

POLICE BLOTTER

The Andover Police Department responded to 144 calls for service between May 15 and June 15, including:

Motor vehicle accidents on Boston Hill Road, and two on Main Street • Thefts on Maple Street, Monticello Drive, and Franklin Highway • Three parking violations in East Andover • Domestic disturbances on Keyser Road, Raccoon Hill Road, and Main Street • Noise disturbances on Flaghole Road and Boston Hill Road • 31 motor vehicle warnings and four summons • OHRV

complaints on Switch Road.

Arrests

Amy-Louise Levesque, age 39, of Andover for false imprisonment • Daynel Parris, age 27, of Gilford for suspended registration • Joseph Arnold, age 39, of Andover for operating after suspension • Charles Blanchard III, age 34, of Andover for DWI, operating after suspension, speed, disobeying an officer, breach of bail • Laurie Dunlop, age 37, of Andover for breach of bail, trespassing stock.



June 23 – The meeting room in the new addition to the Andover Fire Station. The drywall is up and the mud is flyin'. Photo by Charlie Darling

East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

The start of summer signals the first of three fundraisers for the East Andover Fire Department. The first event is the Fourth of July activities on the Town Green. You will find Fire Department members selling snow cones and raffle tickets for a kayak. We will have a tent set up to offer some protection from the sun. Chairs will also be available for a bit of rest. Please stop by and chat – we love to visit and tell stories of our fires. Some may even be true.

The second fund raiser is the annual Chicken Barbeque held at the East Andover Fire Station. What we offer is good food and a great family experience. For Mom, it is a picnic without the work. We hope you will come on July 30 and support our fund raising project, but more importantly we want you to join us and our families for an evening of food and friendship.

The last fund raiser of the year is our annual Christmas tree sale. This is my favorite event because I get to deliver many of the trees we sell, and everyone

is caught up in the Christmas spirit. We also have cookies, coffee, and a warm fire while you look for that perfect tree.

Our fund raising projects are an important time for us. It is a time when we are with our families during an enjoyable event. A volunteer firefighter or rescue member must spend many hours away from home for training and emergency calls.

We also plan our fundraisers to give something back to the community. The money we raise all goes to purchase equipment. In the past we have purchased radios, forestry equipment, and the fire car we use as our command post. We try to give the community a nice time for the money they spend and in turn try to use the dollars to control taxes.

We very much enjoy the good relationship we have with our community. The fund raising support is an important part of the positive reinforcement we get from our community. Please join us on the Fourth of July on the Town Green and again on the 30th at the East Andover Fire Station and see the equipment you have helped purchase.

Andover's Cable Provider Will Be Time-Warner, Then Comcast

By Roger Godwin
Andover Cable TV Committee

Some of us, old enough to remember the serial thrillers at the local theater's Saturday matinee, will recall the classic exemplar *The Perils of Pauline*. In each episode the heroine was rescued from one dire danger only to be left in a different peril.

The Adventures of Adelphia, Andover's cable service provider, haven't been much different. The founding Rigas family, John Rigas and son Timothy, were convicted on criminal charges for diverting hundreds of millions of dollars to their own uses, and son Michael is being retried on similar charges. The prosecutor has requested a sentence of 214 years for papa John, which at age 80 he is unlikely to serve in full.

Meanwhile, the Adelphia directors booted the Rigases out and put the com-

pany into bankruptcy. Now a joint bid by Time-Warner and Comcast to buy Adelphia's assets (the system and all the local franchises) has been accepted.

Between them, Time-Warner and Comcast have 60 percent of the national cable service market. The deal still has to receive regulatory approval in Washington, which may take up to a year, but there are no visible alternatives and it is likely to go through.

Andover has just been notified that its franchise will first be sold to one of many wholly-owned subsidiaries of Time-Warner, and then that whole subsidiary will be sold to Comcast. Both companies get mixed reviews from their subscribers, with the scariest stories on the anti-Comcast Web site ComcastWatch.com, created by the national unions whose members work for Comcast.

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