



Margo Coolidge (l) and Mary Lloyd-Evans both sang in the 120-voice Pemigewasset Choral Society's spring concert in early May. Also singing was Freeman Donovan (not pictured). Photo: Heather Makechnie

## Andover Democratic Committee

By Robin Boynton  
Andover Democrats

Andover Democrats at their May meeting worked out details for an August 17 picnic-rally and for the sale of "Lunch With Jeanne Shaheen" raffle tickets. Participation with Democratic candidates in the Fourth of July parade

also was planned.

All the registered Democrats in Andover form a committee-of-the-whole, and all are urged to attend the monthly meetings. The next will be Wednesday, June 18, at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall downstairs meeting room. Rep. Matthew Houde, a candidate for the seat of retiring Peter Burling, our district's incumbent state senator, will attend the June meeting.

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# Andover Libraries

By Diane Rice  
Andover Library Trustees

This summer we're going Down Under! Join the fun at the Andover Public Library during July and August as the Summer Reading Program journeys by movies, books, crafts, and guest speakers to explore the exciting land of Australia.

Children in grades kindergarten through eighth are invited to sign up at the Andover Library where Mrs. Poulin will have more detailed information for all. Information will also be forthcom-

ing from AE/MS. The groups will be divided by grade level – kindergarten through second, third through fifth, and sixth through eighth – with appropriate activities for all concerned.

Each group will meet once every other week. All are encouraged to attend, even if a session or two might be missed because of other travel. The last session will be special, with a raffle, prizes, and certificates of attendance.

Make this part of your children's vacation fun, and mark the dates on your calendars: July 7 through August 13.

## Summer Theatre in Meredith

By Nancy Barry  
The Summer Theatre

Tickets are now on sale for The Summer Theatre in Meredith Village. This professional summer stock theatre will give performances this summer at the Inter-Lakes Auditorium on Route 25 in Meredith.

The season includes *Always*, *Patsy*

*Cline*; *Carousel*; *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*; *Anything Goes*; and the comic farce, *Lend Me a Tenor*. Tickets can be purchased separately or as a subscription for adults, seniors, and children.

For more information or to order tickets, contact Nancy Barry at 888-245-6374 or [lynnsilouis@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnsilouis@yahoo.com).

## Bachelor Book Club

By Brandy Collette  
Bachelor Book Club

It was such a pleasure to see so many smiling faces at our last meeting on Saturday, May 10. The food was delicious and our discussions were enlightening, as always! I also need to send out a big "Thank you" to all of you for making this book club so successful!

The next book for our June 14 meeting is *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. Here is a brief synopsis from the publisher:

"Somewhere in South America, at the home of the country's vice president,

a lavish birthday party is being held in honor of Mr. Hosokawa, a powerful Japanese businessman. Roxanne Coss, opera's most revered soprano, has mesmerized the international guests with her singing. It is a perfect evening – until a band of gun-wielding terrorists breaks in through the air-conditioning vents and takes the entire party hostage.

"But what begins as a panicked, life-threatening scenario slowly evolves into something quite different, as terrorists and hostages forge unexpected bonds and people from different countries and continents become compatriots.

"Without the demands of the world to shape their days, life on the inside becomes more beautiful than anything they had ever known before. At once riveting and impassioned, the narrative becomes a moving exploration of how people communicate when music is the only common language. Friendship, compassion, and the chance for great love lead the characters to forget the real danger that has been set in motion and cannot be stopped."

Mary will most probably have the books at Bachelor Library, so be sure to give her a call or just stop by to pick up your copy. At [LitLovers.com/guide\\_belcanto.html](http://LitLovers.com/guide_belcanto.html) you will find a bit about Ann Patchett, her other works, and discussion questions.

I was also wondering if each one of us may want to come to the next meeting with two new book ideas for future reads? We had a rhythm down during our first few meetings regarding new books, and it was exciting to be able to pick up our new book as we were dropping off the last. Let me know what you think.

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