

# BEACON CELEBRATES ITS THIRD BIRTHDAY!

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Beacon staff

This issue marks the third anniversary of the re-launch of *The Andover Beacon*. The community has a lot to be proud of in what's been accomplished in those three years.

I've always said that the Beacon, like a milking stool, is held up by three legs:

- **Content** – articles and photos of particular interest to Andover residents

## What The Beacon Needs To Keep Going

- More volunteers!
- A small office!
- A strong response to our annual fundraising drive in January!
- More advertisers!

- **Finances** – The *Beacon* is a New Hampshire non-profit corporation. There are no shareholders and no pressure to turn a profit, but we have to break even every year.

- **Volunteers** – A free community newspaper like the *Beacon* has almost no room for salaries. Volunteers have to take up the slack for the project to succeed.

### The Content Leg

This has always been the *Beacon's* strongest leg. People constantly tell us how much they enjoy the articles and photos in the *Beacon*, and how much that content adds to the "quality of life" in our community. Our relentless focus on Andover issues and Andover people – to the inevitable exclusion of articles about state, national, and global issues – seems to be serving the community well.

### The Finance Leg

About two-thirds of our \$50,000 annual budget comes from advertisers. The other third comes from local donations (about \$11,500) and out-of-town subscribers (about \$3,500). For the paper's current situation, this is adequate. As long as we continue to enjoy

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## Black Tie Pink Ribbon Gala Raises Over \$1,000 To Beat Breast Cancer

By Kat Hitchmoth  
Sarah's Soldiers

The Black Tie Pink Ribbon Gala 2007 was a success! Everyone had a great time, and we raised both money and awareness to help in the fight against breast cancer. What a night we had!

The dinner was held on Saturday night, September 15, at Alan's of Boscawen. The guests were greeted by the sultry voice of the very lovely and very talented Miss Jaime Taylor. Jaime delighted the crowd during cocktail hour with her renditions of such jazz and blues greats as Diana Krall and Billie Holiday. My admiration and appreciation go out to her for donating her special gift to help set just the right tone for a special evening.

Dinner was delicious, and Alan's kitchen and wait staff did an incredible job throughout the evening. Alan's also featured a special on three pink drinks and donated a dollar back to the cause for each one purchased. Thank you to Alan's of Boscawen for a great meal, fantastic service, and all of your support!

A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Kathi Russ, Director of Teams from the Concord Area Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Committee. She was our guest speaker for the evening. Her message was about making a difference and



Marissa and Emily Laro  
Photo: Whedon's Photography

the importance of all the hard work we all do to make Concord's walk in October the success story that it is.

Last year's numbers don't lie, folks. We raised \$430,298 dollars.

There is something more, though, and that "something more" was in Kathi's message Saturday night – the personal side of it all and why we do what we do to work toward the cure for breast cancer.

We do it because we know there is power in numbers, and we know that

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Workers have started installing over two and a half miles of new snowmaking pipe at Ragged Mountain Resort this fall.

## Extensive Improvements Underway At Ragged Mountain Resort

Ragged Mountain Resort is hard at work making many much-needed improvements. Some are behind the scenes, to ensure more reliable operations during the winter. Others will be immediately apparent to skiers and other guests this winter.

Projects underway include:

- Servicing Spear Lift
- Servicing Northeast Peak
- Installing new cable for the Village Green Lift
- Installing a new Wonder Carpet

Lift for beginners

- 14,000 feet of new pipe on the mountain for snowmaking
- Energy-efficient snowmaking guns
- Two additional Bombardier groomers
- All new carpeting in the base lodge
- Repairing entry steps and brick walkways
- Adding seasonal lockers for rent
- Outdoor fire pit
- Wood-fired pizza oven on the second floor of Elmwood Lodge

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## This Weekend

**Beach Cleanup on Saturday, September 29, at 9 AM.** Bring your shovels and rakes and garbage bags to give the town beach at Highland Lake a good "deep cleaning" while the water is at a historic low.

**AppleFest Weekend** Saturday and Sunday at Highland Lake Apple Farm on Maple Street in East Andover

**Forever Locked**, the dramatic taxidermy exhibit of two bull moose whose antlers became fatally locked during a rutting-season clash, at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School in New London on Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM.

**Jazz at Proctor to benefit the Music Department.** Saturday night at 8 PM in the Norris Family Theatre. Tickets \$18, or \$16 for seniors and students.

## Rail Trail Reaches East Andover

The Northern Rail Trail reached East Andover on September 12. The resurfaced trail now runs more than five miles, from East Andover to Potter Place.

This project was funded by a \$30,000 grant from New Hampshire's Recreational Trails Bureau, a program of the Department of Resources and Economic Development.

Peter Crowell of New London, a board member of the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County (FNRT-MC), organized and oversaw the work. He also contributed the equipment (a grader and vibrating roller) and much of the labor.

Ed Larpenter and Fred Burpee did a

great job, working conscientiously for long hours, to grade the rock ballast of the former Boston and Maine rail bed and lay down and compact 127 loads of hard pack bought from RD Edmonds in Franklin. Rosie Best of Andover served as greeter, traffic cop, and monitor of the truckload deliveries through three days of fair and foul weather.

This new section of rail trail starts at the East Andover Fire Department on Channel Road in East Andover and joins the previously refinished surface at Switch Road, paralleling Route 11. From there it runs to Blackwater Park and behind the Andover Elementary Middle School, and ends at the restored

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