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The Andover Community Hub will host a Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 18; all are welcome to drop in between 3 and 5 PM for an opportunity to gather around the piano to sing carols and holiday songs. Kids will especially enjoy seeing the Santa's Village display set up by Andover resident Renee Goodwin from her collection of miniatures. There will be a few local items for sale that would make nice small gifts, and refreshments will be served. **Caption and photo: Susan Chase**

South Danbury Church Invites the Public to *Christmas Snow*

Tuesday, December 13 at 7 PM; free

Press release

The South Danbury Church and At Eagle Pond, Inc. invite you to be with us at the church on Tuesday, December 13, for Pontine Theatre's presentation of *Christmas Snow*, adapted from a short story by Donald Hall. The church has a special connection to Don – in 1866 his forebears were among the founders of the church, and later generations continued to be active members through the years, as did Don and Jane.



The South Danbury Church at Christmastime. Photo: Linda Wilson

The event, for adults and older children, is at 7 PM at the church, which is located at 1411 U.S. Route 4 in South Danbury. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are recommended because seating is limited. Please contact at.eagle.pond@gmail.com to register.



3D rendering of the planned Community Kitchen, which is part of phase 3 of the Hub's capital campaign.

Community Kitchen is Phase 3 of Hub's "Come On In" Campaign

\$35,000 in additional funding needed

Larry Chase
Andover Community Hub

Phase 3 of The Andover Community Hub's "Come On In" capital campaign is about to launch. We are hoping to raise approximately another \$35,000 in order to continue construction of a

community kitchen and to cover additional operating costs associated with keeping Andover's old town hall open for longer hours.

Phases 1 and 2 of the "Come On In" effort have been completed. Replacement of the asphalt roof was accomplished in June, and construction of the universal-access ramp was completed
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Former Library Director Priscilla Poulin and her family celebrate her retirement at the Andover Library on October 29. An Open House was held for the public. **Caption and photo: Janet Moore**

Priscilla Poulin Retires After 16 Years as Andover Librarian

Priscilla's granddaughter Michaela takes the reins

Janet Moore, Andover Libraries

Priscilla Poulin has been the Andover Library director for 16 years, having taken over when Tay Clark retired. In that time, she has been the cheerful and welcoming face greeting patrons, the model for learning new technology at any age, and the enthusiastic purveyor of books. "Oh, you liked that series? Try this one." "Isn't James Patterson such a

marvelous author? Well, have you read Stuart Woods?" "You'd like some picture books about animals? Go find Pete the Cat and Elephant and Piggy."

For 16 years Priscilla and her crew of volunteers from family, scouting, and the community have organized and set up the Fourth of July book sale. That doesn't count the hours spent in the library basement, unboxing and categorizing donated books. By the time July rolls around, the boxes are filled to
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Town Administrator Marjorie Roy Retires; Search in Progress

Other updates given about Town entities

Michelle Dudek
Andover Select Board
Andover Town Administrator

The search is on! With the retirement of long-time Town Administrator Marjorie Roy, the Select Board has appointed a hiring committee to review

applications, conduct initial interviews and reference checks, and bring top candidates to the Select Board for final interviews. The committee, Jane Hubbard (chair), Elita Reed, Mark Stetson, Robin Boynton, Kim Hallquist, Meghan Foley, and Dana Swenson, bring diverse and skilled backgrounds to this process.

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overflowing, labeled and ready to go.

Around that time of summer, the libraries have started their summer reading programs; sometimes it's a week long camp, (great grandsons Bentley and Colby attended) but most often it was a summer's worth of activities and reading. The highlights included a veterinary wellness check, followed by a sniffer dog demonstration, both in the library, visits to the bank and physical therapy office and Naughty Nellie's – yum. Summer programs often concluded with field trips, such as the ones to Squam Lake Natural Science Center and the Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne State Park. There was also a homemade rocket launch, but not in the library – phew. Fairy house construction has drawn children to the library grounds, especially with Priscilla's magic box of building materials.

Priscilla put up with a group of trustees determined to move things around one year, but of course nothing was done without her approval and helpful



Julie Matz became a new Trustee of the Andover Libraries, filling a vacancy left by Alita Phelps.

suggestions. Could we move the YA collection just off the work station for more privacy? Oh sure. How about reversing the furniture in the reading room for more space? Yes, and while you're at it, could you remove a magazine rack - no one is reading them anymore.

Then there was the entry hall makeover; Priscilla put up with several weeks of rearrangement there! Dust flew as we emptied the shelves and consigned contents to the town archives or elsewhere. Doug and Alita Phelps painted the backs of the now open spaces, and Priscilla suggested an ongoing book sale, which is what greets visitors today.

Yes, Priscilla participated in the great changeover from the card catalogue to an online search website, and learned the technology to facilitate the system, and the cataloguing of accomplishments goes on. She has been the face of the Andover Library for many years, and we wish her a happy and joyful retirement.

Now, by sheer happenstance, granddaughter Michaela Hoover has become
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An orphaned baby bear spent a week in an East Andover back yard enjoying the bounty of pears. The bear retreated to a tree in the Perreault's East Andover back yard before being caught and taken to a safe haven at the Kilham Bear Center in Lyme, New Hampshire. Photos: Pamela Cooper

Baby Bear Indulges in Pears in East Andover Back Yard

Now in good hands at Kilham Bear Sanctuary

Judy Perreault, East Andover

A baby bear spent about a week in our yard eating pears. It was evident that he was abandoned for some reason. He was very tiny, about the size of a racoon. We notified the Fish and Game Department, and they came and set up a trap baited with donuts and vanilla scent. The first night we caught a

racoan. The second night we caught the bear.

He has gone to the Kilham Bear Center in Lyme, New Hampshire. According to Fish and Game there were a number of abandoned bears this year. My daughter went to check out the Bear Center. It costs \$1,500 to raise a baby until the time it can be released back into the wild. Their website contains great pictures and information: kilhambearcenter.org.



Holiday Schedule:

- Christmas Eve: Open 7 am to 2 pm
- Christmas Day: Closed
- Day After Christmas: Closed
- New Year's Eve: Open 7 am to 2 pm
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the new director. After four years of working in the Barton College Library, teaching sign language classes, tutoring Chinese children online in English, and volunteering and substituting



Michaela Hoover, the new Library Director, with her son Santi.

right here in Andover, she comes to us well-prepared. She remembers going to story hour at the Bachelder Library from EAVP and taking out the same

bear book so consistently that when it was weeded, former director Mary Sell gave it to Priscilla for Michaela. She, too, was part of the great change-over the summer of 6th grade and assisted her grandmother in the move to LibraryWorld. Then in high school, she ran the summer reading program for the younger children. Please stop by and welcome her back to Andover, for the trustees are certainly delighted to have her running the Andover Library.

Speaking of trustees, Alita Phelps resigned this year due to a schedule conflict, so the search was on for a new trustee. Fortunately, retired librarian and former teacher Julie Matz just moved to town, and wouldn't you know, she expressed an interest in participating in library activities. Aha, we snapped her up before another community group could. Julie became a school librarian so she could reach more people and foster a real sense of community. For her, a library is a place of sanctuary as well as a place to find books and get questions answered. We hope this new position provides her with opportunities to assist in governing library programs and maintaining the continuing good relationship in this small town of enthusiastic readers and information seekers with its wonderful libraries and staff.



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December and January Coffeehouses Feature Local Talent

Mink Hills Band and Holly Furlone

Larry Chase
Andover Community Hub

Returning to its regularly scheduled monthly “Third Friday” live concerts, the Andover Community Coffeehouse announces two coming featured performers:

For Friday, December 16, The Mink Hills Band, a “New Hampshire-based acoustic band whose selection of music includes Bluegrass, Swing, Folk, and Original compositions”

For Friday, January 20, Holly Furlone, also New Hampshire-based, “a singer, songwriter and storyteller whose heartfelt lyrics are brought to life by a passionate and commanding voice, tuneful acoustic guitar, and connected on-stage experience.” (Both quotes from the artists’ websites.)

Both concerts will begin at 7 PM in the East Andover Grange Hall at the corner of NH Route 11 and Chase Hill Road. Grange Hall doors open at 6

PM for simple supper food and beverage purchases, and for up to five local musicians to sign up on a first-come, first-served basis for “open-mic” opportunities to play a song or two during the show.

The concert is free of charge, although viewers may show their appreciation of the performance by making a contribution during the “passing of the hat.”

Sponsor of the December concert is Bluewater Lodge, an Andover lakeside wedding and event venue. The January sponsor is The Andover Energy Group, an organization of volunteers working to improve energy efficiency at the local level.

The Andover Community Coffeehouse operates under the umbrella of The Andover Community Hub. For more information about The Hub or the Coffeehouse, follow The Andover Community Hub and the Andover Community Coffeehouse Facebook pages and websites, or look for the monthly listing of events and programs in *The Andover Beacon*.

Presentation on Geological Forces that Shaped Andover

Wednesday, January 11; 7 PM at the Hub

Susan Chase, Andover Community Hub

For some perspective on the geology of Andover and the surrounding area, residents are invited to join local geologist – currently on staff with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services – and Salisbury resident Joe Schmidl at The Andover Community Hub on Wednesday, January 11 at 7 PM. Joe will share his knowledge about and fascination with the broad general forces that shaped New Hampshire long ago as well as what was going on in Andover, geologically-speaking, long before humans roamed this town.

Residents are invited to bring any questions they’ve had about how the earth works, geologically, and where evidence of such earth processes can be seen in Andover and neighboring areas. All are welcome and refreshments will be served. The Hub is located at 157 Main St., next to Pizza Chef.

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in November.

Why a community kitchen? As The Hub’s outreach material explains, “Adding a kitchen will be a particularly effective way to help build a broader sense of community in our small town. It will open up the possibilities of community dinners, cooking classes for kids and adults, senior meals, and potentially even making production space available to home-grown businesses that have outgrown their residential kitchens, thereby playing a small role in the economic development of our town.”

According to Doug Phelps, chair

of The Hub’s Buildings and Grounds Committee that planned the three campaign projects, donations and pledges totaling roughly \$107,000 have already been received. As *Beacon* readers know, the original goal for all three was \$100,000, but rising prices dramatically increased costs for both the roof and access ramp, necessitating another round of fundraising.

As soon as Phase 3 brings in about \$5,000, construction could begin, with a possible opening date for basic operations in the second quarter of 2023, according to Phelps.

For more information on the capital campaign or to make a donation, visit andoverhub.org.

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Meetings

Andover Select Board meetings have moved to the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have business to conduct with the Board, please email Select Board Chair, Michelle Dudek, at michelle.andover-town@gmail.com in advance of the meeting to be added to the agenda.

Town Sand

Winter sand for Andover residents is available at White Oak. The sand pile is to the left of the entrance just outside of the gate. At this time, the sand is uncovered but we are working on building a structure to provide protection. Please remember that sand is available to Andover residents only and not contractors. Bring a bucket or two to fill but please do not fill an entire truck bed. Video surveillance is used at White Oak, and the pit is not open to the public.

Highway Building

The Select Board and Highway Department Supervisor continue to work with Dubois and King to build a town highway garage. The land has been cleared at White Oak, bidding is on track to commence mid-winter, and construction is scheduled to begin in the spring.

Bridges

The Select Board is working diligently with Hoyle Tanner to ensure our bridges are safe and maintained appropriately. We currently have three deficient bridges we are working on – Kenniston Covered Bridge, Cilleyville Covered Bridge, and Hall Road Bridge.

Should you travel over Hall Road Bridge you will notice it is now one lane only. This is a temporary solution until we can make the necessary repairs.

Cilleyville Covered Bridge is open

to foot traffic only; however, it is likely all access to this historic bridge will be closed until the bridge can be made safe.

Kenniston Covered Bridge will be receiving a new metal roof to reduce the snow load and make the bridge safe for travel.

Not to be forgotten is Lawrence Street Bridge. We have received word that the construction phase will receive 100% federal funding and the project is on track for 2026. In the meantime, Hoyle Tanner continues to regularly monitor its condition.

Highway Block Grants

Andover was fortunate to receive unanticipated funds from the state this year. A portion of the funds, \$106,858 from SB 401, is to be spent exclusively on town bridges. The second source is HB 1221 in the amount of \$85,540.69 to be used on roads or equipment. From this fund, the Select Board authorized the purchase of a loader for the Highway Department. A public hearing was held on October 7 for the purpose of gathering input and sharing information on the unanticipated funds.

Transfer Station

Following the annual safety inspection, it was determined that our trash transport trailer needed to be replaced. We were able to secure a lighter weight aluminum trailer which has a longer life expectancy compared to its steel counterparts. The purchase came from federal ARPA funds with no impact on local taxes. Additionally, after many years of being non-compliant (per the Department of Labor), we have contracted with Capital Well Company to install an artesian well, and Clearwater Design services has submitted a draft septic design to New Hampshire DES for approval. This project will be going out to bid following approval.





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Deputy Moderator Reports That Andover's Election Went Smoothly

48 volunteers helped with variety of tasks

Lee Wells, Deputy Moderator

Despite concerns from the press and the government that the General Election could be facing a "heightened threat" on Election Day, everything in Andover went smoothly and uneventfully!

It takes a lot of people to make an election run smoothly. Our election went well, thanks to the efforts of our Town Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Supervisors of the check-list, faculty and staff of AE/MS, and our Police Department. Additionally, 48 volunteers took on a variety of tasks: volunteers assembled the polling station on Monday, on Tuesday they greeted and checked people in, 18 teams counted ballots, and three teams entered data. Six people did double shifts, and a good number of people put in a 17 hour day.

1222 votes were cast in Andover, 74 were absentee (including three from overseas), and 85 people registered to vote on Election day. It was a busy day and, although there was a steady stream of voters throughout the day, there was

never more than a minute or two wait to check-in and receive a ballot. At the end of the day, we had 1817 names on the check-list for a voter turn-out of 67%.

Highlights of the day included Andover getting a "good report" from the official Investigator from the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. (Investigators are sent to check out every polling station on Election Day.) There was also an "official election challenger" observing our election. This is a person appointed by the state committee of a political party to act as a challenger of voters at the polling place. The challenger assigned to Andover stated that our election "restored my faith" in the election process.

Highlights of the day for me personally were seeing young people excited to be voting for the first time. It was also very gratifying that so many voters came through and thanked the poll workers for their efforts.

I'd like to thank all the people: officials, workers and voters alike, who did so much to make sure that this election went so smoothly. It wouldn't have happened without you. Thank you!



A warmly dressed crowd of around 50 Andover area Democrats gathered at the Andover Barn on November 20 to thank their candidates. Gubernatorial candidate Dr. Tom Sherman, as well as local state representative and state senate candidates, discussed the recent midterm election. Caption and photo: Susan Chase

Below is a facsimile of the ballot for the general election of November 8. The first number for each candidate is Andover votes; the second is total votes. The winner in contested races is in boldface.

Offices	Other Candidates	Democratic Candidates	Republican Candidates	Write-in Candidates
For Governor Vote for not more than 1	Libertarian Kelly Halldorson 19 / 5,071 Libertarian Karlyn Borysenko 3 / 2,772	Tom Sherman 550 / 256,766	Chris Sununu 632 / 342,813	Governor 6 / 1,713
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	Libertarian Jeremy Kauffman 18 / 12,390	Maggie Hassan 652 / 333,193	Donald C. Bolduc 547 / 275,928	United States Senator 0 / 464
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1		Ann McLane Kuster 656 / 171,636	Robert Burns 549 / 135,579	Representative in Congress 3 / 369
For Executive Council Vote for not more than 1		Cinde Warmington 602 / 74,107	Harold F. French 585 / 49,428	Executive Council 2 / 77
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1		Richard A. Lobban, Jr. 588 / 11,146	Daniel E. Innis 595 / 13,413	State Senator 2 / 34
For State Representatives Merrimack District 5 Vote for not more than 2		Ken Wells 614 / 1,741 Lorna Carlisle 581 / 1,659	Deborah Aylward 434 / 1,778 Louise Andrus 531 / 1,989	- / - State Representatives Merrimack District 5
For State Representative Merrimack District 26 Vote for not more than 1		David A. Nesbitt 628 / 4,526	Alvin See 551 / 5,142	State Representative Merrimack District 26 - / 5
For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	Libertarian Ben Weir 55 / 2,970	David A. Croft 612 / 33,788	Keith Mitchell 525 / 31,428	Sheriff 1 / 87
For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1		Paul Halvorsen 1,152 / 66,419	Paul Halvorsen 1,152 / 66,419	County Attorney 4 / 161
For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1		Susan Cragin 576 / 33,503	Mary R. Heath 601 / 33,615	County Treasurer 0 / 31
For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1		Erica Davis 589 / 34,328	Peter J. Spaulding 588 / 32,845	Register of Deeds 0 / 37
For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1		Jane Bradstreet 605 / 36,186	Scott Maltzie 563 / 30,689	Register of Probate 0 / 36
For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1		David B. Karrick, Jr. 600 / 10,852	Stuart D. Trachy 581 / 12,940	County Commissioner 0 / 16

Constitutional Amendment Proposed by the 2022 General Court

1. "Are you in favor of amending articles 71 and 81 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: [Art.] 71. [County Treasurers, County Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Registers of Deeds Elected.] The county treasurers, county attorneys, sheriffs and registers of deeds, shall be elected by the inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties in the State, according to the method now practiced, and the laws of the state, provided nevertheless the legislature shall have authority to alter the manner of certifying the votes, and the mode of electing those officers; but not so as to deprive the people of the right they now have of electing them.

[Art.] 81. [Judges Not to Act as Counsel.] No judge shall be of counsel, act as advocate, or receive any fees as advocate or counsel, in any probate business which is pending, or may be brought into any court of probate in the county of which he or she is judge." (Passed by the N.H. House 294 Yes 43 No; Passed by Senate 21 Yes 3 No.) CACR 21

Yes 649 / **329,157** No 464 / 194,291

Question Proposed pursuant to Part II, Article 100 of the New Hampshire Constitution

2. "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?"

Yes 351 / 178,339 No 776 / **347,838**

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- Parent/Child Playgroup:** Wed. 10:30 am-12 pm. Info, Alison 505-234-5784
- Gentle Flow Yoga:** Fri. 8:30-9:30 am, monthly series. Info, 603-661-8587
- Senior Health Clinic:** Tue. 12/13 & 1/10. Call VNA, 603-224-4093, ext. 5815
- Coffeeshouse:** Fri. 12/16, 7 pm. "The Mink Hills Band" Highland Lake Grange
- Holiday Open House @ Hub:** Sun. 12/18, 3-5 pm. Singing, Santa's village
- The Geology of Andover:** Wed. 1/11, 7 pm. Salisbury geologist Joe Schmidl
- Coffeeshouse:** Fri. 1/20, 7 pm. Feature Holly Furlone, Highland Lake Grange
- Showing of Hamilton:** Sun. 1/22, 2-5 pm. Popcorn, beverages, \$10 donation
- German Conversation Hour:** Mon. 1/30, 5 pm. Gisela Darling, 603-735-5681

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OPINION

Louise Andrus' View From Concord, November

Louise Andrus, State Representative

I won my re-election for one of the two seats for State Representative in District 5. Thank you to every citizen in Andover, Danbury, Hill, Salisbury, and Webster for your vote in the General Election on November 8, and for your faith in me. If it was not for your vote I would not have been re-elected. Thank you to all those that helped me with my campaign. Without you I would not have succeeded.

According to the results my vote count was -- Andover 531, Danbury 296, Hill 279, Salisbury 419, Webster 464 for a total of 1989. As of this writing a recount has been requested and if there is any change I will post in the next issue, which will be February.

Redistricting in 2022 changed the number of State Representative seats which we vote for at elections. We all need to work with the voters of our towns regarding the changes made. The reason I am saying this is because in the Primary and General Election there were a large number of under votes (voters did not vote for two candidates) for State Representatives in District 5. We went from voting for one State Representative in two separate districts for a total of two State Representatives, to voting for two State Representatives in one district, and voting for one State Representative in a separate district for a total of three State Representatives.

The House of Representatives will hold Organization Day on December 7 at the State House. On that day we will take the oath of office. In the oath of office each of us swears to uphold the "Constitution." The first official session will be held on January 4, 2023. I know everyone is busy, but I am hop-

ing that we can obtain more citizens in New Hampshire to become involved in the bills that will start the process, in a committee and public hearings. I am asking that every citizen in New Hampshire makes sure each State Representative adheres to the Constitution when voting on all bills.

I'd like to thank all the Staff of the Andover Beacon for their excellent professionalism and the ability of putting up with someone like me being late with an ad. You are a great crew and I especially appreciate Shelley Geoghegan, Publisher/Editor and Steve Foley, Production Manager, you two are the best of the best. Thank you.

With the winter upon us and with inflation out of sight on food and heating for our homes, I am asking every person to keep your eyes open, and we all watch out for one another. There are those through no fault of their own that won't have enough money for food or for fuel to heat their home. The absurd prices are not their fault. We all need to make sure they receive the help that they need to get through the winter.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and to look forward to a Happy and Prosperous 2023.

My contact information: 603 648-2510 and if you cannot reach me leave a message and I will return your call. Or email me at louise.andrus@leg.state.nh.us

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OPINION

Deborah Aylward's View from Concord, November

Deborah Aylward
State Representative - Elect

After a long, but seriously rewarding campaign (which for me included a nine-week transfer station appearance blitz), the people have spoken and the results are in:

1. The Governor, New Hampshire Senate, and Executive Council are status quo.

2. Republicans appear to have a majority in the House (pending recounts) 201-198.

3. Mary Heath is the new county treasurer, and David Lovlien Jr. won the County Commissioner seat. They join Stuart Trachy and Paul Halvorsen as Republicans serving at the county level.

4. State House newcomers are Deborah Aylward, Jason Gerhard, Yuri Polozov, Cy Aures, Clayton Wood, and Al-

vin See. Returning to her house seat is Louise Andrus.

6. Congratulations to new Senators Howard Pearl, Dan Innis, Keith Murphy and Tim Lang on their wins. Ruth Ward is also returning to the Senate for Merrimack County.

7. Ballot questions regarding the removal of the Register of Probate language from the New Hampshire Constitution along with holding a Constitutional Convention failed to pass.

With that said, I wish to sincerely thank the truly awesome District 5 citizens who took the time to speak with me about their views; hosted lawn signs; rallied behind me thus providing an abundance of moral support; and especially the friends made along the way.

Please accept my deepest gratitude for your votes!

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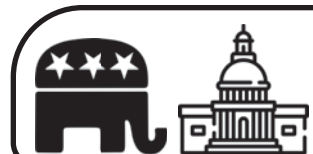
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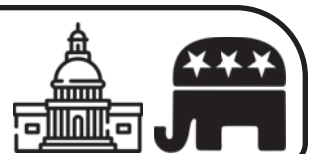


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Andover Police Department September 2022

Patricia Moyer
Andover Police Department
The Andover Police Department handled 117 calls for service during September 2022, including:
Assist Police: 6
Assist Social Service Agencies: 2
Criminal Mischief: 2
Juvenile Runaway: 1
Littering, Illegal Dumping: 2

Reckless Conduct: 1
Road Hazard/Obstruction: 2
Suspicious Circumstances: 7
Theft: 5
Traffic Offense, Citation: 3
Traffic Offense, Warning: 14
Warrant, Criminal/Civil: 1

Arrests


- Robert C. Howard, 37, Newport: Operating after Suspension 

Andover Police Department October 2022

Patricia Moyer
Andover Police Department
The Andover Police Department handled 141 calls for service during October 2022, including:
Assist Ambulance/Rescue: 2
Assist Citizen: 7
Assist Motorist: 2
Assist Police: 2
Criminal Threatening: 1
Death/Suicide: 2
Domestic Dispute: 1

Manner of Operation: 5
Protective Order Violation: 1
Road Hazard/Obstruction: 3
Suspicious Circumstances: 3
Theft: 2
Traffic Offense, Citation: 2
Traffic Offense, Warning: 24
Welfare Check: 2

Arrests

- Anthony Leigh-Jabour, 20, Windham: Domestic Violation Protective Order Violation 

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Andover Select Board

Before the ground freezes and the snow flies is a good time to be sure your mailbox is placed correctly and is strong enough to withstand the snow pushed aside by the plows as they clear the roads. Although there are no exact specifications indicating where a mailbox should be placed (our old New England roads vary too much in width), a general rule of thumb is to place your mailbox sufficiently out of the way so as to assure public safety and to facilitate snow removal.

For the benefit of all, the town's Mailbox Policy (adopted in August, 2004) is printed below. Please review the policy and be sure your mailbox is ready for winter.

Policy of the Town of Andover: Mailboxes

"An individual may erect and place a receptacle of US Mail and motor or rural delivery of daily or weekly newspapers in accordance with the provisions of any applicable state or federal law but without permission of the Selectmen. All such installations shall be sufficiently off the traveled way so as to assure public safety and facilitate snow removal. Design criteria of the US Postal Service shall be adhered to with respect to size and placement of mailboxes.

"The Town has no liability with respect to loss or damage to mailboxes or newspaper receptacles placed in the right-of-way unless such loss or damage to a mailbox is the result of intentional or willful conduct, or gross negligence on the part of Town employees or agents. For the Town to assume

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liability, the mailbox must display tangible physical evidence of having actually been struck by a snowplow, mower, or other town vehicle performing official duties. Mailboxes that have been pushed over by snow or other causes but do not exhibit the mark of a strike will be the sole responsibility of the property owner.

"If the Town acknowledges a struck mailbox, the Town will, at the option of the mailbox owner, install a generic rural mailbox on a metal post or issue a check to the mailbox owner in the amount of \$30."

Upcoming Retirement of a Trustee Leaves Vacancy on Committee

Trustees of the Trust Funds

In the coming months the Trustees expect the retirement of a long-serving trustee. That vacancy will be filled by election at the annual Town Meeting. Contact the Town Clerk at 800 999-6343 for Town Meeting information.

The Trustees invite you to step forward to be a trustee. The trustees meet once a month and are responsible for overseeing the receipt and disburse-

ment of Trust funds in accordance with established procedures.

Required qualification: willing volunteer. Desirable qualification: business, management, or accounting experience.

Interested? If yes, please contact one of the trustees: Jeffery Dickinson at jeffery.a.dickinson@gmail.com, Joanne Edgar at joanne@Lekasedgar.com, or Kent Hackmann at hackmann@uidaho.edu.



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Planning Board Proposes Zoning Changes for Workforce Housing

To be voted on at Town Meeting in March '23

Donna Duclos
Andover Planning Board

Public hearings were held on August 9 and September 12 at Andover Town Hall. Citizens who wish to view the existing Zoning Ordinances in their entirety may download a copy of z0-2022.updated.pdf from andover-nh.gov/planning-board.

Zoning Changes to Enable Workforce Housing Article IV: General Provisions

E. Residence Density

[Note: This replaces Article IV – E which required that “only one dwelling is permitted on any one lot in any district.”]

Only one dwelling is permitted on one lot in the Farm/Agriculture and Agriculture/Residential zones. Multiple buildings for dwelling (whether single family, multi-family, or apartment building) may be constructed on a parcel in the Village or Rural Residential zones, at a rate of no more than one building per acre of buildable lot area in the parcel. (See definition of “buildable area” in Conservation Subdivision, Appendix 1). Required minimum spacing between buildings increases as the number of dwelling units increases, at a rate of 30 feet for the first dwelling unit, plus an additional 10 feet per additional dwelling unit in the building. [For example, a building containing 4 dwelling units must be placed more than 60 feet from any other dwelling.

[Note: The following changes to Article IV – G Residential Parking rules were made to facilitate private driveways to workforce housing; no changes were made to Parking sections G-2 (Commercial Use) , G-3 (Motels) and G-4 (Assembly)]

G. Parking

Adequate off-street parking space

shall be provided for each use, in accordance with the following minimum standards:

Residential Use


- No fewer than one off-street parking space of not less than 200 square feet for each dwelling unit.
- Driveway(s) to parking must be no wider at the curb than to allow two cars to pass by each other safely.
- Multiple buildings for multi-family or apartment dwellings on one parcel may share the same private driveway.

Article V: Zoning District Regulations

[Note: For the Village district, “Any permitted use allowed in the FA, AR and RR zones” was replaced with the following itemized list. As always, the Zoning Board may choose to allow specific uses not on this list, on a case-by-case basis. No substantive changes were made to D-2 (Special Exceptions) or D-3 (Lot frontage and area).]

D. Village District (Zone V)

Permitted Uses

- Neighborhood stores for the retail sale of new goods
- Neighborhood service establishments, including appliance repairs, clothes cleaners, self service laundries and barbers.
- Tourist homes in existing buildings.
- Single and two-family dwellings.
- Apartments (Rental single and multi-family dwellings are considered Residential, and not a Commercial use with respect to Andover Zoning Ordinance, Article X “Performance – Standards for Commercial Uses”.)
- Places for public assembly of townspeople.
- Antiques shops
- Community buildings
- Combinations of the above Village-permitted uses (“mixed -use”)
- Accessory buildings and uses 

Important Dates for the Upcoming Annual Meetings Season

Beacon staff


The filing period for running for Town office runs from Wednesday, January 25, 2023 to Friday, February 3, 2023. File your candidacy with the Town Clerk.

The deadline to submit a petitioned warrant article to the Select Board is Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

The annual Andover School District Meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023. The annual Andover Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday,

March 14, 2023.

The Andover Budget Committee will hold public hearings on the following topics:

- Andover School District, Andover Village District, and Andover Fire District budgets on Thursday, January 5, 2023
 - Town budgets and warrant articles on Thursday, January 26, 2023
- All public hearings will be held at 6 PM. 

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Wanted: Candidates for Town Boards and Committees

Too busy? No excuse! This is important work.

Dennis Fenton, Andover Select Board (Retired)

Dennis Fenton, a long-time member of the Select Board, wrote these words in 2009 when he decided to retire from the Board. With his permission, we're re-running this to encourage people to consider becoming a candidate.

First, the fact that you are busy is not a legitimate excuse! Everyone can use that one, but it's the town's well-being that is at stake, so we all have to find time to do the things that are really important to us.

What background should you have to run for a Town office? There's no one right answer to that question. George Upton, for example, took an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen before the moving van was completely unloaded when he came to Andover. He went on to win re-election. George only had on-the-job training, which is the hard way.

Other Town officers have taken different paths. All these folks had one thing in common – as a part of the community, they wanted to give something back to Andover.

A Good Candidate

What makes a good candidate? The first item on any candidate's agenda should be what is good for the majority. When a new problem arises, the solution is not the easy way out, but what serves our town the best.

As a member of a Town board or committee, you are one of the overseers of our town whose job it is to manage the town's resources and problems. When a vote is taken, be supportive even if you might like something a little different.

Your main charge is to have needed services provided to the town at a reasonable cost. An important tool available to you in pursuit of that goal is the Budget Committee. Their job is to review all budgets in town and present the budget to be voted on at Town Meeting, School District Meeting, and the meetings of the various precincts.

The Budget Committee takes the prejudice out of an individual budget as they look at the big picture. It is important that we all, boards and citizens, listen very closely to the story they tell each year as they attempt to keep our tax rate at a manageable level.

Share Your Talents

To all you good folks out there: You are not too busy to make a commitment to share your many talents. Being a member of a Town board or committee is not a thankless job. People appreciate your willingness to serve, and you will be surprised how many times you are told this.

I don't know who will sign up, but you are out there. This is for your town. It is all worthwhile. Good luck!

The filing dates for candidates to file with the Town Clerk are Wednesday, January 25, through Friday, February 3.

Anyone Can Write a Warrant Article for March Meetings

Requires signatures of 25 Andover voters

Charlie Darling, *Beacon* volunteer

Traditionally, the Select Board writes the warrant articles for Town Meeting and we, the voters of Andover, flock to Town Meeting to discuss and ultimately vote on each article. The articles that we accept, including the total budget figure, pretty much control how the town is run for the coming year.

But it's not just the Select Board that can put an idea (in the form of a warrant article) before Town Meeting to be voted on. In fact, anyone can do it.

Of course, there are a few rules:

1) The warrant article must be delivered to the office of the Select Board by the fifth Tuesday before Town Meeting. This year, that will be Tuesday, February 7.

2) The warrant article must be signed (legibly!) by at least 25 registered Andover voters. Each signature will be checked against the Town's checklist. If fewer than 25 of the signatures can be matched on the checklist, the article won't be added to the warrant.

3) According to RSA 39:3, the Select Board may make "only such minor textual changes as may be required," so the burden is on the writer of the warrant article to be sure it is worded clearly and that it calls for an action that Town Meeting can legally take.

The rules for getting a petitioned warrant article on the Andover School District warrant are pretty much the same. The rules are in RSA 197:6, and the main difference from the rules described above is the deadline for peti-

tions. A petition must be presented "to the school board or one of them not later than 30 days before the date prescribed for the school district meeting or the second Tuesday in March, whichever is earlier." For 2023, that deadline would fall on Saturday, February 4, which is 30 days before the Monday, March 6, School District meeting.

Any Other Business

If, for whatever reason, you can't meet all those criteria, you may still be able to put your issue in front of Town Meeting. The last article of the warrant is always "To transact any other business that may legally come before [Town Meeting]." That's your cue to be recognized by the moderator and put your issue before the voters.

But there's a catch: to be legally valid, any motion at Town Meeting must comply with NHRS 39:2, which requires that "The subject matter of all business to be acted upon at the town meeting shall be distinctly stated in the warrant, and nothing done at any meeting shall be valid unless the subject thereof is so stated."

So if your idea needs to be legally valid – if it expends money or changes an ordinance or something like that – then "any other business" is not the time to bring it up. Even if it were passed by the meeting, it wouldn't be legally valid because it would not meet the requirement of NHRS 39:2.

On the other hand, a motion that has no legal effect, such as honoring someone or expressing the meeting's support for an organization or a cause, works just fine as "any other business."



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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Minutes are often not in publishable form at that point. Considering the time it takes to make them publishable, and the long lag between issues of the *Beacon*, it may be a month or more before they appear in the *Beacon*.

Planning Board

September 27

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Donna Duclos, Chair; Ken Wells, Vice-Chair; Jim Delaney, Ex-Officio; Art Urie; Jacob Gilman; and Nancy Walsh-Robart

Also present: Lizabeth Thurston; Seth Kiedaisch; Justin Wright; Pierre Bedard; Suzanne Mock; Greg Stetson; Chris Caron; Chris Nadeau; Cassandra Koutalidis, Nobis Group as agent for NH Solar Gardens; Pat Moyer, Planning & Zoning Administrator; and Lisa Meier, Secretary

Announcements / Correspondence

Moyer distributed a Planning Board contact list for members to review and update their contact information.

Annexation Request and Public Hearing: The board will act on an annexation request to annex Tax Map 21, Lot

level and hours would be. The response was 95% of the time it will be 9 AM until 5 PM Monday through Friday but will entertain appointments on Saturdays. He also responded that the loudest noise would be the renovation of the building. Gilman asked if the parking and storage space will be sufficient and the response was the annexation approval will provide for more storage area for both parking and storage. Gilman asked if there would be vintage era lighting and the response was yes and it will be down-lighting, with some reference to the old Riverside Garage. Delaney asked if the lighting would be basically for aesthetics and the response was yes. There being no further discussion, the public hearing was closed at 7:26 PM. Urie made a motion to approve the Site Plan Review. Wells seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor of approving the Site Plan Review.

Non-Binding Consultation: Site Plan Review for Overlook Solar on Overlook Avenue, Tax Map 11, Lot 554,572 and 583,541 in the Agricultural / Residential Zone

Nadeau presented a Site Plan Review Application to the board and explained that the proposal is the creation of a 1 MW solar array facility consisting of 2600 panels with a fix-tilt towards the sun. The bottom of the panels will be 3'

Office Hours & Meetings

OFFICE HOURS

- Town Office:**
Mon-Thu 9-2
- Town Clerk & Tax Collector:**
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Tue 1:30-6:30
- Zoning Administrator:** Mon 9-12,
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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
Bachelor Library (except July & Aug)
- Planning Board:** 2nd & 4th Tue, 7
- Recreation:** 2nd Wed, 7,
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- School Board:** 1st Wed
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- Select Board:** 2nd & 4th Wed, 6:30
- Zoning Board of Adjustment:** 3rd Tue, 7

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off the ground and the panels will be 10' tall. He advised they currently have a solar garden in the works in both Franklin and Swanzey. The lot is 9.4 acres of which 7.47 acres would be impacted by the project. Wells asked why a 25-degree angle facing south was chosen and Koutalidis responded that this was standard. Duclos asked what the life of the project is and the response was 40 years. Wells asked what the completion date is and the response was they would be starting in a year, weather permitting, and are planning on 3-4 months. Duclos asked if the access road is in the fenced area and the response was there is a mulched path to the center of the arrays which can be driven on and they will discuss this with the Fire Department.

Urie asked what happens in 40 years and the response was a decommissioning plan, which will be reviewed every three years, will be submitted and the owner of the project will put up a bond. Gilman asked if this would be 3-phase and the response was yes and they will be advised should any upgrades are needed. Duclos asked what the height of the poles are and the response was standard height. Gilman asked if underground had been discussed and the response was that they cannot go underground until the pads are reached. Delaney asked if anyone's view would be impacted and the response was no, there are controls in the plan for the floodplain, wetlands, natural resources

See Minutes on page 12

Minutes Online
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326,551 in the Agricultural / Residential Zone to a portion of Tax Map 71, Lot 074,297 in the Village Zone. A public hearing for a Site Plan Review for Seth Kiedaisch to operate a business in an existing garage on the annex portion of Tax Map 71, Lot 074,297

Duclos opened up discussion of the annexation at 7:16 p.m. Delaney recused as he was not present at prior meeting discussions on the request. Kiedaisch explained the request for annexation to the board and public present. There being no concerns or discussion, Urie made a motion to approve the annexation. Wells seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor of approving the annexation. Duclos opened the public hearing at 7:19 PM. Thurston explained the proposal and advised that a Special Exception has been granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Kiedaisch stated that he is currently operating out of a building of the former RP Johnson and Son and is looking to purchase this garage and relocate his business to it. He is a member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsman. Urie asked what the noise



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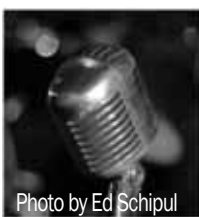


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Minutes from page 11

and stormwater. Nadeau stated that an AOT Permit is needed. Delaney asked if this will be leveled prior to work being started and the response was yes. Wells asked if there would be 24-hour security lighting and the response was no. Walsh-Robart asked if the panels would all fail at the same time and how do the panels get disposed of and the response was no, they will not all fail at the same time and the panels are considered electronic waste. Wells stated that the panels would more than likely get replaced due to new technology rather than become worn out. The board reviewed the application for completeness. Finding no concerns, Urie made a motion to deem the application complete. Wells seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor of deeming the application complete. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 7:15 PM.

Non-Binding Consultation: Pierre Bedard as agent for Susan Emerson and Justin & Megan Wright

Bedard presented an annexation plan indicating that there was a subdivision done on a 71.34-acre parent lot creating a 50.84-acre lot and an additional 20.50-acre lot, both lots being in current use. The plan is to annex 48.28 acres to the 20.50-acre lot creating a 71.44-acre lot and a 2.56-acre lot. The board will do a completeness review on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 and should the application be deemed complete, they will act on the application on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

Non-Binding Consultation: Chris Caron for a Major Subdivision for property at 102 Plains Road and Currier Road, Tax Map 11, Lot 017,128 in the Rural / Residential Zone

Caron presented a subdivision / annexation plan and advised he would like to do a 1/4 acre lot line adjustment to the property abutting 102 Plains Road retaining 1/4 acres for 102 Plains Road. The minimum lot size in the Rural / Residential Zone is 1-acre and the minimum road frontage is 150' and both lots will meet these requirements. The board explained to Caron why this is considered a major subdivision rather than a minor subdivision – the property has been subdivided within the last five years, and per the Subdivision Regulations, any subdivision within five years from the last is considered a major subdivision.

Reports and Updates

Delaney – Select Board

Delaney advised that the Select Board will be meeting with New Hampshire Solar in the near future.

Moyer – Planning and Zoning Administrator

Moyer advised there is a business operating on Main Street that needs to

come before the board for a Site Plan Review and she will advise them of this.

Budget Committee

September 28

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Aimee Risoto, Dana Swenson, Jessica Rand, Mark Cowdry, Greg Stetson, Donna Crisp Duclos

Duclos opened the meeting at 6 PM with general introductions, discussion of dates and time for future meetings. Plan is to have departments present budgets to Select Board on Wednesdays and come to budget meetings the next day, Thursday.

At this time, it is expected that the budget committee will meet on October 13, 20, and 27. Further dates to be determined. The school board will be invited in November to present their proposed budget.

School Board

October 5

Condensed from approved minutes

In Person Board Present: Aimee Menard, Dan Newton, Steve Chella, Kayla Chandler

Administration Present: Mark MacLean, Randy Wormald, Dennis Dobe, Hilary Denoncourt, Beth Page, Dennis Audet

Public Present: Donna Crisp Duclos

Financial Report

Most of the overages are due to special education contracted service needs. The new financial system continues to be a slow onboarding process. Denoncourt will be setting up a meet and greet at the November school board meeting with the Budget Committee to start those conversations for this year. Chella motioned to accept the Finance report. Chandler made the second. The motion passed with all in favor.

Board Chairperson's Report

Menard is proposing that on December 7, the school board meets at 5:30 PM, to avoid conflict with the 7 PM SAU meeting. Chandler motioned to move the Andover school board meeting on December 7 to 5:30 PM. Newton seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Menard reported that this school year, the board is negotiating with the Andover Support Staff union for contract agreements. Chella volunteered to join that committee.

Public Comment

Duclos reported that she feels she overreacted in preparing for the town elections; she feels it went very well.

Principal's Report

Dobe thanked Denoncourt and the business office in their support with Andover's grant projects. Dobe spoke of how grants are being used to expand classroom libraries, bring in teaching

materials, send the 8th grade class to Nature's Classroom for a week, acquire new technology to support access to the internet throughout the campus, and professional development for teachers. Dobe and Audet are working to update AE/MS's emergency operation plans.

Dobe reported that AE/MS's STEM and middle school social studies teachers, with the support of Kris Vose at the SAU, have done a remarkable job supporting the technology needs of AE/MS. Dobe reported that the soccer and cross country teams are competing well across the region.

Page reported that the intervention model is going well. The interventionists are being supervised weekly, to make sure that any needs that arise are troubleshooted quickly. The team is doing good work.

The FTA is looking to change the date of the Meet-N-Greet so that it doesn't conflict with sports team events. Otherwise, the FTA is working on several fundraising projects.

Audet gave a report about his work with homeland security and the fire department to make sure the building is safe. He is working on regrowing the grass in front of the middle school wing. The boiler is up and running.

Chandler added that the open house was very successful. Both students and teachers were obviously enthusiastic.

Superintendent's Report

MacLean spoke of presenting in Denver about the SAU's mentor program. MacLean reported that the gathering in Denver had communities from across the nation, and our district represented rural schools. MacLean went on to describe the keynote speaker and his presentation on crisis communication. MacLean reported that he's been attending House Education Committee meetings to track, review and provide feedback on proposed bills and legislative actions.

Conservation Commission

October 12

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Nancy Robart, Nancy Teach, Sooze Hodgson, Tina Cotton, Lee Wells, Jerry Hersey.

Also attending: Lisa Meier, Donna Duclos

Lisa Meier to swear in all ACC members: documents could not be found, so we will all be sworn in again. Tina will remain an alternate, Sooze will return to being an alternate when Jesse returns.

Correspondence: Food Guide – why do we get it so late? Copies also arrived late at libraries.

Town Administrator will be retiring at the end of the month, there will be a search committee to find a replacement.

White Oak: they have cleared an area for the new garages. Does Frank know of the wetland boundaries that are posted there? (Horseshoe Pond is protected by the Shoreline Water Quality Protection Act RSA 483-B) We will do a walk-about (White Oak and Transfer Station) with Frank Bryson, Andy Guptill and Transfer Station staff. Tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 24 at 1 PM.

Dyer's Crossing Road: walk about with Earle Chase on September 24 – Tina, Lee, Jerry, Nancy R joined him. There were already markings there. Might have been done by the interested buyers. Earle will submit a report. Earle was there to see if it is a potential buildable lot and what impact there might be. We saw plenty of wildlife evidence, it was all quite wet, which is remarkable given how dry this year has been. Earle needs to submit his bill soon, Nancy R will email him about his bill and the time frame for the report.

We should start drafting our warrant article soon – there is a pattern/style that should be followed. Sometimes there is an explanatory narrative as well. Nancy T can help with the language and style of a warrant article. We may need to have public hearings (do we need to check with Town Council?) about it. If it is not required, it would still be a good public courtesy to have a hearing. Donna can send Nancy T information about dates as outlined by the New Hampshire Municipal Association. This warrant will not need to be on the ballot. It will be a hand vote at the March Town Meeting.

Nancy went to the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) quarterly meeting. Issues:

- Beech Leaf Disease, Hemlock Looper Inchworm Moth.
- Sunapee is updating their Resource Inventory as part of their Master Plan.
- Sutton is trying to do a low-salt program this winter as there are roads near wetlands and ponds. It is usually up to the truck operator to determine how much salt is released.
- Warner has a 24 unit housing project underway
- Sunapee (Lake Sunapee Protective Association) has a newly renovated facility near the harbor and will have functions there – hope to network. January 3, 2023 next quarterly meeting.

ASLPT

- Deb Stanley stepping down – starting search for her replacement.
- Round Table event October 27 (Lee and Nancy T will attend)
- Monitoring for ASLPT has started. (should we look for invasives as we monitor?)
- New London needs workforce housing.

See Minutes on page 21

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Maria Noel Groves
from Allentown

Mary Lou McCrave
Andover Garden Club

The Andover Garden Club is learning and growing! Throughout 2022, Club meetings were held about every six weeks and on varying days at different times. We have learned from member feedback that a consistent day and time would be beneficial, and since attendance at evening meetings was always greatest, we have set general meetings in 2023 to be at 6 PM on the second Tuesday of every other month beginning in January. Meetings will be held at The Hub.

At the 2023 kick-off meeting on Tuesday, January 10, Maria Noel Groves, Clinical Herbalist of Wintergreen Botanicals in Allentown, New Hampshire, will present *The Secret Lives of Garden Herbs*. You may already know that rosemary goes great with chicken, but did you also know that it may also help stave off Alzheimer's disease? Or that sage can help with hot flashes? Come learn surprising ways that common cu-

linary herbs and companion plants can also help your family stay healthy.

Maria has been working with herbs for more than 20 years and has received formal education by some of the top herbalists and herb schools in the country. She is a graduate of the Southwest of Botanical Medicine and Sage Mountain as well as other schools and programs. She is a health educator and an adjunct instructor for the Herbal Academy. Her work as an herbalist focuses on Western Euro-American traditions, while she works to be more inclusive and honoring for all people. She is also a health writer and her award winning first book, *Body into Balance*, an Herbal Guide to Holistic Self Care, is a core text book in herb schools across the country. For more about Maria, go to WintergreenBotanicals.com.

This program is open to all Andover and surrounding community residents. The program fee is \$10 each. Refreshments will be served and Maria will have a sample of her books for sale.

To reserve, email AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com on or before Friday, January 6.

Local Resident Warns About Tree Damage Due to Bittersweet Vines

Ways to control this
invasive creeping vine

Mary Lou McCrave
Andover Garden Club

Mary Howe of Andover honors her property and is an exemplary steward of the land. In her travels through town she has noticed the invasive Oriental Bittersweet growing wild and unrestrained, choking out beautiful Maple and Oak trees that are over a century old that help define our town. She came to the Andover Garden Club to ask if we could help spread the word about this invasive species.

The following has been reprinted with permission from the UNH Extension Service Website.

The golden Oriental Bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) is a deciduous, woody, perennial vine native to China, Japan, and Korea, that was brought to this country in the mid-1800s as an ornamental plant. Bittersweet is now considered a serious invasive species because it poses a significant threat to native plants.

Bittersweet vines have alternate, glossy, round, or oval leaves that are two to five inches long. The roots are a distinctive orange color, while the vines are light to medium brown with a white pith. Bittersweet has small, greenish-yellow, five-petaled flowers, which produce green fruit in early summer that ripens to yellow and orange by the fall. The plant's stems and bright fruits are often cut in the fall and used for decoration which can contribute to further spread of this invasive plant.

Birds are also quite adept at "planting" new bittersweet vines. Many bird species enjoy eating bittersweet fruit and distribute the seeds to new areas in

their droppings.

Oriental Bittersweet can be found in grasslands, woodlands, marsh edges and along road sides. It is often found in open, sunny sites, but its tolerance for shade allows it to invade forested areas



Larry Chase took these pictures of Oriental Bittersweet vines growing around an old tree in East Andover.

as well.

It is an extremely aggressive vine that climbs on other vegetation, restricting its host plant's access to sunlight, nutrients and water. The added weight of bittersweet vines also makes trees and other plants more vulnerable to storm damage.

How to Control

If the bittersweet infestation is light, hand-pulling vines can be effective, especially before the vines have fruited. Place vines in plastic trash bags and dispose of them, or bake the vines in the sun on a tarp or on a paved surface to kill the roots and seeds. Bittersweet often resprouts from root fragments, so use care to remove as many roots as possible to avoid regrowth.

Heavier infestations may be controlled by cutting stems and painting them with an herbicide in early summer through winter."

See Bittersweet on page 21

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Hub Plans to Show Filmed Version of the Musical *Hamilton*

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Susan Chase
Andover Community Hub

The 2020 filmed version of the much-acclaimed Broadway production of the musical *Hamilton* will be shown on Sunday, January 22, from 2 - 5 PM at The Andover Community Hub.

Written by the American composer and actor Lin-Manuel Miranda (who also plays the title role), *Hamilton* received near-universal acclaim after its Off-Broadway opening in 2015, winning 11 Tony Awards including Best Musical, and receiving the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

Hamilton tells the story of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton. The show draws heavily from hip-hop, R&B, pop, soul, and traditional show-tune music styles. It casts

non-white actors as various Founding Fathers of the United States and other historical figures, including Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Aaron Burr, and George Washington. Miranda described *Hamilton* as “about America then, as told by America now.”

A brief introduction to the historic and political issues dealt with in this drama – set in America in the late 1700s/early 1800s – will be provided by Philip Goodnow, retired professor of history at Proctor Academy, and will help orient viewers to the upcoming action on screen. The show will be projected on a big screen. Popcorn and beverages will be served, and there will be a short intermission. A donation of \$10 is suggested. Seating is limited and those interested in attending are asked to register by contacting The Hub at TheAndoverHub@gmail.com or 603 735-5509.



One of the first to make use of the Andover Community Hub's new access ramp was Andover's Leland Schneider, caught in mid-November on his way to coordinate a meeting of the Andover Cardsharks, held on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 AM. Asked for his view on the new entrance, Schneider responded: “The ramp is a blessing to those who can't get around easily, and a real asset to the Hub.” Andover Cardsharks is open to all on a drop-in basis and offers a variety of different card games to attendees, as well as instructions to newcomers.

Caption and photo: Larry Chase

Hub Offers Popular CPR and First Aid Class Again

Sunday, February 5; Register by January 26

Susan Chase
Andover Community Hub

The CPR and First Aid class offered in November at The Andover Community Hub filled quickly and had a waiting list, so it's being offered again on Sunday, February 5, with a registration deadline of January 26 in order to have time to order the course materials.

The class will again be taught by experienced athletic trainer and emergency medical responder Kelly Griffin-Brown, who is also 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-medicine teams.

This class is intended to help local residents respond effectively and efficiently to both life-threatening emergencies and the first-aid needs of others. It's appropriate for adults who have family members who are at high risk for medical emergencies, parents of small children, teachers or business staff who deal with the general public, and teenagers age 13 or older who may be interested in babysitting or otherwise involved with younger children.

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 emergency.

The cost is \$35 per participant, and covers the training as well as the take-

home course materials provided by the American Heart Association, and a Heartsaver Course Completion Card, also supplied by the Heart Association, which is valid for two years.

Because of the need for closely supervised training, the class will be limited to 15 people. Advance registration is required and can be made by contacting The Andover Hub at theandoverhub@gmail.com or 603 735-5509. Payment for the class is requested ahead of time and can be sent to The Hub at PO Box 157, Andover 03216, or dropped in the mail slot to the right of The Hub's front door at 157 Main St. If a participant is interested in only one segment, please indicate that at the time of registration; the fee is the same for one or both segments. Some financial assistance is available to those with limited resources who request it.

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Lindsey Schust

Andover Historical Society

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Andover Historical Society trustees and officers met on November 16, 2022 at the Proctor Chapel for their Annual Meeting and voted in three new trustees, Bonny Morris, Larry Sprague, and Lindsey Schust. Featured in photo, from left to right, back row to front: Doug Phelps, John Hodgson, Sandra Graves, Gail Richards, Tim and Suzy Norris, Bonny Morris, Alex Estin, Fred Nystrom, Pam Cooper, Rita Norander, Nancy Teach, Sarah Will, and Lindsey Schust. Caption: Lindsey Schust. Photo: Bob Evans.

Potter Place Railroad Station Signal Gets Restoration Assistance

NHTI Maker's Club fabricates tie-rod

Press release

The intersection of the future and the past was on full display at NHTI recently as NHTI's Maker's Club, a student-run group highlighting industrial design and fabrication, assisted in the restoration of the signal board at Potter Place Railroad Station in Andover, New Hampshire, which was built in 1874.

Fred Nystrom, a retired mechanical engineer, volun-



The semaphore signal (officially known as a Train Order Signal) at Potter Place has been restored. It is essentially new and will be operated from the ticket office at a later date when a few remaining control parts are restored or replaced.

teered his time for the restoration but found that his home shop wasn't quite equipped to handle a project this large. He contacted NHTI professor Dennis Tappin, who advises the Maker's Club and serves within the college's extensive Department of Mechanical, Manufacturing, and Robotics and Automation Engineering Technologies.

"We were excited to help Fred with this opportunity to help restore the Potter Place Railroad Station's historical footprint," said Tappin.

As part of the restoration work, NHTI students assisted Nystrom in fabrication of a steel tie-rod (see inset picture) while Nystrom shared his experience as a mechanical engineer and machinist. He also took the time to explain the workings of a small railway station in the late 1800s.

According to the Andover Historical Society's website, Potter Place Rail- See Tie-rod on page 21

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Garden Club member Amanda Swendsen demonstrates the art of bow making at a recent Club workshop. As part of the club's Beautification Program, the bows will adorn evergreen swags affixed to street signs along Andover's and Salisbury's main roads.

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Andover Historical Society 2023 Calendar



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Lindsey Schust's New Single *Sugar Shock* Airs January 20

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Press release

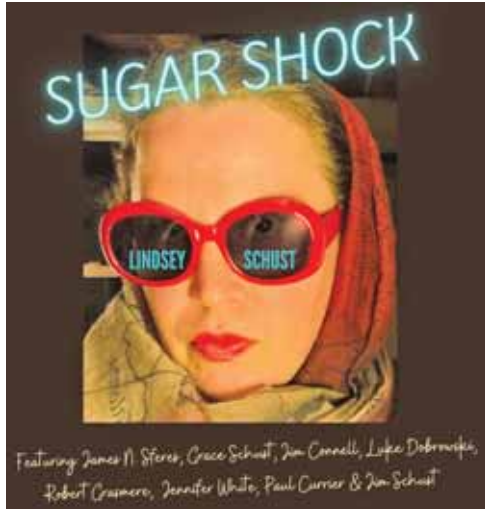
Andover-based singer-songwriter Lindsey Schust will release her new toe-tapping single, *Sugar Shock*, on January 20. Listeners can stream the song on all music platforms (including Amazon Music, Spotify, Apple Music, and YouTube). *Sugar Shock* combines country and pop with a tropical island feel. The song was

recognized *Sugar Shock* as their traditional show closer, which gets the audience singing along with the chorus, when they sing "Hey!" The recording features local musicians including family members Grace Schust and Jim Schust (her parents), Robert Grasmere, Luke Dobrowski of the Dobros, Jim Connell, Paul Currier, Jimmy Sferes, and Jennifer White. For direct links to stream *Sugar Shock* starting January 20 visit lindseyschust.hearnow.com/sugar-shock.

"Listening to Lindsey's music takes me to a different place. It's very happy there!" says Maureen Simpson, a New Hampshire singer.

Lindsey Schust is a composer, singer-songwriter, pianist, and drummer. She grew up in Andover to the beat of African drums. Her family started the Timbre Drums company and brought international percussionists to rural New Hampshire through their non-profit Arts Bridge the World. She learned African drumming as a youngster from her mom (Grace Schust) and learned classical piano from Margo Coolidge. At Proctor Academy she studied jazz-rock with guitarist and bandleader Keith Barrett. Lindsey has a BA in music from Brandeis University and an MA in music from Tufts University. In addition to being a songwriter, performer, and music teacher, Lindsey is a certified ADHD and Professional/Life Coach.

To contact Lindsey, email schustmusic@gmail.com; follow her on Facebook at [facebook.com/lindseyschustmusic](https://www.facebook.com/lindseyschustmusic); or visit lindseyschustmusic.com



Lindsey Schust's new single *Sugar Shock* will be available for streaming on all music platforms on January 20, 2023. Photo: Lindsey Schust

recorded in Andover by Jimmy Sferes at Hummingbird Studios and mastered by Gerry Putnum at CedarHouse Sound and Mastering in Sutton. This song is the second single from her full-length album *Country Way*, to be released online in spring 2023.

Dedicated fans of Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band will rec-



Andover resident, Paul Currier, far right, works with other local KNP volunteers to stack wood for delivery to families in need for heating this winter. Many hands make light work! They stacked 7 and 1/2 cords in 90 minutes! Caption: Cindy Benson. Photo: knph.org

KNP Continues to Help Neighbors in Need

Immediate help and underlying issues

Cindy Benson
Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners

Three years ago, Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners was born as an organization where Neighbors can help each other flourish, and where people in need have some hope of moving away from crisis, and toward wholeness and stability in their lives. A group in the Kearsarge region realized that much of the charity available to people deals with meeting a crisis. We began to look into the root causes that lead people to have to seek emergency help again and again, and created a non-profit where we could both attend to people's immediate needs, and begin to address the bedrock issues at the base of their emergencies. Volunteers are matched with needs through an efficient database and email system, which sends requests based on a volunteer's interests when a specific need arises. There is no time commitment or pressure to respond, only a willingness to consider helping out if it fits your schedule and skills.

KNP serves the area of the Kearsarge, Andover, and Sunapee school districts, with a small reach into the surrounding towns. We take the "Partners" in Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners very seriously! We have three levels of partnerships:

- Neighbors to Neighbors: Volunteers can help with a small home repair, a load of heating wood, groceries or a hot meal, or a simple phone check-in for someone who is isolated.
- Neighbors to Organizations: Our Advocates work with people longer-term to help them access social services and government assistance, food resources, jobs, transportation or medical care.
- Organizations to Organizations: We collaborate with other organiza-

tions to do an analysis of needs in the region, then work together to address them. Colby-Sawyer College, the New London Hospital, Warner Connects, Town Welfare Offices, the Kearsarge Food Hub and KREM are among our active community partners. Together, we have worked on systemic issues such as housing, heat and food security, creating a web of support for the Kearsarge Region.

Two local volunteer organizations, Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners (KNP) and Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministries (KREM), joined forces on a much-needed venture to help folks in the Kearsarge community access transportation. The partnership, Kars for Kearsarge: Paving the Road to Independence, has three goals:

- Obtaining used vehicles gifted from community members, to transfer to people in need
- Helping people buy dependable, affordable used vehicles
- Partnering with local garages to help people evaluate and access repairs on existing vehicles

A vehicle can mean all the difference in someone's ability to work or to seek a job, and to live independently, and we're proud to say that in the past 11 months through Kars for Kearsarge, six families now have safe, reliable transportation.

Andover resident Paul Currier has been involved in KNP since it first started three years ago. "Volunteering with KNP has enabled me to get involved in people's lives who need help," says Currier. "The kinds of things I've done include minor home repairs, yard work, wood stacking and transporting people to doctor's appointments and things like that. I've become the regular ride for one Andover neighbor, who I've gotten to know better over the course of

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Agnes Marshall Receives Boston Post Cane on 102nd Birthday

A beloved resident of Boscawen

Press release

The Grande Dame of Peabody Place, Agnes McNeil Marshall, celebrated her 102nd birthday and was presented with the Boston Post Cane on November 12 at Peabody Place Senior Living Community in Franklin, New Hampshire.

The day was marked with a party of Boscawen town officials and Agnes' family joining her to observe this momentous occasion. Members of the Marshall family came dressed in Marshall Tartan – a nod to the family's strong Scottish roots; the surname dates back to about the 12th Century and means "horse servant," perhaps an interpretation of farrier.

The Town of Boscawen was represented by Selectmen Matt Burdick and Paul Dickey with Select Board Chair, Lorrie Carey (who is also Agnes' oldest granddaughter), officiating in the presentation of the Boston Cane which is given to Boscawen's oldest resident. Mrs. Marshall, who has lived through two pandemics, was originally nominated for presentation of the Boston Post Cane in 2019.

Agnes Marshall is a beloved figure in the town of Boscawen's recent memory having served as the town's tax collector and notary public for many years while operating the family business, Marshall's Florist, and working with her husband's family at Marshall's Farm. Additionally, she assisted her husband in the National Grange insurance business for 23 years. In 1959, Agnes began working at New Hampshire Bituminous Company to help put her three children through college and worked until her retirement forty years later at age eighty.

Born at home to French and Scottish parents, the house has since been demolished but stood across from the mills below what is now the Masonic Lodge. Later on Agnes lived in the apartment over what many may remember as Carey's Market. She was industrious and hardworking – as a child she graded eggs on the Marshall Farm and, later, waitressed at the Stone Porch Lodge Restaurant serving chicken dinners at Marshall's Farm. She also worked, along with her mother, at the home of educator and brain trust to

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dr. Adolf A. Berle at the Berle summer home on King Street in Boscawen. At 16, she worked at the soda fountain at Taylor's Drug Store in Penacook. She also waitressed and helped make beds with Lulu Perkins at the Bonny Tavern in Boscawen which was located across from the Torrent fire station.

Agnes and her husband, Sumner Marshall, served the Boscawen community in many ways. Agnes was a Golden Sheaf member of the National Grange,



Agnes Marshall of Peabody Place was awarded the Boston Post Cane on her 102nd birthday. Lorrie Carey, Boscawen Select Board Chair is on her left. Seated to her right is her daughter Heather Fletcher, and standing are Boscawen Select Board members Paul Dickey and Matt Burdick, and Kenneth Marshall.

Caption and photo: Marylee Gorham

a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the United Church of Christ where she also served as Deaconess, and a member of the New England Gladiolus Society. During the depths of the depression, Agnes acquired the title of a kind woman which was marked on her fence post by hobos passing through from the nearby railroad, since she always offered them kind words and something substantial to eat.

The Boston Post Cane was originally given to 700 New England towns by the Boston Post newspaper in 1909, awarded to the oldest living male resident in town. In 1930, women were also allowed to receive the cane. When the resident passes, the Boston Post Cane is then given to the next oldest resident. The Town of Boscawen gives out a replica of the original cane which is kept in the Municipal Office Building.

With only remnants remaining of the COVID-19 pandemic, at long last, Agnes received her award on her 102nd birthday where she resides at Peabody Place, a private nonprofit senior living community situated between the confluence of the Pemigewasset and Winnepesaukee Rivers in Franklin New Hampshire.

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this year." Since retirement, Paul has the flexibility in his schedule to be available when a need arises. There is no pressure to sign up for something, but he likes "the feeling of building community and helping people out." His latest opportunity involved helping a handicapped neighbor who had been self-reliant in the past, but could no longer get their yard ready for winter. "They were so grateful for our work. It was rewarding to spend a couple hours with another volunteer doing something that meant so much to someone. Being involved in KNP has made me realize that there are people that are under the radar that are really in need of the kind of help that

KNP can offer - longer term assistance that can help people live independently and have their basic needs met."

Please see our website KNPNH.org for more information about KNP, where you will find yellow buttons on our homepage to seek help, and/or to become a volunteer. There is also a donation button, with an option to donate to KNP or Kars for Kearsarge. Look at our website and FaceBook page for an opportunity to purchase alternative gifting cards as a holiday donation in someone's honor. When you volunteer for KNP, you will be joining a growing community of engaged neighbors working together to build relationships and strengthen connections so everyone can flourish.

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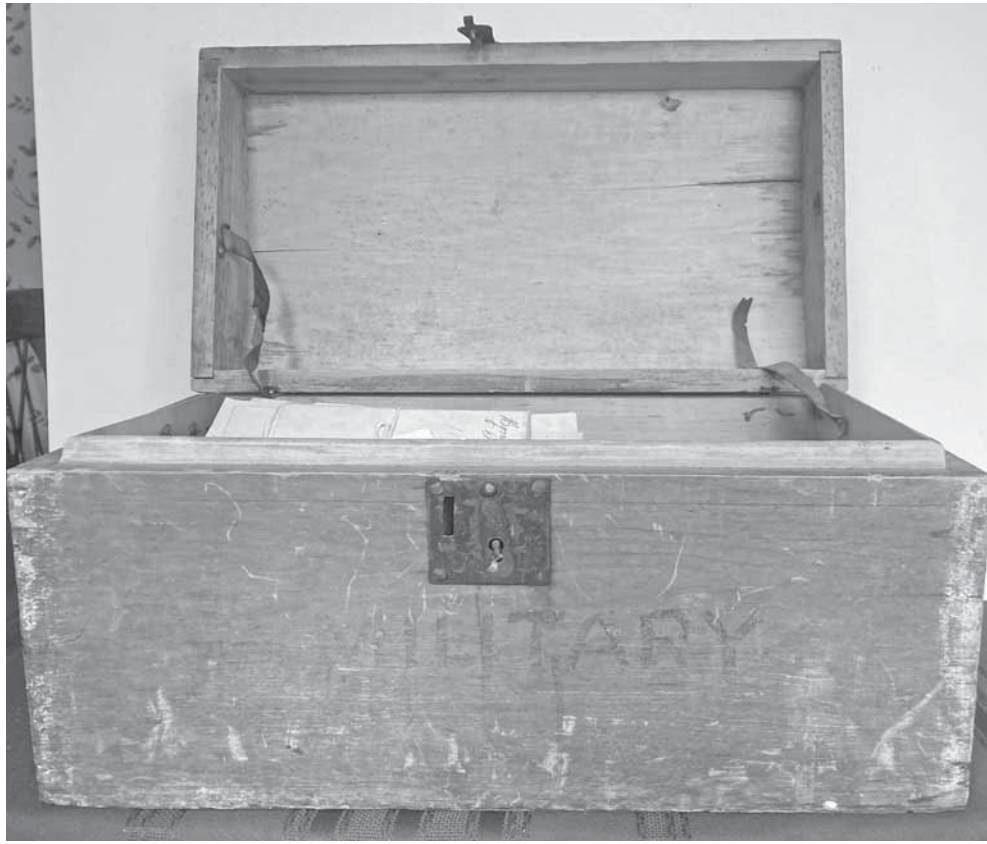
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An old military chest was found in the basement of the Town Hall in 2017. It contained documents dating back to the end of the Civil War and Board of Selectmen's papers from the mid-1800s to early 1900s. Photo: Ed Hiller

Antique Military Chest Loaded with Historical Documents

Militia and Town papers from 1820 to 1939


Ed and Mary Hiller
Andover Historical Society

In 2017, the Town did some reconstruction work on the cellar of the Town Office. During this work, a small wooden chest full of papers was found in the old vault. It was marked "MILITARY" in black stencil on the side. It was transferred to the Andover Historical Society for its preservation.

A detailed examination of the documents in this chest has just been completed. A large portion pertains to the State Militia and dates from 1820 to 1865 (the end of the Civil War). Includ-

ed are lists of enlistees, requests for excuse of absence from muster, medical exemptions from military service and requests for assistance by dependents.

A second portion contains various Selectmen's papers dating from 1851 to 1939 (with several with earlier dates). In this portion, there are performance bonds for tax collectors, treasurers, and road agents, compensations for elected officials, personal mortgage deeds for sales of oxen, horses, wagons, hay, etc., permissions to underage applicants to marry and such.

There are approximately 800 documents in this chest. The documents are now sorted according to date and are bundled into decades for easy access. 

Non-Native Plant Species Wreak Havoc on Local Environment

How to identify and remove invasive plants

Sooze Hodgson
Andover Conservation Commission

During my childhood on Ragged Mountain, there was a triangular bit of land where three gravel roads converged, called "Bittersweet Corners." The split-rail fence around this triangle of land was adorned with bittersweet vines, vines that were so beautiful in the autumn when the yellow and orange seeds popped open. We made bittersweet "fairy crowns" for our heads and for our dolls, and we cut tendrils of bittersweet for our Christmas wreaths. But by my adolescence, Bittersweet Corners had changed from a magical childhood fairy garden into a scary tangle. The old apple tree behind the split rail fence no longer bore fruit. Bittersweet vines entwined most of the branches of the apple tree, and the dead branches reached for the sky like blackened fingertips. The split-rail fence had fallen to the ground under the weight of the tenacious vines. By my early adulthood the "answer" to what needed to be done about Bittersweet Corners was to cut down the old apple tree, haul away the fence rails, and uproot and remove the vines, using a "Ditch Witch" digger. Then the road grader came and flattened the triangle of land and covered the area with road gravel.

Have you seen an invasive plant species take over one of your cherished spots? My childhood memory may provide an example of an effort at containment of an invasive plant species in a limited area.

Definition

An invasive plant species is a species that is non-native to the eco-system, and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause environmental harm or harm to human health. (US Forest Service; 1999 Presidential Executive Order 13112). In 1999 the Federal Government established the National Invasive Species Council. In 2000 New Hampshire passed House Bill 1258-FN, and established the NH Invasive Species Act. Our state then created the NH Invasive Species Committee and the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets, & Food (DAMF) which manages all matters concerning invasive species.

Migrations of peoples and animals, globalization of trade, and climate change all have contributed to the introduction of non-native species of plants to many areas of the world. These new plants enter an eco-system which do not have the usual insects, parasites and animal predators that may have kept them in check in their natural environment. Not all newly introduced plants become invasive in their new eco-systems. But many do. Why do some newly introduced plants become "invasives?" Why should we be concerned? Biologists re-

port that more than 100 million acres of land in the US are covered with invasive species of plants which have resulted in billions of dollars per year of lost agricultural and forest crops. Invasive plants also have destroyed other natural resources, altered water flow, and depleted soils of natural nutrients. (Douglas Cygan. 2018. NH Guide to Upland Invasive Species, 5th edition).

What makes invasive plant species so successful? Most invasive plants produce large quantities of seed. Their seeds are easily spread by the wind, water, animals, and also (often initially unknowingly) by commercial trade, agriculture, and emigration of peoples. Many invasive plants have aggressive, vast root systems that may extend long distances from a single plant. Their extensive root systems are so dense that they choke out the root systems of nearby native plants. Invasive plants are highly adaptable, they develop early, and have a high tolerance for many environments and climates. Some invasive plants produce chemicals in their leaves and/or roots which are toxic to other plants and may be lethal to some animals. Invasives compete successfully for moisture, sunlight, nutrients, and space, and thus decrease plant diversity. Decreased plant diversity alters wildlife habitats. Invasive plants rapidly change nature's balance upon which all species depend.

The National Forest Service has developed a very comprehensive four-pronged approach towards control of invasive plant and animal species: 1) Awareness and Prevention 2) Detection 3) Control and Management 4) Restoration and Rehabilitation. As Douglas Cygan, the NH Invasive Species Coordinator, points out, there are many things you can do, as an individual, to help control the spread of invasive species and preserve native flora and fauna. In your yard or on your larger properties minimize impacts to natural vegetation, soils, and drainage. Learn how to identify invasive plants and how to distinguish them from native species. When landscaping, ask your local garden center or your County Extension Service about alternative plantings. Become active in local efforts to control invasives. If you have been working in an area with invasive species, take care to remove soil from your boots or clothing, tires, and equipment, and remove any seeds or burrs from your clothing before returning to your land. Various control methods can be used:

- Mechanical control involves uprooting, digging out, repeated mowing, and cutting, or smothering unwanted species. Mechanical Control methods work best on small areas.

- Advice from the County Extension Service can be helpful in Cultural Control, which involves the planting

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Route 4A land update: Current owners do not want to put it into Conservation Easement. ASLPT is still interested, Andy Deegan (ASLPT) needs to pursue different funding sources to help with this. Funding sources will be available in the spring.

2023 Budget discussion: We have \$1,300. We have currently only spent X.

We will be submitting for Earle's work. We will also submit for the conference that Sooze and Nancy attended and the NHACC (New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions) and the conference that Sooze and Nancy T will attend Nov 5 in Pembroke.

Beaver Deceiver update: had planned to have a field trip with Frank Bryson, Andy Guptill, BD monitors, and Michelle Lambert. Frank was too busy. We can try again later – after we do our wetland walkabout. Good article in the Concord Monitor about beavers.

Andover Garden Club: they have been very involved in beautifying Andover. Nancy proposes that we give them a modest \$25 donation, seconded by Lee: all in favor. Hopefully Mary Lou can attend a meeting in the spring.

Nov/Dec ACC meeting: Nancy will not be available, but Nancy will set the agenda, Tina will chair.

Hopkins Pond: cyanobacteria bloom – State has posted signs.

- Invasive species: now in this area
- Buckthorn
 - Knotweed
 - Bittersweet
 - Euonymus

Will keep CDs in low interest accounts in order to have access.

Sooze working on article for the *Beacon* about invasives

Lakes Region Planning Commission was very helpful with the Master Plan and making maps. They also took our zoning ordinance and brought it up to date. It can now be edited. Planning Board pays dues, so they are able to provide these services for us. We should have someone on the LRPB.

Budget Committee

October 20

Condensed from approved minutes

Budget Committee Members present:

Andy Guptill, Dana Swenson, Donna Crisp Duclos, Greg Stetson, Jessica Rand, Kayla Chandler, Mark Cowdrey, Toby Locke

Others present: Alan Hanscom, Recreation Committee, Lisa Meier, Town Clerk

Public present: Jim Reed, Elita Reed, Beth Page

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee presented their budget. The requested budget is

quite similar to last year. The Ski Program amount is approximately 40% of the invoice from Ragged Mountain. In years past, it was suggested to take a token amount of the budget and a portion out of the revolving fund. Parent registration fees for all sports are put into the revolving fund. Students pay \$35 per week, though the cost at the mountain is over \$100 per student.

It was asked why the soccer line was higher. A set of goals was purchased this year for the 3-4 soccer team.

At this time, approximately \$20,000 is in the revolving fund.

Duclos asked what the Recreation committee would prioritize first to cut. Thoughts led to limiting ski lift tickets. What is a big ask for the Recreation committee? Volunteers, stipends for volunteers. The six members on the Recreation committee have been on the committee for a decade or more.

Town Clerk

Meier presented as Town Clerk for the town. She spoke to an increase in the hours and salary for the Town Clerk. She spoke to her obligations during public access hours, as well as the time required to get the job done outside of the posted hours. She advocated for time to complete work outside of public access hours. Meier also noted that ten years ago, her position was paid much more than it is now.

Another large increase was in postage, as this cost has increased over the past year. The board expects the USPS prices to go up again over the upcoming year, as has been indicated by the US government.

In response to a question about proposed raises for town employees this year, Guptill spoke that increases in salary are being based on bringing salaries in line with comparable positions in our geographic area, particularly with an eye towards recruitment and retention.

The Select Board reviewed the line items that have gone up significantly; general expenses, postage, mileage, office supplies. The major increase is to wages. The board agrees additional hours are warranted.

Duclos asked what the Town Clerk would prioritize first to cut? Meier is unsure. What is the big ask for the Town Collector? Help. The assistant TC/TC position is unfilled.

Transfer Station

The transfer station budget was reviewed by Guptill. Currently the transfer station has four part-time employees; The Select Board is requesting to increase pay rates to \$18 per hour. The transfer station does not have a supervisor; it is proposed to hire a transfer station supervisor, and split the position with the highway department. Guptill noted that there's a missed opportunity on streamlining higher levels of sort-

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of native trees and shrubs that can out-compete the invasive species. This may also involve altering an area's light, moisture, or soil pH.


• Chemical Control involves using an approved pesticide to manage a targeted invasive species. The pesticide applicator must adhere to state and federal pesticide regulations and in many instances must be licensed by the state. For more information about pesticide use: NH Department of Agriculture Pesticide Control Division 603 271-3550, or www.agriculturenh.gov.

• Biological Control involves use of native or introduced beneficial organisms to naturally reduce populations of unwanted species. Most organisms used in biological control are self-sustaining and host specific. Expertise from state biologists is essential for biological control.

A list of New Hampshire's upland invasive species and a list of contact information can be found in Douglas

Cygan's 2018 5th edition of the "New Hampshire Guide to Upland Invasive Species," from the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture Markets and Food, Plant, and Industry Division.

For further information, education, and assessment of your property and woodlands you also may contact Tim Fleury, Extension Field Specialist for Natural Resources for Merrimack Co., and Forester for Merrimack Co. Tim.Fleury@unh.edu; 603 255-3733. Or contact Ruth Smith, Master Gardner Coordinator. The Master Gardeners also provide education about invasives: ruth.smith@unh.edu or 603 351-3831.


For more information visit extension.unh.edu/resource/spotlight-nh-invasive-plants. For more information on Burning Bush, visit extension.unh.edu/blog/2018/03/invasive-spotlight-burning-bush. For more information on Norway Maple, visit this page for a list of what to plant instead: extension.unh.edu/resource/alternatives-invasive-landscape-plants-fact-sheet. 

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Ruth Smith, of the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, also explains that using chemical herbicides to control invasive species can only be done by landowners on their own property (following the directions on the container – the label is the law) or by licensed pesticide applicators. Garden club members working on town property (or other land not owned by

themselves) may not apply any chemical treatment.

If you love the look of bittersweet in your garden, consider planting native, American bittersweet (*Celastrus scandens*). American bittersweet can be used in floral arrangements in much the same way as oriental bittersweet.


More information about controlling invasive plants can be found at extension.unh.edu, Integrated Pest Management for Woody Invasive Plants. 

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road Station has been identified by the New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources as "the best preserved and the most architecturally important railroad station still standing in Merrimack County, New Hampshire, and perhaps the best 19th century wooden railroad station surviving in New Hampshire." The site features striking architectural details from the time period and today serves as a functioning museum showcasing historic authenticity and artifacts.


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ing, specifically for metal, though this would not offset major cost burden.

A new trash trailer was purchased outright from funds received last year. A pusher snow plow for the bobcat is on a line which will be a one-time cost and could be used to plow the yard during staff hours. The highway will continue to be responsible for after-hours plowing.

The transfer station has hired a septic designer, and contractors are coming in to set up a project to install a toilet. Funds for this have already been encumbered. This project is already financed. This will eliminate the need for a port-a-potty in the future.

Will the transfer station consider recycling plastics? There had been a posting in the *Beacon* to gather interested parties to start a recycling committee; there was no interest. Single stream plastic recycling costs were quite high.

The overflow container rental was discussed; it does not appear to be needed at this time. Snow removal on containers was also discussed. Toby recommended a drag, to be able to self-shovel the containers. Snow can add a considerable weight to the containers, which impacts the overall cost.

The board discussed that the hauler has to come to the transfer station during open station hours because there is no person who allows them into the transfer station when it is closed. This does cause trash buildup in the mornings, due to this scheduling issue. Greasing the trailer is another element of concern. It was noted there is no contract with the hauling company. Guptill said the Select Board is working on establishing a contract.

Highway Department

The highway department budget was reviewed by Guptill. Costs for wages and snow plowing. The mileage of the four routes have been re-balanced so that each contract is the same dollar amount. Contracts were reviewed. In comparing contracts between last and this year, the difference is relatively close. Last year, the town also paid rental fees above and beyond the contracts. The contracts are a flat fee per six month season, rather than per snowstorm. There is fluctuation due to having to pay hourly employees for some snow storms. Increases to the Plow and Sand line are due to some increases in contract fees, some increases in hourly pay, and some cushion. The rest of the labor lines were reviewed.

The department has a new contract at much less cost for town roadside mowing.

Other lines that have increased include culverts, maintenance of equipment, fuel, small tools, projects (roadside mowing), portable lavatory, street signs, uniforms, salt, and calcium. These all were explained.

Lines that have decreased include grader operator, cold patch, grass/ hay/ mulch, equipment rentals, BW park / beach mowing and maintenance wages, and beaver deceiver maintenance.

Guptill spoke to past boards who wanted work billed to separate lines and essentially categorize the labor (i.e. one line for cemetery repair, one line for BW park field maintenance, etc.). The budget presented has these lines zeroed out, with effort to consolidate the labor lines and not have each of these responsibilities itemized in the overall budget. The total budget proposed is similar to the 2019 highway department budget.

Adjournment

On October 27, the Budget Committee will review the following budgets: Cemeteries, EMS, Forest Fire, Fourth of July, Police, Conservation Commission, Town Buildings, Executive, Financial, Assessing, Legal, Personnel Administration, Welfare, Insurance, IT.

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East Andover Village Preschool students listen intently to Sue Nellen reading *My First Halloween* by local author Tomie de Paola during their weekly story hour at the library. Photo: Caroline Moulton

Andover Libraries' Newsletter Reveals Good News

Welcome new librarian and new trustee

Lee Wells and Michaela Hoover
Andover Libraries

Congratulations to the Andover Public Library on their new Director, Michaela Hoover!

Michaela grew up in Andover and has been familiar with both of our libraries for many years. One of her favorite childhood memories was when one of her favorite books, a book about bears, was removed from the collection, and the Director, Mary Sell, gave it to her. She volunteered at both libraries and one year ran the summer reading program. Once in college, she worked at her college library and learned about all aspects of library operations. Both her aunt and her grandmother have been librarians in Andover. Over the years she has been a patron at many different libraries and learned a great deal from all of them. She has been an avid reader since her early days as a patron of the Andover libraries.

We are also welcoming a new trustee to our Board of Trustees. Julie Matz has been coming to Andover for more than 25 years to spend summers at Elbow Pond. Julie worked for many years as a classroom teacher before becoming a librarian in 2008. She feels that the best

part of being a librarian is that librarians can reach everyone in the community. She sees libraries as the only place you can go at will and have free choices once you are there. You can find direction, get questions answered, and see friends. Libraries are sanctuaries and a place where we can be our true selves. Libraries have always felt like a second home to her. Now retired and building a home on Elbow Pond Road, she feels that being a library trustee is a good way for her to use what she knows and add more to the community.

Please introduce yourselves to them and welcome them to our community.

Our new telescope is ready to loan out. If you think you would like to borrow the telescope, please speak to either Michaela or Lee, and we can reserve it for you. It may be checked out for a week at a time, and we will ask you to sign a telescope agreement. We also ask that you read the instruction manual before using it, and that you check out the videos about the telescope in the Library Telescope Program on the New Hampshire Astronomical Society's website. The telescope will move back and forth between the two libraries, so you will be able to go to either library to check it out.

Wishing all of you a wonderful holiday season!

Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

Long Shadows, David Baldacci
No Plan B, Lee Child
Going Rogue, Janet Evanovich
It Starts With Us, Colleen Hoover
Maybe Not, Colleen Hoover
Slammed, Colleen Hoover
Point of Retreat, Colleen Hoover
Fairy Tale, Stephen King
Demon Copperhead, Barbara Kingsolver
The Orchard, Beverly Lewis
Our Missing Hearts, Celeste Ng
Blowback, James Patterson

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo, Taylor Jenkins Reid
Righteous Prey, John Sandford
Dreamland, Nicholas Sparks
The High Notes, Danielle Steel

Adult Nonfiction

Rogues: True Stories of Grifters, Killers, Rebels and Crooks, Patrick Radden Keefe
Middle Grade/Young Adult
Heartstopper Volume 1, Alice Oseman
Children's Books
Farmhouse, Sophie Blackall
The Hair Book, Latonya Yvette & Amanda Jane Jones
Mermaid Kenzie: Protector of the Deeps, Charlotte Watson Sherman
The Path, Bob Staake
Pinkalicious and the Holiday Sweater, Victoria Kann

Bachelor Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

Bleeding Heart Yard, Elly Griffiths
Demon Copperfield, Barbara Kingsolver
The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood
Heat 2, Michael Mann
Hester, Laurie Lico Albanese
Long Shadows, David Baldacci
Mad Honey, Jodi Picoult
The Night Ship, Jess Kidd
The Passenger, Cormac McCarthy
Peril in Paris, Rhys Bowen
Righteous Prey, John Sandford
Treasure State, CJ Box

Adult Nonfiction

Changing People, Changing Dogs: Positive Solutions for Difficult Dogs, Dee Ganley
Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing, Matthew Perry
An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us, Ed Young
The Light We Carry, Michelle Obama
The Song of the Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human, Siddhartha Mukherjee
String Too Short to be Saved: Recollections of Summers on a New England Farm, Donald Hall
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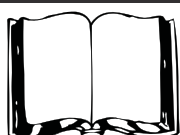
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Pontine Theatre Performs Donald Hall's Christmas Snow

December 13 at South Danbury Church

Press release

On the evening of Tuesday, December 13, the South Danbury Church and At Eagle Pond, Inc. will present Pontine Theatre of Portsmouth in their adaptation of poet Donald Hall's short story, "Christmas Snow."

The story is an imagined Christmas at Eagle Pond Farm in 1938, the year that Don was ten.

All the time that he was growing up in Connecticut, Don came to New Hampshire to spend summers at the Wilmot farm with his grandparents, but he was never actually there at Christmas. This story, appearing originally in The New Yorker in 1964, allowed him to invent what he had so long wanted. In later years, Don conjured a second Christmas trip north, in 1940, when he was twelve. That story was published in hardcover in 2012 as Christmas at Eagle Pond.

After Don and poet Jane Kenyon, early in their marriage, arrived in 1975 to live at the farm until Jane's death in 1995 and Don's in 2018, they came to know snow at Christmas intimately – as well as the annual Christmas pageant and tree at the South Danbury church, which they frequently wrote about with

affection in poems and prose.

Staged for a small audience, Pontine's dramatized reading of "Christmas Snow" features hand-drawn props and storytelling but has no conventional actors. It is performed in one act, in one hour, with music by fiddler Ellen Carlson.

Pontine Theater (www.pontine.org) was founded in 1977 by Marguerite Matthews, after she studied with the French actor Etienne Decroux at his L'École du Mime Corporeal in Paris. In 1982, Greg Gathers, with a BFA from the Cleveland Institute of Art, began designing and constructing Pontine's sets, puppets, masks, and costumes, and in 1984 he joined Marguerite as co-director of the company. In addition to other productions through the year, every Yuletide they celebrate the season with a holiday work drawn from New England literature and stories – which, this year, is Christmas Snow.

The performance, for adults and older children, is at 7 PM at the South Danbury Church. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are recommended because seating is limited. Email at.eagle.pond@gmail.com to register.

For more information about Eagle Pond Farm, and the nonprofit At Eagle Pond, Inc. and its activities, visit AtEaglePond.org.

Andover Community Church December 2022

Worship returns to the church; furnace fixed

Donna Thompson and Pastor Bill Blomquist Andover Community Church

It's hard to believe we are in the last month of 2022. The year has flown by so fast.

There has been so much going on in our church for the month of November and continuing into December.

In November we held our annual Operation Christmas Child. This consists of filling up shoe boxes for a certain age group of children. Then, once they are all collected, we deliver them to a sister church who is the collection site for our area. Then, all the boxes are delivered to the main warehouse for Samaritan's Purse. These boxes go all over the world. For some children this may be the only Christmas gift they will receive. This year we collected over 100 boxes. (up from 64 boxes last year)

We are now worshiping back in the church again. As some of you know, our furnace died and we've been meeting in Grange Hall. After numerous successful fundraisers and donations (rummage sales, bake sales, food sales, and designated gifts) we were able to purchase a new furnace. We would like to thank Gary at Christian Repair and Huckleberry's – and all who donated - for making this happen. We appreciate all your work!

Our Outreach to the surrounding communities continues to happen. Each Wednesday evening a group gathers at the downtown Franklin laundromat and provides food, prayers, clothing, and friendship. We just finished our second 10-week GriefShare program at

the Andover Hub, an Advent Wreath building morning, and of course, the Third Friday of the month Andover Community Coffeehouse where church members sell food, hot/cold meals and baked goods. Between our continued support of Twin Rivers and other local non-profits, we continue to make an impact in the local community.

We're gearing up for the church's "New Year" season: Advent. Advent is an ancient tradition in the church calendar marked by a change of colors, music, and liturgy – all in preparation to welcome the birth of Christ on Christmas Eve. Traditionally it has been a time when Christians reflect on the coming of Christ and seek to prepare their hearts through prayer, good works, fasting, and meditation in this "penitential season." The Season of Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas with weekly lighting of the Advent Wreath and special music around themes of Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy. Each Sunday a family lights a candle and reads a Bible passage. By Christmas Eve the entire wreath is lit and reflects the joy of the season.

We welcome you to join us for Advent and Christmas Eve services. Advent services are at 9:30 AM Sundays, Christmas Eve (with a special Godly Play program for kids) will be at 5:30 PM, and Christmas Festival of Lessons and Music happens Christmas Morning at 9:30 AM. For more information please contact Pastor Bill at 603 735-5160 or visit andovercommunitynh.com.

So we end another year wishing everyone a safe and healthy holiday, and a very safe New Years Eve. We look forward to seeing all of you next year.



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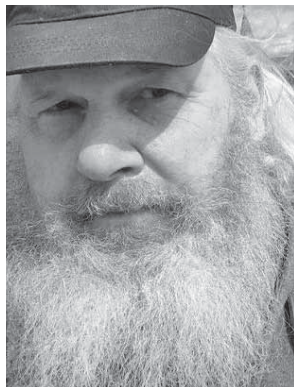
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OBITUARIES

LAWRENCE CARL WRIGHT, 65, died unexpectedly in the early morning hours of Wednesday, November 2, 2022, in his home in Reed's Ferry.

Larry was born in Boston, Massachusetts to Clayton Bailey and Dorothy Leah (Ray) Wright on May 5, 1957. The family moved from Malden, Massachusetts, to Bradford, New Hampshire in his early childhood. Larry participated in Track and Field in the shot put and discus events at Kearsarge Regional High School.

He began working around the age of twelve and spent most of his life in a variety of jobs. He drove tractor trailers for many years and earned the CB handle "The Instigator" from other truckers. At the same time, he became a mechanic, working on the trucks he drove. If it moved, he could drive it, and if it had a motor, he could fix it. For a short time, he owned his own business, a mobile mechanic service. He retired in 2019 after 20 years as a truck mechanic for UPS.



He loved travel, adventure, sight-seeing, and trying new things. The White Mountains of New Hampshire were his favorite place to tent, hike, swim, and fish. Canoeing on the Saco River in Maine was a must each summer, when he would spend an entire week's vacation camping with family and friends. He greatly enjoyed cruises in the Caribbean with "the six pack," visiting National Parks, traveling to other countries, and he was always ready for the next trip. He enjoyed going to concerts and to the movies, and no matter where he went, he was always talking to the people around him. He was proud to say he "would try anything once."

Larry was predeceased by his father in 1987, his mother in 2009, and his sister Nancy Ray Wright in 2020.

Larry is survived by his long-time partner, Stephanie C. Levesque of Merrimack, brother Edward C. "Rusty" Wright and wife Elizabeth Wright of Peabody, Massachusetts, brother Richard W. Wright and wife Stephanie Wright of Westford, Massachusetts, son Justin L. Wright and wife Megan Wright of Andover, New Hampshire, daughter Cassandra L. Levesque and fiance Ian Nicholas of Pownal, Maine, niece Alex Wright, niece Jennifer (Wright) Cruz and husband Jonathan Cruz, niece Er-

ica Wright, niece Brianna Kruczynski and husband Casmir Kruczynski, and a great-nephew, Jaxson Cruz.

A memorial service was held at Rivet Funeral Home & Crematorium in Merrimack on November 18, 2022.

Donations in Larry's name may be made to the Salvation Army (his preferred charity) or to a charity of your choice.

Kindly visit rivetfuneral.com to leave an online condolence for the family.

PHILIP (PHIL) K. STONE, Jr. passed away peacefully at home on November 3, 2022 in Andover with his loved ones by his side.

Phil was born on June 17, 1938 in Concord to Philip Sr. and Marguerite Stone. After graduating from high school Phil married and was blessed with a daughter Pam and two sons Gregory and Bryan. Phil worked many jobs including truck driving, construction work, and running his own Construction Company. He was



also the superintendent of highways for Canterbury for 26 years. He was devoted to doing and did the best job possible for the Town of Canterbury.

Phil was an avid and accomplished hunter as well as an excellent athlete.

In 1990 Phil met and married the love of his life and soul mate Cindy (CJ). They built a home and life together in Canterbury and later moved to Andover.

Phil was a generous, witty and dedicated individual who loved his family and friends. And especially enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He spent many a day hunting with and helping his friends.

Phil is predeceased by his parents Philip Sr. and Marguerite Stone, Canterbury; his brother

Stephen Stone, Canterbury; brother Donald Stone, Penacook; and sister Brenda Lakin, Warren.

Surviving family members include his wife Cindy; daughter Pam and husband Glenn Ruesswick; son Gregory Stone and wife Donna; son Bryan Stone; grandsons Max and Gabe Ruesswick; granddaughters Megan Stone, Delanie Stone and Nathan Nugent; and brother Douglas Stone.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled See Obituaries on page 26



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for December 3, 2022 at Alan's Restaurant of Boscawen, 133 N. Main Street, Boscawen, from 2 to 5 PM. Service at 2 to 2:30 PM with reception to follow.

To sign an online guestbook please visit chadwickfuneralservice.com.

EILEEN SEIBOLD (HILFERTY), of

Stoneham, Massachusetts, passed away on November 4, 2022. Wife of the late Robert Seibold. Mother of Carol Lin-



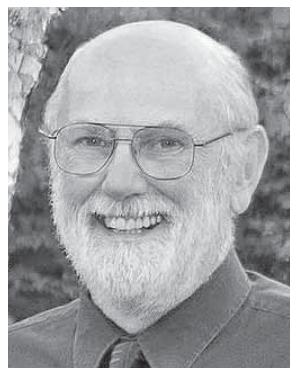
scott of Boston, Robert Seibold and his dear companion Stephanie Saniek of Methuen, Peter and Beverly Seibold of Reading, George and Paula Seibold of Stoneham, Elizabeth Seibold of Stoneham and her steadfast companion, Joseph Melia of Salem, New Hampshire, and the late Thomas Seibold. She leaves nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and a myriad of nieces and nephews. Sister of Robert and Joanne Belland of Andover, New Hampshire, and the late Frank Hilferty, Marie (Hilferty) Tennihan, John Belland, and Rita Barbi.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Patrick's Parish in Stoneham, Massachusetts on November 12 with a private Interment. Memorial gifts may be made to St. Patrick's Parish. For obituary, visit andersonbryantfuneralhome.com.

BORN ON NOVEMBER 12,

1947, John E. Whedon grew up in Andover and Franklin. After graduating from SNHU with a degree in Accounting and Business Management, John served in the United States Army during the Vietnam conflict. Returning home, John was a full-time officer with the Franklin Police Department and part-time Ski Patrol at Ragged Mountain. In 1972, he married Margaret Knott of Danbury.

John led a full and active life, including many years at Concord Hospital as a full time Security Officer. After a long battle with Leukemia. He passed away at home, with family by his side, on November 9, 2022. John is survived by his



wife of 50 years, "Marg" (Knott) Whedon; their daughters, Christine Whedon-Darling and husband Stephen, Cynthia (Whedon) Carrier and husband David, four grandsons, Ian, Hunter, Owen and Nathan and granddaughter, Johanna. He is also survived by a sister Kathleen (Knott) Hitchmoth and her husband Al, a brother Harold Knott and his wife Angie (Cummings), a sister-in-law Lisa Murphy, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

John is predeceased by his parents, Ernest and Bessie (George) Whedon, four brothers, Donal, Clayton "Skip", Leland "Si", and Fred Miller, and a sister Thelma (Miller) Heath.

For more information about John's full, active life, and to sign his guest book, please visit neunfuneralhomes.com

A celebration of life was held at Thibault - Neun Funeral Home in Franklin on November 20, 2022..

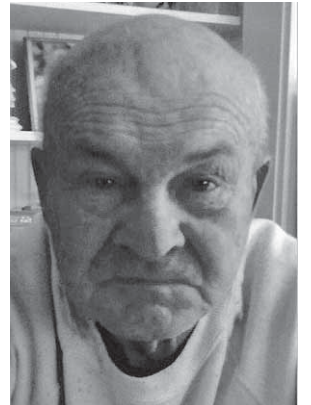
In lieu of flowers, please make donations, in memory of John Whedon, who was an original member of the Andover Rescue Squad in 1966 and served until 1986, to: Andover EMS / Rescue Squad, PO Box 61, Andover, NH 03216.

NELSON H. ALDRICH, 84, of

North Main Street passed away on November 12, 2022 at Pine Rock Manor in Warner.

He was born in New London, New

Hampshire on August 14, 1938, the son of Roy and Hilda (Crouse) Aldrich. Nelson graduated from Andover High School



in 1956, Keene Teachers College in 1960, and received his Master's Degree in math from UNH in 1976. He taught math at Sunapee High School from 1960 -1969 and at Claremont Vocational Technical College from 1969 until his retirement in 1998. He was Executive Secretary of the Twin State Math League for 40 years.

Nelson had been president of the Math Teachers of New Hampshire, Trustee of the Richards Free Library for seven years, and president of Lake Sunapee Bike Club for 30 years. He was the coordinator of the yearly Lake Sunapee Bike Race, and was also coordinator as well as a player in the Wednesday Night Hockey Group at Kimball Union Academy. Nelson liked to garden and play backgammon.

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Members of his surviving family include his son, C. Hank Aldrich of Wessling, Germany; a granddaughter, Ashley Anna Aldrich of Australia, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his wife of over 60 years, Sandra (Hale) Aldrich of Newport.

Friends may call at the Newton-Bartlett Funeral Home, 42 Main Street, Newport on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 from 3 - 5 PM.

A graveside service will be held at Pine Hill Cemetery, Wilnot, on Friday, November 25, 2022 at 11 AM.

EDNA M. (HILL) PETERS, 84, of Overlook Avenue in Andover, died Saturday, November 19, 2022, at the Concord Hospital surrounded by family members.

She was born in Franklin on February 13, 1938, the daughter of Richard Graham and Rachel (Woodward) Hill, and grew up in Danbury



Edna graduated from Andover High School and had worked in various area homes as a housekeeper. After that, she was employed by Proctor Academy for over 38 years, retiring as a baker. She had resided in Andover since 1961.

She is predeceased by two sons, Richard and Gary Peters, three sisters, Barbara Evans, Margaret Thomas, and Carol Jean Gallagher, and a brother, Graham "Terry" Hill. Edna is survived by her husband of 64 years (65 in December), Robert E. Peters of Andover; a son, Glenn Peters and his wife Susan of Stoddard, New Hampshire; four grandchildren, Haley, Tucker, Jaron, and Brittany; a great grandson Caden, and many nieces and nephews.

She loved her grandchildren and new great grandson immensely and spoke of their life and accomplishments to anyone who would listen! The 'Cookie Lady' or 'Waffle Lady' was also known as the adoptive grandmother to many students at Proctor Academy and the server in the Dining Hall was named in her honor. Many Proctor students have now spread her warmth throughout the world.

Friends may call at the Chadwick Funeral Home, 235 Main Street, New London on Friday, December 2, 2022 from 4 - 7 PM. A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 11 AM - 1 PM at The Grange Hall, 782 Franklin Highway, East Andover.

Memorial contributions may be

made to Proctor Academy, Department of Fine Arts, Main Street; Andover Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 61, or to the Andover Service Club, 26 School St, all in Andover, NH 03216.

IRENE (HALEY) JEWETT, 101, a lifelong resident of East Andover, passed away peacefully at her home, with her family by her side, on Sunday, November 27, 2022. She was born in East Andover on July 30, 1921 the daughter of the late Frank and Caroline (Sleeper) Haley.

She was employed as an assembly line worker at Webster Valve until her retirement. She was an active member of the community, volunteering her time and energy to many town functions.

Throughout the years, she belonged to many service organizations and served on several town committees. She was a volunteer as an EMT with the Andover Fire Department for several years and clerk of the Andover Congregational Church for 50 years. She is the recipient of several certificates and numerous awards including the Vaughan Award for Volunteer Services presented by the Governor.

She recently received the Boston Post Cane, which is presented to the oldest person in Andover, in 2021.

Irene was predeceased by her parents, her husband, Noah D. Jewett in 1996, and her sons, Stephen D. Jewett in 1965, David M. Jewett in 2015, and an infant son Frank Jewett.

Her family includes her three daughters, Barbara Schader of Bogart, Georgia, Sharon Kern of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Becky Dobretz and her husband Robert of East Andover. She is also survived by her 4 grandchildren, Tiffany Schader of Atlanta, Georgia, Carri McNeill and her husband Ryan of Watkinsville, Georgia, Kathy Schader of Tampa, Florida, and Stephen Kern and his wife Mallory of Denver, Colorado, and one great grandchild, Molly McNeil of Watkinsville, Georgia.

According to Irene's wishes there will be no calling hours. A graveside service will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 1 PM in Lakeview Cemetery in East Andover. A celebration will follow the burial at the East Andover Fire Department.

For those wishing to remember Irene in a special way, please make a donation in her memory to either the East Andover Congregational Church, PO Box 211, East Andover NH 03231, or to the Andover Fire Department Benevolent Fund, P.O. Box 117, Andover NH 03216.

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Required skills: basic Apple computer use and Microsoft office software knowledge, would also need to learn how to manage Zoom meetings and control settings on audio equipment. Pay: \$25/hr. + for experience

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Help Wanted - Part-time Sunday - Chair set-up

Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (KUUF) is looking for someone to setup chairs, about 30, on Sunday mornings at Proctor's Stone Chapel. Sunday Services run 10 months a year (Sept - Jun). Would arrive at the Stone Chapel at about 9 am on Sunday and setup chairs and make sure the Chapel is ready for our 11 am Service. This should take no more than about 30 min. Pay negotiable.

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It has been a busy couple of months up on the hill at preschool! We are back up to pre-COVID enrollment with 21 children. Teachers are on their toes keeping up with the busy and unique personalities we have in our group, but we wouldn't have it any other way!

Our interest lately includes sensory activities like finger-painting, foam, and making slime for Halloween! These types of activities help support fine motor muscles, which is an important foundation for writing. Speaking of Halloween, we loved walking to the WAB Library in our costumes and listening to Halloween stories then parading around campus.

On November 8, the preschoolers participated in voting! We set up our very own voting booth complete with ballots! Our vote was for our favorite animal pet, a cat or dog. Cats won the vote 9 to 2.



Preschoolers coloring I VOTED coloring sheets on November 8 after we had our own voting booth in the classroom. Caption and Photo: Stephanie D'Amour

Proctor Fall Athletic Teams Qualify for NEPSAC Tournament

Varsity Football and Girls Varsity Soccer

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

After ten weeks of practicing, training, working, and playing, the Fall Athletics season has come to an end for most of Proctor's teams. For the varsity girls soccer and varsity football teams, their season continues with an appearance in the NEPSAC Tournament.

Varsity Football wins NEPSAC Bowl Game for 1st Time in School History!

After narrowly missing a New England Bowl Game last season with a 6-2 record, the Varsity Football team finished a remarkable season at 8-1 after winning the Ken Hollingsworth New England Bowl Game, the program's second Bowl appearance in the last four years. The Hornets hosted New Hampton School (6-3), with the Hornets winning 34-7.

The team gelled around veteran players and new talent, taking a team-first mindset into each and every game. After an early season 14-21 loss to Pingree School on the road with two key players injured, the Hornets have knocked off six straight opponents, blending a devastating run attack with a high powered special teams unit and lock-down defense that gave up an average of 8 points a game until their final shootout with Hamden Hall. The match-up with New Hampton was the first this season and a rematch of last year's overtime thriller won by the Hornets. Head Coach Ben Rulli notes, "It is always exciting when you earn the right to compete in a NEPSAC Bowl Game, but to be matched up against a school just 30 minutes away that we have had a healthy rivalry with for decades, makes this year's bowl game even more special. Whoever you play this time of the year is very good, and New Hampton is no exception. They are excellent in all three phases of the game and well-coached, but our kids played well, we executed our game plan, and they get to head into Thanksgiving champions."

Rulli adds, "We began our season in early September at pre-season camp. At our first team meeting, we shared the team photos of all the NEPSAC Bowl teams and Evergreen League Champions of the storied history of Proctor

football, and we left the last slide blank. As coaches, we have continually challenged the team on how they want to be remembered and what their legacy will be. We have had a lot of success this season, and that is due to the leadership of the Class of 2023 and the work every player in the program does day in and



Andover's Braeden MacKenzie '24 and Proctor's varsity girls soccer team earned a second consecutive New England Tournament berth, falling to #1 seeded Brewster Academy in the quarterfinals.

Caption: Scott Allenby
Photo: Lindsey Allenby

day out. Whether it is a starter or a JV player, every member of the program arrives daily to make each other better and themselves. Working with this year's team has been a pleasure, and we were thrilled to represent the Proctor community in the Ken Hollingsworth Bowl and to win the school's first New England Bowl Game in school history."

Girls Varsity Soccer Advances to NEPSAC Quarterfinals

Finishing the season with a 9-8-1 record, varsity soccer earned the #8 seed and traveled to face #1 seed and defending Class C champion, Brewster Academy on Wednesday, November 16. The teams met twice during the regular season with Brewster winning both matchups, 3-0 and 1-0, and the playoff game went similarly as the Hornets fell 0-3.

With eleven seniors on the team, Head Coach Kyle Connolly reflects on a great season, "Being recognized with a NEPSAC playoff berth is a great honor. The senior class, in particular, this year have put their hearts into this season and earning an opportunity to keep playing is huge for them and their teammates. To be guaranteed a few extra training sessions and a match with a talented Brewster team is why we work hard from preseason through the very end of the season. It is no secret that we played against a powerhouse in Brewster who are the Class C defending champions, but that gave us all the more motivation to work hard and compete. We are proud of the team and the work they put in this fall."

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determine areas of need. Gold certified clubs possess a heightened level of accountability to maintain and build upon areas of both strength and improvement, to ensure the longevity and stability of the organization and to help, through feedback and observation, to grow the cumulative strength of clubs throughout regions and across the country. Proctor becomes just the third school of its type in the country - a coeducational boarding and day school - to achieve Gold Certification.

As the Gold Certification Committee noted upon visiting Proctor, "Leadership transitions can be an opportunity for an organization to take the time to reflect on its cultural heritage, while assessing its current state and looking ahead with fresh eyes." Skiing lives deep within the Proctor's DNA and as new Head of School Brian Thomas stepped into his role, he eagerly leaned on the institutional knowledge and commitment to snow sports of those who have been a part of the Proctor community for decades, including current and past coaches, former Head of School Mike Henriques, former Alpine Program Directors David and Morgan Salathe, school leadership, members of the Athletic Department, the Board of Trustees, snow sport advisor Jed Hinkley '98, as well as Proctor Ski Area Manager Garry George '78 and his crew.

Brian notes, "Proctor is more than a ski academy. And, we are heartened by the endorsement by US Ski & Snowboard. Proctor will be a shining example of this recognition in all its facets. We strive to get one day better everyday and to be a beacon for other schools as well as snow sport athletes who want to compete at the highest level while attending a great boarding school where they can expand their identities. It starts with those within the Proctor community who are deeply committed to the student experience - on snow, in the classroom, and throughout the entirety of Proctor's educational model."

Current and past parent, Member of Proctor's Board of Trustees, and Foundation Trustee for USSS Armins Ruis, P'19, '24 reflects, "Becoming a Gold Certified Club is a recognition of the commitment and hard work of the broader Proctor family over the decades and acknowledges the role that Proctor plays in the local, state and national snow sports communities. We are excited to continue to work with USSS and its local members to be a critical partner in advancing snow sports in the US."

Fellow parent and Member of Proctor's Board of Trustees and former US Ski Team member, Kate Krehbiel, adds, "As a parent of a ski racer, we were drawn to Proctor because they had it all; a year round high level training and racing program, amazing coaches, its own ski area, combined with best in class academics. After four years, seeing my child emerge as competitive on the hill

is great. What is better is seeing him be nurtured and mentored by coaches and faculty with intellect, integrity and a commitment to values deeper than sports performance. We are grateful to all the incredible people in the Proctor community."

The US Ski and Snowboard Certification Committee remarked in their analysis of Proctor as a Gold Candidate, "It was clear to the USSS certification team that Proctor's leadership is committed to honoring its heritage and leveraging its uniqueness while doubling down on its commitment to excellence, including in the area of snow sports. Despite the transition of several new people into key roles over the past couple years, the Proctor certification team, including the new Head of School Brian Thomas, and a new Alpine Program Director, Moot Nelson, has really gelled over the time we have worked together."

Moot adds, "We could not be more excited for our school and our on-snow programs. This Gold Certification exemplifies the commitment of excellence in snow sports and academics, and celebrates our ability to push our students to achieve their goals on snow and beyond."

Proctor began the certification process with being awarded Bronze in 2017. Since then, the school has worked through the necessary steps to advance to Silver and beyond. US Ski and Snowboard Club Development Manager notes, "US Ski and Snowboard's Podium Club Certification Program requires a rigorous, mission driven self-assessment and review of best principles and practices in eight areas of organizational performance. Proctor has demonstrated excellence in all areas and is recognized as an 'important partner of US Ski and Snowboard and a leader among ski and snowboard clubs. As a Gold certified club, Proctor serves as a model of excellence, both organizationally and athletically, and is a valuable resource to winter sport in the U.S."

The Gold Level Certification provides unique professional development opportunities for staff, affords the school participation in regional and national leadership forums, and access to aggregate data specific to podium certified clubs. As Proctor continues to support its snow sport programs, coaches, and athletes, Director of Athletics Gregor Makechnie '90 notes, "Our students and coaches benefit from our partnership with USSS as we endeavor to deliver the best possible on-snow experience. US Ski and Snowboard is a phenomenal resource, helping us to hone our approach to enhancing performance through assistance with training strategies, coaching methodology, strength and conditioning, and sport psychology. For Proctor, it is gratifying to be acknowledged through Gold Certification for our commitment to high level on-snow experiences coupled with rigorous academics and rich social experience for high school-aged students."

Proctor Publishes Winter Athletics Schedules and Spectator Policies

Home games are open to public at no charge

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy
Proctor Academy's winter athletic season is underway! All home games are open to the public for no charge. Check out a list of December and January varsity home games below:

Varsity Boys Basketball
December 9 vs New Hampton 4:30 PM
December 14 vs Brewster 2:30 PM
January 11 vs Marianapolis 5 PM
January 14 vs Dexter Southfield 1 PM
January 20 vs Brewster 5:30 PM
January 25 vs St. Paul's 4 PM

Varsity Girls Basketball
December 3 vs Governor's 4 PM
January 11 vs Kimball Union 3:30 PM
January 18 vs St. Paul's 2:30 PM
January 21 vs Lawrence 2 PM

Varsity Boys Hockey
November 30 vs Governor's 4:15 PM
December 7 vs Kimball Union 2:30 PM
December 10 vs St. Paul's 4:30 PM
December 12 vs Vermont 6 PM
January 11 vs New Hampton 4 PM
January 21 vs Tilton 3:30 PM

Varsity Girls Hockey
December 7 vs Middlesex 4:45 PM
January 4 vs North Yarmouth 4:50 PM
January 7 vs Phillips Exeter 2:30 PM
January 18 vs Groton 3:50 PM
January 20 vs Tilton 4:30 PM
January 23 vs Holderness 6:30 PM
January 25 vs Portsmouth Abbey 4:30 PM

Note: Game times and locations are subject to change. Visit proctoracademy.org/on-campus/athletics for an up-to-date athletics schedule.

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AE/MS Club Brings Awareness to the Power of Kindness

Kindness Club has been active for three years

Mari Shedd, AE/MS

AE/MS's Kindness Club, led by school counselor Lisa Lane, is doing amazing things and spreading a message that fosters friendships and community. The club has been active for three school years. When it began only 8th graders could partici-



Collecting items for the local food pantry is just one of the activities that students in the AE/MS Kindness Club are involved in each year. Caption and photo: Kasey Schoch

ate, but it is now available to students in grades 3 through 8. When asked about the goal of the club, Ms. Lane responded by saying, "The goal of the club is to bring awareness of the power of kindness and how we treat others is so important. The goal is to remind students of the power of their words and actions. We try to do things that will give back to the community and enhance our positive school climate."

The Kindness Club is currently working on many different projects. The members are gathering food for the food drive, preparing skits and songs for the next school assembly and making plans to put up a kindness tree in the school lobby.

Fourth grader Viola Shedd, a member of the Kindness Club, said she

wanted to join the kindness club because, "I wanted more kindness in our school and community." She also said that the best thing about the club is that she can, "Hang out with her friends and help spread kindness."



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up to them. Activities such as reading, physical challenges, arts and crafts, and more are done during mentoring which typically happens once a week.

The ultimate goal of the program was for kids to connect with each other, have fun, and make a positive impact in someone's life. Isaac Norris and the other eighth graders started mentoring the kindergarteners earlier in the school year. Isaac said he does mentoring because, "I enjoy it, and I like doing fun activities with my little buddy, Evalyn."

Whenever it's time for mentoring,

Evalyn always gets excited. She likes playing games with Isaac when they're together during mentoring. Evalyn loves



8th graders eat with their kindergarten buddies as part of the AE/MS mentoring program. Caption and photo: Kasey Schoch

that Isaac is nice, and fun to be around. This program strengthens the AE/MS community in an amazing way.





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The undefeated AE/MS soccer team celebrated with a team photo! Back: Abby Nelson, Billyjack Bramley, Amy Makechnie, Addison Bickford, Amelia Bryant, Katelyn Churchill, Mari Shedd, Kaitlyn Stetson, Wyatt Barton, Colin Murphy, Isaac Norris, Talia Hardy, and Myles Gordon. Front: Ridge Nelson, Brayden Lunn, Will Churchill, Sofia Johnson, Ember Morgan, Raelyn Drouin, Ada Grotness, and Arianna Johnson.

Caption: Kasey Schoch. Photo: Kim Drouin

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MARKET SLOWS AFTER FEDS HIT THE BRAKES

by Ty Morris, Realtor®

As of today, November 15, 2022, your 30 year fixed mortgage rate sits at 7.31%. This is nearly a 4 point jump this year! Consequently, the list to sale price ratio has fallen 4% but is still (just barely) over 100%. With the mortgaged dollar selling at a premium, buyers are not as willing to over bid as drastically as prior to the rate increases. Furthermore, buyers are more critical with their decision making. Key Takeaways: Sellers, pricing with the ebbing market is crucial for a successful listing. Also, careful considerations about repairs and updates prior to listing might make the difference. Buyers, hang tight, we're almost there! If our central banks can manage their inflation agenda properly, I hope for a more balanced real estate market for 2023.



It's a Wonderful Life

What's the name of the guardian angel who takes George Bailey on his journey?

The Muppet Christmas Carol

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Mrs. Peter's kindergarten class costumed up for their annual Halloween parade. Photo: Stephanie Peters



Kindergartners explore the world of dinosaurs. They painted some pictures of them and were archaeologists who dug little dinosaurs out of ice. Pictured here are: Abigail Gilman, Jason McDaniel, and Mabel Brown. Photo: Stephanie Peters

AE/MS Continues Tradition of Halloween Play and Parade

Students learn that practice makes perfect

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

This Halloween, the second grade students at AE/MS took the stage for a performance that has been a school tradition for at least two decades. Second grade teacher Gretchen Hildebrand was unsure of exactly what year this adventure began. One thing she does know is why she keeps working on this massive undertaking year after year. When asked about it she said, "It is the single most effective way to build community, confidence, engage kids in total literacy: reading, writing, listening, speaking, and have fun at the same time as experiencing major perseverance and patience!"

In addition to all of the skills that she mentioned, students need to become aware that practice, practice, practice makes progress. They work hard to read a script as they learn what it takes to make a well formed story (characters/ settings/problems / action... etc). It is truly an all encompassing academic project for these young Andover Eagles.

While the annual event is a huge undertaking for students and staff, it is one that is always anticipated and appreciated by the students, staff, and parents at AE/MS. It's not truly Halloween in Andover without the second grade play and kindergarten costume parade.



Madilyn LaRoche is all dressed up and ready to play the Spider in this year's second grade Halloween play. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

Mentoring at AE/MS Becomes an Annual Tradition

Goal is for kids to connect with each other

Adalyn Boucher, AE/MS

The mentoring program at AE/MS is a great experience for both younger and older students. Lisa Lane, AE/MS

school counselor, started this program about 10 years ago and she chose the eighth graders to mentor kindergarten students. Lisa picked the eighth graders because they're responsible, great role models, and the kindergartners look See Mentoring on page 30



On November 11, 2022, AE/MS hosted their traditional Veterans Day ceremony. From left to right are: Tim Heath, Ron Evans, Lloyd Perreault, Don Clendenen, Linda Varnum, Matthew Welch (back), Howard George, James Hoyt (back), Don Varnum, Jacob Gilman (back), Leighton Terwilliger, Richard Lavertu (back), and Kent Hackmann, and Jay Hubbard. Ramon Roberge attended the ceremony, but is not pictured. Caption and photo: Brenda Lance

Proctor Ski Program Gets Gold Certified Club Recognition

Proctor's identity rooted in snow sports

Scott Allenby
 Proctor Academy

Since the 1940s and 1950s when all students were required to ski during the winter months, Proctor Academy's identity has been rooted in snow sports. Today, the school is proud to announce that US Ski and Snowboard has named Proctor Academy a Gold-certified club, the highest honor granted by US Ski and Snowboard.

The process of achieving Gold level certification as a club provides an opportunity for the National Governing Body, US Ski and Snowboard, to assess a club's current situation and See Ski on page 29



Proctor Academy was recognized by the US Ski and Snowboard Association as a Gold Certified Club