

Beacon Bits

This is our second 32-page issue of the *Beacon* in a row, and I think it marks a turning point in the growth of our community newspaper. We've achieved a plateau of sorts – if we can maintain our current level of financial support from the community and from advertisers, the *Beacon* can continue pretty much as you see it, pretty much indefinitely...with one huge caveat: Volunteers!

Remember that the *Beacon* is a New Hampshire non-profit corporation that relies almost entirely on volunteers for everything. The stories you read, the photos you enjoy, the distribution effort, the fundraising – it's almost entirely volunteers who make it happen.

And that is the *Beacon's* single biggest vulnerability at this point. If we don't continue to expand the breadth and depth of our volunteer corps...if we balance the huge task of publishing an engaging, useful community newspaper on fewer and fewer shoulders...then as sure as I'm sitting here writing this, the *Beacon* will ultimately fail.

My personal goal over the coming year is to meet this challenge head-on and put the *Beacon's* volunteerism on a sustainable footing. Some key areas include:

- A Volunteer Coordinator to help with the volunteerism challenge.
- An Assignments Editor to keep track of who's working on what stories.
- An Advertising Manager to keep track of all the advertising.
- A Production Assistant to help get the pages ready for the printer.

I know that you and your friends and neighbors really value the *Beacon*. With your help – doing something you enjoy and that is convenient for you – we can keep the good news from Andover coming indefinitely.

Charlie

Next Month's Beacon...

...should be in mailboxes on Friday, August 4. Please get all ads, articles, etc. to us by **Sat., July 15** at the latest. And **earlier is always better!**

Letters



Photo: Timothy Kiernan

Greetings. I am a former resident of Milford and an inactive Civil War re-enactor, Company B, Second New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry.

Last year the Civil War memorial at Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, Nevada was restored and rededicated. While paying my respects, I came upon the final resting place [above] of Lt. John S. Cilley, Company B, First New Hampshire Cavalry. Lt. Cilley enlisted as a corporal with the regiment in 1861, listing his home as Andover.

I have been attempting to watch over his grave and am planning to try and improve his plot by replacing his missing Grand Army of the Republic marker, planting some live flowers, etc.

To any of Lt. Cilley's kin and to the citizens of Andover, rest assured he is being cared for. If anyone has any info on him they could share, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Timothy Kiernan

Pat Cutter, President of the Andover Historical Society, has replied to Mr. Kiernan to tell him that John Severance Cilley, born April 19, 1842, was the son of Aaron and Emily (Severance) Cilley. Emily is listed as dying in Virginia, Nevada on July 20, 1882. Aaron Cilley was a prominent citizen of Andover.

On behalf of Irene Jewett and the Andover Fourth of July Committee, I would like to thank all those in the community who donated to this year's events so far.

This was my third year collecting on my street as well as on the next street over. My neighbors are very receptive to donating, even if they are going away for the Fourth. We have one family in our area that donates generously each year, and we send them a big thanks.

If you still have your blue ticket or would like to donate, please take a minute to send that to Irene Jewett, Fourth of July Committee, PO Box 36, East Andover 03231. Every little bit counts.

Darlene Tilton

Corrections

In last month's issue we referred to the flooding at Highland Lake as "the highest anyone had ever seen," and we were wrong about that. Bryant Adams called to say that during the Hurricane of 1938 a log got stuck in the culvert that ran under Maple Street when the old dam was on the north side of the street. That backed up the water in Highland Lake about four inches higher than it got during the Mother's Day Flood of 2006.

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Thanks to the Andover Service Club, you can get your *Beacon* t-shirt at the Thrift Shop.

BEACON MEMBERS WIN!

Each month the *Beacon* holds a random drawing among its members to give away valuable prizes provided by area businesses. **Become a member** for a year, support the *Beacon*, and join the fun! This month's winners are:

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| Andover Pizza Chef | Large 2-Topping Pizza | Bruce and Susie Cassella |
| Andover Service Club | Cookbook | Jane Hubbard |
| Blackwater Junct. Rest. | Breakfast for Two | Eric and Heidi Johnson |
| Bowie's Market | Breakfast for Two | Margie and Dennis Fenton |
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| | | Other Name _____ Other Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Phone or E-mail _____ |
| Seasonal: which months are you at the "other" address? _____ | | |

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