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  - Historic Potter Place, including:
  - 19th Century Railroad Station
  - Authentic Railroad Caboose
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- **10 AM**  
**Andover One-Wheelers**
- **10:30 AM – 2 PM**  
**O'hAnleigh** performs lively and haunting songs of 19th century

- Irish America.
- **11:30 AM**  
**Antique Tractor Parade**
- **NOON**  
**Old-Fashioned Country Auction**
  - **Antiques:** Pine one-drawer dressing table, pine one-drawer stand, thumb-back rocker, large doll house & furnishings, frames, inside shutters, period 4-light hanging brass lamp with slag glass shade inserts, tall pine cupboard, 4-panel interior doors.
  - **China:** MA Hadley, Delft ashtray, German S&C.
  - **Used items:** Round metal porch table and 4 chairs, metal rocking chair, 8'x21' oriental rug, bookcases, very clean love seat and several upholstered chairs, pine desk and dressers, tables, table saw, progressive scale DVD player, toboggan, Larson full-view storm/screen door.

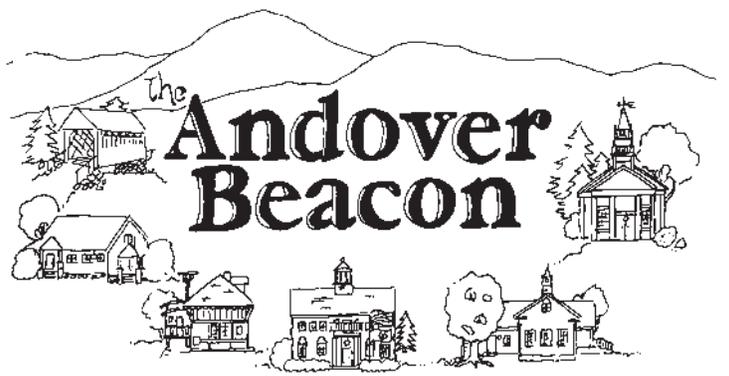
*Picture of auction items on page 17*



The winner of this year's Highland Lake Boat Parade was the Welch family with *Splish, Splash, I Was Taking a Bath*. They had music playing while they danced and blew bubbles.  
 Photo: Beth Lind

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## Public Hearing Set On Ragged Mountain Resort Expansion

By Don Gould  
 Andover Planning Board

Ragged Mountain Resort owners Al and Walter Endriunas are proposing a major expansion of the resort. The proposed 10-year expansion includes:

- A 200-room hotel
- Up to 850 single- and multi-family vacation homes and condominiums
- Two new lifts to give the new vacation homes trail access
- A third new lift to a new peak, east of the current ski area
- 25 new trails
- A 33,000 square foot indoor water park with a wave pool and waterslides

For details about the expansion, see the article on page 6.

The Danbury Planning Board has classified the expansion as having a regional impact because the resort property abuts the towns of Andover and Hill and shares a road system with Wilmot.

This planned creation of a seasonal village having more dwellings than presently in the Town of Danbury will impact our town and transportation networks. Therefore, the Danbury Planning Board has invited Andover residents to attend a public hearing on Tuesday, August 8, at 7 PM at the Danbury Town Hall at 23 High Street, Danbury.

## Andover Fourth Of July A Big Success

By Judy Perreault  
 Fourth of July Committee

From "the dawn's early light" to "the rockets' red glare," Andoverites and guests had a full day on our Fourth of July celebration. There were all kinds of tasty food available – pancakes, hot dogs, fries, sausages, sandwiches, shortcake, ice cream, and more.

There were many bargains to be found at the flea market. We had more vendors with a variety of goods – antiques, flowers, jewelry, tools, and handicrafts to mention a few. There was something for everyone.

At 10 AM the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts raised the flag, Paul Fenton Jr. gave the invocation, and Margo Coolidge sang the national anthem. She also sang a medley of patriotic songs at noon. The Kearsarge Community Band played before and after the parade. Their repertoire included patriotic and '50s music.

This year the Andover One Wheelers performed on Lawrence Street. Everyone enjoys watching this unique and talented group.

In the morning you could test your golf skills with the closest-to-the-pin

drive, and in the afternoon you could put your ESP to work for Barnyard Bingo.

This year's parade theme was "The Fabulous Fifties" and was led by our Grand Marshall, Charlie Darling, a.k.a. Uncle Sam, followed by the Boy Scouts. We were once again fortunate to have the Shriners Bektsh Band from Nashua.

This year's parade had eleven more entries than last year. We had eight floats, which was twice as many as the previous year. East Andover Village Preschool won First Place with their Peanuts theme. The Andover Girl Scouts took Second Place with Juliet's Diner. Lake Sunapee Bank received Third Place, and the Inn at Danbury was Fourth with their Alphorn Bistro.

The Fortnightly Club won Most Decorated with "The Way We Were." Franklin Footlight Theater received Best Costumes for *Oklahoma*. Andover Moto-Cross was Most Patriotic, and Julia Currier's float "Reading Is Fundamental" was Most Unique.

We had a number of antique vehicles this year. First Place went to the following: Gordon Osborne's 1950

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# Beacon Bits

Once again this year the entire community owes Andover's Fourth of July Committee a big "Thank you!" for a celebration that gets bigger and better every year. Next year, maybe you could help them. They're always looking for new ideas and new energy.

## Subscribe To The Beacon!

To our summer friends: Before you head home, be sure to subscribe to the *Beacon*. There's a coupon below. Your support of the *Beacon* means a lot!

## Ensuring The Beacon's Future

Volunteerism has been on my mind a lot lately – a lack of volunteers is the one thing that could still kill the *Beacon*, and I'm absolutely determined not to let that happen.

The problem – and the reason I spend so much time thinking about volunteerism these days – is that I don't know yet how to inspire more people to volunteer to help make the *Beacon* successful.

I'm told that what the *Beacon* needs is a Volunteer Coordinator – someone to recruit, motivate, and manage the growing corps of wonderful people who make the *Beacon* happen every month.

Who in our community has that kind of experience? Or who would like to learn? We have access to a lot of resources at the state level through Volunteer NH! (see VolunteerNH.org), so learning "on the job" would definitely work.

To survive, the *Beacon* must continue to be a community project. Together we've done a great job with the content and the finances. Now we need to work together to build a robust volunteer organization. With those three legs of the stool firmly in place, we'll have a *Beacon* that can go on forever.

How can you help with this important challenge? Please let me know!



## Next Month's Beacon...

...should be in mailboxes on Friday, September 1. Please get all ads, articles, etc. to us by **Tues., Aug. 15** at the latest. And **earlier is always better!**

## Fourth from page 1

John Deere Tractor was Best Antique Tractor, Roger Gross's 1959 Corvette was Best of the Sporting '50s, Jim and Madeleine Minard's 1950 Cadillac was Best Convertible. They also chauffeured Toots Fleury and Gordon Ordway, the 1954 Winter Carnival King and Queen.

Tony Venti's 1931 Coupe was Best '30s convertible, Paul Fenton's 1930 Model A Ford was Best Antique Car, Joe and Sheila LaQuire's 1948 Plymouth was Best of the '40s, Rod and Cindy Cyr's 1949 Willys Overland Jeepster was Most Patriotic, Barton and Stewart Green's 1969 BMW R695 with Steib sidecar was Best Motorcycle, and Clyde and Shirley Currier's 1933 Plymouth was Best of the '30s.

In the Equestrian category, Lynn McLaughlin took First Place on Warrior's Legend, and MaryAnne Guardaldi was awarded Second Place on Killian's Irish Red. Our thanks to Realtor Joyce Egge of Equine Homes for donating the prize money for the animal category. Her friend, Marsha Davis, a Tennessee farm girl, did the judging.

Leapin' Lena is always a crowd pleaser, as well as the One Wheelers and the children's parade. Glitz Cheer, an all-star cheerleading group from Franklin joined us this year, as well as the Andover Academy of Self Defense. Our friend Seymour from the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust was back again. Captain Bruce Morrill's Militia Company, a civil war re-enactment group, was a new addition to the parade this year. His group also gave a demonstration at the Fire Station after the parade.

A number of businesses entered vehicles as well as ambulances and fire trucks from Andover, East Andover, Hill, Wilmot, Salisbury, Franklin, and Danbury. Jim Danforth and Wood Sutton provided American flags that were given to spectators.

The day ended with a wonderful display of fireworks by the Atlas Company. Bill Leber and Wayne Nicoll did a great job on the grandstand. Thanks to all the committee members and helpers for planning such a great day, and thank heaven for no rain!

# Beacon and Cable TV Committee Plan For Breaking News

By Charlie Darling  
Beacon staff

The Mother's Day Flood of '06 uncovered a hole in Andover's ability to keep its citizens informed. With roads closing and the Highland Lake Dam under stress, our Emergency Management team found that there was no easy way to keep all the citizens of Andover abreast of the latest developments.

That's not to say that our emergency communications system didn't work well – it did! Radio communications among all the area safety services kept the emergency response well-coordinated, and phone calls and door-to-door canvassing kept citizens who were in harm's way up-to-date on the situation.

But for the rest of us, information about the course of the emergency was often fragmentary, hard to find, or missing entirely.

To address the issue of breaking news – whether it's news of an emergency in process or just up-to-date information about a temporary road closure – *The Andover Beacon* and the Andover Cable TV Committee have been working with Andover's Emergency Management team to devise ways to keep the public informed. Together, we have implemented two new ways of dealing with breaking news that should keep the vast majority of Andover residents

up to date in most situations.

## Adelphia Channel 8

For residents who subscribe to cable TV, our community access channel, Channel 8, now has the ability to broadcast an emergency "crawl" – text along the bottom of the screen – that can be used in an emergency to provide up-to-date information continuously without interrupting regular programming. If the situation were to warrant it, Channel 8 also has the ability to broadcast live video from the Town Hall.

## AndoverBeacon.com

For residents with access to the Internet, the *Beacon's* Web site at AndoverBeacon.com can now display a "Breaking News" section on its home page when the situation calls for it. We'll use this in case of an emergency, of course, but also for more routine information that can't wait for the next monthly issue – road closures, an important event postponed or cancelled, etc.

Getting breaking news from a Web  
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# Corrections

In the July issue, Jacob Frost's name was accidentally omitted from the article about dirt bike racers. For more news about our Andover Moto-Cross, see page 30 of this month's issue.

# 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:

Andover Pizza Chef	Large 2-Topping Pizza	Rose and Roger Tilton
Andover Service Club	Cookbook	Marianne Fairall
Blackwater Junct. Rest.	Breakfast for Two	Joanna Sumner
Bowie's Market	Breakfast for Two	Dee and Kevin Ganley
Forest Cone & Evergreen	Yankee Candle	Doris McClintock
Kearsarge Magazine	1-Year Subscription	Janet Eklund
MacKenna's Restaurant	Gift Certificate	Heather and Art Makechnie
Mary Kay - Sarah Anderson	Gift Certificate	Beth Frost
New Horizons Hairstylists	Hair Care Products	Donna Duclos

**Winners – contact the Beacon at 735-5331 to collect your prize.**

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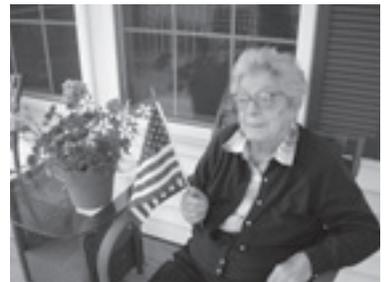
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Another Great Fourth of July In Andover!



Louise Danforth, 100, enjoyed another Andover Fourth of July celebration this year. Photo: Lois Magenau

**HAPPY 4TH, LOUISE!**

By Ann Danforth Schultz  
Louise Danforth's daughter

Sixty-four summers ago Louise Danforth started celebrating the Fourth of July in Andover, and it established a habit with her. She was determined not to miss the fireworks this year, even though she turned 100 years old in February. Her chosen place to experience the full sights and sounds of the big boomers is behind the Andover Elementary/Middle School, and again this year, although she used a wheel chair to avoid the long walk, Louise was there with cousins, a daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren around her. It is what we would call a family affair!

Louise, a graduate of Colby Academy in 1925, and a member of Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club since 1942, has returned to the area to live at Woodcrest Village in New London where she can be near her roots.

Among her first memories of the area is visiting her grandparents, Imogene and Benjamin Emons of Wilmot Flat, in the house across from Dana Dakin's renovated Fire House. Coming to Potter Place on the "Peanut" [the train from Boston] to be met by her grandfather in his horse and buggy to take her to "The Flat" or to Colby Academy is a cherished memory, too.

Don't be surprised to see her next year on the Fourth, again enjoying all that is a wonderful tradition in Andover!



**For Janet Williams on July 4, 2006**

By Jemi Broussard, on behalf of the entire very grateful town of Andover

It's the Fourth of July  
And a great fuss is made  
In each little town  
With its own small parade.

In New Hampshire this day  
In two thousand and six  
Andover celebrated...

Look at the pics!

*Janet Williams, well known for her clever rhyming ditties, was honored by the town at the Fourth of July celebration for her years of volunteer service as part of many local organizations. Jemi Broussard is the daughter of Wayne and Sally Nicoll.*

**Staff Photos  
by Bob Bussey**

## Salisbury Holds Old Home Day

By Gail M. Henry

### Salisbury Old Home Day

"Salisbury Roots, Old and New" is the theme of this year's Old Home Day in Salisbury, to be held on Saturday, August 12, honoring the town's earliest settlers and those who have recently moved to our beautiful town.

The day starts at 9 AM with crafts exhibits and demonstrations, followed by the annual Parade at 10 AM. At 11 AM, Rebos the Clown will perform, and the popular Fountain Square Ramblers Jazz Band (FountainSquareRambler.org) from Contoocook will play. Games for kids of all ages take place at noon behind Town Hall.

The Salisbury Congregational Church's Chicken Barbecue takes place from noon to 5 PM at the Salisbury Town Hall. The menu includes half a chicken, fresh rolls, garlic bread, potato salad, home-baked beans, fresh tossed salads, coleslaw, corn on the cob, pickles, spiced tea, lemonade, coffee, and homemade pies. It's a great meal for \$8 for adults or \$5 for children under 12. Or if you'd just like a half chicken without all the other goodies, that's only \$5.

There will also be hot dogs, popcorn and other goodies provided by the Friends of the Salisbury Free Library



The Fountain Square Ramblers are scheduled to perform at Salisbury Old Home Day on August 12.

and others throughout the day.

The annual Horseshoe Tournament will be held behind Town Hall in the afternoon, the Fire Department will again have the Dunking Booth on the Green, and there'll be lots of surprises all day.

Also on hand will be "Forever Locked - The Story of the Battling Bull Moose of Fowlertown," attended by former Salisbury resident Lt. John Wimsatt of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. This is an exhibit of the re-creation of a bull moose fight during which the antlers were locked and could not be separated. Both moose died and the battle has been re-created by expert taxidermists. To learn more, visit [www.ForeverLocked.org](http://www.ForeverLocked.org).

We welcome our neighbors in Andover to come enjoy the day with us.

## Andover Police Nab Fleeing Suspect

By Elizabeth Walters

### Concord Monitor staff

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An Enfield man beat another man with a gun, raced up Route 11 in Andover at 90 MPH and led the police on a vehicle and foot pursuit before being caught Sunday night, July 23, the Andover police said.

William Dalling, 49, was arraigned on three felonies and three misdemeanors in Franklin District Court yesterday. The felonies are burglary, first-degree assault, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. The misdemeanors are resisting arrest, failing to stop for a police officer, and giving a police officer a false name.

The Andover police first heard a complaint about Dalling about 3:50 Sunday afternoon, when a man walked in to say that Dalling had just assaulted him, according to court papers. The man did not want Dalling arrested for the assault, but he said he was worried that Dalling might go to his home, where Dalling's ex-girlfriend was moving in. The man asked the police to arrest Dalling on two warrants out of Enfield.

Officer David Hewitt found that Dalling was wanted in that town for criminal mischief and simple assault. According to court papers, the warrants

said officers should be cautious because he was a narcotic user and might have a gun. Hewitt went to the complainant's house in Andover at 107 Franklin Highway, also known as Route 11, to look for Dalling, but he was not there.

A few hours later, at 7:25 PM, someone at the house called 911 saying Dalling had come into the house with a handgun, court papers said. When Conservation Officer Heidi Murphy and Andover Police Chief Glenn Laramie arrived at the house, the four people there told them Dalling had hit one of them with a muzzleloader. The victim was taken by ambulance to New London Hospital and given several stitches in his forehead, Officer Joseph Mahoney said.

About five minutes after the 911 call, Hewitt saw a red motorcycle with a male driver and a female passenger leave the house. He put on his lights and siren, but the bike didn't stop. He followed the motorcycle up Route 11 toward Franklin as it sped at more than 90 MPH, court papers said.

About 1½ miles past the house, the driver turned right onto Plains Road and quickly tipped the bike over. The man ran off into the woods, ignoring Hewitt's orders, according to court papers. The woman who had been on the

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Web pages you're interested in, then contact you (typically by e-mail) when any one of those pages changes.

These new measures won't reach every Andover household, nor will they be effective during widespread power outages, so as a community we still need to look out for each other in times of crisis. But in many situations, Channel 8 and the *Beacon's* Web site can now make the difference between wondering and knowing.



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bike later told officers that Dalling was the driver and that he had borrowed the motorcycle from a friend in Franklin and got the muzzleloader from a pickup that was parked in front of the house. Court papers said the pickup was registered to him and his ex-girlfriend, who was standing in the yard.

After the man ran into the woods, the state police K-9 units came to help track the man. The officers thought they had cornered him in a barn, Mahoney said, and they were waiting for the state police SWAT team to arrive when, at 10:30 PM, 911 got a call from a woman who lived on Channel Road, near Highland Lake and about 1.8 miles away from Plains Road. She said a thin man outside her door was asking her to make phone calls for him.

Laramie and Hewitt went to the woman's house and found a man standing on her porch, and Hewitt recognized him as the driver of the motorcycle. The officers told him repeatedly to put his hands on top of his head, but he was reaching into his pockets, court papers said. When the officers handcuffed him, he said his name was Peter. He was also wet, and he said it was because his sister threw him into a swimming pool, court papers said.

The officers identified the man as William Dalling based on his tattoos. Hewitt began driving him to the Merrimack County Jail in Boscawen, but Dalling kept passing out in the back of the cru-

er. He told Hewitt he had swallowed 20 morphine pills, court papers said. Hewitt took him to the emergency room at Franklin Regional Hospital. He spent the night in intensive care and was taken to jail yesterday morning.

Dalling was still wearing thin hospital pajamas when he appeared in court yesterday afternoon. He alternated sitting and standing as his charges were read and bail was discussed, and he told Judge Ned Gordon he was in a lot of pain because he had been on medication for 25 years but hadn't had any for two days.

Dalling entered pleas of not guilty to the misdemeanors. Pleas on felony charges cannot be made in district court. Mahoney asked Gordon to set bail at \$100,000 cash, not just because of the felony charges, but because Dalling was convicted in 2002 for possession of cocaine.

Dalling said he was a Vietnam War veteran and asked to be taken to a VA hospital instead of jail. "I'm not getting any of my medicine," he said. "I'm sick. I can't make it like this. If I can't get (to a VA hospital), next time I can't get my meds, I'll be back here."

Dalling also said he hadn't touched a gun since his last arrest. "The gun that I had was the gun I took away from" the homeowner, he said.

Gordon granted the state's bail request. Dalling faces a probable cause hearing for the felonies August 3 and a trial for the misdemeanors September 21.

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# Windfallen Trees Pulled From Highland Lake

By Anne Landini  
For the Beacon

Capitol Tree from Concord arrived bright and early on July 17 to remove the wind-fallen trees from Highland Lake near the Town Beach. The company removed the chain oil from the saws before starting so as not to pollute the lake.

Removing the trees was not an easy endeavor because of the space limitations for getting the crane in place and because the neighboring trees wedged the large birches in their grip. The trees had to be cut and removed in pieces. The estimated weight of what was re-



Photo: Bob Welch

moved was 9,000 pounds.

Everyone appreciates the great example the Dana Abbotts set by assuming responsibility for this removal in such a timely manner!



Hopefully, this is the final Town Beach cleanup for the year. On Father's Day a small but loyal group of workers cleaned up the debris left by the Mother's Day flooding. The day before, Lloyd Perreault had removed many large sticks and trees. The remainder was raked by Tim Connell, Urban Landini, Ray Mitchell, Ethney McMahon, and Judy Perreault, with Lloyd manning the tractor. Left to right: Lloyd, Ray, Urban, and Ethney.

Just a reminder: Please put your trash in the containers. Since Father's Day we've found a number of cans and bottles in the bushes on the beach.

Photo and Caption: Judy Perreault

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# Ragged Ski Area Plans Major Expansion

By Chelsea Conaboy  
Concord Monitor staff

The owners of Ragged Mountain Resort, a ski area and golf course in Danbury, are looking to expand – and not just with chairlifts and fairways. Brothers Al and Walter Endriunas plan to submit to the town [of Danbury] a 10-year plan that could include a 33,000-square foot indoor water park, a 200-room hotel and up to 850 seasonal housing units.

The development would be the biggest in recent history for rural Danbury, where the population totals about 1,200. Marketing Director Mark Pins said it will transform the resort from a day-trip destination to a family getaway.

“We have the terrain. We have the base facility. We have the lift system. We have the golf course,” he said. “What’s the missing link? Beds.”

Resort officials gave members of the [Danbury] planning board a tour of the property Tuesday and talked about the conceptual design. Pins said the details of the plan could change before a formal application is submitted in August.

When the Endriunas bought about 2,000 acres on the mountain almost 20 years ago, the ski area was nearly dormant. With no snowmaking capability, its two lifts ran only when the weather

cooperated. Since then, the brothers have added snowmaking, along with the state’s only high-speed six-person lift. They now run 55 trails and nine lifts total.

The base lodges have been updated and golfers first teed off on an 18-hole course two years ago. The Endriunas-es “brought life back into what could have gone down the way and basically been an overgrown mountain,” said Jim Phelps, a longtime member of the [Danbury] planning board and former manager at the resort.

Pins said the hotel, the water park – complete with a wave pool and slides – and a new golf clubhouse would be built near the Elmwood base lodge, which has a wing modeled after a red barn with a silo. Instead of the alpine style many resorts adopt, the buildings would be designed with the character of a New England village.

Neighborhoods of single- and multi-family homes and condominiums targeted to second-home buyers would be built around that. Some would abut both the ski area and the golf course.

Two new lifts would give the neighborhoods access to the trails. A third new lift would travel at high speed to a new peak east of the current ski area.

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# Construction And Engineering Projects Around Town

By Charlie Darling  
Beacon staff

A number of important construction projects continue to move forward around town this summer. Here is a summary of where the various projects stand.

## Bradley Lake Road Bridge

By the time you read this, the first half of the new Bradley Lake Road bridge should be in place. Later this month, the state crew working on the bridge expect to swing the other half into place. If all goes as planned, setting the second section in place will only mean a 20 or 30 minute closure of the road, probably between 9 AM and 11 AM some morning.

Stay tuned to Cable Channel 8 or AndoverBeacon.com for information on the road closing as it becomes available.

## Elbow Pond Road

Elbow Pond Road is still closed at the bridge over Mountain Brook. The Selectmen are in the process of engaging the services of an engineer to determine how best to handle the route of Mountain Brook as it tries to get across Elbow Pond Road. Mountain Brook jumped its bank during the Mother’s Day Flood and carved itself a new bed across Elbow Pond Road.

The Town has been in discussions with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) about how the Town will pay for the engineering and construction costs of restoring Elbow Pond Road to its pre-flood condition. FEMA has agreed in principle that it will pay some percentage of the costs.

## Highland Lake Dam

As we reported last month, the next



Work progresses on the “seats” that the new bridge deck on Bradley Lake Road will sit on. Photo: Bob Bussey

step in repairing the Highland Lake Dam is an engineering study to identify the problems, propose solutions, and quantify costs. That engineering study is now supposed to be ready by mid-August.

The next big step in preparing the report will be a series of test borings, which may even be done by the time you read this.

## Maple Street Flooding

The same engineer who will be working on the Elbow Pond Road study has been asked to make a proposal for his services. The goal is to investigate the causes and possible solutions to the occasional drainage problem in the Town’s right-of-way along Maple Street between Thompson Point Lane and Tucker Mountain Road.

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**Ragged from page 6**

About 25 new trails would be added.

Pins said lodging is the key to boosting the mountain's skier base. On a snowy Saturday in the winter, the parking lot can be half empty because people don't want to dare snowy roads to get to the mountain. If they were able to wake up in a new hotel or a slopeside condominium, they wouldn't have to.

"What Ragged lacks is a captive audience to help level off the peaks and valleys of a New England winter," Pins said.

In 2004, [Danbury] had fewer than 700 housing units, according to state data. While growth has picked up in recent years, it has mostly been incremental, with regular requests to subdivide one parcel into two or three, Wilson said.

Ragged Mountain is the only major commercial property in Danbury, where most people commute to work and the nearest major grocery store. The resort is the town's largest employer and largest taxpayer.

Wilson said the town has worked to protect its timber harvesting and family farms, but it has struggled over the years in finding ways to grow local jobs. "In a sense, we are a little pocket of the North

Country closer to Concord," she said.

Danbury is updating its master plan, and the resort proposal has gotten residents talking about what they want to see in it. Wilson said it's too early to pinpoint any particular challenges the expansion plan may pose.

Resort officials hope to have the construction projects approved all at once to avoid adjustments for future changes in zoning regulations, Pins said.

The [Danbury] planning board voted to classify the project as one with regional impact because the resort property abuts the towns of Andover and Hill and shares a road system with Wilmot. Wilson said the board plans to work with the Lakes Region Planning Commission.

Phelps, whose family has lived on the mountain's access road for more than 130 years, said he sees the expansion as a possible economic boon for the town, where the tax base is low and property taxes are high. The 2005 tax rate was \$27.99 per \$1,000 assessed value [more than double Andover's 2005 tax rate of \$13.32].

"We recognize that any development up there is going to change the town," he said. "But the town is already changing." Copyright © 2006 Concord Monitor

## Webster, Highland Lakes Watershed Partnership

By Don Gould  
Andover Planning Board

The Webster-Highland Lakes Watershed Partnership listening session held July 18 at the Andover Elementary/Middle School gym was attended by Andover and Franklin residents anxious to provide comment and local observations and to learn about water quality conditions in the lakes and the affect of watershed activities.

This listening session, and one previously held at the Franklin Public Library, were part of a project to develop a watershed management plan that recommends various measures to control phosphorus inputs and improve water quality in Webster and Highland Lakes.

The two lakes share watersheds in the town of Andover, and both are experiencing similar water quality issues. Increased phosphate levels, lower oxygen concentration, and increased weed growth have been observed in Highland Lake and are being watched carefully by volunteers of the Highland Lake Protective Association.

Deteriorating water quality in Webster Lake resulted in the closing of the city beach a couple of years ago because of the blooming of toxic blue-green algae. This was the result of a temporary increase in phosphate concentration and other factors.

Funding for this project was obtained by the City of Franklin through a \$50,000 grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' Watershed Management Assistance Program, to be matched by \$20,000 in

municipal and volunteer efforts.

Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) members from the Highland Lake Protective Association and the Webster Lake Association are providing historical water quality testing data and the increased testing information required. At its annual meeting on July 15, the Highland Lake Protective Association approved funds for additional testing (\$180) and a share of Web site development costs (\$50). The Web site was created to facilitate partnership communications.

The consulting team of:

- Bill Arcieri, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., Bedford
- Mark Hutchins, Hutchins Consulting Services, Salisbury
- Michele Tremblay, Naturesource Communications, Boscawen

will present draft findings and a draft watershed management plan at Franklin Public Library on August 22 at 7 PM. A meeting to present the drafts is expected in Andover, but no date has been set. The final report is to be issued by year end.

It is expected that the watershed management plan developed through this project will benefit Highland Lake and the residents of Andover.

### Listening Session

Background information and findings presented at the July 18 listening session at AE/MS included:

- Webster Lake is experiencing more frequent and greater algal blooms, as well as reduced water clarity and a

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# Work Continues On Easement To Preserve Hersey Family Farm

By Elizabeth Walters  
Concord Monitor staff

For more than six decades, the Hersey family has worked their 267 acres of forest and farmland in East Andover. Now, a federal grant has assured that the land along Route 11 will remain unchanged forever, regardless of whether future generations enter agriculture.

The Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program recently granted \$173,000 to the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust to buy an agricultural easement on the land. Although the trust still needs more money to complete the purchase, officials hope to close the deal by the end of the year.

"I didn't want to ever see it developed into house lots, and my family doesn't want to see it developed, either," said Jerry Hersey, who owns the farm. "We wanted to keep it open, the fields open to grow hay. It's good soil for growing hay."

Hersey's parents, James Hersey Sr. and the late Pauline Hersey, bought the land 61 years ago, and James Hersey, who grew up on the farm next door, still lives there, Jerry Hersey said. With the blessing of his parents and his three brothers, Jerry Hersey had been discussing conservation options with the Sargent trust for years. His parents formally gave him the land two years ago, and he decided to have the trust buy easements on his property.

The easements would let him continue to own the land but would give the trust ownership of the land-use rights, allowing the trust to ensure that the property stayed farmland and forest for perpetuity, said Beth McGuinn, the trust's land protection specialist.

In addition to the \$173,000 from the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program, the trust will put \$127,000 toward the easement. It still needs to raise \$71,000, which McGuinn said will mostly come from private donations.

In addition to the discount on the

farmed acres, Hersey gave the trust the land-use rights to his 187 acres of forest for free. To buy that conservation easement would have cost the trust another \$143,000. It's a generous gift, McGuinn said, but it's not unheard of in the farming community.

"Jerry's making his living from the land," she said. "There are very few people out there who do that. But those who do live a very modest life and often are not in a position to make a significant cash donation. But often, they make it possible for what we call a bargain sale, a sale at lower than market value, to protect the land that they have worked so hard over their lifetime."

Once the trust owns the easements, life will continue much the same for Jerry Hersey. He can still raise the approximately 45 Hereford cattle he grows for meat and breeding stock, as well as the hay he grows for feed and sale. He can still harvest logs and cordwood in his forest.

"When Jerry is ready, he can pass on that land or sell it to someone else, but those people would not be able to subdivide it or put houses on it or build a parking garage," McGuinn said.

Aside from preserving the view on the drive from Andover to Franklin, keeping the farm from being developed will have other benefits, McGuinn said. Its wetlands and Sucker Brook, which flows through the property, will help as flood control for the area. Its open space and woods will keep the land hospitable to wildlife, such as coyotes, bobcat, moose and bear, she said.

And in years to come, she said, when farms may grow scarcer due to rising land values and the pressure of development, the area will give travelers along the road and on the Northern Rail Trail a chance to see an operating farm.

"It's a very prominent landmark in the town of Andover, and it was an obvious candidate for protection and conservation," McGuinn said.

## Lakes from page 7

- greater presence of cyanobacteria.
  - Lake water quality data collected by VLAP monitors since 1986 shows an average phosphorus concentration of around 12 to 14 parts per billion, with a slight improvement over the years.
  - As phosphorus concentrations go above 15 parts per billion, the lake becomes more vulnerable to algae blooms with just the slightest increases in phosphorus.
  - Water clarity has been getting worse, especially in the last three to four years.
  - Sources of phosphorus include lawn fertilizer, manure, septic system effluent, storm runoff, natural soil erosion, human-induced soil erosion, and fireworks.
  - Activities that can increase soil erosion include timber harvesting, construction, agriculture, boating that causes excessive wave action or disturbs bottom sediments, vegetation clearing, and increasing pavement.
  - Sucker Brook contributes nearly 75% of the water flowing into Webster Lake and about 67% of the phosphorus coming from the watershed.
  - About 75% of the Webster Lake watershed is in Andover.
  - Nearly 88% of the watershed is forested. Residential areas make up less than 5%, and pasture land makes up another 7%.
- Representing Andover on the Webster-Highland Lakes Watershed Partnership are Donald Gould of the Andover Planning Board; Robert Welch of the Highland Lake Protective Association; and Peter Zak and Sandra Graves, both of the Andover Conservation Commission.

# East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre  
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

There are two things fire fighters find very important to do. One is fighting fire, and the other is breathing. Now I know you're thinking that even a fire fighter is capable of breathing without much thought. The concern is that we must do our work in places where the air is not safe to breathe.

When I was a rookie (that statement makes the young folks groan) we

introduced to the fire service. I remember (there he goes again) the older fire fighters saying they were never going to use that contraption.

Being a rookie had its advantages, as we were too new to realize that tradition always wins over innovation in the fire service, so we liked the new toy. Today an air pack is issued to every fighter and has become as common on the fire ground as hose.

My first pack weighed about 30 pounds. The new packs weigh less than 15 pounds and carry twice as much air.

Refilling air packs has become more complicated due to the high pressures we now use. To make refilling safe, they are now filled in a vault-like device that we installed in our fire station. The vault is designed to contain the pieces of the air tank should it explode. This is a very real hazard.

Typical of most fire fighters who look at danger as a manageable task, our fire fighters were looking at the new vault and reached the conclusion that if we blow up a tank, we may not become injured but we're going to need clean shorts. Being the kind of advance planners that we are, we have a clean pair taped to the side of the vault. You just never know.



Jeff Miller and Andy Guptill prep a rack of chicken at EAFD's annual BBQ fundraiser on July 29. Photo: Sharon Darling

did not think about safety the way we do today, and it was not uncommon to send firefighters to the hospital for smoke inhalation. Thankfully, self-contained air packs were invented and



Andover Rescue Squad members Ed Becker (left), Scott Kidder and Sharon Darling (in the water), and Anne Hewitt (strapped to the back board) practice backboarding skills with the East Andover Fire Department's newly acquired boat.

## Andover Rescue Squad

By Anne Hewitt  
Andover Rescue Squad

The good news is that the First Responder class is still ongoing, with students looking forward to graduation and state licensing in the fall. The bad news is that the number of students has declined by half. The training time commitment is substantial, and for whatever reason, the optimistically full class and potential for Andover Rescue Squad membership has decreased.

Statewide, there are ongoing courses for Emergency Medical Technician and for First Responder. Anyone still interested in signing up can call Andover Rescue Squad President Ed Becker at 735-5338.

### Water, Water Everywhere

Whether it's recreational swimming in Highland Lake, kayaking down the Blackwater, or coping with torrential floods, water is part of our lives in Andover. Therefore, Andover Rescue Squad members need to be prepared for water rescue operations.

Thanks to the successful fundraising efforts of the East Andover Fire Department's annual Chicken Barbecue

and Canoe/Kayak Raffle, the Department was able to purchase a boat with motor and trailer for rescue operations. At its July meeting, the Rescue Squad used the boat to practice water rescues in Highland Lake.



First Responder class has the full attention of (l-r) Sharon Darling, Jeff and Diane Miller. Photo: Bob Bussey

## POLICE BLOTTER

The Andover Police Department responded to 157 calls for service between June 15 and July 15. The following selected category totals come from CrimeStar, the department's new law enforcement records management system.

- 47 motor vehicle accidents, arrests, warnings, etc.
- 34 calls for assistance to citizens and to other departments
- 14 service of papers calls
- 5 domestic dispute calls
- 5 theft calls
- 5 warrants
- 3 suspicious activity calls
- 3 missing person calls
- 3 weapon permits
- 2 criminal mischief calls

- 2 harassment calls
- 2 calls about shots fired
- 2 OHRV complaints
- 1 assault call
- 1 burglary call
- 1 sexual offender registration

### Arrests

- Crystal Hodgson, 21, arrested on a warrant
- Matthew Miller, 31, possession of marijuana
- Melissa Talbot, 32, arrested on a warrant
- Tammy Sweatt, 38, arrested on a warrant
- Jeffrey Connor, 17, criminal mischief
- Seth Dougherty, 25, littering

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# Local Red Cross Disaster Action Team Stands Ready To Help

By Mev Matulevich  
For the Beacon

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ing, comfort, and support to help them get through the crisis.

Our local Red Cross DAT consists of five individuals who live in Andover, Newbury, New London, and Wilmot. Volunteers are always needed to expand the coverage. If you see yourself doing this kind of volunteer work, call Bill or Mev Matulevich at 735-5548 to ask questions on how to participate, or call the Volunteer Director at the main American Red Cross office in Concord at 225-6697 for information and an application.

# Recycle Committee

By Vicky Mishcon  
Andover Recycle Committee  
Swap Shop Day – August 12

Want to get first dibs on the treasures brought in on Swap Shop Day? Sign up to work one or two hours on August 12 (rain date: August 19) from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Call 735-5389 to sign up. We like to have at least two volunteers on staff for each one- to two-hour block of time. Sign up with a friend.

So far, this year's best treasures include a medium-size dog crate, a wicker porch chair, designer clothes, a racing bicycle, a kitchen table and chairs, and much more. Remember, everything is *free!*

### Mixed Paper, Corrugated Cardboard

Corrugated cardboard is collected for recycling in front of the bailer in the Recycle Building. Corrugated cardboard is usually brown, but it can be other colors as well. But it always has the little ridges (the corrugations) between the inside and outside layers.

All other cardboard, poster board, cereal boxes, and rippable papers go into the orange trailer on the outside

of the Recycle Building. If you are not sure, please ask one of the attendants. Our corrugated cardboard recycler does not like loads that are "contaminated" with non-corrugated papers. Thank you for helping us!

### Plastics – A Friendly Reminder

Thanks to everyone for making our plastics recycling program successful. We still await markets that will allow us to recycle all plastics. In the meantime, just a reminder:

#1 PETE plastics only. Must be bottle- or jar-shaped, that is, the top must be narrower than the body of the container. Must be transparent: clear, green or blue.

Please remove the caps and rinse the container. There is a sign above the collection bin in the Recycle Building that explains what can be accepted at this time.

### Hazardous Waste Day

Hazardous Waste Day is October 28 from 9 AM to noon. Mark your calendar. See the July issue of the *Beacon* (online at [AndoverBeacon.com/online.asp](http://AndoverBeacon.com/online.asp)) for more details or ask at the Town Office or Transfer Station for a flyer.

# "Make The Move" Walking Club

Join the "Make the Move" Three Rivers Walking Club in the month of August at Knowles Pond Conservation Area in Northfield. Group walks will take place each Saturday throughout the month at 8:30 AM. On the first Saturday of the month, the walk will be lead by Miss New Hampshire, Emily Hughes, and by members of the Knowles Pond Conservation Committee. There will also be a free blood pressure screening on this morning provided by the Franklin Area Visiting Nurse Association beginning at 8 AM.

Free t-shirts for walkers are still available. Join us as we "Make the

Move" across the Three Rivers area! For more information or to join this free club, visit [ExperienceThreeRivers.com](http://ExperienceThreeRivers.com) or call Melissa Rizzo, Community Educator, at 934-2060 ext. 369.

## SWAP SHOP DAY

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Dear Friends:

The Andover Recreation Committee has been busy for the past several years steadily making improvements to the field at Blackwater Park and to Corson Field behind the Andover Elementary/Middle School. Some of these improvements have been specifically safety oriented, such as installing protective caps on the fence at the Blackwater Field, while others have targeted safety as well as functional improvements.

The infield at Corson Field has been totally rehabilitated – drainage installed, and the scoreboard relocated for easier access. New dugouts have been constructed at this field as well, needing only roofs for completion. Second infields have been created at both fields to increase the capacity for practice time for our baseball and softball teams. Most of this work has been completed using volunteer labor and donated materials.

In September of 2002, the Andover Water District commissioners asked the Town and school to make plans to discontinue using treated water from the District for irrigation purposes. A first step in that direction, and a major accomplishment in 2004, was the installation of a new irrigation system at Corson Field and its connection to the existing system at Blackwater Park. Phase two will be to engineer and install a pumping system to use the river as the water source.

Another project on the drawing board is to construct a building at Blackwater Park large enough to be used by all of the town's sports teams for storage, have bathroom facilities, and also have space to operate a snack bar or other fundraising projects.

To make these last two goals a reality, we really need your help. We understand that your time is limited and not everyone can come out, roll up their sleeves, and spend the amount of time needed to complete these projects. So we are hoping to raise enough money through donations to supplement anticipated additional donations of labor, materials, and equipment to install the pumping system and construct the storage building.

Thank you in advance for your support of Andover youth athletics, and I hope to see you cheering on our teams! Your tax deductible donation can be mailed to Andover Recreation Fund, c/o Town of Andover, PO Box 61, Andover 03216.

Sincerely,

*Howard George*

Chairman

Andover Recreation Committee

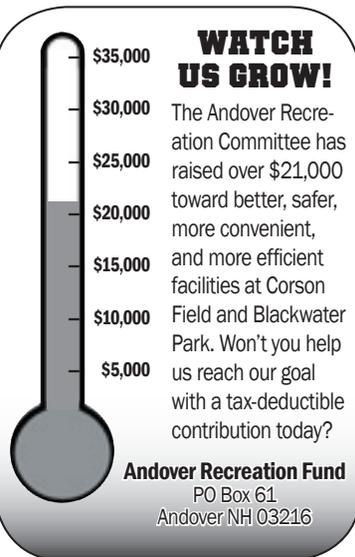
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## Board Of Selectmen

June 19

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Chairman Dennis Fenton, Selectmen Roger Godwin and Andrew Guptill, Town Administrator Mark Stetson

The Board approved Road Agent John Thompson's suggestion that the Town purchase normal maintenance parts and supplies for the grader from the dealer because, through doing so, the Town will obtain additional services, an example of which is analysis of oils used in the machine for contaminants.

The Board decided to solicit guidance from FEMA prior to commencing repairs to the section of Elbow Pond Road that is currently closed.

The Board discussed the possibility that the Chase Hill Road project would have to be put off until next year due to the fact that a significant amount of the summer maintenance budget has now been spent repairing damage caused by the recent flooding rains and the potential significant expense to make repairs to the dam at Highland Lake. Thompson told the Board that, if that is the case, there are some drainage problems on that road that he would like to address this year that would have been part of that project anyway.

The Board then met with John Lavigne from the H. L. Turner Group in Concord and reviewed his proposal to complete an engineering study of the Highland Lake dam. The cost of the proposal is approximately \$16,000, which includes approximately \$4,000 for borings to help determine conditions below the surface.

Lavigne committed to completing the study within 30 days and told the Board that, in addition to providing a status report on the current condition of the dam, the study would include several recommendations for remedial action. The Board decided to hire the H. L. Turner Group to perform the scope of work described in the proposal.

The Board then met with Lloyd Perreault to discuss his interest and qualifications to fill in as Building Inspector while Ted Barton takes some time off. After a brief discussion, the Board appointed Perreault to the position of

Building Inspector.

The Board then met with Zoning Board Chairman Don Gross to review several procedural matters pertaining to that board, including adding a policy of recording notices of decision at the Registry of Deeds.

Under old business, the Board committed to pursuing the East Andover post office parking lot fence issue in court if necessary.

The Board approved a request from a property owner to stay the tax deeding process conditioned upon payment of all of the taxes, interest, and costs from the 2003 tax warrant on or before July 1.

The Board accepted the low bid from Lake Sunapee Bank for the Town's tax anticipation note.

In response to a request from the State's motor vehicle inspection licensing bureau, the Board determined that an application pending before that agency would continue an existing non-conforming use.

The Board entered non-public session to discuss pending litigation regarding property tax abatements. The Board members voted not to publish the minutes of this non-public session.

Fenton relayed his observation on several occasions of vehicles parked at the Town beach in East Andover without stickers visible. The Board decided to forward his concern to the police chief. Fenton then left the meeting.

The Board discussed correspondence received from Paul Fenton regarding a bill sent to him requesting reimbursement for costs incurred by the Town to determine what work needs to be done to Fenvale and River's Edge Roads prior to paving.

July 6

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Chairman Dennis Fenton, Selectmen Roger Godwin and Andrew Guptill, Town Administrator Mark Stetson

Under old business, the Board approved abatements for a property on West Shore Drive for the 2004 and 2005 tax years based upon recommendations by Avitar. In consequence of this action, the owner has dropped court appeal of the assessment.

The Board signed the engagement letter from HL Turner for the engineering work at the dam.

The Board then met with Road Agent John Thompson, who told the Board that his crews have been performing minimal maintenance work, including mainly grading and patching.

He passed on to the Board a recent very positive experience with the dealer who sold the Town the new grader. He told the selectmen that the response time was very quick and the work was completed with no hassle whatsoever.

There was again a discussion regarding the planned project work on Chase Hill Road and the Board reiterated its previous position that it cannot commit to spending the money until more is known about the amount of financial assistance that FEMA may or may not be providing in response to the May flooding events.

The Board then met with members of the Conservation Commission who informed the Board that the grant has been approved to assist in the purchase of the Hersey conservation easement.

The Commission and Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) must now raise an additional approximately \$71,000 toward the easement acquisition cost, which amount is over and above the combined grant and in-kind donation from the Hersey family. The Commission has decided to expend up to \$30,000 from the conservation fund to pay for the cost of the survey and other

fixed costs associated with creating the easement. The Board reiterated its previous commitment to endorse the project and concurred with the plan to expend money from the conservation fund.

On another issue related to the proposed Hersey easement, Bob Ward relayed a request from the Commission for guidance from the selectmen regarding the status of Jerry Hersey's role on the Commission. The Commission has been told by ASLPT that some potential donors have expressed concern about a perceived conflict of interest with Hersey sitting on the Commission. Ward was quick to point out that Hersey

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## Volunteers Needed For Community Task Force To Study AE/MS Renovation Plans

The Andover School Board would like to invite community members interested in serving on the Community Task Force to notify Principal Jane Slayton by calling 735-5494 or e-mailing JSlayton@Andover.K12.nh.us. The purpose of the Task Force will be to make recommendations to the School Board regarding maintenance and expansion of the Andover Elementary/Middle School. The Task Force will meet four times for two-hour sessions beginning in September and ending in October.



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has recused himself at each instance when discussion has taken place about the easement and that the other Commission members have seen no such conflict.

Based upon the representations made by Ward and other members of the Commission present, the selectmen determined that they should not take any action on the matter other than to commit to leaving open Hersey's position on the Commission, should he decide to take a leave of absence.

The Board met with Police Chief Glenn Laramie who reported that the Fourth of July was very quiet from his department's perspective.

Laramie asked the Board to consider budgeting funds to hire a part-time special officer to provide parking patrol for the beach and Channel Road. He told the Board that his officers are not always scheduled for patrol during peak parking times.

He reported that the new officer is still in training and is doing a great job. He told the Board that department activity for the first months of the year was at an all-time high.

Under new business, the Board signed a timber tax warrant.

The Board approved a request from a property owner to stay the tax deeding process conditioned upon regular weekly payment in the amount of \$200 until all of the taxes, interest, and costs from the

2003 tax warrant are paid in full.

Godwin suggested that, in addition to the franchise agreement renewal, the Board send correspondence to Adelphia documenting the lack of response from the cable company to the Town's repeated requests to start negotiating a new agreement. The Board unanimously agreed, and Godwin offered to draft the letter.

The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the chairperson of the Danbury Planning Board informing the towns of Andover, Hill, and Wilmot that a proposed major expansion of the Ragged Mountain Ski and Golf Resort may have regional impact and that the towns will be invited to a public hearing on Tuesday, August 8, starting at 7 PM at the Danbury Town Hall, at which time more formal plans will be presented.

**Planning Board**

**June 13**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Don Gould, Chair; Eric Johnson, Vice-Chair; Roger Godwin; Paul Currier; Wood Sutton, alternate appointed to the vacant position.

**Building Permit Process:** Copies of the Andover Building Permit Application and Concord's Building Permit Application were distributed. The process for inspections was reviewed and items to consider for the process are:

- Using generally available sources of standard residential construction

costs to determine the approximate cost of the construction and the resulting cost for the permit

- Phasing inspections to occur at appropriate construction stages, i.e. plan review; pre-pour; pre-wallboard; and pre-occupancy inspections
- Revisiting the inspection fee
- Requiring the applicant to disclose on the permit application form whether the subdivision is subject to phasing
- Updating the Building Ordinance

**Recording of Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) Decisions:** Planning Board members will attend the June 20 meeting of the ZBA and discuss this item.

**Special Exception Procedures:** Planning Board members will also discuss at the ZBA meeting June 20th the question whether the planning board should make the findings required by the zoning ordinance before or after the ZBA considers the other points in the application process.

**Outstanding Site Plan Review and Enforcement Recommendations:**

Discussion ensued regarding several site plan approvals by the Board, which included stipulations that the applicants have not followed through on. This included such approvals as for Andover Wood Heating (Bob Ward), which was conditioned on indoor storage of inventory, and S & J Equipment (John Guheen), which was to have applied for site plan review after receiving Zoning

Board of Adjustment approval but has not done so to date.

Cease and Desist Orders which have been issued and the property owner having not responded.

**Master Plan Update:** Sutton commented, regarding ridgeline protection, that he has read that Georgia has mountaintop protection and North Carolina has ridgeline protection and asked whether the Board should consider researching the wording for these protections. Currier noted that Susan Schnare is interested in ridgeline protection ordinances on behalf of the Master Plan Update Committee and Godwin volunteered to look into the existence of such ordinances.

**Additional Items for Consideration:** Deed language for boundary line adjustment for David Newton and Elizabeth Miller was received and read. The Board voted unanimously to approve the deed language.

**June 27**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Don Gould, Chair; Eric Johnson, Vice-Chair; Roger Godwin; Keith Pfeifer; Paul Currier; Wood Sutton, alternate appointed to the vacant position.

**Non-Binding Consultation:** Minor Subdivision - Annexation for Stan and Bonnie Lockwood, Lockwood Road

Currier recused himself as an abutter. Lockwood presented an application for annexation/boundary line adjustment as they have purchased property adjacent to that which they already own. Currently each lot is 11 acres and after the boundary line adjustment would be 13.8 acres for one lot and 8.8 acres for the other.

Written requests for waivers were reviewed. The Board unanimously voted to grant the written waivers as presented.

Deeds for both properties and an abutter list were also presented. The Board voted unanimously to deem the application complete. A public hearing was scheduled for July 11.

**Non-Binding Consultation:** Caroline Robinson, Depot Street

Robinson indicated that she had purchased property on Depot Street and her brother is considering purchasing the property that abuts Robinson's and



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would like to subdivide into three lots. One of the divided lots would be annexed to Robinson's lot and Peter and Debi Sanborn are interested in purchasing the lot that is adjacent to the schoolhouse lot.

Several subdivision possibilities were discussed in order for Robinson to benefit from Current Use credit. Robinson stated that Doug Sweet is the engineer/surveyor and the Board advised that Sweet is aware of Andover's standards.

**Other Items**

**Building Permit Process:** Godwin recommended having the Building Inspector discuss a revised application form and procedure with the Board with a view to avoiding future problems of the sorts previously experienced, noting that the new acting Inspector has reviewed applications for several towns.

**Special Exception Procedure:** Rules state that the Planning Board should determine suitability prior to Zoning Board consideration of other factors required for granting special exceptions. Currier noted that joint hearings – to hear all information, then the Planning Board would determine suitability and thereafter the Zoning Board would vote on the special exception – often took place during previous years when he was chair of the Zoning Board.

**Recording of Zoning Board Decisions:** The Zoning Board would like to review and discuss this at their July meeting.

**Outstanding Site Plan Reviews and Enforcement Recommendations:** The Board discussed the advisability of including in the decision a time frame for the applicant to complete conditions of approval.

**Master Plan Update**

Currier stated that Susan Schnare, who has volunteered to assemble proposed identification of local scenic views for possible protection in new zoning ordinance changes, would like other members to send her their lists of "scenic views" and a statement of why people feel each should be protected. The next meeting will be held in August.

**July 11**

*Condensed from approved minutes*  
**Present:** Don Gould, Chair; Roger

Godwin; Wood Sutton, alternate appointed to the vacant position; Joe Stearns, appointed as alternate by the Selectmen

Also present for duration of appropriate items: Stan and Bonnie Lockwood; Jane Hubbard; Alex Skow; and Dan Labonte.

**Correspondence:** 1) Notice of public hearing to be held August 8 at Danbury Town Hall regarding proposed expansion of Ragged Mountain Resort. 2) New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services approval of septic design for expanded apartments of George and Yvette Crane. 3) Wetland application has been filed with New Hampshire Wetlands Bureau for fire pond on property owned by Martin Smith. 4) Copy of driveway permit application from New Hampshire Department of Transportation for Susan Baker, owner of the East Andover Post Office.

**Public Hearing:** Subdivision / Annexation for Stan and Bonnie Lockwood, Lockwood Road

Stan Lockwood presented three previously requested mylars and the fees for notices. Lockwood also advised the Board that the pins had been set along with a new monument.

Lockwood presented his proposed annexation to the abutters and public that were present. Currently each lot is 11 acres and after the boundary line adjustment would be 13.8 acres for one lot and 8.8 acres for the other.

Alex Skow asked whether there were restrictions and/or guidelines on clear cutting on the Blackwater River along with excavating along the river. Gould explained some of the restrictions and advised Skow to speak with the Conservation Committee.

Skow asked whether his access easement would be affected by this annexation and the response was no, it would not affect his easement nor would it affect any easements already in place.

Jane Hubbard advised that all logging work was done in accordance with regulations.

The applicant noted that he would have deeds prepared reflecting the lot line change and was told by the Board that no such deeds would be required prior to a conveyance of one or both of the lots.

There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved the annexation.

**Non-Binding Consultation:** Dan Labonte, Minor Subdivision on Currier Road.

Labonte presented a plan for a proposed minor subdivision of his property on Currier Road along with a minor subdivision application. There are 24 acres with 872' of road frontage on Currier Road. After the division, there would be 300' of road frontage for one lot and 572' of road frontage for the other. The Board advised that a survey is necessary along with a list of abutters and written requests for waivers. The

Board will review the application for completeness at the July 25 meeting and upon determination of completeness, a public hearing will be scheduled.

**Zoning Board Of Adjustment**

**June 20**

*Condensed from approved minutes*  
**Present:** Don Gross, Chair; Charlie McCrave, Vice-Chair; Katherine Stearns; Susan Schnare; Jeff Newcomb.

Also present for duration of appropriate items: Todd Jackson; Bill & Pat Cutter; Don Gould, Andover Planning Board; Roger Godwin, Andover Planning Board and Wood Sutton, Andover Planning Board.

**Public Hearing:** A request from Todd and Tara Jackson for a variance to permit construction of a garage within the required 30' front setback. The property is located at 19 Ives Road.

Jackson presented his proposal, which includes a 3-stall garage being built on a foundation that was constructed in the fall of 2005. The garage would be two stories with 10' garage doors. The property is less than half an acre and the garage that is currently on the property would be torn down. Concerns of the Board and public include:

Would the garage be for personal or commercial use? *Personal.*

Size of the existing and proposed garages? *The existing garage is 22' x 32'*

*See ZBA on page 14*

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and the proposed garage would be 22' x 40'.

What district is the property located in? *Village District.*

Why was there no building permit secured five years ago when this was started? *The applicant did not realize one was necessary.*

There has been much construction on the home, was a building permit for any construction issued? *There has been no building permit for any construction on the property.*

Was the applicant advised he was in violation of the building process? *Yes, and construction was ceased.*

How much of a variance is being requested? *Three feet back from the road.*

Abutters Bill and Pat Cutter state they have viewed the project and have no objection to the project, however, are concerned with the fact that the applicant did not feel he needed a building permit. The Cutters also questioned whether there was a plot plan of the road. Gross stated that information from the selectmen and road agent will be reviewed at a site visit which will be conducted Tuesday, June 27.

There being no further discussion, the hearing was continued to a site visit on Tuesday, June 27.

## Conservation Commission

July 12

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Present:** Jerry Hersey, Bob Ward,

Tina Cotton, Peter Zak, Peter Southworth, Nan Kaplan.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$1,695.20 is the balance of our regular account and the land account balance is \$1,225.59.

### Old Business

**Conflict of Interest Matter:** Bob explained input from three sources regarding Jerry remaining as ACC Chairman while we work on the Hersey farm conservation easement.

1) The Farm and Ranchland Protection Program [which has awarded the project a \$173,000 grant] was not concerned about any conflict of interest.

2) The Andover Board of Selectmen indicated they did not have a problem with Jerry recusing himself when appropriate. It was noted that there could be a public perception problem with Jerry's role as chairman, and a suggestion was that he take a leave of absence.

3) The Ausbon Sargent Land Protection Trust provided their guidelines and bylaws but left the decision to the Conservation Commission.

Peter Zak made a motion for Jerry to provide a letter to the Board of Selectmen informing them of his desire to take a temporary leave of absence until the Hersey conservation easement fundraising and acquisition is complete, at which time he will request reinstatement. The motion passed and Jerry will submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen.

**Blackwater River Water Testing Project:** Peter Southworth will be part of the Volunteer River Assessment Pro-

gram and will test the Blackwater River with Ryan Murphy [science teacher at AE/MS] by the Blackwater Park.

**Blackwater Watershed:** A joint meeting with the conservation commissions from the Blackwater watershed is tentatively set for September 27 in Andover. Bob will invite the conservation committees from New London, Wilmot, Danbury, Salisbury, and Webster.

### New Business

**Expedited Application:** Bernard and Dolores Bare submitted a Minimum Impact Expedited Application to install riprap on the stream bank on their Plains Road property. The May flooding eroded much of the bank around their covered bridge. The application was unanimously approved.

**Election of Conservation Commission Pro Tem Chair:** Nan made a motion for Peter Zak to be Chairman Pro Tem. Tina seconded and the motion passed.

**Developments of Regional Impact:** 1) The Green Crow subdivision in Danbury, on New Canada Road. Fifteen lots of two to 15 acres each are planned off Ploughman Road. 2) Ragged Mountain Resort in Danbury, on Ragged Mountain Road. Preliminary stages indicate single- and multi-family units, condos, and mountain hotel with water slide that may total 800 to 1,000 units.

**Trail Work:** Bob contacted the Andover Boy Scouts about trail work on Mountain Brook.



## New Spiritual Care Coordinator At Franklin Hospital

Franklin Regional Hospital recognizes that for many people, spiritual support is an important part of their physical and emotional wellness. For that reason, FRH and Lakes Region General Hospital are pleased to welcome new Spiritual Care Coordinator Festus Kilonzo Kavale, pictured above.

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By Anne Hewitt  
Beacon staff

Pecco and Gail Beaufaÿs viewed more than 30 properties in four states to find what they were looking for. What they consider to be the “cream of the crop” in the bed and breakfast industry is right here in Andover, on the shores of Highland Lake.

The Highland Lake Inn, built in 1767, has 10 unique guest rooms, each with a full private bathroom. Each room is named to reflect local features or personalities such as Highland, Putney, Marston, and Danbury. Its picturesque setting in quaint East Andover Village and its location surrounded by all-season recreation, entertainment, and activities are some of the Inn’s special attractions.

The Beaufaÿs acquired the turnkey business in May 2006. The historic building needed no major repairs, as it had undergone extensive renovations in the early 1990s including plumbing, wiring, and basement reconstruction.

Gail and Pecco are adding personal decorative touches such as their unique collection of European and American artwork, freshly painted walls, pristine bed and bath linens, and varied menu selections.

Pecco brings to the Highland Lake Inn decades of experience in the international luxury hotel industry. Gail joins him in this endeavor, though she will maintain her long-established career as a French teacher in independent schools, currently at The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, New York, to which she will commute until she gains a foothold somewhere in the area.

Together, Pecco and Gail have lived and traveled extensively in Europe, Canada, and across the United States.

Pecco and Gail have two sons. Pecco, Jr., 21, majors in business at Clemson University in South Carolina. Teddy, 19, attends Occidental College in California and plans to pursue a career in the film/advertising industry.



Pecco and Gail Beaufaÿs, the new innkeepers at the Highland Lake Inn. Photo: Bob Bussey

The *Beacon* asked the Beaufaÿs to discuss their newest enterprise.

*Beacon:* Why a bed and breakfast?

Beaufaÿs: The time had come that our sons had left the nest for college and we were seeking a place in an all-season recreational destination – for skiing, boating, and swimming – that would be luring, comfortable, and big enough for our sons and their friends to return for frequent stays. We have always enjoyed entertaining family, friends, and business relations, and this business just seems to be right for us.

*Beacon:* What attracted you to Andover?

Beaufaÿs: The community, the environment. We’re family-oriented, and this area seems to share similar values. We want the Inn to complement the quality of life reflected in this village. From our first visit to the Highland Lake Inn we felt very comfortable with the seller, and our new bank, Franklin Savings Bank, was very supportive in facilitating the realization of our project. Here there is a wide variety of recreational activities, and we are enthusiastic about the prospects for tourism development projects like the nearby Northern Rail Trail.

*Beacon:* What is your philosophy about running the Highland Lake Inn?

Beaufaÿs: Comfort, service, cleanliness; providing the best quality available. We have replaced all the linens with Italian made Mascioni. This unique company still manufactures and assembles all its linens in Italy. We have also replaced all pillows and comforters, and we have invested in new appliances to care for these linens – washer, dryer, and ironing machine. All linens are ironed on the premises!

*Beacon:* Do you have future plans?

Beaufaÿs: We’ve already upgraded the menu to include only fresh and homemade selections. We serve exclusively Harney & Sons tea, the first American tea sold to the Queen of England. We would like to renovate the barn into a function facility and/or for our living quarters.

Pecco also owns and operates a Web site for Lufthansa mileage redemption, WorldShopGourmet.com. This New York-based company will be transferred to East Andover.

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Kevin Farrington, a familiar face from Proctor's kitchen staff, gives Joannie Mead and Jen Braley of Jake's Market and Deli on Main Street some pointers on the grill in Jake's new deli. The deli was finished last month and Jake's has been serving fresh sandwiches made to order and hot grilled items ever since. Photo: Charlie Darling

## Paul Fenton Publishes *Halfway Up The Hill*

As editor of *The Andover Beacon* for 12 years, Paul Fenton, Jr. wrote a very popular monthly column called *Halfway Up The Hill* about growing up in Andover. Paul has collected and edited these columns (plus many photos and the whimsical stories that appeared at the end of each column) into a book that is certain to be a local bestseller.

*Halfway Up The Hill* is available at the Andover Historical Society's museum store (open weekends through Columbus Day weekend, Saturdays 10:30 AM to 1 PM and Sundays 1 PM to 3 PM) or by contacting Paul at 735-5754. The price is \$15, and all books are signed by the author.



## New Store Manager At The Barn Store

The Barn Store of New England, located on Route 4 in Salisbury, announces the promotion of Jacob Mason as their new Store Manager. He is a 2006 graduate from the University of New Hampshire. Jacob majored in Environment and Resource Economics and minored in Dairy Management. He is a brother in the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

While Jacob attended the University of New Hampshire he worked in sales for the Barn Store. Jacob was instrumental in assisting the sales and rebuilding of the Barn Store after its fire in the summer of 2005.

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### Halfway Up the Hill

By Paul Fenton, Jr.

*An Excerpt*

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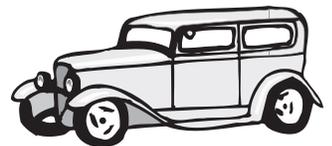
"I checked with my father and he said that I could have an old tub and could set up my turtle pen between the barn and the milk house. Up until about 1940 milk was strained in the barn right behind the cows. The State of NH decided that the milk should be strained and stored in a separate building so a milk shed had been constructed leaving a space of about ten feet between it and the end of the barn.

"My first task was to dig a hole for the tub so that the top of the tub would be at ground level. I found a steel handled shovel and started to dig. I ran across several short pieces of BX electric line and tossed them out of the way. I then discovered a rather long piece that I could not seem to pull out of the dirt. With all my eight years of wisdom I decided to cut the line with the shovel."

*To see how this escapade turned out, check pages 125 and 126.*

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# Andover Historical Society Welcomes All To Fair, Museums, And Schoolhouse

The Andover Historical Society presents its annual Old Time Fair at Potter Place on Sunday, August 6, from 9 AM until 3 PM, where you can enjoy a delightful time on the grounds of the museum. The event opens at 9 AM with a mammoth Flea Market with tables loaded with wonderful stuff for collectors, scavengers, and those in need of that special something.

Andover's own One Wheelers unicycle team will give a demonstration of their special talents. Old tractors will parade, the children's games and the railroad hand pumper car will give joy and delight – and there will be great food and drink, ice cream, and strawberry shortcake to enjoy. A farmer's market, a first-rate set of craft demonstrators, a selection of vendors with wares to consider, and lively musical offerings by the fine group O'hAnleigh capturing the sounds of Irish America from Celtic

traditions to unique originals, ballads to pub tunes, will fill the day with amusement and entertainment.

The auction at noon is the best place in the area to pick up bargains – find that extra bureau or chair or desk or bookcase or bike or exercise machine for less than you ever dreamed. The auction will be held at the Freight Shed on the museum grounds, where future plans call for exhibits of large items to be housed.

For an old-time experience on fair day or during the summer months, please visit the Train Station and the Emons General Store and Post Office in Potter Place, open from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturdays and 1 PM to 3 PM on Sundays until October. In East Andover, visit the Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse, which is open the second Sunday of every month from June to October, 1 PM to 3 PM.



Some of the many treasures you'll find at the Old Time Fair auction at noon on Sunday, August 6, are pictured, including an 8'x21' Oriental rug, thumb-back rocker, large doll house and furnishings, period 4-light hanging brass lamp with slag glass shade inserts, upholstered chair. Photo: Bob Bussey



Who's the woman in this month's History Mystery postcard of Proctor, Slalom Hill, and Ragged Mountain?

## A History Mystery

This month's History Mystery is a photo postcard titled *Ragged Mt. & Slalom Hill* that Sandra Harding spotted on eBay.com (item #6284938600). Sandra writes:

"Since the tennis courts and the old rope tow up Ragged are in the background, I assume that the picture was taken in back of the headmaster's house when Alice and Lyle Farrell lived there. The house in the background was the home of Reverend Roy Hatt, who was the Unitarian minister for the school back in the 1950s."

But who is the woman in the photo? Sandra says, "My mother [Nancy Harding] doesn't think it is Alice Farrell, wife of the headmaster, but Alice would be a good guess. Who else would be in the Farrell's backyard posing for a postcard?"

Send your thoughts or reminiscences to the *Beacon*, and let's see if we can piece together the story of this month's History Mystery.

### Winter Fun

Sandra, a graduate of Andover High, also shared some great memories inspired by the scene:

"Proctor let us kids from town use the rope tow and slope on Slalom Hill as long as the school didn't have a competition going on. The ski racing events

for our high school winter carnival were held there every year, and then we'd go to the meadow in back of Charlotte Clark's house where Proctor had a ski jump for that. I think Irvin Nelson, Jr. usually won the ski jumping.

"By today's standards, the slalom hill and ski jump weren't very big, but you'd have thought we were in the Olympics!"

"The skating was on the pond that was in back of the Flanders House, fed by a brook that came down from Ragged in back of the Carr House. The King and Queen of the Carnival Ball were determined by which class had the most points from all the events."



Bill Keyser solved last month's History Mystery – they're outrigger wheels.

### Last Month's History Mystery

Bill Keyser reports that our July "whatzzits" are outrigger wheels used with swing staging or swing scaffolding (which is suspended from above rather than supported from below). The outriggers keep the staging a comfortable distance away from the structure so you can work on it efficiently. Bill remembers using them to paint the side of buildings or oil and gas tanks.

*Do you have a photo or other artifact of Andover's past that has some mystery about it? Please contact the Beacon so we can share the mystery with our readers...and maybe solve it!*

### I Remember When...

"...Eugene Ridlon walked on stilts in Andover's Fourth of July parades in the 1950s and '60s. Eugene was my brother-in-law and had a cottage on Bradley Lake."

- Howard George

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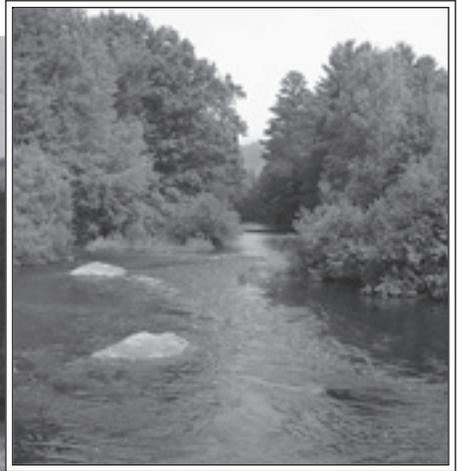
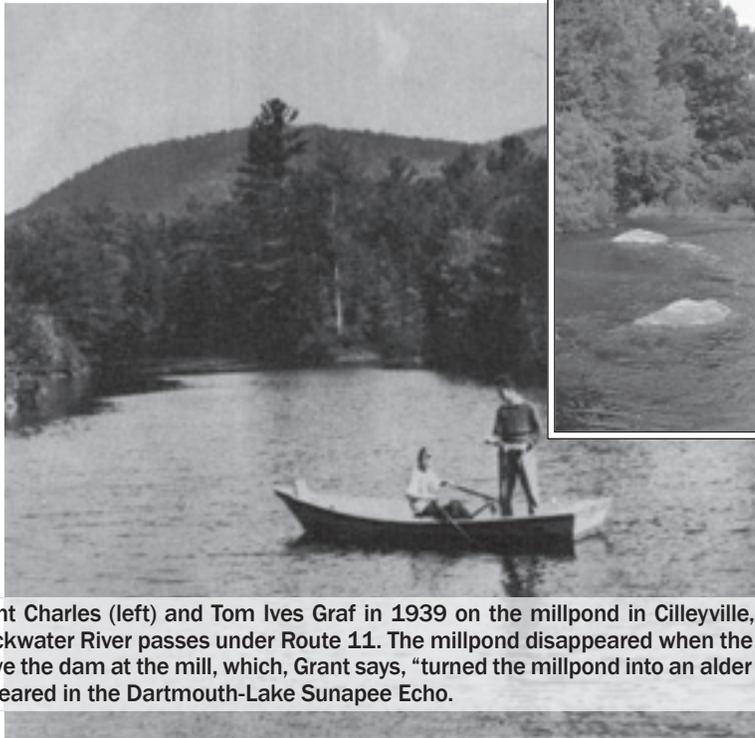
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# Reminiscence



The view from the same spot today.

Grant Charles (left) and Tom Ives Graf in 1939 on the millpond in Cilleyville, just upstream of where the Blackwater River passes under Route 11. The millpond disappeared when the state made the Johnsons remove the dam at the mill, which, Grant says, "turned the millpond into an alder swamp." The photo originally appeared in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Echo.

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## Shirley Currier: Pursuit of the Nail

By Shirley Henderson Currier

*This month's Reminiscence is an essay that the young Shirley Henderson, a senior at Andover High School, wrote for Miss Sylvestre's English class on December 10, 1953. Shirley's dad, Percy Henderson, figures prominently.*

One fine afternoon in December, I was asked to assist my father with removing the nails from some old boards, after which he was to pile them up. We plan to use them for various things. They would come in handy to do just about anything.

I went out and was told to get an old pail, a hammer, and some kind of contraption on which to lay the boards while I pulled out the nails.

After I had gathered my apparatus, I went over to the pile of boards, and began to remove the nails. Boards! Boards! Boards! Everywhere! I had never seen so many. My father was us-

ing such terms as 2x4, 2x6, 2x2. Oh, what did these mean! After many questions from me, father finally explained it so that I could understand.

The first board went fine. The nails were almost through and all I had to do was give them a little yank. The next board I had to drive the nails back so that I could pull them out. Usually, I hit the nail every other time. Once in a while, I hit it twice in a row.

This went on for about ten minutes. Then I came to nails that were crooked; I couldn't drive them back. What now! Oh, Father! Then I was quickly shown how to straighten a crooked nail. "Hook the claws of the hammer underneath the nail and pull it up until it straightens out." This I mastered after about five minutes, a few nicks on the finger when the hammer slipped off the nail, and a couple of tears in my gloves which were about ten sizes too big for me.

I had never seen so many different kinds of nails in my life. Little ones, middle-sized ones, spikes, and then the nails that have two heads. I can't remember their name, but they were easy to pull out. You didn't have to pound them through

Two hours and ten minutes, two bruised fingers, and a pair of torn gloves later my father said it was time to quit.

All night long I pursued nail after nail through my dreams. Little ones, middle-sized ones, spikes, and others. All night long! How they could run!

*Shirley got an A- on the paper. Miss Sylvestre especially liked the ending.*

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# Logging Muddies Highland Lake

By Elizabeth Walters  
Concord Monitor staff

*Condensed from the Concord Monitor.*

A logging operation in East Andover has muddied two brooks and sent sediment flowing into Highland Lake, endangering its wildlife and water quality, and the state Department of Environmental Services is taking enforcement action.

The logging has caused either Tilton Brook or the Maple Street inlet stream to run brown four times since early May. DES officials said that because the investigation into the situation is still active, they cannot comment on what measures the department is taking.

But the state Division of Forests and Lands, which regulates logging, has fined one of the operators \$300.

Doug Miner, a forest ranger for Forests and Lands, said his department first got a call about the problem on May 4. When he went to investigate, he found that the logger, Richard Lyons Jr., had laid logs across the bed of an intermittent stream to create a crossing for his skids.

"Under normal weather conditions, that would work fine," Miner said.

But it had been raining heavily, and the water in the stream rose up and flowed over the surface of the logs, washing the mud and sediment on top of them downstream, Miner said. Those intermittent streams flow into the larger brooks, which flow into the lake.

"You see the brown coming out into the lake," said Bob Welch, who lives on the lake and tests its clarity as a participant in the state's volunteer lake assessment program. "It just comes out, and it just covers a whole huge area."

Miner issued a cease-and-desist order to Lost Cloud Forest Management, the company that had contracted Lyons to do the cutting. He told the company to place hay bales and silt fencing to catch any further runoff. He also fined Lost Cloud \$300 for not having the

proper stream-crossing permit from DES; Shaun Hathaway, who runs Lost Cloud, paid the fine, Miner said.

After the initial complaint, Miner referred the case to DES. Because letting soil flow into wetlands qualifies as a type of illegal filling, the Wetlands Bureau took charge of the case. Because the brooks affect the quality of a lake, the Lakes Management and Protection Bureau also got involved.

An excess of soil flowing into any water body is harmful because it clogs the breathing membranes of fish and other underwater creatures, said Jody Connor, the state limnology director.

"They probably killed off most of the invertebrates in that stream, because they breathe with gills," he said.

The soil that has been deposited in the lake is also problematic simply because it is foreign to the lake environment, Connor said. Highland Lake has a sandy bottom, whereas soil from a forest contains decaying leaves and pine needles. The decay produces phosphorous. When phosphorous gets into water, it can increase the growth of algae and cyanobacteria, which can make people sick.

When it settles to the bottom of the lake, the forest soil could prove hospitable to plants that shouldn't be growing there, Connor said. Connor and Linda Magoon, a compliance specialist for the Wetlands Bureau, said DES will keep an eye on the situation.

Neither Lost Cloud nor Lyons nor the property's owners, Barton and Elizabeth Green, could be reached for comment. But Miner said the loggers began putting up hay bales and silt fences the evening after his visit, and Magoon said she has found all three parties cooperative.

"Either . . . Mr. Hathaway or Mr. Lyons has been on the phone with me daily to keep me updated as to their efforts," Magoon said.

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Kate Goodin of Kayak Country Paddlesports (pictured above) will be teaching a "Women's Introduction to Kayaking" class on Sunday, August 6, from 1 PM to 3 PM. Instruction for paddle techniques, self rescue information, and equipment selection will be part of the class. Call Kayak Country in Andover at 735-5000 or visit [KayakCountry.com](http://KayakCountry.com) for more information.

Photo: Bob Bussey

## Andover Snowmobile Club

By Allan Houle  
Andover Snowmobile Club

We would like to thank everyone that supported our Fourth of July food booth. The food crew was kept quite busy serving up burgers, sausage grinders, and beverages. Thanks for a job well done.

We even sold some raffle tickets for our Raffle Sled. This year's raffle sled is a 2006 Ski Doo MXZ 550X with electronic reverse, a very sharp looking sled.

It is also that time of year to be thinking about ordering your Andover Snowmobile Club Community Events Calendar. Order a calendar for \$5 and

you get four listings (birthday, anniversary, or "in memory") on the calendar. There are also a few advertisement spots available at this time. They do fill up quite quickly.

If interested in an advertisement or in ordering your calendar, please contact Sue Nelson at 934-9972 or Karen Brule at 735-5007. We like to have the orders in by September 17. You can also find out more about the Community Calendar, Raffle Sled, and other club events by checking out our Web site at [AndoverSnowmobileClub.com](http://AndoverSnowmobileClub.com).

Thanks again for all of your support, and have a great summer.

## Andover Fish & Game's Beef Barbeque

By Rich Gross  
Andover Fish & Game Club

The Andover Fish And Game Club's Annual Beef Barbecue with corn on the cob and all the fixings, plus strawberries and ice cream for dessert, will be held on Saturday, August 19 from 5 PM to 6:30 PM at the Andover Elementary/Middle School. Chef Murray Smith will be doing the cooking. A Chinese auction will follow.

The cost of the barbecue is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. We use the money raised for a kids' fishing

derby in the spring, a kids' ice fishing derby in the winter, and to send three kids to the Barry Conservation Camp in the summer. We also donate to local charities and maintain our clubhouse in East Andover.

There is always plenty to eat and drink, and the auction is always fun. So come on down and enjoy a fine meal and a good time.

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# CURRENT USE, EASEMENTS, & THE HERSEY FAMILY FARM

By Tina Cotton

## Andover Conservation Commission

With all the recent headlines about the grant for a conservation easement on the Hersey Family Farm, I thought it was time for a behind-the-headlines look at some land issues in general and the Hersey conservation easement in particular.

### Current Use

Land and buildings are taxed according to their assessment, which is supposed to reflect what they would sell for. Land may be taxed on its potential for development. In order to reduce the tax on your land, you may put it into Current Use, regulated by state statute, which requires that it be taxed based on how the land is actually being used, not on what it might be worth if it were developed.

OK, so I put my land in Current Use and reduce my tax bill. But doesn't that mean the rest of the town's taxpayers have to pick up my slack? True, but... if I can now afford to keep my land because of reduced taxation, I won't be as tempted to sell it, especially to that developer offering me big bucks, who can subdivide it for as many house lots as the zoning regulations and the lay of the land allow.

But don't more houses mean the town can collect more taxes? True, but if each house has one child to educate from kindergarten through 12th grade, and the town has to maintain and plow the roads serving those houses, then each of those houses is actually costing the town more than it collects in taxes!

Conclusion? Current use is actually beneficial to the town as a whole because the town does not grow as rapidly. The larger the town or city, the more educational, road, and town services cost and the higher the taxes to be raised to pay for those services will be.

### Conservation Easements

Simply put, a conservation easement is similar to putting your land permanently into Current Use. Some families so love their land in its undeveloped state that they want to keep it that way forever. They may treasure its scenic quality, its wildlife habitat, its unique or endangered flora and fauna, or may

want to keep a pond or waterfall pristine for future generations to enjoy.

Land in a conservation easement is still privately owned. It is still taxed at the Current Use rate, and it can be sold. To a certain extent, the landowner who grants a conservation easement on his land can dictate what are allowable uses and what uses are prohibited. Future landowners must abide by the initial easement deed, which is a legal contract, filed with the Registry of Deeds, between the landowner and the organization to which the easement is granted.

Most easements support forestry and agricultural uses and related buildings, and many allow other people to use the land for recreational use. Some landowners may forbid hunting, while others may prohibit motorized vehicles on their land. Easements must have some public conservation benefit and meet certain criteria if a federal tax deduction is involved for the donor.

For example, the 700-acre Newman conservation easement names the Town of Andover as the holder of the easement. The Andover Conservation Commission, with the help of Ron Evans and Gary Currier, convinced the Newmans that hunting should be allowed on their land. Prior to the Newman's ownership, an investment firm approached the Planning Board about the possibility of a 150 to 200 home development on the property! Subtracting land too wet or steep for development, it still would have supported 75 to 100 house lots.

Proctor Academy, Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club, and other folks with large chunks of land in Current Use or conservation easements are a blessing to our town budget, according to Dennis Fenton, chair of Andover's Board of Selectmen.

An easement can be acquired by an organization by an outright donation from the landowner, a "bargain sale" at a reduced price, or an outright purchase of the easement at market value. The land itself may be privately owned, but the landowner is giving up all development rights to the land. Most easement donors in town had their land in Current

Use before, so there is no reduction in property taxes collected by the town.

No matter how the easement is enacted, the landowner still faces considerable costs. The land often must be surveyed by a licensed surveyor, and an appraiser may have to value the conservation easement. Lawyers are involved for drawing up the legal documents to be recorded and to protect both the landowner and the easement holder.

Most land trusts request a donation to help cover future costs of monitoring and legally defending the easement if its terms have been violated. The Andover Conservation Commission has worked to offset some of these expenses to landowners who want or need financial assistance.

This is a very simplified explanation of Current Use and conservation easements. For further information, ask to borrow *Conserving Your Land: A Guide for Landowners*, which is available at the Town Hall.

### The Hersey Family Farm

Now on to some of the particulars concerning the Hersey land.

First, perceived conflict of interest. Jerry Hersey has been the chairman of the Andover Conservation Commission almost from its beginning. Sometime in 2005, Jerry approached the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) about conserving his land.

The Conservation Commission first heard of it in 2006 when funding became an issue. ASLPT came to a meeting asking if the Commission could provide some financial assistance and serve as the backup easement holder. Jerry offered to resign. Jerry was present, but only provided input when asked specific questions. He never took part in any vote.

Now that the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program grant may help make the easement a reality, and after much discussion with the blessing of both the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission, Jerry has taken a leave of absence until his easement becomes final, which will not happen until 2007.

Second, finances. Jerry is working

with ASLPT on a "bargain sale" of his development rights, which have been estimated at a full value of \$500,000. (Stacey Viandier has estimated that roughly 75 house lots could be developed on his land according to present zoning regulations!)

ASLPT wants to preserve the well-maintained working farm for its agricultural heritage, its scenic beauty as a gateway to our town from the east, its wildlife, its proximity to the Rail Trail, and other special qualities. Jerry is making the biggest donation of all; he has agreed to a bargain sale of the development rights to the fields and to an outright donation of development rights to the forest land.

The headlines in last month's *Beacon* stated a grant of \$173,000 had been awarded for the conservation easement on the Hersey Family Farm. In very rough numbers, this must be matched with \$87,000, and another \$40,000 will be needed to meet expenses of appraising, surveying, and legal expenses, for a total of \$127,000 to be raised.

So far, \$34,000 has already been pledged by private individuals, and a motion by the conservation commission, with the selectmen's blessing, would pay for the surveying and deed searching to be done this summer, which may be as high as \$25,000.

This leaves another \$68,000 to be raised or pledged. ASLPT hopes to have the pledges made by December 31 of this year, although most money won't be collected from those pledges until the spring of 2007.

On the Fourth of July, \$173 was stuffed in the donation jar manned by members of the ASLPT Fundraising Committee and the Andover Historical Society. Look for future fund raising efforts to make this easement a reality by June, 2007. Jerry will donate a cord of wood for a raffle. An upcoming Hersey Family Farm Day planned for September 30 should provide fun for all!

For more information about Current Use, conservation easements, or the Hersey Family Farm project, contact Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust at 526-6555 or ASLPT@tds.net.

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"This is the busy season for hunter education. If you're thinking about going hunting this fall and need to take a hunter education class, you better sign up soon," said Tom Flynn, Hunter Education Coordinator for Fish and Game.

The basic Hunter Education course averages about 16 hours of classroom instruction and field experiences, often including firing on a shooting range. Courses cover safe firearms handling; wildlife identification; game trailing, recovery and care; hunter ethics; outdoor safety and survival skills; and map and compass skills.

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For more information, contact Pam Doherty at [Pam.Doherty@UNH.edu](mailto:Pam.Doherty@UNH.edu) or 629-9494, ext. 120.

## By Peter Southworth

### Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail – Merrimack County was buoyed by a great Fourth of July at our display tent on the Village Green. Members talked with rail trail supporters and interested townspeople, looked at maps of the rail trail, and sold tickets for the bicycle raffle. FNRT members staffing the display table noted more townspeople enthusiasm and awareness of the benefits of the rail trail.

At our July 19 meeting, plans were made for more trail work in late August. This will include completing the third of a mile remaining by Bridge Street, where work was rained out this spring, and continuing east from the Blackwater Park to Switch Road. A grader, vibratory roller, and materials are being donated thanks to the work of Peter Crowell of New London.

More signs clarifying proper use of the trail were posted, and bicycles, horses, walkers, and dogs have been out enjoying the trail this summer.

Charles Martin presented to the Franklin City Council on the rail trail progress and plans – the trail will extend to Franklin – and received a great response as well as prominent coverage in the *Laconia Citizen*. The Franklin City Council will attend the FNRT August meeting.

Look for the FNRT information ta-

ble at the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair on Sunday, August 6 and at the Danbury Grange Fair on Saturday, September 9.

The Artists on the Trail art auction and fun walk/run will take place at the Andover Elementary/ Middle School gym on Sunday, October 1, from 1 PM to 4 PM. The bicycle raffle winner will be announced and we hope to celebrate and try out another section of newly improved trail from the Blackwater Park.

The next FNRT meeting is Wednesday, August 16, at 7 PM in the science room of AE/MS and is open to the public.

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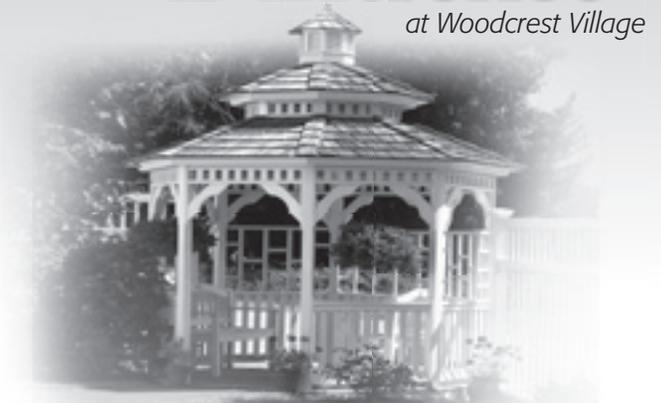
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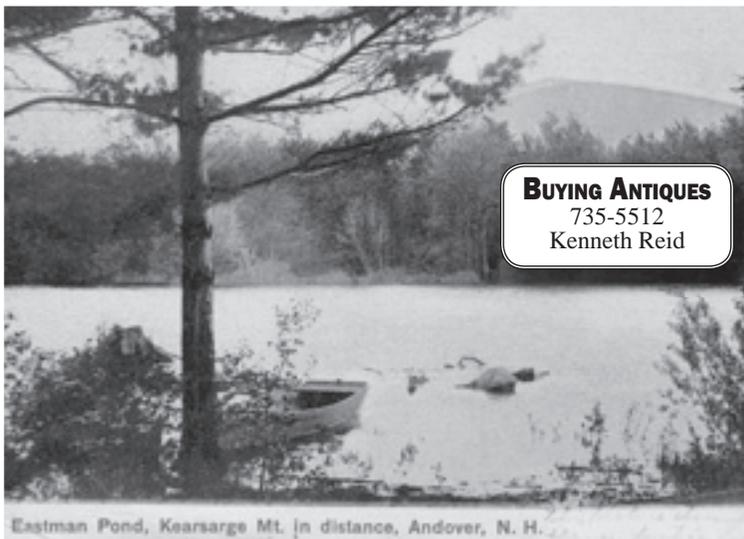


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After Footlight's growing successes last year with *Beauty and the Beast* and *Chicago*, the talented members of Footlight are at it again with this classic love story from the Old West. With love and laughter, great music, and dancing, this show can't help but win the hearts of its audience. And if the story and music don't sweep you away, the visual talents of Gay Bean and Michelle Landry, who continue to team up to create the sets and costumes, will take your breath away.

Tickets are available now by calling 934-1901 or going online at FranklinOp-

eraHouse.org. Show times are August 3 through 5 and August 10 through 12 at 7:30 PM, plus one Sunday matinee on August 13 at 2 PM.

Call or contact the Opera House now for best seating! Continue to keep track of the growing success of Franklin Footlight Theatre by checking its Web site at FranklinTheatre.com.

Started 12 years ago, Franklin Footlight Theatre has become an award-winning community theater company that now proudly calls the historic Franklin Opera House its home. Footlight Theatre was created by Jule C. Finley, who continues to direct and perform for the company, and a small group of high school students including Erin Wilcox of Andover. Although Erin graduated from the high school theater program shortly after Footlight started, she is now one of the respected alumni who has come back to join Footlight and grace audiences with her talents once again.



The cast of *Oklahoma!* rehearses the famous fight scene. (L-r) Marissa Bean, Brandon Moses, and Roy Hubble. Photo: Jule Finley

## Cable TV Committee Launches Welcome To Andover Project

By Charlie Darling  
Andover Cable TV Committee

Andover is growing, and growth is a challenge for the whole town – it brings more people, more demand for services, more strangers who don't always understand how we do things in Andover.

But growth is also a huge opportunity – more friends and neighbors, more volunteers, more donations, more ideas.

To benefit from this opportunity, we need a way to turn new strangers into new friends and neighbors. We need to help people who are new to Andover understand what's so special about our community and how they can help keep it special.

### Welcome To Andover

To get new strangers off on the right foot, the Andover Cable TV Committee is spearheading the *Welcome To Andover* project – a video that will provide a short introduction to Andover and to each of the dozens and dozens of committees and organizations that make Andover special. *Welcome To Andover* will air on Adelphia Cable Channel 8, of course, but much more important will be finding ways to get the DVD disc or VHS tape into the hands of every new family that moves to town.

There are 50 or more local committees and organizations that could be

included in the *Welcome To Andover* video, so this project is too big for the Cable TV Committee to tackle without a lot of help. Therefore, we'll be asking each committee and organization to work closely with us to shape the two- or three-minute segment of the video devoted to their group.

Since making a short video is new to most groups, the Cable TV Committee is designing a complete "Getting Started" kit that will help each group define the message it wants to convey and plan the best way to convey it. All it will take is one person from each group to embrace the *Welcome To Andover* project. The Cable TV Committee will work with that person to produce a video segment that everyone can be proud of.

If you're a leader of one of our many local committees and organizations, watch for a letter (or e-mail) from the Andover Cable TV Committee in your mailbox soon. It will explain how your group can help make *Welcome To Andover* a success so that Andover's growth will bring more friends and neighbors, more volunteers, more donations, and more ideas to every group in town.

For more information about the *Welcome To Andover* project, contact Charlie Darling at [Charlie@AndoverCableTV.com](mailto:Charlie@AndoverCableTV.com) or 735-6099.

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Andover High Reunion 2006.

Photo: Charlie Darling

# ANDOVER HIGH REUNION

By Judy Perreault  
Andover High School '53

Unlike last year we had a beautiful, sunny day on Saturday, July 8, for the Andover High School Reunion. We were happy to see so many classmates – over 86 attended.

Opening ceremonies began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a lovely rendition of *God Bless America* by Gay Ellen Rayno. We had a moment of silence for deceased members.

A rousing Andover cheer was followed by some old school songs sung by various class members. Thelma Miller Heath, class of '44 recalled two complete verses of a school song. Stuart Lenk and Liz Thompson Kirby came up with the Andover Fight Song. There was one more that escapes me, but Shirley Currier is getting them for next year's program.

Each class was recognized and their picture taken. Every class had at least one member present except for 1938, 1943, 1959, 1962, and 1963. Not bad for a 26-year span. If you are one of the missing, we hope to see you next year. We are aiming for all the classes to be represented.

We took care of some business, and then Charlie Darling, editor of *The Andover Beacon*, once again had the difficult task of choosing the winners in the name tag contest. Barbara Rising Hayes won the best and received an Olympic-type medal. George Gove re-

ceived a skunk finger puppet for worst, and Shirley and Clyde Currier got a musical Sponge Bob statue for the most unique. Harold Crane came in from California and won for coming the farthest. His prize was a model race car with two helium balloons to give him a "lift" home.

We all enjoyed the pot luck lunch. It was a delicious assortment of appetizers, salads, meat, and dessert. There was lots of visiting as people arrived as well as during and after lunch. The memorabilia was examined and we had a few mystery pictures which you may be seeing in the *Beacon*.

At the end of the day we had a brief meeting. Happily we've added Liz Thompson Kirby, Barbara Rising Hayes, and Stuart Lenk to the committee. Stuart is our computer man and will be compiling an e-mail list, so next year we can notify some of you by e-mail. If you didn't sign up at the reunion, you can send your e-mail address to the *Beacon* at [AHS@AndoverBeacon.com](mailto:AHS@AndoverBeacon.com) and we will see that he gets it and you get on the list.

Stuart has already scanned several of our yearbooks to CD-ROM and is doing more. Maybe we can get a Web site going.

Lily and Gordon Ordway have once again offered their facilities for next year's reunion. It will be the Saturday after the Fourth of July. Hope to see you next year, same day, same place.



Hal Crane '49, Keith Fleury '53, and John Graves '48 enjoy reminiscing over some of the Andover High memorabilia that was on display.

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NHCHF Halcyon Seekers at the Lane Tavern in Sanbornton. Front row (l-r): Evelyn Auger, Judy Perreault, Linda Salatiello, Pat Baker, Marilyn Gould, Sandy Graves. Second row: Toot Fleury, Shirley Currier, Natalie Lively, Marsha Strout, Ruth Monroe, Ann White. Back row: Irene McKinley, Jane Martin.

## New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault

### NH Circle of Home and Family

The Halcyon Seekers stepped back in time with their June visit to the Lane Tavern in Sanbornton. It is an old inn dating back to the early 1800s and catered to early stagecoach and other travelers. It is being restored by the Sanbornton Historical Society.

We packed our lunch and enjoyed it in the old tavern room where food and drinks were served. I was surprised to learn there were liquor laws in the early 1800s.

Evelyn Auger gave us some history on how the tavern came to the Historical Society, its uses and condition and restoration to date. After lunch we moved on to the Ladies Parlor where Linda Salatiello explained how the ladies retired to the parlor after dining and left the gentlemen to their drinks and cigars. They enjoyed socializing and exchanging the news.

We visited the kitchen with its large fireplace and beehive oven, where Debbie Lajeskie described the various cooking utensils, types of food cooked, and the time it took to make. It makes you appreciate electric and gas stoves and microwave ovens. Debbie also served

delicious cookies made from an old recipe.

One large room took up almost half the second floor. It was a multi-purpose room serving as a dormitory, ballroom, and meeting room as the need arose. Some of the bedrooms on the second floor have yet to be restored. At this time the large room is more of a museum with some very interesting antiques.

Steve Ober and his granddaughter Mia tested our antique-identifying abilities. Some of us were chagrined to admit that in our early days we actually used some of the items. Steve also gave us the history and use of many of the antiques in the room.

We ended the day with a visit to the gift shop. It had a nice selection of unique and handmade items. It was interesting to learn that the demise of the inn was caused by the railroad. People no longer traveled on the stage routes, at least not in the previous numbers.

It is certainly worth a visit to this old tavern. It is open to the public on Friday, August 4 from 3 PM to 6 PM, on Saturday, August 5 from 10 AM to noon, and September 1 from 3 PM to 6 PM. On Friday you have the added attraction of a Farmer's Market nearby.

## Andover Service Club News

By Gisela Darling

### Andover Service Club

Our Thrift Shop Summer Sale starts in August with all of our clothing items 50% off! In order to move more merchandise we have also included current consignor items during this sale. (The consignors will still receive the original amount due to them.) We would like to pass on the savings to our customers and consignors in appreciation for their support of the Andover Service Club's Thrift Shop and all the projects that the Andover Service Club is able to do because of our store here in town. Thank you!

We still have a nice assortment of women's clothing in larger sizes.

As in the past, we do not take any consignments during the month of August in order to catch up and prepare for the colder season ahead.

Please also note that we are back to our regular shop hours in August again: Tuesday, 10 AM to 2 PM; Wednesday, 3 PM to 7 PM; Thursday, 10 AM to 4 PM; and Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM.

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# Lake Sunapee Region VNA

Nina, a lucky shopper visiting from Russia, was a perfect fit for a beautiful rare coat found in the Lake Sunapee Region VNA's Renaissance Shoppe tent at the New London Garden Club Antique Show & Sale on July 22. The coat, which dates back to the late 1800s, is made of chinese silk and features intricate embroidery and a fur lining of ermine.

You never know what treasures might be found at The Renaissance Shoppe, a high quality resale shop run by the Friends of Lake Sunapee Region VNA. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM, the shop is located on 107 Newport Road in New London at the back of the VNA building.

Tax-deductible donations of items are always needed. The community is encouraged to shop often, as inventory changes quickly, prices are excellent, and all proceeds support the VNA. Call 526-6711 for more information.

### Charity Auction Benefits VNA

On June 15 the Affiliates Committee of the Sunapee Region Board of Realtors held its first annual charity auction at Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury, contributing the event proceeds to the VNA.

The Auction was attended by Realtors, business affiliates, and invited guests. Donations of wonderful items such as art, fine furnishings, a kayak, a water trampoline, antiques, jewelry, vacation getaways, and more helped to



**Fabulous find at The Renaissance Shoppe's tent - a silk and ermine coat!**

make the auction a success. One of the highlights of the event was the good-natured bidding for locally-made pies, some of which sold for more than \$50!

For more information about the VNA, please call 526-4077 or visit the VNA Web site at [LakeSunapeeVNA.org](http://LakeSunapeeVNA.org).

## Blackwater Grange

Blackwater Grange 152 met on July 13 with 13 members attending. The Grange is planning an awards night for its September meeting on September 14.

The members send get well wishes to Helene Clark Ellard, who is an alumni of Andover High School.

The Grange meets next on Thursday, August 10 at 7:30 PM at the Masonic Hall in Potter Place.

# Andover Congregational Church

By Judy Evans  
**Andover Congregational Church**

During August, 43 young people from the area will be enjoying a week of camp at Lake Champion in New York. This is quite amazing! They have been attending the Wyldlife program, which is under the direction of Cathy Ellis. Wyldlife will be starting up again in September, so be sure to contact Cathy at 735-5025 if you would like to have your middle school age child involved.

An outside worship service will be held on Sunday, August 6, at 9:30 AM. A picnic will follow with chef Ron Keyser and his crew grilling burgers and hot dogs. We invite everyone to this special time and ask that you bring a side dish to share. That afternoon we will go to the Peabody Nursing Home in Franklin to sing for the residents. This is something that we are doing each month, being arranged by Sherri Dow. You are welcome to come and join us. It's a very rewarding experience to see the response from the residents when we come to visit.

Our annual Flea Market and Bake Sale will be held on the Andover Village Green on Saturday, September 2, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Call Irene Jewett at 735-5271 if you would like to sell items and reserve a spot.

The Living Stones have been invited to perform bluegrass gospel music at the Enfield Methodist Church on Sunday,

September 10, at 3 PM. We are pleased to have this opportunity to share the Gospel in song. Feel free to come and join us! Call me if you need directions to the church.

We continue to hold bake sales on the third Sunday of each month at 10:30 AM. Home-made goodies are available made by not only the women, but also the men and teens of our church! Proceeds are going to the renovation of the Grange Hall.

Coming this fall: Alpha...Teen Alpha, Beta, and Gamma...Growth groups for all ages...Morning Bible discussion...Through the Bible class on Saturday mornings...an Alpha marriage course...and more!

Sunday morning worship begins at 9:30 AM with childcare provided for little ones. Sunday School will start up during the middle of September. As always, you are welcome at Andover Congregational Church.

For information about outreach programs for teens and adults and any needs for pastoral assistance, call Pastor John at 735-5160. If he is unavailable, call Ginny Newton at 934-3171.

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# Benefit For Benaiah Buys A Van

By Alex Graf  
Inn at Danbury

On March 29, 14 year old Benaiah McCollough of Danbury was very seriously injured in an accident. After almost two months in the hospital, he came home in mid-May. His progress is slow, but it is progress, and the doctors are amazed at his fabulous comeback. For updates on how Benaiah is doing, visit [CaringBridge.org/visit/benaiahmccollough](http://CaringBridge.org/visit/benaiahmccollough).

On June 25, the Inn at Danbury staged a benefit auction and dinner fundraiser for the McCollough family. It went very well. The total amount raised was \$7,466.65. The McColloughs used the money to purchase a special van that cost \$7,500. They are very excited that they can now take Benaiah places when he feels good. He has already made trips to FunSpot, Newfound Lake, and other area attractions.

On the day of the benefit, Benaiah's mom and dad, Teresa and Kevin McCollough, rolled Benaiah in his wheelchair across the street to our Inn for him



**Benaiah McCollough and his dad Kevin in the van that the family purchased with the money the community raised at the Inn at Danbury's fundraiser.**

Photo: Teresa McCollough

to be welcomed by all of the people who were there to support this family. Some of the folks they knew, some they did not.

Total strangers started crying when they saw Benaiah and he told them, "Thank you." Flashbulbs went off as his friends and supporters took pictures of him. For a moment it was as if he was a total celebrity.

We here at the Inn at Danbury want to thank all of the businesses that provided items to be auctioned and all of the volunteers who helped put this together. Bob, Alex and the Graf kids want to thank you all for your support to help this family.

## GRADUATED Elizabeth Sell

Elizabeth Sell, daughter of Mary and Roy Sell, earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York, where she was a member of the fencing club, a tutor, and a member of the Darkling Gaming Club.



**Leon Nelson (stooping) and other lucky contestants scramble to pick up dollar bills dropped from a helicopter at a Fisher Cats game.**

Photo: Stephanie Nelson

## SCRAMBLIN' Leon Nelson

For Stephanie Nelson's 14th birthday, 13 friends and family went to a Fisher Cats game in Manchester. At the game, anyone 21 or older could sign up to be one of 25 lucky people to go onto the field at the end of the game when a helicopter would drop \$1,000 in one dollar bills.

Stephanie's dad, Leon Nelson, signed up and was among the 25 chosen! He flew around the field collecting as many ones as possible. In total, he collected \$71, which was the second highest collected – the highest was \$77.



**FBPW scholarship winner Stephanie Greene and her daughter Jordan.**

Photo: Margo Bartz

## HONORED Stephanie Greene

On June 21, the Franklin Business and Professional Women (BPW) presented Stephanie Greene of Andover with the \$500 Velma Smith Dalphond Scholarship. She is currently enrolled at Hesser College in Concord. Stephanie was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society in March of this year.

Her grade point average is 3.75. She is on the President's List and Dean's List. Her goal is to be a Registered Nurse within two years. She wants to help people.

Stephanie has an eight-year-old daughter, Jordan. Stephanie wants to show her daughter what you can do when you put your mind to it. Besides working as head waitress at Blackwater Junction Restaurant in Andover, Stephanie bakes all the pies for them.

The Velma Smith Dalphond Scholarship is awarded to a mature woman who lives or works in the Franklin area. Money is raised for this scholarship and other community projects with profits from a community calendar. For more information, go to [NHBPW.org/franklin-programs.htm](http://NHBPW.org/franklin-programs.htm).



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## WINNER Bonnie Coombs

Bonnie Coombs of Andover recently won first prize in the *New Hampshire Sunday News*' contest on "why New Hampshire is your most liveable state." Bonnie enjoys writing short poems for her family, so she sent in a poem (below) instead of an essay.

Bonnie's prize is a trip for four to Fenway Park to see the Red Sox play the Minnesota Twins. The *Sunday News* reports, "All of her family members still live in New Hampshire, and she said it's going to be difficult deciding who'll get to go."

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it dear.  
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family's here! - Bonnie Coombs

## ACCEPTED Samantha Rheaume

Samantha Rheaume, daughter of Peter Rheaume and Elizabeth Rheaume, plans to attend Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, Maine, where she will major in marine biology. Rheaume is a member of the class of 2006 at Merrimack Valley High School, where she was active in soccer, softball, the National Honor Society, and the National Art Honor Society.

## HONORS UNH Students

The following local students earned honors for the spring semester at the University of New Hampshire.

### High Honors

Anna Jurta  
Davis Thurston

### Honors

Adam Fitzpatrick  
Chloe Rochon  
Mary Will

## HONORED Nathan Kendrick

Nathan Kendrick, a student at New Hampshire Community Technical College in Laconia, was awarded the President's Award of Excellence.

## OBITUARIES

**ROY F. ALDRICH**, 90, of Wilmot, died June 27 in New London.

He was born in Rochester, Vermont and moved to Beech Hill Road in Andover in 1924. He lived on Halcyon Hill Farm in East Andover before moving to Wilmot Flat in 1932. He is survived by family members including a nephew considered a son, David Miller, his wife, Sheree, and their children, Jeff and Brandee, of Andover.

**SHERYL A. (O'NEIL) MILLIARD**, 54, of Concord died June 30 at the Merrimack County Nursing Home after a long illness. She is survived by many family members, including her mother and step-father, Thelma L. and Francis C. Frame of East Andover.

**RONALD O. PRESTON**, 56, of Concord, died July 5 at the Concord VNA's Hospice House. Mr. Preston was born in Derry and attended Manchester schools. Survivors include his daughter, Bonnie Jolley, of Andover.

**BLANCHE A. (FOREST) DELANO SANBORN**, 78, of Wilmot, died suddenly on July 6 at New London Hospital. Blanche worked at Freedom Acres in Wilmot. She married R. William Sanborn Sr., and together they were the founders of Blackwater Bill's Res-

taurant and Junction Gulf Services in Cilleyville. Mr. Sanborn died in 2004.

Blanche was a communicant of Immaculate Conception Church in Potter Place and was active in the Wilmot Farmer's Market.

Surviving members of her family include a son, Daryl Delano of Plymouth, Massachusetts; two daughters, Denise Curtiss and Darlene Delano, both of Wilmot; six stepchildren, including Billy Sanborn Jr. of Andover; a sister, Loretta Rayno of Wilmot; and two nephews, Glenn and Douglas Rayno.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Wilmot Community Association, PO Box 69, Wilmot 03287; or the Wilmot Ladies Aid Society, PO Box 411, Wilmot 03287.

**EDNA ELNORA (RICHARDS) BURK**, 85, of Concord died July 24. Among her surviving family members is Meghan Hardy of Andover, her granddaughter.

**STAFF SGT. ARTHUR "ARTY" L. FONTAINE**, 69, of Franklin died in late July. Born in Boscawen, he lived in Andover for 10 years. Arty was a veteran and active in many veterans organizations. He worked for nearly 50 years for the Kearsarge Telephone Company. Among surviving family members is his wife of 41 years, Lois (Dicey) Fontaine.

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# Cub Scouts Pack 489

By Leighton Terwilliger  
Cub Scout Pack 489

In July, the kids from Cub Scout Pack 489 were at Camp Carpenter in Manchester to have a good time and a great learning experience. Nicholas Terwilliger, Nicholas Keniston, Jeff Bates, Aaron Smith, Kyle Smart, Sam Bentley, Seth Newton, and Robert Smith spent a week with adult leaders Leighton Terwilliger, David Bates, and Shane Smart.

The boys arrived on a very hot Sunday afternoon, then were off to their swimming test. After dinner and orientation, we finished with a camp fire.

Monday was a long day with kickball, waterslide, parachute games, and miniature golf. On Tuesday, another hot day, the kids started on their Webelos Aquanaut Pin, which has various swimming requirements, and some fun BMX trail riding. We also went on a canoe trip where the kids learned how to start a fire and tie knots. The day ended with BB guns and archery.

Wednesday was much cooler, and the kids had fun in the Webelos Challenge Course, where they climbed ropes horizontally and vertically and swung and balanced on ropes. They also finished their Aquanaut Pin. Great job kids!



Back (l-r): Dave Bates, Leighton Terwilliger, Shane Smart. Front: Kyle Smart, Jeff Bates, Sam Bentley, Seth Newton, Robert Smith, Aaron Smith, Nicholas Terwilliger, Nicholas Keniston. Photo: Naydine Keyser

We finished up the week with another trip to the BB gun and archery ranges, both favorites with the boys.

It was a great week, and I would like to thank David Bates and Shane Smart for taking time off from their jobs and helping me with the Cub Scouts. All the boys were great.

Cub Scouts is open to boys entering grades one through five. For more information or to join, call Leighton Terwilliger at 735-6502. There will also be signups after school starts. Flyers will be sent home with more details.

# East Andover Village Preschool

By Carmen Bates  
East Andover Village Preschool

We thank everyone who helped with the Preschool's Fourth of July float, which won first prize!

We would especially like to thank Armand Boisvert for use of his truck and trailer, Shane Smart for driving the truck, and all the kids who showed up that day with candy to throw.

Ms. Doreen put a lot of work into the float, and we would like to thank her for her dedication to the preschool even during the summer months.

## A New Year

We look forward to getting to know all of our new friends and reuniting with our old ones. We spend our time at the preschool getting to know all of the children and their likes and dislikes. We thought that this would be a good time for the children to learn about their teachers before they get to school.

Ms. Doreen has lived in Andover for 10 years with her husband, Craig, and three children, Kristi, Shelby, and Koby. This will be her sixth year at EAVP as the Director and Teacher. She enjoys spending time with her family and reading. Her favorite children's movie is *Ice Age*. Ms. Doreen has many, many favorite children's books. Two of her favorites are *Parts* and the classic *Polar Express*. She looks forward to meeting new children and welcoming new families to another great year at EAVP.

Ms. Becky has lived in Andover for one year with her husband, Shane, and two children, Kyle and Alisha. This will be her fourth year at EAVP as a



Carmen Bates, Becky Smart, and Doreen Perreault and the prize-winning float. Photo: David Bates

Teacher's Aide. She enjoys traveling and shopping when she is not at the preschool. Her favorite children's movie is *Nemo* and her favorite children's book is *Mitt, the Michigan Mouse*. She looks forward to going on the field trips this year with the Preschool II children.

Ms. Carmen has lived in Andover for 14 years with her husband, Dave, and three children, Tim, Jeff, and Emily. This will be her third year at EAVP as the Assistant Teacher. Her greatest loves are her family, scrap booking, and horses. Her favorite children's movie is *Spirit* and her favorite children's book is *The Giving Tree*. She looks forward to reading stories with the children and hopefully hatching some more duck eggs!

Our year will start with a parent meeting at 6:30 PM on August 30 at the Preschool. This will give parents the opportunity to learn about our upcoming school year, meet other parents, the staff, and our great Advisory Board members. We look forward to seeing you all there and to the beginning of a great year!

Questions? Call Doreen at 735-5105.



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This adventure is open to all boys and girls between the ages of five and 12, regardless of religious background. You are welcome to attend the club with your child.

There is no charge to attend. An optional missionary offering will be taken each day.

These fun-filled five days will benefit children by teaching biblical principles, moral values, character qualities, and respect for authority. Christians who are concerned for the spiritual well-being of your child will teach the club, and steps have been taken to ensure each participant's safety.

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The Andover Moto-Cross float won Most Patriotic in the Fourth of July parade. Walking: Dave Marceau. On the float (l-r): Austin Marceau, Jake Frost, Tyler Heath, Cole Hawes, Kyle O'Hagan, Josh Bond, Connor O'Hagan.

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## MOTO-CROSS FLOAT A WINNER

By Alicia Marceau  
For the Beacon

What is a Fourth of July without plenty of food, sun, and a parade?! This year's Fourth of July parade was especially great for the kids who race dirt bikes, as their Andover Moto-Cross float won the prize for "Most Patriotic Float."

Participating on the Fourth were:

Austin Marceau #38 – 50cc

Tyler Heath #75 – 65cc

Cole Hawes #29 – 85cc

Josh Bond #83 – 85cc

Cam Doucet #16 – 85cc

Jake Frost – 85cc

Kyle O'Hagan – 85cc

Connor O'Hagan – 85cc

DJ (Buford T.) Hawes – Pit Mechanic

Katie Levesque and Michael Pelky

Andover Moto-Cross sends a special "Thank you!" to Sally George, Tom Heath, Dave Hawes, Jeff Connor, and Becca Taylor for helping with the float.

### Racing Action

The group of boys from Andover, ranging in age from eight to 14, race dirt bikes at Winchester Speed Park – both

Moto-Cross and Super-Cross – and at Canaan Moto-Cross. Their riding experience ranges from Novice to Expert.

In order for these boys to remain competitive they practice as much as they can. They ride in their yards, in nearby fields, or on a practice track in Andover.

Along with the fun of riding and racing comes the time to work on the bikes and make sure they are ready for the next venture out. It is great to have a bunch of kids and parents who get together, share ideas, and lend a hand or a wrench to make this all happen.

### Race Day

It's 5 AM and time to know, Off to the races, here we go! A day of fun is well-planned, With friends and family in the stands. The gate will drop, and off they go, What place they finish nobody knows.

The day is long and when it ends, The best part of all is safe racing with friends.



Students of the Andover Academy of Self-Defense get ready to march and demonstrate their skills in the Fourth of July parade.

Back Row: Mike Schamel, Sarah Gerlack, Nathan French, Aimee Linehan, Nicole Robinson, Charlie Reed, Joren Schamel, Danny Cummings, and Head Master David Stepp.

Second Row: Bailey Robinson, Bingham Johnson, Ben Yusko, Hannah French, and Curtis Chamberlin.

Kneeling: Heidi Terwilliger, Frank Cummings, Nicholas Terwilliger, and Hunter Heath.

Missing from photo: Tyler Holman and Daisy Elwell.

Photo: Beth Chamberlin

# ANDOVER SPORTS NOTES



**Winter Sports Training** - Proctor Academy recently hosted a week-long cross-country ski training camp. Local skiers included Maddy Pfeifer, Caroline Pond, Corinne Cline, and Meredith Cline. Above, Caroline (l) practices on rollerskis and Maddy gets off a shot during a paintball biathlon.

In other winter sports news, Nicholas Fairall finished 10th and Chris Lamb finished 25th ski jumping at the Federation Internationale de Ski Cup in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. And Corinne Cline attended a 16-day cross-country ski training camp at Der Dachstein glacier near Ramsau, Austria. Photos: Don Cline

## Soccer

The Andover Recreation Committee's soccer teams are looking for boys and girls in grades one through six for the fall soccer season. Registrations must be complete by August 15. Stop by Blackwater Ski and Cycle on Main Street or contact Alan Hanscom at 735-5972 or soccercash@tds.net for more information.

## Baseball All-Stars

The Kearsarge Valley All-Star baseball team for 11-year-olds was coached by Steele Henderson. Steele Henderson, Jr., Tim Braley, and Cody Barton, all from Andover, played on the team. The All-Stars were runner-ups in the district tournament, so they headed to the state tournament on Saturday, July 22.

In the All-Star's first game in the double-elimination tournament, the score was tied 1-1 after the six regulation innings, sending the game into extra innings. The All-Stars ended up losing the game by one run in the eighth inning.

The team played again on Sunday, July 23 and won 13-3, with teammate Nate Munier from Sunapee getting a walk-off home run in the fifth inning.

The All-Stars were eliminated from the state tournament when they lost their game on Monday, July 24, against the Rochester team that had bested them in the district tournament.

Congratulations to Steele, Tim, and Cody for playing on the All-Stars!



All Stars from Andover - Cody Barton (top), Steele Henderson, Jr. (middle), and Tim Braley. Photos: Tina Barton

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designed to accommodate the large number of children. The morning kindergarten class should attend the 8 AM orientation, and the afternoon kindergarten class should attend the 9 AM orientation.

Seventh and eighth grade students who are interested in playing soccer should attend the first practice on August 22 at 3 PM. Coach Tucker has scheduled pre-season practices Tuesday through Friday that week.

Fortunately, staff turnover was low this year, and all teachers will be returning to AE/MS. We are pleased to welcome Susan Avis, our new Reading Specialist/Enrichment Teacher to the staff. She will work two days a week. Another change will take place in the

winter when Special Education Director/Assistant Principal Kristin Flaherty leaves for the birth of her third child. A replacement will be hired to fill in during Ms. Flaherty's absence.

Open Houses scheduled in September are on the September 7 and September 21. Parents and guardians of sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students will meet the staff and learn about the curriculum on September 7. The Open House for first through fifth grade families will be on September 21.

AE/MS is always looking for volunteers. The school has an active PTO but is always looking for new members with new ideas. Look for the fall meeting date and get involved. There are many ways to volunteer in a school.



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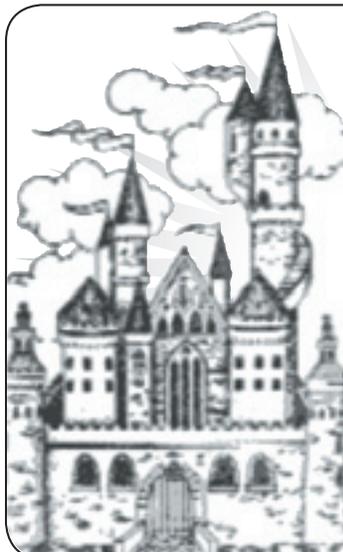
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## A Piece Of History

In June, Barney Bares showed eighth grade students at AE/MS how you have to crank an antique 1917 Ford Model T roadster to start it. His wife Dolores Bare is at the far right, talking with Mr. Tucker. The Bares were invited to the school by eighth grade student Josh Bond as part of a Social Studies project assigned by Mr. Tucker.

Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand



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# AE/MS STARTS NEW YEAR ON AUGUST 29

By Jane Slayton  
Principal, AE/MS

The school is a busy place in August as teachers prepare for the return of students. Students return to Andover Elementary/Middle School on August 29 for the 2006-2007 school year.

Students in kindergarten through grade five have received letters from their new teachers welcoming them to the class. If your child has not received a letter, please contact the school office.

Classrooms have been painted, carpets cleaned, and floors waxed throughout the building. New bulletin boards are appearing daily, and desks with piles of books await the return of students.

The biggest excitement will be in the computer lab, where all new computer workstations have been set up. The flat

screen monitors are most impressive. AE/MS is now wireless, and students can do Internet research on laptop computers anywhere in the building.

Several new students have registered for the school year. A few students have also moved away from Andover. Families new to Andover are all invited to an Ice Cream Social on August 25 at 7 PM. Seventh and eighth grade Student Council members will be on hand to help welcome new students.

Twenty-seven new kindergarten students will be coming to school this year. They have a special morning on August 24 when they attend Kindergarten Orientation. Students and parents will spend time in the classroom and have the opportunity to ride the school bus.

Kindergarten orientation has been  
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At the end of the last school year, the kindergarten enjoyed two days of Camp I-Learned-A-Lot. Among the happy campers were (l-r) Ethan Collette, Noah Newton, Alan Thompson, Alex Sargent, Killian White, and Bret Russell.  
Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

## AE/MS Soccer

All incoming AE/MS seventh and eighth grade students are welcome and encouraged to come out for the soccer team. Pre-season practices begin Tuesday, August 22. Coach Tucker has scheduled practices during that week from 3 PM to 4:30 PM on August 22, 23, 24, and 25.

Students must have a current physical on file to participate. Those who have had their physicals during the summer break should bring the paperwork to the first practice or drop it off at the school office prior to the season.

Equipment required will be shin guards, mouth guard, cleats or sneakers, a water bottle, and comfortable practice clothes (sweat pants, shorts, tee shirt, etc.). Students can purchase mouth guards through Coach Tucker and the athletic department at AE/MS. Insect repellent should be applied before practices.

## Andover One Wheelers

By Lisa Hanscom  
Andover One Wheelers

Eight new members made their parade debut with the Andover One Wheelers Traveling Team at the Andover Fourth of July celebration. The team proudly welcomes members Siobhan Reid, Meaghan Reid, Bailey Powers, Olivia Blodgett, Chantal Caron, Ashley Lamson, Maya Leopardi, and Ashley Levesque to the line up.

In addition to new team members, AOW is happy to announce that Michelle Keezer, middle school teacher at AE/MS, has assumed the duties of Head Coach.

Team members are busy fulfilling a packed summer schedule, having completed appearances in Claremont, Enfield, Andover, Warner, and Pittsfield in June and July. August appearances will include Canaan Old Home Day Parade on August 5; Andover Historical Society Fair on August 6; Belmont Old Home Day on August 12; and Chichester Old Home Day on August 19.

The One Wheeler Parent Boosters would like to thank the countless patrons at our Fourth of July booths on the Village Green and during the fireworks. Proceeds from this activity will be used to pay team member travel expenses on the 2007 trip.

# Mark Your Calendar!

- Aug 1** – School Board, AE/MS, 6:30
- Aug 1** – Building Inspector, 7-8
- Aug 5** – Wilmot Farmers' Market, Town Green, Wilmot Flat, 9-12
- Aug 6** – Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair, Potter Place Railroad Station, 9-2
- Aug 7** – Board of Selectmen, 7
- Aug 8** – Public Hearing on Ragged Mountain Resort Expansion, Danbury Town Hall, 7
- Aug 8** – Building Inspector, 7-8
- Aug 8** – Planning Board, 7
- Aug 9** – Conservation Comm., 7:30
- Aug 10** – Recycle Committee, Town Hall, 7
- Aug 10** – Blackwater Grange, Potter Place, 7:30
- Aug 12** – Swap Shop, Transfer Station, 7:30-3:30 (Rain: Aug 19)
- Aug 12** – Wilmot Farmers' Market, Town Green, Wilmot Flat, 9-12
- Aug 12** – Salisbury Old Home Day, 9
- Aug 12** – Andover Lions Club Lobster Bake, Proctor Academy, 4-6
- Aug 12** – Salisbury Congregational Church Chicken BBQ, Salisbury Town Hall, 12-5
- Aug 13** – Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse, Tucker Mountain Road, 1-3
- Aug 14** – Lions Club, Mr. D's, 6:30
- Aug 15** – WCA Senior Lunch, reservations required at 526-4540, 12
- Aug 15** – Building Inspector, 7-8
- Aug 15** – Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall, 7:30
- Aug 16** – Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, AE/MS Science Room, 7
- Aug 19** – Wilmot Farmers' Market, Town Green, Wilmot Flat, 9-12
- Aug 19** – Andover Fish & Game Beef BBQ, AE/MS, 5-6:30
- Aug 20** – East Andover Grange Hall Restoration Baked Goods Sale, 10:30
- Aug 21** – Board of Selectmen, 7
- Aug 22** – AE/MS Soccer practice begins
- Aug 22** – Building Inspector, 7-8
- Aug 23** – Conservation Commission planning meeting, 7:30
- Aug 24** – Kindergarten Orientation, AE/MS
- Aug 25** – Ice Cream Social for new families, AE/MS, 7
- Aug 26** – Wilmot Farmers' Market, Town Green, Wilmot Flat, 9-12
- Aug 27** – WCA Breakfast Buffet, WCA Barn, 8-11
- Aug 28** – Master Plan Update, Town Office, 7:30
- Aug 29** – First day of school, AE/MS
- Aug 29** – Andover Fish & Game, East Andover Clubhouse, 7:30
- Aug 29** – Lions Club, Mr. D's, 6:30
- Aug 29** – Building Inspector, 7-8
- Sept 2** – Andover Congregational Church Flea Market and Bake Sale, Village Green, 9-2