



The dam at the old shingle mill (seen here in a 2008 photo), just downstream of the Highland Lake Dam, needs to be lowered by six feet according to the state.
Staff photo: Charlie Darling

Selectmen Plan To Bring Highland Lake Dam Into Compliance

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

Everyone thought the Highland Lake dam project was finished when the last layer of asphalt was rolled out last year and the guardrails installed. But it turns out there's one more issue that must be dealt with.

Even though the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) signed off on the Town's engineering plans for rebuilding the Highland Lake dam in 2007, DES has since increased the dam's hazard classification from Significant Hazard (the classification the dam held for many years) to High Hazard. This change in classification doubles (to \$1,500) the dam registration fee the Town pays to DES every year, and it increases the Town's liability if there ever were damage caused by

a problem with the dam.

But, those problems are moot, as DES insists that the Town take steps to reduce the Highland Lake dam's classification from High Hazard (meaning a failure would result in probable loss of human life).

The Board of Selectmen have appealed the dam's new classification twice to DES, but both appeals were denied. The Board contends that if DES had raised these issues before approving the Town's plans for rebuilding the dam, the Town would have had the option to "over-engineer" the new dam enough to at least retain its long-time Significant Hazard classification.

When the appeals were denied, the Board took up the matter with legal
See Dam on page 4



Apple cider production was going full tilt at Highland Lake Apple Farm during its annual AppleFest celebration the weekend of September 26. While visitors from near and far picked their own apples in the orchard, Peter Zak (l) and his granddaughter Alaina Chmielinski, with the help of Alaina's friend Catherine Phelan (r), loaded apples into the chopper in preparation for squeezing fresh cider.

Highland Lake Apple Farm, on Maple Street in East Andover, will be open weekends for pick-your-own apples, cider, honey, vinegar, jams, jellies, and candles through November 7.
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Getting Ready For Seasonal And H1N1 Flu In Andover

The *Beacon* has received a lot of information from healthcare organizations about the seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu (often called "swine flu"). Here is a summary of the information we've received, with suggestions at the end about how to get more information.

Two Different Flu Strains

Both the seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu are Influenza A viruses, but they are two different strains. The seasonal flu has been around before, creating an ongoing immunity in the community that prevents widespread transmission. H1N1, however, is a relatively new strain of the influenza virus, so there isn't immunity in the community to stop it from spreading rapidly.

The two flu strains have different impacts on different groups of people. First, let's consider the risk of catching

the flu. If you're exposed to the seasonal flu virus, the risk of coming down with the seasonal flu is about the same for everyone.

If you're exposed to the H1N1 flu virus, you seem to be more likely to come down with the H1N1 flu if you are a child and or a young adult up to about age 25. No one is sure why this group is more easily infected by the H1N1 virus than people who are older.

As with any virus, people like healthcare workers or people with children in school or daycare are more likely to be exposed to either the seasonal or H1N1 flu virus, of course, and are therefore more likely to get the flu than people who are exposed to either virus less frequently.

Once you have the flu, what are the risks of developing complications (some
See Flu on page 5

Things To Know Before Heading Down To Making Strides In Concord

By the Making Strides Planning Committee

The American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event will take place on Sunday, October 18, at Memorial Field. The Concord Planning Committee invites you to join thousands of other participants who are making a difference in the fight against breast cancer. Registration starts at 11 AM. The survivor photo and opening ceremonies will take place at 12:45 PM, and the walk will begin at 1 PM.

When you participate in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, you are:
• Helping someone with breast cancer find a ride to treatment or a free

place to stay

• Keeping the phone lines open every minute of every day and night for questions that need answers



Breast cancer survivors at the 2008 Making Strides event

• Connecting people who are newly diagnosed with survivors who have "been there"

See Strides on page 35

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Many Andover people have had their lives affected in some way by this disease. Many Andover people will be very active this month, raising awareness and funds to defeat this disease. Coverage begins above and continues on page 35.

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Five years ago this month the first issue of the "new" *Beacon* appeared! A lot has changed over those five years – most notably, the number of pages has more than doubled – but our mission has remained constant: to serve and strengthen the Andover community.

To that end, it's time to make another change and get more dissenting voices in the *Beacon*. Please read the details of this big challenge in *Where's The Outrage?* on page 9, then do your part to be sure all points of view on Andover issues are reflected in the *Beacon*.

Last month's new *Mark Your Calendar* section generated some controversy, so we've refined it further this month (page 24). Please let us know if there are more improvements we can make.

Over the past five years, the work and expense involved in preparing the *Beacon* each month has more than doubled. Your participation – as a donor, a volunteer, or both! – is vital to keeping this important project going. Thanks!



Next Issue of the Beacon...

...should be in mailboxes on Friday, Oct. 30. Please get all ads, articles, etc. to us by **Thursday, October 15**, at the latest. And **earlier is always better!**

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Mary Kay - Laura Condon	Gift Certificate	Elizabeth Elenowitz
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Winners – call volunteer Judy Evans at 735-5331 to collect your prize.
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(United Church of Warner)
- 9 am ARTS & CRAFTS AND FARMER'S
MARKET OPEN (Town Hall)
- 9 am COUNTRY BAZAAR OPENS
(Kearsarge Mtn. Rd)
- 10 am MIDWAY OPENS
- 10 am-2 pm FACE PAINTING (by Harriman Monument)
- 10:30 am OXEN COMPETITION RESUMES (all day)
- 10:30-11:15 am FOUNTAIN SQUARE RAMBLERS
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- 11:45 am LOBSTER DINNER & CHICKEN BBQ
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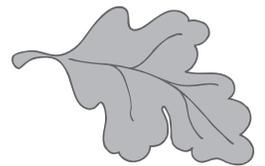
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Andover's Total Valuation May Have Dropped Slightly

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

As this issue went to press, the final numbers of Andover's recent revaluation weren't available, but Mark Stetson of Avitar had a pretty good feel for what they'd look like.

The last time Andover property valuations were updated was in 2004. Since then the real estate market has risen (until about 2007) and then dropped. By April 1, 2009 (the effective date of the current valuation update), Mark says the local real estate market was "close to where it was in 2004." So barring any changes to a given property or any other significant shifts in its fair market value, you would expect that property's 2009 valuation to be pretty close to its 2004 valuation.

"If a property value increased," Mark says, "it was usually a result of improvements to that property." Other reasons behind an increase (or decrease) in a property's value might be its fair market value (based on the actual selling price of similar properties), or the assessors may have found and corrected an error in the property's data card.

Revaluation Appointments

In mid-September Avitar scheduled appointments for people who wanted to discuss their new valuation. Forty-one people scheduled appointments to discuss their property – about 2.6% of the properties in town.

Several owners had specific questions about statistical information, such as sheds or the number of bedrooms and the like. Avitar's assessing staff visited a number of those properties to verify the information, and they made changes to the property's valuation if necessary.

Other property owners weren't clear as to why their assessments changed. The assessing staff went over with them the methods they used to calculate the property's current fair market value and its new assessment.

Several property owners came in to discuss their property taxes and the fact that they continue to increase each year. "This is not an assessing issue, but a by-

product of the tax system in the state of New Hampshire," says Mark. "Trying to explain that to people is very tricky." [You'll see just how tricky it is when I try to explain it below.]

Although the numbers aren't final yet, it appears to Mark that the town's total valuation (the sum of the value of all the properties) has dropped slightly.

Impact On Taxes

But Mark is quick to point out that a lower total valuation doesn't mean lower taxes! It just means that each person's property value gets divided by a slightly smaller number (the total valuation) to determine what portion of the money to be raised by taxes that person is responsible for. If that person's individual property value dropped by the same percent as the total valuation, they'd be responsible for exactly the same portion of the money to be raised by taxes as they were before the revaluation. If it dropped by more than the total valuation, they'd be responsible for less.

But even that calculation won't tell you if your tax bill is going up or down – you still have to factor in the town, fire, county, and school budgets. If they're up enough this year, even a property that is responsible for a smaller portion of the money to be raised by taxes may have a larger tax bill than they did with their old valuation and smaller budgets.

In other words, a smaller piece of a bigger pie may still be bigger than a bigger piece of a smaller pie. Just knowing how much your property valuation changed doesn't tell you whether your tax bill will be higher or lower than last year.

Later this year, the missing pieces of the puzzle – the total valuation; the final budgets; and the final revenues available to offset expenses – will come together, and our tax bills will arrive in the mail.

But whether your tax bill is bigger, smaller than last year, it's not the revaluation that caused the change: It's the combination of your property's assessment; the total of all property assessments in Andover; and the total dollars that need to be raised by taxes that determine your tax bill each year.



In this photo, taken from the overpass looking toward the Potter Place railroad station in the distance, you can see that the grading has been started for the new parking lot at the intersection of Routes 4 and 11 in Potter Place. Town Administrator Dana Hadley is looking into providing easy access for snowmobiles from the new parking lot to the rail trail.

Also this month the detour around the overpass – Potters Road to Cilleyville Road to Depot Street – has been paved in anticipation of the overpass being torn down in the spring. Staff photo: Charlie Darling

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counsel. Counsel's advice was that it would cost a lot to fight DES' decision in court, and the Town would have little chance to win the case.

Three Options

In the meantime, DES issued a Letter of Deficiency, telling the Town it must get the dam out of the High Hazard classification. The letter offered a choice of three different ways to achieve that goal.

- Lower Highland Lake by four feet. (Less water behind the dam means less risk.)
- Remove the dam. (No dam, no risk.)
- Remove a significant portion of the privately-owned millpond dam at the old shingle mill, just downstream of the Highland Lake dam. (This would prevent the life-threatening scenario in which a leak in the Highland Lake dam releases so much water so quickly that it builds up behind the millpond dam and floods the adjacent residence.)

Needless to say, the Selectmen never for a moment considered the first two options. But the third option presents its own set of problems:

1. Permission. The millpond dam is privately owned.

2. Demolition Cost. It will cost about \$4,000 to lower 27 feet of the millpond dam by six feet, which is what DES requires.

3. Permits and Reviews. The project will require a dam permit; a wetlands permit; possibly a shoreline permit; and an historical review. The application fees for those permits total approximately \$6,000.

To address the first issue, the Board has worked with the owner of the millpond dam. According to Town Administrator Dana Hadley, the owners have been sympathetic to the Town's plight and have granted their permission to tear down the part of the millpond dam that DES wants gone.

To keep the costs as low as possible, instead of hiring an environmental engineer for the complex and demanding job of filling out the applications for all the required permits, Dana will get help on the technical issues from DES and do the applications himself.

Dana says that there's one bit of good news in this whole affair. "If we have to spend money on this, this is the year to do it. If things go according to plan, we may be able to cover the cost of the project with budget savings we've realized this year. With the economy down and work scarce, we've been getting some pretty good deals, so this unexpected expense may not turn out to be a budget-buster after all."

And with luck, this may mark the *real* end of the project to re-build the Highland Lake dam.

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of which could be serious or even life-threatening)? Again, the two types of flu behave differently.

The seasonal flu poses a greater risk of complications for young children and for individuals 65 or over, especially those with underlying medical issues, than it does for the general population. Both flu strains present a higher risk of complications for pregnant women and for anyone with underlying medical issues than for the general population.

Flu Shots

Experts agree that one of the best things you can do to protect yourself and your family is to get flu shots. The vaccine for the seasonal flu and the vaccine for the H1N1 flu are separate vaccinations. The CDC is encouraging people to get both vaccinations as soon as each is available.

The seasonal flu vaccine is already available, and local healthcare organizations have scheduled clinics and other ways to get your seasonal flu vaccination.

• **Dr. Amy Schneider** will be offering vaccinations in her office on Lawrence Street starting Monday, October 19. Call 735-4363 after Thursday, October 15, for an appointment.

• **New London Hospital** is participating with the Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice and other organizations on seasonal flu shot clinics at health fairs in Grantham on Saturday, October 3, and in New London on Saturday, October 24.

• **Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice** has scheduled many seasonal flu clinics in the area, including one at the Andover Town Hall on Wednesday, October 21, from 2 to 4 PM. The complete schedule appears on this page.

• **Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center** has scheduled free seasonal flu shot clinics on Sundays, October 18 and 25 and November 1, and on Saturday, November 14 from 8 AM to 1 PM.

• **Franklin Regional Hospital's** Infusion Therapy department will offer seasonal flu vaccinations to people over the age of nine. Call 934-2060 extension 8850 for an appointment.

• People over the age of nine can get a seasonal flu shot at **Lakes Region General Hospital** Emergency Department between 9 AM and noon or 4 to 7 PM, seven days per week, without an appointment.

The H1N1 vaccine is expected to

begin shipment by mid-October, possibly sooner. When it is available, check with local healthcare organizations to learn when and where you can be vaccinated.

Emergency Warning Signs

Many people who get either strain of flu this season will just stay home, get plenty of rest, drink lots of fluids, and recover without a problem. But if you or your child exhibit any of these emergency warning signs, get medical care right away.

Emergency warning signs for adults:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting

Emergency warning signs for children:

- Fast or troubled breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- So irritable they don't want to be held
- Symptoms improve, but then return with fever and worse cough
- Fever with a rash

Preventing The Spread Of Flu

The best ways to prevent the spread of flu include:

- Stay home from work or school if you are sick! Don't return until your fever has been gone for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medication like Tylenol.
- Cover your cough with your elbow, if no tissue is available.
- Wash your hands often.
- Encourage everyone you know to follow these precautions.

For More Information

The CDC and the US Department of Health and Human Services Web sites are important sources of information for individuals and for healthcare groups. Visit Flu.gov or CDC.gov/Flu.

For information from the State of New Hampshire, visit www.DHHS.NH.gov or call the state's Flu Hotline at 888-330-6764 between 8 AM and 8 PM.

For more local information, contact:

- New London Hospital, 526-2911 or NewLondonHospital.org
- Lake Sunapee VNA and Hospice, 526-4077 or LakeSunapeeVNA.org
- LRGHealthcare, 527-7069 or www.LRGH.org



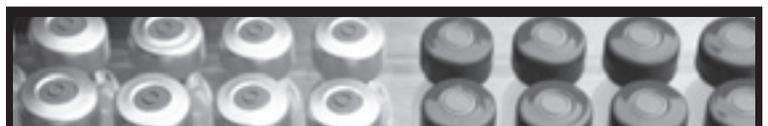
Bill Matulevich sent this photo of the installation of new power poles on Elkins Hill Road in Cilleyville.

DOT Holds Public Hearing In Andover On 10-Year Transportation Plan

On Wednesday, October 28, the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation will hold a regional public hearing at 4 PM in the Andover Town Hall to review and receive input on the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's recommended update of the state's Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan, which covers the years 2011 through 2020.

Copies of any documents related to the Plan are available at nh.gov/dot/org/ projectdevelopment/planning/typ/ (all lower case!) or by contacting the Bureau of Planning at 271-3344.

The meeting in Andover is one of 36 public hearings in towns around the state to receive public comment and testimony on the projects and materials included in the draft Plan. Those not able to attend the meetings can submit written testimony no later than Friday, November 13, to William Cass, NHDOT, PO Box 483, Concord 03302-0483 or BCass@dot.state.nh.us.



VNA Seasonal Flu Clinic

Saturday, October 3	Grantham Health Fair at the Town Offices	9:00-12:00
Wednesday, October 7	Hilltop, New London (Residents Only)	11:00-1:00
Tuesday, October 13	Council on Aging, New London	12:00-3:00
Wednesday, October 14	Goshen Town Hall	11:00-12:00
Thursday, October 15	St. Andrews Church, New London	1:00-2:30
Thursday, October 15	Wilmot Town Offices	9:00-11:00
Friday, October 16	Washington Town Hall, Washington	6:00-7:00
Monday, October 19	Sutton Town Hall	4:00-6:00
Tuesday, October 20	Warner United Methodist Church	10:00-12:00
Wednesday, October 21	Colonial Pharmacy, New London	10:00-12:00
Wednesday, October 21	Andover Town Hall	2:00-4:00
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Wednesday, October 28	Presbyterian Church, New London	10:00-12:00
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Q&A From Bradley Lake Water Quality Meeting: Part 1

Several questions were received by the organizers of the Bradley Lake meeting on August 24, and more were received at the meeting. This is the first installment of the promised answers. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Web site at DES.NH.gov is a great resource and has many fact sheets, instructions, forms and information.

Q: It was stated to me that Bradley Loop is a private road, not maintained by the town. True?

A: That is true. Bradley Loop is not owned by the Town.

Q: How far is Bradley Lake Road plowed in the winter? If not to the end, are there plans to extend the plowing to the end?

A: Bradley Lake Road is a Class 5 road from Lawrence Street to the junction of the southern end of Bradley Loop and is maintained by the Town summer and winter. After the southern end of Bradley Loop, the road is a Class 5 road designed as Summer Maintenance Only. There are no plans to change this. Changes to road status are decided by Town Meeting.

Q: What are the restrictions on fertilizer use around the lake?

A: There is an educational mailing that goes to all property owners around Bradley Lake every three years pertaining to do's and don'ts, including the use of fertilizer. There are copies at the

Town Office. Here's what it says:

- Do use non-toxic and less toxic alternatives to pesticides and household chemicals.

- Do follow package directions on pesticides, fertilizers, and other household chemicals.

- Do test soil every two years to determine existing nutrient levels and pH before applying fertilizer.

- Do use slow or controlled release sources of nitrogen.

- Do measure the area of your lawn to be fertilized to determine how much to use.

- Don't buy more pesticides or hazardous chemicals than you need.

- Don't dispose of hazardous chemicals by pouring them down the drain or on the ground.

- Don't over-use pesticides or household chemicals. More is not necessarily better.

- Don't pour chemicals down the sink or toilet.

- Don't use fertilizers if heavy rains are anticipated, as the nutrients will be flushed from the lawn into drains and low areas.

- Don't apply fertilizers within 10 feet of culverts, drainage ditches, wells, roadways, and walks, or within 25 feet of the lake or stream as required by the Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act (CPSA). Only limestone can be applied within 25 feet.

Q: There are people who always break the rules. If we tell them to stop doing what they are doing, they ignore us. Who do we call to get the rules enforced? And people who own outboard motors with higher horsepower than permitted: What will they have to do? Who will enforce?

A: The Andover District Commissioners will be working with the Town Administrator Dana Hadley and Select Board to come up with an enforcement policy. Until then, report problems to Dana at 735-5332.

Q: "No dogs" anywhere in the lake, versus "No swimming/fishing" in only part of the lake. Why is the dog rule more stringent than the people rule?

A: It is based on how the rule is worded – the wording on these two restrictions remains unchanged since 1948. It is possible for the Town to work with DES to try to change the rule.

Q: Is tree cutting allowed?

A: Tree cutting falls under the CSPA. What is allowed depends on how far from shore the cutting will be. A one-page summary of the CSPA is posted on the bulletin board at the Town Office. There are sample applications and worksheets on the DES Web site.

Here is a summary of the CSPA cutting rules.

Within 50 feet of the water:

- A buffer must be maintained. There is a grid and point system to determine how much can be cut. Go to the DES Web site under CSPA to get the worksheets on how to compute this.

- No natural ground cover may be removed except for a footpath to the water that does not exceed six feet in width.

- No cutting or removal of vegetation below three feet in height (excluding lawns). Stumps, roots, and rocks must remain intact in and on the ground.

Within 50 to 150 feet from the water

- If lot is 1/2 acre or more, the vegetation within at least 50% of the area shall

remain in an unaltered state.

- If the lot is less than 1/2 acre, the vegetation within at least 25% of the area shall remain in an unaltered state.

Q: Are permits needed for docks? How does one get a permit?

A: Yes, a permit is needed. Go to the DES Web site or call the DES Wetlands Bureau at 271-2147. There are expedited provisions to replace a dock in the exact same footprint. A dock fact sheet is being written.

Q: How are new property owners told about the rules?

A: The Town Administrator has begun a new procedure. All new property owners on Bradley Lake will be sent a copy of the rules.

Q: How are renters told about the rules?

A: It is the responsibility of the owner to advise renters of the rules.

Q: Where is the sign near the dam with the rules and regulations for swimming and motorboat horsepower?

A: The sign disappeared a number of years ago. The Town is now working on a replacement sign. The DES rules state "The Andover Precinct shall post a summary of the prohibitions ... at all public access locations where persons might reasonably be expected to access Bradley Lake or its tributaries."

Q: What does the treatment facility do? Why are there these restrictions if the treatment facility can clean up the water?

A: The treatment facility filters the water, disinfects it with chlorine, and increases the water's pH to reduce the acidity. Chlorination cannot remove some of the bacteria spread by human and cattle fecal matter.

Q: Can water quality testing results be printed in the *Beacon*?

A: Every year, a Consumer Confidence Report is generated based on the annual water testing and is distributed to all water customers in the Village District. One is also on file at Town Hall and is available from the Clerk/Treasurer of the District. All testing results are also found on the DES Web site. We will see about getting them published in the *Beacon*.

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Ethney McMahon (l) tapes Donna Baker-Hartwell reading an excerpt from *Elder Moody's Hat* for the new video *This Old Town*, which will air this month on Andover's community access cable channel. Photo: Larry Chase

Video Based On *Elder Moody's Hat* To Air

Bringing together a cast of 35 Andover residents and a wide variety of visual material, two Andover Historical Society volunteers have produced two half-hour television programs focusing on events and characters in the town's history.

The programs, entitled *This Old Town*, will be shown in the coming months on Andover's community access cable channel, Comcast Channel 8. Check the channel guide on the Town Web site at AndoverNH.us.com for airing times.

The programs are based on excerpts from *Elder Moody's Hat*, a collection of newspaper columns about local history written in the 1960s and '70s by the late Ralph Chaffee and published in book form two years ago by the Andover Historical Society. Chaffee was a long-time Andover resident and town official for whom the public beach at Highland Lake was named.

Each program consists of local residents reading Chaffee's observations about Andover life beginning in the 18th century and continuing through the mid-20th century. Visuals accompanying the readings include early local film footage and photographs, as well as contemporary video sequences.

Included are segments about town government, schools, religious life, libraries, cemeteries, businesses, methods of transportation, Andover's elk herd, various local characters, and other subjects.

The programs are dedicated to the memory of the late Roger Godwin, a long-time Andover selectman and proponent of community access television

who died earlier this year. Godwin appears in the first program, reading a segment about town government.

Readers in the first half-hour segment include (in order of appearance) Ed Hiller, Dennis Fenton, Roger Godwin, Vicky Mishcon, Dana Hadley, Marj Roy, Shirley Currier, Priscilla Poulin, Donna Baker-Hartwell, Robin Boynton, Chuck Will, Jerry Bliss, Larry Chase, Deb Brower, Michele Bengivengo, Gail Beaufays, Diane Rice, Rick Libbey, Jim Goody, Tina Cotton, and Mary Hiller.

In the second half-hour, readers include (also in order of appearance) Pat Cutter, Roger Henderson, Art Urie, Irene Jewett, Paul Fenton, Les Fenton, Bob Hamilton, Ken Reid, Marilyn Gould, Don Gould, Myra Mayman, Jim Goody, Charlie Darling, and Mary Anne Broshek.

The programs were videotaped and edited by Ethney McMahon of Digital Witch Video Productions, a local TV production company. All visual material accompanying the readings was photographed, filmed, or videotaped in Andover. Producer was Larry Chase, a retired public relations worker. Piano music accompanying the readings was provided by Chuck Will. Hosting the programs for the Andover Historical Society is Ed Hiller.

The two programs will be combined on a single DVD entitled *This Old Town* and offered for sale by the Andover Historical Society. For information on how to purchase, contact Historical Society president Pat Cutter at 735-5628.

State Opens Unemployment Services Branch In Franklin

By Heather Makechnie
Beacon staff

New Hampshire Employment Security has opened a new branch office at the Franklin Public Library. Previously Andover residents needed to travel to Concord for the nearest services. Now they can go to the upstairs meeting room of the library from 9 AM to 3 PM on Tuesdays for one-on-one help with unemployment claims and with some referral services. No appointment is necessary.

At 10 AM each Tuesday there is

the option of attending workshops, including resume building, networking, and job search guidance, using the library computers.

Jim Hubbell is available one Tuesday a month, normally the last Tuesday, to help veterans. No appointment is needed; however, it is best to call 228-4110 to be certain of the date.

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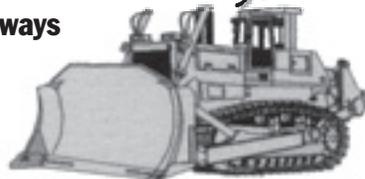


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Concord Man Abuses Andover Couple's Kindness

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

On Sunday, September 13, Sean Cook sat in the back of the Boscawen Congregational Church waiting for the service to end. When it did, he spoke with Pastor Linda Gray about getting help and a ride to Andover.

He'd lost his job, he told the pastor, and his apartment in Concord. He said he'd been homeless for six weeks.

Pastor Gray introduced the man

to Roy and Ann Meier, who live on Lawrence Street in Andover and attend Boscawen Congregational. Roy and Ann offered him a ride to Bradley Lake, where Cook's father owns a summer camp.

The three had a pleasant conversation on the drive from Boscawen to Andover, and after hearing about his troubles, Roy and Ann took him to their home where they let him shower, shared a meal with him – "He ate like

a horse," Roy says. "He must have been very hungry." – and gave him a change of clothes from Roy's closet.

Later they took Cook to his father's cabin on Bradley Lake. No one was there – Cook said his father was vacationing in Myrtle Beach – but he let himself in and Roy and Ann returned home.

Before long, Cook appeared again on Lawrence Street, telling Roy and Ann that the electricity was out at the cabin. The Meiers offered to let him stay with them, and for the next two days Cook ate with them, watched the Patriots and Red Sox with them, and used their computer to contact people he said might be able to help him.

On Tuesday night, with the Red Sox versus the Angels on the TV, Roy and Ann got sleepy and headed off to bed, leaving Cook ensconced in Roy's easy chair watching the game.

Gone

Wednesday morning, Roy was up early, as usual. He went to take his pain medication – Roy is on hospice care – but it wasn't in the bathroom where he usually keeps it. Nor was it on the kitchen table. Roy glanced out the window and realized their car wasn't in the driveway. And in the spare bedroom, Cook's bed hadn't been slept in.

Roy and Ann called the police, and Officer David Hewitt responded.

"Dave was very efficient and professional," Roy says. By looking at the activity on the Meiers' computer, Dave was able to determine that Cook hadn't left their home until sometime after midnight.

In the days that followed, the missing car was spotted in Concord; Cook was reported trying to sell Roy's pain medication in Manchester; the Concord Police Department found Roy's wallet (which had been in the car) in a trash can in an apartment in Concord; and Cook used Roy's cell phone to call the Concord police to say he would turn himself in. (He didn't.)

At one point, Roy called his own cell and left a message. "We need our car. I need my pain medication," he said, hoping Cook would get the message. "We gave you love. Why can't you give it back?"

Friday morning, Andover Police Chief Glenn Laramie called with good news. The Meiers' car had been recovered at Concord Hospital, and Cook was in custody.

The worst of the ordeal is now over for Roy and Ann. They have their car back with only minor damage and a few missing items, and Roy's cell phone and wallet will be returned to him when the Concord Police don't need them as evidence.

"We still believe," says Roy. "We See Theft on page 9

Celebrate Fall With Pot Luck Supper And Square Dancing

By Deb Brower
Bluewater Farm and Lodge

At last year's celebration of fall at Bluewater Lodge, I laughed very hard, ate very well, got a lot of fun exercise, and was in bed by 9. That is my idea of a perfect evening!

Pot Luck Suppers – I think they are so neat, a minor miracle of sorts. Everybody does a little bit, and a big feast is the result – how great is that? Also, it seems that when people put some effort in, they are more likely to have a good time.

Square Dancing – I really don't know how to square dance, and I think that is what made it so much fun last year. It was hysterical. We had all ages out

there, and lots of us didn't know what the heck we were doing. But there were enough people there that did know, and they were great about pairing up with the less skilled. It was the cause of a lot of amusement and no injuries.

Wilbur Grace and the Night Owl have been calling square dances for a long time, and I am sure you have all heard of them.

So come on up and bring your friends and neighbors to Bluewater Farm on Sunday evening, October 4, for a simple good time. Pot luck starts at 5 PM, and Wilbur Grace and the Night Owls will be doing it up from 6 to 8 PM.

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“Where’s The Outrage?”

The Beacon can be a year-long Town Meeting, but only if you participate.

By Charlie Darling
Editor, *The Andover Beacon*

Toby Locke and I happened to be walking out of Town Meeting 2008 side-by-side.

“Where’s the outrage in the *Beacon*?” he challenged me.

I didn’t have a good answer for him. The literal answer, of course, is “There isn’t any outrage in the *Beacon*,” but clearly he wouldn’t think that was a good answer.

The more I talked with Toby, the more I began to realize that I didn’t think that was a good answer, either. As Toby pointed out, the *Beacon* is full of good news and photos of cute kids, but there’s certainly more to Andover than that. And some of that “more” is too important not to appear in the *Beacon*.

The obvious answer (and the one I think Toby was looking for) – in-depth investigative reporting, sharply-worded editorials, and the like – isn’t a good answer, either. Other newspapers can do that, but for reasons I’ll talk about below, the *Beacon* can’t.

So I’ve spent the last 18 months searching for a good answer ... and getting more and more frustrated at coming up with nothing.

Finally, driving home one night it hit me: the right answer, and a good answer, isn’t a statement, it’s a question:

“Yeah, where is the outrage in the *Beacon*?”

I should have been asking that question of every Andover resident and property owner since Day One. The good answer to Toby’s question is that it’s not up to the *Beacon* to generate outrage – it’s up to the Andover community to deliver it to the *Beacon*.

Outrage?

I’ve been using Toby’s word – outrage – because it’s a strong, compelling word. But as you think this matter over, I hope you’ll realize it’s just a placeholder for a broad range of ideas and emotions. What they all have in common is that they go beyond what you’re used to seeing in the *Beacon*.

If I’d stumbled on this whole line of thinking without Toby’s prodding, I would have phrased it differently, though the thought is still the same. So now, since I intend to beat this new drum for as long as I continue to run the *Beacon*, let me rephrase and expand on the question, this time in my own words:

Where is the informed dissent on topics specifically related to Andover? Where is the better idea? The risky suggestion? The fresh perspective? Can’t the Andover community come up with better ways of doing things than the status quo? (Of course it can!) Why aren’t all of these important things being delivered to the *Beacon* for publication?

The Beacon’s Role

I know that by now you’re squirming in your seat, shouting, “Other newspapers
See Outrage on page 10

Around the World with the Beacon



Lindsey Schust flashes a smile and a *Beacon* in Nashville, Tennessee on August 29. Lindsey was in the Music City for the Just Plain Folks Music Awards ceremony because one of her songs, *Mama Lele*, was nominated for Best Caribbean Song.
Photo: M. Richards

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still have faith. It was just one bad apple in the bunch.”

“But we lock our car, even in the driveway now,” Ann adds.

Ann and Roy – himself a former

Suffolk County, New York police officer – are very grateful to the Andover and Concord Police Departments for how well they handled this case. “I was very impressed with their efficiency and with how well organized they are,”

Roy says.

Letters

The article by Heather and Cope Makechnie in the August *Beacon* about the gravestone of Louisa Weymouth, wife of Dr. Henry Weymouth, was quite interesting and full of fascinating bits of information.

Unfortunately, an error made in a 1964 newspaper article by our esteemed Andover historian, Ralph Chaffee, crept into this article. Historical accuracy requires that it be corrected.

In that article, Chaffee confused Henry Weymouth with Herman Weymouth.

Dr. Henry Weymouth and his wife Louisa always resided on Taunton Hill.

Herman Weymouth (possibly a distant relative) ran one of the largest summer boarding houses in the area. It was located on Chase Hill Road, just above the school and Grange Hall. All was lost in a fire in 1896. The Andover Historical Society has, in its collection, a photograph of these buildings prior to the fire.

Ed Hiller

Andover Historical Society

The mission of *The Andover Beacon* is to serve and strengthen the Andover community. To that end, we welcome civil, reasoned letters addressing specifically local issues, events, and developments. Submissions must not be critical of another’s religion; blasphemous; obscene; hateful; legally objectionable; or commercial in nature. The *Beacon* reserves the right to edit or not publish submissions it deems inappropriate for any reason.

Corrections

Highland Lake Apple Farm

In last month’s issue we failed to include the Highland Lake Apple Farm’s annual AppleFest in the *Mark Your Calendar* section. We apologize for the error, especially since the event is now past. But the Apple Farm on Ma-

ple Street will be open until Saturday, November 7, so please stop by for pick-your-own apples and other products of the season.

Privies

There was an error in some of the historical information included in the article in last month’s issue about privies. Ed Hiller sets the record straight in his letter above.

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pers generate dissent, better ideas, etc. without relying on their readers! Why can't the *Beacon*?" That's a really important question, and there are several good, clear reasons why the *Beacon* can't.

The reasons all flow from two enormous differences between the *Beacon* and the newspapers you're thinking of:

- The *Beacon* is a non-profit corporation, and
- The *Beacon* is totally focused on a single, small community. (The industry refers to this as a "hyper-local" newspaper.)

Keep those two points in mind as we look at the reasons why the *Beacon* can't behave like traditional newspapers.

Reason #1: The *Beacon* can't have an opinion.

From well before the current *Beacon* started publishing in October 2004, the unwavering mission of the entire team has been to serve the Andover community. To that end, the team created a New Hampshire non-profit corporation, and by state law it is the corporation's Board of Directors that must set the fundamental principles and key policies that govern the way the business operates.

One of the key policies that the Board set right from the beginning is that the *Beacon* would not "take sides" on any issues because to do so would make it hard to argue that we're serving well the

part of the community that disagrees with the *Beacon*'s position on an issue. (The Board makes no apologies for two small exceptions to the rule: It's the *Beacon*'s official position that Andover is a good place to live and that volunteering in the community is a good thing.)

For the record, I'm very happy with this policy of the *Beacon* not taking sides. Toby's correct that it has created a missing dimension in the *Beacon*, but I think the right way to fill that void is by encouraging and helping community members get their opinions on specifically Andover topics into the *Beacon*.

Reason #2: No Liability Insurance.

Another big difference between the *Beacon* and traditional newspapers is that we can't afford what's called "media liability insurance" – protection against lawsuits for slander and libel, etc. As a non-profit corporation serving a very small community, we just don't have the budget for this very expensive kind of insurance. So it's been the Board's policy that we not risk the very existence of the *Beacon* by engaging in aggressive reporting.

Reason #3: Lack of Resources.

Even if the Board reversed itself on Reasons #1 and #2, we'd still be faced with an insurmountable obstacle to doing everything that traditional newspapers do: lack of resources. A community the size of Andover can't support professional journalists with the depth of experience and expertise required to do good investigative reporting or craft

credible editorials. And if a newspaper can't do those things very, very well, I believe it's better for everyone not to do them at all – especially when there are other nearby traditional newspapers that can do them well should the need arise.

A New Goal

Does this mean the *Beacon* can only ever have good news and photos of cute kids? Not at all! And now that I've been prodded to think through this whole complicated issue, I'm committed to trying to fill the void.

My new goal is to help the community provide fresh perspectives, better ideas, informed dissent – whatever you want to call it – that the *Beacon* can publish without flying in the face of its fundamental mission to serve the community, and without risking its very existence.

Here's what I think this means:

- **Stay focused on Andover.** The *Beacon* isn't the place to debate state and national issues (unless they impact Andover in a way that's strikingly different than their impact on other communities). The *Beacon*'s "hyper-local" focus is one of its strengths, and we can't risk diluting that.

- **Keep it civil and rational.** Both for reasons of liability and to maintain a strong sense of community, everything in the *Beacon* must be respectful and factual. Disagreement and criticism isn't a problem; expressing opinions on issue isn't a problem. But if the criti-

cism is in language that hurts the community more than it helps, or if it could create a legal liability for the *Beacon*, then it won't be published. The *Beacon* has both the right and the obligation to make these tough judgment calls. (And for the record, the First Amendment guarantees free speech, but it does not create an obligation on any third party to publish that speech.)

- **Help the process along.** There are plenty of people – perhaps the majority – who have ideas and opinions but find it hard to get them down on paper. That's definitely an area where the *Beacon* can help! If the writing part is all that's standing in your way, just let me know and either myself or a *Beacon* volunteer can work with you and help get your ideas on paper.

Get It In The *Beacon*

If the *Beacon* and the community can work together on this new goal, I think it can have a big impact. I'd like to see the day when Town Meeting (which operates under some of the same constraints discussed above) doesn't carry as heavy a burden as it does for airing a diversity of opinions, considering alternative approaches, etc. A lot of that could be worked on all year long in the *Beacon*, leaving just the final step of recapping and deciding for that cold night in March.

But I can't do it for you! If you have ideas and opinions about specifically Andover issues, let's work together to get them in the *Beacon*.

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Work On Life Safety Issues Continues At AE/MS

By Don Gould
Andover School Board

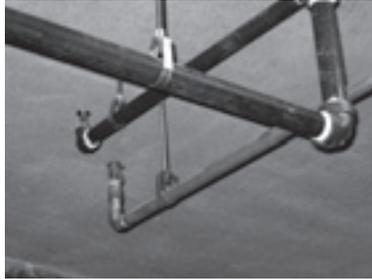
Corrective action in response to the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's report of life safety code violations approach completion at the Andover Elementary/Middle School.

The kitchen, long a prime area of concern, is now equipped with fire-rated tray return window and access doors to contain a fire that might originate there, and sprinklers to quickly extinguish it. This provides effective fire safety with no interruption of this important hub of the school.

Another primary fire hazard area, the boiler room, has also been approached with this "contain and extinguish" technique. Sprinklers have been added to this area, which is enclosed with fire-resistant surroundings.

Major electrical safety improvement has been accomplished by adding 59 new outlets, three new load centers, and 3,250 feet (six-tenths of a mile) of metal-

shielded conduit throughout the building. Myriad extension cords and other



New sprinklers in the boiler room.

improvised methods deemed to be unsafe by the Fire Marshal have now been replaced by the new outlets to power the ever-increasing number of electronic and electrical classroom devices.

All this has been done between 3 PM and 10 PM to avoid classroom interruption.

"Safety first, last, and always" of the Eagle Code continues to be at the center of School Board activity.



Lauri Clark, an AE/MS alumnus and son of Tay and Oscar Clark, is lead electrician for Masse Electric on the project to improve the wiring at the school. Here, he works in the science classroom. Staff photos: Charlie Darling

Beacon Needs Volunteer To Help Track Submissions

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

The *Beacon's* new office in the basement of the Town Hall is working out wonderfully well! I've installed "day-light" fluorescent bulbs in the fixtures and picked up a number of inexpensive house plants, so it's really quite a pleasant place to work now.

All of this is in aid of attracting more volunteers to help publish our community newspaper. With five years under our belt, I'm very concerned that we build a strong volunteer base to see the paper through the next five years and well beyond.

I'm going to try to write an article every month about volunteering for the *Beacon*, focusing each month on a different area in which we need help. (If I miss a month now and then, it's because we don't have enough volunteers to free me up to write the article!)

Tracking Submissions

This month I'd like to focus on the challenge of keeping track of all the articles and photos that go into the *Beacon* every month. This is a big job and takes up many hours of my time every month. Even just a little help in this area would make a big difference, allowing me to shift some of my energy to other areas that need attention.

We have a very well designed system for tracking articles and photos. In most cases, the process starts with an e-mail to Articles@AndoverBeacon.com that contains an article, a photo, or both. We access our e-mail through the Web, and volunteer Brenda Brown does a great job sorting the e-mail for us, so the article/photo ends up in a particular

folder in our Web-based e-mail.

The volunteer I'm looking for would log in to the *Beacon's* e-mail – you could do it from home, if you like, or you could come to the *Beacon's* office – and move the article/photo along to the next step in the process by logging it into our "Article Scorecard," which is an online spreadsheet (much like an Excel spreadsheet) that you can access over the Web from home or from the *Beacon's* office.

This logging process is "mission critical" because until the article/photo has been logged, we don't know that it's available to be moved along to the next step of the process.

Almost anybody who has ever sat at a computer keyboard can do this job. It may be just the volunteer opportunity you're looking for if you're:

- a student who wants to help out in the community.
- a working person who would like to get some experience with Web-based e-mail and spreadsheets. (We're happy to train you – no experience required!)
- a senior who would like to give back to the community or learn about Web-based e-mail and spreadsheets.
- anybody who has some experience with e-mail or spreadsheets and would like to help!

If you have any questions about tracking articles and photos for the *Beacon* or any other of the many volunteer positions we're trying to fill, please contact me at Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com or 735-6099. Thanks – your help will make a big difference!



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A highlight of last month's Open House at EAFD was seeing the monitor in action. Staff photo: Bob Bussey

East Andover Fire Department

By Chief Rene Lefebvre
East Andover Fire Department

The weather for late summer and early fall has been warm and dry. A very nice contrast from the soggy spring we thought would never end. We also know that the good weather may turn for the worst as we head deeper into the hurricane season.

Now is a good time to look at our emergency preparation kits that we have had stored for a year. You remember those. The plastic boxes

the most part we are a safety-minded group, and some of the silliness that I see people do to themselves does not happen in Andover very often.

But I must admit this H1N1 or swine flu has me somewhat concerned. I have tried to keep up with all the latest information. I do understand about the importance of hand washing. However, if we have a lot of unwell people, that is going to be a challenge.

Should we stay at home and worry? Never – that accomplishes nothing. Be proactive with your own health, and stay informed. Getting vaccinated is an individual choice; however it is best to discuss your options with your health care professional. For what it's worth, I will be raising my sleeve and getting the shot. I'm a wicked baby when sick. [For more information about flu and vaccinations, see the article on page 1.]

The laws that govern how towns spend money are cast in New Hampshire bedrock and are equally inflexible. For that reason, signing a contract to reserve a fire truck is impossible. So we are all hoping that the truck we want is still available in March.

Our goal is to purchase a truck that will meet the town's needs at the best price. We are nothing if not determined, and perhaps a bit stubborn. We will end up with a great machine.

It seems that the fall is a time to prepare. I know by now you must consider me a pest, but there are a couple more things we must do.

Please clean your chimney and have your heating appliance serviced. I won't go into the dangers of a dirty heating system; you know what they are. But two very good reasons for servicing your system are 1) safety for your family, and 2) saving dollars.

Look at it this way. You can either see the heating service van in your yard ... or me and the guys with our new big red truck.



John Collette tends to the chowder at the EAFD Open House last month. John worked with Stephen Barton for about a month building the new kitchen in the firehouse. It can be powered by a 15Kw generator, making the station suitable as a shelter should the need arise. Staff photo: Bob Bussey



Diane and Jeff Miller's four-year-old twins, Michael and Brenden, watch an EAFD firefighter attach a draft coupling. Staff photo: Bob Bussey

with all the "stuff" packed away for an emergency.

Please dust them off and open them up and inspect your food and equipment. Replace all the food stocks with fresh. The canned foods are fine, but why not use them now and replace with new? The water bottles, batteries, and cereals should also be replaced.

Test the flashlights and radios to be sure they work. Check the expiration date on your medical supplies.

It takes very little money to freshen or start an emergency supply kit; the peace of mind and safety they offer are well worth the cost. For more information on the items that should be in your kit and other useful emergency preparedness information, go to Ready.gov.

One of my goals as your fire chief is to help our community prepare for and deal with emergencies or events that threaten our people or homes. For

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Andover Rescue Squad

By Philip Hackmann
President, Andover Rescue Squad

Are you ready for indoor living and staying warm?

Autumn has arrived, and with it comes cooler temperatures. It is this time of year that we close the windows and begin to heat our homes. As this process occurs we should give thought to a by-product of our heating fuels as they are burned: carbon monoxide (CO).

The Environmental Protection Agency reminds us of the following about CO.

You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but at high levels it can kill a person in minutes. CO is produced whenever any fuel such as gasoline, propane, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal is burned. If appliances that burn fuel are maintained and used properly, the amount of CO produced is usually not hazardous. However, if appliances are not working properly or are used incorrectly, dangerous levels of CO can result.

Hundreds of people die accidentally every year from CO poisoning caused by malfunctioning or improperly used fuel-burning appliances. Even more die from CO produced by idling cars.

What are the symptoms of CO poisoning?

At moderate levels, you or your family can get severe headaches, become dizzy, mentally confused, nauseated, or faint. You can even die if these levels persist for a long time. Low levels can cause shortness of breath, mild nausea, and mild headaches and may have long-term effects on your health.

Since many of these symptoms are similar to those of the flu, food poisoning, or other illnesses, you may not think that CO poisoning could be the cause. Seek medical help if you are experiencing these symptoms.

What should you do to prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning?

- Have an inspection and tune-up done on all your fuel burning appliances by a trained professional.

- Don't idle the car in a garage – even if the garage door to the outside is open. Fumes can build up very quickly in the garage and living area of your home.

- Don't use a gas oven to heat your home, even for a short time.

- Don't use a charcoal grill indoors – even in a fireplace.

- Don't sleep in any room with an unvented gas or kerosene space heater.

- Don't use any gasoline-powered engines (mowers, weed trimmers, snow blowers, chain saws, small engines, or generators) in enclosed spaces.

- Don't ignore symptoms, particularly if more than one person is feeling them. You could lose consciousness and die if you do nothing.

Some thoughts on carbon monoxide detectors:

Remember to change the batteries on a regular basis. A time to consider changing the batteries is when we adjust the time for daylight savings in the fall and spring. Also, it is recommended to replace the detectors every five years.

For further information, visit EPA.gov, OSHA.gov, or CarbonMonoxideKills.com.



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POLICE BLOTTER

By Chief Glenn Laramie
Andover Police Department

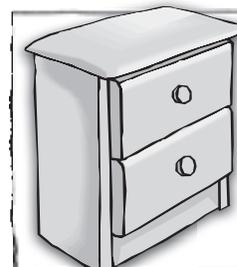
The Andover Police Department responded to 271 calls for service between August 15 and September 15. The following is a partial breakdown of those calls:

- Accidents: 2
- Alarms: 2
- Animal complaints: 7
- Assist to motorist: 13
- Assaults: 1
- Burglary: 1
- Motor vehicle summons: 13
- Motor vehicle warnings: 74
- Criminal trespass: 2
- Criminal threatening: 1

- Domestic disputes: 1
- House checks: 47
- Suspicious person / vehicle: 7
- Unwanted subject: 2
- Pistol permit: 1
- Thefts: 1
- Motor vehicle theft: 1
- Harassing communication: 2

Arrests

- Carmen Cinsereuli, 42, Franklin: warrant for domestic violence
- Heth Graham, 18: disobeying officer, internal possession unregistered
- Kenneth Russell, 55, Andover: obstructing report of crime, assault
- Debbie Samalis, 45, Sunapee: violation of protective order X3



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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Board Of Selectmen

August 17

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Dennis E. Fenton, Victoria L. Mishcon, Jacob B. Johnson, Dana Hadley
Road Agent

Road Agent Jon Champagne reported on the damages caused by last week's intense thunder shower. There were several wash-outs throughout town making it necessary to grade many of the gravel roads. He reported Steve Barton is currently building cribbing on the Hall Road Bridge so that the bridge can be repaired as per state recommendations. The welding work will be done by Brendan Newton and is expected to be done when the cribbing is in place. Jon noted that roadside mowing will be starting in a few weeks. Residents who do not want areas mowed should mark the area with ribbons.

Appointments

Phil Hackmann, Andover Rescue Squad: The Board met with Phil Hackmann, Chuck Ellis, Jeff Clark, Greg Stetson, and Steve Fecteau of the Andover Rescue Squad (ARS). They reviewed information that was forwarded to the Board in a letter that spoke about the issues facing the ambulance squad.

One issue is daytime ambulance response time. Due to work commitments, members are often not available to respond to daytime calls.

ARS is in preliminary discussions with the Franklin Fire Department regarding the possibility of having daytime coverage provided by the Franklin ambulance. This would be between the hours of 5 AM to 5 PM. Andover ambulance personnel will also respond if available, but actual transport will be handled by the Franklin department. This will result in improved response time and service to the patient. The cost for this service has been quoted at \$8,500 per year and plans are that this will be paid by the Andover Rescue Squad.

Another issue that has impacted the squad is the termination of the practice of being able to replenish supplies used on calls from the hospital supply room. After June 1 of this year, the service is expected to pay for all replenished supplies. They expect their supply costs to triple due to this change.

They are concerned that they are not able to meet their costs, provide all the proper training for squad members, and save money for capital item replacement. It is the goal of the department to maintain its professional status and to provide consistent patient care.

The squad has operated as an independent organization using private donations and with the support of the East Andover Fire Department's dispatch membership. They are exploring the possibility of billing for services such as is the practice in other communities.

They spoke to the Board about be-

coming a department of the Town. They estimate that they would ask for a budget appropriation in the amount of \$42,000 for 2010. They also said that they would like to see funds currently held by the squad and any funds received through a proposed billing program be saved toward the purchase of capital equipment.

The Board asked the squad to organize their request and submit it no later than October 15 in order to allow time for decisions and planning during the 2010 budget preparation.

Mark Stetson, Avitar Associates: The Board met with Mark Stetson of Avitar Associates. Mr. Stetson updated the Board on the town revaluation. They have completed the field review. He expects that notices will be mailed to property owners by the end of the week of August 24. In the letter owners will be told to call during specific periods to make an appointment with the assessors. They expect that they will be able to meet with interested parties within five business days and be ready with final figures by September 25.

New Business

The Board reviewed and approved sending an extension request for the MS-1 due to the revaluation. The Town will ask for extension to October 1.

The Board reviewed the copy of the wetlands permits for the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail for work on the Andover-Danbury project.

September 8

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Dennis E. Fenton, Victoria L. Mishcon, Jacob B. Johnson, Dana Hadley

Resident Concern

Robin Boynton delivered a letter to the Board on behalf of Bill Bardsley. The letter expressed concern regarding the Irving Oil sign and canopy at Jake's
See Selectmen on page 16

Office Hours & Meetings

OFFICE HOURS

Town Office: Mon-Fri 8:30-1
Town Clerk & Tax Collector:
Mon & Wed, 9-2
Tue & Thu, 1:30-6:30
Last Saturday of month, 9-11
Building Inspector: Tues, 6-7
Andover Library:
Mon, 6:30-8:30
Wed, 9-12 & 6:30-8:30
Thu, 12:30-4:30
Sat, 10-12
Bachelor Library:
Tues, 9-12:30 & 6:30-8:30
Thu, 6:30-8:30
Fri, 1:30-5
Transfer Station:
Wed, 7-6 (7-5 during winter)
Sat, 7-5
Swap Event (May-Oct):
2nd Sat (rain date: 3rd Sat)
Transfer Station, 8-2

MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted
Board of Selectmen:
1st & 3rd Mon, 7
Planning Board: 2nd & 4th Tue, 7
Master Plan Update: 4th Mon, 7
Zoning Board of Adjustment:
3rd Tue, 7:30
Conservation: 2nd Wed, 7:30
Recycling: 2nd Thu, 1
Cable TV: 2nd Mon, 7:30
Recreation: 2nd Thu, 7, AE/MS
Library Trustees: 3rd Thu, 7:30
Andover Library or
Bachelor Library
Fourth of July: 1st Wed (Feb-Jun),
Andover Fire Station, 7
Andover Fire Dept: 1st Mon, Business, 7; 3rd Mon, Training, 7
Explorer Scout Post 321: 2nd Wed,
7, East Andover Fire Station
East Andover Fire Dept:
2nd Wed, 7:30
Rescue Squad: 2nd Tue, 7
East Andover Fire Station
School Board: 1st Tue (except July
and August), 6:30, AE/MS

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Mark Your Calendar!

OCTOBER

5: Board of Selectmen, 7
5: Andover Fire Dept Bus. Mtg, 7
6: Building Inspector, 6-7
6: School Board, 6:30
8: Recycling Comm, 1
8: Recreation Committee,
AE/MS Science Room, 7
10: Swap Shop, Transfer Station, 8-2
13: Building Inspector, 6-7
13: Rescue Squad, Proctor, 7
13: Master Plan Update Comm, 7
14: Explorer Scout Post 321,
East Andover Fire House, 7
14: East Andover Fire Dept, 7:30
14: Conservation Comm., 7:30

15: Deadline for Material for November Beacon!

15: Library Trustees, 7:30
19: Board of Selectmen, 7
19: Andover Fire Dept Training, 7
20: Building Inspector, 6-7
20: Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:30
26: Master Plan Update Comm, 7
27: Building Inspector, 6-7
27: Planning Board, 7

NOVEMBER

2: Board of Selectmen, 7
2: Andover Fire Dept Bus. Mtg, 7
3: Building Inspector, 6-7
3: School Board, 6:30



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Market at Main and Lawrence Streets. Selectmen Johnson recused himself from any discussion on this subject. He advised that he has a conflict, as a member of his household is an employee at this business.

The Board accepted the letter and will research Planning Board records to respond to this letter.

Road Agent

Road Agent Jon Champagne reviewed the roadside mowing project. Jim Shaw will make a sickle pass in addition to an over-the-rail mower to be rented from MB Tractor.

The Road Agent has negotiated the winter sand and salt for this coming winter. The materials have been stockpiled and are ready for the season.

The road grader was recently serviced and is prepared for the winter. The crew has been patching on roads where needed and working to address drainage issues caused by recent rain storms.

Appointments

Mark and John Thompson: The Board met with Mark and John Thompson, who were in to discuss the access to the Town property used by the highway department. The property is a land-locked property that does not have a right of way for access. It is located off of Monticello Drive, near the horse shoe pits.

The Town has had a verbal agree-

ment with Mr. Thompson for access to the property. The property is used to store the Town's supply of sand, salt, and other highway equipment. It is in a centrally located area in the town, which helps to reduce travel time when trucks need to reload with salt or sand during a snow or ice storm.

The access to the area is through property owned by Mr. Thompson. He has allowed the highway department to use his facility as needed to repair equipment. He will consider granting a right of way through his property on a year-to-year agreement for the amount of \$2,500.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Thompson for allowing the Town to access Town property through his lot and also for allowing the Town's highway department use of the garage facility. The Board agreed that an agreement would be appropriate. The Town Administrator will draft an agreement for review by the Board and Mr. Thompson within the next few weeks.

Joseph Poulin, Home Occupation: Mr. Poulin was not at the Selectmen's meeting. The Board spoke with the Building Inspector and the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), Don Gross. Selectman Fenton recused himself from this discussion as he is a resident of Apple Crest Lane.

Mr. Gross informed the Board that he has investigated concerns from residents regarding Mr. Poulin's auto res-

toration activity. He said Mr. Poulin withdrew his application for a Special Exception, as he is of the opinion that his business activity at his home is a home business as defined in the Andover Zoning Code.

Mr. Gross said there was discussion at the ZBA hearing regarding this application, so he inspected Mr. Poulin's activities at the site and determined that this is a home occupation as defined by the Andover code.

The Board of Selectmen had written a letter asking Mr. Poulin to reinstate his application to the ZBA and to come and explain to the Board why this is a home business. They have not gotten any response from their letter.

The Board appreciated Mr. Gross's input on the case and will follow with a letter to Mr. Poulin in an effort to clarify any confusion on the issue.

New Business

The Board reviewed a letter from New Hampshire Department of Transportation announcing a meeting to be held in Andover on October 28 to discuss the state's ten-year transportation plan.

The Board reviewed a letter received from New Hampshire Municipal Energy that outlined an energy conservation project in Temple, New Hampshire and what services they could provide for an energy audit in Town buildings.

The Board discussed enforcement responsibilities and what level of enforcement is most appropriate for the community. This is an on-going discussion; there were no decisions made.

The Board received a copy of a Shoreland Permit Application regarding property on Thompson Point owned by Wallace and E. Jane Currier.

The Board reviewed a thank-you note sent by an Elbow Pond Road resident for work the Road Agent did on Old College Road and Maple Street.

The Board reviewed a letter from Comcast outlining its updated channel lineup.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$36,250 in allocated funds for conservation projects, leaving a balance of approximately \$20,000 in all three funds.

Correspondence

• Robinson – Copy of June 8 Permit by Notification and June 18 DES notice of Incomplete Information for the permit.

• Sam Hill Road – Copy of June 12 Wetlands Dredge and Fill Permit requested by the Town of Andover for work on a culvert.

• Steve Lamb, Bradley Lake Road – June 18 DES approval letter for a Shoreland Impact Permit. Since this is the public water supply, Mary Anne will contact Sandy Crystall to find out who oversees this project to make sure it is done following the conditions DES proposed. Mary Anne will get the map and conditions through the Internet.

• DES letter to the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail – notification of the public hearing regarding their permit request to be held on July 23 in Concord.

• DES notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities for Route 11 in East Andover near Channel Road.

Action Items

Beacon articles:

- Tree Planting – articles complete
- Scenic Roads – Pat will re-check with Kim Hallquist
- Conservation Easements – Mary Anne will write

Laura Alexander contact: Laura is willing to work with us to update the maps. Mary Anne explained to Laura that the new existing land use maps completed by the Master Plan Committee identify farms and would be available to her. Mary Anne requested an estimate.

Daffodil bulbs and planting: Mary Anne will contact Molly for a status and have Molly check with Dana.

Schedule for Andover easements monitoring: Mary Anne will work on this month.

Conservation Easement

Lorraine and Don Cline requested financial assistance of \$2,000 from the Conservation Commission to help pay the stewardship fee on two parcels of

See Cons Comm on page 17

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Conservation Commission

July 8

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Present: Mary Anne Broshek, Tina Cotton, Sandra Graves, Jerry Hersey, Patricia Moyer




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land approved by ASLPT for the conservation easements. One parcel has approximately 35 acres and the other property has approximately 17 acres. The second parcel is owned by Barclin Land Company managed by the Clines and the Barnes of Salisbury.

Jerry made a motion that we approve the \$2,000 total for the stewardship fees on both parcels for a conservation easement. Tina seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mary Anne abstained from the vote.

Tina will present a letter to the Select Board for approval of the funds for 2009. Mary Anne will make sure Andover is the backup easement holder before the funds are allocated for this project.

Bradley Lake

We discussed tentative dates for a public information meeting in August on how folks can protect the water quality of the lake that supplies water to both Andover Village and Proctor Academy. Mary Anne will check on the availability of the Bluewater Lodge on the lake for mid-August to late August.

Co-occurrence Map

Mary Anne handed out information indicating that the Conservation Commission voted approximately a year ago to redo the maps based on the new definitions of forest and agricultural lands at that time. Mary Anne does not see any real difference between the Conservation Commission and the Master Plan definitions. Mary Anne and Tina will research this.

August 12

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Mary Anne Broshek, Tina Cotton, Jerry Hersey, Nan Kaplan, and Patricia Moyer.

Correspondence

Copy of July 27 DES letter to Mr. Bernhard with regards to the Northern Rail Trail Project which establishes a 20-day waiting period prior to the initiation of work. Letter also states that based on information submitted "there is clear and convincing" evidence this proposal will have no loss of values to the prime wetlands and that the project meets the Criteria for Approval.

Copy of DES letter to Mr. and Mrs.

Souliotis with regards to an on-site meeting to discuss their project.

Notice from New Hampshire the Beautiful that, in recognition of Andover's participation in this May's clean-up project, our 800 daffodil bulbs will arrive October 1.

Roger Hersey Project Fundraising

Sandra Graves and Mary Anne are on the fundraising committee. A total of \$40,000 needs to be raised by December 31.

Copies of the brochure were reviewed. Jerry phoned Beth McGuinn on the inaccuracies.

The first phase of the fundraising will begin in September.

Lamb Project on Bradley Lake

Letter sent to DES with regards to review by the Andover District Commission when a body of water is the public water supply. Copies of the plan were given to Dana with a copy for the Andover District Commissioners.

Trees

Mark Barselle came by to look at the tree problems (scab, tent caterpillars, and bruises) and recommended treatment for the tree issues.

The Commission agreed to recommend a nomination to the Select Board for an Andover Tree Warden. At this time, there are two possible volunteers and we should consider making it a joint position.

Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)

We agreed that the NRI is a very important section to have included in the Master Plan. Mary Anne will e-mail Paul Currier and the current Master Plan Committee members about the NRI's importance in the Master Plan and about the meeting at Bradley Lake.

Tina will attempt to reduce the size of the NRI to approximately five pages to be incorporated as a chapter within the Master Plan. A more extensive condensation with several maps can then be included in the appendix. The non-condensed version will be a stand-alone document and serve as an important reference to be regularly updated.

Master Plan

We reviewed the timetable and the importance of the Public Meeting scheduled for September 28 as the time for public input and any concerns with regards to the Master Plan. Mary Anne

expressed two concerns and will put them into writing to the Master Plan Committee.

The Commission allocated \$3,500 for professional assistance for the future land use section of the Master Plan. In August, \$1,780 will be sent to the Lakes Region Planning Commission.

Monitoring Easements

Two forms that were developed by Steve Darling were handed out for review for the upcoming conservation easement monitoring for properties with a Town-held interest. Mary Anne suggested that we could monitor the properties as a group or individually, but that each member could be assigned/responsible for writing the individual property review/information.

Mary Anne will check with Brian Hotz on the Fairall property easement to ensure that our records are correct. Mary Anne proposed tentative dates of September 21 and 22 for a site visit of the Pieter's pending easement. Mary Anne will contact Brian Hotz to set up the visit with landowner.

Recycling Committee

September 10

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Dana Hadley, Ken Tripp, Nan Kaplan, Vicky Mishcon
Swap Shop schedule is all set for this Saturday, September 12.

Discussed need for more members on the committee. We currently have

four members who attend regularly.

Tires

Dana has continued the search for a program to take tires out of our waste stream. The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) has a bulk collection with a 10-ton minimum (80 tires per ton). They charge \$110 per ton for pick up. We charge \$2 per tire for drop off. We would make approximately \$500 at the end of the day.

However, we would also have to come up with a way of storing the tires safely and under shelter to avoid creating mosquito pools. It would take over a year to collect the minimum tonnage for a pull.

There is also a closed-container collection option. Yearly rental is \$600 for a closed container that holds four to five tons. (Rims are acceptable for both these options.) Pickup costs \$600. At \$2 per tire, we would break even on this option.

Since we take in an average of 50 tires a month, the second option is more reasonable, since it offers closed storage and we wouldn't have to collect as many tires for a pull.

Dana will contact the NRRA to set this up.

Recycling Plastic

Dana will invite Marilyn Weir from NRRA to our next meeting on Thursday, October 8, to discuss ways to increase plastics recycling. The committee feels this is necessary since the trash

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co-op has not yet received the support to build the single-stream recycling (SSR) facility.

The goal is to set up a system that would not increase costs to the town and that could easily be terminated if the day arrives to participate in SSR.

Food Scraps

Talked about composting food scraps. We will ask Marilyn from the NRRA to discuss options for our town to expand composting. We presently compost yard waste only.

Next meeting is Thursday, October 8, at 1 PM in the Town Hall.

School Board

August 25

All members present.

Barbara Hawks, representing Andover After School and Five Alive programs, gave an update on the work at the Hamp House and welcomed everyone to come see the improvements.

Kent asked for the report from Dektam on the asbestos abatement.

Robin Heins shared that there has been approval for the sidewalk. This could possibly be in place this fall.

Some discussion about the ramp at the Hamp House and its design once a sidewalk is complete.

Lynn Baker asked for the name of the Hamp House to be changed, which will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Board Chairperson's Report: Don Gould spoke to the work completed over the summer. Thanks to Proctor Academy for the use of their facilities while the work was being completed.

Principal's Report: Kindergarten Orientation Night was on August 25, with food provided by PTO. Great time!

Jane Slayton also discussed professional development days, Virtual Learning Academy Partnership, soccer team, author visit, DINI (district in need of improvement), Energy Concept, enrollment and upcoming events. VLACS details will be made available at Open House.

Kent would like to focus more on curriculum as a board. Erik Anderson asked Jane to look forward to see what the effects are in the future regarding Andover students and their progress in foreign language.

Lynn Baker recommended that the Board get familiar with the frameworks. Jeffery Dickinson would like to attend the September meeting to discuss options to make AE/MS energy efficient.

Jane shared a history of the village park lighting. The Andover Recreation Committee would like to revisit the lighting decision, and this item will be put on the agenda for next week. Roger Laro, Recreation Department head, will attend the meeting next week.

Public Participation: Mr. Cotton thanked Jane for the quality report.

Good News: Dr. Martin pointed out

the smooth transition to school on the first day, as well as pointed out the great new gym floor, which came in under budget.

Old Business

Federal Stimulus Money: Dr. Martin discussed the federal money and the proportionate share to Proctor Academy.

Transportation Bid: Betsy Paine asked some questions about bus contract. Don Gould talked about the map that can be used for bus route development. Robin Heins will make necessary changes to the contract draft and another copy will be distributed.

High School Tuition Contract: The Board will meet to review.

Hamp House Task Force: This committee will be meeting this week.

Facilities Plan: Discussion about the short- and long-term maintenance list.

Policy: There is a list of policies to be looked at and to be brought back for approval in October.

Middle School Attic Bid: Lynn Baker asked to be recused at 8:03. Don Gould: defer action on this until the next meeting. Three bids were received and action can be taken next week.

Swine Flu (H1N1) Update: AE/MS School Nurse Heather Hill provided information about H1N1 and the school's plan to date.

Fire Marshal Letter: The final item on list that needs to be completed will be the attic. Kent Armstrong asked for "before" pictures of the projects that have been done and would like to be able to show the improvement of the facilities.

New Business

New Hampshire School Association Lawsuit: Dr. Martin explained that there is a lawsuit with the state. Kent Armstrong asked that this be tabled to a work session in September. The Board asked for more information regarding this issue. Don Gould will check with Dana Hadley at the Town Office to see what they are doing regarding this lawsuit.

Crosswalk: Proctor is working on this, and it will be done soon. Lynn is concerned that this crosswalk needs to be painted, and the MPH should be looked at. Kent Armstrong asked for a letter to be sent for increased en-

forcement during school hours. Alan Hanscom can be asked about how this works.

Kent would like window issues added to the Board meeting next week.

Superintendent's Report

Web Site: In packet were copies of the AE/MS home page and SAU 46. School Board could have a link, minutes, and agendas on it.

Public Participation At Board Meetings: Dr. Martin shared the current Andover School Board policy. Discussion followed about public participation. Don asked that public have copies of the agenda.

Kindergarten Class Size: Rules for kindergarten space were shared. Kent Armstrong asked to get a rough estimate for the installation of a bathroom in the former kindergarten room. There were questions about the sink, as well as requirements, which Dr. Martin will report on at next meeting.

September 1

Present: School Board Members: Chairman Don Gould, Erik Anderson, Lynn Baker, Kent Armstrong, and Charlie McCrave. Administrators: Dr. Michael Martin, Christine Barry, Kathleen Boucher, Robin Heins, Jane Slayton, Julie Gaudette. Public: Herbie Bonk, Kathy Beliveau, Roger Laro, Tina Cotton, and John Cotton.

Board Chairperson's Report: Don Gould was glad to see open windows in the middle school wing. New student handbook was shared. Kent asked if we could open the meeting and go right to Public Participation.

Principal's Report: Discussion about the speed limit. Jane shared information regarding speed limit change protocol.

Public Participation: It was requested that public in attendance specify which agenda item they wish to address. When that item is brought up, that person will be recognized.

Tina Cotton asked about parents transporting for field trips, etc. Parents cannot transport to an activity due to liability concerns as specified through Primex, however the parents have been welcomed on bus when space is available.

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Old Business

Skateboard Park: Roger Laro from the Andover Recreation Committee addressed the lighting hours and calendar. He asked for the Board to allow the lights at the skateboard park to be on until 10 PM year round.

Kent asked about a sensor for the lighting. Lynn agrees with putting the lights in, but if the neighbors complain, there needs to be an opportunity to revisit. Erik is in agreement as well.

Motion was made by Lynn Baker that from April 1 to November 30, lights will be on from dusk until 10 PM. There will be no lighting from December 1 through March 31. Erik Anderson made the second. No discussion. All were in favor.

Energy Management: Kathy Bellevue was in attendance, from Lightec. She shared what the company can do for Andover School District. REGI money can be used to cover a facilities survey. Lightec will enlist the help of the local electrician.

Kent Armstrong asked if we initially pay and then get reimbursed. The New Hampshire Department of Education also has funding available up to 40%. Smart Start would completely pay for program. The New Hampshire Electric Co-Op will fund up to 60 months. Municipal leases for funding were discussed.

The time frame for getting the report would be approximately one month. Building shell, boilers and controls, motor, etc. could be included, not just electrical. This could be done in stages. Cost benefit analysis is included.

Kent Armstrong moved to request a proposal to perform the audit from Lightec, to perform an audit in AE/MS to include items on page 1 of the information provided, to be funded by the REGI grant.

Kent Armstrong asked if three references could be provided as well as a sample report. Erik Anderson made the second. Robin Heins will be the contact.

All members were in favor, motion passed. Kent Armstrong would like to look at the Jordan Institute and the Atlantic Energy paperwork as well.

Hamp House Asbestos Final Report: Not in yet.

New Hampshire Electric Coop Grant: Not in yet.

Lead Paint: No report yet.

Middle School Attic Barriers: Lynn Baker asked to be recused at 7:17. Bids for the work were in the Board packet. Kent Armstrong noted that the Fenton bid was larger in scope. All bidders spent time in the attic. All bidders had access to the same information.

Kent asked about items on the Fenton bid, and if they are included in the other bids. Kent Armstrong moved to accept the Hartwell bid, with the provisions noted.

Kent Armstrong would like the contract to address retainage. Complete payment upon inspection by fire chief and fire inspector. Any deficiencies noted by the inspector upon final inspection shall be corrected under the original bid price. Charlie McCrave made the second, all were in favor. Erik Anderson abstained from voting.

Mid-Day Kindergarten Transportation: The run cannot be completed in the one hour between sessions. Concern is that some students are on the bus for more than one hour. Students are getting back 15 minutes into the afternoon session.

Charlie McCrave asked if the solution is another bus or van. Dr. Martin would like to work with the contractor to discuss the options. This is not part of the existing contract; it would be a change order.

Kent Armstrong asked if it stated who the bid has to be from. Kent Armstrong asked about parents driving their kids. Dr. Martin would like to work with the contractor to meet the timelines and add a vehicle.

First step is to go to Armand Boisvert. Erik Anderson feels this is urgent. Kent wonders three things: How quickly can this be implemented? Can we get an interim price? And an end of contract price? Possibly a line item cost estimate for this non-competitive bid. Emergency meeting will be posted for this Thursday at 6 PM.

Sidewalk Update: At the October meeting this will be an action item to award the bid.

Superintendent's Report

Information on the lawsuit, 75 out of 210 school districts have joined. This is

in regard to the state not contributing to the system of retirement. For Andover this amount for the '09-'10 school year will be covered in the budget excess. The Town of Andover has chosen to support this lawsuit.

Lynn Baker would like to just say no to unfunded mandates. Lynn Baker moved not to exceed \$275 in the lawsuit against the state of New Hampshire for the mandated decreases in the state's contribution to the retirement system. Kent Armstrong made the second. All were in favor, no opposition.

New directory was provided.

Kindergarten washroom: Dr. Martin reported that the room upstairs can have a mirrored bathroom from the one below.

There are four documents in the packet including review of minutes procedure.

Gym windows have protective covering, which looks great.

In regards to the Hamp House name change, Kent Armstrong would like to hear from the Hamp House task force, and this item needs to be an action item at the October Board meeting. Lynn Baker had asked for it to be an agenda item for this meeting.

Other

Robin would like to write a letter on behalf of the Board to thank Ron Quintal and Bill Anderson for their hard work this summer getting the building clean and ready for a new year.

Don Gould would like to address the

transportation issue for the Andover Five Alive students. Copies of the current contract will be sent out, and the work session will address this. Kent Armstrong would like to seek legal opinion after the work session.

September 15 Work Session

Board Members Present: Don Gould, Erik Anderson, Kent Armstrong, and Lynn Baker. Administrators present: Mike Martin, Chris Barry, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, and Jane Slayton. Public present: Emily Furtkamp.

Transportation Bid Document: The latest draft of the transportation bid document was distributed. Robin asked that the Board review and get changes and revisions to her by Friday. Kent suggested the Board categorize the parts of the document (definitions, equipment, etc.).

Discussion ensued as to routes, possible areas to be added to runs, etc. It was also suggested that a copy of the district's transportation policies be attached to the bid document.

Middle School Attic: Don spoke to a matter of structural concerns as it relates to the work scheduled to be done this fall. Support of additional weight may be an issue. He shared pictures of the current attic structure. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Kent, second by Lynn, to hire a structural engineer to evaluate the structural integrity of the attic

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The Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse has a new chimney. Its design was modeled after the chimney in the 1890 photo below.

Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse

By Donna Baker-Hartwell
Andover Historical Society

There is a lot happening at the 1837 one-room school house on Tucker Mountain Road!

Thanks to Daryl Baker of Columbia, Connecticut, the school house now has a chimney! Modeled after the original chimney, which can be seen in a photo taken in 1890, the replica brings back more of the school's early character.

It is the hope of the Andover Historical Society that more restoration can be done this fall. The original ceiling in the 16' x 18' classroom was horsehair plaster. Sometime around 1930 to 1940, drywall was nailed up over the cracking plaster. It has been discovered that the original accordion wood lath is still intact.

By the time this article is published, we hope to have the lath exposed and prepared for plastering. The return of a plaster ceiling at the school will be



wonderful to have.

As you can imagine, restoration of this kind is costly. Contributions towards this project would be most appreciated. You may do so by contacting the Andover Historical Society at 735-5628 or mailing to PO Box 167, Andover 03216.

You are invited to come and see the chimney and work in progress at our last Open House of the year on Sunday, October 11, from 1 to 3 PM.

Tours to see the Tucker Farm cellar-hole across from the school will also be offered. Refreshments will be served.

50 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 1959

Here's some old news from the Andover, East Andover, West Andover, Potter Place, and Cilleyville "gossip" columns of the Franklin Journal Transcript, selected by Heather Makechnie.

October 1 – Beginning Oct 1st, Edmunds Bus Line (Lakeview 6-4391) Route carrier of passengers and their luggage between New London and Concord: Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun. Passengers will be taken on and discharged on signal anywhere along route between New London and junction of Routes 3 and 4 in Boscawen; also East Concord via Bi-pass.

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October 8 – Andover High Review by Bertha Powers – Last week at an assembly, Mr. Kenneth A. Wheeler spoke to us on the miracle of color television. This was one of the most instructive as well as one of the most interesting assemblies we have ever had. He brought us up to date about the television set and about the people behind the scenes.

Miss Marilyn Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller of East Andover was married to Kenneth

Charles Annis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Annis of Concord, Saturday, October 3, at the Congregational Church in East Andover. Reverend David Cargill of New London performed the double ring ceremony.

October 15 – Miss Idella Farnum drove up to Whitefield a week ago Friday to attend a Saturday meeting of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. After visiting a friend in North Conway, Miss Farnum drove over the new road, the Kancamagus Highway, from Conway to Lincoln, about 34 miles. It isn't a black-topped road yet, and isn't traveled much.

Perley Henderson returned from Maine last week after potato harvesting for a few weeks.

Mrs. Eula Cargill Frost of East Andover and Horace A. Kelley of West Franklin were wed last Friday evening.

October 22 – Audrey Hepburn, in *The Nun's Story*, will be showing at the Regal Theatre Oct 28 – 31.

October 29 – Thomas Guptill, senior at Andover High School, and a 4-H Club member with about seven years to his credit, recently attended the National Dairy Congress, held at Waterloo, Iowa, as a member of the 4-H judging team from New Hampshire. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Guptill of East Andover.

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and safety concerns related to potential work. Motion passed unanimously.

Sidewalk Grant Update: Distribution of modified site plan was reviewed, with Don reviewing the changes. Bids will be opened on September 22 at the SAU office.

September 22 Work Session

Board Members Present: Don Gould, Erik Anderson, Lynn Baker,

and Charlie McCrave. Administrators present: Mike Martin, Robin Heins, and Jane Slayton.

Updated draft copies of the transportation document were distributed. The Board then spent considerable time discussing various parts of the document.

It was agreed that the Board would send final changes to Robin by October 1 and that she will e-mail the final draft to them before the October 6 meeting. This item will be an action item on the October 6 Board meeting agenda.

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Reminiscence: Cassidy & Teschek

By Brian Murphy
For the Beacon

From the firestorm of the Pacific Theater to the quiet shores of Highland Lake, Ed Cassidy and Donald Teschek lived a life of hardship and sacrifice, good friendship, and shared memories. Although Teschek passed away 25 years ago, their unique relationship lives on in a piece of lakefront property that three generations of family continue to cherish as a treasured summer retreat.

A single, tree-shaded driveway serves as the lone access to a pair of cottages that the two men built in 1954 and 1955. Beyond the paired structures, a sloping, grassy hillside leads to a shared beach below.

Somewhere in between is an invisible property line that neither side seems to care too much about. The fact that no one can say exactly where the land is divided is proof of an enduring bond between the two World War Two veterans, and a unique, good-natured relationship between their families.

"We used to say, if we got mad at each other, they [the Cassidys] weren't going to let us down the driveway, and I said that they weren't going to use the water," jokes Eleanor Teschek, 84, Don's widow. "We have a saying, 'If you get the Cassidys, you get the Tescheks—we come together.' It's just kind of always been that way."

Work And The Call Of War

The friendship of Ed and Don began in 1938. Cassidy, a reconciler in the accounts department at Employers' Group Insurance Company in Boston, had been on the job for a year and was asked to provide training for Teschek, a new recruit. The two also became quite friendly with Bob Williams, another Employer's Group colleague who worked in the same department.

The three hard-working young men poured their energy into their careers and set their sights on making a good living. They took classes three nights a week at Bentley College after work often getting home after 10 PM. They paid their tuition and expenses out of their own pocket, but they also managed to find time to hang out and enjoy each other's company.

"The three of us spent a lot of time together camping, going to Canada," says Cassidy, at age 93 still alive and well and living in La Mirada, California. "We were all single then." Cassidy got married in June 1941, and he and Williams later transferred to another office, but the trio remained good friends.

But their personal and professional lives would soon be interrupted by the drum roll of war. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Eleanor, then a high school senior, was stunned along with the rest of the country.

"We had no TV and I can still remember President Roosevelt and his



Don Teschek (l) and Ed Cassidy on Leyte in the Pacific during World War II

words over the radio, 'Today the Japanese have bombed Pearl Harbor,' she says. "We were all shocked."

Not long after in early 1942, Cassidy and Don Teschek were alerted by the draft. The three men knew that it was only a matter of time before they'd be drafted, so in order to avoid a poor assignment, they enlisted. On a Saturday morning, Cassidy and Williams took the Air Force pilot written examination and passed. But when they got called in for the physical, Cassidy flunked the eye test (he had 20/30 vision in one eye).

"I told them I worked at night, so they told me to rest up, try again in a couple weeks. I even went to a specialist, but it didn't help," Cassidy says.

Cassidy later tried to enlist in civilian pilot training under jurisdiction of the Army but was again denied entrance. Shortly thereafter he was drafted into service as an Air Force quartermaster in the fifth Air Force, reporting to Fort Dix in New Jersey. His 100-man unit was responsible for feeding and supplying 10,000 troops, so there was no downtime. In fact, in three years in the service, Cassidy says he had only 10 days off on a short furlough back to the states.

In April of 1942, Teschek reported to Fort Devens with the 14th Anti-Aircraft Command. Williams meanwhile became a pilot of a B-25 bomber.

In The Thick Of Conflict

In 1943, Cassidy left from San Francisco on a ship to Australia. Teschek's unit was assigned to New Zealand, and he saw action there and on Guadalcanal. After Australia, Cassidy went on to New Guinea following the ladder as US forces fought and regained Japanese-held territory in the Philippines. Though he was serving as a quartermaster behind the lines, combat was swirling all around him.

"We were lucky, in the type of outfit we were in, we were sort of in back of what was going on," Cassidy recalls.

But sometimes the action drew close. The Japanese frequently attempted to get at the US supply lines and ships in the harbors of the Philippine Islands. On New Guinea, Cassidy says that the Japanese bombers would come in every night at 11:30 PM for a bombing run. "You could almost set your clock by it," he says. "That's what they were after, the harbor and all the ships there."

During the day, Japanese fighter planes flew in low and fast on strafing runs. "They had a lot of Zeroes, very fast and maneuverable," Cassidy says. "You might shoot at them, but they were going so fast and so low, the chances of hitting them were rather remote."

Teschek kept a copy of *The Guadalcanal Herald and Examiner* that showed that the US was winning the battle in the air. The June 21, 1943 issue recaps a battle for air supremacy over the island in which the Japanese suffered 94 planes destroyed, 17 of which were knocked down by anti-aircraft guns. In comparison, only six US planes were lost.

Cassidy recalls seeing a number of heavily damaged US planes limping back to the runway during these hard-fought days in the Pacific. "I'd see fighter planes half shot-up, you wondered how they could fly," Cassidy recalls. "The planes that we made were not as

maneuverable as the Japanese planes, but our planes were made to protect the pilot, the Japanese planes were not. So those planes would take a hell of a lot of punishment."

An Unlikely Reunion

Cassidy's next stop was the East Indies where the US forces staged for the invasion of Leyte. When he got to Leyte, Cassidy wrote home and asked his wife, Kay, and his family to see if they could find out where Teschek was stationed. "I had an idea he was in the Pacific, but I didn't know where," he recalls.

With their aid, Cassidy tracked down Teschek's APO number (a number used by the Army for mailing purposes). It was 72, the same as Cassidy's. "I figured there was a good chance he was in the area somewhere," Cassidy says.

As it turns out, Teschek was very close—barely a mile away, in fact. One sunny day, Cassidy strode up to Teschek's tent and tapped him on the shoulder. It was a highly improbable reunion of two friends, who—thousands of miles from home and in the midst of the largest war the world had ever seen—were now standing face-to-face on an island in the midst of the war-torn Pacific Ocean.

"It was just a case of walking over to his
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Reminiscence

The Hersey Farm

This reminiscence is excerpted from *In Their Time* by Helen Duchesne, a book about the Hersey Family Farm. Copies are available for loan at the Andover Libraries.

Driving west on Route 11 between Franklin and East Andover Village, New Hampshire, a picturesque old farmhouse with its large attached barn and several outbuildings rests on a gradual incline to the left of the highway. A little more than a mile from the Franklin town line, the buildings are surrounded by a stretch of fields on each side of the road. Purchased by my grandparents in 1904, it is the Nannie R. and Guy E. Hersey Farm.

My mother, Dorothy Hersey LaPlante, was born in this farmhouse on June 4, 1907, the first of six children. She was born at home, as were most babies in her day, in her parents' tiny bedroom. Her parents were farmers as were her nearby aunts and uncles and most of the other neighbors.

In the fall of 1995, my sisters, brother, and I had the privilege of revisiting the land and buildings where my mother grew up. The farmhouse has not been lived in for thirty-five years and was owned by my uncle, Samuel Hersey, who lived in Hartford, Connecticut. He was the oldest son and in keeping with early English tradition, he inherited the family property. It is maintained and watched over by another uncle, James Hersey, and his son, Jerry, who live nearby where they operate their own farm. They were the hosts of our tour. Recently, Samuel died and left the farm to his son, Roger.

The white farmhouse with its red doors and the attached barn with its weathered brownish-gray shingles have not changed much in the past century. This may be the reason it is frequently photographed and painted by local and regional photographers and artists looking for a piece

of yesterday.

Both inside and out, the farmhouse today looks very much as it did when I was a child and probably is little changed from my mother's childhood. In the kitchen, the big black and silver Home Comfort stove that heated the house and cooked the family's food still dominates the kitchen. A two-gallon metal water tank attached to the wood-burning part of the stove heated water for dish washing and small chores. Two warming ovens attached to the top of the stove kept food warm and helped to dry wet mittens and gloves.

The wooden water barrel in the corner of the kitchen that fascinated me when I was a child is no longer there. I liked to watch my grandmother lift water out of the barrel with a dipper and carry it to the water tank on the wood stove to heat.

The pantry where my grandmother prepared her food for baking, especially pies and cakes, adjoins the kitchen. Imagine my surprise to see the butter churn still sitting in the corner of the pantry as if waiting for someone to pour in the cream, turn the handle, and create rich butter.

The living room is a small room off the kitchen and in the middle of the house. I don't think there was enough room for all the family to sit at once, but my mother said the children usually went to bed just before dark anyway. Without electricity, it was easier and safer not to be moving around with lanterns. I'm sure my grandparents went to bed early too after a day's work on the farm. With only kerosene lamps and nothing much to read, there was probably little incentive to stay up.

My grandparents' tiny bedroom was next to the living room, and here all the babies were born. My mother remembered it also as the thunderstorm room. Grammie was so frightened of thunder showers that she took the children into her bedroom where



The red doors of the Hersey barns make them a well-known landmark on Route 11 in East Andover. Photo: Beth McGuinn

they huddled together on the bed until the storm was over. Not surprisingly, she passed this fear on to my mother. Fortunately, I was never too frightened by thunder showers.

The living room leads to the hallway, the main front door, the upstairs, and the parlor. The front door was rarely used except for special occasions, such as when Baby Lewis (my mother's baby brother) died at three months, and the wake was held in the parlor. My sister Irene asked my mother at an earlier time if Grammie had cried when Lewis died. Mama said she didn't see her cry, but that didn't mean she hadn't cried. My mother added, "People didn't talk much then about such things. They tried to forget and just go on."

Steep narrow stairs lead to two small bedrooms, one for the boys and one for the girls. My Uncle Raymond remembers how the wind blew through all the cracks. With five heavy quilts on him, he couldn't turn over and didn't want to get up. My Aunt Elsie says she slept with everything covered except her nose. In the morning her hair was covered with frost!

At the top of the stairs, an old washstand still balances a beautiful pink and white pitcher and bowl. It is as if they are waiting there for someone to climb the stairs bringing water to take a bath.

The parlor was fancy. It still has a velvet chair and my grandmother's desk where she wrote many letters. Still hanging near the desk on the wall is my grandparents' large marriage license dated September 27, 1903. Grammie's organ still commands its place in the parlor.

At the Peabody Home where my mother spent the last three and one-

half years of her life, a man who frequently played the guitar and sang for the residents in their rooms always sang and played *In the Garden* for my mother. The song was one of her favorite hymns. My mother cried each time she heard it as she explained that her mother played it on the organ when Mama was a little girl.

When we returned to the kitchen, I tried to visualize my mother as a little girl living in this house with its calendars on the wall and its cold bare floors. While it was exciting for us to see, I could understand how she felt that growing up on the farm was "hard – very hard."

HERSEY FAMILY FARM CONSERVATION, PHASE 2

Fundraising is progressing well for the conservation of the "stretch of fields" surrounding the buildings described by Helen Duchesne in *In Their Time*. Thanks to the generosity of donors in Andover and beyond, an additional \$10,000 has been raised to purchase a conservation easement on approximately 55 acres of the Hersey Farm. For our campaign to be successful, an additional \$30,000 must be raised before the end of the year.

Your financial assistance is needed to help ensure these fields remain undeveloped in the future. Please send your tax-deductible donation to the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, PO Box 2040, New London 03257.

For more information about this second phase of the Hersey Family Farm Conservation project, please contact Beth McGuinn at 526-6555.

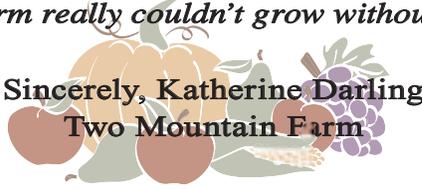


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ent,” Cassidy says. “We went in such diverse directions, and ended up in the Philippines side by side, how did that happen?”

Being an Air Force quartermaster, if there was any good food around, Cassidy had it. He recalls that his unit used to give the pilots ice cream powder and get the finished product in return. “They [pilots] had the machines to make it, and they’d give us ice cream,” he says.

Cassidy helped set up Teschek with some decent food, which the latter never forgot in the years after the war. “He used to walk over to our area and eat in our mess hall at night,” Cassidy says. “If there was anything good we got it, one way or another, either legitimately or by swapping.”

Cassidy also found out that Bob Williams was on the nearby island of Luzon. Excited by the news, he wrote his friend a letter urging him to fly on over. “I wrote to him and told him, ‘Don and I are on Leyte, right on an airstrip, so fly down and we’ll get together.’”

But Cassidy’s letter came back with a bitter message: Williams had been killed in action. He had crashed on takeoff with a load of bombs.

Teschek and Cassidy were too busy to dwell on their grief, however. Japanese planes were buzzing the harbor and attacking ships. Cassidy remembers one attack that struck a nearby ammunition dump and hearing the huge roar of an explosion. On another night just as dusk fell, some Japanese cargo planes came in low over his outfit and paratroopers began to bail out overhead. It was an elite outfit armed and equipped with the best supplies the Japanese Army had, and they were intent on taking a nearby airstrip.

Armed with a carbine, Cassidy spent the night hunched in a foxhole with a friend from New York. The man wore glasses which were knocked off in the scramble leaving him near blind and helpless.

“I had to nursemaid him through the night,” Cassidy recalls. “He always said I saved his life, but all I did was be a seeing eye dog for him.”

Later that night, US infantry moved in and worked for several days to roust out and kill the attacking troops.

The War Reaches Its Conclusion

During Teschek’s tour in Leyte, he eventually found time to engage in one of his favorite pastimes—gardening. An article in the Employer’s Group newspaper picked up the story and reported it back home. “He moved them in cans from island to island so they had fresh vegetables,” says Eleanor. “He loved gardening.” It was an activity he would

continue in the years after war.

Meanwhile Cassidy went on to Luzon, Okinawa, and then finally to Japan. En route to mainland Japan, he stopped on the island of Fukuoka, and it was there that he got a first-hand look at the zealotry of the Japanese defenders.

In a bombed out aircraft factory where his unit was staged, Cassidy recalled seeing a long pool of water used to test Kamikaze boats. The boats were made out of very thin wood and were intended to be driven by a single soldier or civilian. The noses of the boats were loaded with explosives.

“They were really getting ready for invasion and they would do anything they could to stop our boats from coming in,” Cassidy says. “That was going to be the name of that game.”

Okinawa was another memorable experience for Cassidy. The invasion of the island was in full swing, and as his ship approached the island, he awoke to the sound of attacking Japanese planes and anti-aircraft guns pounding away at them. US planes were dropping bombs on the island, and ships fired their big deck guns on the dug-in Japanese soldiers ceaselessly.

“The Japanese had orders not to surrender and they didn’t. That was one of our worst invasions—we lost a lot of men,” Cassidy recalls. “That’s why the veterans look at dropping the atom bomb as saving thousands and thousands of Americans that would have been killed in an invasion of Japan.”

After the atomic bombs were dropped and Japan finally called for an end to the war, surrendering Japanese officials passed through Okinawa where Cassidy was still stationed on August 20, 1945. “That was a special night I won’t forget,” he says.

Cassidy also served briefly on mainland Japan. On the way to Tokyo he passed through the wreckage of Hiroshima, site of the first atomic bomb blast. “If you looked out, everything was flat, there was no recognizable structure,” he recalls.

In December of 1945, Cassidy left Japan to come back home arriving home in early January. Teschek had beaten him home by a few months.

Of his 40 months of service time, Teschek spent 33 in the southwest Pacific. For his service in New Caledonia, New Zealand, Guadalcanal, the Northern Solomons, and the Philippines, he earned four bronze combat stars, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Philippine Liberation ribbon.

In the next installment: Eleanor on the homefront; Don and Ed enter civilian life; the cottages on Highland Lake.



Emily Baker of Tucker Mountain, in a state of euphoria, grips her first goose harvest. Her father, Frank, put her in just the right spot, and she dropped it three feet from her boots. The 1926 Browning 16 gauge was a gift from her grandfather. Perhaps a whitetail harvest next for the freezer.

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ON-GOING EVENTS

Andover Library

Saturdays, 10 AM to 12 PM

Public Skating at Proctor

Sundays starting Nov 29, 3 PM
Teddy Maloney Rink, Proctor

Free. Sunday afternoons through the winter. Skaters must have proper head protection (a helmet of some kind).

Kearsarge Youth Hockey

Starting early Oct
Teddy Maloney Rink, Proctor

Kearsarge Hockey begins soon. Information at KearsargeHockey.com.

Andover's Biggest Loser

Tuesdays, 6 PM
AE/MS

Weigh-in starts at 4:30 PM. The program starts at 6 PM.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Kearsarge Masonic Lodge

Thu, Oct 1, 7:30 PM
Potter Place

For meal information call 735-6492

Pot Luck and Promenade

Sun, Oct 4, 5 PM to 8 PM
Bluewater Farm, Bradley Lake

Pot luck dinner followed by old-fashioned square dancing. Free and fun for all ages. Call 735-5159 if you can come.

Andover Wyldlife Group

Mon, Oct 5, 6 PM to 7:15 PM
Andover Bible Church

Andover Snowmobile Club

Mon, Oct 5, 7 PM
AE/MS Science Classroom

Merrimack Valley High Younglife

Tue, Oct 6, 2:45 PM to 4:30 PM
MVHS Cafeteria

Blackwater Grange

Thu, Oct 8, 6 PM
Masonic Lodge, Potter Place
Pot Luck Supper, Awards Night

Swap Event

Sat, Oct 10, 8 AM to 2 PM
Transfer Station

Bachelor Book Club

Sat, Oct 10, 9 AM
Bachelor Library, East Andover

Tucker Mountain School House

Sun, Oct 11, 1 PM to 3 PM
Tucker Mountain Rd, East Andover

AE/MS PTO

Mon, Oct 12, 6:30 PM
AE/MS Library

Andover Lions Club

Mon, Oct 12, 6:30 PM
Danbury Community Center
Pot Luck Supper. Speaker: District Governor

Andover Democrats

Tue, Oct 13, 7 PM
Lake Farm Realty office, 164 Main

Andover Service Club

Wed, Oct 14, 10 AM
Potter Place

MVHS Parent Advisory Group

Wed, Oct 14, 7 PM
Merrimack Valley High School

Andover Recreation Soccer Tournament

Sat, Oct 17

Highland Lake Grange Hall Restoration

Baked Goods Sale
Sun, Oct 18, 11 AM
Highland Lake Grange Hall
East Andover

New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family

Mon, Oct 19, 12 PM
Wanda Smith's home,
East Andover

Program Planning

Lake Sunapee VNA Flu Shots

Wed, Oct 21, 2 PM to 4 PM
Andover Town Hall

Andover Historical Society Pot Luck & Annual Meeting

Wed, Oct 21, 5:30 PM Social Hour
6:30 PM Supper
Bluewater Lodge, Bradley Lake

Everyone is invited! Come see 10 years of July 4th slides taken by Willis Nowell from 1978 to 1988. If your name begins with A-F, please bring a salad or vegetable; G-O, entree; P-Z, dessert. BYOB.

Andover Afterschool Program Open House

Thu, Oct 22, 4 PM to 6 PM
Hamp House, School Street

See the many improvements made this summer.

Scary Stories for Halloween

Fri, Oct 23 to Sun, Oct 25
Highland Lake Inn

In the spooky barn, storyteller Laurretta Phillips will make you laugh, cry, and scream. Reservations: 735-6426.

"Comfort Food" Supper

Sat, Oct 24, 5:30 PM
Highland Lake Grange Hall
East Andover

Fundraiser for renovations of the Grange Hall. Concert will follow.

Andover Lions Club

Mon, Oct 26, 6:30 PM
Place to be announced

Call Bill Leber at 735-5280 for more information.

Andover Fish & Game Club

Tue, Oct 27, 7:30 PM
East Andover Clubhouse

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ON-GOING EVENTS

Walking at Proctor

Weekdays, 8:30 AM to 10 AM
Proctor Gym, Andover

Walk with friends. Wear clean sneakers.

Tom & Tom's Men's Discussion Group

Mondays, 8:45 AM

We want to hear your stories and we'll share a few of our own. Come visit over an endless cup of coffee.

In Stitches Craft Group

Mondays, 10 AM

Chair Exercises

Mondays and Fridays, 10:15 AM

A low-impact exercise program.

Duplicate Bridge

Mondays, 1 PM

Bidding boxes

Walking for Seniors

Mondays, 4 PM to 5 PM
NLOC - Old Middle School gym

Outdoor Recreation for Seniors

Tuesdays, 10 AM
Location varies. Call 526-6368 for details.

Outdoor programs include biking, hiking, and other outdoor activities.

Poker

Tuesdays, 2 PM

Duplicate Bridge

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM

Hand and Foot Card Game

Wednesdays, 1 PM

A fun and simple card game

Tai Chi

Wednesdays, 2:30 PM, New London Presbyterian Church

Contract Bridge

Thursdays, 9:30 AM

Dominoes

Thursdays, 1 PM

Scrabble

Fridays, 1 PM

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Winnow Your Memories

Tuesdays, Sep 22 to Oct 27, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Lake Sunapee Bank Community Room, 116 Newport Road

A memoir writing workshop with Bobbi Stoneman.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Fri, Oct 2, 10:30 to 11:30 AM

VNA Foot Care Clinic

Fri, Oct 2, 12:30 PM to 2 PM

Last appointment at 2 PM. \$20 (\$25 for diabetics with doctor's order). Call 526-6368 for appointment.

Computer Questions

Sat, Oct 3, 9 AM

An open forum for questions about basic computer skills. Call 526-6368 to register.

COA Woodcarving Class

Tuesdays, Oct 6 to Dec 15, 9:30 AM to 11 AM

Starting with a cut-out, you will carve, sand, and paint a half-size mallard duck head. Register: 526-6368.

Genealogy Workshop

Thu, Oct 8, 10 AM to 12 PM

Long-Term Care Planning

Fri, Oct 9, 10:30 AM

Wayne Blanchard from ServiceLink. Call 526-6368 to sign up.

Sunday at the Movies

Sun, Oct 11, 2 PM

The 7th Voyage of Sinbad

Book Discussion

Tue, Oct 13, 9:30 AM

Eat, Love, Pray by Elizabeth Gilbert. Books may be picked up at the Tracy Library in New London.

Flu Shot Clinic

Tue, Oct 13, 12 PM to 3 PM

Please bring your Medicare, Medicaid, Anthem, or Harvard Pilgrim medical card or \$35 cash/check.

First Aid Class

Tue, Oct 13, 12:30 to 2:30 PM

Instructor: Gene Tappen. \$12 fee for class workbook. Register: 526-6368.

Changes in Medicare 2010

Tue, Oct 13, 2 PM to 3 PM

Call 526-6368 to sign up

Medicare Questions?

Tue, Oct 13, 3 PM to 4 PM

Anita Oelfke will answer your Medicare questions. Register: 526-6368.

Conversations with Lunch

Mon, Oct 26, 12 PM

First Free Will Baptist Church, North Sutton

Life After 70 - A Time To Create! with Mary Lou Fuller and Kay Amsden. Humorous and real-life examples of how seniors can make the most of life after 70. Register by Oct 21: 526-6368.

Mark Your Calendar

**Public Hearing:
NH DOT Ten-Year Plan**
Wed, Oct 28, 4 PM
Andover Town Hall

To review and receive input on the DOT's Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Halloween Open House
Wed, Oct 28
East Andover Village Preschool

Kearsarge Masonic Lodge
Thu, Nov 5, 7:30 PM
Potter Place
For meal information call 735-6492.

ELSEWHERE

SRK Greenway Walkabout
Through Sat, Oct 17
A different hike each Saturday. For details, see article on page 29.

Weight Management Program
Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sep 22 to Nov 12, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Franklin Regional Hospital
Join a registered dietitian for a focused program. Cost: \$150.

Walk and Weight for Women
Wednesdays, Sep 23 to Oct 28, 4 PM to 5 PM
Franklin Regional Hospital
Half-hour each of walking outside and weight training/stretching. Call 527-7120 to register. Cost: \$20.

Children's Storytime and Crafts
Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct 1 to Oct 29, 9:30 AM on Tuesdays, 10:30 AM on Thursdays
Franklin Public Library
Children all ages from surrounding towns. Free. 934-2911

North Sea Gas
Sat, Oct 3, 7:30 PM
Franklin Opera House
Tickets at TheMiddleNH.org or at the box office.

Spring Ledge Farm Open House and Apple Pie Contest
Sun, Oct 4, 11 AM to 3 PM
37 Main St, New London

Invasives: ID, Ecology, and Control
Sun, Oct 4, 12 PM to 4 PM
The Fells, Newbury
Learn about 40 of the most common local invasive non-native plants. Register 508-877-7630 ext 3303. Fee.

Fall Family Hike
Sun, Oct 4, 1 PM to 2:30 PM
The Fells, Newbury
Hike The Fells ecology trail. Free with daily admission.

Warner Fall Foliage Festival
Fri, Oct 9 to Sun, Oct 11
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Preschooler Art in Nature
Tue, Oct 13, 10 AM to 11 AM
The Fells, Newbury
Play in and with the autumn leaves, create marble tempura paintings, leaf poundings, and clay relief impressions. Register: 763-4789 ext 3. Fee.

Book Discussion
Wed, Oct 14, 2 PM
Franklin Public Library
Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen. A 90-year-old man remembers his days with the circus during the Depression. mrlynldw@yahoo.com

Granite State Storytelling Festival
Sat, Oct 17, 10 AM to 4 PM
New London Outing Club
24 storytellers from across New England. GraniteStateStoryTelling.com.

Granite State Storytelling Festival
Sat, Oct 17, 7:30 PM
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Sat, Oct 17, 7:30 PM
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Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk
Sun, Oct 18, 1 PM
Memorial Field, Concord

Wilmot Community Association Senior Luncheon
Tue, Oct 20, 12 PM
Wilmot Flat
Anita Oelfke on Medicare.

Outdoor Portrait Photography
Sat, Oct 24, 10 AM to 12 PM
The Fells, Newbury
Workshop on camera techniques and settings and more. Call 622-1001. Fee.

International Progressive Dinner
Sat, Oct 24, 5:30 PM to 9 PM
The Fells, Newbury
Fundraiser featuring ethnic fare. Reservations: 763-4789 ext 3. \$75 per person.

Crafting with Polypores
Sun, Oct 25, 1 PM to 4 PM
The Fells, Newbury
Walk through the forest to gather supplies and then create a wreath to bring home. 763-4789 ext 3. Fee.

A Royal Musick
Sun, Oct 25, 4 PM
First Baptist Church, New London
Presented by the Kearsarge Chorale. Free. 526-4559

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust Annual Meeting
Sun, Oct 25, 4 PM
New London Historical Society
Project updates. 526-6555

Ragged Mountain Resort Seasonal Job Fair
Sat, Oct 31, 9 AM to Noon
Ragged Mountain Resort, Danbury

New London Haunted Woods
Sat, Oct 31, 5 PM to 9 PM
Old Kearsarge Middle School to

Spring Ledge Farm
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Masquerade Ball
Sat, Oct 31, 8 PM to Midnight
Franklin Opera House
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Mystery Lunch Trip
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Book Club
Wed, Oct 14, 10:30 AM
Register: 934-4151.

Harvest Pot Luck Dinner
Fri, Oct 16, 4 PM
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Fall Foliage Trip
Mon, Oct 19, 9:30 AM
Donation \$6, pay for your lunch. Sign up: 934-4151.

ServiceLink Resource Center
Tue, Oct 20, 10:30 AM
Wayne Blanchard, Medicaid advice

Christmas Tree Shop Trip
Mon, Oct 26, 9 AM
Donation \$5, pay for your lunch. Sign up: 934-4151.

ServiceLink Resource Center
Tue, Oct 27, 10:30 AM

Anita Oelfke on Part D Medicare "Advantage for 2010."

Visiting Nurse Association
Tue, Oct 27, 10:30 AM
Monthly blood pressure check up

Tea & Tales
Tue, Oct 27, 7 PM
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October Birthday Celebration
Thu, Oct 29, 12 PM
Cake and ice cream for all.

Senior Halloween Party
Fri, Oct 30, 10:30 AM
Dress in costume for prizes. Pumpkin carving. Lunch.

Community Halloween Party
Sat, Oct 31, 1 PM
Area children. Must be accompanied by an adult. Free event, 12 and under. Games, crafts, face painting, treats. Sponsored by TRIP and Franklin Parks and Recreation.

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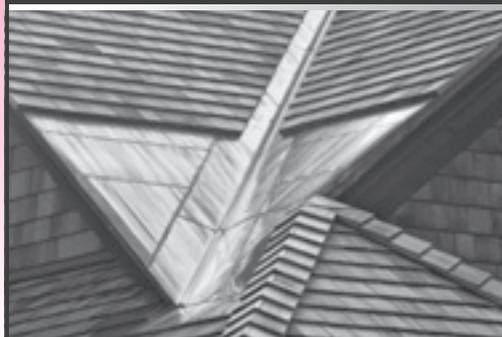
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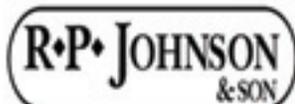


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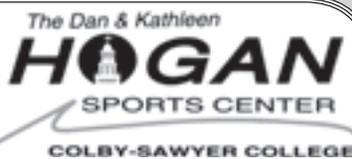
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A crew from the Andover Snowmobile Club re-decked and re-railinged the bridge on the Rail Trail near Blackwater Park. In the photo below you can see what bad shape the deck was in. Photos: Allan Houle

ANDOVER SNOWMOBILE CLUB

By Allan Houle
Andover Snowmobile Club

This month's club meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, at 7 PM at the Andover Elementary/Middle School. Meetings are typically held on the second Monday of each month from September through April unless they fall during a school closing. Meetings are open to all club members and guests.



Club officers for the 2009-2010 season are: President, Craig Mayo; Vice President, Allan Houle; Trail Administrator, Leon Nelson; Trail Master, Greg Miller; Treasurer, Mike Henderson; Secretary, Lisa Meier; Directors, Lance Demers, George Burdick, Pat Frost, and Todd Miller.

You can also find information regarding the Club on our Web site at AndoverSnowmobileClub.com.

Redecking Bridges

We have been busy this summer re-decking bridges on the rail bed.

Our crew removed two layers of decking from a rail bed bridge located near the ballfield in Andover. The decking was in real bad shape, but as you can see in the photo, a completely newly-decked bridge along with new side railings are in place. This crew performed this task in just one day. As you can see, we had a good turnout. Many hands make for an easier task. Thanks to all!

The Andover Snowmobile Club maintains approximately 80 miles of groomed trails that are used by many snowmobilers from mid-December through the end of March. One section of our trails systems has become a multi-use trail that can be enjoyed by many during the summer and fall months.

A Little Trail History

Sometimes to appreciate what we have today, we need to look back at how we got here. The Andover Snowmobile

Club has been very involved in converting a portion of the railroad bed that once existed for train travel from Dyers Crossing in East Andover all the way to Danbury. To make this trail more usable for snowmobiling, it was decided that the rails and all of the rail bed ties would need to be removed. This was no small task.

Think of it this way: take the approximately 15 miles of rail, times two because the steel rail is two sections wide. That is 30 miles of steel, or 158,400 feet of rail, that would need to be removed.

The Club worked along with the use of a Gradall G660 to remove the steel. This piece of equipment would ride on the rails and remove them from behind. This meant that it could only go in one direction.

Before the steel could be removed, someone had to remove all of the spikes and plates that held the steel rail in place. This also was no small task. Fifteen miles of rail bed with the railroad ties placed approximately two feet apart and two spikes per side on each tie would mean 39,600 ties would need to be removed, and 158,400 spikes would need to be pulled. Did I mention that this was no small task?

Once the rails were removed, then the ties could be picked up and moved out of the way of the trail; yes, all 39,600 of them. Wow! That is a lot of railroad ties. Something to think about while using this trail system.

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SUNAPEE-RAGGED-KEARSARGE GREENWAY

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge (SRK) Greenway Coalition's fall hike schedule continues in October, ending with a special hike to Silver Mountain in Lempster in collaboration with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) on the 18th.

Please call the hike leader two nights before to learn starting location.

Saturday, October 3: Route 114, Springfield to Great Brook Bridge, New London. 8.4 miles, difficult, 6 hours. Susan and Michael Chiarella, 763-5879.

Saturday, October 10: Great Brook Bridge, New London, to Route 4A, Wilmot. 3.2 miles, easy, 2 hours. Brian Faughnan, 526-7838.

Saturday, October 17: Route 4A, Wilmot to Wilmot Center. 4.4 miles, moderate, 3 hours. Ken Aldrich, 526-2942.

Sunday, October 18: Silver Mountain and the Ashuelot River headwaters in Lempster: a joint hike with SPNHF and the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway Trail Club. 4 miles, moderate. For information and carpool options, call Gerry Gold at 526-2857.

The SRK Greenway Coalition is a ten-town, all-volunteer, non-profit organization with members throughout the SRK region and beyond. Greenway guidebooks are available at local book stores. For information about the SRK Greenway Coalition, visit SRKG.com.

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Leigh Webb (l), State Representative from Franklin and president of the Franklin Historical Society, chats with Franklin Mayor Ken Merrifield (r) and Bob Ward, President of FNRT, while Pacey and Sapphira Hosmer stretch the ceremonial ribbon and the crowd waits for it to be cut. Photo: Lindy Heim

Community Celebrates New Rail Trail To Webster Lake

By Lindy Heim

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

About 40 people attended the Trail Extension Celebration in Franklin hosted by the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County (FNRT) on Saturday morning, September 12 at Lagace Beach, Webster Lake, in Franklin. Folks came from as far away as the Massachusetts seacoast! At least one attendee biked the length of the trail and back.

Lagace Beach was teaming with information. HEAL-New Hampshire, Choose Franklin, Franklin Single Stream Recycling, S&W Sports of Concord, FNRT, and the Webster Lake Association passed out information and giveaways to the soggy but enthusiastic crowd. Politicians schmoozed and helped celebrate some of the wonderful things going on in Franklin these days, including the arrival of the Northern

Rail Trail to their town.

State Representatives David Palfrey and Leigh Webb, also of the Franklin Historical Society, were on hand as were City Councilmen Annette Andreozzi and Bob Sharon. City Manager Elizabeth Corrow also came to celebrate.

Soon, all crossed Route 11 to meet at the new Chance Pond Road trailhead of the Northern Rail Trail. Mayor Ken Merrifield shared the podium with FNRT President Bob Ward at the ribbon cutting, each sharing a few words of appreciation for the job well done.

Finally, the hardy group headed up the trail for a walk with leader Mike Loomis of the Healthy Eating and Living Alliance and FNRT board member, author, and railroad history buff Charles Martin pointing out the highlights of the trail and its history.

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Andover's Loons Are Sending Mixed Messages

By Larry Chase
For the Beacon

Andover's Bradley Lake ranks among the top 25 per cent of New Hampshire "loon territories" according to statistics collected over the past 15 years by the Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) in Moultonborough. A loon territory is a body of water that regularly attracts a pair of nesting loons. Rankings are determined by the frequency of nesting pairs and the successful production of chicks.

"The LPC has documented a territorial pair of loons on Bradley Lake in 14 of the past 15 years," according to John Cooley, Jr., LPC's senior biologist.



A loon and chicks on Bradley Lake in 2008. Photo: Larry Chase

"During that time, the pairs have produced nine fledged chicks. This places Bradley among the most productive of New Hampshire's lakes – those which produce the lion's share of young loons and thus sustain the population."

(The 15-year statistics aside, however, 2009 was not a successful year for Bradley's nesting loons. They built a nest and produced two eggs, but later abandoned them. Susie Burbidge, the LPC field biologist whose territory includes Andover, visited the empty Bradley nest three times in early summer before confirming its abandonment. The eggs were collected and archived for future analysis.)

Highland Lake, the town's other major body of water, has been less productive, according to Cooley. Compared with Bradley Lake over the same 15-year period, Highland loons have nested less frequently and produced just four chicks. The last successful nest was observed there in 2004.

Across the state, statistics are sending a mixed message as well: The number of nesting pairs is up this year compared with 2008 (approximately 180 vs. 160 in 2008) but the number of fledged chicks showed a smaller increase (approximately 108 vs. 97 in 2008).

According to Cooley, "Lots of rainfall this year caused many flooded nests, and continues a spate of rainy nest seasons, with a high number of flooded nests in four of the last five years. A long-term increase in the frequency of intense storms is predicted for New Hampshire's future climate, and more flooded loon nests may be one consequence."

Cooley suggests several possible reasons for the difference in chick productivity between Bradley and Highland



An abandoned loon nest on Bradley Lake (2006). Photo: Larry Chase

Lakes. Cooley notes that Bradley Lake is more remote, has more restrictions on swimming and fishing (it's a public water supply), and has more islands (on which loons prefer to nest).

"We'd love to see the Highland Lake figures increase," Cooley says, "especially since historically it's been well known for its loon visitors." The other major bodies of water in Andover – Hopkins (or Adder) Pond, Elbow Pond, and Horseshoe Pond – are likely too small to regularly attract a breeding loon pair, Cooley says.

The LPC gathers loon census data by deploying not only field biologists, but also volunteer observers, sometimes called Loon Rangers. Current volunteers on Bradley Lake are Mary Dowse and Dorothy Skeels. On Highland Lake, the Baker family, including Frank, his daughter Donna and grandson Sterling are LPC volunteers. Additional volunteers are always welcome, according to Cooley.

Environmental Barometers

"Loons are biomonitors, meaning that their presence is an indicator of the quality of a lake and its watershed," Cooley says. He cites the LPC Web site (www.loon.org) which explains that Loons feed at the top of aquatic food webs, and are at risk from contaminants that enter the food web and bioaccumulate (increase in concentrations in long-lived organisms over time) and biomagnify (increase in concentrations in animals that feed higher in the food web, e.g. fish, loons and humans). A healthy and stable population of loons with good reproductive success indicates a healthy, functioning ecosystem. Decreasing populations or reduced breeding success of loons could indicate a threat for other wildlife and for people.

Loon behavior

Seasonal visitors to New Hampshire's lakes, loons arrive in the spring and leave in late fall to spend the winter in the Atlantic Ocean off the New England coast. In small lakes like Bradley and Highland, a single pair – often the same pair year after year – will build a nest and attempt to drive out any intruders. If conditions are right – an absence

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of predators and little human disturbance, for example – the pair will usually produce one or two chicks by July. Except when nesting, loons live their entire lives in the water, feeding on fish, crayfish, and occasionally invertebrates and some plant matter.

Loons have a special place in the memories of generations of New Hampshire's lakeside residents and visitors.. It is the sounds they make – the long, eerie wails and tremolos – that set them apart from other birds. In Cooley quotes Thoreau as saying, the loon's calls are 'perhaps the wildest sound that is ever heard.' And in the words of a modern ornithologist, Oliver Austin, 'No one who has ever heard the Diver's music – the mournful far-carrying call-notes – can ever forget it.'"

Human behavior

How should people behave around loons? Three main rules:

1. Keep your distance from loons, their nests and their young. Observing from several hundred feet (at least the distance of a football field) with a good pair of binoculars is best.

2. Learn to read signs of loon behavior. Your presence begins to be a problem when it causes the loon to change its behavior. If the loon's brow is square in profile, if it sinks low in the water, or if a nesting loon lowers its head, you are too close. A loon that is calling and splashing in response to a human intruder is showing obvious alarm; back off. Occasionally, loons will approach a boat or kayak closely of their own accord. As long as the loon is not pursued or forced to change its use of the lake, this curiosity on the loon's part may not be a problem.

3. Fish with non-lead sinkers and jigs, and retrieve all broken fishing line and tackle. Entanglement and lead poi-

soning from sinkers and jigs are leading causes of mortality in New Hampshire's loons.

Additional Information

The Loon Preservation Committee, a subsidiary of the New Hampshire Audubon Society, was created in 1975 in response to concerns about a dramatically declining loon population and the effects of human activities on loons. Its mission is to restore and maintain a healthy population of loons throughout New Hampshire; to monitor the health and productivity of loon populations as sentinels of environmental quality; and to promote a greater understanding of loons and the larger natural world.

The LPC maintains a Loon Center in Moultonborough. Open to the public year-round, it offers an exhibit area, a gift shop and bookstore, an area for viewing videos, and a nature trail. It also maintains a comprehensive Web site at Loon.org.

LOONS AND LEAD

Among the hazards loons face, lead is a leading enemy. Lead weights and jigs used by anglers and lost in lakes sink to the bottom, where loons mistake them for small stones and swallow them to aid in grinding up their food. Because lead is toxic – no longer used in gasoline, paint, or plumbing – its effect on a loon can be lethal. Although lead sinkers and jigs are banned in New Hampshire, they're still around in old tackle boxes and on old fishing gear. The message from the Loon Preservation Committee: Properly dispose of the old sinkers and jigs, and use substitutes made from non-toxic materials, including steel, tin, brass, tungsten and bismuth – all readily available in sporting-goods stores.

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As a club we also keep the brush cut back, remove overgrown tree limbs, and keep all of the bridges in good condition. With over 80 miles of trail, that keeps us quite busy. Enjoy!

We have quite a few club members who plan on attending the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association Grass Drags that are being held the weekend

of October 9, 10, and 11 this year and also showing some nice antique vintage snowmobiles in the New Hampshire Snowmobile Museum Association tent.

If you do get to attend, please stop by and get some history of where the sport of snowmobiling came from. We will have a good range of machines from the early days of snowmobiling. Hope to see you there.

FNRT from page 30

And there is reason to celebrate. The finished rail trail extends from Webster Lake in Franklin to Potter Place in Andover, offering 10 miles of recreational and alternative transportation routes for bikers, walkers, stroller pushers, dog walkers, horseback riders, skiers, and snowmobilers. The natural beauty and history of the old railroad corridor, plus the average two-percent grade, make it possible for people of all abilities and interests to enjoy it year-round.

Local businesses and organizations contributed to the good time. HEAL-

New Hampshire distributed pedometers, The Webster Lake Association passed out apples, Staples of Tilton donated the printing, BJs of Tilton offered granola bars, and Hannafords of Franklin contributed balloons and bars. Many thanks to them and to ribbon-cutting assistants Pacey Hosmer, 9, and Sapphira Hosmer, 6, who did their jobs spotlessly.

Trail maps are available at the Potter Place kiosk, at the cafe in East Andover on Route 11 and Highland Lake, or downloadable online at FNRT.org. Come out and enjoy this lovely, new addition to the impressive variety of recreational choices in our area!



Bill Bardsley and his son Nils hiked to the top of Mount Katahdin in Maine to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the first time Bill climbed Katahdin. He has been up it many times since his first climb in 1949, but this latest one was made special by the group of young Appalachian Trail through-hikers who wanted their pictures taken with him.

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By Diane Rice
 Andover Libraries

New books galore have been purchased over the summer and are here in our libraries for your reading pleasure. Come in, look, and take home some of our newest acquisitions. You are sure to find choices for all tastes and age groups.

In Andover, the youngest set will be enchanted by many new books on the shelves. For the reader in Middle School, such titles as *Daniel X Watch the Skies* by James Patterson, *Percy Jackson and the Olympian*, one in a four-book series by Rick Riordan, and the hit graphic novels *Luke and the Loose* and *Tiny Titans* are resounding new hits.

And speaking of new hits, Dan Brown's new book, *The Lost Symbol*, which was released at midnight on September 14, is now part of our collection, as is Tracy Kidder's new book *Strength in What Remains*.

Many others are there, too, such as Douglas Brinkley's *Wilderness Warrior and the Crusade for America*, a story of Theodore Roosevelt. For the quilters we have *Week-end Quilters*, a perfect choice for those cool evenings by the fire.

Not to be outdone, East Andover has many new offerings, too. *Day after Night*, Anita Diamant's new novel; *Traveling with Pomegranates: A Mother-Daughter Story* by Sue Kidd, and Dan Brown's *The Lost Symbol* are also there to be shared and enjoyed, as well as stories for the young adult.

For those who love to cook on a budget, and don't we all, *The Taste of Home: Dinner on a Dime* is there to inspire meals for our enjoyment.

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Libraries Purchase Laptop And Projector For Town Use

The Trustees of the Andover Public Libraries are very pleased to announce the purchase of an LCD projector and a laptop computer for use by approved organizations in the town of Andover. There is a comprehensive list of these organizations available in the Town Office as well as in the Andover and East Andover Libraries.

Accompanying this list are the forms which must be filled out to borrow the equipment, which will be available starting October 15.

Funds for the purchase came from generous donations which were specifically targeted for this purpose.

The Kearsarge Chorale presents

A Royal Musick

By David L. Almond
 First Baptist Church

The Kearsarge Chorale will present *A Royal Musick* at 4 PM on Sunday, October 25, in the historic meetinghouse of the First Baptist Church in New London. David L. Almond will conduct the chorus of 55 singers and a chamber orchestra in music by Henry Purcell and George Frideric Handel. This year, 2009, marks significant anniversaries for both of these composers: Purcell was born in 1659, and Handel died in 1759.

The program features music composed for royal occasions. The concert includes two coronation anthems composed by George Frideric Handel: *Zadok the Priest* and *My Heart Is Inditing*. First written for the coronation of King George II and Queen Caroline in 1727, *Zadok the Priest* has been sung at the climax of coronations since then, including that of Queen Elizabeth II.

Henry Purcell composed a birthday ode, *Come, Ye Sons of Art* for Queen

Mary II in 1694. It contains the celebrated duet *Sound the Trumpet*. The program also includes the moving and beautiful music Purcell wrote for Queen Mary's funeral the following year. (Tragically, she died at age 32 of smallpox.)

In an age when life was frequently short and brutal, it is notable that these composers produced beauty in such rich and elegant music, with all the pomp and flourishes truly fit for kings and queens! This concert is a celebration of these bygone days that even those of us who cannot claim the label "Anglophile" will enjoy. The pieces were all written for English-speaking choirs, so no translation hinders interpretation.

The Kearsarge Chorale is made up of singers from several area towns. Soloists will include Nancy Tripp of Andover and Linda Barnes of Salisbury, owner of The Constant Quilter in Andover.

The concert is free. For further information, contact KearsargeChorale@gmail.com or 526-4559.



The Andover Congregational Church held a successful flea market on the Village Green on Labor Day Weekend. Pictured here is Mary Anne Broshek. Staff photo: Bob Bussey

Andover Congregational Church

By Judy Evans

Andover Congregational Church

It's autumn in New Hampshire, and the change of season is once again a beautiful sight.

Sunday school has started and is being held in the newly remodeled room upstairs in the Grange Hall. Plans are in the works to get the kitchen finished. Very exciting!

Alpha and Beta started on the 29th of September. The Beta group is also meeting in the room upstairs in the Grange Hall. We used to walk up to Pastor John's office to meet, and now we will be glad not to have to do that in the dead of the winter!

A supper will be held in the Grange Hall on Saturday, October 24, and all are welcome! The menu will consist of crock-pot dishes along with other "comfort foods" and, of course, plenty of homemade desserts. This will be a fundraiser for ongoing renovations of the Grange Hall, so donations will be accepted.

Please pass the word to your friends and neighbors! A concert of traditional and contemporary gospel music will follow.

We continue to have food sales on the third Sunday of each month around 11 AM which include items in addition to baked goods, such as baked beans, etc.

If you would like to put in a request for something particular, just call me at 735-5331, and we will do our best to have it ready for you. Maybe you'd like a batch of freshly-made chocolate chip cookies but don't have the time to bake? This is an opportunity for you to have them available! Proceeds from these sales go toward the renovation of the Grange Hall.

Praise and Worship is held in the Grange Hall on the fourth Friday of each month beginning at 7:30 PM. This is a time of contemporary music, an inspirational message, fellowship, and good food. Please join us!

Sunday morning worship and Sunday school begin at 9:30 AM with childcare available. You are invited to attend the "church on the corner beside the road" in East Andover. And, come as you are!

For information about outreach programs for teens and adults, call the church office at 735-5160.

Highland Lake Grange Hall Raffle

The winner of the summer fun package was Beryl Gove Sanborn of Andover. The package included a large stainless gas grill with full gas tank; a patio set to seat four with seat pads and an umbrella; a large cooler; cooking utensils, wire brush, and mitt; plus service setting for eight which includes cups, plates, silverware, serving platters and bowls, and two one-gallon beverage jars. Thanks to all who participated and sold tickets. We netted \$2,400 towards restoration work on the Highland Lake Grange Hall.

Also many thanks to the Andover Service Club for its generous donation.

We are now ready to start the much-needed kitchen in the Grange Hall, which will hopefully be done this fall. Donations are still needed, no matter how small.

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A Supper Of "Comfort Foods" To Raise Funds

By Judy Evans

Highland Lake Grange Hall Renovation

A supper of "comfort foods" will be held at the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover on Saturday, October 24, beginning at 5:30 PM. This will include a potpourri of crock-pot dishes along with other tempting fare and, of course, plenty of home-made desserts!

Please come and enjoy a meal with

your friends and neighbors. This will also give you an opportunity to see the projects that have been finished in the building and those that are in the works. Be sure to pass the word!

As an event to raise money for ongoing renovation of the Grange Hall, donations will be accepted.

For more information you may contact Judy Evans at 735-5331.

Blackwater Grange #152

Blackwater Grange 152 met on September 10 with 10 members and two guests. The program was a quiz about Presidents' nicknames.

We are buying dictionaries for Andover, New London, and Hill third graders.

The next meeting will be our annual award night, preceded by a Pot Luck Supper at 6 PM. The Grange is buying pies for desert.

Get-well wishes go Esther Grace, Eileen Brennan, and Ken Hazen.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 8, at 6 PM.

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New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault
NHCHF

We resumed our monthly meetings after a short summer. We departed from our usual sandwich lunch as Shirley Currier, our hostess, had a recipe for making omelets in a one-quart freezer bag.

We shook two eggs in the bag and added a variety of ingredients: chopped ham, onions, peppers, mushrooms, and cheese. These were then placed in boiling water until they were cooked. It was important to get all the air out of the bag.

When ready, the omelets slid right out of the bag. They were served with a salsa sauce and an assortment of corn muffins. Cake for dessert finished off this novel lunch.

Grand Hotels of the Great North Woods was the program. Pat Baker was our leader, and she gave us a peek into the vacations of the wealthy and working class in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

It was the custom of the more affluent to send their families to the country for the summer. Workers, shopkeepers, etc. usually spent less time and in the cheaper places.

The White Mountains became a popular destination for its beautiful scenery, clean air, and pristine waters. In response to this influx of tourists, boarding houses, inns, and grand hotels emerged to house and entertain guests.

The advent of train travel expanded the area, and at its height from 1885 to

1910, more than 12,000 people could be accommodated in the region's 200 hotels, inns, and boarding houses. The grand hotels became mini towns, having their own train station, shops, and liverys. These hotels provided gourmet meals and all the amenities of the times.

For entertainment there were concerts, dances, plays, lawn tennis, riding, hiking, parades, cards, hunting, bird watching, and numerous other activities.

Locally we had our share of summer visitors. Several members recall their homes being boarding houses for folks who wanted to spend time in the country.

Car ownership was a factor in the way people spent their vacations. They weren't spending long times in the same place. Many of the old hotels burned, and others fell into disrepair and ruin.

Of the 12 really grand New Hampshire hotels, only four remain: the Mount Washington in Carroll, the Balsams in Dixville Notch, the Mountain View Grand Hotel and Spa in Whitefield, and Wentworth By The Sea in Newcastle.

In addition to catering to tourists, these hotels hosted meetings and some very important conferences.

Some of our members have visited the remaining grand hotels, and they live up to their name in architecture and cuisine.

Our next meeting will be to plan our program for 2010. For more information call 735-5493.



Food collected at the Lake Sunapee Bank branch on Lawrence Street goes to the Andover Food Pantry in the basement of the Town Hall.

Staff photo: Charlie Darling

Lake Sunapee Bank Helps Stock Andover Food Pantry's Shelves

Lake Sunapee Bank is collecting food for local food pantries in each of its branch locations. During the first eight months of 2009, the bank's customers and employees have donated 162 bags of food to local pantries through the program. This total includes 12 bags in Andover collected in the Andover branch on Lawrence Street and donated to the Andover Food Pantry in the basement of the Town Hall.

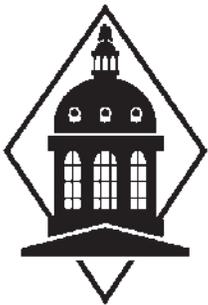
"Andover has consistently been one of our top collection locations, which is a credit and direct reflection of the generosity of our staff and customers," said Laura Jacobi, vice-president of Lake Sunapee Bank.

The food drive is managed by Lake

Sunapee Bank's Charitable Action Team, which is committed to encouraging, inspiring, and recognizing involvement and volunteerism of Lake Sunapee Bank's employees.

In addition to the food drive, the Charitable Action Team participates in charitable events, such as the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, the Prouty to benefit the Norris Cotton Cancer Center, and the March of Dimes walk.

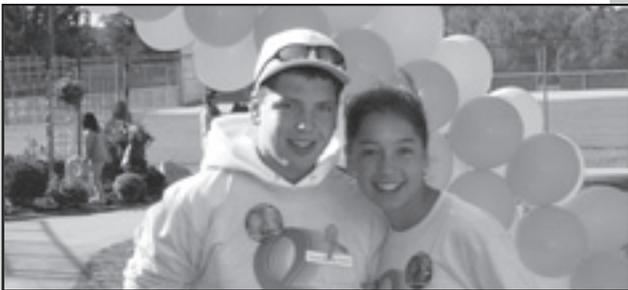
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If the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer project means something special to you, please share your story with the *Beacon* at Articles@AndoverBeacon.com by Tuesday, October 20, so we can include it in the November issue. We hope to have many inspiring stories and many photos from the October 18 event.

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- Helping women get access to mammograms
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Your involvement in Making Strides is as unique and special as the story that motivates you. This is your opportunity to honor breast cancer survivors, remember people we have lost, and raise funds and awareness to help end this disease.

Individuals are welcome. The registration fee is \$10 and anyone raising \$75 or more will receive a long-sleeve Making Strides Against Breast Cancer t-shirt. Registration forms are available at Jakes Market on Main Street in Andover.

For the safety of all of our participants, there are no dogs, bicycles, roller blades, or scooters. This will be strictly enforced at the field. Strollers, wagons, and wheelchairs are welcome.

The entire Governor Hugh Gallen Parkway is available for your parking needs. Please enter the Parkway off Pleasant Street and Clinton Street. Please avoid using Fruit Street. Concord High School parking lot off Warren Street will also be available for parking.

The Memorial Field parking lot will be reserved for those with accessibility needs, and the lot across the street will be reserved for Survivor Parking. There will also be remote parking and shuttles to Memorial Field. Shuttles will begin at 10:30 AM and will continue until 12:15 PM. Bus stops will be set up at the Memorial Field parking lot for the return trip after the walk. Remote parking will be available at two convenient locations:

- Sanborn, Head & Associates, 20 Foundry Street, Concord, near exit 16 off Route 93
- Rundlett Middle School and Conant School parking lots: 144 & 152 South Street, Concord

The Making Strides walk is five miles, starting and ending at Memorial Field. The route goes up Clinton Street, which is always a powerful and inspi-

ration view of our impact, passes by the New Hampshire Audubon Society, through the St. Paul's Campus, and winds its way back to Memorial Field. There are courtesy buses along the way to pick up anyone who would like a ride back to the Field.

The Survivor Way takes survivors and their families and friends through Langley Parkway for a shortened route. There will be courtesy buses along the way to pick up participants who would like a ride back to the field.

Making Strides is about honoring and remembering.

Honor

Breast cancer survivors are invited to share the spirit of the day. Join with others who live with breast cancer and beyond to experience the hope and strength in knowing *together we can make a difference*. There are many meaningful ways to participate:

- Join us in the survivor tent with your family and friends
- Survivor recognition gift
- Visit the Garden of Hope
- Participate in the group survivor photo at 12:45 PM at the stage under the quilt
- Enjoy opening ceremonies
- Provide encouragement by creating an Angel of Hope, Courage, and Strength to be donated to a newly-diagnosed breast cancer patient at the Breast Care Center at Concord Hospital.

Remember

• Visit the Garden of Hope. This beautiful permanent garden is dedicated to all those lives are touched by breast cancer. Tie a pink ribbon in the Garden of Hope to honor that special person who inspired you to become involved.

• Visit the Remembrance Area. All those we have loved deeply, we shall never forget.

There is a place for everyone at Making Strides in Concord. There is a common spirit of strength and togetherness; together we will laugh, together we will cry, together we will remember, together we will celebrate, together we will raise money, and together we will invest in the hope that one day there will be a cure for breast cancer.

For more information visit Cancer.org/stridesonline or call 800-ACS-2345.



The Andover Middle School Student Council and the Just For Jill team are assembling the ribbons for the Making Strides event in Concord. Back, l-r: Skyler Smith, Emma Davis, Thaddeus Bicknell. Front: Molly Comrie and Amy Wittel. Photo: Jane Slayton

Pink Ribbons Raise Awareness Of Breast Cancer

By Kimberly Laro
Making Strides Planning Committee

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month so you should expect to see lots of pink awareness ribbons. At the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in Concord on October 18, you'll see a whole lot of pink ribbon - 600 yards of it plus 5,000 pins. This year the ribbons will be assembled by the Just for Jill team and the Andover Middle School

Student Council with the donation of ribbon by Signature Events.

When you see a pink ribbon you instantly think Breast Cancer Awareness, but have you ever stopped to think why that is?

To answer that question you must first look at the birth of the awareness ribbon. The first time the ribbon took on the symbol of a cause was in 1979. Penelope Laingen, wife of a hostage taken
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Sarah Stanley

Assistant VP, Marketing, and Community Relations Officer - Franklin Savings Bank

"Mammograms are important to me. I lost my grandmother to breast cancer."

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Sarah's Soldiers Continue Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

By Kimberly Laro
Sarah's Soldiers

Since 1999, the team known as Sarah's Soldiers has been walking in the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event in Concord. As the team has grown in numbers, in strength, and in its involvement with the Making Strides event, it has shared the journeys of many remarkable women and men. These are just a few of them.

During a routine checkup, Bethany Parks' doctor found a lump on her right breast. Breast cancer is in Bethany's family, so she didn't think too much about it as she scheduled her mammogram and ultrasound. Both turned out negative, but because of her family history she was scheduled for a MRI.

The MRI showed that all was fine with the right breast but discovered something on the left breast. She would need to schedule a biopsy.

The results came back, and on the Monday before Thanksgiving Bethany was told she had cancer. Bethany felt bad for the doctor; it must be hard to tell people they have cancer. She thanked the doctor, thanking him for being persistent.

Bethany told herself that cancer is just a word, but she knows that it is more than just a word. "Cancer is so

much more than a word. It's an emotion, it's a reaction, it's a fear, it's an uncertainty, it's an anger, it's enlightening, it's empowering, and it changes lives every day."

Bethany recently addressed team captains at the Team Captain Kick-off, which is the launch of the Making Strides season in Concord. As she started to address the crowd, she caught an image of herself on the screen. It was one of the professional photos she had



Bethany Parks

taken to chronicle her journey through breast cancer. The image is breathtaking; she is beautiful, without hair, holding a bouquet of roses.

Bethany, normally loud and cheerful—*See Soldiers on page 37*

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in Iran, inspired by the song, Tie a Yellow Ribbon 'Round the Ole Oak Tree, tied a yellow ribbon around trees in her front yard. News viewers were told that the ribbon represented the desire to see her husband home again.

That yellow ribbon inspired by Lainigen was resurrected for soldiers fighting the Gulf War in 1991. The yellow ribbon inspired AIDS activists to loop a ribbon of red, the color of passion, to represent their cause. Actor Jeremy Irons wore the red ribbon during the Tony Awards, and it caught the attention of the national media. A few months later, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation handed out pink ribbons to participants in its New York City race for breast cancer survivors. In 1992, Self magazine in collaboration with the cosmetic company, Estee Lauder, launched the pink ribbon as an international symbol for breast cancer. The awareness ribbon rapidly became popular with numerous charitable organizations, and the New York Times declared 1992, "The Year of the Ribbon."

As Making Strides participants step onto Memorial Field, they understand they bring their own connection with Making Strides; they may be there to honor lives lost to breast cancer. They may be there after being newly diagnosed with breast cancer. They may be there to offer support to someone they care about who is battling breast cancer. They may be there to celebrate life after breast cancer. We are all walking for different reasons, but the ultimate cause is the same.

As participants stop by the welcome area, they may complete a sticker that says, "I walk in honor of" or "in memory of"; they may put on a survivor sash; but almost everyone stops to take the simple pink awareness ribbon that unites us in our cause.



An all-female US Army Honor Guard will present the colors during the opening ceremonies at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event in Concord on October 18.

So, there is this pink awareness ribbon, and October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer has its own distinctive ribbon; but what does that mean to you? We know you are aware that there is this disease, breast cancer, that will affect one in every eight women in her lifetime, but we want you to act upon this awareness.

- Join us at Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Money raised at Making Strides funds cutting-edge research, early detection programs, advocacy, and patient services of the American Cancer Society.

- Get yearly mammograms and clinical breast exams that are vital to detecting breast cancer early when the disease is most treatable. Sign up for mammogram reminder e-mails at Cancer.org. Each year in the month of your choosing, we will send you a free email reminder to "Please, schedule your yearly mammogram today. Be sure to remind the special women in your life to do the same".

- Perform self-breast exams and be aware of any changes in your body.

Remember, behind each awareness ribbon there are countless names of lives affected by breast cancer. Wear your pink ribbon proudly and share your story of why you are making strides against breast cancer.

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LRGHealthcare Urges Breast Cancer Awareness

By Ginny Witkin, RN, LRGHealthcare Breast Health Coordinator

The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2009, there will be more than 192,000 new cases of breast cancer identified in the United States; and more than 40,000 deaths from this disease.

In fact, the chance of a woman having invasive breast cancer sometime during her life is about one in eight. The chance of her dying from breast cancer is about one in 35.

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers among women in the United States, and it is second only to lung cancer in the number of lives it takes each year. But breast cancer death rates are dropping – most likely the result of early detection and better treatment.

Right now, there are about 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the United States. That's 2.5 million women who are beating this disease.

The keys to beating breast cancer are education and early detection. The American Cancer Society recommends that all women over the age of 20 should have a clinical breast examination by a doctor or nurse every three years. Women should also become familiar with their bodies. Monthly self-examinations are an option, and every woman should report any changes in her breasts to her doctor immediately.

Once a woman reaches the age of 40, clinical exams should increase in frequency to once each year, and annual mammograms should begin.

A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast that can show lumps or abnormalities too small for you or your physician to feel during an exam. Since chances of getting breast cancer increase as you get older, it's important to be checked on an annual basis – one exam is not enough.

LRGHealthcare is now pleased to offer digital mammography, the gold standard in mammography, at all four of our locations. It's a quick, simple,

easy procedure, and it could save your life.

If you are over the age of 40 and have not had a mammogram this year, October is a great time to take this important step.

It's one call, and it's a call that could save your life. Please help us make sure that every woman who faces breast cancer has her very best chance to be a survivor – especially if that woman is you.

Please call today for an appointment: Franklin Regional Hospital, 934-2060 ext. 350; Women's Imaging Center at Lakes Region General Hospital, 527-2992; Laconia Clinic, 524-5151; or Lakes Region OB/GYN, 524-9197.

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Cost should not be a barrier to any woman in our community getting a mammogram. Medicare, Medicaid, and most other insurance plans cover mammograms. There are also a number of programs in our community to help women access regular mammograms.

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (BCCP) provides free breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostic services to low income, uninsured, and underinsured New Hampshire women. 527-7000

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Tanger Outlet, LRGHealthcare Host 5K Family Event

Tanger Outlet Center and LRGHealthcare are pleased to host the First Annual 5K Fit for Families Run/Walk event on Saturday, October 3, from 8 AM to noon at the Tanger Outlet Center on Route 3 in Tilton.

This special event is intended to raise awareness about breast cancer and breast health. Explore educational displays focused on women's health, talk to health professionals, and *shop!* There will be free services such as chair massage, blood pressure screenings, nutritional consultation, and more.

If you are one of the first 350 registered to walk or run in the race, you'll

take home a complimentary bag full of treats and coupons for the outlets. Race event registration is \$25.

Pink Cards will also be available for purchase at the Tanger Outlet Center until October 20. Purchase a Pink Card for \$1 and you'll save 25% on a single item at any of 30 participating Tanger Outlet Center stores. Proceeds from the card sales will be donated to LRGHealthcare's Digital Mammography Campaign.

For more information about this exciting event, please visit LRGH.org or call LRGHealthcare Community Education at 934-2060 ext. 8369.

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ful, took a deep breath and asked the survivors in the room to stand up. She thanked them and told them she needed to see them and feel their strength.

Bethany shared her journey with the audience. She had been around cancer enough that she figured she could barge right through, scheduling her lumpectomy as if it were a lunch date, getting out the next day, and being ready for the holidays.

What she didn't realize was how inconvenient cancer can be: all the doctor appointments, all the testing, and all the waiting.

Bethany had her lumpectomy only to find the cancer was larger than expected and was in one of the lymph nodes. She had to rearrange her schedule again for a double mastectomy, four months of chemotherapy, and radiation for six and a half weeks. She chose to treat it very aggressively, with the goal being as much peace and serenity as possible for her life after the treatment.

"Everyone does this differently," Bethany reassured the audience. "Everyone has their own reasons for making their decisions. Everyone's way is right for that person."

Bethany announced that this year's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in October will be her first event AC: After Cancer. Bethany says "I have walked this walk with you before. I have been in the window of Concord Hospital and watched all of you walk by. I have stood on the hill and cried the tears that you all cry."

"And now I want to remind you that what you are doing *does* make a difference. Even if I have never met you, you have carried me without even knowing it. Keep making strides, and I hope you smile and have fun and laugh out loud while you are doing it. Again, cancer is just a word, just like hope."

This year Bethany will walk in New York City with her new team, Laugh Out Loud, but Bethany will always be a Sarah's Soldier. Sarah was her cousin.

In 1996 Sarah Dodge Raney addressed 200 people at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in Concord. She was 24 years old. Sarah was battling for her life in 1997, and she lost her battle with breast cancer in February of 1998.

In 1998, Sarah's mother, Donna Dodge, her sisters Cydney and Shannon, and her niece, Sadye, decided to walk as participants in Making Strides. When they arrived at the walk they were surprised to be among the 1,000

participants: Breast cancer affects far too many lives.

As they traveled the route, they came upon a walker with a paper pinned on her back that said, "I walk in Memory of Sarah Dodge Raney." Their Sarah. They decided to form Sarah's Soldiers to honor the memory of Sarah, and they began to recruit family and friends to walk in 1999.

In 2004, Donna lost her battle with breast cancer.

Through the years, Sarah's Soldiers has continued to make a difference in the fight against breast cancer as they continue to be one of the top fundraising teams in Concord. But the team's impact doesn't stop with the money; many members are on the planning committee and volunteer for the event. Sarah's sister Cydney chaired the event in 2001 and 2002. She is currently the Director of Survivorship.

Team captain Kimberly Laro says, "I couldn't think of a better person than Cydney to lead our survivorship outreach. I believe there are two ways you can be a survivor. You can survive the disease, or you can survive the loss. Cydney has survived the loss of her mother and sister, but she continues to make an impact."

"One of her favorite parts of the day," Kimberly continues, "is when they take the survivor picture. Each year the number of survivors continues to grow, and I'd like to think that our team has contributed to that in a small way."

As Cydney reflects back on the last 10 years that Sarah's Soldiers has participated in this event she says, "I thought to myself, how can we be sure Sarah's Soldiers isn't just about my mother and sister, but is about all those woman and men who are touched by this horrid disease. This is the year: Sarah's Soldiers will transcend yet again and allow others to feel part of something bigger than themselves."

Cydney says, "The key to the team's name is the word "soldiers," soldiers marching into battle. This day isn't about *one* person. This day is about *everyone* touched in some way by breast cancer."

On October 18, 2009 Sarah's Soldiers will continue their tradition, and we invite you to join the thousands of teams and individual participants to make a difference, to make history, and to make strides in the fight against breast cancer.

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Warner Fall Foliage Festival, Oct 9-11

Crisp days, chill nights, and blazing foliage all signal the coming of Warner's Fall Foliage Festival. Friday night will begin the 62nd festival with a family-friendly carnival and junior oxen pull as youngsters compete with their young teams.

Saturday begins with a country breakfast at the United Church of Warner at 7 AM. Well fortified for the day, continue on at 9 AM to the farmers' market, the juried arts and crafts, and the country bazaar.

The Festival stretches from downtown Warner up Kearsarge Mountain Road and onto the Simonds School grounds. The road is closed to provide ample booth exhibit areas, street performers, parades, and just plain walking around.

Enjoy the oxen contests, have your face painted, and enter the pie-eating contest – it's for kids and adults this year. The wonderful smells of festival food will tempt you to the food court, with its wide variety of offerings, and to the big food tent for traditional foods. Or purchase your ticket early for the chicken and lobster dinner at 11:45 AM.

Live music from a wide variety of bands, a Children's Parade

and a country supper at the United Church of Warner will round out the day. The midway will be open from 10 AM to 8 PM, with special bracelet tickets going on sale for \$12 at 5 PM.

Sunday starts with the country breakfast and more live music and entertainment. Break for the chicken and lobster dinner, then take your place to watch the Grand Parade at 1 PM. This year's theme is *Warner: Then and Now*, and the floats and groups are guaranteed to be creative with their interpretations of Warner's long and well-recorded history. The midway closes at 6 PM.

Parking is convenient, with parking lots off of Exit 9 from I-89. Parking is \$5 for all day. Shuttle busses will bring people to the festival. Handicapped parking is available.

Entrance to the festival is free. The festival carries on rain or shine, with performance tents in case of inclement weather.

The Warner Fall Foliage Festival is an entirely volunteer planned and run effort, with all proceeds going to town and district school organizations. Visit WFFF.org for more information. It's a weekend of fun for all!



Al and Mary Demers celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in the same booth at the same diner where they shared their first meal as a married couple in 1946. For their anniversary they enjoyed a rhubarb pie – Al's favorite – with candles on it. Photo: Karen Gross

63RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Albert and Mary Demers

By Jo O'Connor
The Record Enterprise staff

On September 2, Albert and Mary Demers of Andover celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary at the Main Street Station Diner in Plymouth.

Memories from September 2, 1946, the Demers' wedding day, included the Main Street Station Diner in Plymouth. It was at that diner that the newlyweds stopped to have their first dinner as husband and wife on their way to their Canadian honeymoon. Back then they sat at the second table on the left.

That same table was made ready for the two of them 63 years later and for their two children, Patti Bailey of Groton and Karen Gross of Andover.

Albert Demers was from Manchester, while Mary Smith was from Southborough, Massachusetts. Albert's aunt was a good friend of Mary's mother and was the one who introduced 14-year-old Albert to 12-year-old Mary.

On the front page of the *Union Leader* dated July 14, 1942, 17-year-old Albert Demers is pictured in a group with other young men from New Hampshire who had signed up to serve their country in the US Navy. At the time, the price for the *Union Leader*

was three cents.

Along with other men who had signed up with the Navy during World War II, Albert was assigned to a landing craft called a Landing Ship Tank (LST). As a sailor aboard an LST during the war, Albert along with his shipmates landed in Salerno and fought on land under General George S. Patton in Patton's Fifth Army.

While serving in the military, Albert wore his dog tags and a religious medal. On one side of the medal St. Anthony is represented with the words "Pray for me," and on the other side of the medal is St. Christopher, represented with the words "Protect me."

After Albert's four-year tour of duty he returned home and pursued his work career. He began as a mail boy in the Amoskeag Bank, the biggest bank north of Boston at the time, and worked his way up to vice-president.

When asked what advice Mary would give to couples today, her answers were, "Be honest, go to church, practice your religion, and never go to bed angry. That's very important," she added. "And when things are difficult, pray for God's help."

With Albert, his advice to couples today would be to have abiding love.

This special day for remembering and celebrating was made nicer thanks to the Diner's owner Steven Luce and waitress Francine Daniels. They were in many ways pleasantly attentive to the celebrating family.

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Back, l-r: Sarah Lester, Mychal Reynolds, Brian Reynolds. Front: Matthew, Sophia, and David Reynolds. Photo: Amy Makechnie

Meet Ultra-Marathoner Brian Reynolds

By Amy Makechnie
For the Beacon

Turning 40 hasn't slowed Brian Reynolds of Andover. If anything, he's getting faster...and tougher.

Brian has been running since sixth grade. He's qualified for the famed Boston Marathon three times, and he's run three ultra running events – "ultra" meaning anything longer than a traditional marathon race of 26.2 miles. His first ultra was a 50K (31 miles) in 2004 and his second was a 50-miler in 2006, which he ran while enduring plantar fasciitis. It was a long and painful race that required weeks of recovery. But he did recover, and came back stronger than ever.

Brian credits Jen Braley, who organized "Andover's Biggest Loser," for helping him recover. He was motivated to lose weight with a group and kicked up his running mileage. He jokes that running so much also let him eat. While participating in the weight loss competition, Brian increased the frequency of his running from four or five days a week to seven, leading him to feel strong and fit enough to sign up for a 100K (62 miles) in South Woodstock Vermont, which took place earlier this summer.

On July 17, the night before the race, Brian drove to Vermont (his kids in tow) to pick up his number and set up a tent – that's right, a tent! That's because the race would start at 2PM the next day and he would be finishing well into the early morning hours. At least he hoped so.

Race rules afford runners 20 hours to complete the course, but Brian had the following mindset:

At a minimum, finish in less than 14 hours.

It was realistic to finish in 12 hours.

A dream would be to break 11 hours.

Brian explains, "When I approach a race this way I can stay mentally focused and not let myself slip away from a singular goal."

The next day, July 18, Brian stood at the starting line. He says it was important not to psyche himself out. "62 miles is a long way. However, as I stood at the starting line I was thinking '5.6 miles to the first aid station, that's doable.' Then at that aid station it's 3.8 to the next one, and so on. It's not a 62-mile race, it's a bunch of four or five-mile runs with a little party mixed in at each break."

The weather on July 18 was pretty close to ideal: 70's and not too humid.

However, the course was off main roads; a combination of dirt roads and horse trails. With all the rain this year, several spots on the trail were wet and muddy. Add the many runners and horses previously on the trail, and footwork was pretty tricky.

Zeke Zucker, an accomplished ultra runner and part of the race committee, had told the runners the Vermont course was full of "PUDS" (Pointless Ups and Downs). Brian says, "Needless to say there were many, many hills. Several of them were more than two-miles long. The good thing was that, after a long climb, we were almost always rewarded with a beautiful view...it was spectacular."

Brian was especially appreciative of the support along the trail. "There were 18 aid stations and it was like coming into a NASCAR pit stop; someone takes your camelback (a hydration system runners wear like a backpack) and fills it and someone gets you food."

What does one eat while running 62 miles? Choices included water, sports drink, and a selection of high calorie and salty foods like potato chips, M&M's, candy, boiled potatoes with salt, cookies, sandwiches, and fruit. Brian says that at one aid station there was a barbecue serving cheeseburgers. "Those really hit the spot around dinner time."

There were two medical check stations where all runners were weighed. Too much weight gain or loss disqualified a runner. "They're very careful about helping people manage their fluids and electrolytes so they can have a safe race," Brian adds.

Since Brian only drank water, and no sport drinks during the race, he had to pay close attention to his electrolyte levels. He wore a camelback filled with water, brought electrolyte pills to help with hydration, and carried Fig Newtons and CLIF bars for emergency use.

Only about half of the race was run during daylight. When the sun went down, runners were only able to stay on course with glow sticks marking the course. Brian says seeing those lights was amazingly comforting in the dark of the night.

"It was the hardest at night in the last 20 miles. There were times when I was sore and tired and thought 'it's the be-

ginning of the end,' but eventually I'd pass someone or get passed...and realize it's a bad patch, nothing a cookie or some Coke won't cure."

Runners were allowed a "pacer," (a companion to run the last 20 miles.) Although he thinks he could, perhaps, have run faster with a friend by his side, Brian is, "Overall happy I made it through on my own."

Brian did make it through, and made it through well. It was Sunday morning, July 19, at 3:05 AM, when Brian crossed the finish line. He didn't have his "dream day," but he did finish near the top of the field, in fourth place. He completed the whopping 62-mile race in 13 hours and 5 minutes. (The winner was a 39-year-old Massachusetts man who ran the race in just over 12 hours.)

Of the 19 runners who entered the race, only two did not finish. Of those who did finish, some faced some extreme adversity. Two runners who went out faster than Brian got lost. Both found their way back, but one wore out quickly, became confused, and had to walk much of the way. "The cool thing was that he could have quit and he didn't. For him it was as much about finishing as it was about winning."

After finishing the race, Brian crashed in his tent for five hours. He awoke around 9AM to, "very stiffly," walk to the finish line to join the excited crowd in cheering on the remaining 62-milers. Runners from the premier event, the Vermont 100-Miler, were also coming to the finish line. The 100-milers had started July 17 as well, but at 4AM instead of 9AM, and had a 30-hour time limit. This worked out so all the runners of both the 62-mile and 100-mile events could finish the race by 10AM Sunday morning. The last runner for the 100-miler received a standing ovation. His name was Karsten Solheim of Arizona with a time of 29 hours, 54 minutes, and 40 seconds. Oh, and he's 72-years-old.

These days Brian runs everyday, often logging between 40-70 miles a week of what he calls "fairly easy running." A typical running week looks something like this:

Monday, Tuesday: Easy one hour
See Brian on page 40



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Jessica Rose Rosman and Marty Matthew McAuliff were joined in marriage on September 5 aboard the MV Kearsarge in Sunapee Harbor. Captain David Hargbol performed the ceremony, attended by 50 friends and family members.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Andre and Joanne Rosman of Summit, New York. The groom's parents, James and Nadia McAuliff of Amsterdam, New York, and sister Allana McAuliff and her fiance Eric Sendz-

icki, were present to share their day.

The simple and elegant sunflower-themed ceremony kicked off as Jessica's father escorted her down the pathway to the harbor, and the couple boarded the MV Kearsarge to take their vows on the upper deck. During the wedding cruise, many boaters sounded their horns in congratulations to the happy couple.

Jessica and Marty own a home in Potter Place. The couple enjoyed a wedding trip to Williamsburg, Virginia.

Brian from page 39

Wednesday: Hilly hard run
 Thursday: Easy one hour
 Friday: Easy one hour with 100-meter repeats
 Saturday: Easy one hour
 Sunday: Long run, two to three hours

This schedule has paid off. In January Brian ran the Disney Marathon. At 39 years of age he ran a 3:19 marathon, qualifying him once again for the famed Boston Marathon in both 2009 and 2010.

Brian isn't the only runner in the family. His wife, Dr. Sarah Lester, is an avid early morning runner, logging 40 plus miles a week. She's working her way toward an Ironman Triathlon next year. Their four children – Matthew, David, Sophia, and Mychal Reynolds – have all competed in 5Ks. Their youngest, Mychal, crawled across a finish line

at the mere age of 7-months. Brian adds that their kids don't run a race unless they want to.

I asked Brian how it feels to be an Ultraman? He says, "It's funny. When I hear 'Ultraman' I think of an old Japanese super-hero that was popular when I was eight." But he demurs, "In a way I feel sort of lazy. One reason to do ultras is to avoid speed work. It's mostly easy running...walking/hiking is part of the event...walk up a hill until you can see the top then run reasonably down hills and flats."

Brian may feel lazy, but perhaps the super-hero is a more fitting image. He's considering running the Vermont 50 at the end of September, and, while participating in this "hobby," Brian works full-time, has four children, is the den leader for his sons' Scout troop, and serves as a community representative on the School Board's Hamp House task force.

Sounds like an Ultraman to me!

Remembering Rick Nowell

By Rick Nowell's family

Read by Mike French, his brother-in-law, at the memorial service for Rick.

We would like to thank all of you for coming here today to commemorate the life of Rick Nowell.

We would like to express a special thanks to Jane for loving and caring for Rick. We know that it was not always easy, but you did it well. Thank you, Jane, and we love you. You brought to Rick's life much joy and happiness. You gave to him the most precious gifts of all, his two wonderful sons, Christopher and Derrick.

His love for his family was so great that he was able to step back, analyze his life, and make changes that enabled him to live more fully and enjoy his family and life.

Rick was a determined person, who worked very hard to achieve his goals. We as a family are very proud of his accomplishments. Rick conquered alcoholism 21 years ago. He enjoyed a 25-year marriage and was a devoted father, brother, neighbor, and friend.

He enjoyed vacations to the ocean, golfing, family gatherings, and his many friends. He especially enjoyed

watching his two sons mature into responsible young men.

He could always be found playing football, lacrosse and baseball from the sidelines. He knew all the players and had nicknames for each of them.

He was also very proud of his family's accomplishments: his son Christopher's college graduation, his career, and his beautiful fiancée, Melissa. As Rick would say, "She's a keeper!" We love you, Melissa and Chris.

Rick loved Derrick very much and could often be heard bragging of his accomplishments and athletic abilities and his acceptance to Proctor Academy. Rick enjoyed seeing Derrick through his freshman year. We all know he would want you to give it your best effort and to succeed. We love you too, Derrick.

We have learned many life lessons from you, Rick. One is that it takes determination to succeed, and another is that it takes love to build a happy family.

We love you, Rick, and we'll miss you dearly. Our lives are richer for the memories we have of you, the love you shared with us, the pain and challenges we faced together, and your unforgettable personality.



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ROBERT W. BARRETT, 88, died August 9, 2009, at the Clough Center following a long illness.

He was born January 20, 1921 in Portsmouth, the son of Harry and Florence (Hunt) Barrett. He lived in New London all of his life and at his home on Little Sunapee Road since 1946. Mr. Barrett graduated from New London High School in 1941 and served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a cook during World War II. He had worked as a chef at Colby Junior College in New London and St. Paul's School in Concord. He had also been a ski lift operator for many years at King Ridge and then Mount Sunapee, retiring in 2007. Mr. Barrett also enjoyed working at Spring Ledge Farm in New London, tending and watering the plants.

He was a member of the New London Fire Department and King Solomon's Lodge 14, F&AM, of Elkins. He enjoyed watching the Red Sox, golfing, NASCAR and attending motorcycle races with his family. He and his wife spent many hours riding their Harley-Davidson motorcycle and were members of the Valley Riders Motorcycle Club.

Mr. Barrett was predeceased by two sisters, Pauline O'Neil and Elizabeth Palmer; and three brothers, George, Harry, and Horace.

Members of his family surviving include his wife of 63 years, Marion C. (Fuehrer) Barrett of New London; a son, Robert W. Barrett Jr. of Barrington; four daughters, Catherine Barrett of Kansas City, Kan., Patsy Barrett King and her husband, Doug, of Newport, Terri Masters of Concord, and Joanne Barrett of New London; six grandchildren, Hannah, Ethan, Daniel, Shane, Heather and Sarah; three great-grandchildren, Mathew, Kylie and Cayden; five brothers and their spouses, Donald of New London, Fred and Bette of Franklin, Massachusetts, Verne and Judy of Elkins, Bruce and Nancy of Andover, and Sherman and Helen of Concord; five sisters and their spouses, Pearl Fitzger-



ald of Sarasota, Florida, Ruth and Paul Gagnon and Jane and Bob Shackett, all of Newport, Mary Jean and Frank Wibel of Omaha, Nebraska, and Ellie and Linwood Hurd of Satellite Beach, Florida; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at Old Main Street Cemetery in New London with the Reverend Canon Cricket Cooper officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the New London Fire Department, PO Box 240, New London 03257.

RUTH IDA WHEELER, 91, of Concord, died September 1, 2009, at Havenwood Health Center following a period of declining health.

She was born November 14, 1917, in Franklin, a daughter of Lulu Emogene (Thompson) and Edward S. Morrison. She attended Andover Grammar School before her family moved to Concord in 1933. She later graduated from Concord High School in 1938.

Mrs. Wheeler was supervisor at the J.J. Newbury Store for more than 40 years before retiring in 1979.

During her active retirement years, she volunteered as a driver at the Pleasant View Retirement Community. She was an active member of the First Congregational Church in Concord, serving as a deacon as well as in the Women's Guild in many capacities. She served as the pastor's aid for many years and collated the church newsletter.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Willard E. Bennett in 1967, and by her second husband, Harold Wheeler in 1996.

She is survived by a stepson, Scott Wheeler of Thornsville, Ohio, and special longtime friends Frank and Reverend Pam Spain, Jason and Katie Miller, and Rodney and Shelley Huntoon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Congregational Church, 177 North Main Street, Concord 03301 or to Havenwood Resident Fund, 33 Christian Avenue, Concord 03301.

JEAN DAVIS CHARLES, recently of St. Mark's Terrace of Penn Yan, New York, died September 6, 2009 after a short illness.

Jean was born May 19, 1925 in Penn Yan to the late Howard and Harriet Oswald Davis. She graduated from Penn Yan Academy in the class of 1943 and entered the United States Cadet Nurse Corps at Russell Sage University.

In 1947 she married Grant H. Charles and moved to New England. Her married life was spent between her family's home in Branchport, New York and Potter Place, New Hampshire, where she leaves several long-time friends.

Jean was an avid reader and enjoyed knitting, needlework and basket making. One of her passions was genealogy and she was a long time member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). In 2002 she received a 50-year membership award from the National Society of the DAR for her dedicated service.

Jean was predeceased by her parents, her brother Carleton in 2006, and her brother Gordon in March 2009. She is survived by her sons: Ralph (Linda R. Jones) S. Charles III of Schuyler Falls, New York and Lincoln (Robin) Charles of Franklin, and a daughter, Ellen (Michael) Chirco of Penn Yan. She also leaves her grandchildren Seth (Sarah Carruthers) Charles, White River Junction, Vermont, and Meredith (Devon) Jacobs of Plattsburg, New York and several cherished cousins, nieces, and sisters-in-law.

Interment was at Branchport Cemetery in Branchport. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Branchport Methodist Church, 3988 Belknap Hill Road, Branchport, New York 14418.

Friends and family may sign the guestbook at TownsendWoodFuneralChapel.com.

MISS KATHERINE "KAY" WALDRON, 92, of Tilton died September 19, 2009, at Mountain Ridge Health Care

Center in Franklin.

She was born June 3, 1917, in Danbury, the daughter of Charles and Clara Anna (Janvrin) Waldron. Kay was raised in Danbury and later resided in Watertown and Waltham, Massachusetts. She resided in Andover before moving to Tilton in 1966.

Kay was employed for many years at Raytheon in Waltham and Newton, Massachusetts prior to retirement.

She enjoyed the outdoors, especially tending to her garden of flowers and vegetables.

She is survived by her sister, Helen Waldron of Tilton, and several nieces and nephews.

Kay was predeceased by three brothers, Raymond, Woodrow and Herbert; and three sisters, Marion Blake, Pearl Price and Mary Ester Decoster.

Burial was at Proctor Cemetery.



The family of Rick Nowell would like to thank everyone who has been supportive, not just at the time of our loss but throughout Rick's illness. Whether it was a phone call, visit, card, prayer, wood cutting, or dropping off food, it is all very appreciated.

We would like to also thank Chadwick Funeral Service for taking care of everything; Andover Elementary/Middle School for taking care of the luncheon after the service; Proctor for use of the Chapel; Scott the chaplain for the great service; Twin Rivers for the transport; and Franklin VNA and Hospice, Franklin and Laconia Hospitals, and the Laconia Hematology and Oncology Department not just for the care of Rick but also for the support given to the family.

Thank you again.

*The Family of
Rick Nowell*

The family of Stella Durgin wishes to thank the Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice and the Andover Rescue Squad for their care and compassion during Stella's illness. We would also like to thank all those who comforted us with their friendship and sympathy during our time of loss.

*Wilfred J. Durgin, Sr.
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Two by two, the kids from the Andover Five Alive Program brought canned goods for the Andover Food Pantry. (L-r, front to back): Tyler Champagne, Aaron Weeks; Lilly Carlson, Megan Stiles; Sasha Mackenzie, Lindsey Stiles; Connor Beauman, River Turnbull. Staff photo: Charlie Darling

Andover After School Program Holds Open House October 22

By Bonny Morris
Andover Afterschool Program

On Thursday, October 22, the Andover Afterschool Program will join 7,500 communities and one million Americans in celebrating afterschool programs at the Afterschool Alliance's tenth annual Lights On Afterschool event. This nationwide event calls attention to the importance of afterschool programs and the resources required to keep the lights on and the doors open.

The Andover Afterschool Program is proud to be a Lights On Afterschool National Supporting Organization. Please join us at our open house from 4 to 6 PM on Thursday,

October 22. Meet our board, our staff, and tour our wonderful facility. See the many improvements made this past summer.

Too many children – 14.3 million – are missing out on afterschool opportunities. By participating in Lights On Afterschool we can help call attention to this important issue.

To learn more about Lights On Afterschool, visit AfterschoolAlliance.org. Lights On Afterschool is a project of the Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that all children have access to afterschool programs.

Andover Daycare Facilities

By Heather Makechnie
Beacon staff
Happy Faces Daycare

Aundrea Lansdown-Powers has been banking down her home daycare for two years. With the last child reaching kindergarten age, Happy Faces Daycare will officially close at the end of September, after 14 years of service to the community.

She explains, "I stopped taking in new clients and then, slowly, the babies have all grown up and graduated. Next week my last little girl will move on. It will be strange for me. But it is a new beginning. I'm not sure what David and I are going to do, but it will all unfold. We have been preparing ourselves to take in foster kids."

Live and Learn Daycare

Karen Sanborn has been preparing to run a home daycare for a number of years. With experience in both New London and Andover daycare centers, and with course-work at community college, conferences, and workshops, Karen has earned her Lead Teacher certificate in childcare from the State of New Hampshire. "I'm not sure people know how exacting it is," says Karen.

Meanwhile, Karen's husband Billie has been renovating their house on Route 4A to make it a safe and happy place for three to four full-time children. "He's almost as excited as I am about this," chuckles Karen. With one spot already filled, this happy environment will soon be fully subscribed. To contact Live and Learn Daycare, call 735-5907.

Proctor Childcare Center

Proctor Academy demands many, many hours of involvement from its employees that go way beyond the normal eight-to-five work day. It is often very difficult to balance home life and workload.

Proctor Business Manager Donald McDonald explains, "Historically, Proctor Child Care Center was created to help our faculty and staff meet their child-rearing needs in this strenuous environment. Along the way we were very happy to serve the community as well. It has always broken even, as far as income, until taking into account ben-

efits for employees, like health and unemployment insurance, vacation time, retirement, etc. Those expenses have put us in the red each of the 11 years we have been in existence."

This year has seen change at Proctor Child Care Center. With full support of the Board of Directors and Trustees, Proctor Child Care Center manager, Sue "Raz" Rasweiler restructured the program, creating 10 fewer slots for students and effectively eliminating one full-time staff position. "This is allowing us to focus more attention on individual children," says Raz. "It is widely rumored that we are now closed to the community. This is not true. Proctor faculty and staff still have priority, but there are many area children in our programs, and we will continue to be committed to enrolling them. Our programs are full for this year."

Says Raz, "We are emerging stronger and more secure and confident in what we are doing."

Andover After School Program

The dust is settling for Andover After School Program, literally and figuratively. Says Director Susan Nellen, "Because of the size of the in-coming kindergarten, we have had to enlarge our program. We are utilizing the two upstairs rooms, now fully renovated, and we have retained additional staff." Susan also says that there are a couple of kindergarten slots open, as well as a couple of after school slots still available. Call 735-6566 for more information.

East Andover Village Preschool

With its decision to provide full-day care to eight students, East Andover Village Preschool took a bold step. It is one that has met with success. Says Doreen Perreault, "All eight slots have been enrolled. The school year is off to a great start."

Kings Castle

King's Castle is perched on Beech Hill Road. For two years it has been operated as a licensed home-based daycare by Samantha King. It is the "realm" of up to nine children from the ages of six months to eight years. Currently there are three open "thrones" available. Call 735-4197.

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Matthew Sanborn and Brandon Dukette enjoy some outdoor time together.
Photo: Doreen Perreault

East Andover Village Preschool

By Doreen Perreault
East Andover Village Preschool

October continues to be one of my favorite months of the year. The brisk cooler air begins to filter in, the leaves begin their beautiful change to orange and yellow, and here at the preschool we begin a full month of spooktacular fun.

A new year means new backpacks, new sneakers, and the chance to meet many new friends. This year we welcomed 28 children to our program. We've had 28 bunny-hopping children, 28 smiling faces, and 56 busy feet exploring the school house on the hill.

We are crowning a daily Weather Wizard and watching the trees right outside our window turn their vibrant fall colors. We are learning and exploring all the wonderful fall colors and textures around us.

During the month of October we will be venturing down the Rail Trail to investigate the fall happenings around our school. We will be collecting leaves for leaf rubbing and creating a few fall collages.

The children are enjoying our Tuesday library visits. Ms. Mary is always ready to share a new adventure with us.

This month we will be taking our first field trip to visit our very dear friend, Peter Zak. Peter gives us a wonderful tour of his orchard, and he's always quick with a game or two. This year we hear his beehives are quite busy, so it

should be a great adventure.

We expect a visit from our Chef. Chef will be helping us make applesauce and rice cake jack-o-lanterns. October is always a creepy month, and I expect Chef will bring a few "bugs" for us to sample (yikes)! Mmmm ... sounds like a yummy month.

We will be having a Halloween Open House on Wednesday, October 28. Children will bring their families and venture through our spooky house. We will be feeling some slimy creations, stirring the witches brew, balancing candy corn, and tossing a few monster-mallows. It will be a fun family night for everyone. I expect to see a few princesses, a goblin or two, and even Thomas the Tank Engine.

We have begun our annual Classic Cookie Dough sales. This is our seventh year selling cookie dough. Orders will be in on October 21. You can place an order through any of our families or by calling the school directly. We are looking forward to another successful year. Proceeds from the fundraiser go directly to furnishing new toys and enrichment activities for the children.

We will be ending the month with our trick or treat walk to the local post office and store. As always, we expect it to be a frightfully fun month on the hill in East Andover.

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Cub Scouts at Camp Carpenter this summer (l-r): Jason Lewis, Keegan Sweeney, Hayden Buswell, Dave Reynolds, and Cyrus King.
 Photo: Chris Buswell

Cub Scouts Pack 489

By Betsy Buswell
 Pack 489 Committee Chair

A new year has started for the Cub Scouts of Pack 489. Our scouts had a great year last year. Many of our scouts went to Cub Scout camp over the summer. They learned many new things like archery and whittling, along with some old favorites like swimming and water fights. They were very lucky that the weather held out for that week (at least most of it).

On September 16 we had our first pack meeting of the year. If you have a boy in grades one through five interested in joining and you missed it, please contact us and we will get them signed up and in their pack.

This Halloween our pack is planning on setting up a pumpkin display in the center of Andover. The final location has yet to be decided. We grew many of our own pumpkins this year, but the more pumpkins the more fun, so if you or someone you knows wants to donate a pumpkin or two to the cause, the more the merrier.

We will be carving them on Wednesday, October 28. We hope you drop by to see them, and have a wonderful Halloween.

Food Drive

Every year our pack participates in a food drive for the New Hampshire Food Pantry. This year Pack 489 and Boy Scout Troop 489 will be joining together to collect food for the Andover Food Pantry located in the Town Hall. In these tough economic times we are looking closer to home and reaching out to help our neighbors in need.

Bags will go out on Saturday, November 7 and will be collected on Saturday, November 14. If you are interested in donating food and do not receive a collection bag, please call us at the number below and we will arrange to pick it up.

Thank you in advance. Many of our local families are struggling right now;

let's shoot to make this year great!

We are also looking to have a uniform collection. Every year we get new tiger cubs, and all of the scouts move up to a new level. Anyone who has bought these uniforms knows that they can be expensive, particularly when you have more than one child in scouting. So think about donating that old or outgrown uniform or uniform pieces and recycle them back to the pack instead of letting them collect dust in the closet.

Priority for used uniforms will be given to those scouts who can't afford to buy the uniform, and then the pack will get to trade and upgrade.

Popcorn Sale

Popcorn is for sale! Many of you will notice Cub Scouts out selling popcorn over the next couple of months, either at local businesses, the Transfer Station, or at your home. Please consider supporting these scouts – it is so critical to our pack.

Don't really care for popcorn? We now sell a trail mix as well as popcorn donations to our military. Seventy percent of sales go to local scouting, and most of our funding comes from our yearly popcorn sales.

Last year we got to add rocket races to our yearly activities, and this year we would like to go to a Fishercats game in the spring, have a big campout, and much, much more. Our pack also makes a point to try to be sure every boy who wants to go to summer camp gets to go, regardless of the ability to pay.

So next time you see those boys out in their uniforms nervously trying to talk to all of those strangers, send a smile their way and know that it is all going to a very good cause. Thank you to all of our volunteers and the town of Andover for all of your years of support, and here's to a great year ahead of us!

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First and second grade children learn the fine art of dribbling and ball control during the first practice session on September 12. Play continues until October 17. Photo: Alan Hanscom

Andover Recreation Soccer

By Alan Hanscom
Andover Recreation Committee

The 2009 soccer season is in full swing with about 65 players in all levels. A shortage of third and fourth grade girls led us to combine the boys and girls into two co-ed teams playing in the boys division. There are also boys and girls teams at the fifth and sixth grade levels.

The fifth and sixth graders play two games per week and usually have one practice as well. The third and fourth graders play one game on Saturday and may have one or two practices during the week.

Our youngest players, in first and second grade, play for an hour on Saturday mornings. Come on out at 10 AM and watch the little ones play.

The kids are having a great time improving their skills and learning to win and lose gracefully. Each game

begins with two captains from each team meeting at mid-field for a coin toss to determine goal assignment and first possession. The games end with a line of high-fives between teams and a thank you to coaches and the referee for volunteering their time for the kids.

The season ends in late October with tournaments for the fifth and sixth graders. The teams are seeded based on each team's won-loss record to ensure the teams are evenly matched, giving all teams a fair shot at doing well. The tournaments will be on October 17. Tournament locations and team assignments will be posted on MVSL.org on October 9.

The third and fourth graders may play in a jamboree at the New London Outing Club in late October. It will be a fun end to a hectic but fulfilling soccer season.

Kearsarge Hockey, Public Skating Planned At Proctor

Kearsarge Youth Hockey programs, including "learn to skate" classes, begin in early October at Teddy Maloney Rink at Proctor Academy. Visit KearsargeHockey.com for more information and to register online.

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The One Wheelers performed before a large crowd at the Eastern States Exposition on September 25. Photo: Alan Hanscom

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Andover One Wheelers

By Alan Hanscom
Andover One Wheelers

The Andover One Wheelers travel team is winding down a busy summer of parades around New Hampshire. The team has appeared in eight parades and performances, beginning with the Strolling of the Heifers parade in Brattleboro, Vermont in June. Despite a rainy summer, most of our riding time has been dry.

October brings a traditional outing for the One Wheelers. The Northern Berkshire Fall Foliage Festival Parade in North Adams, Massachusetts is Sunday, October 4.

The team heads out Saturday afternoon after watching some of their teammates play a soccer game in New London. The team will sleep in a church

vestry in North Adams. A dinner of spaghetti and meatballs and pizza will be cooked in the church's kitchen, while Sunday breakfast is at a family restaurant. The team returns to Andover on Sunday evening.

A new event was added in September for the travel team. The team performed at the Eastern States Exposition ("the Big E") in front of the New Hampshire building on September 25. The 20-minute show drew a large and appreciative audience from all over New England and beyond.

After a short break to visit some of the New England buildings, the One Wheelers also appeared in the daily one-mile parade around the fairgrounds. The One Wheelers previously appeared at the Big E in 1992 and 1993.

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Nicholas Terwilliger performing bo staff form *No Can Die II* and Nathan French performing empty hand form *Pinyon 5* at the National Institute of Modern Martial Arts Defeat Domestic Violence Tournament on September 12. Photos: Aimee Linehan

ANDOVER ACADEMY OF SELF DEFENSE

By Heidi Terwilliger
Andover Academy of Self Defense

Six students from Andover Academy of Self Defense competed in the second Defeat Domestic Violence Tournament sponsored by National Institute of Modern Martial Arts of Claremont.

The tournament was held on September 12 at the Stevens High School in Claremont and benefited Turning Points Network of Sullivan County. They had three categories of competition which included kata, weapons, and sparring, with competition getting more and

more difficult for the students as they move up in rank and age divisions.

The students from Andover Academy of Self Defense came home with seven trophies. Those students competing were Nicholas Terwilliger, in two events with two trophies; Nathan French in three events with two trophies; Frank Cummings in two events with one trophy; Ashley Lucas in three events with two trophies; and Jacob MacDuffie in two events.

The students worked hard preparing for the tournament and did a great job.



AE/MS eighth graders helped kindergarten students work on their mouse skills in the computer lab. Erin Frost (l) looks on as Jesse Niemyer navigates the mouse.
Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand



On Fridays, the younger grades at AE/MS play math games that challenge young minds to solve problems. Above (l-r), Ethan Davis, Ronan Walsh, Madalyn Goodwin, Susie Morall, Braydon Kraft, and Riley Keezer are solving math problems. Left, Braydon Kraft displays a mathematical masterpiece.
Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

NECAP Tests Show Mixed Results In Science For AE/MS

By Jane Slayton
Principal, AE/MS

Results of the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) science test, administered to students in grades four and eight in May of 2009, were just released. The science assessment is designed to measure what students know and are able to do in the areas of Earth and Space Science, Physical Science, Life Science, and Inquiry.

NECAP is a collaborative partnership involving three states: New Hampshire, Vermont, and Rhode Island. This partnership was established in response to the federal No Child Left Behind Act, which requires that states annually measure the achievement of all students in grades three through eight and in one grade in high school. Reading and mathematics assessments have been required since 2005. Science was required to start in 2008.

Fifty-three percent of New Hampshire students tested scored proficient or better in science at grade four. At AE/MS, seventy-six percent of the fourth grade students scored proficient or better. In grade eight, twenty-four percent of New Hampshire students scored proficient or better. At AE/MS, seventeen percent of the eighth grade students scored proficient or better.

Andover and the rest of New Hampshire now have two years of results that will help with decision-making when it comes to improvement of the science curriculum and instruction. It is inter-

esting to note that our eighth grade cumulative average score after two years is equal to the state average. However, our fourth grade cumulative average continues to be above the state average.

Andover teachers of science are confident that the Andover science curriculum is comprehensive in scope and sequence and is aligned with the New Hampshire GLEs (grade level expectations). The AE/MS science curriculum was recently updated and new materials and resources were added at that time. The AE/MS science curriculum can be seen at Andover.K12.nh.us.

Andover administration is very pleased with the science education that students receive at AE/MS. Principal Slayton reports, "The science experiences that AE/MS students have by the time they leave the eighth grade are quite impressive. Our science curriculum is less textbook-oriented and more focused on actual scientific investigation and inquiry. Science in the lower grades is integrated with writing, reading, art, and mathematics. Our focus tends to be on understanding and applying scientific concepts. It is important that our students make connections between science content knowledge and the nature of science and scientific thinking – an important 21st century skill."

It is also important to note that the NECAP is only one measure of academic progress and a single annual assessment is not a sufficient way of measuring overall student success.

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AE/MS NEWS

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

AE/MS welcomes intern Ms. Jessica Curry! Ms. Curry is a senior at the University of New Hampshire who will be doing her Social Work internship with Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Tiede over the course of this school year. She will be working Wednesdays and Fridays and will be co-leading groups and classes with Mrs. Schultz and assisting students in classes with Mrs. Tiede.

Ms. Curry is an alumna of AE/MS and is very excited to be back at AE/MS!

If you haven't visited the school Web site lately, you are in for a surprise. There has been a lot of new information and photographs added. Chris Connor is constantly updating the Web site.

There is also an SAU link to Andover School Board minutes and postings. There are many academic resources for students and parents. A lot of new math information has been added. Curriculum specifics are now on the Web site.

The Skateboard Park and basketball court area, located on school grounds, is now lit up at night from 7:30 to 10 PM. The basketball court has already become a busy place at night. It is definitely helpful if any people using the area pick up after themselves.

Open House

The Middle School Open House has already been held and was well at-

tended. We always have Open House for sixth to eighth grade families early because we know it is especially helpful for sixth grade families new to the middle school. The Elementary Open House is September 24.

Open Houses are intended to give parents and guardians a synopsis of their child's school year, meet the AE/MS staff members who work with your child, and visit all the classrooms on your child's schedule.

Families are encouraged to apply for free and reduced lunch at any time during the school year. If your income or household situation should change, please keep this in mind. These applications, however, can be quite confusing. Don't hesitate to give me a call or stop in for help with it.

These forms do need to be updated at the beginning of every year. If you also have a son or daughter at Merrimack Valley High School you can submit one form to AE/MS and it will cover both schools. All information provided is confidential.

Fourth grade students from AE/MS will join fourth grade students from the Newfound School District for River Day 2009. Students are mixed in groups led by staff members and volunteers and enjoy a day of river-related activities. Ms. Kidane, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Slayton and the fourth graders are

looking forward to participating in this annual event. Photos will be shared!

Words From The President

Students in grades three through eight had the opportunity to view President Barack Obama's back-to-school speech in early September. During this national address the president spoke directly to the students about persisting and succeeding in school. The president challenged students to work hard, set educational goals, and take responsibility for their learning.

During class discussions following the speech, most students said they heard the same advice from parents and teachers, but it was great to hear the same message from the president.

NECAP Tests

NECAP assessments of reading, mathematics, and writing skills are conducted during the first three weeks of October with students in grades three through eight. During the last three weeks of May 2010, students in grades four and eight will participate in the NECAP science assessments.

The fall NECAP tests in reading, mathematics, and writing were designed to measure a child's progress in meeting New Hampshire's Grade Level Expectations, or GLEs. The GLEs define the knowledge and skills a student should have mastered by the end of each school year. The grade three test, for example, will measure what a student should know and be able to do after completing second grade.

Test results in reading, mathematics, and writing for grades three through eight and grade 11 will be available at the end of January 2010.

The NECAP is one of the tools available to determine how well our schools are helping students meet standards and grade level expectations. In every assessment, scores are only as meaningful as the effort students put into the tests. We encourage children to take the tests seriously and to give his or her best effort.

Walk To School Day

AE/MS students will participate in International Walk to School Day on October 7, weather permitting. Students and staff members will hike on the Rail Trail, enjoy fresh fruit, and return to classes.

The QSP magazine drive will take place in October as usual. This has become the main fundraiser to help support field trips, SHARE Day, and educational assemblies. Students are asked not to solicit door-to-door. Most of the money raised now comes through renewals.

The first official meeting of the AE/MS Parent Teacher Organization will be October 12 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome. Meetings are held in the school library. We have many members who are unable to make the monthly meeting but participate in many other ways.

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WFTN 94.1 radio personalities Fred and Amy delivered coffee and donuts to the AE/MS staff in September. Enjoying the treats are (back, l-r) Julie Gaudette, Fred Caruso of WFTN, Jane Slayton, Linda DeMinico, Stephanie Van Horn, Mary Babineau, Wendy Rogers, Brenda McDonald, Cathy Fadden, Holly Gagne, and Gina Duquette; (front, l-r) Stephanie Peters, Joanne Young, Amanda Lauster, and Michael Jensen. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand



AE/MS second graders launched their insect study with a hike around Blackwater Ski Area and on the Rail Trail. (L-r) William Furtkamp, Caleb Chevarie, and Cyrus King, satisfied hikers after a great hunt, head back to school. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

Recycled Percussion Takes Third

By Amy Augustine

Concord Monitor staff

From the September 17 Concord Monitor

Recycled Percussion, a Goffstown foursome that moved into the finals of NBC's *America's Got Talent*, secured a third-place spot before being eliminated on last night's grand finale. [The band performed at Andover Elementary/Middle School on SHARE Day last spring.]

The band, which makes music out of ordinary objects like buckets and trash cans, missed out on a chance to win \$1 million and perform its act in Las Vegas.

The group survived the first elimination round of the series' top 10 acts, securing a spot in the top five by beating out Grandma Lee, a 75-year-old comedian. Band member Ryan Vezina said after it was announced the group came in third that he was surprised the band made it that far.

"We're living proof that you can come from a small town with not much to grow up and still make it," Vezina said to a cheering audience.

Country act Kevin Skinner was named the winner of the competition last night.

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Author from page 52

and electric eels. Sy was absolutely fascinating!

Sy began her day at AE/MS with a first through eighth grade assembly and then visited classrooms until the buses arrived to end the day. She made personal connections with many of the students. Several students suggested topics for her next book and Sy loved their ideas. She often referred to the students as fellow writers. The students had amazing questions for the author.

Sy had the older students laughing hysterically as she told about her experience with an orangutan in Borneo. In the next classroom, Sy became emotional as she talked of her beloved pig, Christopher Hogwood, from whom she learned so much about self-acceptance, the simple pleasures in life, and the value of community.

Students listened intently as Sy explained that all animals are her teachers, and she has learned so much from them. Adults and older students were

simply fascinated as Sy recalled her work with and respect for three of the greatest scientists in the twentieth century: Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas.

Sy retold how Dian Fossey died defending the mountain gorillas of Rwanda. She told the students how she has visited and camped at her grave in Rwanda. Sy shared with the AE/MS school community her deep and compassionate understanding of nature.

Students were very anxious to meet Sy, as they had become very familiar with her books. Our school library and many classrooms have copies of Sy's books, and many students had read more than one of her books. Many students purchased books and brought them to Sy to autograph.

If you ever have the chance to attend one of Sy's speaking engagements, do so! You won't be disappointed. She truly has a gift to share, and we consider ourselves very fortunate at AE/MS to have spent the day with such a kind, unpretentious, talented lady.



AE/MS Assistant Principal Julie Gaudette gets her seasonal flu shot.

Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

AE/MS On Guard As Flu Season Approaches

By Heather Hill
AE/MS School Nurse

As the school year gets underway, students are learning how to minimize the spread of germs. I am working with parents, students, classroom teachers, administration, and staff to maintain a healthy AE/MS environment. I am also tracking all students and staff with flu-like symptoms on a daily basis and requiring individuals to remain at home while exhibiting symptoms. It is recommended that all households have a working thermometer.

Students have been taught proper hand washing techniques, covering their mouth into their arm or a tissue, how to dispose of used tissues properly, and keeping their desk surfaces clean.

The custodial staff is busy keeping the building clean including frequent disinfection of door handles, hand rails, and other hard surfaces. Classroom teachers are supplied with Clorox wipes for cleaning desk tops and plenty of hand sanitizer for both students and staff.

Emphasis is being placed on preventative measures that include:

- Frequent vigorous hand washing using soap and warm water, while counting to 20 slowly or singing *Happy Birthday* twice
- Using hand sanitizer after coughing or sneezing and at other times throughout the day
- Avoiding touching the face, eyes, nose, and mouth to prevent the spread of germs
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For more about the seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu, including plenty of sources for more information, see the article on page 1.

I am available for parent questions or concerns regarding H1N1 and the seasonal flu at 735-5500. Further information can be accessed on the Healthy Choices page of the school Web site at Andover.K12.nh.us or at CDC.gov.

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qualified teacher who provides lessons, interaction, assignments, and assessments through the Internet. He is in a virtual classroom with other students from around the country, and they can have discussions among themselves. At anytime the parents or I can log in and check on assignments, pace, and grades.

At AE/MS we have not been able to fund a foreign language program for several years now. Therefore, our students leave at the end of eighth grade without a foreign language experience. Whether they attend Merrimack Valley High School or Proctor Academy, the Andover students are usually the only incoming students without at least one year of a foreign language.

Therefore, I decided to learn more about VLACS and how it might apply to our situation. VLACS has been very successful offering courses at the high school level and has just started opening that option up for middle school students.

We offered our seventh and eighth grade students the opportunity to take a Spanish course through VLACS. The response has been good. Although we are just in the early stage, it looks as though we will have several students taking Middle School Spanish, Spanish I or Spanish II. Students realized that it will be an extra commitment on their part, and they need to be able to

balance the full course load they already have.

We also have a few middle school students excited about the possibility of picking up a higher level math course in the spring that can be completed before they start a new school year. Again, that takes a lot of commitment and motivation on the student's part, but I believe we will see that happen.

VLACS is available to our students 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. There is technology needed in order to access VLACS course. We have the technology available in our school, and students have access. My experience thus far is that the course content meets rigorous academic standards.

There is no cost to our students or our school district in regard to our partnership with VLACS. VLACS is an approved New Hampshire public school, and courses are all taught by certified teachers.

Although this is new to us and we are still learning more about the potential for its use every day, I have been pleased thus far. It is important to note that our relationship with VLACS is a complement to AE/MS, not a replacement. There is still no substitute for real, live teachers working and learning together with students in our school. However, this seems like a realistic option until that happens.

I'll keep you informed as we move forward with this new adventure!

AE/MS KNITTING CLUB

By Holly Gagne
AE/MS Knitting Club

The Andover Elementary/Middle School Knitting Club will reconvene on Monday, November 2. It will be open to beginners to experienced knitters in grades two to eight. The time will be 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM. Students and volunteers should pack an after-school snack.

Students will learn how to knit, pearl, cast on, and bind off, as well as

a couple of different stitches such as stockinette and garter stitches. All will work on simple projects of their own choosing. The knitting club will meet on Mondays until April vacation.

The knitting club is open to the community, and I would love to encourage those who wish to participate to do so! My dream is to match up community members with students.

Call me at AE/MS if you are interested.

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(Wilmot) have embarked on the adventure of a lifetime, sailing aboard the 130-foot schooner *Westward* from Boston to San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Ocean Classroom program features educational stops at a dozen ports along the way, as 20 students earn credits in maritime literature, navigational math, marine biology, oceanography, and history.

Living in cramped quarters below decks, maintaining strict four-hour watches, and coping with rough seas are all part of the experience, but so are sailing with the accompaniment of dolphins, unspeakable sunsets, and the thrill of tacking into San Juan Harbor in the third week of November. Students are not passengers on Ocean Classroom; they actively work the lines, navigate,



Josh Bennett (r) is enjoying the countryside during his fall term in Spain.

and steer the ship under the guidance of professional crew members.

We look forward to hearing stories from Jesse, Josh, Jackson, Story, Sophie, and Madison when they return for the winter term on campus!

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Local Proctor students sailing aboard the schooner *Westward* for the fall term are (l-r) Sophie Viandier, Madison Koenig, Jackson Bicknell, and Story Southworth.
 Photo: Chuck Will

Local Proctor Students Head Abroad For Learning Experiences

By Chuck Will
 Proctor Academy

Proctor is well known for its experiential education programs, and six local students are taking advantage of off-campus learning opportunities this fall. Andover's Jesse George is one of four Proctor kids studying at The Country School in the Pacific coast town of Tamarindo, Costa Rica. While there, she is tackling American literature, geometry, Spanish, US history, and an environmental science class that visits everything from active volcanoes and dense jungles to beaches where leatherback turtles hatch millions of eggs! One of her teachers reports, "Jessica has been on a rafting expedition, visited a

sustainable farm, and enjoyed a sunset bonfire on the beach."

Josh Bennett is studying at Proctor's language immersion program in Segovia, Spain. Living with a local family, he is gaining a whole year's credit in Spanish language while attending classes taught by Proctor teachers. In addition, he is earning credits in English literature and history. One of nine Proctor students in the program, Josh is enjoying weekend excursions across Spain. The toughest part may be adjusting to local cuisine, which includes roasted baby pig, squid, and octopus!

Jackson Bicknell, Story Southworth, Sophie Viandier, and Madison Koenig
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Sy Montgomery, a famous nature writer, enthralled AE/MS students and staff during her recent visit.
 Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

Global Adventurer and Author Visits AE/MS

By Jane Slayton
 AE/MS Principal

Sy Montgomery, an author of books for children and adults, shared her talents with Andover Elementary/Middle School students on September 18. Among her award-winning books are *Journey of the Pink Dolphins*, *Spell of the Tiger*, *The Snake Scientist*, *The Tarantula Scientist*, *The Good Good Pig*, *Search for the Golden Moon Bear*, *Walking with the Great Apes* and her newest book, *Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia*.

Sy has had extraordinary experiences which totally enthralled the students and staff. Sy has traveled to Peru and Brazil to study and swim with the pink dolphins of the Amazon. On other expeditions, she was chased by an angry silverback gorilla in Zaire; bitten by a vampire bat in Costa Rica; undressed by an orangutan in Borneo; and hunted by a tiger in India.

She also worked in a pit crawling with 18,000 snakes in Manitoba; handled a wild tarantula in French Guiana; and swam with piranhas
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AE/MS Expands Curriculum With Free Online Classes

By Jane Slayton
 Principal, AE/MS

There is something new and exciting at AE/MS this fall. AE/MS has partnered with the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACS) to help expand our curriculum. This allows AE/MS to offer further enrichment opportunities for students.

One of our students is using VLACS to accelerate his math program while still remaining with his classmates. Although this student is only seven years old, he taking an accelerated middle school math course.

The pace of the course is determined solely by the student. The student has a
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Merrimack Valley High News

By Mike Jette
 MVHS Principal

Merrimack Valley High School progress reports were given to all students to take home to parents on September 30. We no longer mail them because the information is available online to all parents and students.

Congratulations to Kevin O'Brien for being named the Class I Athletic Director of the Year by the New Hampshire Athletic Directors Association. Mr. O'Brien puts so much time, energy, and attention into the daily co-curricular programs of our school. The MVHS community recognizes how tremendous his contributions are for our students. Thank you, Mr. Kevin O'Brien!
 Our school recently received a check

from Target for \$289.24 through their Partners in Education program. To help our school, please designate Merrimack Valley High School as the school linked to your Target REDcard. Up to 1% of your purchases charged to this card will be donated to our school to help support teachers and students with things not covered by the budget.

Did you know that Merrimack Valley High School is perhaps the only New Hampshire high school that has an actual person answer every incoming phone call? Other schools leave parents surfing through a maze of options to reach a person (perhaps). This is part of our commitment to strengthen partnerships between our school and community.



Andover's Long Tail Monkeys got the school year off to a rockin' start with a performance in AE/MS' newly-renovated gym. (L-r) Logan Marcus, Sam Barrett, and Tyler Holman. Inset: Max Barrett.
 Photo: Jane Slayton