

Ragged Ski Area Updates Planned

By Kate Davidson
 Concord Monitor staff
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[If you didn't know that Ragged Mountain Ski Resort was sold last month, see the article about the sale on page 3.]

The new owners of Ragged Mountain Resort plan to spend \$1.5 million to \$2 million this year on "massive upgrades" to the resort's snowmaking system and on long overdue golf course maintenance, the project manager told the Danbury Planning Board last night.

Gerald Jackson, one of three partners who purchased the resort, said its expansion could last at least 10 years and include condominiums, a swimming and tennis club, a fitness center, a children's adventure center, and expansion of the snowmaking and irrigation ponds to allow fishing or canoeing.

"We need to make it as close to a four-

season destination as possible," Jackson said, but he was careful to say that no plans have been finalized. "Right now, we know very little other than we have a lot of work to do," he said.

The company, Utah-based RMR-Pacific, is in the process of hiring employees – previous resort employees will have to reapply – and is conducting a national search for a resort general manager. Some cosmetic improvements to the lodges are already under way to help make the resort look "fresh and clean," Jackson said. The new owners hope to open the golf course by this weekend, but golfers should call ahead.

A major study of the course is planned, and it will probably need at least two years of work "to make it a terrific golf course," Jackson said. Major renovations, including a redesign of some holes, will be put off until at least

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Three-Year Cycle Of Appraisal Inspections Continues

By Charlie Darling
 Beacon staff

Last summer, representatives from Avitar Associates, under contract to the Town, conducted physical inspections of about a third of the properties in Andover. They were looking for obvious discrepancies between what they can see on a property and what the tax records showed.

The process continues this summer with another third of Andover properties to be inspected starting later this month. If yours is one of the properties selected for inspection this year, within a couple of weeks you should receive a letter letting you know you've been selected. In the weeks to follow a representative from Avitar, wearing a photo

ID, will visit you requesting information about your property. He or she will measure the exterior and will inspect the interior. The inspection itself will not result in a change to your assessed property value except to correct errors, or if the inspector finds changes have been made to your property.

All this is in aid of complying with a new state law that requires every municipality to keep the overall level of property value assessments within approximately 10% of the actual market value of the property. Keeping the Town's assessment database as up-to-date as possible is the most efficient and economical way to be sure we comply with the law and that everyone's assessment is as fair and accurate as possible.



Charlie French, a consultant from UNH, presents the results of the MPUC's survey of townspeople's visions for Andover. Photo: Bob Bussey

Master Plan Vision Meeting Looks To Andover's Future

By Paul Currier
 Master Plan Update Committee

Andover's rural character is what people value most and desire to preserve, but there should be a better balance of housing options and greater options for appropriate businesses and industries to locate here. That's how facilitator Charlie French of the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service summarized an evening of focused discussion among about 40 Andover residents who turned out on May 23 for the Master Plan Visioning session.

During the evening, three focus groups –

- Recreation, cultural and natural resources
- Housing, land use, and zoning
- Business, industry, infrastructure, and transportation

– each identified the most important things that should be included in a vision chapter as the core of a new master plan..

Maintaining rural character was a common theme for all the groups. Here are some of the other ideas reported by the groups:

- Maintaining undeveloped, open space is important.
- Proctor Academy is a valuable town asset, including recreational and cultural opportunities and open space.
- Village centers should allow for growth.
- Lot sizes should be increased in remote parts of town to maintain open space, while cluster housing should be explored to preserve large blocks of open land.
- Appropriate, affordable housing for

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The Joyful Joeys came to town on the second Wednesday in May, and their performance at the Andover Service Club's meeting that day will long be remembered. Gales of laughter rang through the Masonic Hall as the troupe of nine members performed their skits to the delight of the audience. Andover's own Coco the Clown, otherwise known as Arlyne French (center), brought down the house.

The Joyful Joeys is a clown troupe from Heritage Heights in Concord. They came to Andover to honor their dear friend, Arlyne, and to share the joy with her of performing for her club.

Caption: Diane Rice

Photo: Bob Bussey

Beach Cleanup Day - June 16

Do you like to use the town beach at Highland Lake?

How about bringing your rakes and shovels on Saturday, June 16, and helping clean up the beach and picnic area. Broken limbs and leaves have collected over the fall and winter. Lloyd Perreault

will be on hand with his tractor to carry off the debris.

The old saying, "Many hands make light work," is true. If we get a big crew, we should be done in short order.

If you have any questions, call Lloyd or Judy at 735-5493.

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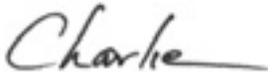
October will mark three years of publishing this latest incarnation of *The Andover Beacon*. We've already more than quadrupled the number of ads we had in the first issue, and we're getting close to doubling the number of pages. That's great for our readers, but it creates a real challenge for the *Beacon* team (and for me in particular).

My top priority has always been to get the *Beacon* to the point where it's sustainable, with great coverage of Andover news, a solid financial situation, and enough helping hands that getting the paper out each month isn't a back-breaking job for anyone.

At this point, I'm comfortable that we've covered the first two points well. But that last point – having enough helping hands – is quite frankly moving in the wrong direction. Our volunteer corps is just not growing fast enough to keep pace with the growth in the paper itself. Long term, that's a death sentence for the *Beacon*.

I've always envisioned the *Beacon* as a community project. (Remember, it's a non-profit enterprise whose only goal is to serve the people of Andover.) As a community we've done really well on this project so far, but for it to survive over the long haul, we have to do better. We have to get more people involved every month in the writing, editing, production, and distribution of the *Beacon*.

On page 23 you'll find a few of the many ways you can help. Please call me!



Next Month's Beacon...

...should be in mailboxes on Friday, June 29. Please get all ads, articles, etc. to us by **Fri., June 15** at the latest. And **earlier is always better!**

Letters

In the last issue of the *Beacon* I was amused by the huge controversy created by the state's proposal to eliminate the Potter Place bridge along Route 11. Presumably the state had determined that the traffic flow at the 11/4 intersection is sufficiently low that stop signs could control and yet not adversely impact traffic flow through the area.

The Potter Place bypass was constructed when the railroad was still in operation and the primary state concern was to eliminate railroad crossings (in an era of decreased railroad traffic). When I was a kid and for many years after the construction of the Potter Place bypass in 1962, Route 4 was a major north-south corridor through central New Hampshire. With the construction of Interstates 89 and 93, the traffic on Route 4 steadily decreased as the driving public adapted their travel routes to include the Interstates.

In the published discussions of the state's plans to eliminate the Potter Place bridge, it would appear that traffic flow on Route 4 especially between 1960 and 2007 was not discussed. I'm surprised! When the state proposed a simple stop sign to control traffic at the 4/11 intersection, the public was incredulous. It was the end of the Potter Place environs as the audience knew it not only traffic-wise but environmentally and historically. Nonsense! The interruption of the railroad-bed recreation trail by unguarded and snow-free highways and driveways are rampant in the area and a snow-free tunnel is found just down the road. But the difference from these other interruptions and the Potter Place situation is simply that the state will pick up the tab and that makes all the difference.

The present 4/11 intersection is a monstrosity for vehicles traveling south along Route 4 from Danbury. If in addition a driver, strange to the area, will not realize that he is fast approaching the village of Potter Place and indeed must take a sharp left in order to follow

the state intended Potter Place bypass.

A rotary at the 4/11 intersection would not only simplify the traffic flow for vehicles traveling south on Route 4 but would sharply reduce the likelihood of vehicles approaching Potter Place village at highway speeds (a desirable consequence virtually ignored for all these years).

Notes While Shaving

Has anybody noticed the greatly increased frequency of repairs on the Potter Place bridge in recent years?

Is it only I who finds the Potter Place bridge somewhat narrow especially at night in the winter?

Paul J. Fopiano
Cilleyville

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both seniors and younger people is needed.

- Zoning needs modification to allow, and even encourage, business and light industry in appropriate locations.

At its next meeting on Monday, June 25, at 7 PM at the Town Hall, the Master Plan Update Committee will receive a full report of the ideas generated at the vision meeting, as well as the results of the recent town-wide survey. They will then begin the task of writing it all down in a vision chapter for the new master plan.

Your ideas and opinions about Andover's future development are needed and welcome. Please come to the meeting on June 25, or you can contact committee co-chairs Doug Boisvert (735-5218) or Paul Currier (735-5280).

Public Hearing Set For Comcast Franchise Renewal

By Charlie Darling
Andover Cable TV Committee

Andover's Cable TV Advisory Committee is working with Comcast to renew its franchise agreement with the Town. As part of that process, the Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 7, at 7 PM at the Town Hall to hear how Andover resi-

dents feel about Comcast's qualifications to be our cable provider.

One or more representatives from Comcast will be there, so this is also an excellent opportunity to let Comcast know how you feel about their products, their service, their pricing, or anything else you'd like to bring to their attention. Please plan to attend!

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Ragged Mountain Ski Area Sold To Utah Developer With Big Plans

By Kate Davidson
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A Utah developer has purchased Ragged Mountain Ski Area in Danbury and hired an international architecture firm to upgrade the ski slopes and golf course. Ragged's new owner also plans to expand the struggling resort with slopeside homes.

RMR-Pacific LLC, an affiliate of the Salt Lake City developer Pacific Group, announced it had purchased Ragged Mountain for an undisclosed amount Friday [May 4]. The former owners, brothers Walter and Al Endriunas, had owned the resort for nearly 20 years but faced the threat of foreclosure this spring after they defaulted on a \$4.75 million loan.

The resort was scheduled to be auctioned off twice, but the brothers managed to stall the lender and secure more time to sell the property and pay back their debt. At the time of the first scheduled auction on March 1, the resort was bid on for \$10 million, according to a court document. A spokesman for the Endriunas did not return a phone message seeking comment yesterday.

RMR-Pacific also announced it had teamed up with Hart/Howerton, an international architecture firm with more than 100 architects who specialize in planning, architecture, and landscape design, according to the company Web site.

"We see the best resort properties from throughout the country, and Ragged Mountain is unquestionably a very impressive piece of land," said Dwight DeMay, who heads Hart/Howerton's Boston office.

The group counts some of the world's major developers among its clients, including the Walt Disney Organization, the Rockefeller Family, the Hyatt Corp., and the Donald Trump Organization. Their properties are spread throughout the world at resorts in Morocco, Italy, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and the Indian Ocean island of Seychelles.

Hart/Howerton has worked on expanding ski resorts in Colorado, Montana, and California, including projects with American Skiing Co. and Vail Resorts Development Co. The firm has also worked with the Jack Nicklaus Development Corp. and the Pebble Beach Co. Its redesigned golf courses have been listed among the best by several golf magazines.

Douglas Anderson, one of the three partners who control RMR-Pacific, said the goal is to make Ragged Mountain one of the premier resorts in New England. The resort features an 18-hole golf course and 50 ski trails, which will receive a "substantial amount of work," the new owners said.

The partners referred further questions yesterday to Mike Fischer, a company spokesman from a Utah public

relations firm, who said the new owners would "significantly revise" development plans submitted to the Danbury planning board last year by the Endriunas. The brothers envisioned seasonal housing units, a 200-room hotel, and a 33,000-square-foot indoor water park. The \$4.75 million loan was supposed to help pay for the planned upgrades.

The Pacific Group has worked on hotel and resort projects in Vancouver and Nevada, as well as high-end resort properties in Park City, Utah, Copper Mountain in Colorado, and Lake Tahoe in California, Fischer said.

"They're just looking for top-quality properties, and they thought the land out there was really beautiful," he said.

It's all good news to planning board member Andy Phelps, whose family has lived on Ragged Mountain Road for 130 years. "I'm kind of excited about it, to be honest," Phelps said.

The planning board was "reasonably favorable" to the previous development plans, and Phelps said he thinks the board will work with the new developer to make the plans work for the town. Phelps said he hopes the project has a positive economic effect on the town and "as low an impact as is reasonable" on the mountain landscape.

"I don't want to see houses over the whole side of the mountain," he said.

Phelps said he also hopes the new developers will ensure that the resort is a viable business enterprise for them once they make their money on real estate sales. He also expects them to work with the town to address inevitable traffic congestion on Ragged Mountain Road and New Canada Road.

"We're cautiously optimistic, but we do recognize the fact that this is going to have a significant impact on traffic patterns, on our present lifestyle," Phelps said. "But I recognize that change is inevitable, and I realize that the resort is Danbury's only salvation given the fact that we're quickly becoming a bedroom town for Concord."

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next year so the new owners can focus on deferred maintenance projects that resulted from winter damage, he said.

"I think there are some challenges right now for getting up and running next winter, mainly snowmaking," consulting engineer Walter Elander told the Board. But Jackson assured Board members the resort would be open for skiing next season.

Snowmaking engineers are scheduled to visit the ski area today to begin work on a multiphase master plan, Elander said, and lift engineers will visit the slopes next week.

Jackson told the Board that RMR-Pacific has some of the best people in the country working on the project, including San Francisco design firm Hart/Howerton, which is working on a project with the company in Park City, Utah.

None of the company's three partners has ever run a ski resort before, but each has decades of experience with ski resort development and real estate, Jackson said.

The company has worked on expansion projects throughout Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, California, and Utah, Jackson said. The Ragged Mountain expansion is more of a "boutique project" when compared with its previous endeavors in the Pacific Northwest, he added.

"We don't expect to make Ragged Mountain a Killington, but we think we can do a really superior ski experience

to what's been done in the past," Jackson said.

Archaeologists, biologists, and other land planners have already done a large amount of investigative work at the site, exploring habitat and cultural issues, Jackson said. The company has begun a market research study to explore the feasibility of residential units on the mountain.

The owners plan to make much of the resort energy efficient, which they already implemented at many of their projects in the Pacific Northwest, Jackson said. He said the company may seek certification from Audubon International to promote the natural habitat surrounding the resort.

The Planning Board was in the process of reviewing expansion plans submitted by the previous owners, which would have included a hotel, slopeside condominiums, and a water park. The old owners, Al and Walter Endriunas, had borrowed nearly \$5 million from a private mortgage lender to begin expansion plans, but they defaulted on the loan and had to sell the resort to pay back their debt. They narrowly avoided foreclosure and sold the resort to RMR-Pacific on May 4.

Jackson said RMR-Pacific plans to pick up where the Endriunas left off and "work within the framework" of the previous plans. It will revisit the Board with firmer plans in the coming months, Jackson said.

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Andover's road crews were hard at work repairing damage caused to Kearsarge Mountain Road by the Tax Day flooding. Photo: Charlie Darling

Construction And Engineering Projects Around Town

Road Agent John Thompson reports that all town roads are passable now (except Elbow Pond Road), but there is still much work left to be done cleaning ditches, repairing shoulders, cleaning or replacing culverts, and repairing pavement.

Elbow Pond Road will remain closed until later this summer. The project to install new culverts there is planned to start in late July.

FEMA

In other road and construction news, Town Administrator Mark Stetson reports that a FEMA representative should have toured town by the time you read this. This is the next step in moving the claims process along and determining how much of the Town's repairs will be reimbursed by FEMA.

Highland Lake Dam

At the Highland Lake Dam, the project engineer has been on-site several times and is making good progress. He expects to deliver preliminary plans by June 1 for the Selectmen to review.

The repairs themselves will probably take about six weeks. The lake draw down of about four feet should begin by Labor Day, and the project is scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving. Maple Street will be closed in the vicinity of the dam during construction. Traffic wishing to access Maple Street north of the dam will be detoured via Route 11 to Old College Road.

The Selectmen remind everyone that this work is very important to get done, as the alternative is possible dam failure.

FIRECRACKER 5K IS COMING!

The Andover Fourth of July Committee, in conjunction with the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County, is holding a 5k Fun Run/Walk as one of Andover's Fourth of July activities. The out-and-back event will start at 9 AM on July 4 at the Blackwater Park off Lawrence Street in Andover. Registration will begin at 8 AM.

The entire race will use the newly converted rail trail that passes through Andover. The course is flat, fast, and

scenic. Free t-shirts will be given to the first 100 entrants. The top male and female overall finishers will each receive \$50. The top three male and female finishers in each age category will receive unique awards.

Details and registration materials are available by calling 735-6490 or by visiting the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County at FNRT.org.

Please join us as we make the race a part of Andover's Fourth of July tradition.

FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

By Judy Perreault
Fourth of July Committee

The Fourth of July Committee is very excited to have the Muchachos Drum and Bugle Corps of Manchester for our Fourth of July Parade. We will also have our regulars: Leapin' Lena, Uncle Sam, the Kearsage Community Band, the Andover One Wheelers, the Scouts, Captain Morrill's Company, and an assortment of vintage cars, trucks, floats, and fire engines.

The parade theme this year is Frontier Days. Remember, there are money prize categories for floats and three for animals. Joyce Egge of Equine Homes Real Estate has once again provided the money for the animal prizes. You can register your entry on the day of the parade. (If a form was mailed to you, please fill it out and bring it with you. It saves time at registration.)

The younger children enjoy dressing up and decorating bikes for the Children's Parade. Sara Tracy-Arone keeps them busy with games and small prizes.

Don't miss the Flea Market on the Village Green! To reserve a space, call Howard Wilson at 735-5427.

Many organizations provide food throughout the day. The Lions Club holds its annual Pancake Breakfast in the morning, and there's lunch from various vendors, most of them raising funds for local organizations, on the Village Green during the Flea Market. In the evening, the One Wheelers will be selling food before the fireworks.

Before the fireworks there will also be entertainment provided by the youth groups associated with Andover Congregational Church.

The schedule of events for the Fourth will be published on the front page of the July issue of *The Andover Beacon*. Programs will also be available around town and on the day of the Fourth at the grandstand and at selected booths.

This year's Fourth of July celebration is shaping up to be a banner year. Don't miss it! Plan to come and bring your family and friends.

Don't forget – your donations are what makes all this possible! Send your donation to Irene Jewett, Fourth of July Committee, PO Box 36, East Andover 03231.



Muchachos March In Fourth Of July Parade

By Judy Perreault
Parade Chair, Fourth of July Comm.

The Fourth of July Committee is very excited to report that we managed to secure the Muchachos Drum and Bugle Corps of Manchester for our Fourth of July parade. They are in great demand for performances throughout New England and other states, and we are pleased that they picked Andover this year.

This may be our one time to see them in Andover, as their policy is to do different parades each year. Be sure to give them a warm Andover welcome when you see them!

The group was formed in 1960 as the Manchester Boys Drum and Bugle Corps and made 10 appearances the first year with borrowed horns and drums. The group grew and performed in many parades, including:

- New York World's Fair in 1964
- Canada's Centennial in 1967
- Washington DC National Bicentennial celebration in 1976
- America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration in Plymouth, Massachusetts
- Turning Point Parade in Schuylerville, New York
- Aquidneck Island National Police



Parade in Newport, Rhode Island

In 1986, due to increasing costs and a lack of interest, they became inactive. In 1996, a group of alumni decided to get together for one time for Manchester's Sesquicentennial. There was such a great response they decided to keep going and became the Muchachos Senior Drum and Bugle Corps. This year they were accepted as a Drum Corps International all-age affiliate corps.

The Muchachos work closely with the New Hampshire Youth Development Center, sharing their talents and enthusiasm for the Corps with young people. They have about 60 members of all ages.

They concentrate on Latin/Spanish music, however they mix in some standard brass and jazz along with patriotic songs. Their uniform consists of a white shirt, a black vest, black pants with a red kick pleat, a red cummerbund, and a black sombrero.

For more info, visit Muchachos.org

Fly The Flag – Correctly

June 14 is Flag Day. The Andover Fourth of July Committee reminds you to treat the American flag with respect – on the Fourth, on Flag Day, and every day.

Federal law stipulates many aspects of flag etiquette in a section of the law called the Flag Code. Some general guidelines from the Flag Code answer many of the most common questions.

- The flag should be lighted at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate light source.
- The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather use.
- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for advertising purposes. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, word, number,

figure, or drawing of any kind on it or attached to it.

- The flag should never be used for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object, it should be received by waiting hands and arms.
- The flag should be folded neatly and ceremoniously in preparation for storage.
- The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.
- The flag should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner when it is so worn that it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country.

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Andover fire and rescue volunteers summoned the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Air Response Team (DART) helicopter on Mother's Day in response to a very serious motorcycle accident. The DART helicopter had to be called again on Memorial Day for a motorcycle accident at Cemetery Corner in East Andover.

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Motorcycle Accident Leads To Air Evacuation

By Anne Hewitt
 Andover Rescue Squad

Hours of planning and years of training prepare our emergency services personnel to respond quickly and appropriately to unique situations when the time comes. It's like pieces of a puzzle that have to fit together just right. It's what has to happen when someone is critically injured, and when a life may depend on rapid transport to a hospital.

Such was the case on a recent Sunday afternoon when the Andover Rescue Squad and both Andover fire departments were called to the scene of a motorcycle accident. When the pager goes off and the type of situation is broadcast to responders, the mental wheels start turning...How many patients? How severe are the injuries? Is the scene safe? Who will respond? Will we need special equipment? Will we need more help?

As people and vehicles started to the scene, those with radios let others know they were coming. The first medical responder on the scene did a quick survey and reported the patient's condition over the radio. Firefighters, First Responders, EMT-Basics, a paramedic, and EMT-Intermediates - who can administer advanced life support techniques - arrived quickly on the scene and the decision was made to call DART - the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Air Response Team.

Fire fighters headed to Carr Field at Proctor Academy, the nearest safe landing site, to prepare for the landing, patient transfer, and evacuation. Within about 15 minutes, a helicopter staffed by a highly trained medical team arrived

At the accident scene, a more detailed assessment of the patient was made and life-threatening injuries treated immediately. As quickly and safely as possible, the patient was placed on a back-

board, moved to a cot, and transported by ambulance to the field. The distinctive whirring sound of the helicopter was like music to the ears of the six rescuers in the ambulance, engrossed in caring for the patient.

The DART medical team joined the ambulance crew; patient information was exchanged in medical dialog and codes. The DART team administered additional advanced medical care to stabilize the patient. The caregivers emerged in unison to efficiently transfer the patient to the waiting helicopter. Within minutes they arrived at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital in Lebanon, a top-notch Level One Trauma Center.

Adrenaline and energy left the caregivers and responders still on edge. Somewhat mechanically, equipment was gathered, and vehicles departed from the scene, returning Carr Field to the Proctor lacrosse players and spectators attracted by the event.

Remaining heightened emotions calmed over the next few hours it took to restore the ambulance to "in-service" condition. The responders anxiously awaited word about the patient's condition and prognosis.

Conversations between responders about all aspects of the event will continue for days or even weeks. How did we do? What could we have done better? Was there any other equipment we needed?

Each incident that we experience better trains and prepares us for the next occurrence, that, while we wish it would never come, inevitably will.

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Questions about the Andover Rescue Squad can be directed to President Ed Becker at 735-5338.

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POLICE BLOTTER

The Andover Police Department responded to 230 calls for service from April 15 to May 15. The following is a partial breakdown:

- Accidents – 4
- Traffic summons – 7
- Traffic warnings – 61
- Attempted suicide – 1
- Neighborhood disputes – 2
- House checks – 9
- Criminal mischief complaints – 2
- 911 Hang-ups – 3
- Assist to other police – 16
- Animal complaints – 10

Arrests

- Jessica Follansbee, 17, New London,

- Minor in possession of alcohol
- Christina Keyes, 17, Transportation of alcohol by minor
- Shane Hoyt, 27, Wolfeboro, Speeding
- Jamie Brace, 35, Salisbury, Theft
- Ethan Okma, 17, New London, Speeding
- Howard Wilson, 59, Andover, Operating after suspension
- Peter Chabot, 29, Lewiston, Maine, Transport of drugs
- Jeffrey Mitchell, 22, Andover, Habitual offender
- George Barton, 60, Simple assault – violation
- Anthony Abbondanza, 21, Sutton, Simple assault

Andover Town Clerk

By Marj Roy
Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Changes continue to take place in the office. In June the clerks will begin doing business at a new counter which will take the place of the clerks' desks. This will make the office operation more efficient and save time.

Dog License Renewals

Town and city clerks are required by law to present, before June 11, the local governing body a list of those dog owners who have failed to license or not renewed their dog licenses pursuant to RSA 466:1. After June 1 a late fee of \$1.00 per month will be assessed for all late renewals, and thereafter civil for-

feitures of \$25 per dog may be issued. Please license your dogs immediately to avoid the civil forfeitures.

Motor Vehicle Transactions

Renewals may be processed by mail, or you may come into the office during our regular business hours.

Transfers – When you transfer plates, you are transferring the registration as well. Therefore, the registration *must be current*. You must surrender the registration to the clerk before the transfer can be completed.

Title Applications can be prepared by the Town Clerk's office but must be accompanied by the previous title which has been properly signed over to you as the buyer. The current odometer reading must be filled in as well as the seller's signature, date of sale, and your name(s) as the buyer.

How To Reach Us

- In the Town Clerk's office:
- Monday and Wednesday 9 AM to 2 PM
 - Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 to 6:30 PM
 - The last Saturday of the month 9 to 11 AM
- By mail: Andover Town Clerk, PO Box 61, Andover NH 03216
By phone: 735-5332, extension 223

Is Your Birthday In June?

If your birthday is this month, you should have received your mail-in vehicle registration renewal forms in the mail by now. If you follow the instructions and mail them back to us, you won't have to come into the office.

If you come into the office, the state now requires you to *have your current vehicle registration in hand* for us to renew it. Please be sure to bring it with you.

East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

I did my rookie fire fighting a very long time ago, in a city. For the purposes of this story, the city is best to remain nameless.

We were called to a house fire on a side street. There was no one home, so the fire had a good head start. If we were going to save this home, we had to act fast.

My job as the new guy was to attach the fire truck feed hose to the hydrant. I was full of energy and totally focused on the job at hand. The assignment was not actually mentally taxing, or the new guy wouldn't be doing it.

As I unrolled the hose on my way to the hydrant, I backed into a parked car. When I took the time to look, I realized that the car was parked in front of the hydrant.

Now, it is important to understand that the rest of the crew was putting what water there was in the truck on the fire. They were running low, and the rookie had not accomplished his mission. One or two words of encouragement not suitable for print may have come my way from the firefighters.

I'm sure that I was standing there looking like an idiot, trying to figure out what to do now. The next picture is burned in my memory for the rest of my days.

My captain, a man of strength and few words, walked over to the car and broke out the driver's and passenger's windows. He then helped me finish the hydrant hook-up by running the hose through the car.

For the rest of that incident I was certain that an officer of the law would show up any minute and haul the captain and me off to jail.

After the fire, I returned to the scene of the crime to remove the hose from the car. The hose had leaked and the car was full of water. The senior firefighters had no sympathy for the owner of the car and told this rookie that this is what fire fighters must do. Wow, I'm going to really like this job.

Thirty-four years have passed, and I've never had the opportunity to break another window to gain access to a hydrant. Just as well. We try to keep damage to a minimum. That is really our job.

Here in Andover, we have very few hydrants. Some on the main street, and several are scattered near rivers and ponds. The very fact that there are so few makes them all the more important to us.

Please give them wide berth when you park on the street or the back roads of our community. We, and you, may need them badly. I'm fully trained now, and I know how to "gain access."

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MEDICAL Moment



EILEEN KIRK, MD



PATRICIA M. MILLER, MD

IN AN EARLIER MEDICAL MOMENT, WE TALKED ABOUT PERIMENOPAUSE, THE FIRST STAGE OF MENOPAUSE. Perimenopause may begin several years before menopause. The second stage is menopause and the third is postmenopause.

Menopause occurs when a woman has her last menstrual period. At this stage, the ovaries have stopped releasing eggs and producing most of their estrogen. Menopause is diagnosed when a woman has gone without a period for 12 consecutive months.

Postmenopause follows menopause. During this stage, menopausal symptoms, such as hot flashes, ease for most women. However, health risks related to the loss of estrogen may increase as the woman ages. These risks include osteoporosis and heart disease. A number of treatments may be considered to address these health problems.

DRS. KIRK AND MILLER are gynecologists with New London Hospital's Women's Health Program. Dr. Kirk sees patients at the Newport Health Center. She may be reached at 863-4100. Dr. Miller sees patients in the Medical Office Building adjacent to the hospital in New London. Her phone number is 526-7575.



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Board Of Selectmen

April 16

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Selectmen Roger Godwin and Andrew Guptill, Town Administrator Mark Stetson

The Board reviewed the four proposals presented for engineering services for the repairs to the Highland Lake dam and decided to schedule interviews with representatives from each of the four firms prior to making a selection.

Under old business, Stetson updated the Board on the status of the Graves property tax appeal.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the favorable report from the Town's auditor for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's books from January 1 through March 13.

Under new business, the Board reviewed and approved two veteran's tax credit applications. The Board also determined that a property owner who has previously received a veteran's credit does not qualify.

The Board signed two timber tax warrants and approved three Current Use applications.

The Board asked Stetson to investigate a complaint received regarding a camping trailer being used as a dwelling on Raccoon Hill Road.

The Board approved appointments to the Recreation Committee, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Building Inspector was re-

appointed for another one year term.

In response to an inquiry from school principal Jane Slayton, the Board resolved to work with AE/MS to provide access to the school on a daily basis for trash disposal once custodian Dennis Wright retires.

The Board acknowledged receipt of John Guiheen's request for an extension of time to bring his property into zoning compliance. The Board decided to deny his request and will include notice to others with an interest in the property.

Jon Champagne complimented the Road Agent, his crew, and the members of the fire departments and Rescue Squad for the fine work that he observed them all doing in response to the ongoing storm event.

May 7

Condensed from approved minutes

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

Road Agent John Thompson told the Board that his crews have made good progress putting the roads back together, at least enough to make them passable. The next priority will be to go back to those areas where ditches need work and to where culverts need to be cleaned. He told the Board that the crushing operation is ongoing and will likely be complete by the end of the week.

There was a brief discussion regarding

the status of the budget. He opined the Maple Street project would likely start at the end of June or beginning of July. He also suggested the Elbow Pond Road project would commence in July. He told the Board that road postings would be lifted on some roads this week.

The Board decided that the Road Agent should take down the hazardous trees at the Town Beach rather than put the job out to bid.

Jon Champagne again complimented the road agent and his crew for the fine job they are doing to put the roads back together after the storm.

The Board then met with Alex Bernhard and other members of the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail. Bernhard summarized the group's accomplishments to date, which includes resurfacing 3.4 miles of the trail, approval of a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development to complete another two miles this year, along with a Transportation Enhancement grant to complete 8.3 miles from Potter Place to the Danbury/Grafton town line.

He went on to explain that the latter grant requires municipal management. Because this portion of the trail runs through Andover, Wilmot, and Danbury, any one of the three could act in that capacity; however the FNRT's first choice is Andover. The responsibilities include submitting bills to the state for reimbursement and selecting a consultant to prepare engineering plans and bid documents.

Bernhard admitted such a role would impose continuing maintenance responsibility on the Town of Andover. He told the Board that his group is researching how to get that requirement lifted, and that his group will advise whether that obligation can be avoided prior to a final request to the Town to serve in the contract administrator role. This project is slated for construction in 2009 or 2010.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to consider the request.

The Board met with Bob Ward to discuss his actions at a recent meeting of representatives of the Lakes Region Planning Commission, at which Ward, acting as Andover's representative, and as a member of the LRPC's Technical Advisory Committee, opined against plans for improvements to Route 4 that the Board worked hard to enroll in the state's 10-year highway improvement plan. Ward told the Board that he was

unaware of the Board's position and would seek guidance from the Board in the future.

Ward then met with the Board in regard to his plan to re-landscape around the flagpole on the Village Green. He suggested removing the existing arborvitae and replacing it with a low-growth juniper. There was also discussion regarding Garry George's suggestion that New Hampshire lilac be planted in place of the arborvitae. Ward then left the meeting.

The Board decided to re-appoint Ward as one of Andover's representatives to the LRPC and also decided to send him correspondence affirming the fact that he is to follow policy established by the Board of Selectmen and, when appropriate, the Planning Board.

The Board met with Police Chief Glenn Laramie who presented several bills for payment.

The Board met with Gillian Smith to discuss her interest in serving on the Zoning Board and after a brief discussion appointed her as an alternate member.

Under old business, Stetson told the Board that the engineering firm hired for the work at the Highland Lake Dam is making regular progress and appears to be on schedule.

The Board approved an abatement for a cottage on the Ragged Mountain Fish & Game Club property primarily to correct for changes made to the property over the past couple of years that were not previously reported to the Town. The Board acknowledged confirmation that the EMP grant that the town had applied for last year has been approved. The grant will fund an antenna for the Town Office to enable town-wide communication with fire, rescue, and police personnel during an emergency and will fund a tabletop exercise to test the town's emergency action plan.

The Board discussed a request from Butch McDonald to clarify the limits of the Town's right of way in the vicinity of his property on Cilleyville Road and decided to consider the center of the existing roadway as the center of the right of way, conditioned upon McDonald providing the necessary documentation, which would have to include abutment agreement.

Under new business, the Board signed two timber tax warrants and a gravel tax warrant.

After review, the Board approved an Intent to Cut for the former Andrus property on Flaghole Road.

The Board signed a one-year lease agreement for space for a dock on Town-owned land between Second Street and See Selectmen on page 9

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the Channel of Highland Lake.

The Board denied a request from a property owner to postpone the lien process for delinquent property taxes.

The Board denied a request for the Town to donate funds to help a resident participate in a beauty pageant.

The Board approved a pole license agreement with the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative for the placement of utility poles on Chase Hill Road. The Board noted the request for the agreement was received nearly five years after the poles were actually set.

The Board entered non-public session to discuss welfare case 07-08.

Fenton relayed a complaint that he had received regarding the condition of the upper portion of Tucker Mountain Road. The Board deemed Fenton's response appropriate to the effect that the Road Agent has appropriately prioritized his work schedule, focusing first on roads with higher traffic counts.

Fenton also relayed a complaint that he had received alleging several trailers parked on property on Emery Road are a violation of the Town's zoning ordinance. After a brief discussion, the Board opined such action is not a violation.

Planning Board

April 24

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Don Gould, Chair; Eric Johnson, Vice Chair; Paul Currier; Jon Warzocha; and Roger Godwin, ex-officio.

Preliminary Consultation: Lot Line Adjustment for Nan Champagne – Jonathan and Joan Champagne, with Web Stout, surveyor representing. Property is on Bay Road and Salisbury Highway.

Stout presented prior subdivision approval from 2002. Lot 1 is currently 2.20 acres and lot 2 is currently 6.26 acres. After the lot line adjustment, lot 1 will be 2.085 acres and lot 2 will be 6.468 acres. The adjustment will decrease road frontage for lot 1 by 64' and increase road frontage for lot 2 by 64'. This lot line adjustment will include in Jon's and Joan's lot virtually all of the pond that straddles the line between the

two properties.

Stout presented letters of authorization from all parties concerned along with a lot line adjustment application, abutter list, and written requests for waivers. The application was reviewed for completeness.

The Board voted in favor of granting the waivers due to the fact that no new lots are being created and there are existing septic systems. The Board voted unanimously in favor of deeming the application complete pending receipt of deeds for both properties. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, May 8.

Preliminary Consultation: Site Plan Modification – Pecco Beaufays – Highland Lake Inn on Maple Street

Pecco Beaufays stated the proposal is to renovate the first floor of the barn to create space for meetings, an assembly hall, or conference space. There is also the necessity of repairs of structural basement walls. Gould stated he has reviewed the history of the property and advised that the barn had previously been approved solely for use as a barn. Gould states the following is necessary for the Board:

- Sufficient well output for proposed use
- Septic capacity for proposed use
- Number of maximum crowd permitted by fire regulations
- Parking spaces be delineated on the plan
- Safe egress needs to be approved by the East Andover Fire Chief

Preliminary Consultation: Minor Subdivision for David and Doris Shedd on Morrill Hill Road and Monticello Drive

David and Doris Shedd stated they have received Zoning Board approval for a variance to less than the minimum road frontage requirements. The proposal is to divide out 3.8 acres from the parent lot of 7.4 acres. Road frontage for the new lot would be on a Class VI road which is currently maintained by the Shedds and two abutters. Gould stated the following is necessary in order to proceed:

- Written decision by the Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Board of Selectman's approval for exclusive access from Class VI road
- Driveway permit
- Survey

- New Hampshire DES subdivision approval
- Subdivision application
- Abutter list
- Fees
- Written hold-harmless agreement suitable for recording

May 8

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Don Gould, Chair; Paul Currier; Jon Warzocha; Bill Zimmerman; and Roger Godwin, ex-officio.

Public Hearing: Lot Line Adjustment for Nan Champagne – Jonathan and Joan Champagne, with Web Stout, surveyor, representing. Property is on Bay Road and Salisbury Highway.

Stout presented the requested copies of deeds for both properties along with an encroachment deed. Lot 1 is currently 2.20 acres and lot 2 is currently 6.26 acres. After the lot line adjustment, lot 1 will be 2.085 acres and lot 2 will be 6.468 acres. The adjustment will decrease road frontage for lot 1 by 64' and increase road frontage for lot 2 by 64'. It will also eliminate the need for an encroachment easement for the leach field for lot 1. This lot line adjustment will include in Jon's and Joan's lot virtually the entire pond that straddles the line between the two properties.

Bob Ward questioned if this was the application that was requiring the dry hydrant. Gould stated it was not.

There being no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously to ap-

prove the lot line adjustment.

Preliminary Consultation: Minor Subdivision – Donna C. Duclos, with Colin Brown, surveyor, representing. The property is 233 Switch Road.

Brown presented the minor subdivision plan which divides 4.29 acres out of the parent lot of 6.05 acres. Brown states test pits have been done and state subdivision approval has been received. The application was reviewed for completeness, fees were collected, and an abutters list was presented.

The Board unanimously voted to deem the application complete. A public hearing was scheduled for May 22.

May 22

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Don Gould, Chair; Eric Johnson, Vice Chair; Paul Currier, Jon Warzocha, Wood Sutton, alternate appointed to Bill Zimmerman's position.

Announcements / Correspondence:

- Publication of handbook *How to Regulate Junk & Junkyards – A Guide for Local Officials* is now available.
- Copy of letter from New Hampshire Electric Cooperative to Lewis Barton regarding encroachment on the Cooperative's right-of-way.
- Packet from Salisbury regarding proposed subdivision for the Nevins requesting Andover Planning Board to approve the subdivision.
- Minimum Impact Expedited Application
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cation for Faith Clendenen, property at 35 Maple Street in East Andover.

Public Hearing: Minor Subdivision for Donna C. Duclos, with Colin Brown as agent, property at 233 Switch Road

Brown presented subdivision plan which would divide out 4.29 acres from the parent lot of 6.05 acres. Brown stated the pins had been set. Johnson asked if shared driveways had been considered, and the response is that the applicants were looking at separate driveways. The abutters that were present reviewed the proposal and stated they had no concerns with it. Johnson stated that there is not enough road frontage for any further subdividing.

There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously voted to accept the application as presented.

Continued Consultation: Site Plan Review, Proctor Academy, with Jeff Milne presenting. Dormitory replacement and Ski Lift replacement

Johnson recused due to his affiliation with Proctor Academy.

Milne presented preliminary designs including location, floor plan, and utilities. The proposal is to replace the current Morton Dorm with a building consisting of 16 student rooms and two faculty apartments. The existing dormitory is scheduled to be removed this summer. Emphasis has been placed on "green construction" for the proposed dormitory. The Board will review the

application for completeness on Tuesday, June 12, with a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, June 26.

Milne presented an aerial view of the Blackwater Ski Area and indicated the proposal is to replace the current lift line and enclose the bull-wheel. Milne also states that erosion control will be done. Warzocha asked what improvements will be done to the pump house, and the response is none at this time.

The Board unanimously voted that the replacement of the lift with minor realignment of the lift-line and enclosure of the bull-wheel is not a significant enough change to require site plan review.

Preliminary Consultation: Site Plan Modification – Pecco Beaufays – Highland Lake Inn on Maple Street

Deb Hinds provided the septic approval number dated June 20, 2004, including current and proposed septic capacity. The septic capacity is satisfactory for the proposal. Additional parking area has been indicated on the plan along with a proposed curtain drain around the barn. The drain will follow the natural contour of the land.

The application was reviewed for completeness. The Board voted in favor of deeming the application complete. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, at 7:30 PM.

Additional Items: The Board will request that the Selectmen follow up with the occupant of the former Andover Main Street Garage regarding vehicle

storage and site plan violations.

Zoning Board Of Adjustment

April 17

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Don Gross, Chair; Charlie McCrave, Vice-Chair; Katherine Stearns; Susan Schnare; Jeff Newcomb; Amy Rankins, alternate; and Paul Fopiano, alternate.

Announcements/Correspondence: Amy Rankins was introduced as the newest member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Election of Officers: The Board voted unanimously in favor of Don Gross as Chair.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of Charlie McCrave as Vice-Chair.

Decision: A request from David and Doris Shedd for a variance to permit less than the minimum 250' road frontage requirements for a proposed subdivision at Morrill Hill Road and Monticello Drive

Gross continued the public hearing and stated that the members had conducted the site visit. Concerns of the Board include:

How long have the current residences been located here? *The homes have been there since the sale of eighty (80) acres.*

This is an unusual situation for Andover considering the buildings that are there. *The lot is currently conforming and the application would make it non-conforming.*

There being no further discussion, the Board voted in favor of the application.

Public Hearing: A request from Dan Bezon for a special exception to allow the addition of space for a professional office and to permit less than the required 50' buffer for parking. The property is located at 170 Kearsarge Mountain Road

After review of the application, the decision of the Board is that this is a home occupation and no action by the Zoning Board of Adjustment is necessary.

Conservation Commission

April 11

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Mary Anne Broshek, Tina Cotton, Sandra Graves, Bob Ward

Treasurer's Report

The Town appropriation of \$500 has been received. The New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions dues of \$200 have been paid.

Tina will find out if there are any outstanding bills to be paid for surveying or appraisal services pertaining to

the Hersey Family Farm Conservation Easement. Tina will provide the amount that represents un-obligated balance at the next meeting.

Operating Expenses Account (Town Appropriation) Balance: \$1,755.00

Land Conservation Fund (Private Donation) Balance: \$ 1,227.00

Land Conservation Fund (Current Use Change Tax) Balance: \$56,215.65

Correspondence

The land conservation easement monitoring reports for the John Graves and the Nelson Lebo properties were received and filed.

A Standard Dredge and Fill Application, requiring Commission inspection and commentary, was received from Jon Champagne. Subdivision of the Champagne property on Bay Road is contingent upon the presence of a dry hydrant. The project is located in a Prime Wetlands area.

Bob will prepare a letter to DES and e-mail it to Mary Anne for signature and mailing. The letter will review our concerns with regard to the proximity of the project to Prime Wetlands, and our concerns about the proposed impact area, over half of which is *in* wetlands and may be more than the 144 square feet shown.

Linked to this are concerns about Item # 6: Grade and Gravel Roadside listed under Construction Sequence in the application. Based on past experience, we believe that DES should do a site visit after the work is done.

Old Business

Rules for submitting minutes of the Commission meetings to the Town Administrator were clarified. Minutes must be made available to the Public within six days.

Tina Cotton and Sandra Graves reported on the April 5 meeting at the Town Hall on plans to rehabilitate or replace the bridge in Potter Place. Tina videotaped the proceedings for Channel 8.

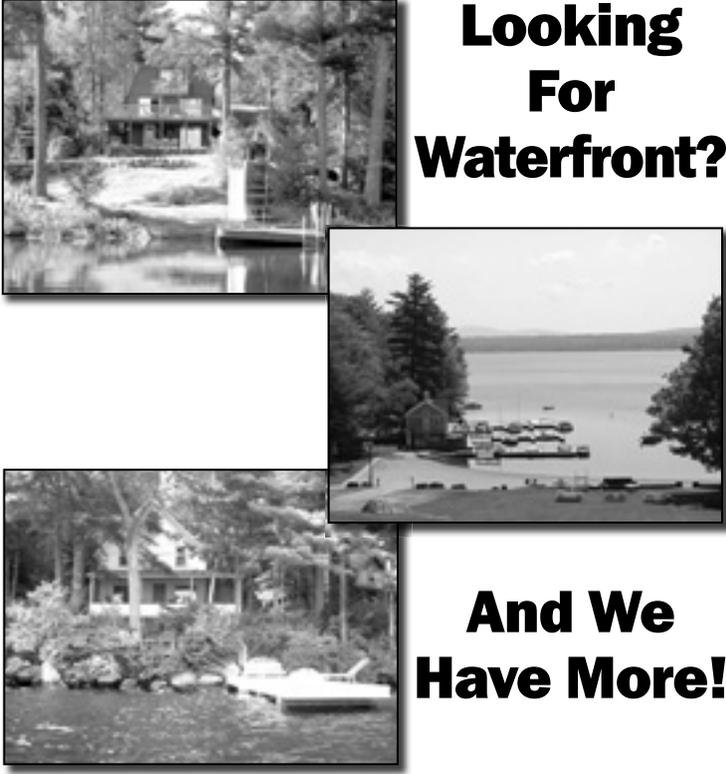
Tina reported she had contacted the Champagnes about re-filing their wetlands application. They had already re-filed.

Nan Kaplan is working on the Beaver issue impacting Elbow Pond Road. A current report is not available at this time.

Bob Ward has written a letter to the ZBA about the Dawes Road zoning violation. The letter is to be delivered.

Bob will be speaking to the Board of Selectmen about the proposed Route 4 project from the Salisbury town line to the junction of Route 11. Mary Anne had spoken to Mark Stetson, and flooding

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ing near Fenvale is the main concern for the Selectmen.

Mary Anne said she had sent our Land Summit "Priorities List" to Beth McGuinn [at Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust].

New Business

Mary Anne reported she had contacted Laura Alexander to request her help in facilitating two meetings to discuss criteria involved in a Conservation Plan for Andover. The first meeting will be to determine criteria. The second will be to take the criteria and start mapping. The Conservation Plan should evolve from Andover's Natural Resources Inventory.

Tina will contact Laura to see if she (Tina) can access the GIS Lab and also to discuss GIS information with Laura before our proposed meeting.

Possible meeting dates are Monday, May 21, from 6 PM to 9 PM for the first meeting, and Monday, June 4, from 6 PM to 9 PM for the second meeting. Mary Anne will determine if there are fees to be paid for these services and will contact us with that information.

Bob reminded us of a meeting of the Master Plan Update Committee to be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, May 23. Charlie French from the Co-operative Extension will facilitate a discussion of the results of the Master Plan survey sent out in *The Andover Beacon*.

Sandra Graves said she had spoken to Brian Sullivan of the Watershed Alliance. There will be a training session for the Voluntary Rivers Assessment Program in Franklin at the Proulx Community Center on Wednesday, April 25. Volunteers are needed to test the waters of Sucker Brook. Sandra will contact the Viandiers, the Hillers, Jerry Hersey, and Everett Jones to see if they would be interested in this project.

Mary Anne related she had spoken to a person who might be interested in joining the Commission. She will also check with Debbie Stanley to determine the date of Jerry Hersey's return to the Commission. It will probably be in July, after the easement is completed.

May 9

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Sandra Graves, Tina Cotton, Bob Ward, Nan Kaplan, Mary Anne Broshek

The Champagne project has now submitted the correct paperwork to DES and the application is complete.

Lorraine Cline attended the meeting and has indicated an interest in joining the Commission. Mary Anne will send a request to the Selectmen regarding her nomination.

Treasurer's Report

A number of new bills came in from the work on the Hersey easement. The bills were given to Tina and she will send an e-mail to members giving the latest balances after subtracting the bills. At this time, we believe that all bills have been submitted.

Elbow Pond Road

Bill Bardsley attended the meeting to discuss his concerns regarding Elbow Pond Road and the damage done to the wetland in the last storm. Bob gave the group the background on what has led to the current situation and members then discussed the site visit that was held on May 5.

At the site visit were four commission members: Tina Cotton, Nan Kaplan, Sandra Graves and Mary Anne Broshek. Also attending were Andy Prokosch, Bill Bardsley, Mark Stetson, Dennis Fenton, and Dale McLeod.

In the fall, truckloads of gravel were brought in for about a day and a half, raising the road close to two feet. These many truckloads brought in to fix the road were

once again washed into the wetland.

Dale noted that a silt fence was not used, no large rocks were placed on the road side for stabilization, and he also pointed out where a third culvert used to be that is now covered up. We will need to get more information on this third culvert, as its location is not known.

Mark explained that the selectmen have closed Elbow Pond Road where the washout occurred until the culverts are replaced this fall. All agreed that the culvert replacement will have a positive impact. The beaver dams were not the cause of the latest washout, but their presence does mean that there is less capacity for the water. There were a number of questions regarding how the solution to the fall road work was determined given the proximity to the wetland.

At the May 9 meeting, Conservation Commission members stated that they want to be involved in discussions regarding road work that can have an impact on a primary wetland. A number of questions were raised regarding the fall road work, the cost of that work, and what could be potential solutions to the last washout.

Bob will check with DES to obtain their best management practices regarding the removal of road washouts given the severity of the last few storms and changing weather patterns. Bob will also check with DES on the progress of the wetland permit submitted to begin the construction project that will replace the culverts and how road agents

are advised of DES practices around wetlands. He will also e-mail members a Web site for a DES manual on roads.

Mary Anne will contact Mark Stetson to discuss the concerns raised at this meeting as well as those brought up at the site visit. The goal is to work together to come up with a permanent solution to protect wetlands from road washout.

We also discussed the beaver situation at Elbow Pond. Nan Kaplan has been doing research on a solution called the "Beaver Deceiver". This is a method that is said to have a 100% success rate and allows the beavers to stay but without the damage caused by beaver dams. Because beavers always return, this seems like it could be a long term solution.

Nan will set up a meeting date with the person who installs this system and will invite Mark, the selectmen and Commission members to attend the meeting. The goal of the meeting is to come up with a plan that can be considered by the town. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the use of Conservation Commission funds, not to exceed \$300, for the visit and plan. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Maple Street Project

Charlie Darling presented the Maple Street permit request for Mark Stetson. Mark joined the meeting later. The Maple Street project is being done to get water off the road when there is a big storm. The project includes:

- Replacing a 15-inch pipe with a 24-
- See Conservation on page 12



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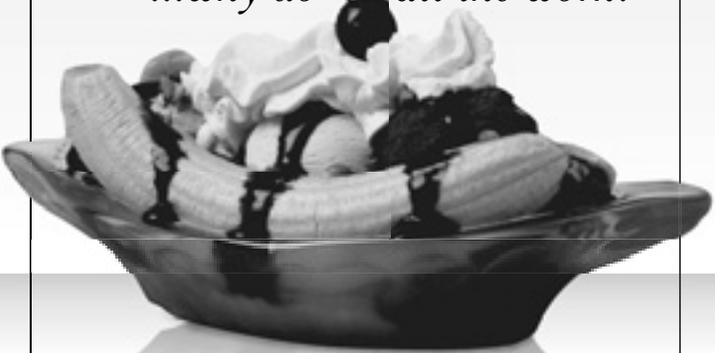
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The Andover Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7 pm on Monday June 18, 2007 at the Andover Town Office at 31 School Street in Andover regarding the Selectmen's intent to lower the water level of Highland Lake to facilitate work on the dam adjacent to Maple Street.

If the Board decides to proceed with the lowering, a public informational meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Monday July 16, 2007 at the Andover Town Office pursuant to New Hampshire State Law. The lowering would then commence on September 4, 2007.

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inch pipe
 • Creating catch basins
 Questions and answers were:
 Are FEMA funds involved? *No*

What is the impact of this system on water quality of Highland Lake? *It is not expected to change due to this system. The Selectmen do not believe that there will be increased flow into the lake.*

How often are the catch basins cleaned out? *Every other year.*

Is logging having an impact on water flow on Maple Street? *No – logging is being done over the knoll.*

Many questions were asked on where the old pipes are and the impact of the last storm – all answered by Mark using the maps and pictures attached to the permit request.

Is there a best management practice for design of the outlet given the severity of recent storms and increased flow of water to the outlet? *Mark will check with the engineer and get back to the Conservation Commission.*

Is this a permanent solution? *Yes.*

Mark stated that home owners would be able to pump basement water into the water collection system. Concern was raised on this practice as basements can contain many pollutants, including oil, and the water would go right into the collection system and hard pipe into the lake without going through any natural filtering such as a lawn. Mark will bring this concern to the Selectmen.

Highland Lake Dam

Presented by Mark Stetson
 The dam repair will likely require a minimum impact wetland permit. Construction is planned to begin around Labor Day. The engineer is Dubois and King. The repairs will take about six weeks and have two components:

- Cut off walls – no permit needed
- Fix and extend the large culvert under Maple Street which now has a steel culvert inside of concrete. This has cut down on the size. The culvert brings water from Highland Lake to Mill Pond to Sucker Brook. This work requires a permit.

The lake draw down will be four feet so that work can be completed. This work is very important to get done, as the alternative is possible dam failure.

The lake level is monitored to react to heavy rains. For each one inch of rain, there is a two-inch rise in the lake within 24 hours, and then it recedes.

Due to all of the steps that must be taken to complete this project, Mark asked if we could do a combination review and site visit in about two weeks. Members agreed with this plan and Mark will advise Mary Anne of when permit work will be completed so a date can be set.

Recycling Committee

May 10
Condensed from draft minutes
Present: Mark Stetson, Nan Kaplan, Ken Tripp, Vicky Mishcon

Trash Co-op: Mark reported on the recent meeting of the 27-town Trash Co-operative. The Co-op is researching more recycling options. The future seems to be moving toward single-stream recycling, meaning all recyclables are put into a single container and transported to a facility that mechanically sorts the items for sale to vendors. This method should generate enough income to eliminate tipping fees for recyclables, though towns would have to pay for transportation.

In order for the Co-op to break even, recycling among the 27 participating towns would need to double. A decision may be made within a year whether or not to move ahead with this technology.

Sale of Recyclables: Mark reported that the value of recyclables has increased this year, especially for cardboard and aluminum.

Storage: Lack of storage space is the biggest reason we are not able to expand our recycling of plastics. Ken suggested the Town purchase trailers for storage. This would allow us to send out larger shipments and get better prices for our recyclables. We would also be able to recycle more types of plastic.

Recycle Bins: Ken reported that recycle bins for bottles and cans have disappeared from Jake's Market and Food Stop. We still have bins at the school and at the Fire Station. Ken also noted that many people were using the bins as trashcans instead of for recyclables only.

Long Range Plan: Vicky suggested getting an aerial photo of the Transfer Station land. Ken said a site plan already exists – it just needs to be located. Susan Schnare has located a source that can help us redesign the Transfer Station. She will be reporting on that at the next meeting.

Hazardous Waste Collection: Nan wanted to know why the town only does hazardous waste collection every

three years. Mark and Ken explained that it was very expensive to do. It cost the town \$3,000 to \$4,000 each time.

Next Meeting: June 14 in the Town Hall at 7 PM.

Recreation Committee

March 29
Condensed from approved minutes
Present: Ellie George, Howard George, Mike Barton, Steve Nelson, Chairman Roger Laro, Alan Hanscom, and David Powers. Also in attendance were Mark Stetson, Andy Guptill, Armand Boisvert, Melissa Thompson from Andover Girls Softball (AGS), and Steve Gilchrist from AGS.

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss field and equipment preparations for the softball season. Town Meeting reduced the softball budget to \$925. After accounting for paid and pending purchases (balls, visors, umpires, and insurance), approximately \$270 is available to prepare the field this spring. About one load of blue granular mix is needed to fix the infield at approximately \$400-\$500. Steve has been looking for the mix with no success. No work was done on the infield last year.

Corson Field is owned by the Andover School District. Use by Andover Recreation Softball is governed by a school district policy. AE/MS and the Andover Recreation Committee are each responsible for maintenance and field conditions for their respective activities. Costs are shared on a mutually acceptable basis. Modifications will be approved by the School Board, and school district needs come first.

The proposed school district budget for care and upkeep of grounds for 2007-2008 is \$1,075, which is a reduction from approximately \$3,100 each
 See Recreation on page 13

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year in 2005-06 and 2006-07. Financial assistance from the school district is unlikely.

Armand Boisvert offered to purchase and deliver the granular mix. He will coordinate delivery with Jane Slayton. The work evenings will also be reviewed with Jane. Steve will coordinate the field work with Ms. Slayton. We will also ask permission to use the storage shed near the softball field as in past years. Proposed dugout improvements will be discussed with the School Board.

Field work will be done the evenings of April 9, 10, and 11, pending school approval.

The Recreation Committee sports were first approved as town activities by the Selectmen some years ago, provided that registration fees offset the anticipated cost of the activity. Registration fees go into the town's General Fund, and the amount appropriated at Town Meeting is the maximum that can be expended by the Town. Fundraising produces unanticipated revenue, which must be expended in the year that it is received. Any additional funds must come from outside sources.

Andover Girls Softball is fielding two Junior teams and one Senior team. Andover Recreation is fielding one Senior team. AGS has met with the School Board to determine what AGS must provide to use the school field, but has not received a reply to date.

AGS has requested to borrow from Andover Recreation Softball practice softballs, helmet bags, Junior's catcher's gear, and backup gear. Steve would review the ARS gear with Melissa and sign out what is borrowed. ARS expects return of the equipment in the same condition that it was loaned. Laro made a motion to allow AGS to borrow softball equipment for the season, seconded by Barton, approved by 7-0 vote.

Mark will order the portable toilet for next week.

April 12

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Ellie George, Howard George, Mike Barton, Steve Nelson, Chairman Roger Laro, and Tom Frantz. Also in attendance were Armand Boisvert, Melissa Thompson, and Laurie Desgroseilliers.

Softball

A discussion of equipment inventory and field needs was the main order of business. Roger stated that he met with Melissa on April 3 to go over equipment. Roger represented that the following equipment was inventoried: 8 junior

bats, 3 chest protectors, 3 catcher mitts, 3 small shin guard pairs, 2 pairs of large shin guards, 1 knee saver, 4 helmets with facemasks, 18 11" balls, 8 12" balls, 12 11" "Incredi" balls, 15-20 dimpled balls, and 2 helmet holders. Roger agreed to do a full equipment inventory.

The next business focused on the needs of the field, including how much lime was needed and where it would be purchased. The discussion also included what equipment was in the shed and who had access to the shed. It was noted that Steve, Melissa and Howard have keys to the shed. A short discussion of what equipment was stored at Hamp House followed. Melissa said she is fine with equipment.

The condition of the field was discussed next. Due to the late season snowstorms, all work was on hold until the weather improved. Howard stated the importance of doing work on the fields in the fall.

Opening Day ceremonies were scheduled for Saturday, May 5.

The status of the dugouts was discussed next. The School Board had previously tabled any decision on the dugouts pending a plan. The Committee agreed that it is unlikely that anything will be done with the dugouts this year.

Signage: The School Board is re-writing its entire policy, but it is clear that signs need to come down at Corson Field, including the Lions Club sign that was left up from last year.

Baseball: There was a short discussion of what Cal Ripken League pays for. Mike indicated that CRL buys all its own lime and its bases.

After a brief discussion about what to call the proposed pumphouse, storage, and bathroom building, the name "Blackwater Multi-purpose Building" was adopted.

Basketball

The Committee discussed the need to get back all the equipment from this past basketball season. The Committee also agreed that we should get a summary of the season from Dave Powers and Debbie Martin at an upcoming Recreation Committee meeting.

Disciplinary Policy

Postponed until the next meeting. After a short discussion of the problems with missing money at a neighboring Little League, it was suggested that Andover's Cal Ripken League consider making its budget public.

May 10

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Chairman Roger Laro, members Ellie George, Howard George, Alan Hanscom, and Steve Nelson. Tom

Frantz, David Powers, and Mike Barton were absent.

Softball

The meeting began with a discussion of the softball budget.

- Budget: \$925.00
- Expended as of 5/7: \$727.59
- Balance: \$197.41

Umpire costs for two remaining games will total \$60. We are considering participation awards. With Town Meeting cutting the funding of the softball program, a final decision was not determined.

Field conditions are good. Infield gravel was spread after snow melt and before the first games. The field needs to be taken care of after softball games and other use. This includes spraying to control dust and raking. Alan will paint outfield foul lines before Saturday's games.

The Selectmen awarded the mowing contract for Blackwater Park to Howard. Howard mowed Blackwater Park on May 10 and fertilized Corson Field. We would like to ask the Road Agent to grade the parking lot. Roger will contact Mark Stetson.

Proctor Academy is not fielding a softball team this year, so is not using Howard George Field. Baseball will be asked to pay both months of porta-pot-tie rental, usually shared with Proctor. Proctor still did some field preparation this spring, as they usually do.

Blackwater Multi-purpose Building

Cal Ripken League will be approached for a substantial contribution

to the building effort.

Basketball

Kearsarge Basketball has sent a bill for \$208.60 for trophies and \$160 for referees used at the tournament in New London. The games were held in New London at their request instead of at AE/MS, where the games have usually been hosted. The Committee voted unanimously to pay the trophy cost but not the referee cost, as it was their choice to play there. Had the games been played in Andover, referees would have been provided.

The committee will invite Debbie Martin to an upcoming Recreation Committee meeting to discuss the next basketball season.

Soccer

Soccer sign-ups will be at evening school activities in May and June. Deadline will be June 13. Registration fee paid by June 13 will be \$20. After June 13, the fee will be \$25. Watch for notices.

Other Business

Disciplinary Policy: Postponed until the next meeting.

Non-Public Sessions: The committee discussed RSA 91-A:3 relating to subjects appropriate for non-public session. Further, members of the public in attendance at meetings may observe the meeting, but participate in discussion only upon being recognized by the Chairman.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 13 at 7 PM in the AE/MS science room.

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Proctor Liason Committee

May 7

Condensed from draft minutes

Andover's Proctor Liaison Committee held its 13th meeting with a Proctor delegation on Monday, May 7, at the Proctor dining hall.

Andover committee members: William Bardsley, Andover Budget Committee; John Cotton, Andover resident; Laurie Ferguson, Andover resident; Dave Hewitt, Andover School Board

Proctor Academy delegation: Chuck Will, Director of Communications; Karl Methven, Proctor representative; Peter Southworth, Proctor representative; Dani Hinkley, Proctor representative

Meeting Minutes: Bill Bardsley passed along that Mark Stetson requested all minutes for the Town records and that we should keep *The Andover Beacon* in the minutes so it can advertise coming meetings.

Emergency/Disaster Plans: Peter gave a recap of Proctor emergency drills as relayed from Phil Hackmann. Plans are underway for an AE/MS evacuation drill. Proctor is considering holding an "intruder" drill, and the school is working on the response to an avian flu situation.

Head of School Mike Henriques spoke to the great assistance Proctor received from the town for the recent April 15 flooding. Proctor made some improvements in responding to the flood, and the town response was greatly appreciated. The AE/MS-Proctor communication was improved.

Chuck noted that the Proctor pond is now low and should be refilled for any future fire pumping needs. Proctor has been working on improving the outflow from the pond and will continue to do so.

Street Light: Proctor expressed gratitude for the quick installation of a new street light on Main Street by the ski shop in an area of heavy student traffic.

Blackwater Ski Shop: There was a discussion of the new plans for a cafe where the former ski shop was located. Proctor is supporting the plans by helping with parking.

Communication: Chuck has been sending monthly updates to *The Andover Beacon* and will be highlighting Andover day students who are graduating this June.

Proctor Service Work: Proctor had numbers of student groups working around town during Earth Day - helping at the Lions Club, on the rail trail, clearing at the church, doing yard work at houses, etc. Future work can be coordinated with Mark Stetson.

AE/MS Report: There are two Proctor students and a faculty member helping with the AE/MS track team this spring, which has been appreciated. During April, six Proctor students worked with the physical education classes at AE/MS for a week, which was great. During SHARE Day at AE/MS on May 21, Proctor faculty will be leading activities and AE/MS students will be coming

to Proctor's campus as well.

There have been no issues with Proctor students using the skate board park, and the lights are back on the timer. Nine AE/MS eighth graders were accepted to Proctor this year, which reflects the excellent work of AE/MS.

Town Miscellaneous: A reminder on being aware of private property issues in town may be needed, as well as the dangers of swimming in the Blackwater River.

Master Planning Meeting: On May 23 at AE/MS the town will hold a "Vision Meeting" about the future of Andover.

New Proctor Dorm: Mike outlined Proctor's plan to build one new dorm during the coming year. The plans for Thoreau House, on Lawrence Street, are uncertain as of now. The new dorm, located on the site of Morton House, will be built in the coming year and ready for occupancy in the fall of 2008.

The school has met with Town officials in regard to permits. The heating options are natural gas, a steam line off the Proctor boiler plant, and a geothermal heating system.

Next Meetings: There was discussion about dropping the winter meeting. This will be considered and discussed at the next meeting, which is at 7:30 PM on Monday, October 22, at the Andover Town Hall.

Cable TV Committee

May 14

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Roger Godwin, Tina Cotton, Marilyn Gould, Charlie Darling

We reviewed e-mails exchanged with Lisa Birmingham, our Comcast contact, and determined that June 7 at 7 PM was the date agreed on for the Comcast public hearing in Andover.

We voted to renew our membership in New Hampshire Coalition for Community Media, since we find them a useful resource when we have questions or problems.

We discussed the need for an additional DVD player for the broadcast suite, since most programs now come in DVD format. Tina will pick up one at Great Northern.

Charlie has finished getting the Princeton Server Group digital media server installed. The support group at PSG was a major hold-up, but an e-mail to our salesman got them on the ball, and all our questions have been answered. Charlie is now concentrating on learning the program loading and scheduling software of PSG.

Charlie has installed a new network switch in order to be able to get all our computers on the network, which will be very important as we work more and more with digital media. He's meeting with Chris Bentzler next week to install the last piece, a wireless access point that will let laptops connect easily and eliminate having to install new wiring for future computers.

Local Quilt Shops Plan Scenic Summer Shop Hop

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For more information about the First Annual Quilters' Scenic Summer Shop Hop, call The Constant Quilter in Andover at 735-4100 or The Quilting Corner in Tilton at 286-3437, or visit us in person. You may also contact one of the six other participating quilt shops:

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- Checkerberries Quilt Shop, Northwood
- Knight's Quilt Shop, Cape Neddick, Maine
- The Country Heart Quilters, Plymouth

Or you can visit all of the shops through the Hop's official Web site at SummerHop.com.

History of Recreation In The Lake Sunapee Area

The Barn Playhouse, the Fells, and the New London and Sunapee Historical Societies will be hosting a year-long history series exploring the recreational pursuits of visitors to the Lake Sunapee area in the 1920's and 1930's. These events are a collaborative effort dedicated to highlighting the rich history of this region and include talks, exhibits, and special events.

As farming and small industry declined in the late 1800's, the small populations of New Hampshire's hill towns plummeted. Fortunately, the mountains and lakes of our areas provided a natural playground for many leisure activities. The calendar of programs and exhibits highlights skiing, hiking, golfing, fishing, boating, hunting, and theatre. The following is a list of events for June in this year-long history series:

Sunapee Summer Memories, an art exhibit by Ron Brown, will be at the Fells through June 24. Admission is free. Check the Fells Web site for hours.

Fishing the Kearsarge/Sunapee Lakes and Golfing the Kearsarge/Sunapee Courses, historic exhibits, will be held at the New London Histori-

cal Society from June 2 to October 8. Admission is by donation.

Sunapee Recreation and Entertainment, an historic exhibit, will be held at the Sunapee Historical Society Museum from June 2 to October 8. Admission is free.

Recreation Around The Lake, an historic exhibit from the Collections of the New London Historical Society, will be held at the Fells from June 2 to October 8. Admission is free. Check the Fells Web site for hours.

Fishing in the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Region will be held at the New London Historical Society on June 6 at 7 PM. Admission is \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members.

For more details and information for registering for series programs, please visit NewLondonHistoricalSociety.org or TheFells.org, or call the New London Historical Society at 526-6564 or the Fells at 763-4789. Sunapee Harbor can be reached at 763-9872.

The Fells is located at 456 Route 103A in Newbury. The New London Historical Society is at 179 Little Sunapee Road in New London.

Dig For History In Webster

This summer, there will be an archaeological dig at the Webster Farm in Franklin. Volunteers and students wanting to earn credit may participate in this field school, which is co-sponsored by the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources under the State Conservation and Rescue Archaeology Program (SCRAP) and Plymouth State University.

The field school will focus on several hundred acres of alluvial terraces on the Merrimack River on the Farm which are the location of a variety of archaeological sites including a mid-18th century fort, pioneer homesteads, contact-period Native American sites, and Late Prehistoric sites.

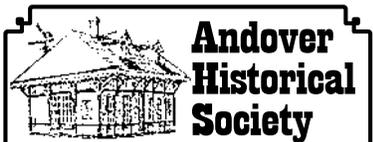
The goals of the field school include precisely locating and mapping these sites with an array of remote sensing, GPS, and GIS techniques along with rigorous archaeological reconnaissance methods. This setting holds archaeological data that bridges the Late Prehistoric through the late 18th century historic era and has the potential to reveal one of the most dynamic transitions in the state's history.

Participants in the field school will be instructed in the fundamentals of archaeological survey and excavation techniques. The students will be taught artifact recognition skills, field data recording techniques, and basic laboratory methods. Fieldwork will be supple-

mented with lectures by specialists in related fields.

The field school will take place from June 25 through August 3 and will be conducted in three sessions, each two weeks long, beginning June 25, July 9, and July 23. Investigations will be conducted Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM, with occasional evening lectures and workshops.

For additional information, please call 271-3558 or visit ShovelBums.org. Follow the "2007 Archaeology Field School" link, then find "New Hampshire - 2007 New Hampshire SCRAP Field School, Franklin."



Clean up and help the Historical Society - donate items to Andover's Old Time Fair auction and flea market.

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Notes on the back tell us that this photo commemorates a fishing trip to the "North Lakes." The fishermen are (front, l-r) Glen Currier, Lyman Currier, Bob Phelps; (back) Arthur Woodard, Lee Swett, John Rivers, and Bob Rivers.

Photo courtesy of Beverly Rivers Engelhart

A History Mystery

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

This month's History Mystery is another photo from Beverly Rivers Engelhart of Shelby, North Carolina. Beverly graduated from Andover High in 1957.

The photo is of a fishing party that went to the "North Lakes" according to a note on the back of the photo. The photo is undated – do you see any clues

that would help nail down a date for this outing? Any thoughts about which north lakes they might have fished? Any stories, fishing or otherwise, about any of the fishermen in the photo?

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!

Andover Historical Society

By Margie Leber
Andover Historical Society

When visiting the Society's museum at Potter Place this year you will find many interesting changes and additions.

The former gift shop area in the Railroad Station will be used for a changing exhibit featuring Andover-related issues. This year the theme is *Andover Sports* and will feature photographs, memorabilia, and artifacts related to speed skating, baseball, and skiing. Come visit and see how Andover played!

The newly refurbished caboose on the tracks will be open for your enjoyment. The changes continue with exhibits and collections at the Emon's General Store and Post Office. The museum's gift shop has been relocated across the road in the store building and is being expanded with additional items.

The collections of the store museum were significantly enhanced last year, thanks to generous donations from the community. A few store items are still needed:

- lengths of used stove pipe – we especially need these!
- store counters
- pottery jugs, jars, and crocks
- a drop-leaf table
- meat chopping block
- pre-1950 boxes, cans, and jars with advertising labels
- large glass store jars

All donations are tax deductible. Cash donations to purchase any of the above items would also be appreciated.

Oh, yes! Thank you to whomever left a donation under the Christmas tree at the store in December. Or was it Santa Claus?

The Andover Historical Society museums in Potter Place are open Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 3 PM and Sundays from 12:30 PM to 3 PM every weekend through October 14. Also visit the Society's Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse, open 1 PM to 3 PM on Sunday, July 8, August 12, September 9, and October 14. Located on Tucker Mountain Road off Maple Street in East Andover, this is Andover's last remaining one room schoolhouse.

Genealogy Research

In the course of doing research for

a recent film project, Heather Makechnie, a local journalist and filmmaker, located 8mm footage of the Potter Place Train Depot and the Yankee Flyer circa 1940. A member of the New London Archives will donate this exciting find to the Andover Historical Society at the June meeting, and Heather will address the amazing new technology being implemented by the Mormon Church in its effort to make all of its billions of copies of primary documents accessible online.

How will we be affected by visiting FamilySearch.org, typing in our great-grandmother's and great-grandfather's names, and seeing their handwritten marriage certificate? Or a copy of the original incorporation of Andover? What does this mean to the Andover Historical Society? How will we rise to this opportunity? Heather will focus on how we might use new media as a Society to update the genealogical portion of the next 50-year history of Andover.

Join us on June 20 at the Masonic Hall in Potter Place at 7 PM for this enlightening presentation.

Old Time Fair In August

Our annual Old Time Fair will be held this year on August 5 in Potter Place. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever, with more entertainment, more food, and more surprises.

We are pleased to have again the lively Irish-American group O'hAnleigh with their crowd-pleasing performance that so delighted all at last year's fair. In addition we will be treated to the magician B. J. Hickman.

But, for the fair – Andover Historical Society's largest fundraiser of the year – we need your help!

We need your generous donations for our auction and flea market, both centerpieces of the Fair. If you are settling an estate, moving, or just "spring cleaning," please consider donating your good stuff to the Andover Historical Society. We'll even pick it up! Please call:

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Roger G. Laro, III (top left), age 15, was hunting with his dad, Roger Jr. His turkey was 13.5 pounds with an 8.5" beard and 3/4" spurs. Roger was successful in last year's Youth Turkey Hunt as well.

Adam Ellis (top right) was hunting with Tim Moquin, his dad's hunting buddy, when he got his turkey - 19 pounds with an 8 1/4" beard.

Zach and Ethan Barton, sons of David Barton, each got a turkey. Zach's (bottom left) was 18 pounds with a 9" beard and 1" spurs. Ethan's (bottom right) was 21 pounds with an 8 1/2" beard.

A.J. Barton, son of Steven Barton, also got a turkey.

YOUTH TURKEY HUNT 2007

By New Hampshire Fish & Game

The 2007 youth turkey hunt took place on April 28 - 29. Anecdotal reports suggest that many gobblers were still "henned-up." This, coupled with less than ideal weather, may have limited the overall harvest, though numbers haven't been tallied yet.

What we know for sure is that the youth turkey season has become extremely popular and is an excellent way to introduce young people to our amazing spring woodlands and our proud hunting heritage. The youth turkey weekend has been offered in New Hampshire since 2004.

Turkey Habitat

When you're working on your yard or land this spring, encourage our turkey population by preserving their habitat. Good turkey habitat includes mature mast-producing hardwoods (mostly oaks), smaller hardwoods, and a mixture of understory plants like

grapes and berries.

Manage hardwood forests for maximum acorn production; other mast producers like beech, birch, and ash are also important seed producers relied on by turkeys, especially in years of low acorn yield.

Turkeys need mature timber for roosting year-round. The edges of woods, brushy areas, farmlands, cutovers, and old fields offer important nesting cover and feeding areas and escape cover for broods.

Good turkey habitat also includes small openings that produce insects, seeds, and berries, as well as larger open areas like agricultural fields, pastures, and roadsides. Help reduce impacts on turkey nests and incubating hens by delaying field mowing until after July 1.

Maintain existing openings and create more - these can be planted with supplemental foods for turkeys. Consult with the UNH Cooperative Extension at Extension.UNH.edu for details.

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FLY-FISHING WORKSHOP

If you're looking for special something to do with dad on Father's Day weekend - or just want a chance to learn more about the skill of fly-fishing - the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's "Let's Go Fishing" Program and the New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation have a perfect solution. "The North Country Experience" is a fly-fishing weekend offered June 16 and 17 at Coleman State Park in Stewartstown. This free course will give you the chance to learn about the traditional and timeless sport of fly-fishing.

Class space is limited, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up, print out and return a registration form, which can be found on the Fish and Game Web site at wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/lets_go_fishing_class_schedule.htm. Registration forms can also be obtained by contacting Lisa Collins at 271-3212 or aquatic-ed@wildlife.nh.gov. The class is open to anyone age 13 and over, however those 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Designed primarily for first-time fly-fishers, the workshop will cover the basics of equipment, fly casting, stream ecology, knot tying, safety, and how to find those "hot spots" along New Hampshire's rivers and lakes. The highlight of the two days will be Sunday, when we'll pull on our waders and head out to Little Diamond Pond to put our newly

learned skills to the test.

Participants should plan to bring their own or borrowed equipment. A limited number of rods will be available for use, so please let Fish and Game know if you will need to borrow their equipment. Non-local participants are expected to make their own arrangements for overnight accommodations; camping is available by reservation at Coleman State Park, and there are also motels and lodges available in the area.

Over the past ten years, the Fish and Game Department's "Let's Go Fishing" program has taught thousands of children and adults to be safe, ethical, and successful anglers.

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Andover Fish and Game's Kids' Spring Fishing Derby offers a nice day on Highland Lake for (l-r) Ryan Barton, age 8; his niece, Emily Fisher, age 6, from Pittsfield; and Ryan's dad, Steve Barton. Photo: Bob Bussey

Kids' Spring Fishing Derby

By Amanda Gross
Beacon staff

The Andover Fish and Game Club's annual Kids' Spring Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, May 12, which turned out to be a beautiful day for 112 upbeat kids. This is the most participants AF&G has ever had for either the Spring or Ice Derby. Ninety-eight trout

were caught.

The longest trout trophy went to Marie Kendrick, the second longest to Patrick Barton, and the third longest to Jason Thompson. The trophy for total length of all fish caught went to George Barton. The trophy for the longest non-category fish, a sucker, went to Monica Newton.

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Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

By Lindy Heim, Charles Martin, and Myra Mayman

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County (FNRT) has a lot to boast about since its founding in 2004. Over three miles of smooth trail have been completed from Potter Place to East Andover at Switch Road in the last year, and funding to complete the Danbury to Potter Place section is approved and construction planned for 2010. Additional funding has been raised to extend the trail to East Andover.

Skiers and snowmobilers used the trail all winter. Now that the snows are gone, folks can be seen bicycling, running, riding horseback, and walking their dogs. Everyone celebrates this re-dedication of the old Northern Railroad to modern year-round uses.

Two events coming up on June 19 will focus on trail plans and the history of the railroad.

On Tuesday, June 19, at noon at the Wilmot Community Association's red barn building in Wilmot Flat, Charles Martin will talk about FNRT's plans for extending the rail trail through Wilmot and Danbury at the WCA's monthly luncheon. Charles is the Treasurer of the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail and author of *New Hampshire Rail Trails*, to be published in 2008. Reservations can be made by calling Kate at 526-4540.

Also, that evening at 7 PM the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail will hold its annual meeting in the Community Center in Danbury. Railroad historian Kenneth Cushing from Grafton will speak about the Northern Railroad. His talk will address why and how the railroad was built and what it was like when the Northern Railway served our area carrying passengers and freight from Boston to Montreal. There will be time for questions and answers.

Ken grew up in Malden, Massachusetts, where he was an avid fan of model railroads. He moved to Grafton in 1952 and has lived there since. He currently operates the Wild Meadows Auto Body shop in Grafton while furthering

his passion for history on evenings and weekends.

In 1992, Ken authored *Isinglass, Timber, and Wool*, a 398-page history of the town of Grafton. For the past four years he has been researching and developing a book on the history of the Northern Railroad.

In addition to the guest speaker, there will be an election of officers and review of Northern Rail Trail business. The meeting will be held June 19 from 7 PM to 9 PM at the Danbury Community Center on High Street, just north of the intersection of Route 4 and Route 104. Refreshments will be served.

Other news from FNRT includes:

Tom Frantz and Marilyn Paige of The Village House Bed and Breakfast in Sutton Mills are organizing a foot race, The Andover Fourth of July Firecracker 5K, as part of Andover's Fourth of July celebration. It will start at 9 AM at Blackwater Park. Its route is entirely on the rail trail.

The Andover Fourth of July Committee awarded FNRT a grant of \$500 for prize money at its recent meeting.

There will be a Clean Up and Rail Trail Walk on Saturday, June 2, at 9 AM starting at Blackwater Park. The event is open to all.

We are currently working to identify a municipal manager for our \$206,000 Transportation Enhancement grant, awarded a year and a half ago. The grant project is to extend the rail trail 8.3 miles from Potter Place to the Danbury town garage. Meetings have taken place with the Danbury and Andover Selectmen and Merrimack County to inform them of our progress and to garner support. A meeting with the Wilmot Selectmen is being planned.

Pecco Beaufays, Innkeeper of the Highland Lake Inn, has agreed to head an effort to connect with the New Hampshire tourism industry. As a member of the Tilton Rotary Club, he arranged for Charles Martin to tell the Club about our plans.

Alex Bernhard reported on meeting, along with Bob Ward, Charles Martin, and Myra Mayman, with President Keith Laughlin of the national Rails to Trails Conservancy. We requested that RTC sponsor a state-wide meeting of rail trail groups in the fall.

The Blazing Star Grange in Danbury has contributed \$265, the proceeds from its recent Pot Roast Supper at the Grange Hall, to our efforts. FNRT Board member Phyllis Taylor and member Donna Sprague of the Huntoon Farm in Danbury were key to this effort.

Craig and Lindy Heim, owners of the Take It For Granite Bed and Breakfast, were elected to the FNRT Board of Directors.

A subcommittee is meeting about signage, aiming to ensure uniform signage on both the Grafton and Merrimack sections of the Northern Rail Trail.

To learn more about the trail, visit FNRT.org.

Cooks Wanted

Tracy Merriman, the *Beacon's Food, Friends, and Merriment* columnist, is looking for recipes from our readers.

Dust off those recipe files and contribute an old family tradition or a holiday favorite.

Beacon readers tell Tracy they really enjoy reading other readers' recipes!

For more info, call Tracy at 735-4198.



The Emery Family Reunion

An undated photo from *The Andover Bicentennial Cookbook*, which celebrated Andover's bicentennial year in 1979.

Andover Libraries

By Ray Mitchell
Beacon staff

What will you read this summer? New Hampshire Public Radio, in conjunction with New Hampshire Humanities Council, will introduce you to books by authors from our state. The program is called *Granite State Stories*, and it will feature books ideal for a summer reading list.

During the month of June you will have an opportunity to hear discussions on five books by New Hampshire authors. Tune in to NHPR at 89.1 FM Friday mornings at 9 AM or the repeated program in the evening at 8 PM. Host Laura Knoy of *The Exchange* will interview authors and lead a discussion on the 2007 *Granite State Stories*.

Below is a listing of the books and the dates that the programs will be aired. The discussions will take place at the Mara Auditorium at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester. They are open to the public.

June 1 – Laura Knoy will interview Howard Mansfield, author of *In the Memory House*.

June 8 – This program will feature Grace Metalious' *Peyton Place*, which was the subject of Manchester School District's 50 Years of Grace project.

June 15 – Celebrated author and artist David Carroll's *Swampwalker's Journal: A Wetlands Year* will be the

topic.

June 22 – Celia Thaxter's observations about life on the tiny, rocky islands off the New Hampshire coast are in her book *Among the Isles of Shoals*, which will be the topic of the day.

June 29 – Humor will be featured in the last presentation. Rebecca Rule will discuss her collection of New Hampshire tales, *The Best Revenge: Short Stories*.

More information about Granite State Stories is available on NHPR's website, NHPR.org.

Of course, our libraries have displays of books you might consider for your summer reading. For children, there will be a reading program which will run from the end of school until the second week in August. Information is at school and at our libraries.

Something new: You may learn more about our libraries and respond online at AndoverPL.blogspot.com. The site is new and we are learning how to use it efficiently, but don't wait to see what is there.

Save the date of August 10: The Friends of the Library will present a special program from New Hampshire Humanities Council titled *Sir Tom of Warwick*. Plan to bring the whole family.

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Food, Friends, & Merriment!

By Tracy Merriman
Beacon staff

Absolutely nothing can save me from myself when it comes to acquiring a new cookbook. Sometimes my compulsion is such that I find myself on eBay.com buying up copies of community cookbooks from towns I have never heard of, written by people I never knew, in eras before I was even born.

So imagine my delight when I walked into the Bachelder Library and spied an old book sitting on Mary Sell's desk, which to me looked and, yes, smelled like an old cookbook. It seems I was staring down at a copy of the *Andover Bicentennial Cookbook* from 1979. Mary told me she found it in her mother's house and would be cataloging it for the library. Maybe my excitement was beyond obvious, because immediately she said I could borrow it, and she would catalog it when I was done.

Now, I am by no means a dancer, but I pirouetted into my house with this wonderful piece of culinary history, poured myself a glass of Zinfandel, and had at it. The beauty of community cookbooks is in the simplicity of the recipes themselves. Give me a meatloaf recipe from 1940 and chances are it is by far better than anything you may find today in an age where most ingredients elude the average person.

The *Andover Bicentennial Cookbook* is 190 pages of timeless recipes and historical photos. Where else can one find a recipe for "Roasted Bear" and "Grandmother's Yum-Yum Cake" and, better yet, where can one find undated pictures such as "The Snow Roller" or the striking pose of Scott Trumbull, the fishing rod maker?

My head was spinning with fascination at years gone by and I wasn't sure I could choose just one recipe to print. When I came upon an undated photo of The Emery Family Reunion, I knew I would use a recipe worthy of a family reunion then and now.

Here we have a classic baked bean recipe submitted by Tina Cotton in 1979. This recipe includes salt pork in

the ingredients list. If there is one thing this here flatlander has learned for sure, that is that salt pork is the foundation of all that is Yankee.

The recipe also calls for soldier beans, which are a New England heirloom bean also known as the Johnson Bean, a favorite for New England cooking, soups, stews, and casseroles. The kidney-shaped, pale cream-colored bean is marked with a dark maroon "soldier" on the eye which remains after cooking. Use it in place of white beans or kidney beans in any recipe. The skins tend to split, so simmer gently!

What this recipe does not include is molasses or maple syrup. I would suggest adding it to taste.

Stop by the Bachelder Library and check out this book for yourself. It is, in one word, captivating.

Send your favorite recipe to Cooking@AndoverBeacon.com or P.O. Box 149, Andover 03216. Include your name and phone number so we can print a little interview along with the featured recipe.

Baked Beans

Contributed by Tina Cotton to *The Andover Bicentennial Cookbook, 1979*

- 2 lbs. soldier beans
- Scant teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon dry ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 lb. salt pork (diced)

Cover beans and soak over night. Drain. Again, cover beans with fresh water and parboil for 1/2 to 1 hour or until skins wrinkle when you blow on them. Drain.

In a bean pot, layer salt pork and beans. Add remaining ingredients and cover with boiling water. Bake uncovered in 300-325 degree oven for 4-5 hours. Keep an eye on the water level and add water to cover as needed.

After 4-5 hours turn off oven, add enough water to cover beans, cover with lid and let sit in oven for an hour or so before serving. Serves 16-18



Dr. Daniel E. McGinley-Smith with his family at their home in Norwich, VT. Wife Sarah holding newborn Ezra is Director of Corporate Communications for King Arthur Flour. Daughter, Sage, is four years old, and son Mica is two.

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Albert Schweitzer Fellowship in Public Health 2000
Harvard Medical School Office of Enrichment Programs grant 2000

Membership in Professional Societies:
American Academy of Dermatology
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery

Dr. McGinley Smith grew up in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is committed to community service, having worked as a volunteer teacher and AmeriCorps member. Dr. McGinley-Smith looks forward to participating in community discussions on topics pertaining to skin health and safety, such as sun exposure. His special interests include skin cancer and pediatric dermatology. He enjoys outdoor activities, especially hiking, and is an accomplished photographer.



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Andover's The Living Stones performed at the Old Time Variety Show to raise money for the East Andover Grange Hall Restoration Fund. L-r: Don Towle, Jim Connell, Megan Wright, Bruce Thompson, Linda Wickstrom, and Paul Currier. Photo: Heather Makechnie

OLD TIME VARIETY SHOW

By Grace Stetson
For the Beacon

Saturday, May 12, was a very pleasant evening for me. I wish you could have been there (and some of you were). First, I attended a very good pot-luck supper at the East Andover Grange Hall. With full stomachs we went across the parking lot to the Andover Congregational Church at 7 PM, where they held a variety show.

I never realized we have so much local talent!! The Master of Ceremonies of the event was Donald Towle, a retired minister and very good musician and vocalist. He and Judy Evans planned the whole event. Well done, Judy and Don!

Entertainment ran the gamut. There was a juggler, Bill Whiteman, who is a well-known local musician and Proctor teacher. He provided very sophisticated sound equipment and brought three Proctor students who did several songs composed by one of them.

Numerous favorite songs were done by groups with some solos and duets – the names of which are too numerous to mention. Attend the next one and you will be as surprised as I was—some may be your neighbors. All were good. They sang, played violin, electric guitars, drums, piano, and more.

The big success, with a resounding standing ovation, was for The Long-Tailed Monkeys, a group of three eight-year-old boys – Tyler Holman on the piano, Logan Marcus on the lead electric guitar, and Max Barrett on the drums. Keith Barrett, Max's dad, filled in on bass guitar for Austin Marceau, who couldn't be there. They "wowed" the audience! Go to hear them if you get the chance. I am sure we will see more of them in the future.

For variety there was a recitation from memory by Charlie Darling of two Robert Frost poems – *Two Tramps in Mud-Time* and *Mending Walls*. David Jewett recited *The Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly* (the fastest I ever heard it), and Irene Jewett read a long story about *The Strange Old Lady*. It was very well

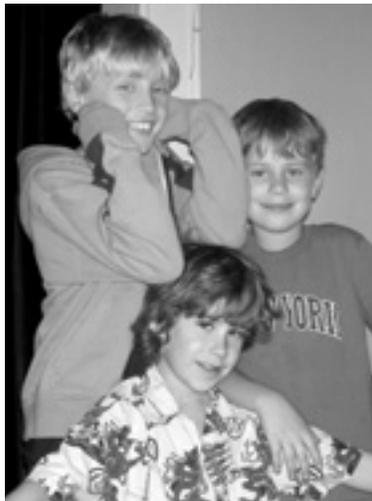
done, eliciting many laughs.

To entertain us as each group set up, Sterrett Sleeper interjected many short anecdotes and jokes, as only he can. As I said, it was a very pleasant way to spend the evening. You had to be there to appreciate it!

The supper and variety show were a fundraiser to raise money for remodeling the old Grange Hall. It was considered a success, but many more thousands of dollars are needed, as this is a big project to put the hall on a new foundation and install a kitchen and a bathroom (which it does not have now).

This hall is one of two meeting places in Andover for town clubs and private parties and funerals to be held. The other is the Masonic Hall in Potter Place. Both are very old buildings. Contributions from everyone are much needed. It seems to me this should be a town effort and would add a lot to the town when done.

Contributions to the Grange Hall Restoration Committee can be sent to Irene Jewett, PO Box 36, East Andover 03231.



Three-quarters of The Long-Tailed Monkeys performed at the Old Time Variety Show. Top to bottom: Tyler Holman, Max Barrett, and Logan Marcus. Missing: Bassist Austin Marceau. Photo: Heather Makechnie

Andover Congregational Church

By Judy Evans

Andover Congregational Church

We recently honored mothers and other women on Mother's Day, and now it is time to celebrate Father's Day. Sometimes this holiday doesn't appear to be as important as Mother's Day, but it certainly is, although we may not show it.

Dad is often found grilling in the back yard for the family meal, so consider helping out in any way you can to make his day special! Let's also honor those men in our lives who may not actually be biological fathers, but have been and are father figures or otherwise a positive influence to young people.

A group of ten ladies from our church was treated to a weekend away at a friend's lovely beach house on Got's Gove in Five Islands, Maine the first part of May. This was a wonderful opportunity for a retreat including ministry, music, and fellowship. We plan to continue with women's ministry and if you are interested in participating, please let me know.

June brings the close of Sunday School. Throughout the summer months childcare will be provided during the morning worship service. We are in need of people to take turns caring for the little ones, so please consider helping out with this.

We will have a booth sponsored by the church at the Fourth of July festivities where you can stop by for a free refreshing drink of water. Information about Alpha, which will be starting up in the fall, and other outreach programs will be available.

We will continue to have our monthly food sales on the third Sunday of the month beginning around 10:30. If you would like to place special orders, please call me at 735-5331. We would like to provide homemade baked goods for your friends and family this summer!

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The recent pot-luck supper and variety show were a hit, and you can read about this in the article to the left contributed by Grace Stetson. (I would like to extend a personal thank-you to Don Towle for his being instrumental in making this event happen!)

Proceeds from these events will go to help renovate the Grange Hall. If you wish to make a donation please send your check to Irene Jewett, PO Box 36, East Andover 03231.

As always, you are invited to attend Andover Congregational Church, known as the church on the hill beside the road. Sunday morning worship begins at 9:30 with childcare available. Come as you are, and find peace and joy as you worship with us. Fellowship follows the service so you can visit with friends and make new ones!

May God bless you and keep you safe as you enjoy the summer months.

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ANDOVER HIGH ALUMNI

By Judy Perreault
Andover High '53

The reunion is just around the corner, and we have just one change. We've moved back the starting time from 11 AM to 10 AM. We found last year that we did not have enough time before lunch for visiting, opening ceremonies, the class meeting, and class pictures. So try to come a little early. Opening ceremonies will start at 11 AM. We'll have a brief meeting, and class picture taking will probably start around 11:30 AM.

The date is Saturday, July 7, at the Ordway Recreational Area on Walker Brook Road, off Route 4 in South Danbury. Watch for the balloons.

We'll have the coffee and muffins ready. Bring a chair, beverage, home-

made name tag, and memorabilia. Try to jot down a few memories and bring those, too. Things you did, special friends, what was "in," movies you saw, your first car, what you did for fun, etc.

Stuart Lenk has many of the yearbooks on CD-ROM, but he is still missing a few. Bring your yearbook, and check with him. When finished, these CDs will be available for a small fee.

We are aiming for at least one representative from each class. Last year we were missing 1938, 1943, 1959, 1962, and 1963.

Since the Fourth of July and the reunion are in the same week, why not plan a back-to-Andover vacation? This year it is 1957's 50th reunion.

In case of bad weather we will meet at the old high school. See you on July 7!

New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault
NHCHF

Once the flood waters receded, we were able to reschedule our meeting on Japan. Unfortunately, the speakers we had planned to have could not make it.

Ten members and four guests met at Toot Fleury's home for a Japanese dinner. Our guests were Kendel Currier, Lisa Evans, Betty Evans Putney, and Lily Ordway.

Kendel introduced us to sushi. She told us how it was made, and we sampled some vegetable sushi that she had prepared. It was very good.

She also showed us how to use the chopsticks or we wouldn't have gotten anything to eat. It is kind of tricky eating soup with chopsticks.

Most of the members made a Japanese dish. In addition to the sushi, we had meatball appetizers, soup, shrimp salad, salmon, green beans, with sesame dressing, rice, beef sukiyake, a chicken and egg dish, and for dessert fruit pie and pineapple cookies and green tea and saki. We could hardly move after all that.

Each person told how they made their dish and if they made any substitutions. Some ingredients were not available at the local supermarkets, but we managed.

Natalie Lively was worried about her pineapple cookies, as while she was baking them, a bear came into her yard and grabbed her suet feeder. I was next door visiting with Irene McKinley (my sister-in-law) and saw him, too. He retired to a back corner of Irene's yard to enjoy his ill-gotten gains.

Many of the ladies brought items from Japan. Natalie brought a beautiful embroidered jacket and pant set which Kendel modeled for us. Rose Tilton had a smoking jacket and a cigarette lighter with matching ashtray. There was an assortment of other glassware. A couple of the pieces marked "Made in Occupied Japan" are very collectible.

Shirley Currier, our leader, shared some interesting facts about Japan. We all enjoyed our peek into Japanese cooking and culture.

Our next meeting, on June 18, is about covered bridges. We will be taking a picnic lunch and visiting a couple of covered bridges in the area. This will be our last regular meeting until September. If you would like to join us, call 735-5493.

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Lions Honor Don Kaplan

Dr. Don Kaplan, a resident of Andover and former President of the Andover Lions Club, was designated a Granite State Fellow by the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of New Hampshire and the MD44 Health Services Board. This honor was awarded in appreciation of his unselfish service to the community, particularly in the areas of sight and hearing.

Don joined the Lions in 1998 and soon after was elected President. As a recently retired ophthalmologist, Don's interest in the field remained active, and he soon joined the board of the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of New

Hampshire, serving on the Physician's Advisory Committee. As a member of this Committee, he was one of the original Lions to study and introduce to New Hampshire the Lions International program Kidsight, which provides screening to preschool children.

Don has served as President of the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of New Hampshire and has supported all projects in which the Foundation is involved. He continues to be a powerful force in the activities of the Club, the Foundation, and the Lions Club of New Hampshire, particularly in sight and hearing, the club's major charitable projects.

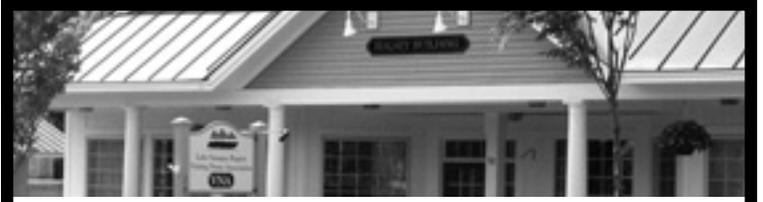
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Private Lucien took to the air again in Wilmot on May 19. The War Memorial statue has been cleaned and refinished and was waiting in the Wilmot Town Hall for the weather to improve for his flight. Photo: Bob Bussey



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The Wilmot Bicentennial Committee has a full schedule of events planned, beginning on June 18 with the official Birthday Party. A proclamation from the Governor will be read, the Ladies' Aid Society will present the Bicentennial Baby (the Wilmot baby born closest to June 18), and there will be a

commemorative cancellation at the Post Office. Other events are the horseshoe and croquet tournaments, the Bicentennial Breakfast, and the Lobster Lunch, all on June 30.

If you'd like to help out with the Bicentennial, please contact Mary Gutsell at 927-4119 or gutgsell@tds.net.

Wilmot Community Association

By Kate McKibbin
Wilmot Community Association

Summer will be a busy season for us at the Wilmot Community Association (WCA). In addition to our usual schedule, many of the events on the Bicentennial Calendar will be held at the WCA Barn on Village Road in Wilmot Flat.

The first event will be Wilmot's Bicentennial Birthday Party on June 18, the date on which Wilmot was incorporated 200 years ago. The ceremonies will take place at the Bandstand next to the Town Office on Kearsarge Valley Road and will be followed by a potluck supper at the Barn.

June 30 will be Bicentennial Tournament Day and a real challenge for us at the WCA. We will serve a buffet breakfast from 8 AM to 10 AM at the Barn, which will be followed by a horseshoe tournament. Then, from noon to 2 PM we will serve a lobster roll luncheon to be followed by a croquet tournament. The lobster luncheon is an annual event which this year has been incorporated into the Bicentennial Celebration.

We have another double header on July 22, with a Sunday Breakfast from 8 AM to 11 AM and a potluck dinner (no cooking!) at 4 PM following the play *Birth of a Town*.

Summer Beach Program

One of our major summer efforts

is the Summer Beach Program, which is held at Tannery Pond on Shindagan Road. The program, which runs from July 9 to August 1 and is open to children 6 to 14, has several changes this year. The hours for the camp day have been extended to 8 AM to 4 PM. Available for the first time this year is a program of American Red Cross Swim Lessons, which will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays for a variety of levels, including a preschool class.

Information on any of the beach programs is available by contacting us at 526-7934 or WCA@tds.net or by checking our Web site at WilmotCommunityAssoc.com.

Senior Luncheons

We will continue our schedule of monthly Senior Luncheons at the Barn. The speaker for Tuesday, June 19, at noon will be Charles Martin of the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County (FNRT). Charles is the Treasurer of FNRT and author of *New Hampshire Rail Trails*, to be published in 2008. He will talk about FNRT's plans for extending the rail trail through Wilmot and Danbury. Reservations can be made by calling Kate at 526-4540.

Details for all events are available at WilmotCommunityAssoc.com. If you feel you'd like to help out for any of these events, contact us at 526-7934 or WCA@tds.net.

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Beacon Seeks Fundraiser

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Now is the perfect time to volunteer to help with next year's fundraising! We've got months and months to plan new and better ways to help our friends and neighbors "get a round tuit" and support the Beacon. If you're interested in helping or have questions, contact Charlie Darling at 735-6099 or Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com.

Historical Society Needs Your Stuff

The Andover Historical Society's biggest fundraiser of the year is the Old Time Fair in Potter Place, and the flea market and auction are the mainstays of its success. The Society needs your donations of good, used "stuff" right away. We'll even pick it up! Call Bill Cutter at 735-5628.

Beacon Needs Help Editing

With nearly 100 articles to assign, track, and edit every month, we need more editorial help! If you're connected to the Internet and enjoy (or would enjoy learning!) any aspect of an editor's job –

- Assigning articles to writers
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Recreation Committee Soccer

This fall, the Andover Recreation Committee soccer program for kids in grades one through six needs coaches, helpers, and referees. If you can help, contact Alan Hanscom at 735-5972 or soccercash@tds.net.

Beacon Needs A Few More Writers

Most of the organizations in town are absolutely great about writing about themselves for the Beacon. But we still need a few writers to cover town news that doesn't "belong" to one organization or another, or to help organizations that

don't quite "get it" have their activities covered in the Beacon nonetheless.

Whether you're an accomplished writer or would like to become a better writer, we'd love to work with you on this exciting and important assignment. Please contact Charlie Darling at 735-6099 or Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com.

Wilmot Community Association

WCA needs area volunteers to help with our popular community meals.

On Saturday, June 30, we will be having a buffet breakfast from 8 AM to 10 AM and a lobster roll luncheon from noon to 2 PM. We welcome anyone who can help in preparation, serving, or clean-up.

On three Sundays – July 22, August 26, and September 23 – we will be serving Sunday breakfast. If you can help with preparation, serving, or clean-up, we would welcome you.

Contact us at 526-7934 (leave a message) or wca@tds.net.

Andover Residents And Volunteers Welcome At WCA!

We are very pleased to have so many Andover residents attend our monthly Senior Luncheons. Grace Stetson was one of our earliest boosters, distributing posters and urging her friends and neighbors to join us. And two of our regular volunteer servers are from Andover: Shirley Currier and Judy Perreault. Kudos, and thanks!

Production Assistant

If you have page layout and/or ad design skills, or would like to learn, then *The Andover Beacon* wants you! Volunteer as much or as little time as you like to help create ads or lay out the paper.

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Franklin Community Farmers Market

It's that time of year again – babies are being born, the mud is drying up, and farmers are planting vegetables. The Franklin Farmers Market committee and vendors have already had several monthly meetings planning the 2007 season.

Opening day will be Tuesday, July 3, and then every Tuesday afternoon from 3 PM to 6 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 206 Central Street in downtown Franklin, next to the Peabody Home. We will have many of the same farms here from last year and some new faces, too.

Boston Hill Farm of Andover, Ellis Gardens, Suroweic Farm, Fred Wheel-

er Farm, and Harvest Bounty Farm are all bringing us wonderfully fresh vegetables and fruit, honey, herbs, and fiber products. Webster Ridge Farm will be there with a truck full of natural meats.

We have plans to bring in demonstrators of various crafts, musicians, a book seller, etc. Also, we are looking forward to having fresh bread, jams, and jellies from That Jam Business.

We are still taking applications for vendors. Contact Cindy at 934-3229 or Kirsten at 286-4214. Our market guidelines and application are available at UUCFranklin.org. Just click on "Outreach." You can check out the pictures from last year, too.

Blackwater Grange COA Walking

The Blackwater Grange #152 met on May 10 at the Masonic Hall in Potter Place with Clayton Nowell presiding. Members of the Grange have been picking up along their road. The Grange made a donation to the Merrimack Valley High School's Destination Imagination (DI) team. The team, which includes Andover resident Abby Lance, is going to Knoxville, Tennessee to compete in the world DI finals.

The program was Home Remedies and Mysteries. Grange Mother of the Evening was won by Esther Grace. The Grange meets next on June 14 at 7:30 PM at the Masonic Hall in Potter Place.

Kearsarge Council on Aging (COA) walking in the Proctor Gym will continue throughout the summer this year for the first time. Having avoided the snow, ice, and cold all winter, walkers can now enjoy their morning constitutionals with no black flies, mosquitoes, rain, or traffic to contend with.

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Julie Mayo Makes Magic Carpets In Wool

By Laretta Phillips
 Beacon staff

Once upon a time a long, long time ago, a princess sat upon a magic rug and made a wish. She wished to fly to a place where she could see all the beautiful colors of the world. A place that would let her explore all the excitement and joy of things both old and new. A place of beauty.

When you walk into Julie Mayo's home, you find yourself in a place of quiet comfort. A place where you can see all the magical colors of the world. You take a deep breath and wish you could sit down on her magical rugs, and you can. One of the first projects in rug hooking for Julie when she began rug hooking in 1987 was chair pads for the chairs at her dining room table.

The next thing you want to do is to take off your shoes and feel the wonder of the color and design with your feet, and you can. The rugs abound, gracing hardwood floors with lovely flowers and baskets. There are designs of pottery and leaves. There are story rugs that tell the tales of grandchildren.

If you ask her, Julie will take you along on the magic carpet ride that led her to create the award-winning rug *Lucetta's Tree Of Life*, designed by Pearl K McGown and hooked by Julie in 2000. This rug appeared in shows and magazines and was in *Rug Hooking* magazine in 2002.

Julie's first experience with flat wool hooked rugs was through her Aunt Lillian, who originally came from Belgium. Julie still uses a rug that her aunt created. The colors and design are beautiful.

When I began my interview with Julie, I told her to treat me as though I knew nothing about rug hooking. I really didn't, and she made sure I un-

derstood the difference between latch hooking and flat wool rug hooking.

According to some of the books and magazines that abound on rug hooking, the art is said to be centuries old. The exact age and origin is debated among hookers everywhere. Some history

By the 1940s, rug hooking had become a cottage industry and a practical past time as well as a means of artistic expression.

Julie took me through the steps of choosing a design, color planning, wool dyeing, and hooking. She even told me about "reverse hooking" (which applies in some form to every craft). If you don't like it, or you made the stitches too long, or the color of the paint is wrong, you rip out the seams, paint over it, or in this case, you "reverse hook." Julie believes the color planning to be one of the most important steps.

Julie learned to hook rugs using the Pearl K McGown method and designs in 1987. Her teacher was Betty Malley. Julie began going to the Pearl K McGown teacher's workshop in 1996. She still goes to that workshop and teaches.

"You need to keep learning and growing," Julie said. "That week-long workshop is a hard but exciting and interesting week for teachers. You take workshops, you must complete workshop assignments, you do a show-and-tell of your students' work, you do a show-and-tell of your own work, and you teach a day-long workshop. You come home



Julie Mayo at work.

Photo: Laretta Phillips

books state that descendants of ancient Egypt made the first hand-hooked rugs between the third and seventh centuries. Other historians claim that it all began in China, and still others claim Europe as the place of origin. Many people believe that rug hooking is one of America's indigenous folk arts.

Rug hooking experienced a surge of popularity in the mid-19th century in the New England states and the provinces of Canada. Hand-hooked rugs were created out of necessity by rural women to cover the cold, bare floors of their homes.

tired but excited and passionate about your work."

Yes, Julie is passionate about her work. Her eyes sparkle when she talks about it, and her work shows the love she has for it.

Julie also teaches classes in her home in East Andover. Her next classes will begin in the fall. They fill up fast, so be sure to let her know if you are interested in being a part of one of these 10-session classes. You'll have the opportunity to pick your own design and dye and cut your own wool. Contact Julie, and learn to create your own magic carpet.

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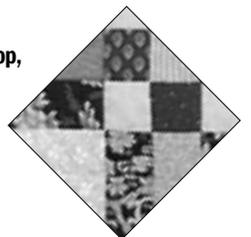
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Danbury's Benaiah McCullough Making Strong Recovery From Accident

By Kate Davidson
 Concord Monitor staff
 Published May 16

[In the June 2006 *Beacon* there was a long story by Alex Graf of the Inn at Danbury about Benaiah's accident and a fundraising dinner at the Inn to help him and his family. One year later, there's wonderful news to share.]

The bass drum thumped as Benaiah McCullough methodically tapped a foot pedal, and the cymbals crashed as his arms made their way around the drum set in his living room. His mother beamed as the 15-year-old played along – a bit off-tempo – with a music channel on TV. Not bad for a kid who needed a walker to get around just a few months ago.

The Danbury teen was hit by a car on March 27, 2006, as he rode his skateboard home from the post office. He suffered multiple skull fractures, a broken femur and torn ligaments around his two top vertebrae. He left the hospital one year ago today to begin a long, uncertain recovery at home. Three hundred and sixty-five days later, Benaiah's progression is obvious only to the doctors who treated him and the family members who helped rehabilitate him during the past year.

"People see him now and they don't realize the severity of where he's come from," his mother, Teresa McCullough, said, as Benaiah played a board game with his 12-year-old brother at the kitchen table.

Not only is Benaiah walking and talking, he has resumed skateboarding, bike-riding, and karate lessons. The hospital bed where he was confined for months was replaced by the drum set and an elliptical glider where the teen does his physical therapy. A wheelchair-accessible van parked beside the McCulloughs' home has a "For Sale" sign on the windshield.

As recently as December, however, Teresa McCullough said there "wasn't too much coming out of Benaiah."

Although he had been home for more than six months, his body struggled to heal the severe bruising on his brain. He had at least eight surgeries after the accident, which left him with a skin graft

to replace the lid over his right eye and a large scar near his collarbone where he suffered a puncture wound.

His family believes the puncture was from a windshield wiper of the small pickup truck that hit Benaiah along Route 104 in Danbury, just a few hundred feet from his house. According to the police, Benaiah hit the pickup's front passenger-side bumper and headlight, then slid up the hood, struck the corner of the windshield and took out the passenger-side mirror. He was airlifted to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, where he remained for 49 days.

"He wasn't supposed to make it, that's how bad he was," McCullough said.

A tube, or shunt, was permanently inserted under his skin but outside his skull to drain the fluid that builds up around his brain. He received his medicine through a feeding tube, and his family took turns staying up with him 24 hours a day. Recurring shunt infections and seizures forced him to undergo more procedures and brief stints at Dartmouth-Hitchcock in the months after he returned home. But an adjustment to the shunt by one of his doctors in December – allowing less pressure to build up inside his brain – has prompted a dramatic improvement, his mother said.

"The way I describe it is, he woke up," she said.

The visiting nurses and therapists who first came to the McCullough house last year were lucky if they could get five to 10 minutes of work with Benaiah before he fell asleep. Now, his physical and occupational therapy sessions have been cut from three times a week to two, and he only sees a speech therapist once a week. By September, they won't be coming at all.

Benaiah lost 30 pounds after the accident, but he has gained it back and them some, Teresa McCullough said. He works his legs and arms every day on the elliptical glider and has also moved on to recreational activities. He rode his bike for the first time at the end of March, went rock climbing with his family last month, and has weekly visits from his karate instructor. He took his first trip to a skate park in Rye and used the new

skateboard he received for his birthday last year – a gift from the 18-year-old who was driving the pickup that hit him.

Last week, he cooked pasta for lunch, showed off his drawings of Calvin and Hobbes, and talked about the accident, which he doesn't remember. His mother, who teaches Benaiah and 12-year-old Jared at home, is working on bringing him back up to speed with his school work. He was halfway through his freshmen year in high school when the accident happened.

Although his long-term memory is intact, notes posted around the house help Benaiah with short-term memory loss. He records his appointments, including karate lessons, family plans, and therapy sessions in an agenda book that also helps him remember what day it is.

"Mom, I'm sorry to ask you this, but what did you want me to get?" he asked his mother, just a few moments after he left to retrieve his favorite stuffed animal from his bedroom one day last week.

"Think, buddy," she said, coaxing the answer from him.

Benaiah gets bored easily and is always excited, sometimes acting like a toddler, his mother said. A sign in his bedroom reminds him that he must wait until 5 AM to turn on his television – one morning he was up by 2:30 AM – and he knows he is not allowed downstairs until either his father, Kevin, or brothers, Jared and 22-year-old Jonathon, are with him.

Because Benaiah sustained so much damage to his brain's frontal lobe, his decision-making has been affected. Last week, his mother said, the dogs got loose and he chased them across the busy road. On another occasion, he stepped out in front of traffic in the grocery store parking lot. When he sent a ball flying through the living room with a swift kick, McCullough remained calm.

"Was that a good decision?" she asked Benaiah. He answered no, apologized, and told his mother he loved her.

"He's very impulsive; that's what we have to work on," she later said.

What hasn't been affected much is his happy-go-lucky personality, de-

spite concerns that his injury would be followed by anger, which is common with brain injury victims, Teresa McCullough said. Benaiah has been nothing but cooperative, happy, and helpful.

He has started volunteering in Grafton with senior citizens once a week, something he did before the accident, and has visited several of the churches that helped raise money for him during his hospital stay. The entire family has a deep Christian faith that has only strengthened during Benaiah's recovery, McCullough said.

"We've learned that we need to cherish every moment," she said. "If you have kids, they're only with you for a short time, even shorter than you realize."

The family went up to Dartmouth-Hitchcock on the one-year anniversary of Benaiah's accident to pass out goody bags to all the nurses and doctors in the pediatric intensive care unit and the regular pediatric floor where he spent more than a month last year. A few days later, they threw a party at their house to celebrate another year of life. He hasn't been for a check-up with his doctors since December, and McCullough said she can't wait for the rehabilitation specialists to see her son at the end of the month.

On June 20, Benaiah will turn 16 years old. "God's given me every day, and I'm so thankful," he said.

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David Hildebrand Pursuing Brain Research In Rome

David GC Hildebrand, the youngest son of AE/MS second grade teacher Gretchen Hildebrand and a graduate of AE/MS, is spending an exciting semester working in Rome, Italy for the European Brain Research Institute (EBRI). The specific brain research he is doing focuses on particular pathways in the brain associated with memory formation. Special sidelights of his time at the EBRI and living in Italy are that he has seen the sights of Venice, Barcellona, Florence, Paris, and other European cities and has managed to learn some Italian – his third language...math being his first!

David is an honors senior at Northeastern University in Boston. His proposed major is an independent in Mathematical Biochemistry. His future



interest is definitely neuroscience, but he can't specify beyond that at this time " 'cause the brain's simply got too much to offer!"

DEAN'S LIST Amanda Sanborn

Amanda Sanborn was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, where she is a junior majoring in English.

DEAN'S LIST NHTI

Brandon Adams and Nathan Clasby of Andover were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord.

HONORED Abigail Smith

Abigail Smith was inducted into the Cum Laude Society at Tilton School, where she is a senior.

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Proctor Childcare / Preschool

By Liz Currier
Proctor Childcare Infant Teacher

Proctor Childcare/Preschool at Proctor Academy is a busy place all year long. The day begins at 7:30 each morning and ends at 4:30. The last day of the school year session is June 15. The summer session begins the following Monday, June 18.

Braeden, Elliot, and Charlie are the three youngest infants in the program. They started late last summer and have sure come a long way. In fact, this month they have all reached the milestone of becoming toddlers. It was not long ago that they were being carried in their car seats by their loving parents as they came to school, and now they are walking into school with their parents close behind, bearing smiles all the way.

Our first activity of the day is simply arriving. Each child arrives in the morning with a parent. At least one or two of my charges usually greets me by reaching out to me for our first of many hugs of that day. Their parents spend time filling out paperwork pertinent to the child's schedule, and then make their way toward the door, leaving behind many hugs, kisses, and waves until they return later on.

Now it is time to eat. Braeden and Elliot make sure I'm aware that they are ready to sit in their high chairs, usually by taking me by the hand and leading me to them or perhaps by either saying or signing "more." Charlie has complete faith he will be joining them, and he always does.

Braeden loves eating yogurt with a spoon all by herself. Charlie still en-

joys being fed, though he likes to hold a spoon and experiment with it. Elliot prefers finger foods at the moment, but he, too, is happy to hold his own spoon.

Charlie is the youngest of the group and very easy going and smiley. He likes playing with the toys and will spend a long time on one activity without becoming bored. He likes to stand and cruise around the room as well. By the time this goes to print he may well be running around the room! Charlie also loves to be outside.

Elliot started walking just before his first birthday in April, and it has become his favorite past time. Before walking he loved to dance! He loves playing with his friends and engaging them in games of peek-a-boo as well. He is very busy chatting about many things, some of which we can understand at this point but most of which we only can imagine!

Braeden loves books and loves to talk. She and I have a ritual when it comes to reading time. She chooses a book and hands it to me, then goes back and gets another, and another, and another, and another. When she feels we have enough, she will sit down on my lap, which tells me she is ready. Braeden also loves to read books out loud all by herself. She is an excellent reader (for a one-year-old).

As this school year comes to an end, I find myself during a quiet moment just standing back and staring at these children who came to me so small and helpless just a few short months ago. I'm amazed at how the human mind and body miraculously grow and change right in front of us each day.



ENGAGED Jennifer Haley

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Haley are please to announce that their oldest daughter, Jennifer A Haley, will be getting married to Earl F. Richards III.

Jennifer graduated from Merrimack Valley High School in 2006 and has completed a semester at New Hampshire Technical Institute.

Earl is in the United States Air Force, currently serving his second deployment. He'll return home in July, with just enough time before their September wedding. It will be held on the 29th in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

OBITUARIES

KENDALL K. BENNETT, 77, of New London died peacefully of a brain tumor surrounded by his family on Sunday, May 20. He grew up in Melrose, Massachusetts, and retired to New London in 1990.

Among the family he leaves are his daughter, Kathy Bennett, and her son, Joshua, both of Andover.

MAXINE A. BOYD, 96, of Poplar Street, died May 26 at Woodlawn Nursing Home in Newport where she had been a resident for the past four years.

She was born in Glendale, California, the daughter of Max A. and Hazel C. (Williams) Heasley. She was a graduate of Occidental College in Los Angeles. Mrs. Boyd worked as an inker and painter for Walt Disney for several years beginning in 1936. She also taught English as a second language. She married Albert T. Boyd in 1943. He predeceased her in 1965.

They moved to Andover in 1957 where they operated Boyd Handprints, designing and producing silkscreened items, specializing in liturgical textiles. She was a communicant of and had

been very active at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New London.

She was a member of the Andover Service Club and volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. She was a talented weaver and will be remembered for her church linens and vestments.

Mrs. Boyd loved to travel. Upon graduating from Occidental, she ventured to Machu Picchu, Peru. Later in life, she visited Nepal, Spain, and China.

Members of her surviving family include a daughter with whom she resided, Judith Dionne of Andover; a son, Max H. Boyd and his wife Connie Boyd of Harrisville; three grandchildren, Megan Evans of Woolwich, Maine, Amanda Hughes of Portland, Maine, and Catherine Boyd of Troy; three step-grandchildren, Michael, Kristi, and Vicki Moser, all of California; four great-grandchildren, Hazel, Rye, Dae, and Noah; and a niece, Anne Aulenbach of California.

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EAVP Graduation - L-r: Iain Downie, Chase Keyser, Shaelyn Hanlon, Garrett Munson, Victoria Devlin, Colby DeRoche, Brianna Tilton, and Ethan Davis.

Photo: Carmen Bates

East Andover Village Preschool

By Doreen Perreault
East Andover Village Preschool

May is such a wonderful time of year. We welcome the budding flowers and watch as the trees transform themselves to the beautiful shades of green. The rain nourishes the grass and rejuvenates our soul.

Up on the hill in East Andover, the preschool is bustling with children anxious to run around in the bright sun, anxious to swing in the summer air, and ready for the chance to march their bare feet in the grass.

Inside our classrooms, we are taking down artwork, sealing up the paints, and doing the bunny hop one last time. It is clear that the end of the year is upon us.

For the last nine months we have welcomed some new friends and created some new memories. For me, this time of the year is bittersweet. I'm excited to see the children and reflect on how much they have grown. We piece together scrapbooks and pictures and marvel over how much they have changed over the past year. In Preschool II we talk more about kindergarten and all the fun things that are in store for them.

It has been another wonderful year here at EAVP. Again, I am amazed that we are celebrating the end of the year. Where has the time gone?

It did not take long to learn about the eight children that would enter the classroom three mornings a week. It didn't take long to learn that Brianna loves to sing, and Iain likes to watch *America's Funniest Videos*. It didn't take long to see that Chase likes *Thomas the Tank Engine*, and Colby's favorite line is "I know that." It didn't take long to learn that Ethan is a daredevil, and Victoria loves to paint. It didn't take long to learn

that tapping the Easy button will make Garrett laugh the entire morning, and that Shaelyn loves being a princess. It also didn't take long to learn that these eight little children would quickly find a special spot in our hearts.

So as these children venture towards the summer and the exciting step into kindergarten, I am confident that they have learned to write their name and have learned their ABCs and 123s. They know there are seven days in the week and twelve months in the year. They know that summer is warm and winter is cold.

They have learned that bugs crawl and caterpillars turn into butterflies, that glitter sparkles and glue is gooey. They know that water and flour make awesome papier-mâché and that paint is messy and silly putty is magical. They have learned that rice bounces on hardwood floors and when you mix sand and water they make mud. They have learned that painting your toes tickles and painting with pudding is delicious.

What they don't know is that they have once again reminded us that being four years old means laughing 'til your stomach hurts, that spinning 'til you get dizzy is fun, and that no matter how big the paint smock is, you will always get some paint on your clothes.

What they don't know is that the memories they have helped create will stay with us for a lifetime.

So to all our wonderful parents out there, we are grateful that you have given us the opportunity to become this small part in your child's life. As we say goodbye and share one last hug, you must know that these children will forever hold a special place in our heart. So on behalf of us all here at EAVP - Ms. Carmen, Ms. Becky, and myself - thank you!

MVHS Summer Soccer

By Mark Boucher
MVHS Boys Soccer Coach

We are pleased to announce the addition of a Division 5 (junior varsity) summer soccer team this year. Last year we had over 40 boys try out, but only one team. This year we will have two New Hampshire Soccer Conference Summer League teams. There will be a fee to play on the teams, usually around \$50.

The tryout date is Tuesday, June 5, from 4 PM to 6 PM at Boscawen Elementary School. The tryout is open to boys in grades 7 through 12 who plan on trying out for the school team in the fall. Visit SummerLeague.org for more details.

MVHS Training Camp

MVHS soccer team training camp will be July 22 through 27. The team rate for the week will be \$550 per player. There is some financial aid available - please contact me for information.

Training camp is a week of great soccer, food, and friends! Please drop me an e-mail at mboosh17@netscape.net if you plan on coming.

Boys Summer Soccer

- Jun 21 @ Bow, 6 PM
- Jun 28 Hanover, 6 PM
- Jun 30 @ Concord, 11 AM
- Jul 5 Lebanon, 6:30 PM
- Jul 8 @ Kear/Sun, 6 PM
- Jul 10 Bow, 6:30 PM
- Jul 17 Kear/Sun, 6:30 PM
- Jul 19 Concord, 6:30 PM
- Jul 22 @ Hanover, 4 PM

Boys Varsity Soccer Pre-Season

- Aug 13 Tryouts, 5 PM - 7 PM
- Aug 14 Tryouts, 5 PM - 7 PM
- Aug 15 Varsity, 9-12 & 3-6
- Aug 16 @ Nashua, V & JV
- Aug 17 Varsity, 9-12 & 3-6
- Aug 18 Kearsarge Jamboree
- Aug 21 Varsity, 4-6
- Aug 22 Varsity, 4-6
- Aug 23 Varsity, 4-6
- Aug 24 Varsity, 4-6

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER BOOK CLUB

By Brandy Collette
Friends of the Library

WHO: Any sixth, seventh, or eighth grader who loves to read

WHAT: Summer Book Club

WHEN: July 25 at 6:30 PM at Andover Library and August 23 at 6:30 PM at Bachelder Library

Join us at one of the Andover Libraries this summer for a summer book club discussion for middle school children. We will be reading two books during the months of July and August. After we have finished reading the chosen books, we will be meeting at the Andover and Bachelder Libraries for a

open book discussion, food, drinks and a shared love of good books.

Please stop by the Andover Public Library on June 14 or 15 to sign up for the book club and to ask any questions you may have. Be sure to vote for your choice of what book to read for the month of July!

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Umpire Glenn Laramie gets ready to make the call on Amelia Gilchrist during Andover's game against Hill. Photo: Bob Bussey

Franklin Lassie League Softball

By Steve Nelson
Andover Recreation Softball

The Andover Recreation Softball season started out strong, and I would like to thank everyone for their support. We had a winning season with an 8-0 record going into the playoffs, and we hope to keep the momentum going right through to the end.

The team consists of the following talented players: #1 Ashleigh Fife, #6 Breanne Davis, #12 Emily Laro, #23

Jessica George, #14 Marissa Laro, #9 Kassie Lamper, #15 Jennifer Connor, #7 Maddy Pfeifer, #10 Amber French, #20 Savannah Donovan, and #13 Rebekah Stearns.

These girls have been a lot of fun and have also had a lot of fun. I would like to also thank Sonia Nelson, Sally George, and Sam Ellis for their help coaching the girls.

The playoffs started May 31 and will finish up with the championship game at 6 PM on Sunday, June 3. It depends on whether a team wins or loses as to when they have their playoff games. All playoff games, as well as the championship game, will be played at Odell Park in Franklin.

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Soccer Signups

By Alan Hanscom
Andover Recreation Committee

Registration for the fall soccer season will be taking place in June. Watch for your chance to enroll at evening events at AE/MS, including 8th Grade Graduation on June 12 and at home softball and baseball games.

Andover youths entering grades one through six are eligible to play Andover Recreation Soccer. Seventh and eighth graders play on the AE/MS school team.

Boys and girls teams play in three levels. The first and second grade level plays coed practices and scrimmages at Blackwater Field on Saturday mornings. The third and fourth grade level fields girls and boys teams playing Saturday afternoons. The fifth and sixth graders

play a weeknight game and a Saturday game. One or more weeknight practices can also be expected.

The third through sixth graders play in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League with area towns between Penacook, Grantham, and Weare. Games begin right after Labor Day and end in mid-October.

The deadline for sign-ups is June 14. The registration fee is \$20 for sign-ups by June 13. The fee increases to \$25 after June 13. Athletes registered by June 13 are eligible to play summer pickup games in August. Watch for notices!

We are always looking for coaches, helpers, and referees. Please help us out!

For more information, contact Alan Hanscom at 735-5972 or send a message to socccercash@tds.net.



The Andover Academy of Self Defense advanced a number of students last month. Front, l-r: Tyler Holman advanced to second degree Brown Belt. Daisy Elwell received Bo Staff Patch. Nicholas Terwilliger and Joren Schamel advanced to third degree Brown Belt. Hunter Heath advanced to Brown Belt. Back, l-r: Danny Cummings received Bo Staff Patch. Griffin Merriman advanced to Orange Belt. Bingham Johnson advanced to Purple Belt. Hannah French advanced to Blue Belt. Christophe Courtine advanced to Orange Belt.
Photo: David Stepp

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Meredith Cline, an eighth grader at AE/MS, clears the 4' 10" high jump to clinch first place at the Middle School State Championship Meet on May 22 at Winoosquam High School. Meredith's jump also shattered her personal best of 4' 4" and the AE/MS school record of 4' 6". Photos: Don Cline

AE/MS Track Sends Eight To State Championships

By Mike Silverstein
AE/MS Track and Field Coach

Despite a rainy start to the track and field season, the Andover Middle School athletes had a great time. Eight of them earned the right to compete in the state middle school championships.

**April 30
Merrimack Valley Middle School**

The AMS boys scored 63 points, placing second behind MVMS with 85 points. The AMS girls place third with 30 points. MVMS won with 150 points, and Hopkinton came in second with 42.

This was an excellent start for the Andover track team. The boys made a very strong showing, placing a close second to the host school, Merrimack Valley.

The boys dominated the shot put, with Zach St. Jacques taking first place and Derrick Nowell placing second. Josh Bennett placed sixth with a very respectable 28 foot throw. Derrick Nowell also won the discus event.

The 1600 was another very strong event for the boys. Brendan Coll and Andrew Young took second and third

place, respectively. Cameron Wood placed fifth. Ricky Dansereau ran a very solid 1600 for his first meet.

Henry Bendel placed first in the long jump, third in the hurdles, and second in the 100 meters. Norbu Dickinson placed sixth in the hurdles.

Caleb Frantz placed second in the 200 and fifth in the 400. Sooki Vercellotti placed fifth in the triple jump. Brendan Coll and Andrew Young placed fourth and sixth respectively in the 800. Jason Ashburn did excellent for his first meet.

Charles Barry experimented with the shot put. Shrief Elmasry tried several events at the meet. Cameron Wood ran a very respectable 800.

Tim Grover put on a show, winning his heats for the 100 meters and the 400 meters. The 4 x 400 team (Henry Bendel, Norbu Dickinson, Madison Powers, and Caleb Frantz) placed fourth in a very fast field. Madison Powers jumped very well for his first outing at the long jump.

The Andover 4 x 400 team came in third, scoring some very valuable points

late in the meet. That team was Brendan Coll, Andrew Young, Cameron Wood, and Sooki Vercellotti.

Many of the girls on the track team had to leave early for a softball game, so the girls score does not accurately reflect their true abilities. Despite this fact, the girls showed they are not to be taken lightly.

Kassie Lamper and Meredith Cline took first and third respectively in the high jump. Breanna Davis did excellent in the hurdles, placing second. Emily Bentley and Emily Laro placed fourth and sixth respectively in the shot put.

Emily Bentley placed third in the discus. Emily Bentley and Breanna Davis tied for fifth in the javelin. Marissa Laro or Emily Laro placed second in the 100 meters. We still do not know which one because they only used the last name.

Marissa Laro, Amelia Gilchrist, and Stephanie Croteau had a good first outing in some of the throwing events. Breanna Davis, Siobhan Reid, Meaghan Reid, and Maddy Pfeifer all ran the 1600 meters.

Breanna Davis broke the school record in the 1600, running a 6:44 mile. Many of the other girls ran personal bests, but all were overshadowed by some very talented Merrimack Valley runners. First place finished in just under six minutes!

**May 4
Kearsarge Regional Middle School**

Andover won the meet with 69 points. Kearsarge Regional came in second with 62, followed by Weare and Henniker. That's all the information they sent.

Kassie Lamper and Meredith took first and second place in the high jump. Cameron Wood won the 400 meters. Maddy Pfeifer did well in the 200 and 400.

Henry Bendel placed first or second in all his events. Zach St. Jacques and Derrick Nowell continued to rule the shot put event. Derrick Nowell placed well in the discus. Brendan Coll and Andrew Young scored points in the 1600, 800, and 4 x 400.

In this meet, the team as a whole

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performed very well. The veteran athletes performed very well, while many of our younger athletes scored some of their first points in a meet.

**May 10
Sant Bani School in Sanbornton**

The AMS boys won their meet with 103 points, besting Holderness with 43.5 points as well as Franklin and Sant Bani. The AMS girls place second with 55 points. Holderness won with 95 points, and Sant Bani came in third with 32. If you combine the girls' and boys' points, Andover won this meet overall.

Kassie Lamper placed fourth in the hurdles. Siobhan and Meaghan Reid placed third and fourth respectively in the 1600. The girls took 13 of 16 possible points in the javelin. Breanna Davis, Emily Bentley, Ashleigh Fife, and Elizabeth Daneault participated in the javelin.

The Andover girls scored 10 points in the shot put. Emily Bentley, Marissa Laro, Stephanie Crouteau, and Amelia Gilchrist participated in the shot put.

Kassie Lamper and Meredith Cline scored a combined eight points in the high jump. Emily Laro, Emily Bentley, Amelia Gilchrist, and Marissa Laro scored three points in the discus. Maddy Pfeifer won the 400 meters.

The boys scored 11 points in the shot put with Zach St. Jacques, Derrick Nowell, Shrief Elmasry, and Canon Brownell. Henry Bendel and Madison Powers scored 10 points in the long jump.

The boys dominated the 1600, scoring 13 points. Madison Powers, Brendan Coll, Andrew Young, and Ricky Dansereau ran the 1600. Andrew Young, Brendan Coll, Charles Barry, and D.J. Hawes ran the 800. Sooki Vercellotti scored four points in the triple jump.

The 4 x 400 team of Jason Ashburn, Charles Barry, Sooki Vercellotti, and Brendan Coll scored six points. Cameron Wood, Shrief Elmasry, Jason Ashburn, and Ricky Dansereau scored 10 points in the 400.

Henry Bendel, Norbu Dickinson, and Cameron Wood scored nine points in the hurdles. Henry Bendel, Caleb Frantz, Tim Grover, and D.J. Hawes scored 10 points in the 100 meters. Caleb Frantz and Tim Grover scored seven points in the 200 meters.

This was a great meet, because many of the kids were willing to try events they have not competed in before.

**May 14
Memorial Middle School in Laconia**

This is a qualifying meet for the state championships, so only the seventh and eighth graders could compete. The AMS boys placed in the middle of the pack with 73 points, bested by Laconia at 115, Gilmanton at 111, and White Mountain at 80. The girls scored 70 points to come in third behind Laconia (143) and Gilmanton (106).

Out of 17 AMS team members, 11 qualified for the state championship meet. Kassie Lamper qualified in the hurdles with a first place and also in the

high jump, setting a new school record of 4' 6". Meredith Cline also qualified in the high jump, with a personal best jump of 4' 4".

Maddy Pfeifer qualified in the 400, placing first in the meet. Siobhan Reid qualified in the 1600, placing third. Emily Laro qualified in the discus placing first in the meet and setting a new school record of 63' 5". Emily Laro also qualified in the javelin. Emily Bentley also qualified in both the discus and the javelin, placing second and third, respectively.

For the boys, Caleb Frantz won the 200 and also qualified in the discus, placing third. Derrick Nowell placed second in the shot put and tied for fourth in the discus. Zach St. Jacques placed first in the shot put, setting a new school record at 36' 6".

Henry Bendel had a tremendous day, qualifying in all four of his events! Henry placed second in the hurdles, setting a new school record of 17.66. Henry placed third in the 100 meters. He placed second in the long jump, setting another school record at 15' 11". He won the javelin with a school record throw of 105' 9".

We also had some good performances that just missed qualifying. Norbu Dickinson had a good hurdles run, Caleb Frantz just missed qualifying in the 100 meters, Brendan Coll and Andrew Young did a good run in the 1600, Canon Brownell and Josh Bennett threw the shot put, Maddy Pfeifer ran a good 200, Siobhan Reid ran the 800, Elizabeth Daneault threw the discus and the javelin, and Meredith Cline did well in the hurdles.

All in all it was a very successful day for the Andover track team. Andover has never before attended the state championship meet, so all the athletes are very excited that we'll be represented there this year.

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Andover sent eight athletes to the state championship meet. All of our athletes did well on some level. Some placed in the states, and others had school records or personal best results.

Derrick Nowell placed second in the state in the shotput with 35' 1". He also participated in the discus, but didn't make the finals.

Caleb Frantz participated in the 200 and the discus, but didn't make the finals in either event. Caleb ran a personal best 200 meters of 27.32.

Maddy Pfeifer came in sixth in the 400 meters. Maddy set a school record of 1:10.84.

Kassie Lamper made the finals of the hurdles, but didn't place. Kassie set a school record of 19.30. Kassie jumped 4' 4" in the high jump, but didn't place.

Meredith Cline won the high jump by clearing 4' 10". This is a school record and also 6" higher than her previous personal best jump. For those of you who are not familiar with track and field, that is almost unheard of to improve that much in such a short time!

Another person who made a spectacular leap in an event was Henry Bendel. The last three meets for Henry in the javelin go like this: 101', 105', and 112' in the state meet. Henry placed third in the javelin. Henry placed fourth in the 100 meters and set a new school record of 16.64 in the hurdles. Henry didn't place in the long jump, but jumped a very respectable 15'.

Emily Laro placed sixth in the discus with 61' 9".

Emily Bentley placed third in the discus with 63' 10" and fifth in the javelin with 58' – a new school record.

All in all, Andover had a very successful state meet.



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Summer Field Hockey

By Kim Kenney
MVHS Field Hockey Coach

The Merrimack Valley High School field hockey program will be offering two opportunities to work on your field hockey skills over the summer. Any girls interested in playing or learning field hockey are welcome to attend summer play nights throughout the summer.

Play nights for players that have field hockey experience are Sundays and Wednesdays from 6 PM to 8 PM starting Sunday, June 24. All players must have shin guards, a mouthpiece, and goggles.

If you do not have any field hockey experience but would like to learn the basics of the game, the varsity and junior varsity coaches from MVHS will meet on Sundays from 5 PM to 6 PM starting June 24 to teach the beginning skills needed to participate in the sport. All players need a mouthpiece and shin guards. There will be sticks available for new players who are just trying the sport.

There is no cost for any of the summer get-togethers. We do not play other teams; instead games are played against alumni players from MVHS. Unfortunately, we do not know yet what field we will be using for the summer.

If you are interested in playing, please feel free to call Kim Kenney, MVHS varsity coach, at 796-2773.



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Erin Frost, 10, appears to be thinking about her upcoming softball game while participating in the Andover One Wheelers' car wash at the Andover Fire Station on May 5. The event was a fundraiser for the One Wheelers' upcoming trip to the Maine seacoast. Photo: Bob Bussey

AE/MS Celebrates Last Day With Field Day

By Kristy LaRoche
AE/MS Grade 6 and 7 Teacher

Field Day has become an AE/MS tradition. It is a great way for the whole school to come together to celebrate the end of a year. The day is filled with games, music, and the big cookout put on by Armand Boisvert and the bus drivers.

The school is broken up into teams of students from every grade level. Our eighth graders come back, even though they have already graduated, to lead their teams through the morning of events. All the events are relays, allow-

ing all students to participate. We have some very traditional relays, such as the potato sack race, obstacle course, and the always-fun water relay.

To change things up a bit, in the afternoon the seventh graders will give the school a catapult demonstration. The catapults were built by the students and will be tested on accuracy and distance. Also, our very own Long Tailed Monkeys will perform.

Field Day on June 15, the last day of school, is going to be a great day! So let's hope for a sunny day.

Andover One Wheelers

By Lisa Hanscom
Andover One Wheelers

The Andover One Wheeler Traveling Team and their families have been hard at work fundraising for their late June trip to Bucksport, Maine, where they will participate in Bridgefest. Bridgefest is the official celebration of the opening of the \$85 million Penobscot Narrows Bridge.

The 2,120' cable-stayed bridge is perched high above the Penobscot River between the towns of Prospect and Verona Island, and its towers can be seen for miles around. Andover's unicyclists will parade across the bridge deck 147' above the water, giving the students the unique opportunity to be out on the bridge and see up close the enormous towers and cable system that creates the bridge.

While in the area, Team members will be taking in the sights at Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, and the surrounding towns on the coast of Maine. Some of the anticipated activities include a tour of a Civil War era fort, a schooner ride, the ocean view from the top of Cadillac Mountain, an ocean stroll from Sand Beach to Thunderhole, and trails

and carriage roads in the National Park.

The team would like to officially thank businesses in Andover and surrounding towns for their generous cash prize donations for our Cash Calendar during the month of May; all those who attended our Easter Breakfast; and everybody who came to our car wash and bake sale. Without your support the AOW organization would not be able to provide an annual long-distance trip for this dedicated group of talented Andover students.

During the month of May the team made an appearance in the Franklin Community Day Parade. In June, they will appear in the Strolling of the Heifers Parade in Brattleboro, Vermont, and in the Stevens High School Alumni Parade in Claremont, before heading for Maine.

Once back from Maine, they look forward to seeing everyone on the Fourth of July, where they will appear before and during the parade. The Team will host concession stands on the Town Green during the day and at the fireworks on Carr Field and at the Elementary School during the evening, officially beginning fundraising for their 2008 trip.

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Keep Safe This Summer!

By Heather Hill
AE/MS School Nurse

According to Helmets.org about 540,000 bicyclists visit emergency rooms with injuries every year. Of those, about 67,000 have head injuries and 27,000 have injuries serious enough to be hospitalized. One in eight of the cyclists with reported injuries has a brain injury.

These are alarming statistics and often preventable.

In 2006, New Hampshire adopted a bicycle helmet law requiring all children under the age of 16 to wear bicycle helmets. Andover children can be seen riding on major roads and at the skateboard park with only a percentage of them wearing helmets. Not only is it important that children understand the dangers of potential head injury, they

also need to obey the law.

Sun Protection

The warmth of the sun can be harmful to your child if he or she is not adequately protected by sunscreen. The truth is that most of the risk for skin cancer and premature aging of the skin occurs during childhood.

The simple solution is sunscreen. Choose one that includes UVA and UVB protection of 15 or higher. Remember to reapply every two hours and after swimming.

The strongest sun is between the hours of 10 AM and 4 PM, so take some breaks in the shade. Even those individuals that claim not to burn are at risk for skin damage without proper use of sunscreen.

So remember the three S's of summer: Sunscreen, Sunglasses, and Shade.

A Midsummer's Night Dream

The AE/MS fourth grade staged an elaborate production of Shakespeare's beloved comedy. In this scene (l-r): Bailey Powers as Demetrius, Kelsie Barry as Helena, Eli Shedd as Duke Theseus, Jesika Heath as Hippolyta, Dustin Holmburg as Egeus, Alyson Mullett as Hermia and Molly Comrie as Lysander. Photo: Gail Fitzpatrick



AE/MS NEWS

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

It is a bittersweet time at Andover Elementary/Middle School as the year closes and anticipation for next year starts to build. Our eighth grade students will be moving on to Merrimack Valley High School and Proctor Academy. At the end of August, we will welcome a new group of five year olds arriving for kindergarten. Some of our staff members will be leaving the state, and we will fill those positions. It is always difficult to lose staff members.

Staff members who will put on the most miles are Shannon Gray and Dennis Wright. Shannon will relocate to the San Francisco Bay area in California and Dennis to Silver Springs, Florida. Shannon has contributed a lot to AE/MS. In addition to teaching fifth grade for a number of years, she has also coached the Andover One Wheelers and headed up the Yearbook Committee.

Dennis, of course, has been the head custodian for many years and has contributed to almost every aspect of our school community. I am sure I will have him on speed dial next year and will be asking him where this or that is for awhile.

Our Advanced and Intermediate Bands performed in Wilmot's Memorial Day Observance. This is becoming a nice tradition. We also enjoyed the music from all three bands at the AE/MS Spring Concert on May 31.

AE/MS yearbooks will arrive in early June!

Colonial Williamsburg is the destination on Tuesday, June 5 for the eighth grade students and staff. They will

board the bus on Tuesday morning and return Thursday evening.

At Colonial Williamsburg, we will find living history in a town much as it was in the years before the American Revolution. The students will meet interpreters of all ages who will help them understand the customs and ways of life in the 1700s. The excursion will be a nice way to end the year with our eighth grade students.

The kindergarten class will officially become first grade students on Monday, June 11 at 6:30 PM at a magical ceremony. Come early for good seating!

The eighth grade graduation is Tuesday, June 12, at 6:30 PM. This is a semi-formal occasion and is usually before a standing-room-only crowd. Twenty-six students will move on to the secondary education phase of their lives. It is a very special evening with student involvement in the program.

The ceremony ends with a slide show that begins with baby pictures of the graduates. Gretchen Hildebrand and Chris Connor compile this sentimental journey every year.

The last day of school for students in kindergarten through grade eight is Friday, June 15. The morning will consist of cooperative and competitive outdoor games. Students and staff will enjoy the annual barbeque provided and hosted by Armand Boisvert and the bus drivers.

A mini-concert by Andover's number one rock group, The Long Tailed Monkeys, will be followed by the seventh grade catapults demonstration and competition. There may even be some surprise entries in the catapult competition this year!

Columbia Shuttle Astronaut To Speak At AE/MS Graduation

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

Jay C. Buckley, Jr. has orbited the Earth 256 times, flown more than 6.3 million miles, logged over 381 hours in space, and will now visit Andover Elementary/Middle School. Jay Buckley will be the keynote speaker at the eighth grade graduation on June 12 at 6:30 PM.

Dr. Buckley holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University (1977) and a Doctorate in Medicine from Cornell University in 1981. He interned at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and completed his residency at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC). Currently, Dr. Buckley is a Professor of Medicine at Dartmouth Medical School. He is also a flight surgeon with the US Air Force Reserve.

In 1998 he was a Payload Specialist aboard NASA Space Shuttle Columbia flight STS-90 as part of the Neurolab mission. He was the Payload Specialist for the experiment "Cardiovascular Adaptation to Zero-Gravity" and assisted with other Spacelab Life Sciences experiments. During the 16-day flight, the seven-person crew served as both experiment subjects and operators for 26 life science experiments focusing on the effects of microgravity on the brain and nervous system.

Along with serving as medical director for hyperbaric medicine at DHMC, Dr. Buckley teaches at the Dartmouth Medical School and at Dartmouth's Thayer School of Engineering.

Dr. Buckley will certainly have words of wisdom to share with Andover's eighth grade scholars.



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The second grade field trip to Harvard's Museum of Natural Science is a tiring day. Among the students catching a few winks on the bus ride home were (l-r) Jared Duquette, Kevin Barry, and Noah Berry. Photo: Beth Chamberlin

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SHARE Day 2007 At AE/MS

(Top left) Ryan Barton and Josiah Wagner look out the window of Frank Baker's seaplane on Highland Lake. Frank's History of Aviation workshop is a perennial SHARE Day favorite. Students are always impressed to find out that he built his seaplane himself.
Photo: Shannon Gray

(Top right) Cathy Fadden (l) and Natasha Bowen created a giant puppet.
Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

(Left) Both classes of second graders have finished the Nurse's Room blankets for their annual community service project. Mrs. Hill, the school nurse, was very happy!
Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

SHARE Day 2007 A Big Hit

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

SHARE Day has come and gone for another year. From all accounts, it was one of the best SHARE Days ever!

Workshops were varied and all over town. There were fewer workshops in the building, so with Armand Boisvert's help, students were bussed all over the community.

Our students are so fortunate to have the high level of community involvement in SHARE Day! Some of the offerings included: fencing, ceramics, aviation (and visiting a seaplane), orienteering, climbing wall, cake decorating, auto detailing, lacrosse, puppetry, animal tracking, batting cage practice, baking, basket weaving, beading, candle making, decoupage, drawing and illustrating (with a real artist), flower planting,

fly tying and fly fishing, food preparation and catering, golf at Mojalaki Golf and Country Club, karate, horseback riding, mountain biking, manicure art, woodworking, tennis, tie dying, stamping, drama games, and yoga.

The volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch put together by Laura Powers and her student workshop participants. Maybe the menu will tempt you to volunteer next year:

- Roast beef, spinach, and horseradish boursin wraps
- Curried turkey salad with red grapes and almonds
- Red bliss potato salad with egg, bacon, and chives
- Fresh fruit salad
- Tortellini salad with shrimp, olives, artichoke hearts, and bell peppers
- Lemon squares
- Chocolate chunk cookies
- Carrot cake
- Strawberry rhubarb tarts

We spent SHARE Day afternoon admiring all the projects from the morning and enjoying a theatrical performance by Lesley Smith's Theatre of Life Puppets. *The Peaceable Kingdom* performance was presented with the help of several of our eighth grade thespians. The humorous theatrical puppetry focused on ways to resolve conflict peacefully.

Of course, we all know SHARE Day would not exist without Gisela Darling working behind the scenes. Gisela begins organizing the SHARE Day in the fall, sets a timeline, and follows up on all the millions of details. Thank you Gisela!

AE/MS would like to thank all who made SHARE Day 2007 (See How the Arts Reach Everyone) possible. A big "Thank you!" to all workshop leaders and volunteers, and to Proctor Academy for the use of their facilities and equipment. Thank you very much!

AE/MS Eighth Graders Study Holocaust

By Shari Lemeris
AE/MS Language Arts Teacher

On May 7, the eighth grade class and several members of the staff at AE/MS had the privilege of hearing Mr. Henry Weinstock of Vermont speak of his experiences as a hidden child in Belgium during World War II. The students and staff listened attentively as Mr. Weinstock spoke of the Nazi invasion of his country when he was just six years old.

At the age of seven, his parents asked the nuns of a convent in Belgium to hide their son. He was one of 80 boys taken in by the nuns and hidden until the end of the war. Mr. Weinstock, a former college professor in New York, gave a brief history of Belgium, the in-

vasion by the German army, and the bombing of Belgium. He then showed a film about the reunion of the hidden children, which was produced by ABC's *Twenty-Twenty*. Following the viewing of the film, Mr. Weinstock graciously answered questions from both students and staff.

In closing, Mr. Weinstock told the audience that one lesson he had learned was that being proud of one's heritage or religion was not important. What a person needs to be proud of is his or her compassion and the ability to respond to the pain others feel. Students and staff agreed that this was a powerful presentation and the perfect way to end the eighth grade's study of the Holocaust.



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AE/MS BAND

By Paul Hubert
AE/MS Band Director

Spring is finally here, and summer is in sight. Field trips are underway, and a lot of school activities are winding down. Not for the AE/MS Band! This is one of our most exciting and busy times of the year.

On Monday, May 28, the advanced and intermediate band players participated in Wilmot's Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies. Two mighty trombones, Shrief Elmasry and Damick Kinson led the charge. Will Henriques, our trumpeter, played two sweet renditions of *Taps*.

Our drummers, Andrew Young and Madison Powers, drove the machine with their awesome beats. Three flutes and a clarinet – Megan Hanscom, Becca Lance, Emily Lance, and a volunteer from the Kearsarge Community Band – played the mellow melodic relief. We understand that the Lances drove all the way from Tennessee to be there!

Bringing up the rear and providing the backbone were two alto saxes: Brendan Coll and Mr. Hubert.

Congratulations on a job well done and well appreciated. You guys rock!

This was the third year that the AE/MS Band participated in the Wilmot Memorial Day ceremony. We were

proud to be invited back. Performing for community functions is a meaningful experience for the band members.

Spring Concert

The AE/MS Spring Concert was Thursday, May 31, at 6:30 PM in the school gym. The audience heard performances by grades kindergarten through five as well as bands, solos, and duets.

This year we have three bands; Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Each rehearsed furiously and gave their best performances yet. We were glad to see you all there in the audience so the students could show you what they can do.

Fourth Of July

Look for the AE/MS Band again at Andover's Fourth of July celebration. Band members have been invited to join the Kearsarge Community Band for a joint concert on the lawn at the Holland Memorial Auditorium at Proctor Academy following the parade. The concert start time is 1 PM.

This will be the third year for this event, and it has proven to be a good show in the past. It's a valuable experience for the student musicians to interact and play with grownups who have made playing music a lifelong activity. Come grab some shade and join us for a relaxing musical interlude.



Jen Braley (l), Principal Jane Slayton, and John Braley (r) help Matt celebrate his new school record.
Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

Matt Braley Sets New Record

By Gretchen Hildebrand
AE/MS Second Grade Teacher

Matthew Braley, a second grader at Andover Elementary/Middle School, passed his 150th Accelerated Reader test on Monday, April 30, setting an AE/MS record, an Andover town record, and who knows what other record!

Matt was rewarded with a drum roll from AE/MS band members, a certificate signed by Ms. Slayton and Ms. Hildebrand, prizes, and the new challenge to get to 200 by the end of this school year. Fellow classmates shared his excitement, asking him for autographs.

Matt's parents, Jennifer and John Braley, were on hand for the ceremony.

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a computer-based program that provides independent reading practice. AR checks students' comprehension of what they have read with quizzes.

Upon completing a quiz, the student sees his or her percentage score, total quizzes taken and passed, the level of difficulty of the reading material, and how many of the books read were fiction versus nonfiction. It is a great incentive for students and a super monitoring tool for teachers as well.



Earth Day at Proctor. (Left) Justine Hewitt of Andover brandishes her pruning saw during a trail-clearing project in the Proctor woodlands. (Right) Andover residents Eric Viandier, Nick Fairall, and Kinley Viandier enjoy the sunrise from the Bulkhead on Ragged Mountain.



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Teacher Appreciation Week At AE/MS
 The AE/MS teachers (left) were given the royal treatment during Teacher Appreciation Week at AE/MS last month. Among the many surprises orchestrated by the students and the AE/MS Parent-Teacher Organization were signs and banners welcoming the teachers and everyone else who visited the school that week.

Photos: Gretchen Hildebrand

Freedom Trail from page 40

their two and a half mile walk. In addition to the monument and the USS Constitution, the trail allowed the students to view the Boston Massacre sight as well as Paul Revere's house and to imagine what events took place on that fateful night of April 18, 1775.

The Old North Church was also a stop along the way. The fifth graders

also toured the cemetery where many of the historical figures of this time were buried. Benjamin Franklin's family, Paul Revere, Crispus Attucks, and Samuel Adams were just some of the names on the gravestones that they got to see.

The day ended at the Boston Common where the exhausted students and chaperones piled on the bus with history in their minds and aching feet, ready to take a seat and relax on the long ride home.

Prom from page 40

Finally, dance coordinator Dave Kenney received the call from Dave Anderson, President of Pacific Commercial Properties Corporation, the new owners. "My partners and I thought it was important that we comp this prom at no charge to the kids or the Academy. Although totally out of our control, we were dismayed that you were put in an uncomfortable position by the [sale] this week and...we decided it was the right thing to do. So I will arrange to have your deposit sent to you at the school,

and we will cover all onsite food and rental expenses, and you will not receive a bill from us for these. Our part of the prom will be totally on us."

Head of School Mike Henriques remarks, "This gesture is a dramatic expression of good will on the part of the new owners. Simply proceeding with the existing agreement would have been reasonable, but Pacific Commercial Properties is making a statement about the kind of neighbors they intend to be. On behalf of the Proctor community, I want to express our gratitude."

Oh, the dance was a great success!

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who wishes to volunteer to help organize, please contact Marshall at the number above.

Student Of The Month Nominee

Zach Barton of Andover was among the nominees for Student of the Month in May.

National Honor Society

Among the 11 juniors inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS) on April 19 was Ian Coll of Andover. Membership in NHS recognizes a student's scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

Last Day Of School

Since the Commissioner of Education has waived the two recent flood

days, the last regular day of school for students will be Friday, June 15. Only those students who have missing work or did not complete their competency exams during the prior week need to come on Monday, June 18.

Target Cashback to MVHS

We recently received a check for \$258.24 from the Target "Take Charge of Education" program. Use your REDcard every time you check out at Target, and they will send us a check for 1% of the total amount you purchased. If you have a REDcard, you can go to the Target Web site and make MVHS your designated school. If you have not already enrolled, please consider this as a way to help fund items outside of taxes.

PTO Collecting Sox Tops

By Dee Benjamin
 AE/MS PTO

Calling all milk drinkers! There's a new PTO fundraising effort going on from now until the first week in October. You might have already seen milk jugs around town at some local businesses and wondered about them. It's a fundraiser from H.P. Hood called Red Sox Hood Tops, and it's designed to raise money for schools, with an added bonus: an actual Red Sox player will visit winning schools!

Just bring any Hood milk cap or top to local businesses and drop them in the Red Sox milk jug. We need a whole community effort on this one, so please tell your neighbors, friends, and

relatives, and get them involved. Drink your milk, everyone!

Here's where you can find Red Sox milk jugs to put your (undamaged) caps in :

- New Horizons Hairstylists
- AE/MS
- Food Stop
- East Andover Marketplace
- Andover Transfer Station
- Pizza Chef

A big "Thank you!" to these dedicated local businesses for supporting our kids and AE/MS! The PTO will use any cash rewards for projects around AE/MS, such as a proposed mural and reading area for our school library to inspire our young readers.

Go Red Sox! Go AE/MS!

Mr. Wright from page 40

ten classroom was on my first day of school." He also gets a lot of satisfaction in making repairs and having things run smoothly.

Second graders Shannon Jolley and Curtis Chamberlin both expressed sadness at the thought of Mr. Wright leaving AE/MS. Shannon said, "I like the good example he sets when we line up. He helps us all the time, and he is nice and caring to everyone." Curtis commented, "I like seeing Mr. Wright everywhere. He is a nice guy, and we just don't want him to leave."

We at AE/MS know that Mr. Wright is much more than a custodian. The Musician Mr. Wright brought karaoke to AE/MS many years ago along with his great singing voice, which has been heard at many school events. He also donated a nice drum set for the music program. We will miss his rendition of *Wipe Out!*

The Joker Mr. Wright has donned

the AE/MS Eagle costume to help at SOAR community activities, as well as playing along with fun events in various classrooms throughout the school. Did you know he could pass as a master chef or a googly-eyed alien?

The veteran Mr. Wright was present at the Veterans Day ceremonies. The Fire and Rescue Mr. Wright lent his expertise to Andover as well as Salisbury.

"It just won't be the same without Mr. Wright," say many staff members. Mrs. Pellegrino will miss the early morning conversations with him. Ms. Hildebrand will miss his sense of humor. "He is always up for a good joke!"

Mr. Wright will be leaving behind many students and staff members who have been close to him over the years. He has been a good friend, a supporter, and an important member of the school family. "It just won't be the same here without Mr. Wright...he's the go-to guy, and he will soon be gone."

We wish you happiness and good health, Dennis. You will be missed.

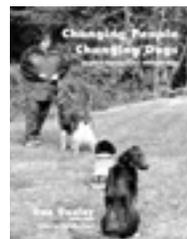


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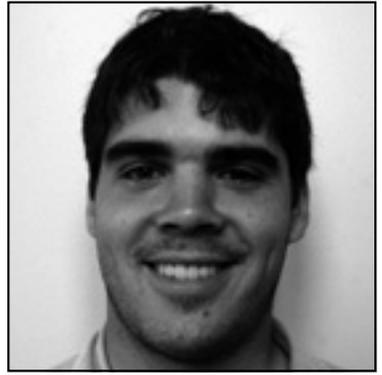
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Area Proctor Grads Make Plans

By Chuck Will
Proctor Academy

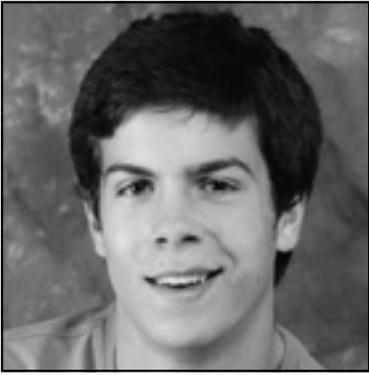
Nineteen area students graduate from Proctor Academy on Saturday, June 2.

From Andover,

- Buckman Brownell will attend Western New England.
- Nick Fairall will attend Westminster in Utah.
- Ashley-Marie Hanlon and Naomi Klepper will study at Keene State.

- Ryan and Sean Kaulbach will be at Westminster.
- Caroline Loehr and Anthony McLeod are each taking a year off.
- Ian Makechnie will attend Brigham Young University.
- Samantha Veysey will study Environmental Science and Fine Arts at the University of Montana.
- Kinley Viandier will be at the Na-See Grads on page 38

Congratulations, MVHS '07!



Rubin Adams



Kaitlin Anderson



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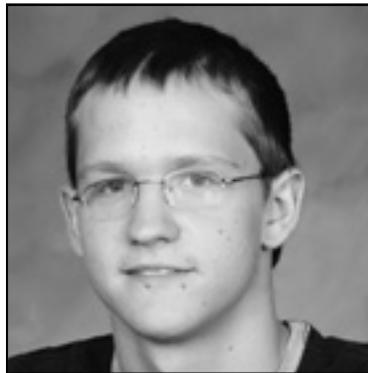
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Sam Mishcon



Danny Nelson



Jacob Wagner

A big Beacon "Thank You" to everyone who made the graduates' photos possible again this year. We couldn't have done it without:

- Ms. Slayton and David Brownell for the AE/MS photos
- Mr. Jette, Linda Proctor, and Swenson Photography for the MVHS photos
- Chuck Will for the Proctor photos
- Cameron Wood, a sixth grader at AE/MS for prepping all the photos and laying out the pages.

Thanks one and all!



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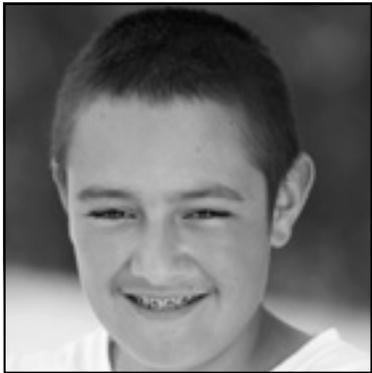
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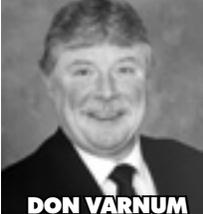
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Grads from page 36

tional Outdoor Leadership School in Lander, Wyoming and will study organic farming in New Zealand. Ariel Birke, from Franklin, will be at the Parson New School for Design in New York. Grantham's Lauren Harris plans to attend Roger Williams College. Gunnar Stratton, from Bradford, will study Chemical Engineering at Clarkson University. Josh Carlson, from Warner, will study Mechanical Engineering at Alford

University. Georgia Freed, of Wilmot, will pursue acting at Elon College. New London's Ethan Okma will attend Plymouth State. Winn Berns, from Georges Mills, will attend Florida Southern, and Jessica Emory, of Barnstead, will study Biology at Weaton College. Congratulations to all!



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Dennis Wright Says Goodbye To AE/MS

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

After almost fourteen years, Mr. Dennis Wright is leaving Andover Elementary Middle School. He is relocating to Silver Springs, Florida with his wife, Debbie, where they recently purchased a home. (He will not need to worry about April snowstorms anymore!)

Mr. Wright was born in Laconia and currently lives in Salisbury, but lived in Andover at one time. He probably knows everyone in Andover between working at AE/MS and at the Andover Transfer Station. Fourth Grade Planet

Patrol members will miss working with Mr. Wright on Wednesday morning collecting recyclables from classrooms.

"Everyone helps each other out. It doesn't get any better than that," says Mr. Wright of AE/MS, where he feels part of a family. The most rewarding part of the job for him is the children. They are always looking for Mr. Wright to fix something for them or to share some important news.

Nick Shaw, a seventh grade student remarked, "Wow, I will miss Mr. Wright. He is such a nice guy. I remember he showed me where the kindergarten - See Mr. Wright on page 35

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Ragged Hosts Free Prom For Proctor

By Chuck Will
Proctor Academy

Proctor students received a surprise gift from a new "friend" as they headed off for their prom - we call it the Spring Formal - on the evening of May 5.

For months, the school had an agreement with Ragged Mountain Ski Area to rent their lodge for the dance. The fee was to be \$30 per student. With more than 230 kids dressed and ready to dance, the rental would approximate \$7,000.

Anxieties rose on Friday, May 4, when a phone message from the resort indicated the need to communicate immediately. Earlier that day, Ragged Mountain had been sold to a business based in Salt Lake City, Utah!

See Prom on page 35

MVHS News

By Mike Jette
MVHS Principal
Construction Update

As of June 1, the Kitchen and the Cafeteria will be closed for remodeling. We will be setting up a limited food service area in the gym for the weeks of June 4 and 11. Selections will include cold beverages and pre-made food items such as pizza. Since we can't possibly replicate the offerings from the kitchen, we encourage students to pack lunches for the last two weeks of school. As always, Free and Reduced students will receive an approved lunch each day.

The Main Office and Guidance will operate out of the new first floor Library this summer. The lobby and front canopy will be removed, so any summer business will need to enter the school through the doors by the flagpole.

Angels 5K Run/Walk

On June 6, Merrimack Valley High School will host the Fifth Annual Angels 5k Run/Walk. This is a senior project fundraiser that will generate scholarships for members of the graduating class of 2007. The entrance fee is \$8 for students and \$12 for adults. The race starts at 6:00 PM at the MVHS concession stand located behind the Middle School.

If there are any questions, please contact Marshall Talley at 753-1163 or find us on CoolRunning.com. Anyone See MVHS on page 35



AE/MS fifth grade students listen intently to Seaman Sparks aboard Old Ironsides - the USS Constitution. Photo: Shannon Gray

AE/MS Fifth Grade Walks The Freedom Trail

By Shannon Gray
AE/MS Fifth Grade Teacher

"Huzzah! Her sides are made of iron!" While exploring the Freedom Trail on a field trip to Boston, the AE/MS fifth graders learned that this quote was what actually caused the USS Constitution to get its nickname, Old Ironsides.

Visiting Boston on Monday, May 7, turned out to be an extremely educational field trip for these fifth graders. Old Ironsides was only one of the many stops along their tour of Boston's history and was one of their favorites.

The exploration of this indestructible ship was an unexpected addition to their day's events. The ship is closed to the public on Mondays but, while viewing

the ship from the dock, the fifth graders were invited by the naval officers to receive their own private tour. Because of the excellent behavior of the students, they got VIP treatment and were allowed access to areas of the ship that most people don't get to see.

With Miss Gray as their tour guide, the fifth graders followed the Freedom Trail and saw many sites dating back to the Revolutionary War and beyond during their day in Boston. The sunny day began upon Breed's Hill, where many students chose to climb the 294 steps of the Bunker Hill monument.

Following the exhausting feat, the students and chaperones eagerly began See Freedom Trail on page 35

Mark Your Calendar!

June 2: Rail Trail Cleanup and Walk, start at Blackwater Park, 9

June 4: Board of Selectmen, 7

June 6: Angel 5K Run/Walk, MVHS, 6

June 6: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30

June 6: Fourth of July Committee, Town Hall, 7

June 7: Cable TV Public Hearing, Town Hall, 7

June 7: Kearsarge Masonic Lodge, Potter Place, 7:30

June 9: Bachelor Book Club, Bachelor Library, 9 AM

June 9: Swap Shop, Transfer Station

June 11: Lions Club, Mr. D's, 6:30

June 11: PTO, AE/MS Library, 6:30

June 11: Cable TV Committee, Town Hall, 7:30

June 12: Rescue Squad, East Andover Fire Station, 7

June 12: Planning Board, Town Hall, 7

June 13: Andover Service Club, Potter Place, 10

June 13: Conservation Committee, Town Hall, 7:30

June 13: Recreation Committee, AE/MS Science Room, 7

June 14: Deadline For Soccer Sign-Ups

June 14: Sign Up For Middle School Summer Book Club, Andover Library

June 14: Recycle Committee, Town Hall, 7

June 14: Blackwater Grange, Potter Place, 7:30

June 15: Sign Up For Middle School Summer Book Club, Andover Library

June 16: Town Beach Cleanup, Highland Lake, 735-5493

June 17: East Andover Grange Hall Restoration Baked Goods Sale, 11

June 18: NHCHF, Covered Bridges, 11

June 18: Wilmot Bicentennial Party & Pot Luck Supper, Wilmot, 5-7

June 18: Board of Selectmen, Public Hearing on Lowering Highland Lake, 7

June 19: WCA Senior Lunch, reservations 526-4540, 12

June 19: Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall, 7:30

June 19: Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, Danbury Community Center, 7

June 20: Andover Historical Society, Masonic Hall, Potter Place, 7

June 21: Library Trustees, 7:30

June 25: Lions Club, Mr. D's, 6:30

June 25: Master Plan Update, Town Hall, 7

June 26: Andover Fish & Game, East Andover Clubhouse, 7:30

June 26: Planning Board, Town Hall, 7

June 30: Wilmot Tournament Day, 8-4

July 2: Board of Selectmen, 7

July 3: Franklin Farmers Market opening day, 206 Central, 3-6

July 4: Andover's Fourth of July Celebration

July 5: Kearsarge Masonic Lodge, Potter Place, 7:30

July 7: AHS Alumni Reunion, Ordway Field, South Danbury, 10

July 7: Ms Wilmot Contest & Band Concert, Wilmot, 6-8

July 8: Tucker Mtn School, 1-3