



Boring into Highland Lake Dam - Contractors arrived earlier this month to try to get a look into the innards of the town's troubled dam. For a look at what they found, turn to page 6. Photo: Bob Bussey

AndoverBeacon.com October 2006 \$2.00

Committees, Citizens Grapple With Roof Woes At AE/MS

By Vicky Mishcon
Andover School Board

A Special Meeting was held at the Andover Elementary/Middle School on September 12 to inform the public of the state of the roof structure on the original building (the old Andover High School, built in 1934). School Board Chair Doug Boisvert presented the engineer's report and a slide show showing the areas of concern. The following information was disseminated at the meeting.

Steffensen Engineering Associates conducted a structural analysis of the hip roof framing and found numerous overstresses and damage to framing members. The report identified buckling of the stud wall framing and ceiling hangers, splitting of the diagonal web and center bottom chord, and shimming of the diagonal web at the purlin.

The numerous overstresses and

damage to framing members render the roof framing system inadequate to support heavy snow loads. The firm recommended that the entire roof framing system be removed and replaced with a pre-engineered truss system.

The School Board requested Steffensen to review the situation and determine if there were temporary repairs that could be made allowing the Board more time to develop a plan of action. The recommendation returned by Steffensen included the installation of additional bracing and straightening of the stud wall. Additional bracing is recommended at the diagonal webs as well as reinforcement with metal strappings.

The temporary solution will not bring the roof into compliance with any appropriate building codes, and total replacement is still recommended.

See Roof on page 3

Yard Sale Fundraiser For NH Food Bank Planned

By Mev Matulevich
For the Beacon

Bill Matulevich, resident of Andover and long time Proctor Maintenance employee, is at it again. He has collected a small building full of recycled goods to pass along for a fair and hopefully generous donation that will go totally (100%) to the New Hampshire Food Bank in Manchester. The New Hampshire Food Bank is actually the *only* food bank in the state, and they serve close to 350 agencies (including food pantries) throughout the entire state.

There seem to be more and more folks needing assistance these days. With winter coming, it will get even harder to provide groceries for those needing help.

On Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8, starting early in the morning, yard sale items will be displayed in the field owned by CWS Fence Co., along the driveway into R.P. Johnson's lumber yard, on Route 11. Local vendors of food and goods have been invited to set up tables for a \$25 donation for the space.

Weather permitting, we've been told

that Dale McLeod of East Andover has offered to provide helicopter rides to help raise funds. Several hot air balloon people have also been contacted to provide tethered balloon rides. (Fingers are crossed on the balloon rides.) There may also be animals there for petting and viewing.

If you want to be part of this project, you are encouraged to volunteer as soon as possible. Yard sale items will be accepted before or on the day of the sale. Please help out any way you can!

If you want your own space to set up a table, there is plenty of room. If you have a boat or motor home, or car to sell, rent a space for the \$25 donation! If you build bird houses, knit sweaters, or bake bread, set up a table for the \$25 donation. You get the idea.

Fingers crossed for a dry day!

A special thanks to Lorrie and Craig Sliter for the use of their property at CWS Fence and to R.P. Johnson's for the use of the vacant lot in the lumber yard. To reserve a space, volunteer, or ask questions, contact Bill at 735-5548 or bbam@tds.net.

Hersey Family Farm Alliance HERSEY FAMILY FARM DAY

Saturday, Sept. 30, 10:30 AM to 2 PM
Route 11, East Andover

EVENTS FOR THE FAMILY THROUGHOUT THE DAY

- Hay Rides
 - Scything and Hewing Demonstrations
 - Barn Tours
 - Music with Paul Currier, fiddle, and Margo Coolidge, guitar
 - Children's Scavenger Hunt
 - Guided Walk of the Northern Rail Trail
 - Easy Woods Hike with Tim Fleury, County Forester
 - Discussions with Mike Lynch,
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - FREE REFRESHMENTS**
 - Freshly Baked Cookies
 - Homemade Muffins
 - Locally Produced Cider
 - Harvest Soup
 - Hot Dogs
 - RAFFLES**
 - Local Farm Products
 - An Original Oil Painting by Lisa Jelleme-Miller

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail SUNDAY FUN DAY

Sunday, October 1 • Blackwater Park

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- NOON
Kids' Fun Run
- 12:15 PM
Ribbon Cutting for the new section of the Northern Rail Trail, with Dr. Susan Lynch, wife of Governor Lynch and honorary chair of Sunday Fun Day
- 12:35 PM
5K Race - open to all
- 1 PM
Artists on the Trail Exhibition and Sale at AE/MS - \$5 admission includes a reception with food and live music
- Hay Rides**
- Bike Raffle** - a 2006 Jamis Citizen valued at \$325
- Silent Auction** - an overnight stay at Sugar Maple Trailside Inn in Northampton, Massachusetts with a personal rail trail tour by New England trail expert Craig Della Penna
- 2:30 PM
Mountain Bike Race - open to all, on a Proctor Mountain Bike course - Carr Field road

SUPPORT THE BEACON!

The Andover Beacon is mailed free to all Andover addresses thanks to the support of our volunteers, our members, and our advertisers. Have you done your part to support our community newspaper?

Andover Beacon
PO Box 149
Andover NH
03216-0149

Prsrt Std
ECRWSS
US Postage
PAID
Permit No. 5
Andover NH

POSTAL CUSTOMER