

# Andover Soldier Dies In Iraq

By Shira Schoenberg  
Concord Monitor staff

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Juctin [pronounced "Justin"] McDaniel could hardly wait for his child to be born. His one regret was that he would be in Iraq when his wife delivered, as a private first class in the US Army.

"He was really excited. He couldn't wait" to be a father, said McDaniel's friend US Army Spc. Kyle Ladd. "He knew he'd be deployed for that time and he was kind of scared about that, but he was real excited."

McDaniel, 19, of Andover, died last week in Baghdad, of injuries from a "non-combat-related incident," according to the Defense Department. The incident, which is still being investigated, took place in Taji, Iraq, just north of Baghdad, according to the Defense Department. McDaniel served with the 524th Combat Service Support Battalion, 45th Sustain-



Juctin McDaniel

ment Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command based in Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Ladd said McDaniel deployed to Iraq in November as a mechanic.

McDaniel grew up in Andover and attended Andover Elementary/Middle  
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## Ice On Highland Lake Very Dangerous This Year

By Charlie Darling  
Beacon staff

Extensive repairs on the Highland Lake Dam are combining with this year's early, deep snowfalls to create potentially lethal ice conditions on Highland Lake according to Town officials and the state Fish and Game Department (NHF&G).

Early-season storms have dumped several feet of fluffy snow throughout the area. A thick layer of the white stuff makes a great blanket for lakes and ponds, insulating the water from the falling temperatures and making the ice thicken much more slowly than it usually does.

Major Tim Acerno of NHF&G urges outdoor enthusiasts to play it safe and check ice carefully before venturing onto ice-covered waters.

"Snow-covered lakes might appear to be safe, but the snow can hide places where the ice is dangerous. Don't assume that if the ice is safe on one part of a waterbody, it is safe throughout," said Tim. "Also, deep snow can have an insulating effect, causing ice not to form as fast."

Snowmobile enthusiasts should be especially careful to keep ice safety

in mind. "Riders should remember to check local conditions before heading out on snowmobile trails or on the ice. Don't assume a snowmobile track going across the water is safe just because it's there!" says Tim. Ask about conditions at local snowmobile clubs or sporting goods shops before you go.

### Construction Makes Ice Dangerous

The ice on Highland Lake is especially dangerous this year, as the problem of early snows is being exacerbated by the lake's changing water level.

On January 2, the construction crew repairing the Highland Lake Dam at Maple Street finished sealing the dam. What was once just a long, high mound of rock and earth is now a long, high mound of rock and earth with a 10- to 15-foot high wall of concrete at its heart.

The new concrete wall runs from bedrock to the top of the dam, sealing Highland Lake into its basin and preventing any leakage through the dam. This step was vital to solving the problem that has threatened the integrity of the dam several times over the past few years.

With the first phase of repairs com-  
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### Get A Round Tuit!

## BEACON KICKS OFF 2008 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

By Charlie Darling  
Beacon staff

It's time once again for the community to show its financial support for *The Andover Beacon*. The *Beacon* is published by Community Publishing of Andover, Inc., a New Hampshire non-profit corporation that relies on voluntary donations for about a third of the *Beacon's* annual operating expenses.

Other than a small salary for me and commissions for our ad salespeople, the *Beacon* is produced entirely by volunteers. But it still takes a budget of about \$48,000 a year to bring the *Beacon* to every mailbox in Andover every month at no charge.

About two-thirds of our budget is covered by the approximately 90 advertisers you see in the *Beacon* every month. (Now would be a great time to remind you of an important formula: No Advertisers = No *Beacon*! Please be sure to patronize the businesses that advertise in our community newspaper, and be sure to let them know that you appreciate their supporting the *Beacon* with their ads.)

That leaves a full third of our annual budget that has to come from somewhere other than ads. Some comes from out-of-town subscribers and gift subscriptions, but most has to come as voluntary donations from the residents of Andover. Here's another important formula to remember: No Donations = No *Beacon*!

Last year, we had donations from 290 residents. While we greatly appreciate that support, we feel we can do better. Personally, I think the community *wants* to do better. And now's the chance.

This year we've set a goal of 325 voluntary donations from Andover residents by February 29. That's less than one third of the 1,100 households in Andover – a pretty small fraction of the people who receive and enjoy the *Beacon* at no charge every month, but an important token of the community's support nonetheless.

Please! I know you've been meaning to "get a round tuit" and show your financial support for the *Beacon*. Well, now is definitely the time to act on that generous impulse.

We've inserted a reply envelope in this

issue to make it super easy for you, or use the membership form on page two. Or go to [AndoverBeacon.com](http://AndoverBeacon.com) and click the "Click To Give" button to make a donation of up to \$50 online. But whatever you do, make today the day you "get a round tuit" and show your support for our community newspaper, *The Andover Beacon*.



### Donate Online!

You can now donate up to \$50 to *The Andover Beacon* by visiting [AndoverBeacon.com](http://AndoverBeacon.com) and clicking the new "Click To Give" button.

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But please be sure to click the "Send Info" button on the confirmation page so we know who the donation is from. Thanks!



Townsppeople gathered at the Town Hall on December 2 to light the town Christmas tree and sing carols.  
Photo: Charlie Darling

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It costs about \$4,000 a month (and many, many hours of volunteer labor) for the *Beacon* to arrive in mailboxes, and advertisers cover only a portion of that expense. The rest has to come from out-of-town subscriptions and voluntary donations from Andover residents.

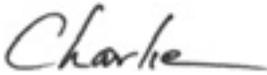
So if you enjoy the *Beacon* or feel it plays an important role in keeping Andover a great place to live, please use the membership form below or the reply envelope inserted in this issue to do your part to keep the *Beacon* coming.

Our goal is to have 325 households show their support this year. Please send a donation today, then encourage your friends and neighbors to "get a round tuit" and send theirs, too!

## ...Or Donate To The Beacon Online

This year you can donate up to \$50 via credit card on the Web. We've signed up with Amazon.com's "Honor System" to avoid all the challenges of accepting credit cards online. Amazon.com is very good at that, and they've made their secure payment system available to small fundraisers like the *Beacon*.

To donate up to \$50 online, visit [AndoverBeacon.com](http://AndoverBeacon.com) and click the "Click To Give" button. All the rest will be handled on Amazon.com's secure payment site. But be sure to click the "Send Info" button on the confirmation page so we know who the donation is from!



## Next Month's Beacon...

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

## Justin from page 1

School and Merrimack Valley High School, graduating in 2006. His family included his mother, stepfather, and three siblings – an older sister, a younger sister, and a younger brother.

Ladd said McDaniel met his wife, Alicia, while they were both in the Army, and they married about six months ago. They were expecting their first child.

The family's phone number is unlisted, and a neighbor said family members do not want to talk to the press. Friends and school officials described McDaniels as a young man with a strong desire to serve in the military.

"It appeared to be his purpose in life to serve his country and support our troops, in the way he dressed, in the way he acted," said Sue Sydnor, assistant principal at Merrimack Valley High School. Sydnor said even in high school, McDaniel sported a military hair cut. She said McDaniel felt strong loyalty to his friends and family.

Sydnor and Associate Principal Jim Gorman said McDaniel was not particularly active in school activities, although he did play football in his freshman or sophomore year. Friends said he liked to listen to music, play video games, watch TV, and hang out with friends. He briefly worked at Wal-Mart in Concord. He was also in an alternative program in Merrimack Valley Learning Center.

Between junior and senior year of high school, McDaniel completed basic training. "He wanted to be a soldier; he was very committed to that as a career," Gorman said. "He took a great deal of pride in being part of the military." After graduating, he switched from the reserves to active duty. Friends said he wanted to serve his country, provide for his family, and get the benefits that would allow him to continue his education.

McDaniel would occasionally return to his elementary school, in uniform, for a visit. "He seemed to really have a focus, he was very happy," said Andover Elementary/Middle School Principal Jane Slayton.

Friends described McDaniel as a person who went out of his way to help others. Christina Hitchmoth, who

grew up with McDaniel, said when she moved to Andover, McDaniel showed her around town.

After school, the two worked together in the kitchen at Proctor Academy, cleaning and cooking. McDaniel, she said, never liked to see anyone upset. "He would always try to put a smile on someone's face, by putting a pot on his head or something," Hitchmoth said. "He would tell jokes or make a goofy face at someone. Mostly he'd just run up and grab you, give you a big hug, and say, 'It's okay, it's a good day.'"

Hitchmoth said McDaniel helped her with relationship problems and gave her advice. "If a friend called in the middle of night, saying, 'I need a ride' or 'I'm in trouble,' he'd be the first to get up and go," she said.

In high school, she said, some people looked down on McDaniel because he was willing to befriend anyone. "He'd talk to anyone, no matter what they talked or dressed like, what crowd they were in," she said. "He'd never act snobby. People didn't understand him."

Eric Todd, one of McDaniel's classmates at Merrimack Valley Learning Center, said McDaniel would help friends with anything from schoolwork to cleaning. Todd said he [Todd] sometimes brought his troubles from home into school, and McDaniel would always take the time to listen. "He'd talk to me about it. He helped me out a lot," Todd said.

Ladd said McDaniel continued to help friends while stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. Ladd and McDaniel knew each other from high school and joined the army together. When Ladd was stationed in Missouri, McDaniel would call him frequently to ask when he was coming to Hawaii. "He was just really supportive, he said, 'I can't wait until you get down here so we can hang out,'" Ladd said.

When Ladd arrived, McDaniel showed him around and told him where the good beaches were. Although the two had not been close friends in the past, they reminisced about high school and occasionally went to the beach together. They didn't talk much about McDaniel's deployment.

Hitchmoth said she last talked to McDaniel about two months ago, before he left for Iraq. "He said he liked it, he's having fun, he and his wife get along great," she said. "He said, 'I think I made the right choice. I'm happy I can help other people.' That's the last I heard from him."

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Many kind words and condolences have been posted on the Web in Justin's honor. Search on his name and you'll find a number of sites on which you can read others' tributes or add your own.

# BEACON MEMBERS WIN!

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

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# Corrections

The unidentified woman in last month's front-page photo of Andover veterans was Virginia Helton of Andover, a US Air Force veteran, mother-in-law of Dave Grover, and grandmother of Tim Grover, both of whom are standing behind her in the photo.

## Ice from page 1

plete, the crew has now replaced the stop logs in the water control structure. This will stop water from flowing through the culvert under Maple Street and into Sucker Brook and sets the stage for the second phase of the project: tearing out the old culvert under Maple Street and replacing it with a new, larger one.

A necessary side effect of replacing the stoplogs is that Highland Lake is starting to fill up again. That's a good thing in most respects, but with the water level changing every day – perhaps dramatically, depending upon the weather – the ice can become very dangerously weakened as it moves with the rising water.

As a result, Town officials and the Fish and Game Department caution everyone to stay off the ice on Highland Lake for the rest of the winter. Even if the ice was safe one day, the continuous changes in water level could make yesterday's safe area a death trap tomorrow.

# Letters

When I vote in the federal primary on January 8, I'm voting for Ron Paul as the sole Constitutional believing and practicing contender. Consider H.J.Res 23 at [www.thomas.gov](http://www.thomas.gov) with text to repeal the so-called 16th amendment. Download and read, then vote Ron Paul on January 8.

Howard L. Wilson

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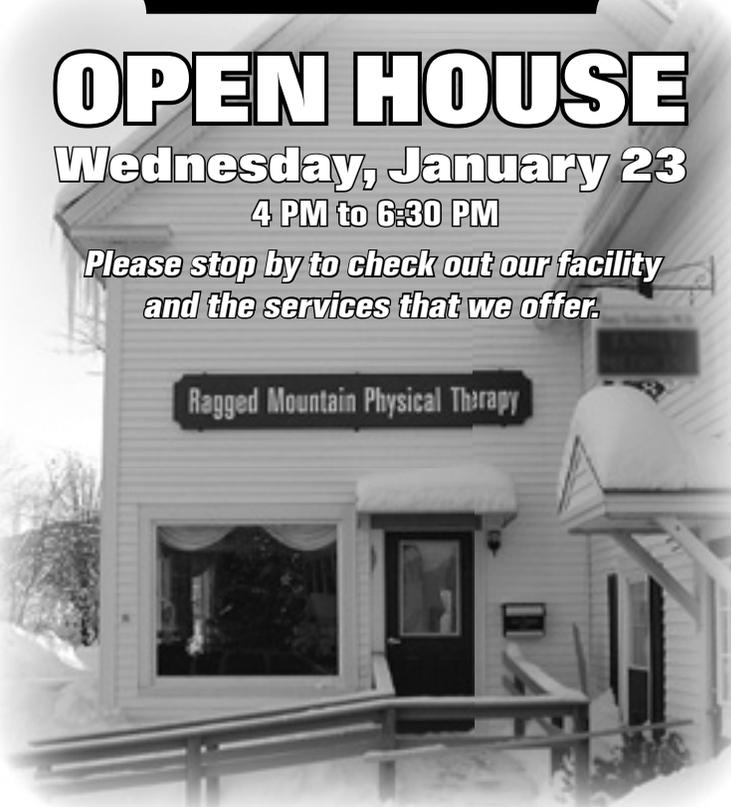
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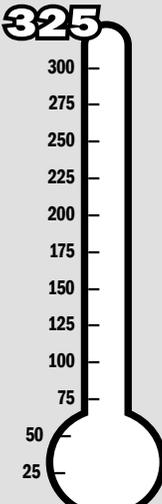
Every month the *Beacon* arrives FREE in each of Andover's 1,150 households. Last year, only 290 of those households supported the *Beacon* with a donation.

Our goal this year is to have 325 Andover households make a voluntary donation of any amount they choose.

*Please! Show your support of the Beacon with a donation!*

Are there **325** households in Andover that value the *Beacon*?  
**Please help us reach our goal!**

Help get our annual fundraising drive off to a fast start – “get a round tuit” and send your donation today!



## HELP THE BEACON IN 2008

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			Seasonal: which months are you at the “other” address? _____

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# PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY JANUARY 8

The eyes of the nation will be on New Hampshire's presidential primary on January 8. Democrats will choose from the candidates shown below on the left, Republicans from those shown below on the right. An independent voter may request either ballot (but not both). In so doing, they become a registered Republican or Democrat. To become an independent again, the voter can fill out a change form at the polling place after voting.

**CANDIDATE OF THE  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
FOR  
PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES**

I HEREBY DECLARE MY PREFERENCE FOR CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

- JOE BIDEN  
Democratic Party
- RICHARD EDWARD CALIGIURI  
Democratic Party
- KENNETH A. CAPALBO  
Democratic Party
- HILLARY CLINTON  
Democratic Party
- RANDY CROW  
Democratic Party
- CHRIS DODD  
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Democratic Party
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Democratic Party
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Democratic Party
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- MICHAEL SKOK  
Democratic Party

**CANDIDATE OF THE  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
FOR  
VICE PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES**

I HEREBY DECLARE MY PREFERENCE FOR CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

- WILLIAM BRYK  
Democratic Party
- RAYMOND STEBBINS  
Democratic Party

**CANDIDATE OF THE  
REPUBLICAN PARTY  
FOR  
PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES**

I HEREBY DECLARE MY PREFERENCE FOR CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

- HUGH COOT  
Republican Party
- JOHN COX  
Republican Party
- H. NEAL FENDIG, JR.  
Republican Party
- DANIEL GILBERT  
Republican Party
- RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI  
Republican Party
- ALBERT HOWARD  
Republican Party
- "MIKE" HUCKABEE  
Republican Party
- DUNCAN HUNTER  
Republican Party
- ALAN KEYES  
Republican Party
- MARK KLEIN  
Republican Party
- STEPHEN W. MARCHUK  
Republican Party
- JOHN MCCAIN  
Republican Party
- JAMES CREIGHTON MITCHELL, JR.  
Republican Party
- CORNELIUS EDWARD O'CONNOR  
Republican Party
- "RON" PAUL  
Republican Party
- MITT ROMNEY  
Republican Party
- JACK SHEPARD  
Republican Party
- VERMIN SUPREME  
Republican Party
- THOMAS G. TANCREDO  
Republican Party
- FRED THOMPSON  
Republican Party
- "VERN" WUENSCHÉ  
Republican Party

**CANDIDATE OF THE  
REPUBLICAN PARTY  
FOR  
VICE PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES**

I HEREBY DECLARE MY PREFERENCE FOR CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

- JOHN S. "JACK" BARNES, JR.  
Republican Party



Despite unusual snows in December, the first phase of the Highland Lake Dam repair project is complete. A 10- to 15-foot concrete wall now runs from bedrock to the top of the dam, sealing Highland Lake into its basin and preventing any future leaks like those that caused such concern during each of the last several flood events.

The next step is to replace the old outlet culvert (covered with snow in the photo above) that runs under Maple Street and into Sucker Brook. In preparation, the stop logs have been put back into the water control structure and Highland Lake is filling up again (making the ice very dangerous for the rest of the winter). Photo: Charlie Darling

**By Art Urie  
Supervisor of the Checklist**

With the date for this year's January 8 presidential primary not being set until very late, the deadline for changing party registration passed without many people noticing. If you are registered to vote and your name is on the checklist, you can vote in the primary for the party in which you are registered.

If you are registered as an undeclared voter, you may request the ballot for either the Democratic or the Republican primary. *By voting in that party's primary, you declare yourself as a member of that party.* If you wish to be listed in the future as an undeclared voter, you need to fill out the change form. If you'd like, you can do that as soon as you're done voting. Just step over to the Supervisors of the Checklist's table before you leave the polling place.

If you are not registered to vote, and your name is not on the checklist, come to the polling place to vote anyway! When you arrive, look for your friendly Supervisors of the Checklist, and ask for a voter registration form. The Su-

pervisors will ask you some questions about where you live and will probably ask you for personal identification. It will be helpful if you have with you something which has your name and current address on it (such as a credit card or a utility bill), but that is not a requirement.

Once the Supervisors are satisfied that you are domiciled in Andover, they will add your name to the checklist, and you can vote.

The Supervisors of the Checklist do not make the rules – we just try to be sure that all the people who are eligible to vote in Andover are on the checklist. The confusing part about primary elections is that primaries are party elections. The Republicans do not want the Democrats choosing their candidates, and vice versa.

An undeclared (or Independent) voter may vote in a party primary election, but in the act of asking for a party ballot, that voter is declaring a preference for that party. And the Supervisors of the Checklist try to keep track of who is where (and mostly succeed).

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# Run For Town Office In 2008! Franklin Antique Market Celebrates Fifth Anniversary With January Sale

By Charlie Darling  
Beacon staff

With Town Meeting coming up in March, it's time to think about who's going to fill all the positions in town government that keep the wheels turning smoothly.

The following is a run-down of what offices will be on the ballot in March, and what the incumbents may be planning.

## Town Officers

**Selectman** for Three Years – Andy Guptill, the incumbent, intends *not* to run.

**Road Agent** for Two Years – John Thompson, the incumbent, intends to run.

**Budget Committee** for Three Years (two positions) – Bill Bardsley and Ed Hiller, the incumbents, each intend to run.

**Library Trustee** for Three Years – Marilyn Gould, the incumbent, intends to run.

**Trustee of Trust Funds** for Three Years – Mary Lou McCrave is the incumbent.

**Cemetery Trustee** for Three Years – Pat Cutter, the incumbent, intends to run.

**Supervisor of the Checklist** for Six Years – Irene Jewett, the incumbent, intends to run.

## School District Officers

**School Board** for Three Years – Vicky Mishcon, the incumbent, intends *not* to run.

**Moderator** for One Year – Bill Bard-

sley, the incumbent, intends to run.

**Clerk** for One Year – Christie Coll, the incumbent, intends to run.

**Treasurer** for One Year – Shirley Currier, the incumbent, intends to run.

## How To File

Signing up is very easy, as you can see from the sign-up form, below.

The filing period for these positions is 10 days long. It begins on Wednesday, January 23, and ends on Friday, February 1. The application for filing can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall during her normal business hours:

Mon. and Wed., 9 AM to 2 PM  
Tues. and Thurs. 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Last Saturday of the month, 9 AM to noon.

There is a \$1 filing fee for each paid position. There is no filing fee for unpaid positions. The paid positions up for election this year are:

Selectman – \$1,500 / year  
Road Agent – hourly  
Supervisor of the Checklist – hourly  
School Board – \$100 / year  
School District Moderator – hourly  
School District Clerk – hourly  
School District Treasurer – \$840 / year

For more info, contact the Town Office at 735-5332 or AndoverNH@tds.net.

By Jim Crowley  
Franklin Antique Market

As I sit down to write this article, the first snowstorm of the season is barreling down upon the Northeast. Five years ago, I would not have really cared whether or not it snowed, but now that we own a group shop, I dread snow in the forecast. I remember back five years ago to our first winter in business. It snowed almost every weekend.

The shops here in New Hampshire tend to live and die for the weekends during the long winter months, and snow on a Saturday or Sunday can bring driving in New England to a grinding halt. But enough with the weather! Our antique group shop, the Franklin Antique Market, just celebrated its fifth year. What an accomplishment!

My partner Bennet and I fell into this business without really knowing what to expect. We had just bought a fixer-upper farmhouse in East Andover, and we kept driving by this old brick mercantile building in downtown Franklin with a For Sale sign in the window. We signed on the dotted line in June, and after an extensive renovation to the building, we opened the doors and had the first dealer move in November of 2002.

We thought that the dealers would come streaming through the door. Our

original business model had called for 75 dealers. I think by the grand opening we had about 10. Attracting good quality dealers was very difficult. Build it and they will come was not the case. We also quickly learned that not all prospective dealers fit our expectations for the quality group shop we envisioned.

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The most complimented items in the store are the four original handpainted signs from the Holmes and Nelson's Department Store, for which the building was designed and built at the turn of the century; these were a great find in the crawl space above the top floor of the building, buried under the department store remains of the past.

The most impressive thing about antique dealers is their passion for antiques; the daily stories we hear from our dealers of finding a wonderful piece, and the adrenaline rush that goes with the

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Dee Ganley (standing, third from right) is teaching inmates at New Hampshire State Prison how to train four standard poodles to be service dogs for physically challenged people in New Hampshire. The Pathways To Hope Prison Dog Program needs more donations and more volunteers.

## Dee Ganley Joins Pathways To Hope Prison Dog Program

By Dee Ganley CPDT, CABC  
New Hampshire Pathways To Hope  
Prison Dog Program

Two years ago, Camille MacKnight of Hopkinton had a vision: to help prison inmates by training them to raise and train dogs as service dogs for physically challenged people. This vision came true in August when three dogs graduated from the New Hampshire Pathways To Hope Prison Dog Program.

The program's mission, and eventually the dogs', is to help those in need. The kindness of the inmates, along with their compassion and caring for the dogs, encourages bonds of mutual respect and dignity. The program is also giving the inmates the opportunity to learn and develop parenting skills by caring for these dogs and being responsible for their well-being.

### Four New Dogs

Today the New Hampshire State Prison has its second set of dogs for the program - four standard poodles donated by Crabapple Downs, a kennel in Colebrook.

The warden and inmates who worked with the dogs last time were thrilled to meet the four new dogs. Even though the inmates know that the dogs are only with them for a year or so, they also know that the dogs will be placed in well-deserving homes of physically challenged people in New Hampshire.

I was contacted a few weeks ago by Sister Pauline Quinn, the founder of the worldwide prison dog movement, and asked to be lead trainer for the New Hampshire State Prison program. I am thrilled to be a part of this worthwhile program.

Each week, I will go into the prison and teach the inmates the basics of dog training, using the science of operant conditioning and positive methods to give the inmates the knowledge to teach the dogs all the skills they need to succeed as service dogs. At the same time, the inmates will develop skills for dealing with people, as well as skills for becoming dog trainers in the future. I

will also be teaching these inmates how to groom the poodles.

I cannot wait to see where this journey takes us. I hope to have the inmates build some agility equipment to help keep the dogs fit. I will also be showing the inmates how to teach the dogs lots of fun tricks.

As time goes on, advanced skills will be taught, such as retrieving items, helping pull off socks and shoes, taking clothes out of the dryer or putting them in, and turning lights on and off. These skills are important for a dog living with a physically challenged person who may not be able to do these activities for themselves.

Having worked in an animal shelter for 10 years, I have another hope for the future: to incorporate "at risk" dogs from animal shelters into the program. Then they can be placed into new homes in our communities with good skills of their own.

### Your Help Is Needed

We are starting the program underfunded, but we hope others will help the inmates and dogs to succeed in this journey. I intend to call upon many dog-training friends and colleagues to share their wisdom with the inmates.

We are also looking for many more volunteers to help socialize the dogs by taking them into towns, local parks, stores, and shops. This will help the dogs to be comfortable in real-life environments, outside the prison walls.

This is not a one- or two-person venture. We need many people to help the program grow and flourish, which will help our community in the future.

Please feel free to contact the New Hampshire Pathways To Hope Program by contacting Camille at 746-2199 or [cemac24@mcttelecom.com](mailto:cemac24@mcttelecom.com); Jeffrey Lyons at 271-5602 or [jljons@nhdoc.state.nh.us](mailto:jljons@nhdoc.state.nh.us); or visit [DeesDogs.com](http://DeesDogs.com).

Dee lives in Andover and is the author of *Changing People Changing Dogs, a book about positive solutions for working with dogs.*

**Antiques from page 5**

find, are priceless. The only way to survive in this business is to live, eat, and breathe antiques. I have come across a lot of different professionals and trades people, and I can not think of one business where everyone involved just loves what they do.

As antique dealers, we may not make lots of money, but the hunt for that elusive piece, or the discovery of new items or facts keeps us going. That is the allure. We certainly are not getting wealthy in this business, but we sure are happy doing what we love, and that makes us very rich!

Although not a destination for travelers, the city of Franklin is on the main route for people traveling from Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut. We have a tremendous volume of traffic passing our door and stopping at the traffic light. We keep our block of storefront windows stocked with an ever changing array of antiques to lure in the curious passerby

Being in the heart of the Lakes region makes us accessible from Plymouth and Newfound Lake to the north, Boston, Manchester and Concord to the south, New London and the Sunapee Region to the west, and Lake Winnepesaukee to the east.

As the years have gone by we have had to adapt and change our business to keep things rolling. We have tried things that just don't work. We have come up with other plans for marketing and business development that have proven to be quite helpful to the bottom line. We have been very flexible with our dealers in an effort to help them succeed.

Our most recent adaptation is taking our business online. Coming from an internet marketing background, we had a very extensive and visible Web site from day one. We have always maintained the Web site, and it has turned into a great form of advertising. We also utilize internet marketing tools.

We promote our store not only as a place to collect antiques, but also to furnish and decorate your house. Our dealers offer one of the largest selections of

antique furniture in the state. We have recently started to promote going green. By purchasing an antique you are helping to save the environment. Also, touting the quality and timeless nature of antique furniture goes a long way during the selling process.

Having the knowledge to explain to customers about the use of solid hardwood construction, how a piece was put together, and why it will last another 100 years is key to selling. Antiques are timeless in nature and can work well in any house for a myriad of functional purposes. The finest homes in the world will always showcase a few choice antiques and are a wise investment in comparison to the big box furniture that has no value at the end of its useful life.

We have been proactive in providing a host of different items to round out the shopping experience. We sell lots of artwork, oriental rugs in all shapes and sizes, and lots of lighting. We are constantly monitoring our inventory to make sure that the shopper who visits our store has a large selection to choose from. We know what items sell the best and are constantly on the hunt for them.

Currently we have 30 dealers; that number seems to work well for our store. The first year we were open, sales in the winter were slow and Bennet suggested having a storewide January sale. It worked well that first year, and now we will be having our fifth anniversary January sale. All the dealers participate and offer items with 10% to 50% discounts.

One thing that we constantly try to do is move merchandise, if not out the door, at least around the store. Customers and dealers that frequent the store need to see new items. Having the same merchandise in the store month to month is boring for shoppers. The one constant in this business is change; fresh and unique items are what we are all about.

*The Franklin Antique Market is located at 361 Central Street in Franklin. You can call them at 934-2800 or visit FranklinAntiques.com.*



Steele's Screen Printing is open for business in the former Blackwater Ski Shop on Main Street in Andover Village. Photos: Sandee Waine

**Clothing Store & Screen Printing Business Comes To Andover Village**

By Sandee Waine  
Beacon staff

Steele Henderson has recently located his business of Steele's Screen Printing to the former Blackwater Ski Shop on Main Street in Andover Village.

Uniforms, pants, shorts, shirts, sweatshirts, and many items of clothing can be customized with screen printed designs.

His shop provides many examples and ideas available in up to four ink colors. Whether you have a specific design in mind, or just an idea, he will work with you to make your choice unique. Steele can purchase the articles to be screened for you, or you can provide your own.

Starting in January he will be holding a monthly contest for new designs. Any artist can submit, with more information becoming available on his Web site at [CompanyCasuals.com/SteelesTs](http://CompanyCasuals.com/SteelesTs). Prizes will be awarded.

If you have any event – whether it is youth, sports, school, or corporate – then stop in, call, or e-mail Steele for ideas and quotes.



As well as screen printing, his store has clothing of all sizes and all ages for outdoor wear, gloves, hats, vests, shirts, and more.

Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 9 AM to 6 PM, and Sundays from 9 AM to 4 PM. You can contact the store at 735-5142 or [SteelesTs@tds.net](mailto:SteelesTs@tds.net).

**POLICE BLOTTER**

The Andover Police Department responded to 169 calls for service between November 15 and December 15. The following is a partial breakdown:

- Abandoned vehicles – 3
- Business alarms – 2
- Animal complaints – 5
- Traffic summons – 10
- Traffic warnings – 71
- Criminal mischief complaint – 1
- Domestic disputes – 1

- Accidents – 3
- DWI complaint – 1
- Suspicious person or vehicle – 3
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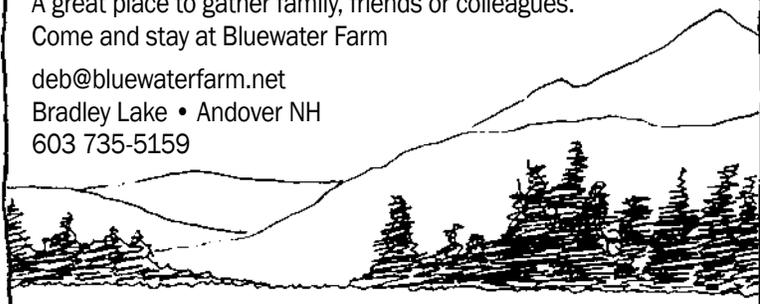
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Rene Lefebvre and Jeff Miller prepare a tree for a customer during the East Andover Fire Department's annual Christmas tree fundraiser.

Photo: Bob Bussey

## East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre  
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

The Christmas tree sale was, to say the least, very heart warming. From just after seven in the morning until one in the afternoon there was a steady crowd of customers looking for the "perfect" tree. The firemen were busy with a chain saw customizing tree lengths and making deliveries all over town.

My thanks to all who stopped by to support your fire department and the Historical Society.

While writing this I have been interrupted by several fire and medical calls, some lasting late into the night. For a small department, we do seem to get our share of calls.

As the real heart of winter sets in, your heating appliance will be doing its job to keep you warm. It will also tend to dry out the air. For your health, a humidifier may counteract the dry air and make breathing a little easier. My wife

claims it quiets my night breathing. She uses another word, but I don't sno....

Anyway, I am again sneaking up on another subject. No matter how much water you have in your air, your home is too dry to support your Christmas tree for much longer. If the needles are falling in small piles, or if the tree has stopped taking water, then it is time to recycle it.

A Christmas tree is a beautiful renewable resource and a wonderful symbol of the season. Please don't let it become a hazard by keeping it too long.

A new year is upon us, and many people are making resolutions to do things better. Mine are to be more organized and a better manager of my time...yeah, right! Let's face it, we are all busy people with more than our share to do every day. Finding time to train and volunteer for emergency services takes an extraordinary commitment. As your chief, thank you - you all did a great job!

As for 2008, the fun is just beginning!



Barbara Hunting admires the selection at the Andover Fire Department's annual poinsettia fundraiser.

Photo: Bob Bussey

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# Master Plan Update Committee

By Paul Currier

## Master Plan Update Committee

One of the basic principles that emerged from the Master Plan town-wide survey and visioning session is that we should promote and preserve Andover's working landscape of farms and forests. But how can we do this?

The Andover Conservation Commission consulted the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and the Cooperative Extension Service as they researched the practical minimum size for managing a forest tract for its timber. The answer they brought to November's Master Plan Committee meeting is about 20 acres.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of requiring a 20-acre minimum lot size in parts of Andover that are now predominantly forest. This is roughly the same as the existing Forest and Agriculture zone, where the minimum lot size is now 2 acres.

The main advantage is that large lot sizes would help preserve the forests and create incentive for timber management. The main disadvantage is that small lot subdivisions for residential development would not be allowed in much of Andover, limiting a property owner's options for use or sale of their land.

What do you think? Are there other ways to achieve the town's desire to preserve working forests?

The Master Plan Update Committee will be working on this question at its monthly meetings, as well as questions of implementing the other Master Plan basic principles:

- Maintain Andover's small town, rural character
- Encourage commercial activity that builds regional recreation and tourism
- Promote and preserve a working landscape of farms and forests
- Create specific zones for light industry and commercial activities
- Preserve viewscapes, especially along Andover's major highways
- Conserve natural resources
- Provide choices in housing types
- Preserve Andover's historical places and assets
- Plan for an integrated transportation system
- Coordinate with Proctor Academy on our respective plans for the future
- Develop community infrastructure in the village areas

Please join us. All Andover residents are invited to participate in the Master Plan Update Committee's work.

We usually meet the fourth Monday of the month at the Town Office. Our next meeting is January 28 at 7 PM. You can contact committee co-chairs Doug Boisvert at 735-5218 or Paul Currier at 735-5280 for more information.

# CONSERVATION CORNER

By Tina Cotton

## Andover Conservation Commission

Earlier this year I completed a survey compiled through the joint efforts of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions and the Center for Land Conservation Assistance within the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. In return I have received another copy of *Conserving Your Land – Options for New Hampshire Landowners* and the results of the survey. The booklet is an excellent resource for anyone thinking about putting some of their land in a conservation easement. Copies to borrow are at the Town Hall.

Response to the survey came from 98 town conservation commissions (CCs). Among the CCs reporting:

- 95% of them have a goal of protecting more land.
- 87% use all or some of the Current Use Change Tax for a conservation fund.
- 71% manage land owned by their

municipality.

- 35% of their municipalities have natural resource inventories.
  - 25% have conservation plans.
- Where does Andover stand in the percentages above? We can answer "Yes" to all of the above, but with a few qualifiers.

The Andover Conservation Commission oversees very little, but some, management of Town-owned land.

- We have parts of a natural resource inventory done, but still should refine and annotate it.
- We are working on a conservation plan that can be incorporated within the ongoing Master Plan revision.

Nothing was mentioned in the survey about where the 98 responding towns are located. I think rural towns would have different responses and priorities than towns and cities in southeastern New Hampshire.

A follow-up survey will investigate conservation projects of towns. Stay tuned.

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Our first step in this process is to create an advisory committee that includes key members of our school and community. We invite you to be a member of this committee. The work of this committee will be to identify our strengths and services already in place and to illuminate areas for improvement. Ultimately, the recommendations of this advisory committee will help the School Board to identify priorities and develop timelines that will result in a school culture that supports a coordinated approach to meeting the health, safety, and academic needs of our students.

We expect our work to require a commitment of at least a year, with work sessions held in the evenings. Your participation will help us create a high-quality school that supports positive outcomes for our students and community.

Our first organizational meeting will be held in the Merrimack Valley High School cafeteria on January 10 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. Please contact Dolores Moore at the Superintendent's Office at 753-6561 or [dmoore@SAU46.k12.nh.us](mailto:dmoore@SAU46.k12.nh.us) to express your interest in joining in this effort.

Thank you,

*The Merrimack Valley School Board*

## School Board Works On AE/MS Maintenance Plan

By Vicky Mishcon  
Andover School Board

Roof repairs and life safety issues have been the main focus as the School Board works to budget year two of the school maintenance plan discussed at last year's School District Meeting.

The School Task Force and Stefenson Engineering Associates and the Andover Fire Department have all provided guidance as the Board developed a maintenance plan for the 2008-2009 school year. Repair and improvement items to be addressed include:

- Replace roofs over the gymnasium and first addition.
- Repair cement/concrete thresholds and perimeter bricks for flat roofs.
- Improve front entry walk by leveling the steps and installing additional railings.

In addition to the maintenance plan, the School Board is developing a plan to address fire and life safety issues identified by the School Task Force and the Andover Fire Department. The school recently arranged an inspection by Andover Fire Chief John Landry and Brad Hardie of the Lebanon Fire

Department, who lives in Andover. At the request of the school, these two men toured the facility with Principal Jane Slayton and School Board Chair Doug Boisvert.

The Board will schedule work sessions in January to develop an updated safety priority list based on Task Force work and results of the Fire Department inspection. A few of the many items to be considered:

- The need for a formal inspection and written report by a Certified Fire Inspector
- Solutions for egress from the two classrooms off the cafeteria
- Solutions for handicap egress from the music and art rooms
- Improving the fire suppression system in the kitchen

The next monthly School Board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8, at 6:30 PM in the school library. The public hearing for the Budget Committee will take place on Wednesday, January 9, at 7 PM in the Town Hall.

The School Board values public input and encourages attendance at these important meetings.

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# Recycling Committee Visits SSR Plant In Maine

On November 27, Andover Recycling Committee members Nan Kaplan, Susan Schnare, and Ken Tripp joined others from member towns of the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative ("the trash Co-op") to tour the \$3.7-million single-stream recycling facility of EcoMaine, a non-profit waste management company owned and operated by 21 municipalities in southern Maine. Here are a few photos from their two-hour tour.

Photos: Susan Schnare



A loader deposits mixed recyclables into the drum feed, which takes them to the sorting process, which includes optical, magnetic, and electro-magnetic eddy-current methods.



Some sorting is done manually, as seen by these workers who are removing non-paper items from the stream of mixed paper.



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### A. Domestic

1. Our current national debt is nine trillion dollars (nine thousand billion dollars) with no leveling off in sight and none expected, predicted, or legislated. The interest expense paid on the national debt is the third largest expense in the federal budget. Social spending is the largest item in the budget.
2. Social Security income will fall short of outlays by 2017 and at that time will be able to finance only 75% of its scheduled benefits. As currently financed, it will be exhausted in 2041. An immediate increase of 16% in payroll taxes withheld would bring the equation into balance but would only extend Social Security for 75 years if no other mechanisms are in place. (Social Security and Medicare Trustee reports, 2007)
3. Medicare in 2006 consumed 3.1% of GDP, 72% of Social Security's expense; it will surpass Social Security's expense by 2028. Medicare costs will comprise 11% of GDP by 2081. To survive at the 75-year horizon, the payroll tax withholding needs to be raised 122% or benefits lowered immediately by 51%! (Summary of Annual Reports of Trustees Social Security and Medicare, 2007). Apparently both Social Security and Medicare will disappear in 75 years by not being able to meet their obligations, all other things being equal.
4. Doctors are decreasing in absolute numbers. Major surgery is being performed by nurse-practitioners in trauma units. Fewer than 50% of graduate general surgeons are going into surgical practice; they are going into surgical sub-specialties instead. Many areas are not served by doctors qualified to recognize the need for, or qualified to perform, Caesarean sections. The population is growing and aging, requiring more medical care per person in the face of ever fewer doctors. Emergency rooms are increasingly the site of primary care. The expectation is that 100,000 more E.R. visits will occur each year for the next 35 years. (Emergency Medical Conference, Oct. 19-22, 2007, Boston) States are requiring doctors to carry malpractice insurance. This gives the malpractice company the same authority as the state medical licensing board in deciding who practices in a state. Twenty-three percent of doctors are native to and medically educated in another country other than the U.S. (Personal writing: "Medicine Needs Medicine") (Emergency Medicine Conference Oct. 19-22, 2007)
5. Public high school students in significant numbers cannot write an understandable, grammatically proper or correctly spelled complete sentence. Some cannot add or subtract. Too few have usable business or industrial skills. Very few can keep a personal bank balance. Only schools in affluent suburban districts come close to Singapore math and science scores, and those schools are closer to Singapore scores than they are to the poorer, often minority populated schools in this country. (Article: "What are Math and Science Scores Telling Us?", "The Bent of Tau Beta Pi"; Winter 2007). We cannot maintain a democracy in the face of what is becoming an increasingly unskilled, ignorant electorate.
- When high schoolers go to college, colleges may have to spend a year to bring them up to college speed. Forty percent of the top high school grads do not finish college. (Time Magazine, Aug. 2, 2007, "Failing Our Geniuses"). This country spends 8 billion dollars per year on retarded students, 1/10th of that on gifted students. Out of a total of 62 million total students, 62,000 of school age U.S. students are gifted.
6. It is expected (Pew Research Report) that the state and federal prison population will grow to be 1.7 million people in 2011. This will be one of every 182 Americans, 192,000 more than there are in prison today, a 13% rise. Our per capita prison population is the highest in the world, higher than Communist China. Total national spending on state and federal prisons has risen from 9 billion dollars in 1980 to 60 billion dollars today. Recidivism within three years of release remains at more than 50%. Stricter indeterminate sentencing, abolition of parole, truth-in-sentencing, "three-strike" laws, lower parole grants, and codified sentencing are primarily responsible for the increase in prison population. (National Geographic program, "Prisons and Gangs"; Executive Summary: "Public Safety, Public Spending", Bureau of Justice Statistics)
7. Criminal gangs terrorize parts of our cities and the lives of too many of our citizens, and monopolize a staggering proportion of police resources. They subvert the operation of our prisons. (National Geographic program, "Prisons and Gangs"). Gangs are shooting into homes in Nashua, N.H. Why isn't belonging to a criminal gang a criminal offense in itself?
8. Motor vehicle mortality is over 45,941 people a year, more than ten times our military deaths in the entire Iraq war; 40% of all teenage deaths are from motor vehicle accidents; 29.3 lives per 100,000 persons in the U.S. population are lost to motor vehicle accidents, primarily teen-agers between 15 and 19 years of age. The economic impact is \$650 billion per year; 38.6% are alcohol related. Both political parties, all levels of government, and society at large have failed to adequately address this chronic, devastating disaster.
9. Gasoline costs a nationwide average of more than \$2.87 a gallon, diesel fuel, \$3.25 a gallon; home heating oil, \$2.769 a gallon. Undesirable hydrocarbon energy is rising in cost; long-term demand will increase air pollution and is increasing worldwide with the U.S. and China the greatest offenders. No crash program is in place on the order of the Manhattan Project to harness clean sources of electrical energy, some of them limitless and free. We have not developed technologies to store large amounts of electrical energy. This is a vital, universal unsolved and unaddressed energy problem.
10. The public has a 11% approval of Congress; at most 30% for the current Executive Republican administration, and a 30% approval for the war in Iraq.

### B. International and Military:

1. We have been in two preemptive wars in the last 40 years, neither of which have we "won". We sustained in excess of 55,000 deaths and 300,000 wounded in Viet Nam. So far we have sustained 4,700 plus deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our wounded in Iraq exceed 28,000. At the present rate of spending, our combined cost for the Iraq and Afghanistan war will be \$3.5 trillion. We can't sustain these present losses in troops and money indefinitely. (Democratic majority Joint Economic Committee, Senate report)
2. Decisions putting us into preemptive war against Viet Nam and Iraq were based on factual error, false premises, false information and deceit. The major, if not the only value of both of these wars, was to warn us to demand exhaustive examination of all the options before we declare or fight any future war - including the current threatened war against Iran. (Situation Room: Jack Cafferty, October 31, 2007)
3. Incompetent management of the Iraq war, from Abu Graib to the Blackwater killings is the responsibility of the Executive branch. Such incompetence has changed the world view of the U.S. from sympathy at the time of 9-11 to contempt and derision today even among our friends. We have emboldened our enemies to make pacts and build up aggressive, advanced military technology. Suffice it to say, we are clearly worse off in every category since beginning the Iraq war. Our accomplishment in Iraq after five years has been the hanging of Saddam Hussein.
4. Diversion from a justifiable war in Afghanistan has left us five years later floundering both in Iraq and Afghanistan. Al Qaeda, the Taliban and bin Laden are very much alive. Current civil chaos is likely to convert Pakistan into still another Taliban stronghold, an unstable one with nuclear power not under our control. Saber-rattling instead of all-out diplomatic efforts has governed our efforts in Iran. The American people are told that Iran cannot be allowed to develop enriched uranium with capability of atomic weapons. Does this mean that if diplomacy fails we will attack them? The government will not say. The candidates will not say what they would do in the event of diplomatic impasse.
5. Are distinctions being made during federal incarceration between abuse and torture? What constitutes torture? Is it ever acceptable to torture enemies of the United States? The public has not had these issues of torture squarely stated so that real, informed public debate can occur.
6. There is governmental failure to heed the national will and take the decisive action which has been expressed by the results of the last election, namely, that the American people want to exit this war. There is no parliamentary remedy for this situation other than impeachment.
7. Federal incompetence and irresponsibility of both major parties over many years have allowed 12 million illegal immigrants to enter the U.S. Neither political party nor federal authorities can agree on or propose thoughtful, workable humane solutions, solutions which are in the national interest. Meanwhile, the incoming tide of illegal immigrants including criminals continues unabated.

We cannot immediately solve any of these problems, but we must begin thinking and acting differently in order to solve them. By civic negligence we have allowed most of these conditions to happen. None of us has wanted to get into politics, and we complain about those who do. Idea by idea, and with unending toil, we can repair the damage. We must forever be involved.

Not only will creative ideas neutralize the negative, these ideas already implemented have offered stunning, unbelievable, breathtakingly positive views of the future. (Program: Hubble Telescope, National Geographic Channel). This future can be ours.

New ideas are always coming, and we have to look at all of them. Evolution is more than biological. It is also evolution of ideas. We are in charge of that evolution, and if or when we go down as a species, it will be because we did not explore all ideas, analyze options, and act.

I dream in the early morning, imagining a human race without war, of humankind recognizing each of us as part of one vast world-wide-family. And I am reminded that I am forever in thrall to an idea, an idea which has no gender and no color, no borders, and no lifetime, an idea which has changed the world forever, and once said can never be unsaid: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal...with certain unalienable rights; life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness..."

The present federal government function is incompetent and inadequate to our survival. The two-party system appears incapable of solving our problems. We need a third political party to break the stranglehold of mutually-reinforcing, destructive ideas and ideologies of both prevailing major parties. We need to critically examine a whole lot of new ideas and study without mercy many realities, old and new. And we will have to do this forever.

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## Board Of Selectmen

November 19

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**Present:** Chairman Dennis Fenton, Selectman Roger Godwin, Town Administrator Mark Stetson.

The Board met with Road Agent John Thompson who reported that the work on Elbow Pond Road is complete, and the road is now open. There was a brief discussion regarding the approximate \$10,000 cost overrun for that project. There was a discussion about devising a system to prevent similar overruns in the future.

Thompson told the Board that the list of work remaining prior to winter includes cleaning four culverts, one each located on Raccoon Hill Road, Shaw Hill Road, Tucker Mountain Road, and Putney Road. There is also one on Beech Hill Road that is taking water, but might also need attention. He told the Board that there are three downed trees to be picked up along the roadside.

Thompson also told the Board that there are several branches hanging down from two trees on Shaw Hill Road that need to be cut to prevent damage to plow trucks. He asked the Board to contact the property owner on his behalf.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning Thompson's budget request for 2008. For projects he is proposing a budget number of \$257,220 for reconstructing Chase Hill Road from Route 11 to the top of the hill and including approximately 200 feet of Emery Road, paving Maple Street and Channel Road from just west of Thompson Point Lane to the Fish and Game Club building, and replacing the culvert under Channel Road in front of the fire station.

The Selectmen are proposing to replace the culvert on Channel Road, complete the paving on Maple Street and Channel Road and also to complete the wetlands permit application for the work on Sam Hill Road for an anticipated cost of \$75,720. The Board also plans to complete an inventory of current conditions in order to prepare a revised multi-year road and bridge improvement plan, noting that the Town is currently in year 15 of the last 10-year plan.

Thompson and the Board also discussed his proposal to increase in the maintenance category the summer labor line from \$20,000 to \$30,000 and the summer equipment line from \$45,000 to \$50,000. The Selectmen are recommending an increase to the summer labor line from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Thompson then left the meeting.

The Board then met with Town Clerk Marjorie Roy to discuss her proposed budget for 2008. She provided a detailed breakdown of the motor vehicle-related job functions that she and her deputy are now able to perform by being on-line with the state. Based in part on that list and based upon her experience for the first eight months on the job, she is seeking an increase in her budget to accommodate an increase in her hours from 28 to 30 per week. She also cited the fact that the new computer-based state-wide voter registration system is more labor intensive than planned.

Fenton acknowledged her workload and also commented that he has heard nothing but praise for the manner in which the office is now run, but told her that the Board's concern about her proposal stems in large part from the Board's previous commitment to keep the new pay structure comparable in cost to the previous fee structure, which was offset in large part by the fees collected. He suggested Roy provide an estimate of the amount of fees collected as a result of the additional motor vehicle work now being done here. Roy then left the meeting.

Under old business, Stetson told the Board that both cut-off walls [in the Highland Lake dam] have been poured, but the east wall has not been backfilled as yet. He also told the Board that the engineer intends to finalize plans for a cutoff wall below the spillway once the contractor removes earth in that area to reveal actual conditions.

Stetson also told the Board that the individual responsible for processing the wetlands permit application for the boat ramp has completed his review of the application and has handed it off to his supervisor for final review.

The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the commissioner of the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) approving the Selectmen's request to over-expend the approved appropriation by \$105,000.

Stetson told the Board that a representative from FEMA is scheduled to meet with him on Wednesday to review the Town's documentation as part of the appeal of the claim for damages caused by the April rainstorm.

Under old business, the Board acknowledged receipt of the confirmed tax rate from the DRA, which increased approximately 7% over the prior year.

Stetson told the Board that the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning has scheduled a workshop at the Andover Town Office to present revised flood maps for Thursday, December 13.

December 3

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Chairman Dennis Fenton, Selectman Roger Godwin, Town Administrator Mark Stetson, and spectators Ed Hiller, Chris Norris, and Aaron Rozenek

Under old business, Stetson told the Board that at the Highland Lake dam project both cut off walls have been poured and backfilled and a hole has been dug behind the spillway in preparation of finalizing a plan for an additional cutoff wall in that location. Stetson also told the Board that the contractor has presented the engineer with Change Order #1, representing work beyond that specified in the contract that has been completed to date.

Stetson told the Board that the first meeting with the FEMA representative went well and that additional sessions are planned for Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5.

The Board signed two letters to be sent to property owners regarding violations of the Town's zoning ordinance and site plan review regulations.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from an abutter complaining of a set back violation of property on Main Street. The Board decided to postpone action on this complaint pending the outcome of a variance application currently before the Zoning Board for this very situation. Stetson will further research circumstances surrounding a fourth complaint.

The Board decided to enter into a contract with Bill Farrington to again maintain the cemeteries, beach, and Town Office grounds. The modest increase that Farrington has requested puts the total at or below the next highest bid received two years ago.

The Board decided to recommend the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's pro-

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posed 2008 budget as amended.

The Board signed the necessary forms to recommend re-appointment of Stephen Barton as Andover's forest fire warden and Rene Lefebvre, John Thompson, John Landry, Chuck Ellis, and Fred Lance as deputy forest fire wardens.

The Board re-appointed Mark Stetson as Andover's representative to the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative. No alternate was appointed at this time.

The Board authorized Fenton to sign a grant application for a new Emergency Operations Center base station radio.

The Board discussed a suggestion from Terry Lafiosca that Valley Road be opened up to Tucker Mountain Road as an alternate route to the current detour on Maple Street at the dam. Noting the cost estimate provided by the Road Agent of \$10,000, and the fact that there are several hills that motorists would have to navigate, the Board decided not to pursue this idea.

The Board then met with Nancy Teach to discuss her interest in being appointed a member of the Planning Board. After a brief discussion, the Board appointed her and she took the oath of office.

The Board discussed the Verizon Wireless application pending before the Zoning Board and decided to schedule a meeting with attorney Russ Hilliard to

discuss the possibility of hiring him to assist the Planning and Zoning Boards as they work through the process.

The Board also discussed the possibility of recovering the cost of the attorney and the cost of an RF engineer from the applicant. Mr. Rozenek, representing Verizon Wireless, opined Verizon would probably not have a problem with the engineer's fees, however, he was less optimistic about the legal costs.

The Board approved a pole license plan for the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative to set a new pole on West Shore Drive, conditioned upon the Road Agent approving the site.

**Planning Board**

**November 13**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Don Gould, Chair; Paul Currier; Jon Warzocha; Bill Zimmerman; Wood Sutton, alternate appointed to vacant position; and Roger Godwin, ex-officio.

Also present for duration of appropriate items: Nancy Teach; Ed Hiller; Tina Cotton; Pat Cutter; Sandra Graves; Linda Connell and Aaron Rozenek from McLane Law Firm

**Correspondence:** Notice of public hearing of Danbury Planning Board on application by Verizon Wireless to add one additional six-foot microwave dish at the 80-foot level of existing 100-foot tower at 620 Ragged Mountain Road.

Copy of request from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for site investigation by owner as result of oil discharge contamination at former Foodstop at 718 Main Street.

Copy of Standard Dredge and Fill Application to New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for repairs to existing boat ramp for Highland Lake from Channel Road.

Notice from New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning of future "compliance review" of Andover Floodplain Management Regulations. These are a part of Zoning Ordinance, Article XIII, and must be changed through the Town Meeting process. Petition for revision of Zoning Ordinance must be filed prior to December 12.

Copy of *Recommended Technical Standards for New Roads* from University of New Hampshire Technology Transfer Center. Recommendations will be considered in revisions to subdivision and site plan review regulations.

Letter from Friends of the Northern Rail Trail indicating support of parking area on the State-owned land at junction of Routes 4 and 11 in West Andover.

**Non-Binding Consultation:** Determination of Suitable Land Use for a Wireless Communication Facility for a 120-foot cell tower to be located at 135 Beech Hill Road for Verizon Wireless.

Linda Connell and Aaron Rozenek, representing McLane Law Firm, presented the proposed wireless communication facility for property at 135 Beech Hill Road.

There is an application before the Zoning Board of Adjustment requesting a special exception to allow the personal wireless facility and an area variance due to height restriction in the Zoning Ordinance. In order for the Zoning Board to approve the special exception, the Planning Board must deem the site appropriate for the use.

A location key map and drawing of the tower was presented. The proposal indicates a 100' x 100' fenced compound with an access road, equipment shelter, power tray, 120' monopole style tower along with a 100' vegetative buffer to comply with the Zoning Ordinance. The location is 160' from the closest property line.

Concerns of the Board include:

Why does the tower have to be 120'? *The FCC license equation indicates frequency and height according to radio waves. The RF engineer plots where the tower needs to be located for optimum coverage. Demands on a certain area can shrink coverage availability.*

It is necessary to have data demonstrating this is the spot. *A map was created by the RF engineer indicating the best possible locations for tower.*

Why is the engineer defining this specific location? *The RF engineer will provide this information.*

Proctor Academy is putting a new ski tow to the top of the hill. Is this a possible location for a tower? *That can be reviewed.*

As the Planning Board needs the same information as the Zoning Board in order to make its ruling on suitability, Board members feel it is best for a joint hearing to ensure all parties hear the same information.

Concerns of the public include:

Have any neighbors been told of this proposal? *Abutter notices for the Zoning Board hearing of November 20 have been sent out.*

Beech Hill is steep and slippery for accessibility in the winter. *The site does not require a lot of access and there is electronic monitoring throughout the day.*

What is the proposed start date? *It would be as soon after approval as possible, weather permitting, however, would like to start as soon as possible.*

Has the tower on Flaghole Road been considered? *This location was looked at; however, it would not cover the same area as a tower on Beech Hill.*

Will this cover AT&T area? *No.*

Have all existing structures been considered and ruled out? *There are no existing structures other than the AT&T structure and the church steeple.*

The Emerson property at the top of Beech Hill has a lot of open land, is higher than the proposed location and also has transmission lines. There is an area on Old College Road which could be considered.

Will the Zoning Board have all information for their hearing? *Board input is necessary prior to visual tests.*

Are other carriers able to build on a  
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tower? Yes, other carriers can co-locate if height location is available.

How many can be on a tower? There is generally 10' between arrays of each.

What are the criteria the RF Engineer will consider? There is a different set of parameters for each carrier.

The Board welcomed the following viewing locations for the visual impact tests:

- Putney Road
- Emery Road
- Chase Hill Road
- Taunton Hill
- Intersection of Routes 4 and 11
- Andover green at Proctor Academy
- Top of Maple Street (293 Maple Street)
- 525 Elbow Pond Road
- Old College Road
- Ragged Mountain Fish & Game Club

**Additional Items**

Concern with non-compliance of the CWS Fence location on Route 11 regarding the clearance of almost all shrubs and bushes to the road. At the hearing, the applicants had stated they would leave the visual buffer in place. It was determined the files and minutes from those meetings would be reviewed for compliance.

Wood Sutton stated he is concerned with conditions on approvals not being complied with by some applicants.

**November 27**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Don Gould, Chair; Paul Currier; Jon Warzocha; Roger Godwin; and Wood Sutton, alternate appointed to Eric Johnson's position.

Also present for duration of appropriate items: David Krause; Mark and Debra Broderick; David Shedd; Scott Robart

**Correspondence:** Application from David Shedd for a minor subdivision. Lot line consultation from Deborah Broderick and Leo McCabe.

**Non-Binding Consultation:** Minor Subdivision for David and Doris Shedd; represented by David Krause; for property at Morrill Hill Road and

Monticello Drive.

David Krause presented a plan of the proposed minor subdivision which indicates the subdivision of 3.463 acres from the parent lot of 6.940 acres, along with a copy of the current deed and a minor subdivision application. Shedd states he received a variance from the Zoning Board on April 17 to allow less than the 250' required road frontage. The board states the following items are necessary:

- Maintenance agreement with the Town prior to approval.
- "Hold-harmless" agreement from the Shedd's to the Town.
- State approval for the subdivision as both lots would be less than five acres.
- Driveway permit.

Written request for waivers for building construction plans and location; 2' contours; and storm water drainage were requested.

The Board voted unanimously to deem the application complete pending receipt of the driveway permits; state approval for subdivision; waivers; and hold-harmless and maintenance agreements. A public hearing was scheduled for December 11.

**Non-Binding Consultation:** Lot line adjustment for Mark and Deborah Broderick for property on Gale Road.

Mark and Deborah Broderick presented an application for a lot line adjustment in order to add 0.21 acres from property owned by Donna and Leo McCabe. The Brodericks will provide authorization from the McCabes for a change of property line.

This adjustment will add 100' to their 60.87' road frontage and will decrease the McCabe road frontage from 199' to 99'. This is an annexation between two non-conforming lots and the Board deemed it to be in the best interest of the lot owners and the public. Draft deed language was received.

The Board voted unanimously to deem the application complete. A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, December 11.

**Non-Binding Consultation:** Scott Robart.

Robart states that he has remodeled the two-story barn attached to his residence and would like advice on usage

of the new space from the Board and is considering a group shop allowing local people to display and sell their products i.e. book store, pottery, woolen goods. Robart states parking is ample; the barn area is 38' x 38' footprint; and the proposed use meets setback requirements.

The Board stated this would need approval for a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment; therefore, the Planning Board would need to determine the suitability prior to ZBA approval for a special exception. Also, site plan approval by the Planning Board would be necessary. Suitability determination is scheduled for January 8.

**Zoning Board Of Adjustment**

**October 16**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Don Gross, Chair; Charlie McCrave, Vice-Chair; Jeff Newcomb; Susan Schnare; Paul Fopiano, alternate appointed to Katherine Stearns' position.

Also present for the duration of appropriate items: Don Gould, Andover Planning Board; Wood Sutton, Andover Planning Board; Robert and Kathryn Ward; Jay and Jane Hubbard; Ken Guillemette; Carol Swete

**Correspondence:** Copy of letter from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to Susan Winters and Karen Grzelan regarding Shoreland Waiver application.

**Public Hearing:** A request from

Robert L. and Kathryn Q. Ward for a variance to permit the extension of a portion of second floor at rear of building by overhanging the first floor wall by 4' x 25'. The property is located at 118 Main Street in Andover and is in the Village District.

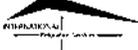
Ward stated a variance was previously granted in August of 2003 allowing an addition onto the rear of the building. No survey was done for this new proposal; however a map from a previous owner along with a site plan from a septic design indicating the buildings footprint as of 2003 was presented. Mr. Ward's proposal is:

- To overhang the second floor up to 4' by the width of the building
  - To preserve the octagonal shape on the front façade
  - To create more closet space and add a second bathroom
- Hardship reasons are as follows:
- The shape of the building creates an unusual and sometimes unusable area.
  - The master bedroom on the second floor has no bathroom and has no standup space.
  - The building is so closely built to the rear property line.

Concerns of the Board and public include:

How would the building be maintained due to the nearness to the property line? The response is that vinyl siding would be used, therefore there

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would be virtually zero maintenance.

The distance between the overhang and the fence would be 0' if you assume the fenceline is the property line.

Was a building permit received prior to this construction? *Yes.*

Could the front be extended and relocate the driveway towards the garage?

*Looking at the floor plan, the only reasonable place to extend is to the rear of the building.*

Mr. Guillemette states he had the boundary line surveyed and presented it to the Board and public. The survey indicates the addition done in 2003 was more than the agreement of the variance by 2', therefore the building is too close to the property line.

Gross asked if the roof would extend more than the building, and Ward stated there are no overhangs on the eaves.

Fopiano asked if there was any possible negotiation on the 43", and Guillemette states the first floor wall as built is too close.

McCrave states he feels the applicant exceeded the original approval. Schnare states she feels there are other alternatives. Newcomb states the survey shows the building is significantly close compared to some pending cases, and the Board may run into precedent issues in the future.

Ward states that the building inspector indicated to him that the inspector has discretion for overhangs by 1' to 2'.

Gross stated the building inspector has recommendation and would like to see no more than a 2' overhang.

Ward stated that any property owner feels a building is too close to a property line for their comfort and feels these conditions are unique and that there is no real injury in less than 15' setback. McCrave responded that that is not what the abutters feel. The ordinance states a 15' setback; there is no good and sufficient reason to dispose with the ordinance; the hardship is with the land, not with the building; there are other alternatives; and he does not see going any closer than the original building.

Fopiano states that an abutter that has the property surveyed has a real concern about where the property line is.

There being no further discussion, the public hearing was closed. The board voted unanimously denying the application.

**Public Hearing:** A request from Jay and Jane Hubbard for a variance to permit encroachment within the side setback requirement. The property is located at 162 Maple Street in East Andover.

Pictures of the retaining wall and the land between the home and property line were presented to the Board. The existing retaining wall would limit access, and the proposed garage would be 10' to 11' from the property line. Due to the location of the well, septic, and shed dormer, the proposed location of the garage is the most feasible.

The applicants will get a letter from abutters (the Greenes) indicating their support of the variance.

There being no further discussion, the public hearing was closed and the Board voted unanimously in approval of the application.

**Public Hearing:** A request from Thomas W. Hildreth, representing Celco Partnership, d.b.a. Verizon Wireless, for the purpose of construction of a personal wireless services facility (PWSF) to include a 120-foot tower, various antennas, a 12-foot by 30-foot prefabricated equipment shelter with cable tray and a transformer; all enclosed within a fenced-in compound measuring 75 feet by 75 feet. The property is located at 103 Emery Road on property owned by the Hillside Trust.

The application has been withdrawn without prejudice.

**November 20**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Don Gross, Chair; Jeff Newcomb; Charlie McCrave; Susan Schnare; Gillian Smith, alternate; and Paul Fopiano, alternate.

Also present for the duration of appropriate items: Ken Guillemette; Carol Swete; Nancy Teach; Clyde Currier; Paul and Jane Fenton; Ed and Mary Hiller; David Hewitt; Sandra Graves; Wood Sutton; Don Gould; Tina Cotton; Susan and Tim Norris; Alan Hanscom; Mary Howe; Jim Bassett, Attorney for Marcia Condon and Condon Trust; Linda Connell; Attorney for Verizon Wireless.

**Correspondence:** Letter from an abutter of Mr. Ward's indicating no concerns with the application. Notice from Danbury regarding an application to install a 6-foot diameter microwave dish on an existing tower.

**Announcements:** The Board voted to adjust the abutter fees to \$6 due to the increase in postal costs.

**Public Hearing:** Two requests from Robert L. & Kathryn Q. Ward. The first a variance to permit the location of the first floor rear wall of the main building at a distance of 43" from the rear property line. The second a variance to permit extension of a portion of the second floor at rear of building by overhanging the first floor rear wall by 24". The prop-

erty is located at 118 Main Street.

A letter was received from Mr. Ward requesting continuance of this hearing to December 18.

**Public Hearing:** An application submitted by Thomas W. Hildreth, representing Verizon Wireless, for the purpose of constructing a personal wireless service facility (PWSF) to include a 120-foot tower, various antennas, a 12-foot by 30-foot prefabricated equipment shelter with cable tray and a transformer; all enclosed within a fenced-in compound measuring 75 feet by 75 feet. The property is located at 135 Beech Hill Road, on property owned by the Jane H. Fenton Revocable Trust and the Paul J. Fenton Revocable Trust. Paul Fopiano was appointed as a voting member of the Board for this hearing.

Linda Connell, representing Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, described the proposal as being a 120-foot monopole with an antenna array at the top, all within a 75-foot by 75-foot enclosed compound. The location is 475' back from the road with driveway access to the site. A 150' vegetated buffer has been granted by the landowners; setbacks for lot and fall-zone will be met.

Research indicates there are no existing structures in the area to serve this objective. The tower will not adversely affect the area. The Agricultural/Residential district allows for a number of uses by special exception. No new landscape planning is necessary. There are adequate facilities, as there is no need for sewer or water. The site will not be manned, so there will be only occasional parking; however, a turn-around area will be needed.

The proposal is not contrary to public interest as wireless technology is encouraged by Congress, which can be regulated through zoning, but towns cannot prohibit it. (There is a state statute indicating this as well). The special conditions are that the property would hide the trees from view.

The proposal will not diminish values of surrounding properties. Studies have been done which do not show an impact on property values. Visuals will be done through photos at several locations identified by the Planning Board

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and the public.

Concerns of the Board and public include:

Has an engineer addressed alternate locations? *An engineer determines where a tower needs to be. These are not regulated by the Public Utilities Commission and several people have been contacted by the engineer for appropriate sites.*

What about the prior proposal for East Andover location? *The East Andover proposal is currently on hold. Two towers are necessary in Andover in order to provide adequate service. Cell phone communication in Andover is currently the result of overlap from towers in other towns.*

Are future co-locators allowed to lease? *It is company policy to co-locate.*

The surveys that indicate wireless does not impact property values. Was this survey conducted in rural areas? *Yes.*

Does a topographic map exist showing all PWSF locations within a 10-mile radius? *It can be provided at the next meeting.*

Has an inventory of tree height been done? *No. Average height of tree canopy in New Hampshire is 90 feet. Protrusions of 10 feet above this are not uncommon. Thus the 100-foot limitation in many ordinances.*

What is the 100' offset radius? *It will be looked into and an answer provided.*

Regarding property values – it also states PWSF brings in property values – what is that value? *Unsure.*

What are the dimensions of the array? *That information will be made available.*

What entity paid for the survey regarding diminishing values? *An independent expert that was picked by the town and paid for by Verizon.*

For the visual tests, could the 100' mark be indicated also? *It can be indicated by a streamer.*

Concerns with health risks particularly regarding the children at the two schools within the area. *The Federal Communications Act and subsequent court decisions specifically exclude this*

*from consideration.*

Why was the notice not more specific? *The notices are generalized; however, plans are available for review.*

Will there be a light on top of the tower? *No, unless the FAA requires one.*

Would there be a need for land-lines, does it tie in with TDS or would a new switching center be needed? *Through the local phone company.*

Information on decibels for the generator is requested. *More detail will be provided.*

Would a sound test be considered and listen from surrounding homes? *Information on decibel level is available from the manufacturer.*

Do cell towers cause electronic interference with AM/FM; set off garage door openers? *This is a separate frequency.*

Different frequencies mean different propagations; therefore Andover may want to contact other carriers. *This is free competition; however, the land use board cannot suggest one carrier over the other.*

Verizon pays for independent RF engineer to represent the town? *Yes, the town can request an engineer at Verizon's expense.*

If the facility becomes redundant, what happens to the facility? *The ordinance states it must come down.*

Is Verizon bonded? *Yes.*

Is there a report for the Zoning Board and Planning Board regarding other locations and reasons those locations were not chosen? *Not at this time.*

What is the distance from the Fenton driveway to the driveway of the facility? *Just over 100'.*

The application for the Emery Road proposal looks similar to this application. Is there a blanket application where only the name and location are changed? *Yes, for the same town and ordinance.*

Where are the towers for US Cellular, and could space be rented from that tower? *The location is Kearsarge Mountain and that location is too far away for coverage in Andover.*

Will the RF engineer show current Verizon coverage? *Yes.*

Jim Bassett, from Orr & Reno, representing Marcia Condon and the Con-

don Trust, states that as this is the first application for the Zoning Board, a full appreciation of the proposal is necessary. He suggests that the town Boards hire an RF engineer, at Verizon Wireless expense, and seek legal counsel.

He mentioned that Russ Hilliard of the Upton law firm, our town counsel, provided this service for the Town of Hampton. The lawyer would have a list of RF engineers that could be of assistance. Computer simulation models of cell tower design and placement alternatives would be expected from the RF engineer. He cautioned that the Board should write a detailed decision in anticipation of court challenge.

The Board discussed the possibility of a joint meeting at the December 18 ZBA meeting. Don Gould will advise the Planning Board of this request.

**School Board**

**November 6**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** David Hewitt, David Powers, Vicky Mischon, Dr. Mike Martin, Chris Barry, Robin Heins, Jane Slayton, and Julie Gaudette. Doug Boisvert in building. Robin Boynton not present.

**Public:** Dee Benjamin, Kent Armstrong, Barbara Hawkes, and Tina Cotton

**Principal's Report:** Jane Slayton reported that the King Arthur Flour community service was a big hit! NIMS and ICS training, great teamwork in the

community. Veteran's Day assembly will be on November 7. Many students are involved. Sidewalk grant still in process, will find out in early December. Jane reviewed upcoming events in November and December. Dave Hewitt asked about the Friday afternoon ski and skate program.

**Old Business**

**Minutes To The Beacon:** Minutes were in the November edition of *The Andover Beacon*. No members saw an issue. Dr. Martin stated that we will continue as we have been.

**Drainage, Corson Field:** Formal request was received in writing from Roger Laro, Chairperson of Andover Recreation Committee. Board voted unanimously to approve the request to improve the drainage if the Recreation Committee comes up with the funding.

**Snowmobile Club:** The proposal was to have trails on school property. Mike Martin spoke with Mr. Nelson. The Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement with the Snowmobile Club and, once complete, submit the agreement to the Club.

**Safety Committee Update:** Robin Heins shared that the audit has been closed, and all items have been abated. Staff at AE/MS is to be commended! We have passed the New Hampshire Department of Labor inspection.

**New Business**

**New Hampshire School Board Delegate Assembly:** Robin Boynton See School Board on page 18

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**December 4**

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has been the representative in the past, and Dr. Martin will ask her to attend again to represent the School Board. Dave Hewitt asked for clarification of the funding of the IDEA regulations. Dr. Martin will ask Robin Boynton to seek clarification.

**Hot Lunch Prices:** Dave Hewitt made two points regarding this topic. We will not make money on the lunch program or break even. Good nutrition is important for many reasons.

Jane Slayton reported that the number of families taking advantage of the free and reduced lunch is down. Dave Hewitt encouraged community members to contact Board members with feedback regarding lunch prices.

**Other Business:** Safety concerns were brought up. Jane Slayton and the Andover Fire Chief John Landry met last night to talk about safety concerns. Chief Landry will contact two outside fire safety inspectors to do walk-throughs and make life safety recommendations.

Safety of the students is first, and the Board would like the safest school possible. Information will help guide the budget, and the safety issues have not been dropped.

John recommended that the Board list priorities. Kent Armstrong suggested that the task force list be compared to those generated through this exercise.

**Present:** School Board members Doug Boisvert, David Hewitt, Vicky Mishcon, Robin Boynton, and David Powers. Administrators: Mike Martin, Christine Barry, Robin Heins, Jane Slayton, and Julie Gaudette. Public: Tina Cotton, Betsy Paine, John Landry, and Brad Hardie

**Financial Report:** Robin Heins reviewed and reported everything is going fine. We are waiting on the IDEA grant to be approved. Dave Hewitt asked about the food service line in the budget.

**Board Chairperson's Report:** There have been many meetings on the budget, teacher's contract, and high school tuition contract. All is going well. Thank you to Kathleen and Robin!

**Principal's Report:** Busy month of November. Jane explained the new Instructional Reading model. Jane asked to have Susan Avis come to the January meeting to speak about the changes. Congratulations to Andover kids who made MVHS honor roll! Jane shared information regarding building security and what other districts are doing.

**Public Participation:** Ron Quintal, custodian, was present to discuss the boiler issues. Mike Martin shared that the boiler had to be restarted today, and there have been issues. Ron shared that since September there

have been frequent issues. Robin, Mike, Jane, and Ron will work to get some proposals and ask for input. Doug mentioned that we should also find out from Capital Alarm at what temperature the alarm on the boiler is set to go off.

**Good News:** Snow day discussion. Dr. Martin apologized to Armand Boisvert for not getting the cancellation call.

**Old Business**

**Life Safety Issues:** Andover Fire Chief John Landry and volunteer fireman Brad Hardie discussed life safety issues. Chief Landry asked for an action plan for the next five years to address life safety. There are four major issues:

- The music and art room are not handicapped accessible. The means of egress are not adequate and this is a liability and safety issue.
- There is no main egress for the Kindergarten and grade four classrooms.
- Rooms 120 and 122 are two closets used as classrooms. They are not to code for the number of kids in the room.
- Get magnetic door closures.

The chief recommends making a written plan. There were a few items that can be addressed through the regular operating budget.

Doug Boisvert thanked the fire department for their time. Items will be addressed from a risk management standpoint.

Brad Hardie pointed out that there are many positives in the building. Brad recommended a full school assessment as part of the action plan.

Dave Hewitt stated that we are getting a mixed message. It is up to the Board to decide if they want to hire an outside firm.

Discussion followed regarding what the outside inspection would show and how it would help more than the inspections done to date. Robin Boynton suggested we get moving on quotes.

**Budget Update:** Draft budget will be presented to the Budget Committee on Wednesday, December 5. Warrant articles will be presented on Wednesday, December 19. Wednes-

day, January 9 will be the Public Hearing.

**Hot Lunch Prices:** Comparisons to local districts were in the packet, and Dave Hewitt asked the Board to look at and vote on for the next school year.

**New Hampshire School Board Association Right To Know Guides:** The School Board Association has published a laminated copy which is enclosed for each Board member.

**Snowmobile Club:** The agreement was discussed. The Board voted unanimously to authorize Mike Martin to sign the agreement.

**Permit to Operate Place of Assembly:** The updated certificate was reviewed and the administration will contact the Fire Chief to meet and clarify.

**New Business**

**2008-2009 School Calendar:** Calendar options are being looked at, and we will revisit in January for Board approval.

**Assistant Superintendent's Report:** Chris Barry had the opportunity to sit in on one of Reading Consultant Kim Boothroyd's workshops. She was impressed and excited to see the changes in the literacy programming.

**Cable TV Committee**

**December 10**

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Present:** Tina Cotton, Charlie Darling, Roger Godwin, Marilyn Gould, Rich Holzer

The committee agreed to try to get a Princeton Server Group field tech to spend a day with us to iron out all the "little" problems that we keep having creating video for the B1100 digital broadcast server. The server itself works fine, but the process of digitizing programs and moving them across the network and into the B1100 continues to be a challenge.

In discussing the challenges, Charlie realized that it might be possible to write a Web-based program that would simplify one of the tricky steps. He will look into it further.

Both Apple Macintosh computers are behaving very oddly when we try to edit video. Tina is going to try to get Jim Cox of Proctor to come to the station. Hopefully he can diagnose the problems and fix them.

We have about \$2,900 left in this year's budget. Town Administrator Mark Stetson is looking into audio/visual equipment that would improve the Town Hall meeting room, as that could come out of the remaining budget.

The Welcome To Andover project is waiting on new contacts within the Andover Historical Society in order to continue work on the AHS segment of Welcome To Andover. Charlie hopes to have that moving forward again after the beginning of the year.

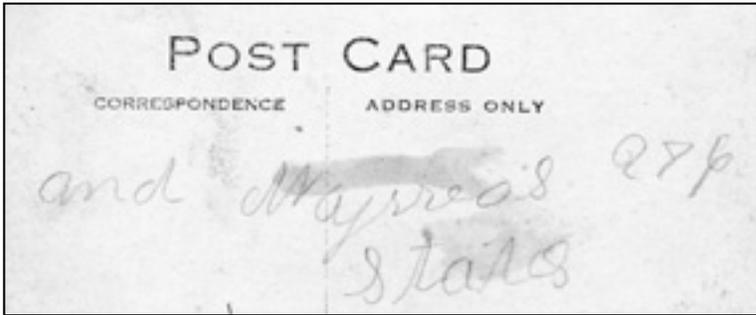
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This month's History Mystery is an old postcard sent in by Frank Baker. Can you identify what station this photo was taken at? Can you identify any of the people (or the dog)? And what about the faint words on the back of the postcard – any clues?

## A History Mystery

This month's History Mystery is a postcard Frank Baker found in a box of family papers. It's clearly a railroad station, but which one? The pumper car seems to say "Concord Div. B. & M. R. R." so the station could certainly be in Andover. The configuration doesn't look right for the freight shed in Potter Place – do you remember Gale, Andover, or Halcyon well enough to say if it's one of those?

What about the men – can you give any of them a name? Or the old-fashioned handwriting on the back of the postcard – does it provide any clues? Share your thoughts with the *Beacon!*

*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!*



Betty Dickerman filled in most of the blanks in last month's History Mystery photo of the 1943 eighth grade in East Andover. On Roger Godwin's suggestion, we looked up the rest in the 1943 Town Report. Back row (l-r): Martha Nystedt, Mary Newcomb, Joan Chaffee, Dennis Patten, and Jimmy Graves. Front row: Noreen Colby, Madelyn Thompson, and David Nystedt.

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We’ll be cutting the ice on Sunday, January 27, from 9 AM until the ice is in. The public is invited to see this living agricultural tradition. Come skate on the lake, cross-country ski or snowshoe on the farm’s trails, enjoy a wagon

ride, and visit the Ryder Schoolhouse, where volunteers will be serving soups and hot drinks to drive away the chill.

Admission is free.

Directions: I-89 to Exit 10, follow signs to Muster Field Farm. Ice will be cut near the Kezar Lake boat ramp in North Sutton village.

Muster Field Farm is a non-profit museum and working farm in North Sutton. The farm, which includes many historic buildings and the Matthew Harvey Homestead, is open daily, year-round.

For more information, visit MusterFieldFarm.com or call 927-4276.



One of the first steps in turning the freight shed in Potter Place into museum display area for the Andover Historical Society is complete. Dale McLeod has created a new parking lot on the east side of the building, where a new entrance is planned. Photo: Charlie Darling



With the early snowfall last month, deer have been much in evidence in backyards around town. Jim Crowley snapped this photo of a young buck that has been frequenting Jim’s yard in East Andover. Photo: Jim Crowley

## Andover Historical Society

By Joanna Sumner  
Andover Historical Society

The freight shed on Depot Street in Potter Place was gifted to the Andover Historical Society in 2003 by the Johnson family which had purchased it from the Boston and Maine Railroad. They used it for storage space for R.P. Johnson and Son when the rail lines were abandoned.

The Historical Society formed a committee to oversee the conversion of the freight shed for use as a museum display area. In the spring of 2006 they hired a consultant, architect Judith Oates, to provide guidance on how to approach the project. It was decided to take a two step approach to the project: First, prepare the shed for safe public access, and second, plan and prepare the interior of the shed as needed for displays.

Subsequently, it was agreed that the

Andover Lions Club’s Concord Coach would be stored in the freight shed and become part of the public display. It was jointly agreed to use a truck lift to move the coach in and out of the shed.

Dale McLeod volunteered his services and equipment to create a parking lot area adjacent to the proposed new entry. This lot will mainly serve as handicapped parking. The architect has prepared two possible designs for the handicap ramp. Whichever plan is selected will determine the exact location for the new doorway.

An anonymous donor has generously provided the funds to cover the costs on this project. Actual construction will take place in early spring. Inside work will continue into the summer.

The members of the committee include: Roger Henderson, Gail Richards, Ed Hiller, Bill Leber, Jim Goody and Sally Nicoll, Chair.

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# Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

**December 5**

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**Present:** Lindy Heim, Craig Heim, Steve Darling, Peter Southworth, Bob Ward, Alex Bernhard, Myra Mayman.

**Correspondence:** Myra received an e-mail on November 1 from Matt Langlais requesting we leave a brush barrier along Channel Road in East Andover. No more tree work will take place this year, but Bob noted we should communicate with the Andover Snowmobile Club (ASC) that is doing most of the trail clearing. Alex suggested we send the concern along to the ASC.

Bob received an e-mail from Jane Slayton and John Corrigan (Safe Routes to School Program) notifying us of approval and funding for plans to make a sidewalk to the school. Not funded was a planning and design study to look at a ramp from the school grounds down to the rail trail.

**Old Business**

**Grants update:** Butler Foundation (Transportation Enhancement match) follow up: Myra suggested asking Audrey Pellegrino to oversee our grants (with Lelia's support).

**Technology Report:** Steve hopes we can get the capability to post a current picture on the Web site that reflects trail conditions. He'll coordinate this with Heather and will also inquire about the number of visitors to our site. Alex asked about Paypal and if we want to include that on our site. Steve mentioned Google Check Out that may be more appropriate to our use/demand.

There was interest in creating a link for site visitors to be able to make donations (truckload of trail cover, etc.). Steve will ask Heather for her advice, and Lindy will join Steve in developing a new donor link.

**Set-aside for Engineering:** Alex has been working with the Trails Bureau on the maintenance contract for the trail (with the Town of Andover serving as the Municipal Manager). Alex is working on engineering contracts, so we need to have our funds ready, and the Town needs to have the authority to spend the money, which requires a warrant article that the townspeople need to vote on at Town Meeting.

Alex suggests we set aside \$14,000 to be held in reserve to fund our 20 percent match of the engineering work. The motion was delayed until the January meeting.

**Trail Construction:** In his absence, it was noted that Peter postponed the trail work from the East Andover Fire House to Dodge Lane due to problems with Dig Safe. There are plans to repair the sections that were covered with poor quality stone.

**Statewide Meeting:** Alex reported on the gathering at Highland Lake Inn.

Trail groups reported on their organizations' experiences followed by an hour of discussion. It was productive, and another meeting is planned. Lindy asked about posting another rail trail's link on our Web site, and this is a topic for the next meeting.

**Connection with Rotary:** Myra reported on the Rotary meeting at Nashua's Crown Plaza hotel – it was good exposure.

**East Andover Sign:** The new sign is up and very visible. Myra will pursue a thank-you for the sign grant.

**New London Inn Dinner:** Lindy and Myra are working on the number of tables and details of the April 17 dinner.

**Pathways to Healthy Living:** This initiative came from the National Parks. Sarah Macdonald-Pena and Amy Schneider helped brainstorm ideas: put mile markers on the trail, put benches on the trail, develop "school buses" on the trail, develop a local use map, partner with the Council on Aging, explore trailhead lighting, put up "dog clean-up" signs, and connect with the Franklin Hospital in regard to walking trails.

**New Business**

**Upcoming:** Alex mentioned the Andover Snowmobile Club's January dinner that we should attend. Bob and Peter will work on a presentation or table on the rail trail for Town Meeting.

**Work Days:** To clean out the culvert by Carr Field Road; to clear brush for Highland Lake views. Both matters will be postponed until spring. Myra will find the National Trails Day date.

**Portable Toilet:** Alex will let the Andover Historical Society know we'll support sharing the cost of a portable toilet.

**Andover Snowmobile Club:** The bridge to the east of the Blackwater Park won't be redecked until next year, and Bob offered the FNRT help in future projects.

**Brochures:** The brochures are nearly all distributed, so Alex will look into a reprint.



The new Northern Rail Trail sign in East Andover

# Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

By Lindy Heim

**Friends of the Northern Rail Trail**

Our news is about a fundraising dinner in the spring and a wonderful new sign posted at the East Andover trail head, easily viewable to those travelling on Route 11. The Charles E. and Edna T. Brundage Scientific and Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey was kind enough to grant funding for this good looking aluminum sign which bears the logos of three contributing organizations:

- Friends of the Northern Rail Trail
- New Hampshire Trails Bureau
- Andover Snowmobile Club

The Friends are most grateful to Sue Jukosky of Grafton, foundation trustee and FNRT member, who spearheaded the effort to bring helpful signage to the trail.

Right now Trail users can be seen enjoying the early snowfall. And this spring, plans are in place to extend the trail further east. The Andover Snowmobile Club and Proctor Academy students have already cleared brush and overhanging branches in preparation for the trail extension work.

**Fundraising Dinner**

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to miss the fundraising dinner scheduled one night only, Thursday, April 17, at the New London Inn. Half of the evening's proceeds will benefit the rail trail effort.

Please make reservations for the dining room by calling the Inn directly at 526-2791. Dinner may be enjoyed as early as 5 PM in the Tavern (reservations not necessary) or 5:30 PM in the dining room.

Organized in 2004, the FNRT aims to continue the conversion of rail bed into a four-season rail trail from Danbury to the Boscawen-Concord line. To learn more about the trail, visit FNRT.org.

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# Andover Snowmobile Club

By Allan Houle  
**Andover Snowmobile Club**

The month of January usually means the start of some good riding. This is definitely a big month for the Andover Snowmobile Club with our Annual Italian Buffet at the Andover Elementary/Middle School. This event will be held on Saturday, January 26. Serving time will be from 5 PM to 6:30 PM. The food is great and you won't go away hungry.

We also have a raffle table with many items donated by area businesses and individuals. Usually the raffle table will stretch from one end of the gymnasium to the other. All the donations from these raffle items will be going to the Easter Seals program. You can get more information regarding these events at [AndoverSnowmobileClub.com](http://AndoverSnowmobileClub.com)

This month's meeting will be held on Monday, January 14, at 7 PM in the Science Room of the Andover Elementary/Middle School.

With all of the hard work that has been done this fall and early winter, let's hope Mother Nature provides us with some good riding conditions so

we can enjoy the fruits of our labors. Next month we will also be hosting our sixth annual Highland Lake SnoFest Antique and Vintage Snowmobile Show. This event has grown over the years, and it has always been a fun time. It's fun to go back and see where the sport came from. The date for this event is Saturday, February 16.

Look for our groomers out on the trails. We are anxious to get this season underway. Until next month, Happy New Year to everyone. Ride safely, and ride often.

**Thank You!**  
We would like to give special thanks to Kearsarge Concrete of Salisbury for donating a fuel tank to the club and also to TNT Auto Body of Andover for sanding and painting the tank for us. There are so many people that donate time and energy to make our club work, and it is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank CWS Fence and Guard Rail of Andover for allowing us to keep our club groomer at their site. It will give us easy access to our trail system for that very important grooming. Thank you all for supporting the Andover Snowmobile Club!

## Pine Hill Nordic Ski Club

Pine Hill Nordic Ski Club in New London is celebrating this winter's opening of Robb's Hut. The building is a destination warming hut on Pine Hill's 20 kilometer nordic trail system. Says John Schlosser, club organizer, "I guess it's cause for celebration - 25 years of hot chocolate and a place to rest

after skiing. It has served us well." Parking is located on the right side of Mountain Road, 1/2 mile east of the junction of Shaker Road, in New London. Look for the ski club sign on the right side of the road.

More information about the club can be found at [PineHillSkiClub.com](http://PineHillSkiClub.com)

## SUNAPEE-RAGGED-KEARSARGE GREENWAY

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge (SRK) Greenway Coalition's January weekend hikes are in three towns with distances ranging from two to six miles. For the full winter schedule and other SRK information go to [SRKG.com](http://SRKG.com). Be prepared for winter conditions with clothing layers, food, and water.

in King Hill Reservation and to the quarry trail to Stone House Road. 5 miles. (Medium)

Please call the hike leader at least the night before to learn starting location and time. Snowshoes are the presumed mode of transport.

**Sunday, January 20** - Dave Cook (526-4570) In New London, a hike from Whitney Brook Road over the Pleasant Lake High Trail and down the Wolf Tree Trail to Great Brook Bridge. 6 miles. (Medium)

**Saturday, January 26** - Chuck Crickman (763-5845) Explore Newbury's Town Park and Forest. 2 miles. (Easy)

**Saturday, January 12** - Charlie Killam (493-2006) In Newbury, Fishersfield Trail from Newbury harbor to Chalk Pond (SRK Greenway Trail #14). 4.4 miles. (Medium)

Greenway guidebooks are available at local book stores. The SRK Greenway Coalition, incorporated in 1993, is a ten-town all-volunteer non-profit organization with members throughout the SRK region and beyond.

**Saturday, January 19** - Art Robbins (927-4377) In Sutton, a hike

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## Becoming An Outdoors-Woman Workshop

Women who want to explore active outdoor interests like ice-fishing or snowshoeing can attend a one-day Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) winter workshop on Saturday, February 23 (snow date February 24), at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness.

Participants choose a single topic for the day's activities. Choices include ice-fishing; winter outdoor survival skills; basic snowshoeing and tracking; snowmobiling; and 'Shoe and Shoot, which combines snowshoeing and target shooting.

"Women have a great time at the winter workshop, and they really seem to appreciate having the chance to learn exciting outdoor activities in the company of other women," said Laura Ryder, program leader for hunter and

aquatic education at Fish and Game. "The skills they learn from our expert BOW instructors will allow them to spend enjoyable time outdoors with their families – or on their own – during New Hampshire's long winters."

Important! Registration for winter BOW opens Monday, January 7, and runs through February 8. Sign up early, because this popular workshop fills up fast. A registration form and course descriptions will be available at NH-BOW.com after registration opens. To request an application by mail, e-mail Lisa.M.Collins@wildlife.nh.gov or call 271-3212 after registration opens. The workshop costs \$55, which includes a box lunch. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

The workshop is offered jointly by New Hampshire Fish and Game and the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation.

## Deer Harvest Highest In 40 Years

New Hampshire's estimated 2007 hunter harvest of 13,416 deer was the highest in recent years and, when verified and finalized, will likely result in the highest "official" harvest in forty years (since 1967, when 14,204 deer were taken). The preliminary 2007 results represent a 14% increase over the 2006 tally of 11,766 deer.

"It is noteworthy that the 2007 harvest was the highest deer harvest in four decades," said Kent Gustafson, Deer Project Leader at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. "The increase for 2007 is the fourth year in row that the kill has gone up, reflecting recent mild winters that have been easier for deer to survive, and widespread late-season snow this year, which made it easier for hunters to find and see deer."

New Hampshire has an estimated population of about 90,000 deer. The 2007 fall harvest of about 15% of the herd is in line with objectives outlined in the state's 10-year Big Game Management Plan, according to Gustafson.

For the unofficial deer harvest for New Hampshire's 2007 season by

county, with comparisons to the previous eight years, visit [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/deer\\_hunt\\_take\\_by\\_County.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/deer_hunt_take_by_County.htm). Please note that the numbers for 2007 are estimates based on the number of deer reported as being registered in each county (not necessarily killed in that county) and do not represent complete, verified data.

Final official numbers from the 2007 hunting seasons, including detailed analysis of the sex, age and distribution on a Wildlife Management Unit basis, will be available in the 2007 New Hampshire Wildlife Harvest Summary, which will be published in late March or early April of 2008 and posted on the Fish and Game Web site at [HuntNH.com](http://HuntNH.com).

The successful 2007 deer hunting season is a reminder that hunting activities contribute significantly to New Hampshire's economy – according to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, more than 60,000 people hunted in New Hampshire in 2006, generating more than \$80 million of hunting-related expenditures in the state.

## Franklin Outing Club Opens Ski Area For Season

By Fiona Petersen  
Beacon staff

Veteran's Memorial Ski Area in Franklin is a small, local ski slope that offers area families a great opportunity to take lessons and ski at affordable prices. A family season pass to the ski area is \$175. Individuals 18 years old and older can ski for the season at \$105. Students 12 to 17 years old can have a season pass for \$75 – younger than 12 costs \$60. Seniors (65 and over) and current active military personnel ski free at Veteran's Memorial.

As in previous years, the ski area will be open, weather permitting, from 10 AM to 4 PM on weekends and from 11 AM to 4 PM on selected days during school vacations.

For those just starting out on the slopes, ski lessons begin Saturday, January 5. The lessons are about one hour and parents may sign up their child at the Franklin Recreation Center or at the Ski Lodge.

If you are interested in assisting with ski lessons, please contact Kim Briggs at 934-6797 or [kbriggs@shaker.k12.nh.us](mailto:kbriggs@shaker.k12.nh.us).

### Volunteers Desperately Needed

Recent meetings of the Franklin Outing Club (FOC), which operates the ski area, saw a good turnout of 15 to 20 people. It was determined that due to several resignations and changes of position, volunteers are desperately

needed to ensure that the ski area will continue to operate this winter.

Help is needed with:

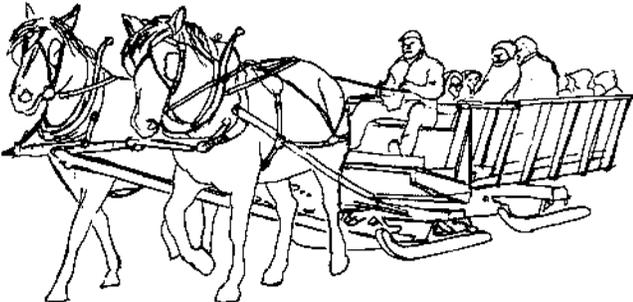
- opening and closing the lodge
- keeping wood stacked for the wood stove
- working on the grill
- helping with ski school and Ski Patrol
- slope maintenance
- Winter Carnival events
- the Webster Lake Fishing Derby.

There is also a need for a good quality snowmobile.

If you are interested in giving a helping hand as a volunteer, please call Kathy Fuller at 934-3296 or inquire at the grill during ski area operating hours.

Paid lift attendants (at least 18 years old) are also needed for weekends and school vacations. Applications may be picked up at the Franklin Recreation Center.

In addition, liability insurance for the ski area has increased more than 60 percent since 2002. Unable to meet these costs alone and still stay financially viable, the FOC once again asked the Franklin City Council for a grant to help meet this season's insurance costs. The Council generously voted in favor of the grant and will pay up to \$7,500 toward insurance costs. This, combined with assistance from caring community volunteers, will help the Veteran's Memorial Ski Area have another successful ski season.



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# Be Safe On The Ice This Winter!

The deep snow already covering the state may mask unsafe ice conditions, cautions Major Tim Acerno of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Outdoor enthusiasts are urged to play it safe and check ice carefully before venturing onto ice-covered waters.

"Snow-covered lakes might appear to be safe, but the snow can hide places where the ice is dangerous. Don't assume that if the ice is safe on one part of a waterbody, it is safe throughout," said Acerno. "Also, deep snow can have an insulating effect, causing ice not to form as fast."

Snowmobile enthusiasts should be especially careful to keep ice safety in mind. "Riders should remember to check local conditions before heading out on snowmobile trails or on the ice. Don't assume a snowmobile track going across the water is safe just because it's there!" says Acerno. Ask about conditions at local snowmobile clubs or sporting goods shops before you go.

Another hidden ice hazard is fluctuating water levels. An example of this hazard is Highland Lake in Andover, where the dam is undergoing extensive repairs. Work crews have had to raise and lower the water level because of the extent of the repairs. When the water level is lowered, air pockets form, causing dangerous conditions. The Fish and Game Department cautions all users to stay off the ice on Highland Lake in Andover and other bodies of water where water levels

are constantly changing.

## Ice Is Potentially Dangerous

How can you tell if ice is safe? There are no guarantees – always consider ice potentially dangerous. Assess ice safety by using an ice chisel to chop a hole in the ice to determine its thickness and condition. Make sure you continue to do this as you go further out onto the ice, because the thickness of the ice will not be uniform all over the pond or lake.

The Cold Region Research Laboratory in Hanover offers a "rule of thumb" on ice thickness, suggesting that there should be a minimum of six inches of hard ice before individual foot travel, and eight to ten inches of hard ice for snow machine or ATV travel. Depth is not the only factor – warming trends can break down the ice, and the slushy surface then re-freezes into weaker ice.

Ice can be especially treacherous for children. "Never allow children to go out on the ice by themselves," said Acerno. "And don't ever let children venture onto the ice on rivers and streams, because the current makes the ice highly unpredictable."

Ponds and lakes can present areas of unsafe ice, especially in places with current, like inlets, outlets and spring holes, where the ice can remain dangerously thin.

To download a brochure from Fish and Game called "Safety on Ice – Tips for Anglers," visit [Wildlife.State.NH.US/Fishing/fishing.htm](http://Wildlife.State.NH.US/Fishing/fishing.htm).



## Pemigewasset Choral Society Spring Concert

The Pemigewasset Choral Society, including Margo Coolidge and Mary Lloyd-Evans of Andover, recently performed its traditional holiday concert entitled *Songs of Praise & Adoration* at three venues. The first was at Our Lady of the Lakes Church in Lakeport, the second was at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Franklin, and the final performance was at The Hanaway Theatre on the Plymouth State University campus.

The concert began with choruses from *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten. Other works included a Renaissance anthem *Sing Joyfully* by William Byrd, the Baroque *Sound the Trumpet* by Henry Purcell (performed by the women's chorus), a beloved hymn tune *Cwm Rhondda*, and two 2007 selections, *Silly Shepherds*, *Stop Your Sleeping* by Bern Herbolsheimer and *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*. The latter is a setting for the Choral So-

ciety and was professionally arranged by Frank Denson of Bridgewater. The soloist was Margo Coolidge.

David Saunders, a music education major in his senior year at Plymouth State College, was featured as guest percussionist. He also guest-conducted the choir in an arrangement of the ever-popular *Silver Bells*.

The concert concluded with *Glad Tidings: The Story of Christmas*, composed by Randol Alan Bass and narrated by Richard Moses of Rumney.

The Pemigewasset Choral Society, now in its 35th season, is a regional choir of 125 voices drawn from a 100-square-mile area of central New Hampshire. It is conducted by Dr. Robert Swift, a member of the music faculty of Plymouth State College. The piano accompanist was Margot W. Swift.

For more information about the Pemigewasset Choral Society, visit [PemiChoral.org](http://PemiChoral.org).

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# The Arts at Proctor Concert Series **Andover Libraries**

*THE ARTS at Proctor Concert Series* kicks off the New Year with noted New Hampshire pianist Paul Dykstra, who will be performing Saturday, January 12, at 8 PM in the Norris Family Theater at the Wilkins Meeting House on Proctor Academy's campus.

*THE ARTS at Proctor Concert Series*, now in its third year, provides unique entertainment opportunities for Lakes Region patrons from September through May of each year and has demonstrated its popularity by convening performances of varied themes including jazz, Latin fusion, classical voice and piano, and Celtic fiddle.

The philosophy of the Concert Series producers, Everett Jones and Bill Wightman, is to provide top-rate performers at a reasonable price to the community at large. All proceeds are for the benefit of the

Proctor Music Department. Several key sponsors are critical in supporting these events and include the Charter Charitable Foundation and Gwen and Carl Oppenheim.

Paul Dykstra began his piano career in Canada where he attended the University of Alberta and continued studies at the Banff Center, Shownigan Lake Summer School, and the Valhalla Center for the performing Arts with Anton Kuerti, Gyorgy Sebok, and Robin Woods. He toured as collaborative pianist with soprano Pat Schreiber and with violinist Jamie Laval.

After moving to the United States in 1999, Paul continued a diverse musical career performing the music of American composer David M. Matthew Kish and classical works with violinist Janice Martin and cellist Darrett Adkins. Solo recitals in New England and two piano concerts with pianist Gregg Pauley at

Yamaha Artist Services in New York and in Concord are among his recent projects.

Paul can be heard with clarinetist Richard Stoltzman on the CD *State of the Union*, which features the avant-



**Paul Dykstra appears in a public concert at Proctor on January 12 at 8 PM**

garde music of New Hampshire composer Roger Rudenstein. The brand new CD *An Ivory Winter* is Paul's latest solo piano recording. Closer to his home in Sanbornton, Paul is a faculty member of the Concord Community Music School and has played many concerts in Concord and at the Music Hall in Portsmouth.

The program for the January 12 concert will include the music of Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students (17 and under) and can be purchased in advance by contacting Proctor's box office at 735-6870 or AlexE@proctornet.com. Sponsors for this season's concert series are The Charter Charitable Foundation and Gwen and Carl Oppenheim.

The spring concert series presentation, scheduled for April 11, will be the Celtic fiddle band Halali.

**By Ray Mitchell  
Beacon staff**

When you look at the wonderful collection of children's books in our library, did you ever wonder how all those interesting, colorful books came to be? An author may have a good story to tell, but if it's in a plain, brown wrapper, will anyone pick it up? The cover of a book may determine whether or not a child or adult will take it from the shelf. The pictures inside will either invite further exploration or cause the book to be returned to the shelf.

I was wondering how these attractive books in our collection came to be, so I talked with Karen Holman, a book illustrator and East Andover resident. She was kind enough to tell me how she works and show me some of the steps she takes in the process of illustrating a book.

It begins when a copy of the author's manuscript arrives at her house. With it is a deadline. The publisher wants the illustrations completed in three months. So Karen must work quickly. Sometimes she is up until two in the morning working at her drawing table.

Karen reads the story once, then a second time, making notes about parts she would like to illustrate. She looks for the important parts of the story and the things that will be fun to draw. Her ideas are then submitted to the publisher for approval. Once approved, she can begin her work.

Then she begins looking for models. It could be an oak leaf or a chipmunk. Sometimes family members and neighbors are used as models. If Karen sees you around town, you

may be an inspiration for one of her drawings. The publisher tells Karen how many illustrations to draw for the book.

Next is the concentrated effort of drawing the illustrations. Karen doesn't start at the first chapter and continue to the end. The illustrations in a book must have a consistent appearance, or the reader may say, "This bunny doesn't look like the one in the beginning of the book."

An artist's work can change and evolve when doing a series of 60 or so illustrations. So starting at the middle and moving back and forth will make the changes subtle throughout the work. The reader may not even notice.

A priority is to create interesting drawings for the important parts of the story. This will help keep the readers' interest so they continue on with the story. A whole page of words may be intimidating. A picture in the corner may be a brief interruption in our reading and lead us back to the story. Karen keeps the children's interests in mind as she places her drawings in the book. I suspect that her two children often serve as a resource for her work.

The best part of talking with Karen was to learn how much fun she has illustrating the books. It is hard work, occupying many hours of concentrated effort. But Karen looks for the fun parts that interest her, and hopefully her readers as well.

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Attending the NHCHF Christmas Party were (standing, l-r) Janet Kuhlmeyer, Jane Martin, Nance Barrett, Pat Baker, Irene McKinley, Marcia Strout, Natalie Lively, Shirley Currier, and Rose Tilton; (seated) Judy Perreault and Pat Fleury

## New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault  
NHCHF

Janet Kuhlmeyer hosted our annual Christmas Party at her home in Sutton. The tables were set festively with little party games and favors to amuse us before lunch. Janet provided a delicious repast of various sandwiches, chips, and dip followed by carrot cake for dessert.

We were all asked to dress for the holiday, and Rose went all out with her light-up sweatshirt and lighted

Christmas tree headgear. She definitely won the contest.

Members had brought a variety of cookies for our cookie swap. We only had to bake one type and went home with an assortment of eleven different kinds.

Instead of a gift exchange we had decided to bring a toy or game to be donated to a local charity.

Our next meeting will be "Agony of DeFeet" at Judy Perreault's home. For more information, call 735-5493.

## Andover Lions Club Christmas Party

The Andover Lions Club celebrated the holiday season with a party at Proctor Academy's dining hall. The festive crowd (below) enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus (right), who handed out the presents for the club's gift exchange.

Nine lucky party-goers (bottom) were chosen by lot to participate in a Yankee Gift Swap, in which a New England Patriots cap changed hands several times.

Photos: Charlie Darling



## Soo-Nipi Audubon Events

On Friday, January 11, Eric Masterson from New Hampshire Audubon will give an audiovisual presentation of his recent trip to the island of Mallorca in the Mediterranean Sea, where migrant birds that winter in Africa stop on their way to their European breeding grounds.

The presentation will be at the Tracy Library in New London. Refreshments begin at 7 PM, with the meeting at 7:30. Call Ruth White at 763-4893 for more information.

On Sunday, January 13, there will be a Soo-Nipi Audubon field trip to the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge in Newburyport, Massachusetts. Meet at the Warner Park and Ride at Exit 9 on I-89 at 8 AM. Bring lunch, water, binoculars, and warm clothing. Call Leader Robin Gray at 927-4127 for more information. Inclement weather cancels the trip.

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*A Message to the Community  
from New London Hospital*

As we approach our 90th year of service to the community, New London hospital continues to provide excellence in patient care to the towns of Andover, Bradford, Croyden, Danbury, Elkins, Goshen, Grantham, Lempster, New London, Newbury, Newport, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, Washington, and Wilmot

*We are pleased to share these notable achievements of our recent fiscal year, which ended on September 30, 2007.*

- The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) recognized our patient care quality in the areas of Community Acquired Pneumonia and Surgical Care.

- New London Hospital has been named to the Harvard Pilgrim Honor Roll for 2007 in recognition of our standing in the top 25% of hospitals nationally for the results of our quality measures. We are one of only 35 hospitals in the Northeast to receive this honor.

- The volume of our clinical services grew over 8% in fiscal year 2007, with increases in patient visits to lab and radiology and patients per provider. Inpatient and same-day surgery cases increased, as well as visits to the Emergency Room. The Clough Extended Care Center also cared for an increased number of residents this year.

- We continue to ensure that we have quality providers to meet the needs of our patients:

- Our primary care providers were joined by four new colleagues:
  - Denise Weber, MD, Internal Medicine in New London
  - Carrie Webber, MD, Family Medicine at the Newport Health Center
  - Maud Abess, PA-C in New London and at the New London Family Care Center in Grantham
  - Laura Kaitz, PA-C at the Newport Health Center.

- Jack Kirk, MD, Internal Medicine, returned to practice primary care full-time in New London.

- Daniel McGinley-Smith, MD, Dermatology, joined New London Hospital Practices and sees patients in New London.

- Alyssa Pearl, PA-C joined New London Surgical Services.

- Joseph Phillips, MD, Neurosurgeon with Upper Valley Neurology Neurosurgery, sees patients and performs procedures in New London.

- Women's Health Services began offering pre- and post-natal care in our community through a collaboration with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

- The Clough Center initiated a Hospitalist program, providing increased physician access for residents and their families.

- We celebrated our second year as a member of the Dartmouth Hitchcock Alliance.

- We held our fifth annual Emergency Services Conference at Mount Sunapee Resort, attracting over 400 participants.

- The hospital and Clough Center implemented a new Healthcare Information System in November 2006 and will soon deploy a new electronic medical records system, funded by a \$2.9 million loan/grant from the USDA Rural Utilities Services Program.

- The hospital embarked upon a \$21 million expansion and renovation project in July after successfully obtaining a Certificate of Need from the state. The *Building Towards the Future* project has:

- Reconfigured parking lots with the eventual goal of adding 100 new parking spaces

- Relocated administrative offices in order to renovate much-needed clinical space on the main floor

- Begun excavation for the new 46,000 square foot building that will accommodate provider offices, rehabilitative services, and a central patient registration area for all services

- Raised \$4.8 million of our \$7.2 million goal

- We continue very thoughtful deliberation of the opportunity to create a continuous Care Retirement Community (CCRC) on hospital land. We plan to make important decisions about a CCRC project in late 2008.

- Community support for New London Hospital exceeded our projections with a very successful Annual Fund, our second Grand Gala, and record attendance and proceeds from our fourth annual golf tournament and our 83rd Hospital Days.

- The New London Hospital Art Program continues to showcase the works of local artists. We are very grateful that the artists donate a percentage of all their sales to New London Hospital.

- Volunteer service to the hospital totaled more than 14,000 hours, with a value of over \$253,000. The Friends of New London Hospital also contributed countless hours supporting a variety of community-based programs.



Enjoying the evening at The Fells Holiday Patron Party are (l-r) Charlie and Mary Lou McCrave of Andover as they visit with Louise Chowanski, owner of the Shaker Meetinghouse Bed and Breakfast in New London. The Shaker Meetinghouse was one of the six homes that opened their doors for visitors on the Holiday House Tour.

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A year later, VNA staff have sewn, soaked, and stuffed their way to more than 100 lovely sachets which will be sold for \$5 each, with all proceeds benefiting the vital services of the VNA. Here's how the story unfolds...

- January 2007: Trees donated to the VNA by staff members
- January and February: Sachet bags sewn by two VNA staff members
- January to March: Trees bagged and dried in Becky's basement
- March: Pine needles shaken and pulled off each tree (a two-week project!)
- April through November: Pine needles soaked in pine oil for a sweet aroma
- December 2007: VNA staff put finishing touches on more than 100 sachets!

And there's more... the fabric used to make the sachets came from – where else? – the VNA's Renaissance Shoppe!

When the Shoppe first opened three years ago, Becky noticed a stack of sample upholstery fabric about three feet high for only \$40. So she bought the whole pile, knowing she'd find a way use the fabric one day... and indeed she did!

"This is a perfect example of how the extraordinary staff of the VNA

come together in all kinds of ways to show they care," says Andrea Steel, President and CEO of Lake Sunapee Region VNA & HOSPICE.

To find out where to purchase sachets, please call the VNA at 526-4077. At \$5 each and with only 100 available, they won't last long!

### Oddfellows Christmas Project

With a generous donation again this year of \$1,000 in gift cards for the benefit of the Kearsarge Community Christmas Project, the Heidelberg Lodge IOOF #92 (the Oddfellows) of New London has made the holiday season brighter for nearly 70 area families. The Christmas Project, a collaboration between Lake Sunapee Region VNA & HOSPICE and area churches and businesses, purchases and packages gifts for each member of the families participating.

Serving our community for over 40 years, the Heidelberg Lodge is an independent fraternal organization with 35 active members. "With guiding principles of friendship, love, and truth, the core mission of the Lodge is to assist those in need in the community, anyone in need. We are fortunate to have the resources to raise money each year for this purpose," says Arch Weathers, Noble Grand of the Oddfellows lodge.

An annual Christmas Auction is the organization's primary fund raiser and remains a successful venue. "Many families have several children in them, making the total number of individuals we were able to help this year more than 250. The continued support of the Oddfellows helps to make this kind of outreach possible," says Meg Ames, Volunteer Coordinator at the VNA.

## Franklin Regional Hospital News

Franklin Regional Hospital recently made the 2007 Hospital Honor Roll awarded by Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare. This distinction is in recognition of excellence in Clinical Quality and Patient Safety.

Harvard Pilgrim's Hospital Honor Roll acknowledges adult, acute care hospitals whose performance is among the top 25% of those measured nationally on a set of quality measures, as reported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Hospital Compare and Leapfrog patient safety measures.

"LRGHealthcare has always been committed to clinical quality and patient safety," says LRGHealthcare President and CEO Tom Clairmont. "Our community is very fortunate to have dedicated professionals committed to delivering this care, and Franklin Regional Hospital is proud to accept this recognition."

### Red Dress Gala

The Franklin Regional Hospital Auxiliary is pleased to become a supporting sponsor of the fourth annual *LRGHealthcare Red Dress Gala: The Heart of Women's Health* presented by MetroCast.

The FRH Auxiliary has been around since the early 1900s and is committed to keeping the traditions of the Franklin community alive.

"Franklin Regional Hospital is experiencing some wonderful growth in services, and the FRH Auxiliary is proud to be a part of it. The Red Dress event is a great way to raise awareness and funds for state-of-the-art cardiac equipment for both hospitals," states FRH Auxiliary President Sandy Marshall.

The *LRGHealthcare Red Dress Gala: The Heart of Women's Health* will be held on Friday, February 1, at Church Landing at Mill Falls in Meredith. All proceeds will benefit Women & Cardiac Services at LRGHealthcare.

For more information about the event or to make a donation, please contact the Philanthropy Office at LRGHealthcare at 527-2865.

### Pampering For A Purpose

Tanger Outlet Center in Tilton recently presented a donation of \$39,288 in support of the campaign to bring digital mammography to LRGHealthcare.

October celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness month and the Tanger Outlet Center partnered with LRGHealthcare to host Pampering for a Purpose, an event enjoyed by a number of people from Andover.

The event was held to raise awareness about breast cancer and better breast health. In addition to the event, Tanger Outlet Center sold Pink Ribbon Coupon and Shop for a Cure gift cards with proceeds going to LRGHealthcare.

"This is the second year Tanger Outlet Center has hosted this fantastic event and fundraising campaign. We are committed to supporting the communities we live and work in," says Tanger General Manager Eric Proulx. "It is comforting to know our efforts will help to save lives."

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# OBITUARIES

**NORMAN L. HESS**, 68, of Lockwood Road, died Tuesday, December 4, at Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia.

He was born in Ridgewood, New Jersey, the son of LeRoy and Emma (Holmes) Hess. He graduated from Ridgewood High School, did one year of postgraduate work at Suffield Academy in Connecticut, and graduated from Hope College in Michigan.

Mr. Hess' fundraising career started at Cranwell School in Rhode Island and continued to other schools, including nine years at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, where he was director of annual giving and finished his time as director of the bicentennial capital campaign. He had also been the director of development for the University of Tulsa.

After returning to New Hampshire, Mr. Hess was director of development for Colby-Sawyer College for two years. Then he started his own fundraising business, Advancement Resources. He had been a fundraising consultant for many non-profit organizations in the area.

Mr. Hess was a former trustee at Suffield Academy and several other organizations. He was an avid tennis player and still held the record for Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association champion at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. He also was passionate about crossword puzzles, kayaking, and spending time on the Maine coast.

Members of his family surviving include his wife of 27 years, Patricia (Richmond) Hess of Andover; three sons, Peter Hess of Hampstead, and his wife, Cheryl, Kevin Hess of Andover, and Brian Kucharski and his wife, Jennifer, of Warner; four grandchildren, Chad, Mason, Colby, and Gabriel; a brother, Hubert Hess and sister-in-law, Connie, of Sarasota, Florida; his mother and father-in-law, Herbert and Ruth Richmond of Newmarket; a brother-in-law and his wife, Russell and Jennifer Richmond of South Berwick, Maine; sister-in-law Polly R. House of Lee; and nieces, nephews, and a cousin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

**HARRIET J. "CHIPPY" BUKER**, 92, of New London, died December 11 at New London Hospital. She was born in Newton, Massachusetts. She taught children of the faculty at Proctor Academy prior to 1940. Mrs. Buker taught first and second grades at New London Central School until 1943. She was a medical secretary and then a dental assistant in New London. Mrs. Buker was a member of The First Baptist Church of New London and a former deacon.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Harold W. "Zunk" Buker, III and Beth Buker of New London; a daughter and son-in-law, Sallie J. and Stephen J. McAndrew of San Luis Obispo, California; four grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and four great-grandchildren.

One of Mrs. Buker's greatest joys was the time she spent at Camp Wohelo. Therefore, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Luther Gulick Camps, PO Box 39, South Casco Maine 04077.

**RICHARD H. LAMOS**, 83, died December 14 at his home in Andover after a battle with cancer.

He was born in Montgomery, Vermont, son to the late Percy and Ida May (Kennison) Lamos. He proudly served in the United States Army in the Spearhead 3rd Armored Division during World War II and was a decorated soldier, being awarded two Purple Hearts.

Richard was known for his many skills. He worked highway construction for R.G. Wadkins, Plazze Construction, and R.W. Payne. He ran the debarker at Dalphones Lumber Mill, was in charge of maintenance at Eagle Square in Concord, and also worked at the Merrimack County Nursing Home. He enjoyed his family and maintaining his home.

He is survived by his wife, Maurine (Thisell) Lamos; his four sons, Ricky

Adams of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, Mike and Bruce Adams of East Andover, and Brent Lamos of East Andover; his four daughters, Linda Duhamel of Franklin, Darlene Tilton of East Andover, Diane McKay of East Andover, and Deborah Poulin of East Andover; 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; his sister Shirley Reed of Bristol; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Elsie Ackerman, seven brothers, and three sisters.

A graveside service with veteran's honors will be held in the spring at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Franklin VNA Hospice Program, 75 Chestnut Street, Franklin 03235.

The family would like to thank all visitors and neighbors for their support and would also like to thank the awesome Franklin VNA hospice team.

**PFC JUSTIN RICHARD PATRICK MCDANIEL**, 19 years young, died on December 17 in Baghdad, Iraq of a non-combat related injury.

Born in Laconia, he was the son of Timothy R. and Janine M. McDaniel

of Andover. Justin was a graduate of Andover Elementary/Middle School and Merrimack Valley High School.

Justin (pronounced Justin) was a great and brave man; a man who everyone loved. He loved to make people smile and laugh; he was always joking around with everyone, trying to make light of every situation. He would always stand up for those he loved and cared deeply about. He is watching over us right now making sure we are smiling instead of crying. Justin's wishes were to be remembered for all the good and fun he had. He wanted everyone to celebrate his life, not mourn his death.

Justin was in the Army, stationed at Schofield Army Base, 524th Combat Service Support Battalion, 45th Sustainment Brigade. He joined the Army Reserve when he was seventeen and decided to join the active Army in February of 2007 shortly after marrying Alicia Carson because the couple wanted to explore the world together.

Survivors include his wife Alicia Marie (Carson) McDaniel; his mother, Janine McDaniel, his father, Timothy McDaniel, his sisters, Maygan McDaniel of Concord, MacKenzie McDaniel and brother Timothy M. McDaniel of Andover; and his niece Ceiana McDaniel.



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The Cub Scouts of Pack 489 went caroling at Woodcrest Village in New London on December 18. This is the second year that the boys visited the residents of Woodcrest and entertained them with Christmas carols. Coming up is the boys' annual Pinewood Derby race during their pack meeting. They will also be receiving prizes for their popcorn sales, which is the fundraiser to support the pack.  
Photo: Leighton Terwilliger

## Boy Scouts Troop 489

By Jeff Bates

### Boy Scouts Troop 489

In Boy Scouts, we have been learning about maps, and we walked around with a compass and found the North Star. We have a lot of fun being outside and are looking forward to having a sledding party.

Recent advancements are:

- Seth Newton to Scout
- Jeff Bates, Tucker Peters, Sam Bentley, and Robert Smith to Tenderfoot
- Derrick Nowell, Cameron Wood, Brendan Coll, and Kyle Wiley to First Class
- Joey Rego to Second Class

We are getting ready for the Klondike district-wide winter activity with other area scout troops on Saturday,

January 12.

Scout Leader Kathy Bennett adds:

The Klondike winter activities are basically a day that the boys do activities outside in the snow and cold and is a fun way to test their winter skills. The boys push around a Klondike sled – a large wooden sled with skis on the bottom – with their gear, lunch, wood, etc. They stop at six stations. The stations consist of first aid, fire building, lashing, and other activities which vary from year to year. The patrol also has to cook lunch over a wood fire that they build.

Troop 489 will compete with other patrols from around the area such as Claremont, Newport, Lebanon, Enfield, Hanover, and New London. The event is held at Mascoma High School from 9 AM to 3 PM.



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Logan Smith shares his Christmas wish with Santa while his classmates wait their turns.  
Photo: Doreen Perreault

## East Andover Village Preschool

By Doreen Perreault

### East Andover Village Preschool

The wind is howling outside, icicles have formed around our windows, and the temperature outside reminds us what winters are like in New England.

Inside the little building on the hill, the preschool awakes. The heat hums to life, the lights go on, and the wood floor creaks and moans with every step.

It's Zach and Zoe who enter the building first. Usually the first to arrive, the twins wander in with their two big brothers faithfully behind them. They enter with bright eyes and anxious feet. Mom tries to help them out of their winter gear as Zach races to the sand table and Zoe to the markers on the table. Older brother Max reminds me that he is no longer in preschool and is now in the big school.

The bell on the doorknob gives a jiggle as Laryssa enters with a smile larger than life. She heads towards the table to greet her friends. She stops to give her little sister a hug.

Mikayla is not far behind. She proudly puts her snack box in its place and races to the window to wave goodbye to her Mom and older brother. It's not long before she heads to the table to join the others already creating their own masterpieces. She gives me the warmest hugs!

The scent of dry erase markers fills the room, and our senses are beginning to awake.

Owen charges in ready for the day ahead. He puts his name into the box before heading towards the block area. His little brother is not far behind. Mom gets a final kiss before heading out with her youngest, who fights and kicks, wishing he could stay to play.

Logan arrives with excitement in his voice and energy in his eyes. "What are we doing today?" he asks, still with his coat and boots on. "What can I do?" He finds his friend Owen busy building in the block area and with a quick kiss to his Mom, he is off creating his own construction site.

Cassidy quietly enters the classroom. She places her name in the bin, hangs up her coat, and shares a hug with Nana. "What are you doing?" is usually her first question of the day. She is always ready to hear what our day's adventures will be, details and all. She smiles with delight before heading to the kitchen area.

Kieran arrives with a smile. He checks out the classroom before jumping right in. It doesn't take long before his construction hat is on and his tool belt is strapped tightly around his waist. He is ready to build!

As 9 AM approaches, we begin to sing our clean-up song. The sound of little voices singing in the morning is quite amazing. When each toy has found its home, we head to our magic mats for Morning Circle.

Today it is Logan's turn to be our Lucky Duck this week. He beams with pride. It's his turn to be our line leader, our classroom helper, our story time leader. It's his chance to be this week's star.

Adam is the last to join our group. The sound of our singing brings him racing in to preschool worried he has missed out on something special. Adam loves music and is a great addition to our morning songs.

We stretch our bodies, shake our hands, and giggle with delight. And to think, it's just the beginning of another great day in Preschool I.

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Rebekah Stearns celebrates with her teammates after the Concord Lady Capitals won the 2007 Rail City Challenge Invitational Tournament in St. Albans, Vermont. Photo: Katherine Stearns

## LADY CAPITALS WIN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Rebekah Stearns was a goalie on the Concord Lady Capitals U-12 girls ice hockey team this year. The team plays throughout New Hampshire and New England.

The Stearns family attended the 2007 Rail City Challenge Invitational in St. Albans, Vermont, the weekend of December 15. The Lady Caps played four very competitive games during the snowy weekend.

The Lady Caps dominated the first game but lost to Montreal Lakeshore 3-2. In the second game, the Lady Caps fell behind the Exeter Freeze by 3-2 but then scored five unanswered goals to win 7-3. In their third game Concord shut out the host team, St.

Albans, by 7-0.

The championship game on Sunday was a rematch between the Lady Capitals and the only team to defeat them so far in the tournament – the Montreal Lakeshore. Concord racked up a 4-0 lead then ran out the clock to win 4-2. The entire team was named MVP of the game.

While the Canadian team was able to return home Sunday after the game, as Canada was only 17 miles away, the Concord team had to stay put due to the winter storm.

Over the course of the four-game weekend tournament, the Lady Caps defense allowed only 9 goals, while the offense scored 20 goals.



The Bobby Dunlap Holiday Tournament was held at Proctor Academy's ice rink again this year. Ronan Walsh (front left) of Andover closes in on an opponent. The Kearsarge Mites team beat Lebanon but lost to Nashua and was eliminated in the semifinals; the Squirts team beat Concord and tied Barre but lost to Concord in the championship game. Photo: Bob Bussey

On November 17, students in the Weapons Class at Andover Academy of Self Defense (top) tested with the weapon that they have been working with for the past year. Some students will continue to work with nunchakus, while others are now ready to begin learning how to handle sais, as well as continuing to train with the weapons they have already learned to use. Bo Staff: Nathan French. Nunchuchakus: Frank Cummings, Charlie Reed, Hunter Heath, Danny Cummings, Joren Schamel, Heidi Terwilliger, Nicholas Terwilliger, Michael Schamel.

Three students from the Andover Academy of Self Defense (bottom) tested on December 8 and advanced in rank. Michael Schamel advanced to first degree Brown Belt, and both Brian Alexander and Adam Hatch advanced to second degree Brown Belt.

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# Andover Outing Club



Returning jumper AJ King, (then age 7) talks things over with his father, Jared King (who is also a jumper) at the first meet last winter.

By Tim Norris

## Andover Outing Club Jumping Coach

The Andover Outing Club ski jumping program is off to a fast start, having had three practices before December 13 thanks to the early snow, cold weather, and support from Garry George at the Blackwater Ski Area.

We're very happy about a great group of new jumpers, including Scout Armstrong and Curtis Chamberlin from Andover. Returning Andover veterans include Jake Hubbard and Max and Sam Barrett. In all, there are 16 jumpers from Andover and surrounding towns, including three adults. We start on snow

bumps and work up to bigger hills at a leisurely pace.

The Blackwater Jump Complex has five different jumps – all built with volunteer help. The cost of the program is \$165, inclusive, for the year, or \$205 if one joins the US Ski Association.

If you are interested, call me at 735-5369.

Practices are on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 4 to 5:15 PM, and there are weekend meets throughout the winter. Anyone who wants to come check it out is welcome. People often come with friends who are already jumping to "have a look."



Some of the Andover Outing Club are ready for a day of skiing in Quebec. Front (l-r): Maddy Pfeifer, Ben Cox, Kelsey Allen, Thaddeus Bicknell, and Mindy Bicknell. Back: Coach Al Herschlag, Chip Chesley, Elizabeth Chesley, Patrick Allen, Greg Allen, Brooks Bicknell. Photo: Jane Slayton

By Lynn Cox

## Andover Outing Club

Who would have guessed that Andover would have so much snow in December? In a normal season, it doesn't.

Regardless, Coach Al Herschlag and the Andover Outing Club (AOC) Nordic skiers made their annual trip to the far north in search of snow for pre-season training. Mont Sainte Anne Resort in Quebec was the destination. It is the second-largest Nordic center in North America, with 228 kilometers of trails, and it is nearly always buried in snow in December.

This year, six of the AOC Nordic skiers (Maddy Pfeifer, Thaddeus Bicknell, Elizabeth Chesley, Ben Cox, Patrick Allen, and Kelsey Allen) and some of the parents, along with Coach Al, went to Canada for snow. The idea behind the pre-training is to gain kilometers under your skinny skis before the season's races begin.

The group, numbering 13 in all, skied

through the weekend with the oldest in the group covering nearly 65 kilometers of classic skiing, starting out in -3° F weather. Mont Ste Anne already had several feet of snow, and the nor'easter that hit Andover also hit Mt Ste Anne, dumping 18 inches of snow while AOC was there – what a blizzard!

Only on the final day did the temperature reach something considered warm, and the sky turned blue. Plans are to return to Mont Sainte Anne again next year in search of early snow.

The AOC is looking forward to hosting a Bill Koch League Sprint skate race on Sunday, January 6, at 1 PM here in Andover at the Blackwater Ski Area. Registration is at 11:30, cost is \$5 for New England Nordic Ski Association members, and \$10 for non-members. Junior high school and nordic combined racers are welcome! Or just come by to see some excellent nordic skiing by kids from ages 5 to thirteen and to cheer for the Andover Outing Club!



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# Andover One Wheelers

By Alan Hanscom  
Andover One Wheelers

Most of us have learned that traveling with your family or classmates can get interesting. Moving the Andover One Wheelers 2,200 miles from AE/MS to Apache Junction, Arizona, will be one of those challenges.

Reserving 40 airline tickets turned out to be one of the easiest parts of the planning process, thanks to Penny Pitou Travel and Southwest Airlines. After receiving the School Board's vote of confidence in September, we were able to hold the tickets with a telephone call. This bought us time to get final Board approval and a sense of how many One Wheelers and family members were likely to travel with us during February school vacation. An October deposit is holding those tickets until early January for the final, non-refundable payment.

Once we land in Phoenix, moving around the state becomes the next hurdle. Grabbing a taxi for 16 kids and 14 adults is not an option. With several dozen pieces of luggage and many tired bodies, an airport shuttle is the only way to go.

For the rest of the week a variety of buses are planned, from coach comfort for the three-hour trip to the Grand Canyon to basic school bus around Apache Junction. Bus departure times are set to make sure we arrive on time.

Napoleon determined 200 years ago that an army marches on its stomach, and the AOW is no different. We learned quickly that feeding and entertaining a child helps ward off the dreaded "Are we there

yet?!" Walking unannounced into a restaurant does not work either. Advanced planning and timing our activities around meal times gives the best results.

A favorite option during the Washington DC and Maine trips has been family buffet restaurants. They are the quickest way to get food on your plate. Even the pickiest eater can find something to satisfy their hunger. Adults and kids alike enjoy running the soft-serve ice cream machine or browsing the desserts.

One of the most important questions to ask before booking a block of ten hotel rooms for kids is "Will your swimming pool be open?" After a day of performing or sightseeing, they like to blow off steam in a heated, preferably indoor, pool. There's nothing like an empty concrete hole in the ground to create groans!

We try hard to find interesting and educational places to visit. We have seen forts, deep gorges, Smithsonian museums, high bridges, and mountain summits. This trip will include the Sonora Desert, a rodeo, 1,000-year-old cliff dwellings, a Renaissance fair, African animals, and the Grand Canyon.

The One Wheeler athletes and their families dedicate themselves year-round to entertaining appreciative crowds lining the parade routes. They perform in nearly a dozen parades between March and December, rain or shine. They practice in the gym every Wednesday during the school year. After racking up nearly 100 miles on a unicycle during the year, they have earned their trip!



Coach Ken Hollingsworth and Adam Smith of Andover hold the championship trophy, the Clark-Francis Bowl, that the Tilton School won following its undefeated season.

## Andover Student Helps Tilton School To Undefeated Season

The Tilton School's varsity football team ended its flawless season (9-0) and claimed the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) Championship over Rye Country Day School with an 18-6 win in the Clark-Francis Bowl at Gaskill Field in Worcester, Massachusetts on November 17. For the first time in the school's history, the Rams won nine games and

a championship. Adam Smith of Andover was a member of Tilton's undefeated football team. Adam, a sophomore, played guard on offense and linebacker on defense and was a valuable player on special teams. He missed one game because of a concussion. "Adam had an outstanding attitude and was a very hard worker," reports his coach, Ken Hollingsworth.



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David Benjamin helped decorate wreaths at AE/MS as townspeople prepared for the holidays. Photo: Bob Bussey

## AE/MS Parent-Teacher Organization

By Carmen Bates  
AE/MS PTO

With no meeting in the month of December, the PTO members found other ways to donate their time and talent to the school community. On December 1, over 250 wreaths were decorated by Jane Slayton, Linda DeMinico, Emily Furtkamp, Dee Benjamin, David Benjamin, Brandy Collette, Ethan Collette, Anne Hewitt, Maddy Pfeifer, and Carmen Bates.

Thank you to Dave Bates for the use of his truck and to Mike Wiley for getting all the wreaths on one truckload and getting them safely to the school. Thank you to all community members for buying wreaths and making our town look beautiful!

Loretta Bates has been busy making emergency window covers for the classroom windows, and we thank her for giving her talent for doing this for the school. She currently has five grandchildren at AE/MS.

On December 14, the Holiday Shoppe was opened for the students to purchase gifts for their family members. This is a wonderful tradition that is headed by Audrey Pellegrino. Many, many items were donated, and all were appreciated. It is these small gifts that make this a wonderful season.

Thank you to all the volunteers

on the day of the sale: Audrey Pellegrino, Cathy Ellis, Dee Benjamin, Gail Barton, Amanda Lauster, Becky Smart, Doreen Perreault, Sabine Stiles, Robin Rego, Lori Cox, Melanie Gotthardt, Nancy Abbott, Effie Brown, Betty Henderson, Heidi Terwilliger, Lee Donaldson, and Marilyn Gould. The eighth graders also helped the first and second graders do their shopping.

The staff members were given painted AE/MS ornaments as a holiday gift from the PTO.

As the new year begins, we would like to remind all parents to keep sending in Eagle Bucks to the staff members. Eagle Bucks are certificates that the PTO made to show the staff that we notice all of the extra efforts that they make with our children and in our community. During Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, they will be able use their bucks to bid at an auction. If parents need more Eagle Bucks, please request them from the office or call Carmen Bates at 735-5589.

Happy Birthday to our January staff members, Mrs. Bent, Mr. Hubbard, and Mrs. Donaldson!

Our next meeting is on January 7 at 6:30 PM in the AE/MS library, and all are welcome! If you would like to be on the e-mail list, drop me a note at [canddplus4@comcast.net](mailto:canddplus4@comcast.net).

## Proctor Academy Honor Roll

Fall Term - Day Students

### High Honors

Nick Aiken	New London
Taylor Berns	Georges Mills
Ben Berton	Andover
Geoff Bonewald	New London
Sarah Cottrill	New London
Annie Durkin	Elkins
Caleigh Erickson	Elkins
Rebecca Freyman-Bucchieri	New London
Will Henriques	Andover
Kate Homan	New London
John Howard	Salisbury
Jessy Lee	Concord
Danny Loehr	Andover
Rebecca O'Connor	Wilmot
Haley Peters	Andover
Morgan Saunders	Warner
Sophie Viandier	Andover
Caroline Wheeler	North Sutton
Kiersten Wulff	New London

### Honors

Josh Bennett	Andover
Jackson Bicknell	Andover
Daniel Blanchflower	Georges Mills
Erin Clayton	New London
Ryan Clayton	New London
Meredith Cline	Andover
Kayla Dansereau	Andover
Patty Dansereau	Andover
Tyler Erickson	Elkins
Kaitlin Fifield	Warner
Hannah Frantz	Andover
Jennifer Galligan	New London
Bridget Gilroy	Hopkinton
James Hanlon	Andover
Connor Herlitz	Bradford
Lindsay Hoar	New London
Kelsey Hughes	Hopkinton
Hannah Johnson	Andover
Kayla Johnson	Andover
Emma Jones	Andover
Tristan Jones	Andover
Madison Koenig	Wilmot Flat
Brian Lee	Concord
Lizie Loehr	Andover
Kayleigh Lutz	Newbury
Tim Meehan	Sunapee
Colin Nevins	Warner
Abby Plummer	Andover
Caroline Pond	Andover
Maddie Schiess	Wilmot
Rob Simpson	Sunapee
Blair Southworth	Andover
Story Southworth	Andover
Kali Stevens	New London
Crystal Williams	Wilmot
Allegra Zimmerman	Andover

## Andover Middle School Honor Roll

2007/2008 - First Trimester

### Grade 5 • High Honors

- Bailey Powers
- Fiona White

### Grade 5 • Honors

- Kelsey Allen
- Alicia Barry
- Nicole Barton
- Kelsie Berry
- Thaddeus Bicknell
- Olivia Blodgett
- Vincent Bolte
- Molly Comrie
- Taylor Duquette
- Daisy Elwette
- Erin Hanscom
- Austin Hawks
- Jesika Heath
- Olivia Henriques
- Shelby Perreault
- Eli Shedd
- Nicholas Terwilliger

### Grade 6 • High Honors

- Haley Adams
- Katelyn Ashburn
- Sam Barrett
- Monica Newton
- Michaela Trefethen

### Grade 6 • Honors

- Trenton Bonk
- Brooke Ellis
- Nathan French
- Erin Frost
- Jake Hubbard
- Kody Keller
- Emily Lance
- Seth Newton
- Tucker Peters
- Skyler Smith
- Rebekah Stearns

### Grade 7 • High Honors

- Jason Ashburn
- Alexis King
- Marissa Laro
- Kristi Perreault
- Madison Powers

### Grade 7 • Honors

- Cody Barton
- Ethan Barton
- Ben Cox
- Stephanie Croteau
- Ricky Dansereau
- Mariah Lansdown-Howard
- Meaghan Reid
- Mary Jane Wittel

### Grade 8 • High Honors

- Breanna Davis
- Caleb Frantz
- Siobhan Reid
- Michaela Trefethen

### Grade 8 • Honors

- Danielle Adams
- Patrick Allen
- Chantal Caron
- Jesse Coffey
- Brendan Coll
- Megan Hanscom
- Steele Henderson
- Rhianna Newton
- Maddy Pfeifer
- Joey Rego
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# NATURE'S CLASSROOM IN APRIL

By Carmen Bates  
AE/MS PTO

Fifth and sixth grade students of AE/MS have the opportunity to attend an environmental education program called Nature's Classroom on March 31 through April 4. The students and chaperones will be spending a week in a camp setting in Freedom, New Hampshire, exploring a variety of educational activities first hand in the great outdoors.

AE/MS has been taking students to Nature's Classroom for several years now. So much of what students learn at Nature's Classroom can be directly applied to their school life and future.

Nature's Classroom offers a unique educational experience to students and their teachers. The goal of Nature's Classroom is to create a living/learning community that integrates the social development of that community with academic experiences. Common goals that are woven throughout the experience are for the student to improve his or her self-concept; to work together with others for the positive benefit of all members of the community; to recognize that the community is comprised of individuals with their own individual needs; to appreciate the individuality and uniqueness of each other; and to gain an understanding of what education can offer him or her.

One of the most memorable experiences at Nature's Classroom from the last group that went was the Underground Railroad role-playing activity. An introductory explanation of the history of slavery in the United States sets the mood for the Underground Railroad. The students play the part of escaping

slaves journeying to Canada under the guidance of an adult "conductor." Along the way they must evade the sheriff and his bounty-hunters, follow signs left by helpful abolitionists, and seek shelter in the local safe-house.

It is a time for the kids to, under complete supervision, eat all meals together, share good experiences together, help each other through difficult times, live together, and have fun. From a past chaperone's point of view, "It is a wonderful outdoor experience that few kids get to experience. They learn a tremendous amount without even knowing that they are learning lifelong lessons."

After spending a week at Nature's Classroom, living and learning together, students develop a sense of community, a confidence in themselves, and an appreciation for others that carries over to the school community. The strengthened peer cooperation and expanded student-teacher relationships have an influence on the cognitive growth of the students throughout the school year. Together, they return to the classroom united through this shared experience to achieve the common goal of the pursuit of knowledge.

There is a cost for this program, which in addition to the educational experiences includes all lodging, meals, and snacks for the week. There is some fundraising money available to offset the price for each student, but it can still be a hardship for some families. For one child to attend camp, the cost is \$243. If you would like to help sponsor a child to be able to go on this unique and educational trip, please contact the school principal, Jane Slayton, at 735-5400.

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limited to only six attendees.

### Ski Program

The Town of Andover is once again generously making the ski program available and affordable to Andover families. The first ski day is January 11. Students have the opportunity to alpine ski or snowboard at Ragged Mountain or cross-country ski at Blackwater Ski Area. Any questions regarding this program should

be directed to Ellie and Howard George. Participating students will be dismissed early on Friday afternoons to participate in the Town program.

Those students who do not ski on Friday afternoons will have the opportunity to skate at the Proctor Academy rink. We appreciate Proctor Academy's staff for making this possible once again. Skaters will return to school in time for dismissal.

## Andover Lions Club Peace Poster Contest

Andover Lion Bill Leber (l) congratulates Sam Bentley for winning first place among AE/MS students in the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. Sam received a \$50 savings bond from the club. His poster will now go on to the next level of the nationwide competition.

Photo: Julie Gaudette



## First Grade Studies History & Art

By Jennifer Bent  
AE/MS First Grade Teacher

The first graders in Mrs. Bent's class are going back in time.

Tim Frost, the grandfather of first grader Jared Frost, has been volunteering in grade one. Recently, Mrs. Bent gave "Papa" a homework assignment. Tim went home and researched some of Andover's interesting moments in history. He returned to class with lots of amazing facts and photographs.

The children are each going to sit down with Papa and learn about their fact. Then the young illustrators will create a picture to accompany the fact they are given. A book will be created, entitled *Did You Know? Fun Facts About Andover, New Hampshire*. We are hoping to make several copies available in the library at our school.

Mr. Frost has been such a treat to have working with the children of Andover. His patience and kindness make all of the first graders delight in working with him. He has helped to make history come alive in the classroom, and students are realizing that Andover is quite an interesting place to live!

By Linda DeMinico  
AE/MS Art Teacher

The students in the first grade have been learning quite a bit about art this first trimester. Our most recent project involved many steps in learning. We first read two books. Our first book was *Round Trip* by Ann Jonas. It features a journey to and from a big city.

Our second book was *The Inside-Outside Book of New York City* by Roxie Munro. This book features the buildings and sites of New York City. We learned about the job of an architect, as we were going to design our own buildings for New York City. Our buildings were painted by mixing colors. Young students are fascinated when learning how to mix colors.

The buildings are unique, and some of the students thought that being an architect would be a good job for them as an adult. Our final steps were designing a big Christmas tree, just like the big one in New York City, and adding touches of snow and glitter.

The pictures are now hanging by the school library. Our display is named *New York City from Morning 'til Night*. For young students, learning art is a journey to new knowledge and understanding.

## Volunteer!

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Kindergarten students Brianna Tilton, Hannah Asbury, Braydon Kraft, Vienna Marcus, William Furtkamp, Chase Keyser, and Victoria Braley are thrilled with their purchases at the AE/MS Holiday Shoppe. Everyone at the school thanks all the Andover citizens who kept the spirit of Christmas alive in Andover by donating over 1,700 items for the Holiday Shoppe.  
Photo: Audrey Pellegrino

# AE/MS NEWS

By Jane Slayton  
AE/MS Principal

**Good news!** When students return to school in the fall they will have a new sidewalk stretching from Main Street to the school building. This will ease some of the congested parking lot problems and get pedestrians safely off the road.

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation administers the Safe Routes to School program (SRTS) in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration from which this grant was made available. Andover Elementary/Middle School was awarded \$45,000 for sidewalk construction. Through the same grant application, we also received encouragement to further study connecting the Northern Rail Trail to the school grounds and present this project in a future round of funding.

### The Sign Is Back

You will notice when driving onto school grounds that our school sign is back in place. The sign had an extreme makeover and looks better than ever! Kait Armstrong, local artist and parent, shared her expert touch to repaint and repair the sign. Lawre Goodnow was the original artist many years ago.

### Photos Needed For Yearbook

The AE/MS Yearbook committee is looking for candid pictures from school-related events that took place in the spring of 2007. (Examples: track

and field, SHARE Day, Spring Concert, Science Fairs, Andover Idol, Poetry Night, LEGO club, and field trips). All pictures need to be on photo-quality paper. Please do not send originals. We will cut up these photos, so please send in a copy that you do not want returned. Pictures on CDs are always welcome! Any questions, please contact Mrs. Tide, Yearbook Advisor, during regular school hours.

### Derrick Nowell, Geography Champ

Congratulations to eighth grade student Derrick Nowell! Derrick is the AE/MS geography champion and will now proceed to the next phase of the National Geographic Geography Bee by taking a written examination. Good luck, Derrick!

### Spelling Bee

Finalists were named for the AE/MS Spelling Bee following a written spelling test administered at the classroom level. Now it is time to study, study, and study before the next round. The school winner will be determined on January 16 and will advance to the regional level.

### Student Leadership Summit

Six seventh grade students were selected to attend a Student Leadership Summit at New England College in early January. We would love to take our entire Student Council, but were

See AE/MS on page 35

## MVHS Honor Roll

2007/2008 - First Term  
Andover Students

### 2008 • High Honors

- Ian Coll
- Tyler Fenton

### 2008 • Honors

- James Carey
- Andrew Donaldson
- Claire Dusell
- Abigail Seaver
- Charles St. Jacques
- Patrick Whalen

### 2009 • Honors

- Zachary Barton
- John Bridgmon
- Krystin Corliss
- Abigail Lance
- Lorna Smith

### 2010 • High Honors

- Elizabeth Stearns

### 2010 • Honors

- Joshua Bond
- Cole Hawes
- Gregory Hewitt
- Amy Lamos
- Gary Mason
- Elizabeth Rego
- Cory Wiley

### 2011 • High Honors

- Shawna Barton
- Rebecca Lance

### 2011 • Honors

- Henry Bendel
- Jacob Frost
- Katie Keller
- Kassie Lamper
- Emily Laro
- Zoe Stoddard

High Honors: All As  
Honors: All As or Bs

## MVHS News

### Dear Santa...

Please bring the parents of MV students brand new digital cameras. This way they can donate their old, still useable video cameras (nothing too old, maybe from the 90's on up) to the school. There are many things we could do with cameras. Students who have to do speeches can film themselves, rewind, and see what they need to work on. Other students could create digital stories like the ones students at Mabry Middle School in Georgia create at MabryOnline.org. We have the software to make these, but we don't have a lot of filming equipment.

### National Honor Society

Tyler Fenton of Andover was one of five MVHS seniors inducted into the Peter J. Murphy Chapter of the National Honor Society on November 15.

### Math Team

The MVHS Math Team moved from third into second place in the Lakes Region Math League competition. Perfect scores in the individual categories were recorded by Ian Coll of Andover recorded a perfect score in each of two categories, and Megan Coll, also of Andover, had a perfect score in one category.

### Student Of The Month

Shawna Barton and Elizabeth Rego of Andover were nominated as November's Student of the Month at MVHS.

# Mark Your Calendar!

- Jan 7: Board of Selectmen, 7
- Jan 7: Andover PTO, AE/MS Library, 6:30
- Jan 8: Planning Board, 7
- Jan 8: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30
- Jan 8: Building Inspector, 7-8
- Jan 8: Andover Rescue Squad, East Andover Fire Station, 7
- Jan 8: Planning Board, 7
- Jan 9: Andover Service Club, Potter Place, 10
- Jan 9: Public Hearing on the School Budget, 7
- Jan 9: Conservation Committee, 7:30
- Jan 10: Recreation Committee, AE/MS Science Room, 7
- Jan 10: Recycle Committee, 7
- Jan 11: Annual reports due from town committees for the 2007 Town Report
- Jan 12: Bachelder Book Club, Bachelder Library, 8 AM
- Jan 12: Wyldlife Sliding Party, Sam Hill Road, 5
- Jan 12: Proctor Concert Series, Norris Family Theater, 8
- Jan 14: Snowmobile Club, AE/MS, 7
- Jan 14: Lions Club, Mr. D's, 6:30
- Jan 14: Cable TV Committee, 7:30
- Jan 15: WCA Senior Lunch, Wilmot, 526-4540, 12
- Jan 15: Kearsarge Area ADD/ADHD Parent Support Group, Tracy Memorial Library, New London, 6:30
- Jan 15: Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:30
- Jan 15: Building Inspector, 7-8
- Jan 15: **Deadline for Material for February Beacon**
- Jan 16: Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, AE/MS Science Room, 7
- Jan 16: Public Hearings on budgets for East Andover Fire Precinct, Andover Fire Precinct, Andover Village District, Andover Town Budget, 7
- Jan 17: Library Trustees, 7:30
- Jan 20: East Andover Grange Hall Restoration Baked Goods Sale, 11
- Jan 21: Board of Selectmen, 7
- Jan 22: Building Inspector, 7-8
- Jan 23: Filing Period for town officers begins; file at Town Clerk's office during regular hours
- Jan 22: Planning Board, 7
- Jan 26: Andover Snowmobile Club Italian Buffet, AE/MS, 5-6:30
- Jan 28: Master Plan Update Committee, 7
- Jan 29: Building Inspector, 7-8
- Jan 29: Andover Fish & Game, East Andover Clubhouse, 7:30
- Feb 3: Youth group dinner, Andover Fire Dept, 5
- Feb 4: Board of Selectmen, 7
- Feb 5: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30
- Feb 6: Fourth of July Committee, Andover Fire Station, 7
- Feb 7: Kearsarge Masonic Lodge, Potter Place, 7:30