. We could not ask for better!

We know we can call them in an emergency and also just for help in moving something heavy or figuring out the computer. Ken's response has always been "I'll be right there."

Over the years we have become good friends, but it's as a neighbor that we first knew Ken Wells. It's a great way to know a person's character.

We need Ken back in the Legislature. We need his thoughtful approach to the problems facing us. We need his

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commitment to public education, clean energy, lower property taxes, and our reproductive rights.

We hope you'll join us in voting on Tuesday, November 8, for Ken Wells, along with Lorna Carlisle and David Nesbitt, to represent us

Caroline Moulton
East Andover

Vote Lorna Carlisle

New Hampshire is blessed with an abundance of small independent farms. The best tomato I've ever tasted came from Tim Gallagher's Windswept Farm in Salisbury. The eggs we get from Cedartree Farm, also in Salisbury, are so delicious that they've ruined eggs for me elsewhere. Donna and Phil at Huntoon Farm in Danbury have great

meat, and like so many other farmers, they have become friends.

We recently got to know Lorna Carlisle and her North of Concord Farm on Route 4 in Salisbury, across from the Barn Store.

Lorna's farm is a riot of color, masses of flowers that frame fruit and vegetable beds, through which Lorna is constantly in motion, snipping and collecting flowers and veggies in her basket, laughing and talking about which plants did well this year, what she plans to introduce next year, and the classes she plans to give.

The farm keeps Lorna busy, and she is also running to be our State Rep for Andover, Salisbury, Danbury, Webster, and Hill, in partnership with Ken Wells, and David Nesbitt, the flotarial candidate.

When I asked her why, she said "Teachers and schools, healthcare workers, reproductive rights – they're under attack. We need climate action, we must protect our voting rights. Our democracy is at risk. I just had to do something about it."

We need Lorna's decency, common sense, and energy in the State House.

I hope you'll join us in voting for Lorna Carlisle and Ken Wells to represent us in District 5 and David Nesbitt to represent us in District 26.

Caroline Moulton
East Andover

Next Generation

In Louise Andrus' advertisement in the August *Beacon*, she quoted James Freeman Clarke: "The difference between a politician and a statesman is that a politician thinks about the next election, while the statesman thinks about the next generation." Sage words that I hope our representative reflects upon to put her term into context.

TOO GOOD NOT TO REPEAT

"If one by one we counted people out For the least sin, it wouldn't take us long To get so we had no one left to live with. For to be social is to be forgiving."

- from Robert Frost's poem The Star-Splitter, 1923

Lack of concern for the next generation was blatant in Andrus's August opinion piece, in my opinion. Andrus employs a common political maneuver by presenting our communities with a false dichotomy when arguing against the "new green deal": either use 100% electric energy, or shut up about encouraging sustainable energy options.

This is not the logic that a responsible statesperson applies in helping their community. It is oversimplified and does not account for the complexity

of our energy infrastructure and how it was deliberately, and unsustainably, designed around fossil fuels.

Moving towards a more diverse and sustainable energy future is not simple and is going to take time for communities to adapt. We need to incorporate new technologies and create opportunities that allow development of a new energy infrastructure that addresses community needs and global concerns such as climate change.

It is sensible for our communities to take steps towards this new paradigm rather than going "cold turkey" from our fossil fuel-based model. Let us act now to develop a more electrified system, taking steps that will eventually allow all of us to one day fly in an electric plane. Doing so is in the interest of future generations.

Louis Andrus calls on us to "walk the walk." These are wise words I think she should practice. I suggest that she stop acting on party lines and re-election interests and focus instead on future generations.

Harvey J. Pine, PhD
Andover



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Charity, Doug and Jack moved to Andover in the summer of 2019. Her father, Leland Schneider, moved into the community shortly thereafter. Jack attended Proctor Academy and graduated with the Class of 2022. Charity says "my family is my life and we love Andover! The community has welcomed us into this special place".

Charity is a hockey mom and outdoor enthusiast. She loves to ski, hike, swim, paddleboard and can often be found on the trails around Andover with her dog, Bauer. She loves mountains and lakes, one of the many reasons she appreciates living in the Lake Sunapee Region.

Charity is super excited to join the women at Better Homes and Gardens - The Milestone Team. She has a hospitality and healthcare background and has spent the last 12 years working as a paralegal, handling complex situations and multiple party negotiations. Let her experience and enthusiasm for real estate assist you in finding the home of your dreams or selling your current property.

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OPINION

Louise Andrus' View from Concord, September

Louise Andrus, State Representative

Thank you to every voter in Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, Webster for your votes in the Primary on September 13. I do not take your votes for granted.

And now we are gearing up for the November 8 General Election. Many candidates on the ballot are knocking on doors, making phone calls, and mailing flyers to voters in anticipation of the General Election. The most important part a voter gets to do is vet your candidates and go vote. Your vote does count. Do not take the right to vote for granted.

Please take notice: District 5 now has two State Representative seats.

Currently District 1 is one seat for State Representative for Andover, Danbury, and Salisbury. District 25 is currently one seat for state Representative for Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Webster, and Warner.

Redistricting changed the State Representative district to District 5 with two seats for the towns of Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster. This means that on the ballot for State Representative in District 5, a voter should vote for two candidates, as there are two seats to be filled by election.

Then there is District 26, which is known as a flatorial district, with one seat for the towns of Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, Webster, Boscawen, Canterbury, and Loudon.

District 5 will have two State Representatives and District 26 will have one State Representative for a total of three State Representatives.

I have been listening to citizens and reading articles on Roe vs. Wade. First of all, overturning of this did not stop abortion. Rather, the decision made by the Supreme Court sent it back to each state, where it belongs. In my opinion, this subject will never be settled. Rather it will always be a controversial subject.

Another subject is the public schools. Many people imply that I am against and would like to abolish public schools and the teachers along with it. That is not true. I believe in school choice, and I also believe in public schools. I believe we can have both.

Another myth is that I am against teachers, to which I reply that I absolutely have nothing against teachers. I wish the school boards and superintendents and government would leave

them alone and let them teach.

For about nine years I have been attending school board monthly meetings and annual meetings of the Merrimack Valley School District. Attending these meetings I have gained a good knowledge of our schools. I have asked questions, for example, about curriculum, sports, and how our money is spent.

Where the budget of a school district is the biggest part of our property tax bill, I feel we should all be asking questions about how our money is spent. That is called accountability. Asking questions does not mean I am against schools. Rather it makes the school district be accountable for monies spent and curriculum utilized in the schools

There is an issue that no one discusses, nor do we work to stop it in our country and state. The issue is the disgusting availability of fentanyl that is killing our youth. It appears that the thought is if it is swept under the rug, so to speak, it will disappear.

There needs to be control at the southern border to slow down and stop the influx of this drug. That is only a start. We have to get this under control.

We have so many negative issues in our country and one of them is out-of-control inflation. Yes, the gas prices have reduced a little, but that does not even start to solve our money problems. Food prices, home heating prices, electricity rates doubling, the Federal government selling our reserve oil, interest rates rising, the cost to buy a home, buying building materials, a few examples of the out-of-control inflation.

To view all areas of the inflation, it appears there is no end and we are heading for a recession. I hope it does not happen, but we need to prepare in case it does occur.

There is a horrific invasion into our country at the southern border by illegal immigrants. Thousands every day. States in the South are now bussing these individuals to cities throughout the US. Our government does nothing to lessen the invasion and burden to towns and cities of illegal immigrants. It is time to close the border.

I hope to see many of you while I am knocking on doors in the next few weeks before the General Election. I will be working in Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster. If you have any questions please let me know at 603 648-2510, or mail 406 Raccoon Hill Road, Salisbury NH 03268, or L.A.Andrus21@gmail.com.

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OPINION

Legislative Successes Indicative of Candidates' Experience

Deborah Aylward
Candidate for District 5

As a voter (and candidate), I'd like to see other candidates disclose their independent legislative accomplishments, if any, which in my view, are an indicator of being the most qualified to fill the positions sought.

Of Districts 5 and 26 State House candidates, to my knowledge, only Alvin See and I have had bills sponsored that were passed into law, with two bills each initiated as average citizens. This means identifying problems; proposing solutions; finding a prime sponsor; garnering support; then shepherding proposals through the somewhat arduous legislative process all on one's own time.

Having the grit and tenacity to well plan, execute, and ultimately achieve success are imperative traits that identify natural-born leaders who deliver good policy.

To level the playing field, the logical

question to ask every candidate is: As an average citizen, did you ever take the initiative to have legislation sponsored that became law?

In 2004, I championed Virginia General Assembly, House Bill 1246, which amended private security services regulations to include "canine handlers" as a license category – essential for public safety. This, along with House Bill 1193 amending the Code of Virginia, Freedom of Information Act to exclude license applications from disclosure by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, thus protecting applicants' personal identifying information.

In the NH 2022 Session, Alvin See initiated HB-1467, which provides for partial recounts of top-of-the-ballot offices to be conducted in conjunction with up to ten State Representative race recounts. Partial recounts are allowed for President, US Senate, US House, Governor, or Executive Council races

using ballots of towns/wards already being processed for an original recount request. Since these offices seldom have formal recounts requested, this bill provides reassurances of the election night's published results.

In the same session, Mr. See also championed HB-1527, which requires cities and towns that use the AccuVote ballot counting devices for the general election to post copies of the machine's

printout for public inspection as well as for copies to accompany the election reports sent to the State.

On November 8, please vote for those candidates who share your values, and are experienced with successfully putting themselves out there to assure those values are enacted into law. To that end, please support Deborah Aylward in District 5 and Alvin See in District 26.

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Thank you to everyone for your vote in the Primary. I appreciate your faith in me. I do not, nor will I ever take your vote for granted.

I live in Salisbury with my husband, Ted. We have raised three children living in Salisbury and Andover, previously living in Wilmot. I grew up in Wilmot. As a State Rep I will always defend the U.S. Constitution and the NH Constitution. I work for and serve first the citizens of Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury and Webster and secondly for all citizens of the State. I will always defend for all citizens on the "Live Free or Die" we stand for.

I am: **PRO SECOND AMENDMENT, PRO LAW ENFORCEMENT, PRO GUN, PRO LIFE, PRO SCHOOL CHOICE, PRO LIMITED GOVERNMENT, PRO SMALL BUSINESS, PRO VETERAN.** I will NEVER vote for an income tax, nor will I ever vote for a sales tax, and I will never vote for any tax increases for the citizens of NH. I stand with every Parent in that any and all decisions that relate to their child, the Parent and the Parent alone makes decisions for that child. No one else is ever granted that right.

HAVE THE DEMOCRATS' POLICIES turned our Country in the wrong direction? Is Inflation out of control and unsustainable? Is the price of food, gas, diesel, home heating oil and propane, electricity, building materials, interest rates for example at an all time 40 year high? Is it okay with you that our "oil" reserves are being sold to foreign countries? Are you okay with the invasion of our Country by thousands and thousands of illegal immigrants? Are you okay with the outrageous influx of drugs like fentanyl into our Country which is killing our young people? **If you answered "yes" the Democrats' policies have turned our Country in the wrong direction, then vote REPUBLICAN on November 8th.**

One of my opponents, Democrat Ken Wells voted about 97% of the time with his party when he was a State Rep in 2019 and 2020 on disastrous gun control bills and bills that would make changes and cost NH citizens much more in taxes. Some examples of bills that Ken Wells voted in favor of:

FOR Gun control bills 2019-HB564, HB109, HB514; HB696 2020-HB1608, HB1285, HB1101, HB1379, HB166.

FOR creating a new tax on capital gains HB 686

FOR creating an additional room tax HB641

FOR raising business taxes. HB623

FOR eliminating wood stoves built prior to 1986. HB290

FOR unfunded mandate raising towns' and schools' retirement costs. HB616

AGAINST reducing the statewide property tax. HB497-0113h

AGAINST reducing the interest & dividends tax. HB185

FOR creating a new tax on capital gains. HB686

FOR removing work requirement for able-bodied childless adults to receive Medicaid SB290

FOR raiding the unemployment trust fund to create a 37th job training program SB2

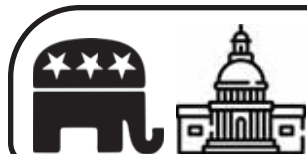
The election on November 8th for both National and New Hampshire will be the most important elections I have ever seen in my lifetime. Each of us has a decision to make. Are we voting Republican and putting people into office that will keep our way of life, NH Freedoms, and Live Free or Die alive as we know it and for future generations, or are we going to allow the Democrats to take over the State of NH and turn this State into Socialism. Freedom and Live Free or Die or Socialism which do you want?

I can be reached at 406 Raccoon Hill Rd, Salisbury or 603 648-2510; www.louiseandrus.com; or Facebook Louise Andrus for NH State Rep

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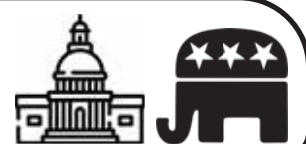


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OPINION

Lobban Hopes to Serve the Public, Bring Citizens Back Together

Dr. Richard Lobban
Candidate for State Senator

Sometimes I am asked why I am running for the New Hampshire Senate District 7. Certainly not for the \$100 annual salary! And not for the huge cost in time, taking me away from my other professional responsibilities and my family. Those come with the turf of running a political campaign.

I am running because I fear for American democracy that was profoundly challenged in a previous four-year

period and especially on January 6, 2021, and by absurd conspiracy theo-

ries believed by a minority. I am running because the cherished rights for women for their reproductive choice are being taken away. I am running because I support the original intent of the Second Amendment to have a well-regulated militia to protect democracy from tyranny and authoritarianism.


I am running for democracy because I fear that big-Pharma and the big-Energy corporations put profits far before people. These are a part of the worrisome threats of climate change for our unique planet,

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Dr. Richard Lobban, a candidate for New Hampshire Senator in the 2022 Primary, is shown standing with President Biden.

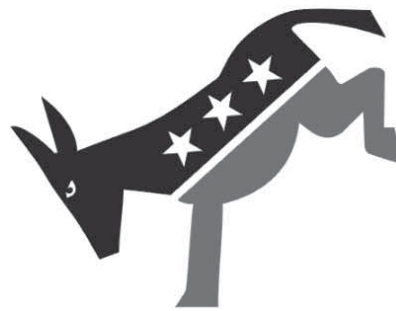
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OPINION

Positive News Related to Legislative Actions

Mary Anne Broshek, Andover

There was a letter to the editor in the August *Beacon* with the header “Reader feels Democrats are Focusing on the Wrong Issues.” That got me thinking about the many things that have happened over the past two years that could use more focus. Here are some of them. The Biden Administration and Congressional Democrats have accomplished a great deal with their skills and a narrow majority.

15% Global Tax on Multinational Corporations: In October, 2021, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development announced an agreement by more than 130 countries to overhaul international tax rules including a 15% global minimum corporate tax rate to deal with tax avoidance. Per Fox Business News: “Negotiations, which have lasted for years, were bolstered by the support of President Biden and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen ...”

Infrastructure and Jobs Act: Signed into law November, 2021, it brought \$1.2 billion into New Hampshire for road and bridge repair, expanded broadband, clean drinking water, protection from wildfires and cyberattacks, public transportation and airport improvement, charging stations, renewable agricultural practices, and help addressing climate change.

The Postal Reform Act: Signed into law in April, it saves the Post Office \$75 billion by eliminating the onerous retirement funding requirement enacted in 2006 and integrating postal employees into Medicare.

Indo-Pacific Initiative: In May, Biden and a dozen Indo-Pacific nations announced a new economic bloc, one that Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo called “by any account the most significant international economic engagement that the United States has ever had
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in legislative theaters. I am running for the New Hampshire Senate because I was trained in sciences (biological and social), and my five decades in public, private, and military education are challenged by anti-science, anti-factual, and closed-minded crackpot rebuttals.

I am running because of our national motto E Pluribus Unum that celebrates diversity and seeks to redress the problematic parts of American history by the rule of law, civil debate, and justice. I am running for office because I am deeply engaged in human rights, ethics, mutual respect, and transparency in elections in our polarized nation that serves no one.

My ethics include a vision of equitable taxes, especially for large corporations that do not pay their fair share. As a contractor professor at the Naval War College and recent consultant with

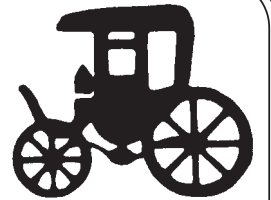
the New Hampshire National Guard, I support our Constitution fully. I support the police, especially when they have specific retraining for the social and domestic issues that were not an original part of the police mission.

I am running so working people can actually live on their wages and salaries and can find and afford housing and childcare for their families, and so small businesses are not weighed down in paperwork. I am running for public office because in my life in education I have only served the public and for the highest mission to bring our citizens back together in mutual respect, compromise, and mediation. Only enemies of America like the current polarization. Please vote in the Primary Election on September 13, and in the General Election on November 8.

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I’m a Webster native and Salisbury resident for 18 years. I retired in 2021 and was looking forward to running our farm stand full time. However, with the state of politics I felt compelled to run for state representative rather than complain. I hope you’ll consider voting for me, as well as Ken Wells and David Nesbitt, my fellow Democrats, in November. I will work to halt the erosion of your basic human rights being advanced by New Hampshire Republicans.



I stand for:

- Strengthening public schools and supporting public-school teachers.
- Ensuring that birth control and abortion remain personal healthcare decisions, not matters for politicians to determine.
- Protecting marriage equality, understanding that people's sexual orientation and gender identity are civil rights.
- Caring for our environment: We must support local, state, and federal policies that protect clean air, clean water, and a rapid transition to a sustainable energy future.
- Balancing your 2nd amendment rights with your right to keep your families, all of our children, and our communities free from the threats of gun violence.
- Making it easy for every citizen to vote and to have their vote counted.

I think of the U.S. Constitution as a brilliant framework, a living document we should interpret through the lens of modern technologies and scientific understanding.

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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

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School Board

August 10

Condensed from approved minutes

Board Present: Aimee Menard, Dan Newton, Steve Chella

Administration Present: Randy Wormald, Dennis Dobe, Beth Page

Public Present: Janet Moore, Donna Crisp Duclos

Board Chairperson's Report: Menard wishes the team the best for the next

school year. Menard motioned to move the September meeting to Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 PM. Newton motioned, Chella seconded. The board will discuss this when the rest of the board is present.

Minutes Online
Minutes and agendas for Town boards and committees are posted, when available, on the Town website at Andover-NH.gov.

Public Comment: Duclos noted that at the last meeting, the ASB was considering changing the day of their meeting. She advocated to choose Mondays, so as not to conflict with other Andover town meetings.

Principal's Report: Dobe reported that AE/MS recently received a \$2,500 donation from Albert Whitehat Jr., an alumnus of Proctor Academy, which

was kindly given to help to create the school's Outing Club. Dobe discussed recent staffing changes for AE/MS. Currently AE/MS has holes for both a special education case manager and a technology specialist/teacher.

Dobe spoke of some adjustments to staffing due to lower student enrollment numbers.

Dobe reviewed the prime initiatives for the upcoming school year, which include the following: reviewing and updating the school emergency plan; expanding the Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS) plan for both academics and social-emotional learning; focusing on reviewing/updating the English Language Arts curriculum; and promoting family partnerships.

Page reported that ESY went well, and it was an expanded program that allowed AE/MS to service not only students who require these services as part of their IEPs, but also students on the cusp of need, who may be receiving Title I services, etc.

She also discussed that the holes in staffing mentioned by Dobe directly impact direct services for students and that the plans underway to remediate that need include using interventionists to provide direct services, which has been communicated to families.

The PTO will be back up and running

Office Hours & Meetings

OFFICE HOURS

Town Office: Mon-Thu 9-2

Town Clerk & Tax Collector:

Mon, Wed, Thu 9-2

Tue 1:30-6:30

Zoning Administrator: Mon 9-12,

Tues & Thur 9-4,

Wed 1-4

Transfer Station: Wed 7-5, Sat, 7-5

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May through October, 8-12

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Thu, Fri 1-5

MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted

Cemetery Trustees: 2nd Tues, 10

Last Thu, 7

Conservation: 2nd Wed, 7

Emergency Medical Service:

2nd Wed, Andover Fire Station, 7

Fire Department: Mon, 7

Fourth of July: 1st Wed

Andover Community Hub, 7

Library Trustees: 3rd Thu, 7 Andover or

Bachelder Library (except July & Aug)

Planning Board: 2nd & 4th Tue, 7

Recreation: 2nd Wed, 7,

AE/MS Science Room (except July)

School Board: 1st Tue

(except July), 6:30, AE/MS

Select Board: 1st & 3rd Wed, 6:30

Zoning Board of Adjustment: 3rd Tue, 7

For more information, call the Town Office at 603 735-5332.

in the fall, and the first event is hoped to be a meet-and-greet for families.

Dobe provided an update on the boiler project for Audet, who was absent for this meeting. An inspection of AE/MS's oil tanks are underway. Audet applied for a grant for the key/door lock; this project should be underway soon upon grant approval.

Chella asked if the Institute of Disability would have any grants for MTSS-B? He noted that as this is AE/MS's first year with MTSS, we may qualify for some grants in that area.

New Business

The new Primex Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) contract, which is for property and liability insurance, was reviewed. This contract has a cap

of 9% for the next three years, which the district is quite excited about. Newton motioned to approve the finance agreement, Chella seconded. All voted in agreement, the motion passed.

A policy labeled JLCJA was reviewed, which requires an emergency protocol plan for athletics, both injuries and general participation. This policy is required by recent legislation to be adopted before September 1. Newton proposed to waive the second reading of the JLCJA policy, and to approve it; Chella seconded. All voted in agreement, the motion passed.

Assistant Superintendent's Report: MVSD is receiving a ropes obstacle course, which should be accessible to the ASD Outing Club

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Conservation Commission

August 10

Condensed from approved minutes

Members Present: Nancy Robart, Tina Cotton, Lee Wells, Jerry Hersey.

Also attending: Nancy Teach, Donna Duclos.

Correspondence: Email from Michelle Lambert about new Highway Department manager's misunderstanding about the Elbow Pond Road Beaver Deceiver (BD). Nancy R. called Frank and had a good conversation with him. She felt he was supportive of the intent of the BD, and he has good ideas about BDs. We will work on setting up a field trip with him to visit the BDs and go over the records we have been keeping.

ASLPT: Bernhard/Mayman easement paperwork is now complete – pa-
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in this region.” Representing about 40% of the global economy, the new plan addresses supply chain issues, supports clean energy, fights corruption, and expands technology transfers.

CHIPS Act: Signed into law on August 8, this new measure will provide \$52.7 billion in subsidies to semiconductor production in the US and invests in science and technology. On August 29, Honda and LG Energy Solution announced they would spend \$4.4 billion to construct a new battery plant in the US to join the plants General Motors is building in Ohio, Michigan, and Tennessee; the ones Ford is building in Kentucky and Tennessee; the one Toyota is building in North Carolina; and the one Stellantis is building in Indiana. The plants are part of the switch to electric vehicles.

PACT Act: Signed on August 8, it expands Veterans Administration health-care and benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. For details visit tinyurl.com/n6xr2bx5 or call 800 698-2411.

Inflation Reduction Act: Information below comes from University of Michigan economist Nirupama Rao, the Associated Press, and the Joint Committee on Taxation. A good summary is also available at the non-partisan Congressional Research Service.

Cost: New revenue and savings are estimated at \$740 billion and new spending at \$440 billion, leaving \$300 billion to reduce the deficit.

New revenue and savings include:

- 15% Corporate Minimum Tax for the estimated 150 companies who report billions in profit.
- Negotiate drug prices for Medicare.
- IRS tax enforcement targeting individuals with incomes over \$400,000. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig have both pledged that the investments will not increase audit rates on small businesses and households earning less than \$400,000 a year.

- 1% stock buybacks fee.
 - New fees on excess methane emissions.
- New spending includes:
- Capping Medicare insulin cost at \$35 per month and Medicare out-of-pocket prescription costs at \$2,000 per year.
 - Extending the increased federal subsidies under the Affordable Care Act for three years, helping 13 million people pay for medical insurance.
 - Tax rebates for electric vehicles, including used vehicles, with mandate that component parts be manufactured and assembled in the US.
 - Ten-year consumer tax credits for renewable wind and solar energy; tax credits for businesses for nuclear energy, carbon capture technology, and clean energy manufacturing.
 - Funds to combat the mega-drought situation in the West.

2020 Election: *The Dispatch* reports that eight prominent conservatives released a report in July examining “every claim of fraud and miscount put forward by former President Trump ... and reached an ‘unequivocal’ conclusion: Joe Biden was the choice of a majority of the Electors, who themselves were the choice of the majority of voters in their states.” To read the report and each specific analysis of claims in Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, visit LostNotStolen.org.

National and Worldwide Gas Prices: Accountable USA reports that eight of the largest oil companies in the country made a record-breaking \$51 billion in profit in the second quarter of 2022. This marks a 235% increase over the same quarter in 2021.

Deficit: The Office of Management and Budget forecasts this year’s deficit will decline by \$1.7 trillion, representing the single largest decline in the federal deficit in American history.

We are all subjected to a flurry of sound bites on TV. The best way for Andover voters to make good decisions is to see what has been done – not listen to what a 30-second ad says.

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perwork needs to be sent to Attorney General’s office; we will cover the legal fees. Nancy R. will follow up with Andy Deegan.

ZBA: no news on Route 4A property.

Planning Board: Working on the Master Plan. Issue with the Buswell property (Route 4) area. Town owns an adjacent piece that someone wants to buy. The Select Board will need to check the Board, and hold public hearings.

Select Board: Follow up is needed on the remaining Town-owned properties. Nancy R. will follow up with Marj. We will need to have a plan before the warrant article on the Dyer’s Crossing parcel goes to Town Meeting ’23. We should hire Earle Chase to check out to see if it is buildable and if a septic system can go in.

Motion made by Tina to not spend more than \$500 to assess Dyer’s Crossing property and have a report/diagram to present at Town Meeting . Seconded by Jerry: all in favor. Need to keep the Select Board well informed.

ACC Membership: Nancy Teach here

to see what our meetings are like to see if she is interested.

Beaver Deceiver Update: See above re: Elbow Pond BD. Emery Road BD in good shape. We need to contact Marj and Select Board about Valley Road BD removal now that the water level is low and DES concerns about releasing silt should not be as large an issue.

Lakes Region Planning Commission: Hal Tuttle has withdrawn his name. Lee will contact Harvey Pine to see if he is interested.

ACC Partnerships: Andover Garden Club – still hoping that Mary Lou will come to a meeting. We might be able to work together on permaculture projects.

Kearsarge Climate Action Group: Ten Town Project is to work on plastic recycling. They had a presentation at the NRRA conference. Plan is to get 10 towns to really focus on reducing plastic use and recycling plastic. Hub showed a documentary on reducing plastics – a project done by kids in NYC.

Andover Energy Group: Will be organizing an e-bike event in September.

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Preserving Andover’s Unique Heritage

October Coffeehouse Features Grafton's Skip Gorman

Friday, October 21, at Highland Lake Grange

Larry Chase' Andover Community Hub

Headliner at the October "Third Friday" concert offered by the Andover Community Coffeehouse will be New Hampshire's own Skip Gorman, who – for more than half a century – has enjoyed singing, playing, and performing an impressive variety of traditional American and Celtic folk music across this country and beyond, according to the SkipGorman.com website.



Skip Gorman of Grafton will perform a variety of traditional American and Celtic music at the October third Friday Coffeehouse in East Andover.

The October 21st concert will begin at 7 PM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall on Route 11 in East Andover, midway between Andover Village and Franklin. The event is open to the public at no charge; "pass the hat" donations are gratefully accepted.


The featured artist on more than 15 recordings and on four of filmmak-

er Ken Burns' PBS documentaries, Gorman makes his home in nearby Grafton.

The program will also feature appearances by up to five "open-mic" performers. Doors to the Grange Hall open at 6 PM for simple supper food and beverage purchases, and for open mic sign-ups on a first-come, first-served basis.

This month's sponsor is the Ken Wells Campaign for a seat in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Sponsors and audience contributions help the Coffeehouse to cover room-rental fees, headliner compensation, advertising, equipment purchases, and other expenses.

Coming up, on Friday, November 18: The music of Green Heron, which stretches across the entire folk landscape. old-time, folk, bluegrass, country, Celtic, and blues music. Featuring Betsy Heron (formerly Green) on fiddle, banjo, and vocals, and Scott Heron on guitar, banjo, and vocals, the duo has been sharing New England stages together since 2017.

The Andover Community Coffeehouse is a program component of the Andover Community Hub and now in its eighth year of offering free monthly concerts to the public. The Coffeehouse is managed and staffed entirely by volunteers. New volunteers are always needed to help with duties such as talent bookings, community outreach, audiovisual support, and the like. Those interested in joining in the fun should contact TheAndoverHub@gmail.com. 



A scarecrow pumpkinhead, created by Justine, Frank, and Pat Puliafico, cheerfully greets passersby on Maple Street and Thompson Point Road. This is just one of the decorations being put up by Andover residents for the fall season. Photo: Justine Puliafico

Garden Club Invites Community to Display Festive Fall Decorations

Plant sale on October 8 at the Town Hall

Mary Lou McCrave Andover Garden Club

It's harvest time! Trees in apple orchards are dripping with ripe red fruit, and pumpkins the color of bright orange sunsets are just waiting to be harvested! And in Andover, the Fourth Annual Scarecrow and Pumpkinheads All Around Town is off to a great start with scarecrows popping up around town.

The Andover Garden Club invites all businesses and residents to join in this exhibition of community unity and have some festive fall fun decorating our town with creative displays of scarecrow pumpkinheads. There is no specific theme; the only limitation is your imagination! But if you do need some inspiration, simply go to YouTube for some great tutorials.

Be sure to email photos of your display to AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com, and your creation will be posted on the Club's Facebook page. Let's get at it, the sooner the better to enjoy some fall spirit and family fun!


Fall is an ideal time to plant most perennials – especially in bare root form – when the soil is still warm, giv-

ing roots enough time to get properly established for a strong healthy start the following spring. For these reasons, the Club has selected fall for its annual Plant Sale.

Funds raised will benefit the Town's Four Season Beautification Program. The seasonal displays include colorful hanging floral plantings in summer; scarecrow pumpkinheads in fall; greenery and bright red ribbons adorning street signs in winter; and cheerful yellow daffodils in spring.

This fall, and for others to follow, you'll see Club members planting hundreds of King Alfred daffodils along Andover's Main Street for a spectacular display of spring color. Did you know that daffodils symbolize friendship and new beginnings?

We hope that you will support the Club's new beginnings and purchase your bulbs and other plants on Saturday, October 8. We'll be set up by the perennial border on the roadside of the Town Office from 9 AM to noon. Complimentary cider and donuts will be provided.

Stop by and say hello, purchase a raffle ticket for one of Anne Seabourne's hand-painted barn quilts, and take home some healthy, beautiful plants. 

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<p>1958 David Koch and John H. Sununu both study engineering at MIT from 1958-1963.</p> 	<p>2016 President Trump names Hillsdale graduate, the sister of Erik Prince (of the infamous mercenary Blackwater group), Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Education. She sets about to achieve Koch's 1980's educational goal: "Government ownership, operation, regulation and subsidy of schools and colleges should be ended."</p> 
<p>1980 In 1980, David Koch runs for VP. His Libertarian platform demands the end of Medicare, Social Security, public schools, aid to children, the Fed, the Post Office AND Environmental Protection.</p> 	<p>2016 In 2016, Chris Sununu becomes governor of NH. He vetoes every bill that would cut fossil fuel demand. He appoints Libertarian Frank Edelblut as Commissioner of Education. Edelblut has a Master's in Divinity but no educational credentials. One of Edelblut's sons is secretary to Hillsdale's Federalist Society.</p> 
<p>1982 In 1982, conservative legal professionals found The Federalist Society. Members train young lawyers to believe in "originalism", then advance them to higher judgeships. Originalists freeze the Constitution as they think Framers designed it.</p> 	<p>March 2021 Edelblut steers COVID funding to religious and private schools. He hands a DOE contract to a Sununu donor for almost twice the cost of a higher-rated bid. He supports the most expansive education voucher bill in the nation. Koch-funded "Americans for Prosperity" promotes the bill with postcards.</p> 
<p>1989 In 1989, John H Sununu becomes Chief of Staff to first President Bush. In that role, John thwarts the US from joining the international conference to address climate change. Another Sununu son, Michael, becomes a vocal climate denier and industry consultant.</p> 	<p>June 2021 Governor Sununu negotiates with GOP House Majority Leader Jason Osborne for the voucher bill and other controversial extremist measures to be hidden in the huge budget bill. Commissioner Edelblut rolls out their "most extreme" voucher program. Betsy DeVos attends.</p> 
<p>1996 Federalist Clarence Thomas is appointed to the Supreme Court. From 1996-97, Thomas employs a Federalist clerk named John Eastman. 23 years later, Eastman convinces President Donald Trump that VP Pence could refuse to accept electoral college ballots on Jan 6.</p> 	<p>Nov 2021 Edelblut and Drew Cline direct \$1.5 million in federal funds to Lionheart Academy, a Hillsdale charter school, in Peterborough. It teaches Arn's "1776 Curriculum", a blueprint for "patriotic education" devised for Donald Trump.</p> 
<p>2000 Eastman becomes a senior fellow at the Claremont Institute. Claremont is directed by Larry Arn who becomes president of Hillsdale College in 2000. Hillsdale College establishes hundreds of conservative, religious charter schools with public tax money, nationwide.</p> 	<p>March 2022 Meanwhile, Free-Staters in Croydon convince voters to halve the public-school budget. Massive protests overturn the cuts, but Free-Stater intent to end public education is clear.</p> 
<p>2001 In 2001 The Free-State Project is founded to recruit thousands of Libertarians to move to NH as early as 2003, and run for office. The Free-State Project's explicit goal is to turn the state into a Libertarian utopia.</p> 	<p>March 2022 Governor Sununu travels to the Koch-founded Cato Institute in DC. There he celebrates NH's being named "Freest State" by Will Ruger and Jason Sorens.</p> 
<p>2009 In 2009, Hillsdale hires the wife of Justice Clarence Thomas, Ginni Thomas, to help launch a DC campus on Capitol Hill. Heritage and Federalist Society staff train young Congressional staffers.</p> 	<p>June 2022 The Supreme Court's Federalist Society majority swells to six justices, legalizing open-carry of firearms, overturning Roe v. Wade, expanding prayer to public-school activities, and removing authority from the Environmental Protection Agency.</p> 
<p>2010 In 2010, Attorney Cleta Mitchell files an amicus brief with SCOTUS in support of Citizens United to let corporate donors donate unlimited sums for political purposes. Cleta Mitchell would be the attorney on the phone with President Trump when he asks GA Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to "find 11,000 votes."</p> 	<p>Aug 2022 Described as "the largest political advocacy donation in U.S. history", tech magnate Barre Seid donated \$1.6 BILLION, tax-free, to a non-profit run by Leonard Leo – the Marble Freedom Trust. Tax records reveal that Leo diverted over \$230 million in the 2020 cycle to conservative groups he controls.</p> 
<p>2010 In 2010 as part of the Free-State Project, Jason Osborne, a Hillsdale College grad, moves to New Hampshire. In 2020, he would be elected NH House Majority leader.</p> 	<p>Nov 8 2022 David Koch passed away, but the extreme Libertarian groups he and his brother fund live on. They will be working to elect candidates to Congress, state and county offices. They will support candidates dedicated to fighting climate action, repealing Social Security and Medicare, finishing off public schools, and achieving David Koch's other goals from 1980.</p> 

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The Coup! As voters, we can stop it!



The Secret Garden at Potter Place has a new plaque in honor of Bob Hamilton and Ken Reid who established the garden in the old cellar hole of Richard Potter's homestead. Photo: Lindsey Schust

New AHS Plaque Honors Bob Hamilton and Ken Reid

Located in Secret Garden at Potter Place

Lindsey Schust
Andover Historical Society

If you have ever visited Potter Place, you will have seen the knoll next to Richard and Sally Potter's gravestones. If you walk to the top of this knoll to look over the fence, you will see a mystical shade garden inside the old cellar hole from Potter's original homestead. The entrance to the garden is just off Cilleyville Road., and you might miss it if you didn't know to look for it.

Once you have been in the Secret Garden, you will always remember it because it is a magical place. As you stand inside the garden and look around at the beautiful plants and sculptures, you are surrounded by a stone foundation. How did this garden come to be? Who created it? I talked to Luan Clark and found out the story of the Secret Garden of Potter Place.

Richard Potter was a celebrated 19th-century ventriloquist and magician. He is known as the first black celebrity in America, and he and his wife Sally lived in Andover from 1815 to 1835. They built their home on the top of a knoll, in what was later named Potter Place in his honor.

In the Andover Historical Society archives, there is a photograph of Potter's house, from the early 1900s after it had been renovated by the Downes family. Unfortunately, the Downes' house burned to the ground in 1923. Today, there is no house on the plot of land, but you can still visit the original cellar hole of Richard Potter's home, which was magically transformed into a shade garden. Here is how it happened.

In the early 2000s, Kenneth Reid and

Robert Hamilton moved to Andover and quickly became a part of the Andover Historical Society. Pat Cutter was the president at that time, and she asked Ken and Bob to help revitalize the old JC Emons Store and Post Office, which are a part of the AHS museum on Depot Street.

As a part of their work, they redecorated and "re-established" the store, to make it feel more historic. If you visit the Emons store today, you might feel like you've stepped back in time.

While volunteering for the AHS, Ken kept thinking about the cellar hole of Richard Potter's home and how it might make a good spot for a shade garden. Ken had grown up on a farm and as he liked to say, "I never quite got the dirt from under my fingernails". Later in life he studied gardening in Pennsylvania and learned the art of transforming roofless stone farmhouses into sheltered gardens.

He recalled in a letter to the AHS that he tried to ignore the idea but it kept coming back to him until he finally embraced the challenge to transform the cellar hole. At that point, the cellar hole was far from "garden ready." In fact, it was packed full with rotting leaves, dead trees and branches, old rusty car parts, glass bottles and cans, and all sorts of rubble.

Ken's creative vision was so strong that he and Bob kept working on emptying out the cellar hole, repairing the stone walls, and replacing the floor with fresh soil. The cleaning-out process took almost two years to complete.

Once the interior of the cellar hole was prepared, they began planting shade plants. They received a donation of two large concrete planters which

See Secret Garden on page 21



Donna Baker-Hartwell, of East Andover, took this picture of a fledgling Barred Owl, one of two, who visited her yard this summer. She noted that they are very curious at this age and respond to someone mimicking their call. She also pointed out how well they blend into their surroundings.

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Songs from Eagle Pond Concert Honors Donald Hall and Jane Kenyon

At Proctor's theater, October 29 at 7 PM

Press release

Poems by Jane Kenyon and Donald Hall – set as songs by California composer Graham Sobelman and performed by him, Maggie Hollinbeck, and Omari Tau – will be presented in concert on Saturday, October 29, at Proctor Academy Theater in Andover at 7 PM. There is no charge for admis-

poetry.

Then, in 1975, three years after he and Jane Kenyon married in Ann Arbor (where Don was teaching at the University of Michigan and Jane had been a student), they decided to try a year at the farm, together. Almost immediately, they knew they wouldn't be returning to Michigan.

The farm had long held the story of Don's family. But Jane found her own there, too. Though she had begun writing poetry in college, she said it was coming to Eagle Pond that made her a poet. It gave her a subject, she said, and a renewed way of looking, as it also gave her a place to enter a new life and learn home.

Discarding nothing from previous generations, Don and Jane filled the Eagle Pond farmhouse still further with books and art, and writing became the habit of their days. In time, both were named New Hampshire poet laureates, and Don also served as a US poet laureate.

In 1995, Jane died at Eagle Pond Farm when leukemia took her at age 47. Don continued to live and write there,

until he also died at the farm in 2018, months short of age 90.

Nonprofit Buys Eagle Pond Farm

When Eagle Pond Farm, right at the edge of Andover, in Wilmot, was about to be sold in 2019 and the contents of the historic farmhouse were also about to be dispersed at two auctions and an estate sale, it seemed that all that the farm represented was ending. But the story took a different turn.

Feeling they had to do something, without quite knowing what that "something" would be, a hastily-formed group of neighbors, friends, and colleagues in historic preservation came together to save the farm.

Two members of this group, Lynne Monroe and Frank Whittemore of Kensington, New Hampshire, used their retirement savings to buy the property, not to live there but to hold it until a long-term plan could be pondered. At the same time, others in the group bought at the auctions and estate sale the most representative furnishings and other items they could, though without a clear sense of what was ahead.

The auctions and estate sale were, however, barely over when all involved realized they would have to create an organization to become steward of the farm and preserve what it was about. The resulting nonprofit, At Eagle Pond, Inc, is now a 501(c)(3) established to maintain the farm as a local and national historic landmark, as well as to honor the work of Don and Jane, invite reflection on why it matters, and provide eventual residencies where poets and others can take up their own work for a period of time.

In 2021, the nonprofit purchased the farm from the interim buyers, "without whom there would be no farm to preserve," says president Mary Lyn Ray, a South Danbury writer and friend-and-

neighbor of Donald Hall and Jane Kenyon. Repairs to the house, along with restoration of views of Eagle Pond, wait for fundraising and grant applications.

But research and documentation for nomination of the farm to the National



Eagle Pond Farm, where Donald Hall and Jane Kenyon shared a writing life.

Photo: Daphne Bruemmer

sion. Reservations are not required.

Growing up in Connecticut, Donald Hall came to spend his summers at the Eagle Pond farm that had been in his family since the Civil War, where his grandparents were still living a farm life. There he wrote some of his first



Graham Sobelman and Maggie Hollinbeck at Eagle Pond, October 2021.

Photo: Graham Sobelman

Register of Historic Places are well under way; and as furnishings and other history are returned, the house recovers more and more from the drama of the auctions and estate sale.

Now past the necessary focus on incorporation and purchase of the farm, the organization can begin to give more place to programs and other public events, inaugurated by "Songs from Eagle Pond," a premiere of work in progress by the nonprofit's first residents, Graham Sobelman and Maggie Hollinbeck.

How Songs Grew

Graham, a composer, pianist, and music director in Sacramento, who had set some 50 of Jane's poems as songs, and Maggie, a singer, musician, actress, and poet based in New York City, who had performed and recorded those songs with Graham, had been wanting to experience the place that shaped Jane's and Don's days. Hearing about the nonprofit's plans for the farm, they were soon in touch, and what had seemed off in the future no longer was. They understood that the house was

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Artwork from New Hampshire artist Conrad Young, along with holiday cards and his detailed and beautifully illustrated book *New Hampshire's Historical Covered Bridges*, are on sale at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop in October.

Caption and photo: Nancie Jacobson

Andover Thrift and Gift Shop Features Artist Conrad Young

Other returning artists, plus \$3 October specials

Nancie Jacobson
Andover Service Club

There is much "in store" for shoppers at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop with a variety of specials starting this month, including great bargains on new and gently used clothing, dazzling jewelry, and name-brand accessories.

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Conrad Young, New Hampshire artist, will have a wonderful selection of original and print watercolors of New Hampshire covered bridges and landscapes, Christmas cards, and his book *New Hampshire's Historical Covered Bridges*, on display until October 31.

Veteran-owned For the Love of Crafts has a fun display of seasonal home decor, hysterical "gag" gifts, and items for the "happy camper" in your life!

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Gifts for the happy camper at the Andover Thrift and Gift Shop.

Caption and photo: Nancie Jacobson



The Wilmot Garden Club presented its annual Walter Kangas Memorial Scholarship to Toby MacLeod of Wilmot on September 10 at the Wilmot Bandstand on the Wilmot Town Green. Toby's mother, Sally Asher, accepted the award on Toby's behalf. Seen in the center of the photo are Pauline Kangas (hat in lap) and Toby's mother Sally (to her left). WGC President Nancy Schlosser opened the ceremony, and WGC VP Elizabeth Fielding read a testimonial letter from former scholarship winner, Emily Irick, thanking the WGC members for their support and encouragement to follow her interest in horticulture.

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"Travel Night: Israel": Thu, 10/27, 7 pm. Slide show presentation.

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Travel Night at the Hub Focuses on Church's Trip to Israel

Thursday, October 27 at 7 PM at the Hub

Susan Chase, Andover Community Hub

A trip to Israel last spring that included several members of the Andover Community Church will be the subject of "Travel Night" at the Andover Community Hub on Thursday, October 27, at 7 PM. The evening is open to the public and refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Co-pastors Bill and Cinnamon Blomquist and congregation member Linda McGrail will share photos, highlights of the trip, and their impressions of the country and its people. Israel is a fascinating country with rich history, archeology, and geology, and the group visited most of it, from Dan in the north to Beer-sheba in the south, including the Dead Sea, Jerusalem, and a number of holy sites.

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far from being ready for residencies, so they would be camping more than "residing," but they were game.

Though they could be here only a week last fall, "that week," says Mary Lyn Ray, "totally confirmed what is intended for the new life of the farm – and equally confirming was what it meant to our residents and to their work to be at the farm and staying in the house."

During their time here, Graham began setting to music a group of poem-letters that Don wrote to Jane after her death. He and Maggie also edited some of the Jane songs, and both fully embraced this place and the local community. At Proctor Academy, they presented a class for a course in "The Art of Expression," taught by Jennifer Summers; and at the end of the week, they gave an impromptu concert of the Jane songs at the Wilnot Congregational Church.

With windows open to the night air because of COVID, the space was filled

by neighbors – properly distanced – who were profoundly moved by hearing the poems as songs and the sensibilities that Graham and Maggie brought to their performance.

Since then, Graham (GrahamSobelman.com) has composed settings for more of Don's poems, and he and Maggie (MaggieHollinbeck.com), who both have long history in musical theater, have continued shaping the work in progress that will premiered at Proctor, juxtaposing selected poems by Jane with Don's "letters" and some prose excerpts.

Graham, at the piano, and Maggie, performing the Jane songs, will be joined for the Don songs by Omari Tau (OmariTau.com), singer, actor, and educator, also based in Sacramento but performing widely, including touring with Disney's Lion King. Time for conversation will follow.

For more information about Don and Jane, the farm, and At Eagle Pond, Inc., please visit AtEaglePond.org or contact us at At.Eagle.Pond@gmail.com.

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stripe over a silver band on her right leg, and a yellow band with a black stripe over a red band on her left leg. Short-hand for that combination would be left: yellow stripe over red, right: blue stripe over silver. The first band is closer to the body; second band closer to the foot."

Our original loon – the male, first banded in 2011 – received new bands of the same color and sequence – left: green stripe over green, right: blue stripe over silver. (Note that the pair have matching right foot bands.) In the attached photo you can see the right leg with a blue Stripe over white. This could be either one of our adults.

The larger chick was banded left: white over silver, right: green white dot over white with black stripe.

Loon bands help biologists better understand the loon population, their travel habits, pairing, life span, and more.

This past month, Eve Hiatt reported

a banded loon on Tucker Pond in Salisbury. She sent the band colors and sequence to John Cooley, who was able to conclude that the loon she saw was our adult female! How cool is this? We now know that our loon mother took a break and ventured about eight miles away to check out Tucker Pond.

Through the month of October, the chicks will exercise their wings for take-off. Flying lessons will begin. I hope for those who are able to be on the lake that you have the pleasure of watching some of these attempts and eventual successes. I think landing might be harder than taking off!

Eventually, the loon family will leave as ice threatens to cover the lake. They will fly to the coast for the winter. The adults will hopefully return next spring, just a day or hours after the ice-out occurs.

This year's chicks will spend a few years on the coast maturing until they are ready to return to the lakes and find their own territories and mates.



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Hub Offers Eight-Week Waltz Class Series


Drop-in basis, starts October 14

Susan Chase
Andover Community Hub

An eight-week series of classes offering participants an opportunity to perfect their waltz technique will begin at the Andover Community Hub on Friday, October 14, from 7 to 8 PM. Classes are offered on a drop-in, week-by-week, pay-when-you-attend basis, with a fee of \$10 per person per class, and are taught by Laura Kiefer and Gary Stanhope of Hidden Door Dance Studio in

Elkins. Newcomers are welcome at any class; singles are also welcome.

A similar series last spring taught swing, waltz, cha-cha, foxtrot, and tango, but this class will focus intensively on waltz, including how to lead and follow, posture and frame, a variety of waltz figures, as well as dance floor etiquette. And if the waltz isn't your favorite, stay tuned for a winter/spring series that will focus on swing or a Latin dance.

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they placed in the garden as well. Today you can see beautiful plants in the garden which includes a Japanese red maple, hostas, periwinkle, impatiens, dwarf irises, barrenwort, ferns, begonias, bunchberry (ground cover dogwood), lily of the valley, foam flower, dead nettle (lamium), and astilbe.

Bob passed away in 2018, and Ken passed away in 2020, leaving a legacy of plants behind. Now the Secret Garden is maintained by AHS volunteers and members of the Andover Historical Society's Landscape Committee, led by landscape architect Bill Hoffman.

These volunteers tend plantings around the Lull house and the Emons Store and Post Office. They also maintain the Potters' cemetery plot and the new native garden on the side of the knoll, which was planted by Spring Ledge Farm volunteers.

This summer, AHS and the Black Heritage Trail of NH established a plaque for Richard Potter, which places Potter Place on the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire. AHS also commissioned a plaque to be installed in the Secret Garden in memory of Bob Hamilton and Ken Reid. The Secret Garden stone was donated by the Currier family from the stone wall of their four-generation historic farm on Beech Hill Road in Andover. The stone for the Potter plaque was donated by the Schust family from their historic farmland in Potter Place.


The site for the Secret Garden plaque

was carefully selected by members of the AHS. Luan Clark and Bill Hoffman did the final layout plan for the rock before the installers came.

On August 4, John Kaufhold of Peterborough Marble and Granite Works spent the day in Potter Place and installed both plaques for the Andover Historical Society. When the Secret Garden plaque was installed, speckled sunlight lit up the text for all to see: "In appreciation of Kenneth Reid and Robert Hamilton – Dedicated Volunteers of the Andover Historical Society – whose vision and hard work created an enchanting Secret Garden in this tranquil historic spot."

Secret Garden Fund

In 2020, AHS set up the Secret Garden Fund to raise money for the continued maintenance and updates to the garden and surrounding grounds. This fund helped pay for the commemorative plaque. If you would like to volunteer or donate toward the upkeep of this special garden, please contact AHS or visit AndoverHistory.org/make-a-donation/.

The Andover Historical Society museum and Freight House at Depot Street will be open through Columbus Day Weekend. Visiting hours are Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM and Sundays from noon to 3 PM. The Freight Shed will be open on Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. The Little Red Schoolhouse on Tucker Mountain Road in East Andover will be open the second Sunday of the month, June through Columbus Day Weekend, from 1 to 3 PM. 

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Through the Reading Glasses October 2022

Janet Moore, Andover Libraries

Last month I mentioned three books I was hoping to read in August; so far I've only managed to complete two. *The Luminaries* will no doubt keep me occupied this fall.

Annie Proulx's *Barkskins* ticked many genre sub-category boxes, including historical fiction, environmental science, indigenous people's history, and economic policy. From 1693 to the present, the history of logging and timber management around the world, but mainly in the US and Canada, is the framework upon which this story is built. As the years progress and cultures shift, Annie Proulx also moves her language along, from barely English-speaking Dutch, French, and native North Americans, to sophisticated board rooms and ecologically curious college students. Below you'll find a sample of Annie Proulx's glo-

rious prose. The ancient Mi'kmaq Kuntaw faces his death serenely:

"Kuntaw died on the most beautiful day in a thousand years. The October air was sweet and every faint breath a pleasure. Wind stirred and he said, 'Our wind reaching me here.' A small cloud formed in the west. 'Our small cloud coming to me.' The hours passed and the small cloud formed a dark wall and approached. A drop fell, another, many, and Kuntaw said, 'Our rain wetting my face.'

His people came near him, drawing him into their eyes, and he said, 'Now...what...' The sun came out, the brilliant world sparkled, susurrations, liquid flow, stems of striped grass what was it what was it the limber swish of a released branch. What, now what. Kuntaw opened his mouth, said nothing, and let the sunlight enter him."



Bachelder Library Book Club Chooses *Olga Dies Dreaming*

Lee Wells, Bachelder Library

The October Book Club selection is Xochitl Gonzales's debut novel, *Olga Dies Dreaming*.

From BookOfTheMonth.com: It is 2017, and Olga and her brother, Pedro "Prieto" Acevedo are well known in their hometown of New York. Prieto is a popular Congressman representing their gentrifying Latinx neighborhood in Brooklyn, and Olga is the wedding planner for Manhattan's power brokers.

Despite their alluring public lives, behind closed doors things are far less rosy. Sure Olga can orchestrate the love stories of the one percent, but she can't seem to find her own ... until she meets Matteo, who forces her to confront the effects of long-held family secrets.

Olga and Pietro's mother, Blanca,

a gang member turned radical, abandoned her children to advance a militant political cause, leaving them to be raised by their grandmother. As hurricane season begins, Blanca comes barreling back into their lives.

Set against the backdrop of New York City in the months surrounding the most devastating hurricane in Puerto Rico's history, *Olga Dies Dreaming* examines political corruption, familial strife, and the very notion of the American Dream – all while asking what it means to weather a storm.

We will be meeting at the Bachelder Library, or via Zoom, at 7 PM on Wednesday, October 26. Please swing by either library to pick up a copy. Please let Lee or Priscilla know if you would like to attend via Zoom.



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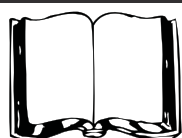
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Friends of the Northern Rail Trail Minutes - August 17, 2022

Condensed from draft minutes

Board Attendees: Alex Bernhard, Amy Chan, Barbara Couturier, Steve Darling, George Heaton, Cody Hussey, Dustin Ladd, Charles Martin, Ricker Miller, Don Moyer, Myra Mayman, Chris Norris.

Promotion Committee Member: Patrice Rasche

Welcome Guest: Clispe Ndayizeve, Concord

Business Matters

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dustin Ladd's report showed healthy current balances, commitments already made for those funds, and the sketch of a 2023 budget which demonstrates the need to raise funds for the Boscawen Extension and other vital future projects.

Our account currently holds approximately \$76,000 of general-use funds, and approximately \$24,500 set aside for the Boscawen Extension – all committed to several ongoing improvement projects, as well as a reserve. Newly realized needed work – such as the Enfield Lakeside Park Bridge – must thus await the new year and new funds.

Although the yearly budget is not finalized until January, the Board discussed a helpful first-draft that Dustin had constructed. As a matter of format, we agreed that the past year's budget should remain unchanged as a prior measure against which we construct an "actual" record of expenditures. These in turn feed into the next year's budget.

Taking this approach, and assessing – at first estimation – the new construction, maintenance, and safety projects that should be undertaken next year, we envision the need for fundraising of approximately \$40,000. This is over and above the projects projected for next year for which grant applications are already in the works. In the October meeting, we will address the budget again and strategies for fundraising to match these needs on the Trail.

Committee Reports

Maintenance Committee: The "banner headline" from Chair Don Moyer's report is the start of physical work on the Boscawen Extension of the Trail. With the signature of a Temporary Use Agreement (TUA) by our contractors and the DOT, all are now hard at work. The first task is to clear trees and brush, for which FNRT has commissioned aerial photography to document this exciting development.

Don noted that the \$24,000 budgeted for full construction of the Extension fall short of the true anticipated cost, which is likely to be over \$41,000. We will soon take up a fundraising strategy for this vital project.

Other good news came from the Bureau of Trails, which is undertaking the re-decking of four bridges along the Trail. We thank the Bureau and look forward to smooth riding.

Two maintenance and improvement projects funded by Recreational Trails Program (RTP) – at Plains Road in Andover and Punch Brook in Franklin – are now in full swing, with Ricker Miller overseeing their progress. It was agreed to test the gravel being offered by the contractor to assure that it meets our 3/8-minus specification for best Trail surface quality.

A hoped-for connection in Franklin between the Winnepesaukee River Trail and the Northern Rail Trail continues to be under study by various groups in Franklin. Don Moyer is our liaison to this effort, which we applaud.

As a reminder that work on the Trail is never done, Don Moyer presented photos and other information about two areas of concern: the Mascoma Lake
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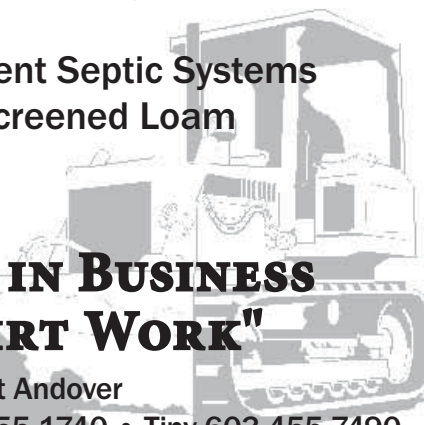
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Rope Swing ramp, where serious erosion has occurred near the Trail; and the Enfield Lakeside Park Bridge, which needs re-decking. We hope to address these needs in the future, as resources permit, and urge all to take care.

We continue to monitor the hugely appreciated volunteer hours that go into making the Trail what it is – 317 hours this year! We also report that the number of Trail users is up about 9% over the same period in 2021. About 7,000 people have come out in Lebanon this month, and about 2,000 on the rest of the Trail!

Lastly, we look forward to the completion of a digital map of the Trail that will locate all bridges, mile posts, barriers and other features. This map will vastly simplify and improve our efforts to keep the Trail free of obstruction.

Administration Committee: The Administration Committee, utilizing our newly-established process for replacing resigning Officers, nominated Don Moyer to serve as Vice-President, replacing Alex Bernhard. The Board unanimously voted in favor, and welcomed Don to his enhanced official role.

The Committee set the date for an in-person Pot-Luck Supper on Wednesday, September 21. All vaccinated FNRT members and volunteers and friends are invited to the Pot-Luck Supper at 6 PM at the Andover Barn at Highland Lake Inn, East Andover. Come with a dish!

Based on discussions over time, the

sense of the Committee is that the time is ripe to initiate a corporate outreach program to businesses that are proximate to and involved with activities on the Trail. The Board fully supported this idea, which will be developed soon.

A Zoom link for the Annual Meeting at 5 PM on Wednesday, October 5, will be sent to FNRT members via the FNRT Newsletter. Here are the nominees proposed by the committee to serve on FNRT's Board of Directors for a one-year term:

- Alex Bernhard, Andover
- Amy Chan, Lebanon
- Barbara Couturier, East Andover
- Steven Darling, Andover
- George Heaton, Danbury
- Lindy Heim, Wilmot
- Cody Hussey, Canaan
- Charles Martin, New London
- Myra Mayman, Andover
- Ricker Miller, East Andover
- Don Moyer, Hill
- Joe Olimpio, Loudon
- Tom Rousseau, New London
- Peter Southworth, Andover

Promotion Committee: Being away, Chair Lindy Heim made a report by email in advance of the meeting, detailing the various Committee activities, including the Newsletter.

Amy Chan supplemented this report with the wonderful news of the AARP-funded Tri-shaw program's great success to date. With 20 pilots on board and training sessions this month, young and old are joined in use of the Trail.

"Old Man Photographer" to Share His Africa Experience

Friday, October 14, 7 PM
at Wilmot Library

Press release

Two presentations are coming to the Wilmot Library.

On Friday, October 14, at 7 PM, photographer Marc Beerman will give a slide presentation and share stories of his experience traveling and photographing wildlife in Africa.

Known as "Old Man" to his children – long before he turned gray – he is now known as the Old Man Photographer. Marc has a strong love of nature, and his main focus has been centered on wildlife and landscape photography. "My camera allows me to explore and capture the innocence, simplicity, and beauty of the world around me."

On Wednesday, November 9, at 7 PM, local author Mary Kronenwetter will talk about her book Pauper Auc-

tion, a riveting tale that describes the practice of New England towns auctioning off their poor to the highest bidder.

A New Englander by birth and disposition, Mary grew up in a 19th-century Massachusetts farmhouse complete with a well, barn, outbuildings, and pasture and fields lined with stone walls. She holds a doctorate in education and has taught at colleges in the United States, China, and Japan. Mary now lives in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region and has served as a museum educator at Historic Deerfield, the John Hay Estate at The Fells, and the Enfield Shaker Museum.

Both talks will take place at the Wilmot Library, 11 North Wilmot Road in Wilmot. For more information call 603 526-6804 or email WilmotLibrary@comcast.net.



Wilmot Historical Society Annual Meeting and Program

Life in New England
12,000 years ago

Press release

Can you imagine what life was like 12,000 years ago in New England?

Be sure to attend the Wilmot Historical Society's annual meeting on Sunday, October 30, where featured speaker Robert Goodby, Professor of Anthropology at Franklin Pierce University, will present a program on what life was like in New England 12,000 years ago. Dr. Goodby holds a PhD in Anthropology from Brown University and has spent the last 30 years studying

Native American archaeological sites in New England.

The meeting will start at 1 PM with refreshments being served from 12:30 PM on. President Liz Kirby will give an overview of the 2021-2022 year, and the Historical Society members will elect a board for the 2022-2023 year. The program begins at 1:30 PM and is free and open to the public.

This event will take place in Wilmot's historic Town Hall, 9 North Wilmot Road. For more information, email info@WilmotHistoricalSociety.org or call Liz at 603 496-4883.





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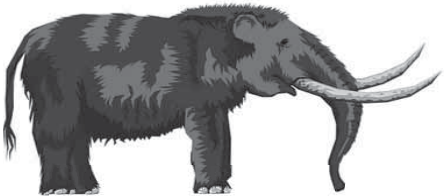



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This program is co-sponsored by the NH Humanities and is free and open to the public.

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For more information email
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Refreshments served starting at 12:30

Andover Community Church October 2022

Potluck Harvest Supper on Saturday, October 22

Donna Thompson and Bill Blomquist
Andover Community Church

Hello everyone. It seems the months are flying right past us. It's apple picking time. Can you smell the apple pies baking?

Here's a recap on some of the activities that have already started. Grief-Share, a program for those struggling with loss, started on September 13 at the Andover Hub. It runs for 10 weeks on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

If you know someone who is struggling with a loss of a relative or a friend, please encourage them to check out this class. There is more information on our website at AndoverCommunityNH.org/grief-share.

Also started on September 13 is a dessert Women's Bible Study on Tuesday nights. This class follows the Gospel reading from the previous Sunday and has times of meditation and discussion on the Scripture. You can also check out the website on who to contact and ask any questions.

On September 18 we started a class after fellowship on John 3:16. This is a five-week class that meets just after Sunday services. Again, check the website for information.

It was also so great to have the Coffeehouse back in the Grange Hall, seeing all our friends and meeting new people. The next one is on Friday, October 21. Doors open at 6 PM, and music starts at 7 PM.

A group of us from the church sell three hot dishes, hot dogs, sandwiches,

and all kinds of baked goods. The money raised goes to fixing up our buildings. Come and join us for a fun-filled evening of music and fun.

We are sad to say the yummy rummage/bake/prepared meals is coming to an end for this year. The last Saturday is October 29. With fingers crossed, we will be back in May.

On another note, prepared meals will start up in January. If you have a request, you can email me at Crafty-Donna@metrocast.net or call my house at 603 744-6858.

Beginning in Advent (Sunday, November 27) we'll be starting Godly Play. This is a hands-on curriculum that allows children to imagine the Gospel and create art work each week. This sounds so exciting for the children to hear the story and experience the journey. If there are any questions you can call Pastor Bill at 603 735-5160 or email him at AndoverChurch@tds.net.

Since the COVID pandemic began we haven't been able to hold any suppers. But all that is changing now. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 22, when we will be holding a Potluck Harvest Supper which is open to everyone in the community. Starting at 5:30 PM, the feast will have ham, salads, casserole dishes, deserts, and beverages provided by our people as a gift to the community in the Highland Lake Grange Hall. Hope to see you there!

For a listing of services, bulletins, and other ministries to the community and church, please peruse our website at AndoverCommunity.org. We pray this colorful season will be a blessing to you as we near the holiday season.

South Danbury Church News October 2022

Linda Wilson, South Danbury Church

Thank you to everyone for your support and participation in South Danbury Church events and activities! We are especially grateful for your donations to the South Danbury Church Essential Home Goods Shelf at the Danbury Community Center. The (non-food) home goods collection began this year with a suggestion from Reverend Gail Kinney, and thanks to Kendra, the DCC is hosting it. Personal care items are especially helpful. Contributions are always welcome and can be brought to the DCC or to church services and events.

The church's annual Homemade Pie Sale will be on Friday, October 7, from 3 to 5 PM. Come promptly to be sure of finding your favorites! Enjoy free mulled cider and treats. Stock up on homemade pies and baked goods,

take-home casseroles, soups, sides, and more. Browse crafts and treasures. Visit with author Mary Lyn Ray and explore her books. All proceeds benefit the South Danbury Church.

For church news, programs, events, and announcements of worship services, follow us at Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church on Facebook; call or text 603 491-3196; or email SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com. If you would like to be on our mailing list, send us an email. Please contact us if you need a ride to attend worship or events. We'll be happy to help.

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JASON K. SCHAEFER, 42, of Andover, passed away unexpectedly on August 28, 2022. Jason was born in Syracuse, New York and graduated from New Hartford, New York High School. He went on to earn multiple degrees from SUNY Morrisville. Then he went to work for a number of entities in the forestry, wood products, and building materials industry. He was currently employed at Lumber Barn in Bradford.

Jason was an avid Red Sox Fan and an ardent Buffalo Bills Fan. He was also an enthusiastic supporter of his children's athletic events. With his booming voice, you always knew he was in the crowd. The Blue Storm La-



crosse girls could certainly hear him.

Jason is survived by his wife of five years, Alicia (Williams) Schaefer; his daughter, Morgan Lea (Allison Coy), and his bonus children Madison, Chloe, and Tristan; his parents, Jim and Patty Schaefer of New Hartford, New York; sisters Kristen (Connor) Sutton of Ogdensburg, New York, and Amy (Josh) Murinka of Auburn, New York; the four nephews he loved to tease, Dempsey and Kellan Sutton and Carson and Mason Murinka; multiple aunts, uncles, and cousins; his father-in-law Steve Williams and mother-in-law Joanne Robie, both of Bristol, New Hampshire; and many good friends.

The family wishes to thank First Responders and Ed Shaughnessy at this difficult time. Calling hours and a blessing were held at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London on September 3.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to CHaD, One Medical Center Drive HB 7070, Lebanon NH 03756, or to a fund for Morgan's college expenses.

BETTY A. FORD, 90, of Cape

Beddick, Maine, died on August 30, 2022. She was born at home in Wilmot on February 20, 1932, the daughter of Crosby D.



and Alice E. (Bixby) Ford, and spent her early childhood in Wilmot until the family moved to Maine at the start of
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Chadwick Funeral and Cremation Service

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We all reminisce and think about old times, past memories and people in our lives. That's how we keep memories and stories alive to hand down to future generations. It's so hard for me to imagine that my Dad, Walton W. Chadwick, died 20 years ago on September 6, 2002. I look back and remember day to day activities and stories he would tell but it's so difficult to believe that it's been 20 years! He loved this wider community and gave a lifetime of service to others. The ambulance service was a large part of our lives and he met many interesting people as he cared for and transported friends and neighbors. Funeral service was his calling as he was so involved with area families. He and my mother made a great team and lived a life doing what he truly loved. Keep remembering old friends and relatives and tell the stories!

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Kearsarge Area Senior Lunch Program Resumes October 20

Press release

The popular Kearsarge Area Senior Luncheon Program, hosted by the Wilmot Ladies Aid Society, will resume at noon on Thursday, October 20. Hot lunches from the Community Action Program (CAP) in Concord will be served up at the First Congregational Church of Wilmot, in the ground floor meeting room. (There are no stair steps!) The church is located next to the Wilmot Public Library at 19 North Wilmot Road in Wilmot Center, just three miles north of the intersection of Routes 4A and 11. The meeting room

is a sunny, well-ventilated space with a kitchen and handicapped restroom. Door prizes, entertainment, free books, and CAP's frozen dinners-to-go will be available following the meal.

The lunches are sponsored by the Wilmot Ladies Aid, CAP, the First Congregational Church, the Wilmot Public Library, the New London Council on Aging (COA), and Promotion Solutions of Wilmot. Lunches are scheduled for October through April, excluding December.

To sign up, call 603 526-4236 by Thursday, October 13 and leave your name, town, and phone number. 

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World War II.

Betty graduated from York, Maine, High School in 1949, where she shared top honors with her brother.

After earning her bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire in 1953, Betty went on to the Yale School of Nursing from 1953 to 1956, where she was awarded a Master's Degree in Nursing. After her Yale graduation, she was first employed at the

committee for many years. A love of animals, beginning when Betty was a child, continued later in life to include treasured feline companions Mariah and Binnie.

Betty's beloved family members and lifelong friends will sorely miss her rock-solid support, good humor (and appreciation of dry New England wit), well-grounded perspective, and her modest, considerate, loving approach to those around her.

Being a sister and aunt brought joy

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Visiting Nurse Association of New Haven, Connecticut, and later worked at Boston University, Massachusetts, and University of Bridgeport, Connecticut, Schools of Nursing.


In due course, Betty retired from active nursing and moved back to Maine, putting her photographic expertise to work at Hovey's Photo Supply in Portsmouth from 1981 until her retirement in 1997. In addition to photography, Betty enjoyed writing poetry and meeting with others in a writing group.

Betty was a very active member of First Parish Church, UCC, York, Maine, where she held the position of secretary of the Cemetery Commission (receiving a plaque honoring her devotion) and served on First Parish's Funeral Collation Committee. She also served on the Town of York's Historic Heritage sign

for Betty, and her family loved her dearly, including her brother Richard E. Ford (Susan) of Green Valley, Arizona, and other surviving family members: her niece, nephew, grand-niece, and grand-nephews; UNH classmate and erstwhile sister-in-law Ann Graves Ford (sister-in-law to Sandra Graves of East Andover); and cousins in the extended Ford-Bixby family.

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." (Pericles)

Memorial contributions may be made to The Nature Conservancy, 4245 N Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington VT 22203; or First Parish Church, 180 York Street, York ME 03909.

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**Proctor's 12th Solar Array
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Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

In the spring of 2012, Josh Norris and Alan McIntyre's Project Period challenged students to calculate the potential solar production possible on rooftops around campus. The assignment eventually morphed into a larger scale project for a handful of students that would lay the groundwork for Proctor's first solar array installed on the Wilkins Meeting House in December of 2012.

Over the past decade, Proctor has installed 11 solar arrays on campus, with a 12th planned installation in the spring of 2023.

Total solar production from Proctor's 12 solar arrays will total over 800 megawatts of electricity each year, roughly 20% of the school's overall electric consumption. While the Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) for some of the arrays do not allow Proctor to claim all of the renewable energy credits associated with the arrays, the unique PPA arrangement has allowed Proctor to install the arrays for little to no cost, essentially leasing rooftop space to Revision Energy. Proctor then agrees to repurchase the electricity produced at a discounted rate.

In a few years time, Proctor will have the opportunity to fully purchase the arrays, and then will be moving toward powering nearly half of the campus from its solar, reducing both costs and reliance on fossil fuels.

Installation Timeline

- 2012:** Wilkins Meeting House (73,000 kwh)
- 2015:** Teddy Maloney '88 Hockey Rink
- 2015:** Proctor Recording Studio
- 2015:** Proctor Day Care Facility
- 2015:** Alan Shepherd Boat House
- 2015:** Proctor Ski Area (131,000 kwh)
- 2017:** Burbank East and West
- 2017:** Head's House and Annex
- 2017:** Brown Dining Commons
- 2019:** Mike Henriques and Betsy Paine Outdoor Center
- 2022:** Farrell Field House (412,000 kwh)
- 2023:** Woodlands Center

Since 2008, Proctor's Environmental Mission Statement has served as a north star for institutional decision making. This mission, written by students and adopted by the Board of Trustees, challenges the Proctor community to teach and practice sustainability by establishing and sustaining a carbon-neutral footprint on campus, providing systems and services that encourage behavior, innovations, and technology that reduce our resource

consumption, purchasing goods and services that are ecologically responsible, increasing organic, local, and healthful food choices each year, empowering current members of the community to be active stewards for an equitable and ecologically healthy earth, and exploring the social, ecological and economic problems that confront us all, as well as the means to address those challenges on our campus and in our personal lives each day.

Proctor's Environmental Mission Statement led to the installation of a bio-



Proctor Academy completed the installation of its 11th solar array this summer, a one acre, 412,000 kwh array on the Farrell Field House.

Caption: Scott Allenby. Photo: Ebby Gerry

mass plant to power the campus' central steam system in 2008 and provided a powerful institutional decision-making lens that led to significant investment in solar power as an additional renewable energy source for the school. By aligning economic opportunities with this environmental mission, Proctor partnered with Revision Energy to install solar arrays on as many south-facing rooftops as possible.

The school's second largest array, the ground-mounted Proctor Ski Area array, allowed the ski area to shift to electric snow-making compressors and to close the generation/use power loop on one of the school's largest consumers of resources. Likewise, the array on the Teddy Maloney '88 Hockey Rink powers one of the other highest consumption buildings on campus.

Over time, as the cost of solar continued to drop, Proctor identified east/west facing rooftops that were now economically viable options for solar. The Mike Henriques and Betsy Paine Outdoor Center and Teddy Maloney '88 Hockey Rink arrays modeled this east/west facing alignment and set the stage for the school's largest array to date, the 412,000 kwh Farrell Field House array installed this summer. The array covers more than one acre of rooftop and nearly doubled the school's overall solar production.

As Proctor engages in a Campus Master Planning process over the next six months, the school will continue to identify opportunities to leverage renewable energy sources, to install more electric vehicle charging stations on campus, and to keep the Environmental Mission Statement front and center as Proctor's campus continues to evolve.

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Training from page 32

celebrate neurodiversity because of the richness different learners bring to our classrooms, our dormitories, our teams, our studios, and our advisors.

Similarly, we ask each member of our community to bring their own story to their Proctor experience – their own family, background, culture, and life experiences. When we see each other in this light, we unlock the potential for learning in a powerful way.

Led by our Office of Equity and Belonging, faculty spent three hours in small and large groups learning about, discussing, brainstorming, and exploring gender and sexual identity. They talked about the differences between engaging in conversations for comprehension versus compassion, recognizing our work with students who are exploring their own gender and sexual identity must always, always be rooted in compassion.

The faculty asked themselves how, as adults, they can continue to explore the world of gender and sexuality to build awareness and literacy essential for a compassionate and inclusive community where everyone has a sense of belonging. Faculty do not claim to have answers, but are excited to engage in the journey alongside students.

The following day, Proctor welcomed the SEAL Foundation, whose mission it is to create and fund educational and social opportunities in both non-public and public schools and camp settings for students who learn differently in order to ensure they maximize their potential. In small groups, faculty worked their way through six simulation activities to illustrate what it feels like to learn with different learning differences.

While our faculty's learning profiles are as diverse as our students, the simulations were an incredibly powerful way to empathize with our students who have a documented learning difference (roughly half of Proctor's population).

Whether it was completing a writing exercise while only looking in a mirror (representing dysgraphia), attempting to complete a spelling test with muffled

audio (representing an auditory processing disorder), decoding a complex scientific research paper with mixed up letters (representing dyslexia), or completing a math worksheet with inverse operations (representing dyscalculia), faculty experienced first hand the frustrations, challenges, and mental energy required to engage in the learning process if one has a learning difference.

Faculty head into the start of the school year with new perspectives, increased empathy, and tools to help those in the community whose brains, bodies, and souls feel different than society says is "normal" feel more at home. Our job, at its most fundamental level, is to help adolescents understand and feel confident in who they are and how they can contribute to society.

Wilderness from page 30

will all hit an uprooted branch and go pratfalling forward, nearly losing our balance. But we right ourselves in the end.

"On everyone's mind at some point in our journey is 'I just can't. It's too hard.' Our walk in the woods is a metaphor for the gristle and the toughness of a thing. How we conquer it in our minds. In the end, a beautiful waterfall might be the balm for home- and heart-sickness for who we thought we were, all because some mantra in our head got us through. Indeed, hard things, we do."

Nature from page 32

the summer, in addition to contacting parents and teachers over the summer break to make sure that everyone was on board with his plan.

Principal Dobe added, "I absolutely have got to send shout-outs to our Grade 8 parents for their strong support of this opportunity for their children; to the kids for their positive energy and enthusiasm for their upcoming Nature's Classroom experience; and to our middle school team of teachers who supported this initiative 100% from the first moment it was proposed. As with everything else here, the magic happens at AE/MS because of our teachers and staff."

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Preschoolers' first library visit of the school year at WA Bachelder Library. Our reader shares one of Eric Carle's books, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Children present: Clara, Marina, Charlotte, Liam, Adaline, Layla, Rosie, Addilyn, Kinleigh, Owen, Maverick, Quest, Tuckerman, and Carter, along with Miss Stephanie, Miss Steph, and Reader Susan.

Caption: Stephanie D'Amour. Photo: Robyn Boisvert



Proctor Academy completed its 52nd Wilderness Orientation to kick off to the 2022-2023 school year as 120 new students spent five days and four nights backpacking in the White Mountains.

Caption: Scott Allenby. Photo: Lori Patriacca

New Proctor Students Complete 52nd Wilderness Orientation

Opportunity to learn about independence

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

From the earliest moments of parenthood, we learn that life will be filled with contradictions of independence. We simultaneously want our children to stay little forever, and we want them to see the world. Competing emotions weave themselves together into an irreplicable sort of love that helps us find a place like Proctor where our children will spread their wings and find themselves, even though we know saying goodbye is so, so hard. Wilderness Orientation is the first opportunity for parents and students to learn first hand about this new independence.

For the past 52 years, Wilderness Orientation has served as every Proctor student's introduction to the community. Through five days and four nights of backpacking in the White Mountains in small groups of eight students and two faculty leaders, students learn to trust each other, rely on each other, and stretch well beyond their comfort zone.

Wilderness Orientation is not easy, and that is the point. It levels the playing field, brings kids together from different backgrounds, and teaches us that we are all humans, all imperfect, all possessing different super powers, and all with our own kryptonite.

Head of School Brian Thomas reflects on his 2022 Wilderness Orientation experience: "At the end of a beautiful traverse across the range to the Zealand Trail, a stop at Thoreau Falls was our treat. None of the boys had been there. The young man who hours earlier believed he could not make it took several minutes to compose himself along

the edge of the falls, realizing that the physical difficulties may have been homesickness instead. We ate peanut butter and jelly and Nutella sandwiches on pita, which tasted like the nectar of the gods after our hike.

"The thing about our boys – and all of our students – is that they, and we, give permission to be and to feel. On Wilderness Orientation, you can break down and not always be your best self. You can make great friends and test yourself to the fullest. You can also be sad and want to go home.

"At Proctor, we understand that putting students into challenging circumstances can bring out the true nature in people so that you strip away having to feel like you are perfect. No one is. We

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EAVP Sees Start of School Year and Getting Acquainted

378 mums sold at successful fundraiser

Stephanie D'Amour
East Andover Village Preschool

The first month of school has flown by already, and what a busy month it has been. The first few weeks of school are all about getting to know each other and the daily routine. The children have enjoyed coming together at circle time where we might sing a name song, have a question of the day, or talk about upcoming ideas.

Our latest interests have been Eric

Carle books. We read many of his books and talked about the illustrations. We created art of our own inspired by his work.

In September we celebrated Grandparents Day by inviting the grandparents to spend the morning with us at preschool. We offered snacks, refreshments, activities on the playground, and opened the schoolhouse for viewing.

Thank you to our community members who supported us by purchasing mums from our fundraiser. We sold 378 flowers this year! Be on the lookout for future fundraisers. We have some exciting events coming back this year. 🌸



The middle school students at AE/MS created collages and Lego characters to depict their dreams for the future. Their work was on display for the annual open house at the school on September 15.

Caption and photo: Kasey Schoch



The AE/MS soccer team defeated Franklin 12-0 for their second home game of the season, held on September 16. Andover player Raelyn Drouin gets ready for the ball. Caption: Kasey Schoch. Photo: Kim Drouin



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WILD OR MILD?

by Ty Morris, Realtor®

The answer to whether today's market is wild or mild is entirely situational. Well priced homes in good condition are generally going quickly and over asking price and the key to this is competition. The power of generating multiple offers is the difference between a happy seller and time on the market and price is everything! Labor Day weekend and the beginning of grade school did bring a lull in buyer activity and the higher rates have many home seekers feeling extra picky. Home prices have reached a plateau and although we aren't seeing a decline, they are no longer climbing. With winter approaching, we should see a nice balance emerge with next spring's blossoms. Do you have local real estate questions or comments? Give me a call @ 603-237-2060.

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- MEDIAN SALES PRICE % CHANGE: 0%
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Aaron and Sarah Deuell sold to Angela Szarek and William Doane for \$324,900

254 PLAINS ROAD
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Joseph and Patricia Infante sold to Robert and Doree Sargent

25 DEPOT STREET
3 Beds | 2 Baths | 1,924 Sq Ft | 2 Acres
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The AE/MS class of 2023 helped spread the wood chips required for playground safety so that all students would be able to use the playground for the first day of school. Pictured are Sahara Peterson, Chance Thibault, Lissa Teeter, Ben Simard, Maykla Martin, Addy Boucher, Connor Lawrence, Brennan Dunkle, Korbyn Jenne, Kasey Schoch, Victoria Koran, Addison Bickford, Talia Hardie, Wyatt Barton, Isaac Norris, Caden Bendixson, and Colin Murphy. Great job, class of 2023!

Caption: Kasey Schoch. Photo: Jennifer Bent



Proctor Academy faculty engaged in powerful professional development training at the end of August focused on better understanding learning differences. Activities included simulations of six different learning differences and were led by the SEAL Foundation. Caption and photo: Scott Allenby

Proctor Faculty Experiences Learning Differences First-Hand

Faculty gained new perspectives, empathy

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

When we peel back the layers of Proctor's educational model – the programs, buildings, and people who make up our community – we find a shared understanding that, at its core, our work is to create, sustain, and teach young people how to live in a meaningful relationship with others.

Recently, two days of faculty professional development covered a wide range of issues, all centered on creating and sustaining an inclusive community that celebrates the remarkable diversity of learning styles, family histories, cultures, and backgrounds that exists within Proctor.

In Brene Brown's most famous TED Talk on vulnerability, she cuts to the core of our work of community building, work that is rooted in belonging: "There was only one variable that separated the people who have a strong sense of love and belonging and the people who really struggle for it. And that was, the people who have a strong sense of love and belonging believe they're worthy of love and belonging. That's it. They believe they're worthy."

The beauty of the Proctor community is that we do not claim to be a

flawless educational institution where students arrive as uniform, pre-finished products. Instead, we are energized by their rough edges, uniqueness, and the beautiful mess of adolescence.

We allow students to show up in their own brokenness, with their educational wounds poorly bandaged but ready for the healing balm of love and support found in a place like this. We

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AE/MS Eighth Grade Attends "Nature's Classroom"

Full week program in Massachusetts

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

The eighth grade class at AE/MS was given a unique opportunity to attend Nature's Classroom in Massachusetts from September 19 through 23. Nature's Classroom offers a fully immersive and highly engaging environmental education program (coupled with a strong team-building and character development component) that makes Nature's Classroom a very meaningful and powerful experience for students.

School Principal Dennis Dobe was aware of the opportunity and wanted students at AE/MS to get a chance to experience the program. "Many of our students and adults in and out of our school have experienced hardship over the past two years as a result of the COVID pandemic. At AE/MS, we are getting back on our feet, and rebounding fantastically well.

"Having said that, the prospect of providing a transformative experience

(a positive one!) for our eighth graders (considered the 'top of the food chain' and the 'crown jewels of our school system') was extremely compelling. We wanted to provide our students an opportunity to come together and develop leadership skills and confidence that will support their growth as individuals and as a group that will have the ability to have an enormously positive influence in our school over the coming school year.

"Essentially, these kids have worked hard, been through a lot, and really deserve this opportunity to succeed at the highest levels this year as they prepare for high school next year," said Dobe, who had experience with this program early in his career while working in Exeter.

Not only are students receiving an amazing life experience, they are getting to do so for free. There is no cost to the trip as Principal Dobe was able to secure grant money to cover 100% of the costs. He had to do so quickly over

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Second graders went on an insect hunt and found that crickets and grasshoppers love grass and sun, but cannot be found in other spots. We found milkweed bugs, a katydid, ants, dragonflies, butterflies, and bees. After seeing a toad, birds, and fish, we realized they are there because their food is there. Fun times! Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Robinson, Kalea and Siena Leith, Aidanne Chandler, Autumn-Lynn Meier, Laurel Ware, and Lyla Lipnickas are shown. Caption: Kasey Schoch. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand



Second graders released over 30 monarch butterflies in September and hope some make it all the way to Mexico! Kalea Leith studies one before it starts its journey.

Caption and photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

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