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By Judy Evans

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As I write this, my thoughts turn to motherhood, since we are about to celebrate Mother's Day. I have been blessed to be a mother of three wonderful children who are now adults of whom my husband and I are very proud. I am also thrilled to have two grandsons and a granddaughter refer to me as "Gammie."

Someday this month I will become a grandmother once again when our daughter Karen and her husband become parents to their second child. Boy or girl? We will find out soon. For those of you who are grandparents, you can appreciate the anticipation I feel at this time!

Motherhood is obviously much different today than when I was a young mom. I was able to choose to stay home with our children until they entered school. Our home was always open to children in town. Today I have the opportunity to see some of these young people who still live in Andover raising their families and contributing to their community. This also gives me a sense of pride.

In my reading about mothers I found that Edgar Allan Poe wrote: "The angels, whispering to one another / Can find, among their burning terms of love / None so devotional as that of 'mother.'"

And an unknown author wrote: "God



A mother's love - Jude Shedd and her son Elijah share a special moment together before Sunday morning worship. Photo by Judy Evans

shows that He is everywhere by the triumph and power of a mother's love."

In the Bible's book of Proverbs we read in Chapter 31, Verse 28: "Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."

May God bless my own mother, an active 85-year old lady – and all mothers – here on earth and those who have passed on and left us with treasured memories.

Through our church we have a group called "Moms in Touch." For information about this program contact Cathy Ellis at 735-5025 to find out when women meet to pray and share concerns about children in our town.

Sunday morning worship service and Sunday School at Andover Congregational Church are held at 9:30 with childcare provided. For information on outreach programs for teens and adults, call Pastor John J. Wagner at 735-5160.

Kearsarge COA

Here are the events at the Kearsarge Council on Aging (COA) for the month of May. COA is located at 37 Pleasant Street in New London. For more information, call 526-6368.

Meditation Group

Wednesdays, May 4 through May 25 at 11:30 AM. Group Leader: Jane King. Gather at 11:30, begin meditation promptly at 11:40, complete meditation at noon, discuss and interact until 12:15. Relaxing, breathing, centering, and balancing.

Cranio Sacral Therapy

Friday, May 13 at 11:30 AM. Speaker: Sara P. McClennen, Licensed Massage Therapist. Cranio Sacral therapy enhances health by increasing the fluid flow in the body, allowing the body's self-healing and rejuvenating properties to function more effectively. Sarah will speak about the benefits of Cranio Sacral therapy as it relates to the aging process.

Genealogy Workshop

Tuesday, May 17, at 10:00 AM. Speaker: Heather Makechnie. Whether you need to get started, finished up, or just need some help, come by and Heather will help you find your ancestors.

Home Repair Loan and Grant Program

Wednesday, May 18 at 12:30 PM. Speaker: Daphne Feeney. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has a Single-Family 504 Repair Loan and Grant Program that is intended to provide very low income people with the opportunity to make improvements to their homes. Daphne will be at COA to help with the basic requirements and will bring pre-qualifying applications.

Living With Joy and Freedom

Friday, May 27 at 2:00 PM. Group Leader: Hardy Hassenfuss. As learners and practitioners of life, we come together once each month to explore new options for living life with joy and renewed energy. We examine our encounters with the never-ending transitions that life offers us, and we learn how to deal with them and make them work for us.

Medical Equipment Maintenance and Cleaning Clinic

Wednesday, June 1 at 2:00 PM. Paul Luff, Refurbished Equipment Maintenance.

Regularly Scheduled Programs

Please call COA at 526-6368 to sign up for the following regularly scheduled COA programs.

Mondays

- In Stitches Crafts – 9:30 AM
- ABC Quilting – 10:00 AM
- Duplicate Bridge – 1:00 PM

OBITUARY

COLONEL MELVIN SPEDDEN HOLLIDGE, 101, died Friday, April 8, at Havenwood Nursing Home in Concord. He was born in Washington, D.C., the son of Edward Melvin and Minnie (Gudgin) Hollidge.

He graduated from Milton (Massachusetts) High School in 1923 and Mt. Hermon School in Northfield, Massachusetts, in 1925. He graduated from flight school at Kelly Field in 1929.

Col. Hollidge, who flew anti-sub patrols on the East Coast during World War II, was a command pilot with more than 10,000 flight hours before retiring in 1959. Col. Hollidge commanded the support base in Badkissingen, Germany, Hanscom Air Force Base, Mitchell Field, and Itazuke Air Force Base in Kyushu, Japan.

He also worked at C. Crawford Hollidge Ladies Apparel store in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

Col. Hollidge was a great outdoorsman who played ice hockey, was a cross-country skier, and swam until he was in his 90s. He was the oldest member of the Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club. He had been a resident of Havenwood for eight years.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Mel A. and Beth Hollidge of Concord; his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Clifton McFarland of Woodbridge, Va.; two grandchildren, Melvin C. Hollidge of Berwick, Maine, and Catherine Hollidge of Concord; a great-granddaughter, Riley Hollidge of Berwick, Maine; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Alice (Armistead) Hollidge, who died in 1996; a brother, David E. Hollidge, and a sister, Beulah H. Springer.

Memorial donations may be made to the Havenwood-Heritage Heights Endowment Fund, 33 Christian Ave., Concord 03301.

Tuesdays

- Computer Workshop – 10:00 AM
- Poker – 2:00 PM

Wednesdays

- Duplicate Bridge – 9:30 AM
- Tai Chi – 2:30 PM at the Presbyterian Church in New London

Thursdays

- Contract Bridge – 9:30 AM
- Dominoes – 1:00 PM

Fridays

- Chair Exercises – 10:00 AM

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Sara Tracy-Arone - 735-5272
Lois Magenau - 735-5637

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