

Waste Disposal Fees To Rise More Than 40%

By Vicky Mishcon

Andover Board of Selectmen

On December 1, the cost of dumping Andover's trash at the Penacook incinerator will increase from \$46 per ton to \$65 per ton. The reason for the increase in tipping fees is this:

Andover's contract for tipping is tied to Wheelabrator's profit. (Wheelabrator operates the Penacook incinerator.) The more profitable Wheelabrator is, the lower our tipping fees will be.

Wheelabrator gives Andover and other members of the regional trash cooperative a low "sweetheart" tipping fee, so most of its profit comes from accepting trash (at a higher tipping fee) from towns which are not members of the trash co-op, and from commercial haulers such as Naughton and Sons.

But Wheelabrator's ability to contract with these profitable "spot markets" is dependent upon having capacity available at the incinerator. If the incinerator is at full capacity with trash from the co-op towns, Wheelabrator's profits decline because it can't take as much spot-market trash. Therefore tipping fees to the co-op towns increase. With co-op towns sending more and more trash to Penacook, we can expect tipping fees to continue to increase.

In the 2009 Town budget we planned on spending \$57,900 in tipping fees (plus \$35,000 in trucking fees to get the trash to Penacook). In the 2010 budget, the Tipping Fees line item will have to be almost \$82,000 – an increase of over \$24,000! – just to deal with the rise in

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Despite cold rain and a little snow, Concord's annual Making Strides walk topped the half-million-dollar mark for the third year in a row.

"Making Strides" Tops \$529,000 To Fight Cancer

By Kimberly Laro
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

A little rain, some snow, a lot of heart, and plenty of dedication created the spirit of Making Strides 2009! \$529,498 was raised at this year's event and we know that number is still growing.

Thousands of people came to share in Making Strides on October 18, and we know that we supported many people, touched their hearts, gave them a vehicle to heal, shared precious memories, honored those we have lost, and celebrated countless survivors.

Our theme this year was Transcend.

Some transcend the disease, some transcend their treatment, and some transcend their loss. The Event Chair, Wendy Dampier, shared from under a pink umbrella at Memorial Field yesterday, "We transcended the weather to Make Strides Against Breast Cancer."

Andover made a big difference again this year. Veteran teams Sarah's Soldiers and Just for Jill were joined by three new teams – Heidi's Fight for a Cure, Hope's Marvelous Mammograms, and a team from Proctor Academy – and by many individual walkers

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Beacon To Combine December and January Issues

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

Again this year, *The Andover Beacon* will combine its December and January issues. The Holidays 2009 issue will arrive in Andover mailboxes on Friday, December 11. Following the Holidays 2009 issue, the *Beacon* will resume its regular monthly schedule with the February 2010 issue arriving in Andover mailboxes on Friday, January 29.

Deadline For Holidays 2009 Issue

The deadline for articles, photos, and ads every month is usually the 15th. For

the Holidays 2009 issue we'll move that to Wednesday, November 18 – but if you can possibly get things to us earlier than that, please do!

And as always, if there's an event that happens after the deadline, just let us know in advance how soon after the deadline you can get us the article and photos covering that event. That way we can plan to include it even though it's "late."

For the February 2010 issue, the deadline will be January 15, as usual.

But again, earlier is always much, much better!



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Dear Andover Veteran,

You are cordially invited to Andover Elementary / Middle School on Wednesday, November 4, at 9 AM for our Veterans Day Program. Our school will have a ceremony to honor our nation's military veterans, past and present, and it will mean a lot to us if you can attend.

It is important for our school community to educate our students on the contributions veterans have made throughout the years. We celebrate America's veterans for keeping this nation "the land of the free and the home of the brave." This has become a significant event at AE/MS and one we look forward to every November.

Selected essays will be shared. Students will express their gratitude and respect through musical selections and other presentations.

Please remain after the ceremony for refreshments, a group picture, and a chance to visit with other veterans.

I hope that you will join us on November 4 at 9 AM. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Jane Slayton



Crews from Andover, East Andover, Salisbury, and Wilmot had a training exercise on October 4 to burn a home at Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club. The training started at 6 AM and finished after noon. The house had been stripped of hazardous materials and tested by the state before the training could begin.

The Explorers from Andover and East Andover were able to have a hands-on experience days before, preparing the house for the drill. The house site was cleaned up and will have a new home in place of the old.

A job well done by all, after a long day's work!

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Beacon Bits

What a challenging month this has been! I've been helping our wonderful new volunteers "learn the ropes" and get productive, and that has:

- made it clear how much more we need to streamline and document everything that happens in building the *Beacon* each month, and
- made it much harder for me to get my own work on the *Beacon* done.

The good news is that this is a very necessary phase we have to go through – broadening our volunteer base is a huge step toward a sustainable *Beacon*.

But while we're struggling through these growing pains, please try hard to *get everything to us by the 15th every month!* Nothing makes it harder for us to succeed than "just one little thing" (times several dozen) that arrives at the end of the month.

Where's The Informed Dissent?

We've got the Master Plan Update going on ... budget meetings are coming up ... tipping fees are rising ... it's important that you speak up! Send your better idea, your fresh perspective on Andover issues to the *Beacon!*

Charlie

Next Issue of the *Beacon*...
 ...should be in mailboxes on Friday, Dec. 11. Please get all ads, articles, etc. to us by **Wednesday, Nov. 18**, at the latest. And **earlier is always better!**

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New Sidewalk At AE/MS To Be Finished Soon

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

In the fall of 2007, the safety committee of the Andover Elementary / Middle School formally submitted a grant application for funding through the Safe Routes to School managed by the New Hampshire Department of Education. The primary focus of the application was to plan, fund, and construct a sidewalk connecting Main Street to the school, providing safe passage for our walkers and bicyclists. Two years later we are now seeing the completion of this much anticipated and needed project.

The original application has gone through many changes in the two years. The focus of the application had been to fund sidewalk construction, to fund pedestrian and bicycle safety initiatives, to fund a design and engineering study to connect school grounds with the bordering Rail Trail, and to promote greater usage of the Rail Trail by school families. The funding, time, and effort have all been directed toward the sidewalk construction, which became more complex than first realized.

The community support for the grant application was generous. Letters of support were received from representatives of Proctor Academy, *The Andover Beacon*, the Andover Board of Selectmen, the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, the Andover Conservation Commission, the Andover Afterschool Program, and the Andover School District teachers and administrators.

Our school classes often traverse the busy parking lot on their trips to the town library or Proctor Academy. Proctor Academy preschoolers visit the AE/MS playground, share books with their middle school reading buddies at AE/MS, or visit the town library. Weekends find the playground full of activity and bicyclists and skateboarders in the village park area.

We have a sometimes congested parking lot which is used by AE/MS, the Andover Afterschool Program, the Andover Service Club Thrift Shop, the Town Hall, the Andover Police Station,

Andover Community Access Cable Channel 8, *The Andover Beacon*, the Andover Library, the Andover Food Pantry, and TDS (for access to its substation next to the Police Station). The parking lot has been a busy, dangerous place for the drivers, but most of all for the children. The new sidewalk should go a long way to improve the safety factor for everyone.

The sidewalk begins on Main Street, skirts the skateboard park area, comes along by the Andover Afterschool Program facility, and finally connects with the middle school side of AE/MS. After the sidewalk is completed we will have a larger "green" area in front of the Afterschool Program. The dirt driveway will be removed and a special parking area will be on the further side of the building. This will allow for a handicapped parking space and access for utility vehicles.

Finally, we will remove the current chainlink fence and install something more aesthetically pleasing that will also serve as a safe barrier.

Jim Spaulding, a civil engineer with the HL Turner Group, has spent many hours planning, designing, and getting the necessary approvals for the sidewalk construction. David Marceau and Sons received the bid to do the work and didn't waste any time getting started. I know we will be happy with David's meticulous work and attention to detail.

It is important to note that the entire project was funded through the Safe Routes to School grant. John Corrigan, the Safe Routes to School Coordinator from the Department of Transportation, served as a helpful guide as we maneuvered through the different steps of the grant approval process.

Thank you to all for your patience as detours have changed the normal traffic flow through the parking lot. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place in the very near future! I can already picture the 60+ members of the AE/MS band parading down the sidewalk accompanied by the Andover One Wheelers as we celebrate our new sidewalk.

Andover Chapter Of Al-Anon Holds Its First Meeting

By Judy Evans
For the *Beacon*

Those who live with alcoholism often live in fear: fear of abuse, fear of anger, fear of failing someone, and fear of trusting others. Al-Anon Family Groups (including Alateen for younger members) is a source of understanding, help, and hope to families and friends of alcoholics.

Al-Anon is being formed here in

Andover, and the first meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9, beginning at 7:30 PM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover. Weekly meetings will follow, and they will be held in a confidential, first-name-only basis. All men and women needing support are encouraged to attend.

For more information you may call Sterrett at 344-1669 or Beth at 934-4360.

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tipping fees.

Recycling Would Make A Big Difference

Why do I care? As a selectman, it is my duty to make good decisions on Town spending so that the tax rate is as fair and reasonable as possible.

The Recycle Committee has put programs in place so that tons of waste can be kept out of the hopper every year. So far this year, 118 tons has been recycled. Trash that is recycled is 1) not shipped to the incinerator and 2) can be sold for profit. *The biggest obstacle to lowering our waste disposal cost is that not everyone recycles.*

Folks, what will it take for everyone to recycle? I'm looking for answers here.

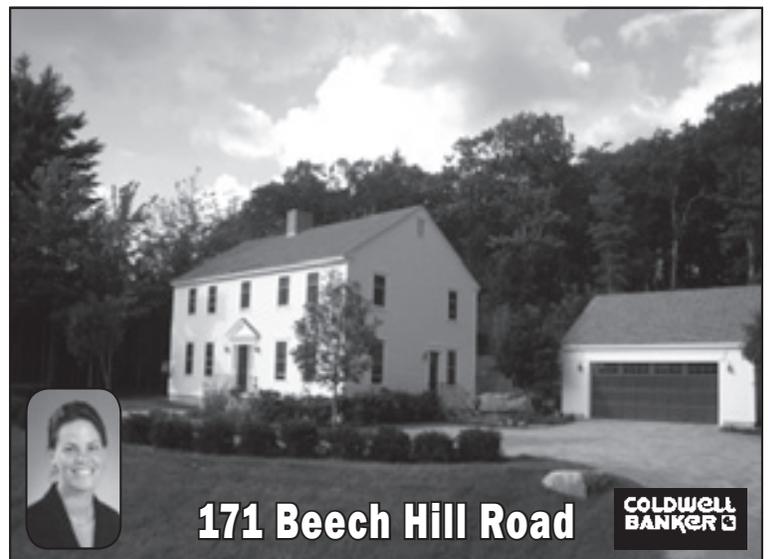
- Is there some way recycling can be made easier at the Transfer Station?

- Would free recycling bins to use at home help?
- In many New Hampshire towns, Pay-As-You-Throw has worked well at increasing recycling and decreasing the burden of tipping fees on the tax rate. Is that what it will take for us to get our Tipping Fees line item under control?

If you have never recycled and would like to start, there are folks who would be happy to help you get started. Our Town Administrator can direct you to any one of six Recycle Committee members for help. Call 735-5332 to get started!

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Bradley Lake Gets New Sign

By Mary Anne Broshek
Andover Conservation Commission

A new sign has been ordered for Bradley Lake to describe the restrictions necessary to maintain water purity. These restrictions are based on Department of Environmental Services rules and state law.

Only the sign will be new; similar rules have been in effect at Bradley Lake since 1948. Depending on when the sign arrives, it will be put in place this fall or in the spring, probably by the parking lot and swimming area. Here is how the sign will read:

Bradley Lake is a Public Water Supply
To protect the purity of its water, the

following state rules and regulations apply. Your cooperation is requested.

- Swimming, bathing, and fishing are prohibited south of the power line that crosses the lake.
- No children wearing diapers may enter any part of the lake.
- No dogs or other pets may enter any part of the lake.
- Gasoline-powered motors (inboard or outboard) of more than 30 horsepower are prohibited on the lake.
- Boating within 50 feet of the intake is prohibited.
- The disposal of black or gray water into the lake or onto the ground within 75 feet of the lake is prohibited.



Paul Currier addresses the crowd at the Master Plan Update public meeting. Staff photo: Bob Bussey

Public Turns Out For Master Plan Update Meeting

By Paul Currier
Master Plan Update Committee

Andover town leaders past and present, as well as many residents – over 40 people in all – turned out at the Town Hall on Monday evening, September 28, to talk about future land use. Maps adorned the walls, showing existing land use and zoning, as well as population density and natural constraints like wetlands and steep slopes and valuable resources like wildlife habitat and aquifers.

Mike Izard of Lakes Region Planning Commission facilitated the meeting. He briefly explained the Master Planning process (the Master Plan Committee is preparing a draft Master Plan for the Planning Board, who will hold public hearings, revise, and finalize the draft before adopting it as the town's new Master Plan).

Then he focused the group's attention on a conceptual map, skillfully drafted by Tina Cotton, that showed some preliminary ideas for future land use areas or zones – village, commercial, light industrial, low density residential, and very low density residential. The maps are still up in the Town Hall meeting room at this writing, so stop in and take a look.

Lively discussions ensued, with Master Plan Committee members taking notes as those present expressed their ideas and opinions and on occasion filled in background information from their personal knowledge and experience on Town boards and committees.

Much of the discussion centered on proposed areas for light industrial uses (Continental Machine, CSW Fence, and DalBello Sports are some examples of existing light industrial uses.) Andover has no areas zoned for light industrial at present. Of the possibilities presented on the map, there was little support for creating light industrial areas either in the vicinity of the Transfer Station or near the junction of Route 4 and Plains Road near the Green Crow log yard.

An area near Monticello Drive and one near Continental Machine seemed

to be the most generally acceptable, although several concerns were raised about proximity to residences and natural resources.

Here are a few of the other major points from the discussion.

- Enforcement of the zoning ordinance, related regulations, and conditions of site plan approvals is lacking. This needs to be corrected.
 - It is important to preserve the very low residential density and large forest blocks in Andover's more remote areas.
 - Conservation subdivision, in which development is clustered in appropriate areas, leaving large areas permanently undeveloped, needs to be seriously considered. Town residents may need more information on this in order to support it.
 - Views need to be preserved, whatever changes in base zoning are made.
 - A modest expansion of the village areas for Cilleysville and Andover Village seems appropriate, to allow for some growth in more compact residential and village-type uses.
 - Mixed "home-based business" uses and agriculture in low density residential areas, a trend which has been growing for some time, is appropriate to incorporate into zoning ordinance revisions. There needs to be a good definition and clear performance standards.
- The Master Plan Committee would like to say a huge "Thank You!" to all who attended the public meeting and shared your ideas, as well as the people who have e-mailed thoughts and ideas. If you have ideas or questions, you can e-mail chairperson Paul Currier at PCurrier@tds.net.

During November, the committee will be incorporating comments from the public meeting into a draft Future Land Use section of the Master Plan. We will be meeting at 7 PM at the Town Hall on Monday, November 9, and Monday, November 23. All are welcome.



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A press release from LRGHealthcare

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LRGHealthcare, like other healthcare providers in the state, has not yet received its full shipment of seasonal flu vaccine. It is not unusual for flu vaccine delivery to begin in September and continue as late as December.

Because of the delay and the unusually high demand, seasonal flu shots are currently not available. We anticipate receiving more vaccine over the next two months. We apologize for the delay, but do not believe that this delay is

cause for concern.

A flu vaccine received anytime throughout the flu season provides important protection against the flu.

Please check back at www.LRGH.org or call our Flu Hotline at 527-7069 for more information. We will be updating the Web site and hotline on a regular basis to keep you informed about flu vaccine availability throughout the community.

LRGHealthcare, recipient of the New Hampshire Business of the Decade in Healthcare Award, represents Franklin Regional Hospital, Lakes Region General Hospital, Affiliated Medical Providers, HealthLink, Community Wellness Centers, the Dental Resource Center, the Holistic Health Center, and other community-based services.



Scott Niemeyer, an Andover resident, helped create the new entrance to the Wilmot Transfer Station. Photo: Lindy Heim

Wilmot Transfer Station Gets A New Entrance

By Lindy Heim For the Beacon

The new entrance to the Wilmot Transfer Station on Route 11 was open for use for the first time last month. It is all new and pretty, dotted with good-sized spruce, white pine, PJM rhododendrons, and three beds of daffodils thanks to many hands, including Andover resident Scott Niemeyer.

A committee of citizens lead by Doug Long did the planning, Dave Atwood of Atwood Construction did the excavation work for the Town of Wilmot, and volunteers from Wilmot and the Wilmot Garden Club did the

planting. The rhododendrons and spruce were generously donated to the town by Wilmot resident Dave Benedict.

Because of Wilmot Garden Club member Ann Davis' efforts this past spring, the Town received 800 daffodil bulbs from Litter Free New Hampshire to be planted where town residents could enjoy them most. The May roadside trash clean-up week she organized involved 56 roadside trash pickers in 2008, rising to nearly 100 this year.

Dave Atwood Sr., Dave Atwood Jr., Dave Benedict, and Scott Niemeyer planted and have been caring for the new landscaping. Hats off to all involved!



On October 9, workers poured the wing walls for the box culvert that will carry the Rail Trail under the embankment that will replace the bridge in Potter Place next spring. Staff photo: Charlie Darling



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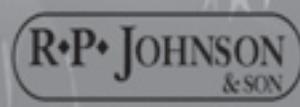
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Christmas Swap Event Comes To AE/MS December 5

By Susan Schnare
Andover Recycling Committee

The Christmas Swap Event will be held from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, December 5, in the Andover Elementary/Middle School gym.

Spread the spirit of Christmas by donating good things that you don't use for others to give as gifts (or keep). Bring in Christmas ornaments, new or like-new clothing, jewelry, books, CDs, DVDs, housewares, objets d'art, puzzles, toys for children and adults, and crafting supplies to keep us busy

all winter. Great re-gifting potential! All swap items are free!

Items may be dropped off at the school gym on Friday afternoon, December 4, from 4 to 5 PM, and on Saturday until noon.

Call Susan Schnare at 735-5389 with questions, if you need help arranging a drop-off, or to sign up as a volunteer Santa's Helper.

Once again the event will coincide with the AE/MS PTO Wreath-making Sale, and donations will be collected for Andover neighbors in need.

Rebates For Solar Power In NH

The Andover Conservation Commission passes along this information from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' newsletter:

"According to the US Energy Information Administration, [New Hampshire] has average to above average solar resources for photovoltaic systems.

The state recently changed the tax laws to promote non-commercial renewable energy. Homeowners may qualify for a rebate of up to \$6,000 from the state if the solar or wind system meets the specified standards.

"For more information visit the Public Utilities Commission site at PUC.nh.gov."



Guillemette Tree Service takes down a tree that threatens Old Center Cemetery on Main Street in Andover.
Staff photo: Charlie Darling

Tree Work Protects Old Center Cemetery

By Pat Cutter

Andover Cemetery Trustees

Recently a large, dying maple tree that presented a threat to Old Center Cemetery, but was on land owned by Proctor, was taken down at their expense. If all or part of it had fallen, stones would have been damaged. Old Center Cemetery is on Main Street, just west of Andover village.

Repair in our cemeteries continued this

year, with the most significant being done in Boston Hill Cemetery on Putney Road. In 2008, six large, mostly dead trees, some encroaching on the burials, were removed, and this year the stones were reset and the wonderful old graveyard has been restored. This, one of the oldest graveyards in Andover, has 17 burials listed in the Eastman history of Andover.

A visual examination finds 17 stones in nine rows, but some are fieldstones with no identification. Samuel Scribner, soldier in three wars, and his wife Hannah are buried here, as are Gershom Durgin and Betsy, wife of early settler Simeon Connor.

In addition, work was done in Old Center Cemetery; Durgin Cemetery on Pancake Road; Hobbs/Sweatt Cemetery on Horseshoe Pond Road; and Philbrick Cemetery on Old College Road.



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John Braley, Jack Braley, and Pat Mead work on a new gable and a standing seam roof for Jake's Market. Staff photo: Charlie Darling

Hamp House Renamed To AE/MS Annex

By Don Gould
Andover School Board

The house that resides on property purchased from Ed Hamp in 1988 to increase the school property area to meet New Hampshire Department of Education requirements for "on-present-site" addition of the middle school in 1992 has long been referred to as "The Hamp House," often in loud and heated discussion, both pro and con.

After consideration of suggested name changes to better designate the building's relationship to the school,

the Andover School Board voted at its meeting of October 5 to change the name to "The Andover Elementary/Middle School Annex."

The task force appointed by the School Board to recommend long term plans for this building was also unanimously in favor of this name change. This task force includes members of the Andover School Board, the Andover After School Program/Andover Five Alive Program Board, SAU 46, and the community.

This Old Town To Air Twice In November

By Charlie Darling
Andover Cable TV

This Old Town, a video based on the Andover Historical Society's book *Elder Moody's Hat*, will be airing on Andover Community Access Cable Channel 8 in November. *Elder Moody's Hat* is a compilation of newspaper columns from the '60s and '70s written by Ralph Chaffee; *This Old Town* records a cast of 35 Andover residents reading excerpts from the book.

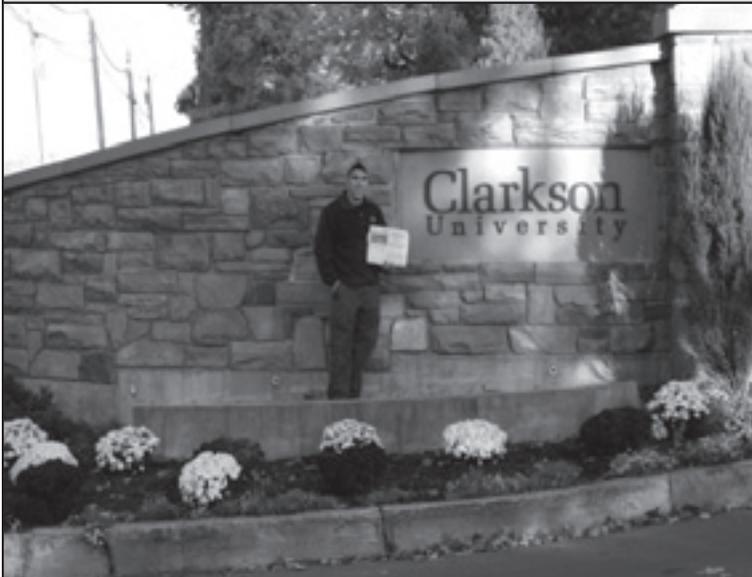
Channel 8 will air the first half-hour of *This Old Town* from November 5 through 11 at 7 PM and from November

6 through 12 at 8 AM and 1 PM. The second half-hour will air from November 12 through 18 at 7 PM and from November 13 through 19 at 8 AM and 1 PM.

Starting on Thanksgiving, November 26, and continuing through December 2, the entire hour-long video will air at 7 PM. From November 27 through December 3, it will air at 8 AM and again at 1 PM.

Both the video and the book upon which it is based are available from the Andover Historical Society. Call president Pat Cutter at 735-5628 if you'd like a copy of either one.

Around the World with the Beacon



John Bridgmon, a freshman at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York, poses with his copy of *The Andover Beacon*.

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Letters To The Beacon

My apologies to those who tune into Andover's public access Cable Channel 8 for not taping the Master Plan Update Committee's public meeting on September 28. I was willing to do so but was told not to because a couple of committee members thought the camcorder would inhibit people.

The meeting was well attended by the public, and those who spoke have spoken at previously taped town meetings. I tape meetings so that citizens and voters of Andover can be well informed, without hearsay and rumors.

I came away from the meeting with several observations. The siting of commercial and light industrial zones evoked the most discussion. Many of the pros and cons raised had been discussed previously by the Master Plan Update Committee. When the public was asked "Where would you put these zones?" silence prevailed. I think everyone recognized the difficult task of drawing zoned areas.

Someone remarked that the mapped areas were where these uses already exist, but this was countered with, "That doesn't mean past errors should be continued." It was pointed out that the 1992 Master Plan has constrained some past decisions of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The meeting was constructive in that those who had input will appreciate the fact that their comments have had an impact. At the next Master Plan Update Committee meeting on October 13, several zones were modified or eliminated; several definitions will be better defined; and a list of pros and cons is being compiled for further consideration.

The advantage of living in a small town is that each voice can have an impact and is important. Thank you to those who attended.

Tina Cotton

After the Master Plan Update Committee's public meeting on September 28, there seemed to be a sticking point about the possible location of an industrial park area zoned for light industry and commercial use. It occurred to me that no one had an idea how much land area might be needed for such a purpose.

With that in mind, I took a look at the Concord Heights industrial area near Concord Airport and, using Google Earth, made a few rough estimates of the acreage there. In the block bounded by Pembroke Road, Sheep Davis Road, and Chenell Drive there are about 215 acres. A quick count totaled 40 build-

ings in that area for light industrial and commercial use. There is a mix of single-company buildings, office space, and a few strip buildings with multiple businesses in each.

Two areas in Andover discussed at the meeting were Monticello Drive and an area off Agony Hill Road. By comparison and using the same measuring method, I found these areas hold roughly 186 acres. In measuring I tried to avoid wetland areas and other impediments to use as I knew them.

The comparison would seem to indicate that those two areas would allow more than enough space for the level of business development we might expect here in Andover.

Another problem discussed was that of enforcing foliage screens to prevent industrial building from being seen from the nearest road. A solution would be requiring a developer to build an access road into the industrial park area from which all the driveways to the individual building would diverge. The result would be that the screen of trees would be breached by only one road.

Also, a sign with all the business names located in the park would reduce the "sign blight" as seen from the main road. Only one business would need to be monitored to enforce the screen re-

quirement and that would be the owner of the industrial park.

Sincerely,
Don R. Cline

As a member of this wonderful community and parent of a fifth grader, I just want to take this opportunity to commend and personally thank the members of the Andover School Board.

Erik Anderson, Kent Armstrong, Lynn Baker, and Charlie McCrave, led by chairman Don Gould, have taken decisive and quick action to address and correct the many fire safety concerns at AE/MS. In addition, the gym looks fantastic!

I am grateful to you for your leadership and dedication for all of the work you do on behalf of our children and Andover!

Bonny Morris

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.



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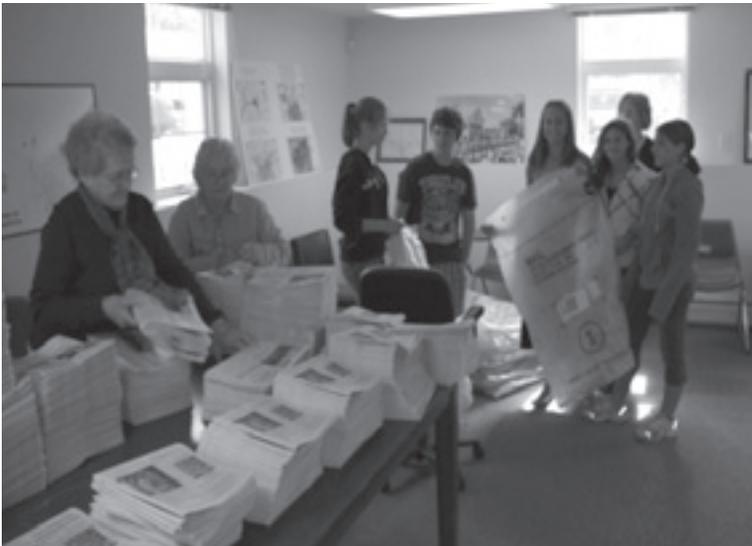
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AE/MS students are helping with the *Beacon!* They are writing and taking pictures (see pages 44-48) as well as helping our regular volunteers get the paper in the mail on "Beacon Day." (L-r) Mary Demers, Lily Ordway, Heather Lamos, Sam Bentley, Erin Frost, Robyn Boisvert, Jane Slayton, Brittany Underhill.
Staff photo: Charlie Darling

Beacon Needs Volunteer To Help With Fundraising

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

I couldn't be more excited about the emerging trend in volunteering for the *Beacon*. We added three new volunteers in October, plus a whole group of AE/MS kids who are eager to write and take photos around school for the *Beacon*. We'd added two new volunteers in September, so I couldn't be happier with the trend that's developing!

Perhaps the most exciting part is the reasons some of our new volunteers give for stepping forward. One is an MVHS student who wants to find out what it's like to write for a newspaper and will use her work for the *Beacon* to earn academic credit. Two other volunteers are using the time they spend helping out at the *Beacon* to improve their computer skills in hopes of becoming more valuable in the job marketplace than they are today.

I love it when people realize that helping out at the *Beacon* isn't just good for the community; it can also help them achieve their own goals, too. That's a powerful win-win situation!

Volunteer Help With Fundraising

This month I'd like to focus on the challenges that the *Beacon* faces in the fundraising arena. Sure, times are tough for fundraising right now, but that's the least of my worries.

The big issue is that we need a vision and a plan for fundraising – something a little more effective at engaging the community than the "Round Tuit" campaign that I pulled off the top of my head five years ago.

So here's the challenge we face: The *Beacon* goes free to all 1,100 households

in Andover. So far this year, only about 200 households have made a voluntary "Round Tuit" donation to the *Beacon*. That's down from about 300 last year, and over 300 in years prior to that.

Even taking into account the tough economic times, we still seem to be on a downward trend. I think it's because the "Round Tuit" approach just isn't that strong and community-engaging an idea and has begun to wear out its welcome. We need a new vision for how the *Beacon* does fundraising, and I need someone to help me find it!

Will it involve fundraising events? Grants? Mailings? Incentives? I don't know! I need help considering all the options and picking the ones that make the most sense for the community and the *Beacon*.

It's important that we discover this new vision and get the *Beacon* on the right course. As a non-profit corporation, we depend on donations from the community for about a third of our annual budget, so fundraising needs to be one of our "core competencies," which it isn't at this point. And the sooner we get there, the better.

If you've had some experience in fundraising before, this is a great chance to put that experience to use in a very meaningful way in your community. Or if community fundraising is an area that interests you and you'd like to gain some real-world experience, that would work, too – we'll figure it out together!

Either way, please give me a call at 735-6099 or drop me a note at Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com. I'd love to discuss this further with you.

POLICE BLOTTER

The Andover Police Department responded to 224 calls from September 15 through October 15, including:

- Animal complaints: 5
- Assist to motorist: 13
- Ambulance calls: 2
- Traffic summons: 9
- Traffic warnings: 53
- Civil stand-bys: 3
- Criminal mischief: 2
- Disorderly conduct: 2
- House checks: 23
- Manner of operation: 4
- OHRV complaints: 2

Pistol permits: 7
Suspicious person/vehicle: 8
Please note: Halloween hours on October 31 are 3 PM to 7 PM. Thanks.

Arrests

Tov Rittmueller, 21, Andover, unsworn verification, operating after suspension, disorderly conduct (2), resisting arrest
Zachary Gove, 17, vehicle removed from private property
Michael Eklund, 18, internal possession of alcohol, possession of marijuana
Brianna Young, 17, internal possession of alcohol

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Andover Town Clerk

By Marj Roy

Andover Town Clerk & Tax Collector

While most people are familiar with the fact that the Town Clerk is responsible for motor vehicle registration, there are other duties and functions that are not as well known. These responsibilities are many and varied and are governed by State of New Hampshire statutes and administrative rules. They also require direct interaction with many of the Town's departments, boards, and commissions. The following is a partial listing of the Town Clerk's responsibilities:

- Issue motor vehicle registrations
- Issue dog licenses

- Issue marriage licenses
- Record and provide certified copy of vital records (birth, death, and marriage) through the State of New Hampshire Vital Records Database.
- Record and preserve public records of the Town
- Record and certify minutes of Town Meeting
- Accept filings for local and state elected positions
- Prepare ballots for local elections
- Accept voter registrations to be forwarded to Supervisors of the Checklist
- Accept application for absentee ballots for residents who are away or serving in the military.
- Disseminate absentee ballots, adhering to state and federal law
- Coordinate federal, state, and local elections
- Maintain all Andover voter records via the state database, ElectioNet
- Administer the Oath of Office to all elected and appointed officials
- Record Articles of Agreement
- Review Dredge and Fill Applications, process the applications, and submit them to the Department of Environmental Services
- Review, process and record Pole Licenses

See Town Clerk on page 11

Town Clerk Holiday Hours

November 11

Veterans Day – Closed

November 21

Open 9 AM to 11 AM

November 26

Thanksgiving: Closed

November 28: Closed

December 19

Open 9 AM to 11 AM

December 24

Christmas Eve: Open 9 AM to 2 PM

December 25

Christmas: Closed

December 26: Closed

December 31

New Year's Eve: Open 9 AM to 2 PM



Fire crews from Andover, East Andover, Salisbury, and Wilmot – supported by the Andover Rescue Squad – had a training exercise on October 4, burning a structure at Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club. Photo: Meghan Barton

East Andover Fire Department

By Chief Rene LeFebvre
East Andover Fire Department

A few weeks ago we were able to conduct live burn training at the Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club. An old building was being razed to make way for a new home. The state requires that environmental professionals conduct an asbestos and mercury survey prior to any training. After that is completed we must prove training value and work with a state certified instructor.

At times it seems like a lot of hoops to maneuver, but all the steps assure clean air compliance and a safe drill. The training was excellent, as some evolutions went as planned and some, well, were less than successful.

Fortunately we don't go to real structure fires often, so this type of training is good for everyone. New firefighters gain valuable experience that only tremendous heat and blinding smoke can teach you. For the more seasoned firemen, the training helps clear the cobwebs and reinforce the confidence we need to command a safe scene.

Though they are as safe as controlled training can allow, it is still very spooky in a burning building. Most people want to flee and should. Firemen with the proper gear, training, and support system develop a trust and confidence that allow them to work safely in a building fire.

Andover Rescue provided rehab support and made sure we were all medically within safe limits. It is always a comfort at a fire to look over and see the ambulance ready if needed.

A great meal was provided by people from the Club after the drill. The food was well appreciated by the firefighters and rescue team.

I love the electricity, energy, and enthusiasm of firefighters. To manage such a motivated team working to achieve a common goal is an honor.

Take Inventory

Should we be called to your home to deal with a fire, the first thing we are

going to do is rescue operations. Finding you and your loved ones is Job One. Saving your home is a close second, but still second.

During fire suppression operations we also conduct salvage and overhaul to protect your possessions from unnecessary damage during the emergency. But even a minor room and contents fire is surprisingly expensive. Getting your family back home to an undamaged house can take some doing.

One of the questions I will ask in order to make out my incident report is about insurance. I am usually contacted by your insurance company within 12 hours of the fire. As your fire chief, I will make out all the required reports quickly to prevent any delays with your insurance claim.

You can help yourself by having a video or pictures of each room in your home with an accurate inventory of your possessions. Having to prove a point after a fire is a whole lot easier when you have a picture. That "thousand words" saying is very true.

Remember to keep your pictures and inventory in a safe place. Off-site is best, but they make fire-resistant file cabinets that, speaking from experience, do work very well.

Christmas Tree Sale

The firemen will be selling Christmas trees on Saturday, December 5. We will be at the East Andover Fire Station from 8 AM until all the trees are gone.

From many years of casual observation selling trees, I will safely state that most trees are selected by the lady of the home. Most men, I have also observed, will patiently hold out each tree for careful inspection by the boss. For me it's nice to see, because I think most people want the perfect tree as one of the symbols for a very special time of the year.

We will have goodies to eat and hot coffee, and, as always, we will deliver your tree free of charge. Hope to see you then and there.



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On October 2, the Andover Rescue Squad (ARS) held a "Remembering Night" to honor members of the ARS, past and present. (L-r) Ann Emerson-Knott, founder of the Danbury FAST; Heather Makechnie of the ARS; and Jane Walker, who attended in memory of her grandparents and her father, Ted Walker, who was on the ARS for 50 years.

Behind Heather is Howard George, the first licensed EMT in New Hampshire. Also in attendance was Frank Monroe Haley, one of the original members of the ARS. Total membership in the ARS since it was formed in 1966 is believed to be 144 community members. Staff photo: Bob Bussey

Andover Rescue Squad

By Jennifer Coffey, NREMTI
Andover Rescue Squad

Time to bundle up! Winter is here, and the heat is on. We change our setting in the ambulance to keep you warm and toasty should you need us. You will see us dressed in layers with our rescue gear on when we are responding to a person in need. Frostbite is our enemy and yours!

Frostbite occurs when tissue freezes. This condition happens when you are exposed to temperatures below the freezing point of skin. Did you know that most people who get frostbite are males aged 30-49 years? The nose, cheeks, ears, fingers, and toes (your extremities) are most commonly affected. Everyone is susceptible, even people who have been living in cold climates for most of their lives.

There are two kinds of frostbite::

- In superficial frostbite, you may experience burning, numbness, tingling, itching, or cold sensations in the affected areas. The regions appear white and frozen, but if you press on them, they retain some resistance.
- In deep frostbite, there is an initial

decrease in sensation that is eventually completely lost. Swelling and blood-filled blisters are noted over white or yellowish skin that looks waxy and turns a purplish blue as it re-warms. The area is hard, has no resistance when pressed on, and may even appear blackened and dead.

You can prevent frostbite by following some simple tips:

- Dress for the weather.
- Layers are best, and mittens are better than gloves. (Mittens keep your warm fingers together, letting them warm each other.)
- Wear two pairs of socks, with the inner socks made of synthetic fiber, such as polypropylene, to wick water away from the skin, and the outer socks made of wool for increased insulation.
- Shoes should be waterproof.
- Cover your head, face, nose, and ears at all times.
- Clothes should fit loosely to avoid a decrease in blood flow to the arms and legs.

Always seek medical attention if you are concerned for a loved one or yourself!

Town Clerk from page 10

- Prepare daily remittals to the Town Treasurer

Town Clerks are governed by the following state and federal agencies:

- New Hampshire Department of Safety (motor vehicles)
- Bureau of Registration
- Bureau of Title and Anti-Theft
- Bureau of Financial Responsibility
- New Hampshire Department of Agriculture (Animal Industry Division)
- New Hampshire Secretary of State
- Division of Vital Records Administration
- Division of Archives and Records Management
- Election Division
- US compliance with Help America Vote Act and Americans with Disabilities Act requirements
- Uniform Commercial Code Division of the New Hampshire Department of State
- New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (Wetlands Bureau)
- New Hampshire Office of Information Technology
- New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

Accounts of the Town Clerk are audited by the Town's auditors and various state auditors.

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count. Money collected on behalf of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is deposited daily by the Clerk into the state's DMV bank account. All other state fees collected are first paid to the Andover Town Treasurer and then forwarded to the various departments along with the Clerk's corresponding reports.

The New Hampshire City and Town Clerk's Association and the New Hampshire Tax Collector's Association offer a joint certification program to all City/Town Clerks as well as Tax Collectors. Certification is a four-year program that offers courses specifically tailored to meet the needs of Tax Collectors and City/Town Clerks. Each course offers insight into a specific realm of professional development. I have recently completed the second year of the process.

The state provides many workshops to keep Town Clerks up-to-date with the ever-changing requirements of state agencies. Most workshops are mandatory in order for Clerks to obtain and maintain certification. Some are a result of new government programs. In addition to these workshops, the New Hampshire City and Town Clerk's Association provides clerks with an informative monthly newsletter.

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Town Clerk from page 11

- Keep a fair and correct account in detail of taxes due, collected, and abated, and of all property sold for non-payment of taxes.
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New Bill In Congress To Protect Community Access TV

A bill in Congress – the Community Access Preservation (CAP) Act – would preserve and protect community access TV channels like Andover's Cable Channel 8. The Alliance for Community Media, an industry group of which Andover's Channel 8 is a member, wholeheartedly endorses this bill and provides the following summary of the bill:

Public, educational, and government ("PEG") channels permit schools, governments, individuals, and groups to provide and receive information about local events, emergencies, and issues. The channels encourage creation of local programming by civic groups and non-profits, cover government and school meetings, and promote localism and civic engagement. The CAP Act responds to four immediate threats to PEG channels and these critical local communications:

Unnecessary Limits on the Use of PEG Funds

Issue: Under federal law, a cable operator [like Comcast, Andover's cable operator] and a local community may negotiate for support for PEG use in addition to the franchise fee payments for use of public rights of way. The FCC recently ruled, subject to some important exceptions, that this PEG support may only be used for facilities and equipment, and not for PEG operating expenses.

Effect: Some communities are closing PEG facilities because there are no funds to operate them.

Solution: The CAP bill amends the Cable Act [the federal law that currently governs cable TV and community access] to ensure that PEG fees can be used for any PEG purpose.

Discriminatory Treatment of PEG Channels

Issue: Cable operators historically have provided local commercial television signals and PEG in the same manner, to all subscribers, and without additional charges.

But some operators are now providing PEG channels that are less accessible, lower quality, missing basic functionality, and more costly.

Effect: PEG is less accessible to all subscribers, and the most vulnerable viewers may lose access to basic local information altogether.

Solution: The CAP bill reaffirms that operators must deliver PEG channels to subscribers without additional charges, and via channels whose quality, accessibility, functionality, and placement is equivalent to local commercial television stations.

Preservation of PEG Support and Localism

Issue: Federal law envisioned that PEG requirements would be established on a community-by-community basis. Several states [though not New Hampshire], while intending to preserve PEG, adopted statewide video franchising standards without regard to local needs and interests.

Effect: Statewide standards are resulting in widespread elimination of PEG.

Solution: Immediate action is needed to preserve PEG to permit Congress to review the impact of these changes on local programming. The FCC is directed to investigate and to report to Congress on the impact of state video service franchising laws since 2005 on PEG.

To ensure PEG is preserved, each cable operator must provide the channels and critical facilities it had been providing historically. Operators must make ongoing PEG support payments equal to the greater of the cash payment required under state law, or the value of the PEG support it historically provided.

Definition of Cable System

Issue: Entities that provide video services via wired facilities in the rights of way are intended to be subject to Cable Act rules, regardless of the transmission protocol used to deliver service. But some claim that the [current] law is unclear, creating doubt as to where the rules apply.

Solution: The CAP bill amends the Cable Act to ensure it is technologically neutral. Providers using wired facilities in the rights of way are treated similarly and are subject to similar PEG requirements.



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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

See Below For Special Hours

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, Busi-

ness, 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

For more information, call the Town Office at 735-5332.

Mark Your Calendar!

NOVEMBER

2: Board of Selectmen, 7

2: Andover Fire Dept Bus. Mtg, 7

3: Building Inspector, 6-7

3: School Board, 6:30

4: Budget Committee, 7

9: Master Plan Update Comm, 7

10: Building Inspector, 6-7

10: Rescue Squad, Proctor, 7

10: Planning Board, 7

10: Budget Committee, 7

11: Town Clerk's Office CLOSED

11: Explorer Scout Post 321,

East Andover Fire House, 7

11: East Andover Fire Dept, 7:30

11: Conservation Comm., 7:30

12: Recycling Comm, 1

12: Recreation Committee, AE/MS Science Room, 7

16: Board of Selectmen, 7

16: Andover Fire Dept Training, 7

17: School Board Budget Prep, 6:30

17: Building Inspector, 6-7

17: Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:30

18: **Deadline for Material for December/January Beacon!**

18: Budget Committee, 7

19: Library Trustees, 7:30

21: Town Clerk's Office OPEN 9-11

23: Master Plan Update Comm, 7

24: School Board Budget Prep

(if needed), 6:30

24: Building Inspector, 6-7

24: Planning Board, 7

26: Town Clerk's Office CLOSED

28: Town Clerk's Office CLOSED

DECEMBER

1: Building Inspector, 6-7

1: School Board, 6:30

2: Budget Committee, 7

7: Board of Selectmen, 7

7: Andover Fire Dept Bus. Mtg, 7

8: Rescue Squad, Proctor, 7

8: Planning Board, 7

9: Budget Committee, 7

9: Explorer Scout Post 321,

East Andover Fire House, 7

9: East Andover Fire Dept, 7:30

9: Conservation Comm., 7:30

10: Recycling Comm, 1

10: Recreation Committee,

AE/MS Science Room, 7

ANDOVER BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are in the Andover Town Hall at 7 PM. Except for the January 14 and November 10 meetings, all meetings are on Wednesdays.

Nov 4: Andover Fire Precinct
East Andover Fire
Andover Village District

Nov 10: Town - Total Budget

Nov 18: Town - Police
Town - Highway
Town - Transfer Station
Town - Other Depts.

Dec 2: School Budget

Dec 9: Town Budget (if needed)

Dec 16: School Budget (if needed)

Jan 6: Public Hearing:
School Budget

Jan 13: Public Hearings:
East Andover Fire
Andover Fire
Andover Village District
Andover Town Budget

Jan 14: Final Meeting (if needed)

TOWN MATTERS

The *Beacon* needs help with reporting about town news. 735-6099

Board Of Selectmen

September 21

Condensed from approved minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Board Chairman, Dennis Fenton.

Road Agent

Road Agent Jon Champagne reported that the road-side mowing project is approximately two-thirds complete. The highway crew will be working to install street signs where they are currently missing.

The Board reviewed the Road Agent's budget to date. There is \$50,000 reserved for winter maintenance expenses. This will leave adequate funds to finish the summer budget as summer projects are completed.

Jon Warzocka

The Board met with Jon Warzocka who was in to discuss with the Board any plans for future development of Town facilities. Jon is an Andover resident and also is a civil engineer with Horizon Engineering of Littleton. There was general discussion regarding grant opportunities and projects that may be considered in the future, although there are no projects scheduled at this time.

Andover Police Department

The Board met with Police Chief Glenn Laramie. He gave a report on the activity of the Andover Police Department in the past month. The department had 271 calls for service and four arrests. There were 13 traffic summons issued and 74 warnings written.

Chief Laramie gave the Board a letter received from the County Attorney regarding costs for the county prosecutor. This letter outlines proposed fee increases over the next three years due to increased costs.

The Town was charged \$900 in 2009 for prosecution services. The 2010 cost will be \$1,200, which is an increase of 33% from 2009. The schedule also advises that there will be an additional increase of 33% over the 2010 cost for 2011, and a 25% increase from 2011 to 2012 for a cost of \$2,300.

There is concern about the amount of the increase and how this payment schedule was arrived at. The Board was in agreement that the services provided by the county attorney are necessary and that the Town is well served in the process. The Town will write a letter to further explore the future charges.

Chief Laramie reported the four wheel drive vehicle will be inspected this week and will be ready this winter.

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Town Map

The Town Administrator spoke to the Board regarding a project to have a general town map printed. Charlie Darling of *The Andover Beacon* provided a few samples to review.

Maps have been made in other communities at no cost to them, as they are paid for through advertising. Charlie has offered to assist in the project for the design and funding assistance. This will take place over the next several months.

State GIS Project

The Department of Transportation is undertaking a statewide aerial photography project in coordination with the US Geological Survey to acquire high resolution, leaf-off, color, aerial photography that will be collected in the spring of 2010.

They offered the opportunity to buy up to 6" pixel resolution of the photographs for municipal use for an estimated cost in the range between \$7,963 to \$11,945, depending on the size and shape of the collection area. It is estimated that this would take 222 tiles to cover 49.77 square miles. The Board took this matter under advisement, as the town will need to analyze its needs and work on a budgeting strategy.

October 5

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Dennis E. Fenton, Victoria

L. Mishcon, Jacob B. Johnson, Dana Hadley

Road Agent

Road Agent Jon Champagne reported the highway crew has been patching pot holes. He discussed issues regarding winter plowing to be addressed before it snows. One location on Poplar Street does not have sufficient area to store snow after several storms.

Jon Champagne and Rich Maines attended a two-day course regarding grader operations presented through the University of New Hampshire T-Square program.

He said the roadside mowing is finished, and he is satisfied with the results. The winter plow personnel are ready for the winter season.

Local Government Center.

The Board met with Pam Fecteau from the Local Government Center. Pam said she is visiting towns to update them on services that they offer. The Town secures its liability insurance through this program. Pam spoke of changes at the Local Government Center and advised the Board about the November conference.

Bardsley Letter of September 8

Selectman Mishcon advised that after a discussion with Mr. Bardsley, he said that he will work with the business owner directly.

Right-of-Way Agreement

The Board reviewed the proposed right-of-way agreement for the access to the Town's sand and salt storage. The

Board voted to approve this agreement, but will review it from year to year until any other arrangement can be worked out.

Directional Sign Request

The Board reviewed a request from Bluewater Farm for permission to place two directional signs. They would like to put one at the corner of Lawrence and Main Streets and another at the fork in the road at Beech Hill Road and Bradley Lake Road.

The Board discussed the request. The Town's sign ordinance does not address directional signs, and one concern is that this may set a precedent. The Board took this under advisement pending consideration.

Approval of Veteran's Exemption

The Board approved an application for a Veteran's Exemption that was applied for before the deadline date of April 15.

Completion of 2008 Audit

The Board received the final copy of the 2008 audit. The audit did not bring any issues, but the audit did have some operational suggestions. The Board will meet with staff to review proposed changes to operating procedure within the next few weeks.

Avitar Contract

The Board reviewed the proposed contract from Avitar Assessing Company. The agreement calls for data verification to begin in 2010 in preparation for the update of 2014. The Board would like to begin the data verification

in 2011, completing the verification over a three-year period instead of the proposed four years. The Town Administrator will discuss the change with Avitar.

Recycling Committee

October 8

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Susan Schnare, Nan Kaplan, Vicky Mishcon, Ken Tripp, Bill Matulevich

Susan will organize the Christmas Swap. Last year's was very successful. We plan to have it in the AE/MS gym in early December. A donation will be set up, and the money will be distributed to needy families.

The Committee is looking for new members in addition to our current members. New ideas and energy are needed!

Swap Shop will be open for the last time for the year on Saturday, October 10. The committee would like to have a tent to be used on swap days. Bill will check out Tractor Supply and other stores for tents, and Susan will check catalog supplies.

Tires: The committee continues to move forward with plans to recycle tires in the next few months.

Discussion of Recycling Committee budget: The committee reviewed needs that could be paid for out of the \$400 Recycling Committee budget (recycle bins, tent for swap shop, trailer for tires).

There is no further news on the status of the Single Stream Recycling facility.

Dana is working on having a representative from the NRRA meet with the Recycling Committee to review our options for increasing recycling and composting. We are hoping to meet in October.

Andover needs to participate in a Hazardous Waste Day in 2010. Andover has not had a hazardous waste day for three years. We hope to participate with Lakes Region Community Council. Vicky will contact them for details.

Tipping fees for trash to Penacook are going up over 40% on December 1. Discussion on incentives to get people
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to recycle more. (Raffle tickets for recycling, offer free recycle containers, put a large container for bottles next to the hopper.)

An article needs to be written for the next *Beacon* about the price increase and the need to increase recycling. Vicky will write the article.

Next meeting is Thursday, November 12, at 1 PM at the Town Hall meeting room.

School Board

**September 29
Work Session**

Condensed from draft minutes

Board Members Present: Lynn Baker, Don Gould, and Charlie McCrave

Administrators Present: Mike Martin, Robin Heins, and Jane Slayton

Sidewalk Grant Project: Robin reviewed the bid submittals, of which there were two. Marceau and Sons bid \$37,285, and Capital City Paving bid \$40,000. Both the state and the engineer recommended that we award the bid to Marceau and Sons.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Lynn Baker, seconded by Charlie McCrave, to award the bid for the sidewalk grant project to Marceau and Sons in the amount of \$37,285 with the district paying \$285 (the difference between the approved grant and the bid). Motion passed unanimously.

Middle School Attic: Don explained concerns had been expressed regarding structural safety of the Middle School, especially if we are adding additional weight to the existing structure. Board reviewed a copy of the scope of service proposal from HL Turner. Their proposed amount for services is \$2,385. Board will be asked to vote on this issue at next week's board meeting. Discussion ensued.

October 6

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: School Board Members Don Gould, Erik Anderson, Kent Armstrong, Charlie McCrave, and Lynn Baker. Administrators Mike Martin,

Christine Barry, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton, and Julie Gaudette. Public: Tina Cotton, Brian Kellogg, Jeff Dickinson.

Financial Report: Robin reviewed the budget. Lynn asked if we could plan better for staff track changes. Erik asked if staff filled out a form. For next contract, Robin will talk to the union about having an anticipated track change form.

Chairperson's Report: Don mentioned there is an Open House at the Andover After School Program. Don also spoke to the proclamation regarding the Lights on After School. Lynn read the proclamation aloud for the public. Kent moved to accept the proclamation as read, Erik made the second, all were in favor.

Principal's Report: See attached for info and important dates. There was some discussion about a kindergarten through eighth grade school versus a junior high school. Jane asked board to clarify their request from the last meeting regarding presentation prior to specific curricula. There will be information provided on NECAP testing and School in Need of Improvement and District in Need of Improvement.

Public Participation: None.

Good News: Received thank-you note for the use of the gym from Rick Nowell family.

Old Business

Building Name Change: Lynn moved to change the name from the

Hamp House to the AE/MS Annex, Kent made the second. All members were in favor. Next task force meeting is on November 5.

Retirement Lawsuit: Mike Martin notified the Local Government Center that the Andover School Board voted in support, and he is waiting for a response. Dr Martin gave a brief overview of the lawsuit.

Policy: Lynn suggested some changes to the homeless policy as well as the use of school buildings and facilities policy. Several changes were made and recorded by Chris Barry for further drafting.

Project Updates: Final asbestos report is in, as well as energy reports. Masse Electric work is complete, sprinkler system work is complete and approved by Andover Fire Chief Chuck Ellis. RPF report is in packet. Kent asked a few questions about the report that will be clarified. Kent would like to ask RPF if the fixtures that have documented lead can be painted, so that the repairs scheduled would be acceptable. Robin will forward information to fire chief to keep him aware of ongoing work to address lead issue.

Andover School District/Board Web page: In packet was information on accessing the Web site.

Middle School Attic: Kent moved to accept the proposal and HL Turner for the amount \$2,385 for the engineering work, Lynn made the second. All were in favor.

Transportation Bid: School Attorney John Teague suggested some changes to the contract, and clean copies were provided to the Board. Next Wednesday, October 14, there is a budget meeting at 7 PM to review the last fiscal year. Board will meet at 6 PM prior to that meeting to finalize the transportation bid.

New Business

Long-Range Energy Plans: Jeff Dickinson summarized his ideas regarding energy efficiency and energy substitution for AE/MS. Jeff explained how a biomass gasifier system could lower the fuel costs for the district. Solar water heating was also discussed.

Jeff volunteered his time to help do this for AE/MS. He spoke to some simple ideas that could involve some of the older students.

Charlie asked about the cost of a gasifier versus a woodchip system. It would take about 18 months to two years for the turn-around financially.

Kent asked about containing the waste and retrofitting the present system. Jeff stated that if the oil tank was swapped to gas, it would be quite easy.

Kent also asked about emission requirements, and there was some discussion about whether or not there is a need for a permit or not. Jeff also talked about the idea of a company that would run this and sell the energy to AE/MS.

There was some discussion about
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NOVEMBER 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.

November 5: Mrs. E. B. Thompson enjoyed a birthday dinner at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Thompson on Sunday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thompson of Claremont, Mr. Tuttle Thompson of Portsmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Currier and family of town, and Mrs. Jane McLaughlin of Salisbury.

The David Chamberlain children have the chicken pox.

November 12: Proctor Academy will attempt to complete its second undefeated year in football Saturday afternoon against a strong Holderness eleven. According to statistics, Proctor should have the edge. They have already beaten Fryeburg Academy, Brooks School, Westmount High of Montreal, and Phillips Andover Junior Varsity.

Craig McDonald, 13-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McDonald, shot his first deer on the first day of the hunting season in Campton. It was a 110-pound doe.

The annual observance of World Community Day, sponsored by the Ragged Mountain Council of Church Women, was held in the Unitarian

Church of Andover on Friday, November 6. The speaker was Reverend Alf Jacobson, pastor of the Wilmot Center Congregational Church. His sermon was based upon the theme of "Full Partners for Peace."

Taking part in the service was Miss Amy Corkum of Andover. Ushers were Mrs. Earl Kimball of East Andover, Mrs. Russell McLaughlin and Mrs. Donald Prince of Salisbury, and Mrs. Alf Jacobson of New London. The ladies were all in costumes representing different countries.

The music was furnished by the Proctor Academy choir under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Pierce, who was organist. Arthur Schacht of Proctor was soloist. The offering of money and baby layette will be sent to refugees in the South Pacific Islands.

November 19: Andover High review by Bertha Powers – Have you noticed the relaxed atmosphere around school since the Sadie Hawkins dance last Friday night? The girls have that gleam, and the boys have stopped avoiding the girls! From all the reports I have heard, everyone had a very enjoyable time.

The Daniel Webster Inn at West Franklin (Tel. No. 449) will be serving a special Thanksgiving Dinner for \$2.50 a plate.

Wilmot Historical Society

By Lindy Heim
Wilmot Historical Society

On Sunday, November 1, the Wilmot Historical Society (WHS) is hosting its Annual Meeting with a fun event to follow: *Favorite Stories from Old-Time Wilmot*, presented by Fred Ogmundson at the historic Wilmot Public Library in Wilmot Center.

The Annual Meeting will begin at 1 PM with agenda items that include the election of officers and reports on WHS projects followed by a refreshment break.

Around 2 PM, folks will be treated to the retelling of favorite tales such as *The Biggest Feet in Town* and *The Man Who Left His Wife for 17 Years* by Wilmot's own history buff, Fred Ogmundson.

Other stories to look forward to are *The True Story of the Deacon's Cow*, *When God is Wrong*, *A Yankee View of What Makes a Good Neighbor*, and *Why Mud Season Ain't What It Used to Be*. Both the meeting and program are free and open to the public.

All area residents are invited to join in supporting this historical society by becoming a member. Dues are \$5 per person per year (November 1 through October 31). Membership forms will be available at the November 1 program.

The Wilmot Public Library is located on North Wilmot Road off Route 4A in Wilmot Center next to the Wilmot Town Hall. For further information, please contact Marc Davis at 927-4596 or MarcDavis@tds.net.

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the kitchen running from its own waste. Maintenance of this type of system is straightforward.

Don asked about wind turbines. Jeff addressed that location is key with this. There is also potential to put in a water turbine in a few spots in town.

Jeff is willing to make a more formal proposal to the school district regarding solar water and gasification. Dr. Martin mentioned that a warrant article might be needed.

Jeff will also discuss the two finan-

cial options in his proposal. Jeff agreed to return to the Board with more information in a few months.

October 14 Work Session

Condensed from draft minutes

Board Members Present: Don Gould, Charlie McCrave, Erik Armstrong, Kent Armstrong, and Lynn Baker

Administrators Present: Mike Martin, Chris Barry, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, and Jane Slayton

Discussion ensued on the Andover Budget Committee meeting later that evening. The purpose of the meeting with the Budget Committee is to review the 2008-2009 budget.

Budget preparation meeting dates were set as follows, with all Tuesday meetings set to begin at 6 PM: October 20; October 27, November 17, November 24 (if needed).

A meeting was set for Friday, October 16, at 10 AM for Board members to finalize language in the transportation contract. Jane will post the meeting as a work session. The Board will approve the final document at its work session on October 20th.

Robin stated that the ad will run on October 18, 19, and 20 in the *Concord Monitor*, and we will also put it on the Web site. Bid specs will be released on October 21.

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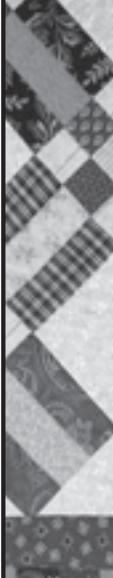
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Reminiscence: Teschek & Cassidy

By Brian Murphy
For the Beacon

In last month's Beacon, Brian wrote about the friendship of Ed Cassidy and Donald Teschek from 1938 in Boston through World War II in the South Pacific. This month he picks up the story on the home front.

On The Home Front

While Don and Ed served overseas, Eleanor [Teschek] sacrificed at home. Shortly after the outbreak of war at the age of 17, she had begun work at the Employer's Group, which had changed its name to the Commercial Union. It was a time of sacrifice and scarcity. She recalls ration tickets, Victory Gardens, war bonds, brown-outs, and not having any nylons to wear. (The armed forces

After the war, Ed Cassidy, his wife Kay, and Don Teschek eventually returned to the Boston area and resumed work at the Commercial Union. When Eleanor first caught sight of Don strolling into the office – tall and dressed sharply in a beige suit, but yellow-skinned from malaria pills and bad diet – she wasn't so impressed.

"Over the years I had heard about him because he worked in my department," Eleanor says. "I can remember the first thing I said was, 'I don't think he was so hot.'"

Nevertheless, the pair began dating and eventually married in 1946. Both families settled down and began raising families in the post-war years. Ed and Kay had four sons; Don and Eleanor three daughters.

Ed and Don didn't talk about the war much, though they'd occasionally share a memory that stuck with them. Ed says it wasn't the horrors of war or the grand sweep of the world-wide conflict they had participated in that prompted their conversations, but most often the small things. "We'd remember how bad the food was," says Ed, recalling that the ice cream and fresh-baked Australian bread were manna from heaven in comparison.

The Andover Connection

In 1953 and 1954, Ed and Don began looking at summer property in New Hampshire. They initially considered a campground on Webster Lake, but that proved too expensive. Ed was alone when he first saw the Maple Street property in June, 1954. It was a former orchard, and a few apple trees remained on the long, sloping hill down to the lakefront, along with a small beach that caught Ed's eye.

"The scoop was the woman that owned it had bought it, and her boys would use it, but because of the war, they had circulated around the country just like all of us did," he says. "They met gals they ended up marrying and were out of state. So this place was not being utilized like she thought it would be, and she decided to sell."

Ed called Don and told him about



In front of the Cassidy cottage in 1982, two years before Don Teschek died. (L-r) Eleanor Teschek; Joyce Bourdon of Andover (Don and Eleanor's youngest daughter) holding her son Greg; Ed Teschek; Don Cassidy; and Patrick Cassidy.

– sheet rocking, plastering, and insulation were about the extent of it, Ed says – but that didn't stop them. They drove up on the weekends and worked hard.

Some of the materials were new and others, including the windows, were second-hand or refurbished. Three windows in the Teschek place were hand-me-downs from Anderson—not the noted window manufacturer, but Eleanor's boss Bob, who had made it through the war unscathed.

They built a pump house by the water's edge and ran a couple of lines up the hill for a water supply. Ed recalls that they tried to drive a point for a well, but the rocky Andover soil wouldn't oblige.

They started on the Cassidy cottage first. To speed things up, the two men took a working vacation, pitching a 9' x 12' white sidewall tent and cooking their meals on a gasoline camp stove. Don slept in his car. Though quite different in their approaches to construction, the two men nevertheless made an efficient tag team.

"Ed is very deliberate in everything he does, and Don was more apt to go ahead and get it done whether or not it was perfect all the time," Eleanor recalls. "All of our couple friends knew these traits, and we used to have a saying that if Ed built the cottage himself, he would still be building, and if Don

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Brian Murphy wrote this month to let us know that Ed Cassidy passed away on October 19, at the age of 93. Ed will be cremated and his remains interred in Andover alongside his wife, Kay.

needed the material for parachutes, she recalls.) Her boss, 38-year-old Bob Anderson, was drafted into the service despite having two children at home. "It was such a long war and on so many fronts, they literally were running out of manpower," she says.

She also remembers casualty lists. One of her friends, Red Slack, a young man with whom she used to dance, was killed in combat in Germany.

When V-E Day (Victory in Europe) and V-J Day (Victory in Japan) occurred, cities across the US erupted in a wild celebration. The Commercial Union and all the rest of businesses in Boston emptied their workers – mostly females and older men past the age of military service – into the streets.

"It was great – we threw all the adding machine tapes and rolls of toilet paper out the windows like streamers and went out and danced all around Post Office Square when it was over," Eleanor says.

the property, and the latter gave him the okay to tie it up. At the time, the price seemed high, and it was a struggle for the two families to make payments.

"A lot of people thought we paid too much because a lot of land was going for cheaper, but not necessarily waterfront," Ed recalls. "Land in general was very reasonable at that time in this area."

Don and Ed soon set to work building cottages. Between the two of them they had minimal building experience



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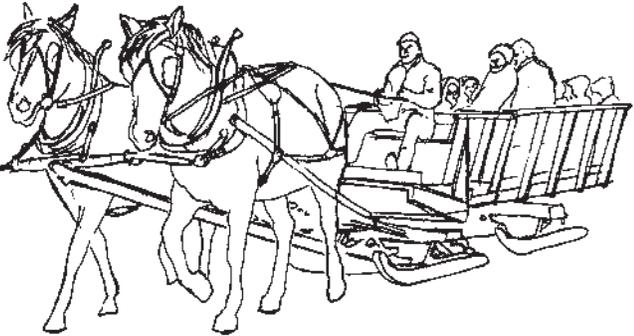


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Reminiscence

Dottie Lull

By Suzy Norris
Andover Historical Society

All the quotations in this article come from an oral history given by Dottie to the Andover Historical Society in 2006.

After living nearly six decades on Depot Street in Potter Place, Dorothy Lull has moved to Henniker to live with her son, Greg.

In Potter Place, a town that was “a busy place then,” she and her husband, Gordon, raised their family; a daughter and two sons: Jackie, Gordon, and Greg. She remembers, “We didn’t let them out of our sight. The traffic was a lot more than it is now.”

Dottie recalls her beginnings: “I born in Lynn, Massachusetts; we moved here (New Hampshire) when I was four, to Grafton, which needed a doctor. My father was a surgeon in World War I, and my mother was a nurse.”

“I went to two one-room schools in Grafton from the first to the fifth grade, and then from sixth, seventh, and eighth was another one-room school in Grafton. I went to my first year of high school in Lowell, Massachusetts because I wanted to be a nurse, and my father felt I’d get more out of it in a bigger school. I lived with my grandmother in Lowell. I always came home summers

of course.

“And then my grandmother died, and I didn’t want to go back [to Lowell]. So I went to Andover for my second and third year, and I got acclimated there, and I liked it. But the kids I rode down with were two older boys, and they lived in Grafton, and they drove so I had transportation, but they graduated so I couldn’t go there anymore. So I came up and graduated from Canaan.”

“My father was a doctor, and when I got older I went with him when he went out on a call. And when patients came in to him, he did everything. He pulled teeth, he operated, he did everything.”

“I went to nursing school, but then I saw a sign that said ‘The Navy Needs You,’ so I joined the Navy. I was going into the medical corps of the Navy as an X-ray technician.”

For two and a half years, Dottie served as a Navy X-ray technician stationed in San Francisco and Oakland, California. She recalls: “I use to have to go down to where they came in to take some X-rays before they even got to the hospital, and the ones that were the best were the ones who made you cry. I was taking a name and everything one day, and this guy says to me, ‘That’s the prettiest dress you’ve got on’ although I

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built it himself, it would have fallen down years ago.

“Ed would be measuring and measuring, and Don would say, ‘It’s only a cottage, Ed, nail it up,’” she adds. “I used to joke and say Don would fix the plumbing with a piece of chewing gum. In spite of these differences, together they got everything done.”

The work was hard but progressed rapidly. They got the Cassidy cottage framed, the windows in, the roof on, and put down felt paper. With a dry roof overhead they moved right in, even though the sides were open.

But late that first summer their work suffered a setback in the form of a raging storm that grew worse as the day progressed. As the wind whipped and the rain sheeted down, Ed and Don climbed up on the roof to try to keep the felt paper on – a futile and dangerous effort. Only later did the two men find out the raging blow was actually a hurricane.

Eventually the storm was too much, and they retreated to Don’s brother’s house in Concord and holed up there until the storm blew through. “We came back and resurrected whatever we could. It was wide open, so it wasn’t watertight,” Ed says.

Don and Ed worked hard to make up for lost ground, coming up every Saturday morning to work and leaving late on Sunday afternoon. By the end of the summer, Ed says his cottage was nearly done.

The next year the two men scraped together enough money for materials and got started on the Teschek cottage. They worked on it into the late fall and had the roof shingled, the siding nailed down, and the windows in when it started snowing on a Sunday afternoon. The early snow was a bad sign of a wicked winter to come.

“That winter we had a lot of snow, rain, freezing, and the roof was loaded with snow and ice,” Ed recalls. “A lot of places collapsed, including commercial buildings, and that place collapsed too.” Under the weight of snow, the roof fell in, pushed the back wall of the cottage flat, and knocked it off the platform. The end walls got damaged, too. More rework ensued.

“We had to dismantle everything,” Ed says. “We took off all the shingles very carefully and piled them up. Some of the boards were broken, some of the roof rafters were cracked in half, and we had to eventually replace those.”

Fortunately they were able to salvage half of the roof rafters and most of the



The cottages on Highland Lake in 1955, shortly after they were built.

siding. “Money-wise, it didn’t cost us that much to rebuild,” Ed says. “Time-wise, we lost a year.”

Eleanor, who remained home alone with her three children, says it was a period of struggle for her and for Kay. But the finished cottages and the expanded beach eventually turned out beautifully.

For a time the two families rented out the cottages to pay off the mortgage they needed to finance the Teschek cottage – a mortgage that all four (Don, Ed, Eleanor, and Kay) signed together. In the years after the cottages were completed, renters got more use out of them than the Cassidy and Teschek families.

Later, Teschek daughters Karen, Janet, and Joyce, and Cassidy sons Jeff, Bruce, Gary, and Allen began coming up for summer vacations with their parents, and renting the cottages soon was no longer necessary.

The two cottages have been reworked and added to over the years, including an extensive overhaul and addition on the Teschek cottage in 1989 by local contractor Pat Frost. But although the cottages have been expanded upon and updated, their sturdy frames are still very much Cassidy and Teschek.

These days, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the two families continue to use them and to enjoy the fruits of the labor and sacrifice of Ed Cassidy and Don Teschek. Their unique friendship, hard work, and lasting legacy as members of The Greatest Generation, are not forgotten.

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Reminiscence

The Hersey Farm, Part 2

This is the second part of the reminiscence begun in last month's Beacon on page 22. Like the first part, it 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.

What makes the Hersey farm unique is its many outbuildings. The main barn is 50 feet by 36 feet, a fairly typical old barn. A wagon and other machinery remain in the barn. Above the first floor are two levels of haylofts that at one time stored tons of hay.

The cattle, hitched in place to their stanchions, once filled the length of the left side of the barn. In its most productive days the barn held around 35 head of cattle. Only eight to ten were milking cows. Milk was for baking and for making butter, the primary source of income. This money was so important that the children were not allowed to drink milk. The skim milk that remained in the pans after the cream was skimmed was fed to the pigs and calves. My grandmother liked whipped cream on gingerbread and sometimes saved

some cream to whip. When she and the children were eating it, they listened for my grandfather's footsteps in the shed. If they heard him, Grammie hid the cream.

After my mother left home, my grandfather held several corn husking bees in the main barn. He invited nearby relatives and neighbors to the "party." At a husking bee, large piles of corn to be husked are placed in front of the guests gathered in a circle on the floor. If a red ear is husked, that person can get up and kiss someone. My Aunt Elsie said she always worried someone she didn't like might kiss her.

I recently learned a distant cousin met her husband at one of these gatherings. Her mother, sister, and she walked down through the woods and across the fields carrying lanterns. On the way home they frightened each other with the shadows cast by their lanterns.

I remember the husking bees being held and thought my sister Eleanor and I should be allowed to go when we were about 13 or 14, but Mama said we were too young. She may have worried we'd

Cilleyville, a little one, but we were so busy. We had a good business. We sold everything, even dry goods: socks and stuff like that. Cookies, bulk, all in a row, penny candy, ice cream, beer, and of course milk and bread."

After her first child was born, Dottie decided the stairs to their upstairs apartment were just too steep, so they bought the house next door, where she lived until her recent move.

"I became postmistress when my husband died [in 1976]. I went over there [to the store] early in the morning. Of course it doesn't have any heat; it has a gas stove. I had to be up and dressed and eat and be over there at six. It was six to twelve, and then I had 'til three off, and then I had to be back from three to five." She ran the Potter Place post office until it closed on July 30, 1988. Visitors can still find the original names on many of the mail boxes.

Dottie's love for animals is legendary. Many remember seeing her, even in the worst weather, walking her beloved Emmy – twice a day, she said. Her love for animals started early. She recalls as a child in Grafton: "Every time I found a stray cat or someone was going to get rid of one, I'd bring it home. We had maybe 12 or 13 cats, and I had them all named from the funny papers: Mutt and Jeff and Jeeks"

Over many years, Dottie was the faithful tender of the window-box geraniums at the railroad station and warm company to those serving as station masters for the Andover Historical Society. It was always a treat to have her pop over for a chat, a quick hello, then watch her head off briskly with the dog for a walk. How we will miss her!

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was in my uniform, and somebody afterwards told me he was totally blind."

After the service, Dottie returned to New Hampshire and resettled. "My husband was my brother's best friend, but he was seven years older than I. And we used to go to dances and everything.. Anyhow, I'd been in the service and I didn't see him, and when I came home, he was in the store, helping out in the store, and I needed a ride to go to Wilmot. I asked him if he could call somebody to see if they'd come and pick me up. He said, 'I'll drive you,' and I said OK. And so he asked me to go out, and it went on from there."

"My husband [Gordon] was made postmaster here in Potter Place, and at that time you had to live in the town that you were going to be postmaster or you'd have to find somebody that did, so we had this little house in Elkins that I hated to leave, but we had to come down here and we lived upstairs in an apartment over the store [Emons General Store]."

She remembers the store: "At that time [before the children] my husband and I, he had two aunts who owned the store, and he had just been helping out in the store, but when he was made postmaster, I helped him out in the store."

Dottie's husband's aunts were Inez Emons and Emily Phelps, who were sisters. Emily came to help with the store after Inez's husband died. When Inez died, Emily ran the store for awhile and then gave it to Gordon.

"There was a lot of work to order and stock shelves and keep track. It was pretty exhausting. The only store was this one. Well, there was one in

meet our future husbands there, too, while we truly were still too young.

My grandmother served sandwiches and cider to the huskers after the job was completed. It was a fun-work job that the young folks looked forward to.

After husking, the corn was dried in the shed. Later, it was taken to a grist mill for grinding into cornmeal for the cattle. A small amount was saved for baking johnnycakes and cornmeal muffins. Uncle James says my grandfather hitched up his oxen and wagon and took the corn to Tilton for grinding. It was an all-day trip.

Attached to the main barn is what the family refers to as the "new" barn. At one time it stood in the field, along with a house, west of the main barn on the

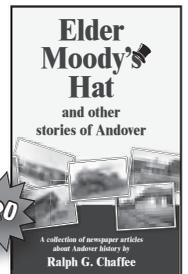
opposite side of the road. The house and barn had been part of a stagecoach line on Route 11 from Boston to Hanover, New Hampshire, in the early part of the 1800s. Coaches stopped at the barn to get fresh horses and drivers, while passengers sought food and drink. When the Northern Railroad made its appearance in 1846, the stagecoach line was no longer needed. Years later, after the house was struck by lightning and burned, my grandparents bought the property and moved the barn.

Buildings were not moved as they are today on big trucks, but rather were taken apart board by board. The major boards were marked and numbered and brought to the new location by horses
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Hersey Family Farm Phase 2 Fundraising Nearly Complete

By Chelsea Conaboy
Concord Monitor staff

From October 12 Concord Monitor
Partners looking to conserve a 55-acre portion of the Hersey Farm in Andover are hoping to raise the last \$26,000 needed before the end of the year. [As the Beacon went to press, the amount still to be raised was down to \$19,000.]

The land is owned by Roger Hersey and is next to 268 acres owned by his cousin, Jerry Hersey, that were conserved in 2007. Jerry Hersey uses both parcels to raise beef cattle and grow hay.

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust and Andover's conservation commission and historical society have nearly raised the \$165,000 needed for the project. In July, they received a \$57,500 grant from the federal Farm

and Ranch Lands Protection Program. The family has offered the easement for a discount. The town has allocated \$28,750 from its conservation fund and private donors have already pitched in some.

Beth McGuinn, a land protection specialist with Ausbon Sargent, said they are hoping to raise the remainder from donors in the local community.

Both parcels sit in a historic district on Route 11 and are on the National Register of Historic Places. This time of year, many passers-by stop to photograph the "quintessential New England farm," where the same family has been working the land for more than 100 years, McGuinn said.

"It's really very much the same as it was, and hopefully the easement will help keep it that way," she said.

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or, in this case, probably by oxen and wagon. The barn was put back together, again board by board, on the new site.

Some of the young calves and steers were housed in this so-called new barn. Hanging on the walls are metal muzzles farmers used to put over the oxen's mouths so they couldn't stop to eat grass when they were working.

Since Grandpa used oxen to work the farm, he kept three pairs so there would always be young steers in training. Uncle James says, "When a pair of oxen got along in years, he sold them and got a good price because they could be used for meat. When a horse got along in years, there was nothing to do with it. Oxen could work until they were 10 or 11 years old, and then trainees would take over."

The new barn holds much of the old equipment and tools, many made by my grandfather. Relatives have said he was very clever at making the things he needed. There are at least eight oxen yokes in this area. One large yoke is made of elm. My Uncle James says Grandpa hewed it out with an ax and whittled it down. The curved bows to hold the oxen's heads were made of hickory wood and were bought at auctions, as were the other yokes.

Also in the new barn was a small section known as the manure shed. An opening in the wall behind the cattle in the main barn allowed the shoveling of manure to the shed. Manure was taken from the shed by dump cart to spread on the fields and gardens.

Another area of the divided new barn was a sawdust shed with sawdust still in it. Sawdust was good for soaking up moisture and was used for bedding the cattle. Yet another section of the barn was used to store wagons. A nearby enclosure was the oxen pen where they could be outdoors when not working.

From the new barn, we entered the "new shed," a building right in front of the barn and again, a building that had been moved. It was originally on Cilley Hill.

The oxen were shod in this building. Men used to travel to different farms to shoe oxen but later, when fewer folks used oxen, farmers had to shoe them themselves.

An ox was put in a contraption called a sling which my grandfather had built himself. It took two people to get an ox in the sling. Once in the sling, the ox was hauled up off the floor. After the ox was lifted, its feet were placed one at a time into a stirrup-like attachment.

Uncle James said, "They wouldn't pick up their feet like a horse would and even if they did, they wouldn't let you hold it. They just didn't take too kindly to the process." Oxen were shod every two or three months.

Here in the new shed a huge pulley, or windlass, as it was called, remains where the hogs were hoisted to be butchered. In this building also is the artesian well, many old wagon wheels, milk cans, and remnants of bygone days.

South of the new shed, heading to the pasture, is another smaller building with two sections. This building housed the blacksmith shop and the pig barn – a rather strange combination! A small hole on the side of the pig barn allowed the pigs to go in and out to the pigpen. The blacksmith shop held all the tools. The shops beams are made of hemlock, a strong wood used frequently in those early years. The grindstone used to sharpen axes and knives is still in the shop.

Up through the field and about 500 feet away from the other buildings is the summer barn next to the pasture. The summer barn is much smaller than the main barn but still large enough to hold 200 bales of hay in the loft and room for 10 stanchions on the main floor. The stanchions are made of wood, and a wooden peg fits into a hole in the side to hold each cow's head in place.

After the cows were milked, the milk was poured into milk cans and brought down to the house in a wheelbarrow. My grandfather and uncles found it easier than driving the cows down through the field to the main barn for milking and then having to drive them back again.

Retracing our steps through the field, we came back to the farmhouse and explored the two buildings standing opposite the house – one, the main woodshed still half-filled with chopped wood, and next to it a small narrow garage. The garage was built to house my Uncle Samuel's first car, a 1939 Ford.

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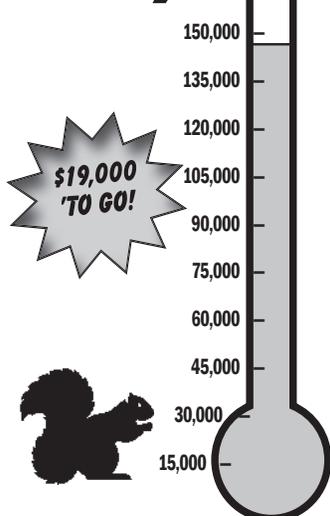
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Reminiscence

Tim Frost Shoots A Bear

By Tim Frost
For the Beacon

Recent pictures and stories in the *Beacon* of successful bear-hunting experiences reminded me of my one and only bear, shot on Taunton Hill in the fall of 1967.

My "adopted" dad, John Graves Sr., taught me to hunt and shoot. (I worked for him on his chicken farm as a teen). One weekend in the fall of 1967, John asked me to come up to his house to see the damage done to his fruit trees by a bear. Tree limbs had been torn and broken off most of his peach and apple trees. He suggested that I spend a night or two in the upstairs of a garage (now owned by Alex Bernhard) which overlooked the trees.

I talked to the local warden and his chief, and they both told me to "go for it." The damage was usually done at daybreak ... bear breakfast! I took a chair and blanket, my .35 Remington with five shells, and hot soup in a thermos.

The first night I was accompanied by a friend, Tom Fairbank. It was a long, boring night. However, I was back at it the next night, this time alone.

At daybreak I was awoken by a loud holler that gave me "buck fever." I got my gun ready, looked out, and saw a huge bear up in one of the peach trees, breaking limbs off.

It was light enough to shoot, so I shot three times with my rifle, and the bear fell out of the tree. He then got up and began to walk towards the open door of the garage, when he suddenly fell down and died.

John and his wife, Cordelia, heard the shots, and John came running out from his house in his pajamas carrying a shotgun. By then I was having an attack of the "shivers." John went back to



Tim's nieces, Debbie and Cherie Fenton, are holding Tim's daughter Jennifer in front of the bear hanging in John Graves' barn in 1967.

the house and got dressed, then he got his tractor with the bucket. We managed to get the bear into the bucket and take it to the barn and hang it on some scales that John used to weigh quarters of his beef stock. The bear weighed in at 435 pounds, which was a record back then.

I went home about 8 AM for a shower and a nap, not telling my wife what had happened. Soon there were guys knocking on the door wanting to hear my story. One older man accused me of "jacking" the bear ... which I did *not* do! The Fish and Game warden came by and told me to have anyone call the department, as they had given me permission to do this.

We dressed the bear out and had about half a dozen steaks. We cooked them, and the meat was very tough and tasted like shoe leather! The only part that tasted good was the liver, which was sweet from the peaches and apples. The rest of the meat was ground up and given to a couple of guys who had bear and coon dogs, one being an old friend, Don Miller.

Pine Hill Ski Club

Here is the calendar of events for the coming season for the Pine Hill Ski Club.

Sunday, November 22, 1 to 3 PM: Members Trail Work Afternoon; bring clippers and gloves.

Sunday, December 27, 11 AM to 12:30 PM: Tune Up Ski Class, \$10 (free for members).

Monday, December 28: Kids Day: Free Lesson, Rental, and Trail; Lesson at 11 AM. Call if you need rentals.

Friday, January 1, 7 to 9 PM: Full Moon Guided Ski Tour, \$10 (free for members).

Saturday, January 9: Robb's Ski Hut opens for the season, 11 AM to 2 PM.

Saturday, January 23, 10:30 AM: Ski the Edge, 11 km Par Course. Try anytime during the day, or mass start at 10:30 AM. Classical track course.

Saturday, January 30: Full Moon Guided Ski Tour, 7 to 9 PM, \$10 (free to members).

Saturday, February 13: Ski the Edge, 11 km Par Course. Try anytime during the day, or mass start at 10:30 AM. Classical track course.

Saturday, February 20, 11 AM to 2 PM: Blueberry Pancake Brunch at Robb's Ski Hut, \$6.

Sunday, February 28, 7 to 9 PM: Full Moon Guided Ski Tour, \$10 (free to members).

For more information, contact Pine Hill Ski Club, PO Box 112, Wilmot Flat 03287, 381-8685.

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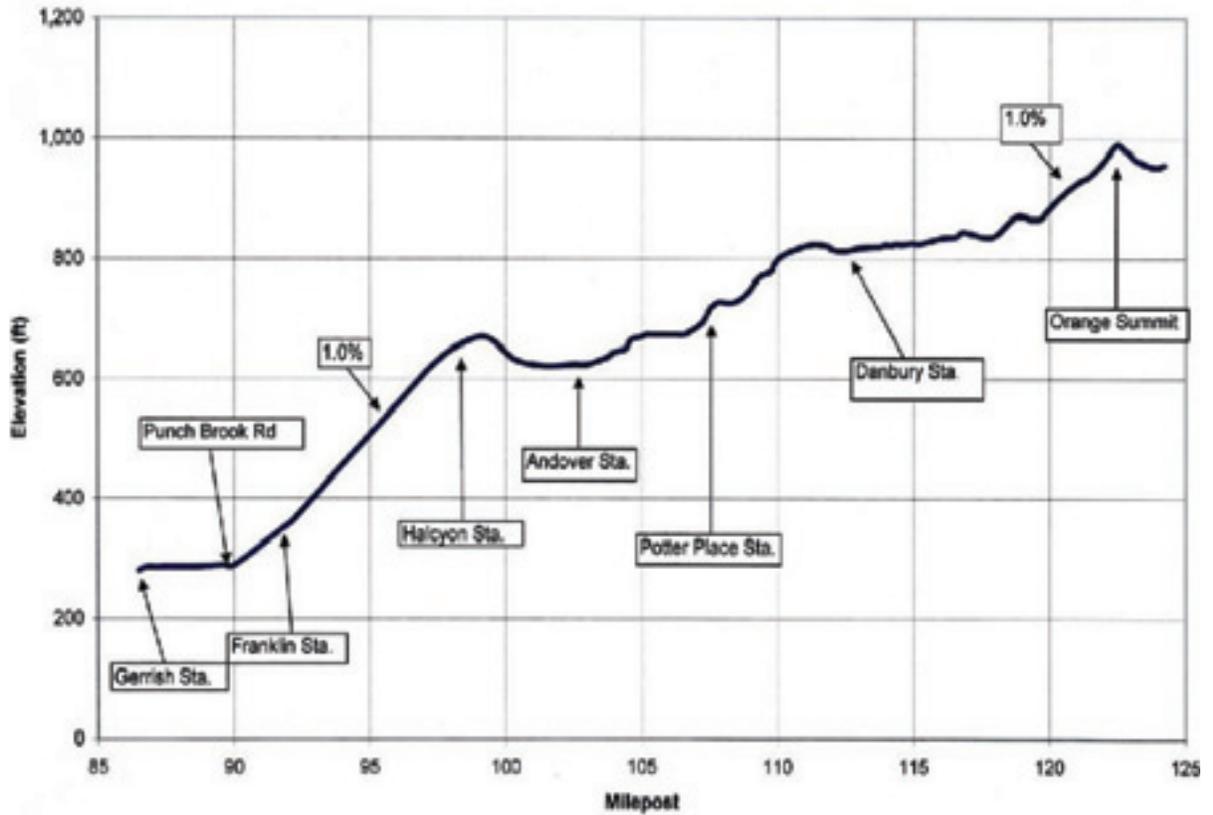
By Ed Hiller

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

The article in the October *Beacon* about the Rail Trail's opening ceremony at Webster Lake refers to the Rail Trail having an average grade of just two percent. Actually, the grade of the trail is much less than two percent. In fact, the *maximum* slope is only about one percent, and the average is much less.

The climb up from the Merrimack River in Franklin to Halcyon in East Andover is at a grade of about one percent. Then the grade is rather level from East Andover to Potter Place. Another climb of one percent gets from Potter Place up to Danbury Station. Then, following a rather level stretch, a one percent grade takes us up to the Orange Summit. Then it is down hill all the way to the Connecticut River.

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Hiking With Your Dog

By Dee Ganley, Dee's Dogs and Nancy Lyon, New England K-9 Search and Rescue

What a splendid time of year to be outdoors on the Rail Trail, or on a hike up Ragged Mountain to the falls. It's cool, there are no bugs, and the colors are beautiful!

Those of us with canine friends are eager to enjoy these autumn days. But part of the joy of hiking is the safe return. If you want your hike to be fun for you and your dog, please consider the following:

Are both you and your dog in condition? Just like good hiking guides, never choose a hike that is more difficult than the slowest and least fit creature. That means researching not only the route but the difficulty of the hike, both for steepness and length.

Weather matters – whether too hot or too cold. Dress in layers, and have plenty of water.

Can you handle the two lifesaving medical crises?

Bleeding: The best you can do in the

field for a wound is to clean it and apply pressure. So carry a small bottle of saline for rinsing, and use sanitary pads for absorption to be held in position with self-adhering wrap tape.

Allergic reactions: If you are allergic to insect bites, bring your medications. You can also carry over-the-counter antihistamines in either pill or liquid form – both will slow down a reaction and buy you some time to get out and get help.

You are hiking for pleasure! So stay in touch with how you are feeling and what you are observing about your dog.

The moment you feel that something for you or your dog is not quite right – whether it is health or confusion about navigation – *stop* and figure it out. If your reason for the hike is to enjoy being outside with your dog, then you've already succeeded! Turning around isn't failure – it's smart to know when to quit while you are ahead.

Manners Matter

You are hiking with your canine
 See Hiking on page 23



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New Theater Opportunities For Area Young People

The Middle New Hampshire Arts and Entertainment Center is proud to announce a new partnership with award-winning Northern Stage, a professional LORT-D Equity theatre company based in White River Junction, Vermont. Building on the extraordinary four-year success of its Project Playwright program, Northern Stage's new Kids to Kids – Theatre Arts (K2K) program was developed to address the current lack of performing arts instruction in America's schools.

This new program, entirely funded by a generous grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, is designed to introduce a new generation of audience and artists to the excitement of live theatre and lay the foundation for ongoing performing arts opportunities for young people. Northern Stage chose Franklin based on its isolation from arts centers and potential to increase performing arts programming for young people, the economic need of the community, and a willingness and capability on the part of The Middle to support the program.

Jule Finley, English teacher and drama program director at Franklin High School, is especially excited by the potential to bring year-round children's theatre education to the community and fill a gap for her young Franklin Area Children's Theatre (FACT) summer program participants. In association with Casey Family Services and the Franklin Recreation Department, FACT has attracted hundreds of area children aged four through 18 since 2007. "Now these kids have a place to go when the summer is over," said Jule. "This really is a great opportuni-

ty for year-round exposure to performing arts."

Over the course of the school year, at least one Northern Stage professional Teaching Artist and eight members of the Northern Stage Ensemble will conduct workshops for up to 60 area children ages eight through 18 in the historic Franklin Opera House, home of The Middle. The program is free of charge, and sessions will be offered one Saturday each month from 10 AM to 4 PM, culminating in an entirely student-run production in June. The proposed schedule and Unit Plan for the program is as follows:

October 24: Acting Exercises; Beginning Playwriting

November 14: Acting Exercises; Playwriting; Directing

December 12: Performance of *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*

January 9: Acting Exercises; Playwriting; Stage Management

February 6: Acting Exercises; Playwriting; Set Design

March 13: Acting Exercises; Playwriting; Set Design; Costume Design

April 10: Performance of *Bridge to Terabithia*

May 29: Acting Exercises; Prop Design; Rehearsal/Technical production

May 30: Acting Exercises; Lighting Design; Rehearsal/Technical production

June 12: Acting Exercises; Rehearsal/Technical production; Tech/Dress rehearsal

June 13: Acting Exercises; Tech/Dress rehearsal/ Public performance

For information or registration, please e-mail Info@TheMiddleNH.org or call 934-1901.



Dee's border collie Jax is all ready for a hike.

Photo: Dee Ganley

Hiking from page 22

friend to enjoy each other and the wilderness experience. Be sure you are both ambassadors, as well as stewards of, these beautiful places.

- Are dogs allowed? Check ahead of time to be sure dogs are welcome where you plan to hike.
- Your dog must be under control. Your dog shouldn't run ahead greeting strangers. Many people are very fearful of dogs. If your dog doesn't come when called, you should have your dog on leash or dragging a long line.
- Bury or carry out all poop (human or canine).

If your dog isn't fully obedient off lead, then your dog should be on lead. Around every corner is an opportunity for you to meet another dog or animal. You need to be sure you have complete control of your dog. Period! Respect any rules that impose leash restrictions.

For more on hiking with your dog, visit DeesDogs.com. For information about trails in Andover, visit SRKG.com or FNRT.org. For more about safe hiking, visit New Hampshire Fish & Game's HikeSafe.com. *Best Hikes With Dogs*, by Lisa Densmore, is great about telling you the difficulty of terrain for you and your dog. Finally, there's *Dog-Friendly New England* by Trisha Blanchet.

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ON-GOING

This Old Town, Part 1

Daily, Thu, Nov 5 to Thu, Nov 12
Andover Cable Channel 8

Local residents read from Elder Moody's Hat. Airs at 8 AM, 1 PM, and 7 PM starting at 7 PM on November 5 and ending at 1 PM on November 12.

This Old Town, Part 2

Daily, Thu, Nov 12 to Thu, Nov 19
Andover Cable Channel 8

Local residents read more selections from Elder Moody's Hat. Airs at 8 AM, 1 PM, and 7 PM starting at 7 PM on November 12 and ending at 1 PM on November 19.

This Old Town, Parts 1 & 2

Daily, Thu, Nov 26 to Thu, Dec 3
Andover Cable Channel 8

Local residents read from Elder Moody's Hat. Airs at 8 AM, 1 PM, and 7 PM starting at 7 PM on November 26 and ending at 1 PM on December 3.

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).

Andover Knitting Club

Mondays, 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM
AE/MS

Learn to knit or crochet, or visit with others while you work on a project. Open to all.

Andover Wyldlife Group

Mondays, 6 PM to 7:15 PM
Andover Bible Church

Club does not meet on the third Monday of the month.

Andover AI-Anon

Mondays starting Nov 9, 7:30 PM
Highland Lake Grange Hall

Weekly meetings. They will be held in a confidential first-name basis only.

Open to all. Information: 344-1669 or 934-4360.

Merrimack Valley High School Younglife

Tuesdays, 2:45 to 4:30 PM
MVHS Cafeteria

Club does not meet on the third Tuesday of the month.

Andover's Biggest Loser

Tuesdays, 6 PM, AE/MS

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

SCHEDULED EVENTS

AE/MS Veterans Day Program

Wed, Nov 4, 9 AM, AE/MS Gym

Celebrating America's veterans for keeping this nation "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Kearsarge Masonic Lodge

Thu, Nov 5, 7:30 PM, Potter Place

For meal information call 735-6492

Anatomy of Gray

Fri, Nov 6 to Sat, Nov 7, 7 PM

Proctor Academy

For tickets to Proctor's fall drama production, call 735-6870.

AE/MS PTO

Mon, Nov 9, 6:30 PM, AE/MS Library

Andover Lions Club

Mon, Nov 9, 6:30 PM

Potter Place

Call Bill Leber for more information 735-5144.

Andover Snowmobile Club

Mon, Nov 9, 7 PM

AE/MS Science Classroom

Andover Democrats

Tue, Nov 10, 7 PM

Lake Farm Realty office, 164 Main St

Andover Service Club

Wed, Nov 11, 10 AM, Potter Place

Blackwater Grange

Thu, Nov 12, 6 PM

Masonic Lodge, Potter Place

Bachelor Book Club

Sat, Nov 14, 9 AM

Bachelor Library, East Andover

Italian Dinner Extravaganza

Sat, Nov 14, 5 to 6:30 PM, AE/MS

Catered by Andover's own Laura Powers to benefit the Andover One Wheelers. Veggie and meat lasagnas in red sauce, chicken and broccoli alfredo over linguini, spaghetti and meatballs and stuffed shells, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and kale and sausage soup. For dessert you can enjoy Laura's award winning Tiramisu (chosen first place at the Chocolate Festival this year). \$15 for adults, \$7 for children ages 5-12, and 4 and under are free. Contact Michelle Keezer at 735-4021 or any Traveling Team member for tickets.

NH Circle of Home & Family

Mon, Nov 16, 12 PM

Shirley Currier's home, Andover Crafts

MVHS Parent Advisory Group

Mon, Nov 16, 7 PM, MVHS

Andover Lions Club

Mon, Nov 23, 6:30 PM

Potter Place

Call Bill Leber at 735-5144 for more information.

Andover Fish & Game Club

Tue, Nov 24, 7:30 PM

East Andover Clubhouse

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Tue, Nov 24 to Wed, Nov 25

Circle K, Potter Place

Sponsored by Andover Service Club

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thu, Nov 26, 11 AM to 1 PM

Andover Bible Church, 46 Main Street, Unit 4

The church will serve dinner to anyone who needs a meal, is alone, or would

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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

This low impact exercise program is perfect for those looking for an easy, effective exercise routine

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 for details.

Outdoor programs include biking, hiking and other outdoor sports 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

Choose Life - Regardless

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 2 to 3 PM

Explore and share what "Choosing life, regardless" means to each of us. Fun and lively discussion. Call to register

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

COA Woodcarving Class

Tuesdays, Nov 3 to Dec 15,
9:30 to 11 AM

Starting with a "cut-out" you will carve, sand, and paint a half-size mallard duck head. Call to register.

Blood Pressure Clinic

Fri, Nov 6, 10:30 to 11:30 AM

VNA Foot Care Clinic

Fri, Nov 6, 12:30 to 3:30 PM

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

Computer Questions

Sat, Nov 7, 9 AM

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

Sunday at the Movies

Sun, Nov 8, 2 PM

Breakfast at Tiffany's

Breakfast Club Book Discussion

Tue, Nov 10, 9:30 AM

The Spy Who Came In From the Cold by John LeCarre. Pick up books at Tracy Library.

Memory Loss, Brain Health, and How We Can Help

Tue, Nov 10, 1 PM

Kesstan Blandin will tell you all about dementia and Alzheimer's. Call to register.

Questions About Medicare?

Tue, Nov 10, 2 to 4 PM

Anita Oelfke will answer your Medicare questions. Call to register.

Genealogy Workshop

Thu, Nov 12, 10 AM to 12 PM

A great way to receive assistance with your genealogical research

Long-Term Care Planning

Fri, Nov 13, 10:30 AM

Learn more about your options for long-term care with Wayne Blanchard from ServiceLink. Call to register.

Questions About Medicare?

Tue, Nov 24, 1 PM to 3 PM

Anita Oelfke will answer your Medicare Questions. Call to register.

Conversations with Lunch

Mon, Nov 30, 12 PM

Presbyterian Church, New London

The Great Sheep Boom - Its Enduring Legacy on the NH Landscape

like company during their meal. Call 735-5025 (a few days before the 26th) if you would like a meal delivered.

Town Christmas Tree Lighting
Sun, Nov 29, 5:30 PM, Town Hall

Kearsarge Masonic Lodge
Thu, Dec 3, 7:30 PM, Potter Place
For meal information call 735-6492.

Christmas Swap (Dropoff and Set Up)
Fri, Dec 4, 4 to 5 PM, AE/MS Gym
Sponsored by the Andover Recycling Committee. Good stuff needed!

Christmas Tree Sale
Sat, Dec 5, 8 AM
East Andover Fire House
To benefit EAFD

Poinsettia Sale
Sat, Dec 5, 8 AM, Andover Fire House
To benefit AFD

Christmas Fair
Sat, Dec 5, 9 AM to 2 PM
Highland Lake Grange Hall
Handmade crafts; bake sale. Sponsored by the Andover Congregational Church.

Christmas Swap
Sat, Dec 5, 9 AM to 3 PM, AE/MS Gym
Sponsored by the Andover Recycling Committee. Drop off items until noon. Assorted merchandise of all kinds available.

AE/MS PTO Wreath Pick-Up
Sat, Dec 5, Noon to 3 PM, AE/MS Gym
Order your wreath in advance by calling the school at 735-5494.

Stamp-A-Stack Card-Making Fundraiser
Sun, Dec 6, 2 PM
Highland Lake Grange Hall
To benefit the East Andover Village Preschool. Make 15 greeting cards, complete with envelopes. \$30. Register at 735-5855 by November 30.

Andover Democrats
Tue, Dec 8, 7 PM
Lake Farm Realty Office 164 Main St.

Andover Service Club
Wed, Dec 9, 11:30 AM
Wilnot Community Center Barn
Christmas Luncheon

Blackwater Grange
Thu, Dec 10, Potter Place

Bachelor Book Club
Sat, Dec 12, 9 AM, Bachelor Library

Christmas Is For Kids!
Sun, Dec 13, 3 PM to 5 PM
Bluewater Farm on Bradley Lake
Includes a visit from Santa! The AE/MS PTO will hold a bake sale.

Lions Club Christmas Party
Fri, Dec 18, 6 PM
Proctor Academy Dining Hall
For more information call Bill Leber at 735-5144.

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ON-GOING EVENTS

Winter Farmer's Market
1st Saturdays, thru Apr 3, 9 AM to 2 PM
Grange Hall, North Road, Danbury
Local meat, produce, and handcrafted items. Hot lunch of homemade soups and desserts.

Blood Pressure Clinic
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 AM to noon
VNA New London Office

Foot Care Clinic
2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM
VNA New London Office
Call 526-4077

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Favorite Stories From Old-Time Wilnot
Sun, Nov 1, 2 PM
Wilnot Public Library, North Wilnot Road in Wilnot Center
Wilnot Historical Society annual meeting begins at 1 PM. Stories told by Fred Ogmundson begin around 2 PM.

Ski & Skate Sale
Sat, Nov 7, 9 AM to Noon
OCIC Gym, New London
Turn your used equipment into cash. Drop-off Friday, November 6 from 5:30 AM to 8 PM. Call 526-8321 for details.

Time of Remembrance
Sat, Nov 7, 11 AM
Tracy Memorial Library, New London
For info call 526-4077

Migraines and Other Head Pain
Mon, Nov 9, 6:30 PM
Franklin Regional Hospital
Headaches: causes and treatment options. Dr. Philip Savia, board certified in neurology and headache medicine. Free, but call 527-7120 to register.

How To Make Your Town Farm-Friendly
Thu, Nov 12, 6 PM to 8:30 PM
Kearsarge Regional Middle School
Sponsored by Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. \$10.

Spiritual Wisdom on Health and Healing
Fri, Nov 13, 7 PM to 8 PM
Lake Sunapee Bank Community Room, New London
Sponsored by Eckankar. Information: 800-713-8944.

Sweet Charity
Fridays & Saturdays, Fri, Nov 13 to Sat, Nov 21, 8 PM
Franklin Opera House
Franklin Footlight Theatre. Matinee Nov 21 at 3 PM. For tickets visit TheMiddleNH.org or purchase at the box office.

Holiday Fair
Sat, Nov 14, 9 AM to 2 PM
Our Lady of Fatima Church New London
Holiday decorations, books, crafts, children's corner, country pantry, jew-

elry, silent auction, and special raffle. For more information call 927-4345.

Craft Fair
Sat, Nov 14, 10 AM to 3 PM
Lobby of Franklin Regional Hospital
To benefit the Lifeline Monitor sponsorship fund. Penny sale, community crafters, baked goods.

WCA Senior Luncheon
Tue, Nov 17, 12 PM, Wilnot Flat
A "Stress Reduction" program with speaker Nancy Puglisi.

Hospice Benefit Dinner
Wed, Nov 18, 6 PM
Millstone Restaurant, New London
For info call 526-4077

Craft Fair
Sat, Nov 21, 9 AM to 2 PM
Presbyterian Church, New London
To benefit Hospice

Pancake Breakfast
Sat, Nov 28, 7:30 AM to 11 AM
King Solomon Lodge, Elkins
Secret pancake mix, scrambled eggs, bacon, real maple syrup. \$7, kids under 10, \$4.

Strathspey & Reel Society Scottish Concert
Sun, Nov 29, 2:30 PM
Concord City Auditorium
\$20; \$15, and \$10; at the door, \$22, \$17, and \$12. Call 437-3497. Music teachers, music students, and veterans can call to receive a free ticket. Kids ten and under also get in free.

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Mystery Luncheon
Mon, Nov 9, 10:30 AM
Meet at TRIP Center for transportation. \$5
Register early. Lunch is your responsibility.

Mystery Dinner
Fri, Nov 13, 4 PM
Meet at TRIP Center for transportation. \$5
Meal is your responsibility.

Smitty's Tilton Theatre
Mon, Nov 16, 6 PM
Meet at TRIP Center. Bus and Movie ticket \$7.50.
Surprise movie!

Shopping at Belmont Mall
Wed, Nov 18, 10 AM
Meet at TRIP Center for transportation. \$2
Lunch is your responsibility.

Thanksgiving Luncheon
Thu, Nov 19, 11:30 AM
Come enjoy a free Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixin's. Raffles. Door prize. Music.

National Game and Puzzle Week
Fri, Nov 20, 10 AM
Play cards, checkers, and board games. Stay for pizza lunch.

James Montgomery Blues Band with J. Geils & Brooks Young
Fri, Dec 4, 8 PM
Franklin Opera House
For tickets visit TheMiddleNH.org or purchase at the box office.

If You Give A Mouse A Cookie
Sat, Dec 5, 2 PM
Franklin Opera House
Northern Stage Youth Ensemble. Tickets available only at the door. \$3 children, \$5 adults.

Don Watson and Friends
Sat, Dec 5, 7:30 PM
Franklin Opera House
For tickets visit TheMiddleNH.org or purchase at the box office.

AARP Safe Driving Course
Tue, Dec 8 to Wed, Dec 9, 9 AM to 1 PM
New London Hospital
A two-day course. Fee: \$12 for AARP members; \$14 for non-members.

Pemi Choral Society Holiday Concert
Thu, Dec 10, 7:30 PM, Our Lady of the Lakes Church, Lakeport
Admission by donation.

Spiritual Wisdom on Health and Healing
Fri, Dec 11, 7 PM to 8 PM
Lake Sunapee Bank Community Room, New London
Sponsored by Eckankar. Information: 800-713-8944.
See Calendar on page 26

Free Blood Pressure Check
Tue, Nov 24, 10:30 AM
Visiting Nurse Association

Medicare and Medicare D Help
Tue, Nov 24, 10:30 AM
Anita Oelfke will help you with your questions.

ServiceLink Resource Center
Tue, Nov 24, 10:30 AM
Wayne Blanchard will give counsel about long term care through Medicaid. 866-634-9412

National "What Do You Love About America" Day
Wed, Nov 25, 10 AM
Share your thoughts and stories, and then stay for a lunch of soup and sandwiches.

Santa's Workshop
Fri, Dec 4, 4 PM to 6 PM
Free for children of the greater Franklin area. Entertainment. Door Prizes. "Make and Take" crafts. Goody bags. Have picture taken with Santa. Tree lighting at Kendrick Park.

Holiday Luncheon and Cabaret
Sun, Dec 6, 10:30 AM
Car pooling. Lunch and show \$40. Opechee Inn in Laconia. The Summer Theatre will present Cabaret.



Back (l-r): Pat Fleury, Natalie Lively, Shirley Currier, Judy Perreault, Wanda Smith, Pat Baker, Jane Martin, Irene McKinley. Kneeling: Beth Frost, Rose Tilton.

New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault
NH Circle of Home and Family

The Halcyon Seekers got with the "spirit" of the season with a Halloween lunch at the home of Wanda Smith. Just about everyone arrived in some kind of costume. We had three witches, a few short of a coven. Can you tell which witch is which?

Our "chicken" sported a comment on her tail that said, "Who said I was Fowl?"

We had a spook-tacular lunch on grinning pumpkin plates and devoured our dessert with ghoulish glee.

After lunch, the program ceremony began. We picked our programs for next year, selected victims to present them,

and found different haunted houses to meet in and folks to feed our hungry horrors.

2010 Schedule

- January:** Game Night
- February:** Chocolate
- March:** You've Come a Long Way, Baby
- April:** Spring Workshop
- May:** Greece
- September:** A Is For Apple
- October:** Program Planning
- November:** The Joy of Wrapping
- December:** Christmas Party

Our next meeting is on Monday, November 16. We will be decorating gift bags for the AE/MS Christmas Shop.

If you are interested in joining our group, call 735-5493

Andover Libraries

By Diane Rice
Andover Libraries

How nice it is to know that whenever we walk through the doors of our libraries, whether it be the Andover Town Library or the Bachelder Library in East Andover, there will always be something new to discover and enjoy. The displays in the entries are changed frequently to reflect the season or holiday of the month, and then, of course, there are always new books and new copies of magazines to enjoy.

The Bachelder Library has recently acquired the latest non-fiction book by Mitch Albom, *Have a Little Faith*. Many of you will remember with pleasure Albom's earlier book, *Tuesdays with Morrie*.

Also on the shelves are *South of Broad*, the new best-seller by Pat Conroy; *Nine Dragons*, by Michael Connelly, featuring the LAPD detective Harry Bosch; and the latest Danielle Steele novel, *Southern Lights*.

At the Andover Town Library, librarian Priscilla Poulin is already pre-

paring for the holidays with Debbie Macomber's *The Perfect Christmas*, Susan Wiggs' *Lakeshore Christmas*, and Richard Paul Evans' *Christmas List*. There are also two new, exciting suspense novels which will please those who enjoy new mysteries: *Evidence* by Jonathan Kellerman, the 24th in the Alex Delaware series; and Robert Parker's *The Professional*, yes, the 37th in the Spenser series!

Share Your Favorites

Coming soon, *Beacon* readers can tell us all why they have loved a particular book on our library shelves! Priscilla will have all the details, so share with the community why a book that you chose held so much appeal.

The first Reader Reviews will be in the December/January issue of the *Beacon*. The deadline for that issue is Wednesday, November 18, so stop by and chat with Priscilla.

Remember, this is just for fun – no grades, no Pass/Fail. It's just letting others share your good fortune to have found a book that you greatly enjoyed.

Strathspey and Reel Society Performs November 30

By Betsy Woodman
Strathspey & Reel Society of NH

Exciting things are happening at Strathspey & Reel Society of New Hampshire (SRSNH)! We are rehearsing for our 21st Annual Gala Scottish Concert, which will be held on Sunday, November 29, at 2:30 PM at the Concord City Auditorium, corner of Prince and Green Streets.

This year's featured soloist is pianist Jacqueline Schwab (JacquelineSchwab.com). If you're watching Ken Burns' latest TV series, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*, you've heard her wonderful playing. She's done sound tracks for ten of Burns' series, and many others as well.

The theme of the Gala is "Scotland Comes to America," so expect some American favorites and Scottish-style tunes by American composers in addition to traditional Scottish reels, jigs, marches, airs, and, of course, the characteristic dotted-rhythm Strathspeys. As always, the 55-member SRSNH orchestra will be filling the hall with its big Scottish sound.

Gala ticket prices in advance are \$20,

\$15, and \$10; at the door, \$22, \$17, and \$12. Call 437-3497.

Thanks to generous support from the Benjamin Couch Trust (TD Bank, trustee), music teachers, music students, and veterans can call the same number to receive a free ticket to the concert. Kids ten and under also get in free, so bring the family.

Over the years, many loyal Andover fans have honored us by attending. We hope to see even more familiar faces in the audience this year.

In other news, I have passed the baton as Music Director of SRSNH to Emerald Rae, US National Scottish Fiddle Champion, vibrant performer, and a member of the Celtic Americana folk group Annalivia. As a child, she played the fiddle with SRSNH, and now she has returned to lead the group. I'm back in the wind section.

SRSNH is an open society; we welcome musicians of any instrument or playing level, so if you're hankering to do some music yourself, come to one of our monthly sessions. See SRSNH.org for our schedule and other information.

Mark Your Calendar

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Fri, Dec 11, 7:30 PM
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Sweet, Hot & Sassy

Sat, Dec 12, 7:30 PM
Franklin Opera House

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Blackwater Grange #152

Blackwater Grange met on October 8 with 10 members and three guests. Members Clayton Nowell and Bernice Nowell reported seeing turkeys.

A 55-year seal was presented to Liz Kirby by Master Nowell. Three other members who were not present received seals: Ralph Lee Stevens, 50 years; Betty Lou Moore, 60 years; William Clapper, 55 years; Dennis Fenton, 50 years.

The program was about old barns and included a quiz, jokes, and a Halloween poem. A pot luck dinner served before the meeting was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting of the Blackwater Grange will be on Thursday, November 12. Happy Thanksgiving to all from members of the Grange!

Pemigewasset Choral Society

The Pemigewasset Choral Society will perform its annual holiday concert at three Lakes Region locations. The first concert will be performed at Our Lady of the Lakes Church in Lakeport on Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 PM. The second performance will be at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Franklin, on Friday, December 11, at 7:30 PM. The final concert will be performed in the Hanaway Theatre at Plymouth State University campus on Sunday, December 13, at 3 PM.

All concerts are open to the public, and admission is by donation at Lakeport and Franklin. Tickets are required at \$10 each for the Plymouth performance and may be purchased in advance through the Plymouth State University Silver Center Box Office or by calling 535-ARTS. Discount rates are available for seniors, students and groups.

The title of this year's holiday concert is *In Dulci Jubilo (In Sweetest Rejoicing)*. It will debut a special selection, *Christmas Everywhere* by composer and arranger Mr. Frank Denson.

The work was commissioned by the Choral Society for this holiday concert. The lyrics are based on the poetry and inspiration of Phillips Brooks (1835-1893), a noted American clergyman and author, who briefly served as the Episcopal Bishop of Massachusetts during the early 1890s. He is best known for authoring the Christmas carol *O, Little Town of Bethlehem*.

Among the classical selections will be Handel's *Coronation Anthem*, and

Haydn's *The Heavens Are Telling*. A selection from Felix Mendelssohn's cantata *Hymn of Praise* commemorates the bicentennial of his birth.

The chorus will perform Shaw and Bennett's arrangement *The Many Moods of Christmas* as well as Robert DeCormier's arrangement of *The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy*, a West Indian spiritual. The audience will be invited to join with the chorus in singing other favorite carols.

Assisting the chorus will be The White Mountains String Quintet coordinated by Bozena O'Brien. The quintet is comprised of professional performers and teachers from the New England area. Four of the members have been performing together for over 20 years a wide musical repertoire from classical to jazz.

The Pemigewasset Choral Society began in 1974 as a choir with 29 singers. Today, the chorus numbers more than 130 voices from throughout central New Hampshire and beyond. Its mission is to provide adults in the central New Hampshire area with an opportunity to perform quality choral music under professional leadership.

The chorus begins its 36th season under the esteemed direction of its conductor, Dr. Robert F. Swift, Professor of Music at Plymouth State University, accompanied by pianist Margot W. Swift. The group has performed on international tours to England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and several Canadian provinces.

"Square Roots And Eight Hands Round" Integrates Quilting, Square Dance, and Math

Square dancing and quilting go hand-in-hand as rich cultural traditions that many middle school students don't know a lot about. That is about to change in Franklin, where students will learn how the two subjects are related to each other and to a wide range of math concepts.

Irene Haley, a resident of Andover and owner of The Quilting Corner in Tilton, has been involved with the project from the start, pulling together volunteers and working to get material donated. Mary Jane Ogmundson, a retired teacher from Wilmot, and Joyce Morton, a long-time quilter and instructor, have also already volunteered hours of assistance.

Franklin Middle School sixth graders, supported by The Middle New Hampshire Arts and Entertainment Center in the Franklin Opera House and a matching grant from the State Council on the Arts, are joining forces in an integrated arts community-building project.

Leading the project is Ellen Carlson, a fiddler and former math teacher who is on the Artist in Education Roster for

the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts.

"Quilting provides great ways to explore math in a hands-on way," said Ellen. "The music and dancing fit in as well – many quilt patterns are named after square dance steps or songs. This project provides opportunities for so much collaboration, learning, and fun."

Volunteers and artists came to Franklin Middle School to introduce the project on October 29. Students involved in the project will be designing and making quilts, learning about square dancing, old-time music, quilting bees, and the Colonial era along with math concepts and other skills. They will donate their quilts to a worthy cause of their choice.

The program will culminate in a square dance at The Middle at 6:30 PM on December 11, coupled with a presentation by the sixth graders about what they learned.

Donations for this project may be sent to The Middle, PO Box 172, Franklin 03235 (note Integrated Arts project in the memo). If you wish to volunteer, contact Ellen Carlson at 603-528-1705.



Participants in the Andover's Biggest Loser weight-loss program brought a lot of non-perishable staple items for the Andover Food Pantry to their October 6 meeting. The goods they donated lasted most of the month.

Above, Heidi Clark (l) and Jen Braley survey the pile of donations to be taken to the pantry.

The Andover Food Pantry, located in the basement of the Town Hall, is available to anyone whenever the Town Hall is open. The pantry always needs donations of non-perishable food staples, including low salt, low fat, etc. choices for people with dietary restrictions.

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Andover Service Club News

By Julie Mayo

Andover Service Club

The October meeting of the Andover Service Club was well attended. After a short business meeting, refreshments were served by Grace Stetson and her committee.

The speaker, presented by Diane Rice, was Angelica Ladd from Child and Family Services in Manchester, who shared the various programs and support services which are used locally.

The annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale will be November 24 and 25 at the store in Potter Place. There will be raffle baskets to earn money for the club, and members are asked to donate new items for kitchen, food, or other categories. Judy Evans is to be called if there are questions.

The Christmas Tree lighting will be held on November 29 at 5:30 PM.

The annual Christmas luncheon for club members and guests will be at the Wilmot Community Center with caterer Susan Nye providing the food. Mary



Angelica Ladd addressed the Andover Service Club in October.

Photo: Julie Mayo

Ofenloch will be in charge again.

The November 11 meeting will be at the Masonic Hall in Potter Place at 10 AM. Sonny Coady will be showing slides of India.

The Andover Service Club is open to all who wish to join and help our community raise funds for many organizations.



Andover Bible Church's new home is at 46 Main Street.

Andover Bible Church Has New Home

By Beth Frost

Andover Bible Church

The Andover Bible Church is a Christian church made up of people seeking to help, encourage, and hold each other accountable through prayer, meeting together, and seeking wisdom from God's Word.

Our doors open at 9 AM on Sunday mornings for a time

of prayer. The service starts at 9:30 AM and is followed by a time of fellowship. The message is based on the Bible with a focus on the practical application of God's Word in our daily lives. Our service is interactive, giving people an opportunity to share as they feel led and giving listeners an opportunity to hear from multiple people.

The church was founded by a group of local families who started meeting in a home in the fall of 2008. The church is being led by Thomas Bates. Tom grew up in Andover and has recently moved back to the area with his wife Nancy

and son John.

We are excited to have a place that we can share with our community in many different ways as needs arise. We look forward to connecting with you in town and at our new home at 46 Main Street, Unit 4, in Andover.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our church will be open 11 AM to 1

PM on Thanksgiving Day to serve dinner to those who need a meal or who are alone and would like company during their meal. Also, if you are a shut-in or know of one who would like Thanksgiving dinner, please call Cathy Ellis at 735-5025 (a few days before Thanksgiving) and we will deliver it to you.

The church is also the new home base for the Andover Wyldlife and Young-life programs. Wyldlife meets from 6 to 7:15 PM on Monday nights.

For more information, please call Tom at 235-4121, or Cathy Ellis at 848-0687, or just show up on Sunday.



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from Andover. These four teams raised over \$34,700.

The weather did keep some of the participants away, but they were there in spirit as they had contributed to the fundraising efforts that put Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Concord over a half a million dollars for the third consecutive year. Funds raised at Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fund cutting edge research, early detection programs, advocacy, and patient service of the American Cancer Society. These programs and service are available in our communities.

The weather did hold off until the opening ceremonies, and as hundreds of survivors gathered for the Survivor Photo it was if no one noticed that the temperature had dropped and the rain was turning to snow. The strength and triumph of those survivors were heartwarming as we stood and cheered and cried and celebrated, knowing that what we were doing does make a difference.



Heidi Jewell (l) and Kimberly Laro were among those honored as fundraising "Pacesetters." Photo: Kat Hitchmoth

After the walk, participants returned to the field for warm coffee, chowder, chili, and other donated food. The support and in-kind donations from local businesses and corporate sponsorships ensure that each and every dollar raised at Making Strides Against Breast Cancer goes to the cause.

We joined together to celebrate our fundraising efforts as the planning committee announced the amazing fundraising total to date of \$529,498. Top teams were recognized: Sarah's Soldiers held the honor of the top fundraising team again this year, and Heidi's Fight for a Cure was fifth out of 191 teams. Two of the 15 Pacesetters, individuals who had raised \$2,000 or more, were from Andover: Heidi Jewell and Kimberly Laro.

We will continue Making Strides Against Breast Cancer until there is no longer a need. It is never too late to Make Strides, and additional donations can be dropped off at D. McLeod's Florist, 49 South State Street in Concord; mailed to The American Cancer Society, 2 Commerce Drive #110, Bedford 03110; or made online by visiting Cancer.org/stridesonline (select New Hampshire and then Concord).

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A Letter To Sarah

By Kat Hitchmoth

Hope's Marvelous Mamo-Grams

October 18, 2009

Dear Sarah,

It was cold and wet today at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Concord. A mixture of rain, snow and sleet came down from above.

Yet still they came. Walkers filled the field in their bright blue Making Strides t-shirts. Pink hair dye and pink ribbon face paintings, pink tutus over pink fleece, pink fairy wings, and bright pink umbrellas dotted the field like little pink explosions everywhere. It seems that

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enthusiasm for being a part of something so special can't be dampened by bad weather.

Your sisters were there, carrying you with them in everything they did, sharing their hearts and what it means to transcend something that touches so many of us so deeply.

My sister was there, too. I met your friend Melissa, she is warm and caring. My friend was there, too. I saw your dad, and I gave him a great big hug.

You know, time has a funny way of making emotional ties grow stronger. Family members, friends, and sometimes the shared memories of someone we never knew hold us up and inspire us.

Your life and legacy, Sarah, are what brought me to Making Strides, and I have experienced a few bittersweet moments in saying goodbye to my role as a foot soldier in your army. Sarah's Soldiers has many troops. They will continue to march on in your memory, and their battalion is strong. Lives change, and our roles evolve. We transcend.

I have enlisted my own regiment to

fight in this war against cancer. Hope's Marvelous Mamo-Grams made its debut this year to honor my sister, my mother's sister, some very dear friends, and to keep in memory my husband's mother Veronica. It was time for me to step up and take on the role of team captain.

I'm not sure I am a very good captain yet, but I will get better with time. Collectively we raised over \$1,600 dollars, and at the end of the day when that grand total of \$529,498 was announced, we were proud to have done our part and contributed to such a huge success.

So now, with the 17th annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk behind us, I reflect. I have said good-byes and begun things new. I have also discovered through this transition that heart strings get tugged, and from time to time a few tears will fall.

A little piece of my heart will always be a Soldier, because one should never forget one's roots. Change is good though, and I am excited to be leading the Mamo-Grams to new heights. We will Make a Difference. We will Make History. We will Make Strides. We will Transcend.



Many of the Making Strides participants from Andover gathered at the walk for a group photo.

AE/MS Students, Staff, And Friends Walk "Just For Jill"

By Stephanie Skenyon
Beacon staff

Sunday, October 18, was miserable, cold, and rainy in Concord, but these less-than-ideal conditions didn't at all deter Julie Gaudette and her team, Just for Jill, from participating in the 2009 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Twenty students, staff, and friends gathered together to raise funds and awareness on behalf of women everywhere, and in particular, Julie's cousin and the team namesake, Jill.

Julie and Jill grew up together in Massachusetts. Jill moved to Chicago after high school, making visits to friends and family back in New England. Two years

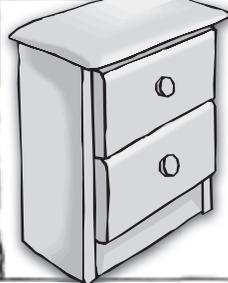
after a suspicious lump was disregarded by her doctor, Jill was diagnosed with breast cancer at the young age of 29.

Because of the advanced stage of the disease upon diagnosis, Jill had to undergo an entire year of treatment. Although her family was miles away, good Samaritans were not difficult to find, and a new boyfriend very quickly proved his strength of character by nursing Jill through the treatment and healing process.

Today, Jill's experience fuels her passion to help children with leukemia and lymphoma, and her heroic story inspires Julie and her team to believe that you can truly beat anything, even when the odds seem insurmountable.

Julie Gaudette is the Assistant Principal at Andover Elementary/Middle School, and her enthusiasm for raising breast cancer awareness rubs off on students and friends alike. "Just for Jill" participants ranged in ages from kindergarten through the middle school grades and included a student from Proctor Academy. Many of them have a personal connection to the disease among friends or relatives, and the newest team recruits were particularly impressed by the size of the crowd at the Walk.

Julie hopes that the experience gives the students a positive perspective on the impact of their individual contributions, and, most importantly, that they walk away knowing it's possible to overcome anything, just like Jill.



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Donna Sprague (l) from Huntoon Farms talks to a customer.

Winter Farmers' Market

By Donna Sprague
Blazing Star Grange #71

Saturday, November 7, starts the third season of the Blazing Star Grange Winter Farmers' Market held at the Grange Hall in Danbury on North Road on Saturdays from 9 AM to 2 PM.

This year the Grange is introducing a special Harvest Market in addition to the annual Holiday Craft Fair in December and the four Winter Farmers' Markets in January through April. A hot lunch of homemade soups and desserts is served by Grange members and helps to defray the costs of heating the hall.

All events are held on the first Saturday of the month, and the markets feature local meat, produce, and locally handcrafted items. The Grange winter market helps to sustain area farms and craftspeople at a time when outdoor markets are not feasible.

Buying local is a long-time community tradition, and the goal of our market is to bring local businesses and customers together to enhance the local economy and advance agricultural sustainability.

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Andover Knitting Club

By Holly Gagne
Andover Knitting Club

Do you enjoy knitting? How about crocheting? Would you like to learn? Or visit with others who knit or crochet?

The Andover Knitting Club is starting up in November. Knitting and crocheting enthusiasts will be able to meet

every Monday afternoon from 2:45 to 3:45 PM at the Andover Elementary/Middle School. Bring along something you are working on, or contact Holly Gagne at the school to find out what you may need.

We would love to have you join us! This club is open to all community members.

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By Cary Gladstone
Casey Family Services

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The federal economic stimulus package that was passed early this year includes some significant changes to income tax law. There are some provisions that particularly affect working families. Tax time is not far off, so it is worth a look. Here are a few key changes:

- The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) has been expanded, both in eligibility, and in the maximum payment to those who qualify. It's

a refundable credit, meaning that if the amount of the credit is more than the amount of taxes owed, the difference is sent to the taxpayer.

- The EITC has been expanded to include households with three or more qualifying children. (Previously, the amount of the credit for families with two or three qualifying children was the same.) The maximum credit is \$5,657 for 2009, up from \$5,028 in 2008, so you can see how significant that change is.
- The maximum adjusted gross income to qualify for the EITC for a single filer with three or more children is \$43,279. It's \$48,279 if married filing jointly.
- The Hope Education credit has been renamed the American Opportunity Tax Credit and expanded as well. It can now provide a credit of up to \$2,500 per student for the first four years of post-secondary education, an increase of two years.



(L-R) Chief of New London Police Department David Seastrand; Kent Wheeler, RN, Director of the New London Hospital Emergency Department; and Robert Gould, NREMT-P, Ambulance Supervisor are shown holding the EMS Unit of the Year Award.

New London Hospital EMS Wins Unit Of The Year

New London Hospital's emergency services received the EMS Unit of the Year Award at a recent ceremony sponsored by the Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services and by the Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board. The purpose of this distinction is to recognize a New Hampshire EMS unit for exemplary service to its community.

The award is the result of a nomination submitted by New London Chief of Police David Seastrand. Chief Seastrand reviewed the history of the New London Ambulance Service (NLAS) beginning as a volunteer 911 service in 1974. He described NLAS' long-standing commitment to providing educational opportunities to EMS providers. One example of this commitment is an EMT course offered to National Guardsmen about to be deployed to Afghanistan.

Examples of community service on the part of NLAS include a staffed ambulance at high school football games; support at Colby-Sawyer College's commencement and other events; involvement with career days from kindergarten to high school; and support for the New

London Fire Department and the New London Police Department.

Chief Seastrand related an extraordinary example of unity, teamwork, and community service that occurred earlier this year. "A seriously ill patient was unable to be transported to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center through conventional means," Chief Seastrand explained. "After hours of exploration and investigation," he continued, "a solution was found that involved the deployment of a National Guard Chinook helicopter to New London. The helicopter was outfitted with medical supplies and the NLAS team was instrumental in providing patient care and in ensuring a successful patient transport."

Currently, New London Ambulance Service is an Advanced Life Support service, staffing two ambulances daily and a third on call. The crew is comprised of 19 Paramedics and 17 EMT-Intermediates. Each ambulance is staffed at the Paramedic level whenever possible. The team works as an integral part of the New London Hospital Emergency Department with physicians, nurses, and other providers as partners in patient care.

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LRGHealthcare President/CEO Tom Clairmont (black jacket) and Director of Hematology/Oncology Services Sherry Cesati (right) accept a very generous donation from eleven-year breast cancer survivor Brenda Ganong and her husband, John.

7th Annual Motorcycle Ride Against Cancer

BRENDA'S RIDE

On Saturday, August 15, eleven-year breast cancer survivor Brenda Ganong hosted the 7th Annual Brenda's Ride with Friends: Fighting Cancer One Mile at a Time. The day's events, which included a motorcycle convoy from Meadowbrook to Waterville Valley returning to Laconia Harley-Davidson for a cookout, raffles, and live music was a huge success raising over \$10,000 for the LRGHealthcare's Oncology Department.

The Ride started in 2003 with just 35 participants and has continued to grow with each passing year. Over 300 people attended the festivities this year including 140 riders. In addition to the hundreds of devoted riders and attendees, the event raised a record amount due to the very generous support of local businesses, individual donors, and volunteers.

Brenda explains why she donates proceeds to LRGH. "Having worked as a nurses' aide for 15 years, I have spent time around a lot of different doctors and nurses. The caregivers in the LRGH Oncology Department are just a different breed—they are angels." Brenda's Ride also offers an opportunity for people to come together. Brenda reminds us that, "Everyone has been affected by this disease and everyone has a story to tell. This annual event helps to raise awareness while reminding one another that we're not alone in this battle."

Accepting a check on behalf of LRGHealthcare, President and CEO Tom Clairmont adds, "We are grateful for the ongoing support from Brenda's Ride. Today, every penny counts, and this generous donation to the Oncology Department will go a long way in helping us provide cutting-edge care to

our community. In addition to raising awareness, people like John and Brenda Ganong and the hundreds of motorcycle enthusiasts who participated in this event are making a difference in the lives of cancer patients right here in our community."

Golf Tournament Raises \$60,000

The LRGHealthcare Golf Classic, presented by Laconia Savings Bank, was held at the beautiful Laconia Country Club on Monday, August 17. The annual sell-out tournament experienced an increase in revenue from 2008 raising \$60,000 to benefit the HealthLink program. "We appreciate the involvement and support of the very generous individuals and businesses in the Lakes and Three Rivers communities who recognize the importance of the HealthLink program to our community's health," said Natalie Rudzinskyj, Director of Public Relations and Marketing.

HealthLink is an information and referral service as well as an access program for those who are uninsured or underinsured. Since the program's creation, it has helped connect more than 33,000 people in the Lakes and Three Rivers region to the services they need.

LRGHealthcare President and CEO, Tom Clairmont, was thrilled with the tournament's outcome. "Thanks to the outpouring of support of Laconia Savings Bank and all of our business sponsors, corporate donors, employees, and community volunteers, this year's tournament was a tremendous success. In these challenging economic times, we are grateful for the generosity of so many individuals in our community and beyond in helping to ensure that we can continue to provide quality health care to all of our patients regardless of their ability to pay."

AARP Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at New London Hospital on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 8 and 9, from 9 AM to 1 PM. The AARP Driver Safety Program has helped millions of drivers remain safe on today's roads.

Though geared for drivers age 50 and older, the course is open to people of any age. AARP membership is not required to take the course, and there is no final test to pass.

The course is designed to help drivers of any age learn about current rules of the road; how to operate a vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment; and some adjustments to common age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time. You will learn about:

- maintaining proper following distance at all times,
- the safest way to change lanes and make turns at intersections,
- the effects of medications on driving,
- minimizing the effect of dangerous blind spots,
- limiting driver distractions such as eating, smoking and cell phone use,
- properly using safety belts, air bags, and anti-lock brakes,

- maintaining physical flexibility,
- continuing to monitor your own and others' driving skills and capabilities.

After completing the course, you'll develop a greater appreciation of driving challenges and how you can avoid potential collisions and injuries to yourself and others.

Plus, you could get an insurance discount. Auto insurance companies in most states provide a multi-year discount to AARP graduates, and AARP members receive discounts on the AARP Motoring Plan from GE Motor Club.

Fee for the course at New London Hospital is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. For more information or to register for this course please call Donna Gatnarek at 526-5232.

If you'd rather take the course online, the AARP Driver Safety Online Course provides an alternative way for AARP members and non-members to learn the same important safety information as is taught in the AARP Driver Safety Program traditional classroom course. For more information, visit AARPDriverSafety.org.

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BEACON DEADLINE: THE 15TH!

VNA Hospice Serves Patients And Families

By Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice

November is National Home Care and Hospice Month, and one of the most vital programs of the Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice is its certified hospice program. A comprehensive, holistic program dedicated to making each person's final journey what they want it to be, hospice care emphasizes comfort, independence and quality of life.

A skilled and compassionate interdisciplinary team of caregivers manages the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of hospice patients and their families at end of life. The program also provides bereavement support for 14 months after the patient's death to help family and friends cope with normal yet difficult phases of loss.

Hospice is a vital resource for the VNA's vast service area of over 1,600 square miles in the Lake Sunapee region. We reach out to more than 100 families each year in our hospice program and 150 families in our bereavement program.

A clear need is before us as a community and society to increase awareness about and utilization of hospice care. Although home is where most people want to be at the end of life, recent statistics indicate that only 31% of individuals nationwide eligible for hospice actually receive this care. As we celebrate National Home Care and Hospice Month in November, we hope

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that this information helps you to better understand hospice care and its vital role in so many lives.

About Hospice

Hospice is for persons of any age, newborns to the elderly.

Hospice does not mean giving up all medical treatment.

Hospice is affordable for most people through Medicare and other insurance.

Hospice is not only for the last few days of life but can be provided for six or more months

Hospice focuses on how you live, helping each person find comfort and joy in every day.

Hospice care supports not only the patient but also his or her entire family.

Hospice care is given in any "home setting," including private homes, nursing homes, or hospitals.

Hospice does not require you to change doctors.

Hospice team members are on call 24/7.

Hospice is a program of Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice, not a separate organization.

Hospice services include:

- Skilled Nursing
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- Support Groups
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- Physician Support

If you have questions, visit LakeSunapeeVNA.org or call 526-4077.

LRGHealthcare Practices Infection Control Measures

By Darlene Burrows, LRGHealthcare Director of Infection Control

Across the nation, hospitals are tackling the difficult issue of controlling the spread of infection in their facilities. Locally, LRGHealthcare takes these problems very seriously. Infection control measures are an important part of our quality and patient safety commitments, and we constantly monitor and address any concerns in this area.

In 2007 we welcomed a new Medical Director of Infectious Disease, Dr. Abby Dacuycu, who works with a dedicated staff to oversee infectious disease surveillance and prevention programs on both our Lakes Region General Hospital and Franklin Regional Hospital campuses, as well as in our network of practices.

All LRGHealthcare facilities, including hospitals and practices, follow infection control guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. There are different levels of infection control. All of our healthcare workers are trained to use standard precautions for all patients – we wear gloves, gowns, and masks as needed, and treat all patients' blood and body fluids as if they could be contagious.

From there, depending on the possible illness and how it could be transmitted, we may use additional precautions. The bottom line: we always err on the side of caution to keep our patients, staff, visitors, and community safe.

The key to limiting the spread of infectious diseases, both in our hospitals and our communities, is common sense. The CDC estimates that infections passed between humans would be reduced by 50% if everyone practiced

good hand hygiene. Handwashing, use of hand sanitizers, the practice of good respiratory hygiene, getting seasonal flu shots, and staying home when you are ill – those are all simple solutions, and they are the most effective ways to protect ourselves.

Protect Yourself And Others

With flu season on the horizon, please consider the following tips from the CDC to help protect yourself and your family from infectious diseases including the flu:

Take time to get a flu vaccine

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.

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GREG STETSON AWARDED MEDAL OF VALOR

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

Last month, Greg Stetson, Bruce Goldthwaite, and two other members of the Franklin Fire Department (FFD) were awarded Medals of Valor by the state's Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services for heroism in the line of duty. Greg is an Andover resident and Bruce is a former Andover resident; both are former members of the East Andover Fire Department.

The medals were awarded for their part in a dramatic swiftwater rescue in Ashland in the summer of 2008. A storm had dumped about six inches of rain in the area over about two hours, turning ankle-deep Ames Brook into a six-foot-deep torrent filled with dangerous debris. A family's vehicle was

caught in the torrent, with the wife and her young son being washed out of the vehicle and left clinging to a tree.

To reach the stranded pair, Greg and two other Franklin firefighters crossed the dangerous flood using a swiftwater rescue technique in which the rescuers only rely on each other for support. "Greg's height and strength definitely played a role in the successful rescue," said FFD Chief Brad Smith, who is also an Andover resident.

The young boy was unconscious from hypothermia but survived the ordeal, as did his mother and father. Sadly, the boy's sister died in the incident.

Stephen Fecteau of Andover, a paramedic, was also involved in the rescue. The entire crew that responded was awarded a Unit Citation for meritorious service at the scene.



Justin Williams (back) trained at New London Hospital.

ENGAGED Nathan Clasby

Michael and Maria Jordan of Pembroke announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle, to Nathan Clasby, son of Christopher and Heidi Clasby of Andover.

Michelle earned an associate's degree in science from NHTI in Concord in May. She works at Concord Hospital and Elliot Hospital.

Nathan earned an associate's degree in science from NHTI in May 2008. He is majoring in engineering at the University of New Hampshire in Manchester.

No wedding date has been set.

LEADERSHIP Laurie Ferguson

Laurie Ferguson was one of 10 people selected for the Leadership New Hampshire Class of 2010. The ten will attend 12 seminar days around the state for in-depth exploration of topics such as juvenile justice, education, culture and arts, community leadership, government and politics, health care, and economic opportunities.

SCHOLARSHIP Brian Beauman

Brian Beauman was awarded a \$1,500 Public Service of New Hampshire / NASA Space Grant Scholarship from the Community Colleges of New Hampshire Foundation. Brian attends Concord Community College.

ACCEPTED Emma Jones

Emma Jones was accepted as a member of the Class of 2013 at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. Jones is a 2009 graduate of Proctor Academy in Andover.

CERTIFIED Stefan Pouliot

Stefan Pouliot earned his InstallationMasters Certification after attending Harvey Building Products' two-day class in August. Stefan works for Cobb Hill Construction of Concord.

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TRAINING: Justin Williams

Justin Williams of Andover was one of six Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA) students who participated in clinical training at New London Hospital's Clough Center over the summer. The students interacted with residents at the Clough Center and perfected their clinical skills under the supervision of instructor Rick Azercon, RN. After completing the requirements in clinical and academic settings, Justin and the others will be eligible to complete the

state certification exam. The job training program in which Justin participated is a public-private partnership among many government agencies; the Kearsarge Adult Diploma Program; and LNA Health Careers, an LNA organization that helps young adults reach their career goals.

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OBITUARIES

WALTER ANDRUS, 74, of Mill Creek, North Carolina died Sunday, September 27, 2009 at Carteret General Hospital.

His funeral service was held on October 1 at Munden Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Oceanview Cemetery in Beaufort, North Carolina.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Andrus; three daughters, Debra Andrus of Newport, North Carolina, Greta Andrus of New Hampshire, and Jewel Huff of Core Creek, North Carolina; two sons, Walter Andrus, Jr. of Mill Creek, North Carolina and Phillip Andrus of Broad Creek, North Carolina; four brothers, Roger Andrus and wife Judy of Contoocook, Michael Andrus and wife Beverly of Andover, Theodore Andros and wife Louise of Salisbury, and Bryant Andrus and wife Carol of Andover; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Max and Florence Andrus and his sister Florence Langlois; and two grandchildren, Carmen Andrus and Justin Andrus.

JOANNE "JODY" BOWERS CHARLTON, 57, of Contoocook, passed away Tuesday, September 29, 2009, after a long battle with emphysema.

Born September 23, 1952, in Con-

cord, she was the oldest daughter of Ned and Dorothy (Greenlaw) Bowers. A resident of Webster for 45 years, she moved to Warner in 1997 and finally to Contoocook early this year.

JoAnne was a licensed nursing assistant at several area nursing homes throughout her career.

She was an avid knitter and spun her own wool straight from the animals she raised. She raised goats, sheep, and rabbits with Merrimack County 4-H and showed her animals at the Hopkinton State Fair for 34 years.

She is survived by her son, Chester Charlton and his wife, Rachel, of Warner; her daughter, Marion Freeman of Pembroke; her sister, Cindy Grenier and James Jordan of Webster; and her niece, Katie Jordan of Andover. She was a devoted grandmother to her five grandchildren, Kimberley, Richard, Heidi, Emily, and Joshua. She will also be missed by many aunts, uncles, and cousins in the area.

A celebration of life was held October 17 at Webster Town Hall.

ERVIN C. PATTEN JR., 77, of Concord, born in New London, passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2009, after a period of declining health.

He was born October 1, 1931. He was

predeceased by his wife of 33 years, Jane.

He was a US Air Force veteran, serving in the Korean conflict. He worked as a machinist at Sturm Ruger for 16 years and retired from the city of Concord's department of waterworks.

He was an avid golfer, having previously held membership at Dustin Country Club in Dunbarton. Ervin was also an outdoorsman. He was a longtime member of the First Congregational Church of Concord.

Among surviving family members are his sisters, Thelma Martin and her husband, Chester, of Danbury; and Nance Barrett and her husband, Bruce, of Andover.

Graveside services were held at Blossom Hill Cemetery in Concord.

Memorial donations may be made to Epsom Fire and Rescue, 1714 Dover Road, Epsom 03234; or Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Hampshire Chapter, 1 Bedford Farms Drive, Bedford 03110.

JOHN K. PILSBURY, 78, of North Main Street, Boscawen, died Wednesday, September 30, 2009, at Concord Hospital, after a brief struggle with cancer.

John was born in Concord, the son of the late Thomas and Mayme (Myers) Pilsbury. He was a Concord High School graduate, class of 1950. John was a 20-year veteran, serving in both the US Navy on the USS Pandemus (ARL-18) and the New Hampshire National Guard 3643D Maintenance Company as an E-5 sergeant.

John worked 21 years at Rico Millwork and 10 years at Concord School District and the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. He enjoyed playing and coaching softball on several local teams and bowling, and he was a New York Yankees and New York Giants fan. He was active

with the March of Dimes and the Fresh Air Fund for many years.

John is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary (Munroe) Pilsbury; his children, Donna Hubbard and her husband, Gary, of Andover, Jeffery Pilsbury of Boscawen, Diane McKerley and her husband, Michael, of Boscawen and Michael P. MacDougall and his partner, Rob, of Roslindale, Mass.; five grandchildren, Tobias Hubbard, Tiffany Parker, Jessica Weddell, Michael McKerley Jr. and Kayla Pilsbury; five great-grandchildren, Lacey and Mya Weddell, Logan Hubbard, Evan and Damon Parker; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Brandon and Alexis Parker.

Committal services were held at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. A gathering followed at the First Congregational Church in Concord.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Payson Center for Cancer Care, Concord Hospital, 250 Pleasant Street, Concord 03301.

PETER OREN CROWELL died suddenly Sunday, October 4, 2009, while in Nova Scotia, three days after his 65th birthday.

He was born in Framingham, Massachusetts, the son of Baron Haubrich Crowell and Ruth Hayward Crowell, and grew up in Westborough, Massachusetts. He graduated from Westborough High and Miami Dade Junior College. He served four years in the US Coast Guard. Peter moved to New London in 1970 and in 2000 took up a winter residence in Ocala, Florida, to escape the cold.

He was a skilled electrician, flew as a commercial pilot for a number of years, and served as a state representative for two consecutive terms. He volunteered as a member of the New London Fire Department from 1971 to 1988 and en-

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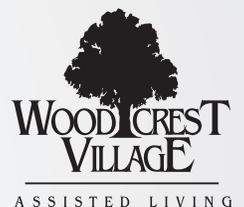
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Andover Ornament Added To Collection

Sarah Parker Cave announced recently that the next two Kearsarge area Americape ornaments are now available at the Gourmet Garden in New London. The collection of local ornaments now numbers six.

Sarah has been designing the ornaments for three years. She announced that starting this year, with the release of the Andover and Sutton ornaments, Gourmet Garden will be donating a portion of the proceeds to the non-profit organizations that are represented in each ornament.

Sarah wanted to create a special series for the Kearsarge area and felt that these year-round ornaments with stands would be the perfect keepsakes for all. They will remind them of the area they



live call home.

The six ornaments are available exclusively at Gourmet Garden, 353 Main Street, New London (in the New London Inn) and at GourmetGardenOnline.com.

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joyed the camaraderie that came along with the post.

Peter was the co-founder of Hemp-hill Power and Light Company and the owner and director of Durgin and Crowell Lumber Company in Springfield, a company he started in 1976. He was most passionate about his company, and it was a source of great pride that he could work alongside his two beloved sons. He appreciated his employees and knew that his success was due to their efforts.

Peter enjoyed each moment of life: flying his airplanes, warm temperatures, and taking his grandsons, whom he loved and delighted in, to the airport to see the planes. He took up bicycling later in life and made several cross-country bicycle trips. He also dedicated many hours to this passion of the bike by volunteering his time to help maintain miles of trail systems for others to enjoy with the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in New Hampshire and the Cross Florida Greenway, Santos Bike Trails in Ocala, Florida. He was on a bike trip in Nova Scotia when he passed away.

Peter touched many lives and made a substantial impact in the community. He leaves behind a wonderful legacy and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Crowell-Singer and stepfather, John Singer, of New London; his sister, Polly Crowell of Falmouth, Maine; his two sons and daughters-in-law, Peter Baron and Tracy Rowse Crowell and Benjamin Roland and Abigail Lefebvre Crowell; grandsons Peter James and Hunter Samuel; uncle Wendell Hayward; aunt Ann Buxton; cousins Susan Hayward, Linda Hayward, and Karen Morganroth; and former wife and life-long friend, Francoise Roland Crowell.

A memorial service to honor Peter's life was held Saturday at 4 PM at the First Baptist Church in New London. A reception was held immediately fol-

lowing the service at the Foxstand in Springfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail online at FNRT.org or by mailing to Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County, PO Box 154, Andover 03216. Please note that it is in memory of Peter Oren Crowell.

JAMES F. JORDAN, 49, of Hopkinton passed away Friday, October 16, 2009, after a long illness.

Mr. Jordan was born in Cortland, New York, to Paul and Joyce (Towers) Jordan. He was a longtime employee of Herrick Mill Works in Contoocook.



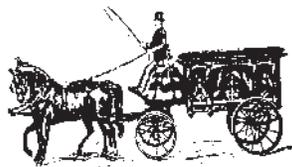
He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, and playing horseshoes in local tournaments. He also loved walking and biking. He enjoyed interacting regularly with all sorts of wildlife, including raccoons, porcupines, snakes, and alligators.

He was predeceased by his parents.

He is survived by his companion of more than 25 years, Cindy Grenier of Webster; two daughters, Chastity Golio and her husband, James, of Lehigh Acres, Florida, and Katie Jordan and her boyfriend, Christopher Caron, of Andover; two brothers, John Conklin of Hopkinton and Danny Jordan of New York; two sisters, Yvonne O'Shea of Virgil, New York, and Paula Terry of Virginia; three grandchildren, Kira Jordan, James Golio Jr. and Bobby Golio, all of Lehigh, Florida; a nephew, who was like a son, Chet Charlton and his wife, Rachel; as well as many other nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Hospice House Program, 250 Pleasant Street, PO Box 1797, Concord 03302; or to the Payson Center, Concord Hospital Office of Philanthropy, 250 Pleasant Street, Concord 03301.

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Wilmot Learning Place

By Erica Ginalski-Herr
Wilmot Learning Place

Wilmot Learning Place would like to offer its sincere gratitude to everyone who made the Ninth Annual Wilmot Learning Place Plant and Bake Sale happen.

Our little school has taught the children of our community for over 30 years, and we're stronger than ever! This year, we are working hard to replace our playground – one which is open to the greater community after school hours – and the Plant and Bake Sale added to our Playground Fund.

Our local businesses are always so

generous. Please show your appreciation by supporting Kathan Gardens in Newport, Spring Ledge Farm of New London, Black Forest Nursery in Boscawen, and the Kearsarge Shopper.

The Wilmot Learning Place is so lucky to have the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) as our landlord and partner in serving the local community. Their support is essential to our operation – if you aren't already, become a member of the WCA!

Tom Schwendler and the Andover Lions Club once again graciously set up their tent for us. Judy Evans expertly ran the bake sale and contributed her own delicacies for yet another year.

Members of the Wilmot Garden Club once again supported us with their plant donations. Karen Schwendler, Anne Soule, and Lindy Heim dug plants, cared for plants, and delivered plants. And, as always, local gardeners heeded our call and supplied us with a wonderful variety of special, locally-dug plants.

The Wilmot Learning Place could not operate without the support of its parents and teachers. Thank you to all who donated plants or baked goods and worked at the sale. Donating time and energy to a good cause is a fabulous lesson for our kids to learn.



Brittney Throughgood (l) enjoys cooking with Chef Combo, while Aiden Heller enjoys his yummy jack-o-lantern cooking project. Photo: Doreen Perreault

East Andover Village Preschool

By Doreen Perreault
East Andover Village Preschool

November happens to be one of our favorite months of the year. Signs of fall have quickly come and gone, and the leaves outside our windows have gracefully fallen from their branches. Sweaters are replaced by heavier jackets, fuzzy hats, and warm mittens. The frost outside our window reminds us that winter is not far away.

The Pre-kindergarteners enjoyed their first field trip, to Peter Zak's Highland Lake Apple Farm. The children enjoyed seeing Peter and picking delicious apples. Thank you, Peter! The children loved the walk and the chance to explore the orchard.

We wrapped up October with a trip to the East Andover Fire Station. Steve Fecteau coordinated our fall walk to the station. The children enjoyed the chance to see the fire trucks and learn more about fire safety. It was a great way to celebrate Fire Safety Month.

The three-year-old classroom has been busy learning many new songs and fingerplays. Little Bunny Foo Foo has quickly become a classroom favorite. The sand table and rice table continue to be a huge hit. We are really enjoying our library visits with Ms. Mary.

During November we will begin decorating our classrooms in fall colors and celebrate the meaning of Thanksgiving. Through out the month children and families will donate non-perishable goods to add to our hand-decorated turkey box which will then be donated to a local food pantry.

With so many things to be thankful for, November is a perfect month to share our classroom with those amazing members of our family who we know as Nana, Meme, Bumpa, Papa, Grampe, and Grandma. The children will host their grandparents during our Pie Social on Monday and Tuesday, November 22 and 23. Grandparents will enjoy some wonderful homemade pies and apple cider, made and donated

entirely by our EAVP families. It's wonderful to see so many grandparents!

Happy Birthday to Brittney Throughgood, who will turn five during November, and to Cameron Chevarie, Miles Hurlbutt, Shannon McGlone, and Sarah and Lily Tripp, who all celebrated birthdays in October.

Our cookie dough sales have completed, and we are grateful for another successful fundraiser. If you didn't get a chance to order, we have several tubs of dough still available. Just ask any preschooler or call the preschool at 735-5105. This year we sold 378 tubs of dough!

Mark your calendars for a Stamping Up fundraiser/workshop on Sunday, December 6, at the Highland Lake Grange Hall beginning at 2 PM. The cost is \$30. Join us for a creative afternoon, make some cards, and learn all about Stampin' Up. To register, call Amy Fecteau at 735-5855.

For those of you who have been inquiring about registration for the 2010-11 school year, please call the preschool and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Registration will begin in January for the new school year.

Preschool I is Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Children must be potty trained and three years old on or before September 30. Our Preschool II program is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for pre-kindergarten children. Preschool is from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Full time spots are limited.

We welcome new board members: Roy Carlson as our Preschool I parent representative, and Amy Fecteau and Bridgette Dukette as parent representatives for Preschool II. Holly Croteau returns this year as our new school secretary. Don Gould continues as chairperson with the help of co-chair Steven Fecteau. Lyn Tripp returns for her third year as school treasurer.

Thank you for all your time, dedication, and help in making this year at EAVP all it can be!

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(L-r) Nicholas Terwilliger, Nathan French, Jacob MacDuffie, and Hayley Heath. Photos: Heidi Terwilliger and David Stepp

ANDOVER ACADEMY OF SELF DEFENSE

By Heidi Terwilliger

Andover Academy of Self Defense

The students at Andover Academy of Self Defense are always training and learning. Recently two of the kids put that knowledge to good use at tournaments, and two at testing to advance in rank.

Nathan French attended the 2009 Green Mountain Classic sponsored by The Mount Anthony Karate Center, in conjunction with the International Institute of Sikaran held in Bennington, Vermont on September 26 with the proceeds benefiting the Southwestern

Vermont Cancer Research Center. He competed in both weapons kata and open hand kata, taking second place in the weapons competition and first place in the open hand forms.

On October 3 both Nicholas Terwilliger and Nathan French competed in the Sixth Annual MSTKD Open at Trinity High School in Manchester. This tournament was held to benefit Emily's Place, which is a safe shelter from domestic violence abuse in Manchester.

Both boys competed in weapons kata and open hand kata, and Nathan also competed in sparring. Nicholas took first place and Nathan took second place in their weapons katas, and they both took third place in their open hand forms. The boys do a great job at the tournaments and really enjoy the competition.

While Nicholas and Nathan were competing on October 3, Jacob MacDuffie and Hayley Heath were busy testing. Jacob received the rank of Green Belt, and Hayley received the rank of Blue Belt. Hayley will also be moving up to the Dragons Advanced Class.

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Zach Daniels Spends Summer In Rigorous Training

By Zach Daniels
Andover Outing Club

When I arrived at school in the beginning of September, and after being asked what I did all summer, I had time to reflect on the high points of my summer. I simply replied, "My summer consisted of many trips to Lake Placid, New York; a 17-hour road trip to a competition in Chicago; and two weeks of training with the US Ski Team."

Although in the early part of summer I had driver's education, I managed to attend every camp in Lake Placid and further my jump and cross-training. Aside from jumping we worked on weight-lifting, agility, and coordination. It surprised me how much the exercises we do in the gym affect my performance on the jump and in races.

After I accumulated a total of five weeks of training in Lake Placid, it was time for the annual Norge Super Tour in Chicago. Feeling that my jumping skills would show on a slightly smaller jump, I was ready to compete.

After training on a K90 all summer, jumping on a K72 in Chicago was an advantage. Because technique is key in ski jumping, I was able to jump more smoothly on a slower and smaller jump.

It was the Saturday night of the competition, and we arrived at the jumps to find a large crowd of spectators. There is nothing like seeing a crowd of spectators lined up to watch you. There ended up being close to 5,000 ticket sales that day.

Sitting on the bar, I wasn't nervous, but rather amazed at the size and noise of the crowd. I took my trial jump and it was 69.5 meters. Although this jump did not count, it pumped me up for my next jump.

My first completion jump was the exact same distance. I was sitting in fourth or fifth place, with one jump left.

It was about dark by the time of my last jump, and I was ready to stand on that podium. The wind had turned for the worst, so my jump was a meter and



a half shorter, but the other jumpers had similar wind conditions. I went to sleep that night not knowing what I placed.

The next morning, before the second part of the competition, in front of the same size crowd, medals were presented. When they called my name for third place, I was thrilled that I was recognized for my performance, and especially in front of all these clapping people.

Although the competition in Chicago was over, my summer training was not even close to ending. Upon returning to Lake Placid after a grueling road trip, school was in session, and this meant that I would be training every day.

After a few weeks of jumping and roller skiing, the weekend of Nordic Combined Nationals had arrived. I competed against Olympians, world champions, and US Ski Team athletes.

Although Nationals were fun, I actually enjoyed the training weeks around the time of Nationals. During this two-week period in mid-October I had the opportunity to train with the US Ski Team. We trained, for the most part, two sessions a day, mainly roller skiing.

It was awesome to train with a group of 15 or so top-notch athletes and get to know them and the coaches. We worked on cross-country technique and speed. By the end of this US Ski Team camp, I was exhausted but thrilled that I had the opportunity.

This got me thinking of what may be in my future and how, if I continue my training, I will *so* reach that level. Overall my summer training was very productive, and I got to experience things that will stay with me for a while.

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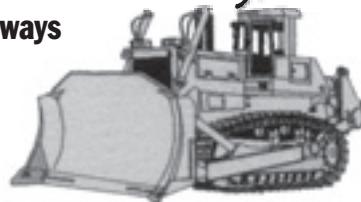
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Carl Van Loan (l) and Nick Fairall at the US Championships in Lake Placid. Photos: Beth Fairall (l) and Tim Norris

AOC Veterans Win At US Championships

By Tim Norris
Andover Outing Club

Andover Outing Club (AOC) ski jumpers performed well at the US Championships which were held on October 10 in Lake Placid as part of the annual Flaming Leaves Festival. This event is clearly part of the run-up to the Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

The trial round of jumping was held in cold rain, but the sun emerged, the clouds parted, and the last round was held in brilliant sunshine with plenty of startling fall color in the background.

The best AOC performance came from AE/MS grad Chris Lamb. Before the competition Chris was relating how productive his recent training in Norway had been, and events bore him out.

The first of his two competitive jumps tied for the longest of the day at 98.5 meters, an effort that really brought the crowd to its feet. His jump of 98.5 meters (323') took him right to the bottom of the landing hill, and you just can't go much further. His second jump of 85.5 meters was good enough for second place and a \$1,000 prize.

Nick Fairall, also of Andover, had an excellent first round jump of 90.5 meters but missed his second jump a bit to finish in fifth.

AOC alum and former US Ski Team member Carl Van Loan of Webster is trying for a comeback after recently graduating from college in just three years. Of course he is a bit behind at this point, finishing ninth in the Nordic Combined (ski jumping and cross-

country skiing added together). He is loving it anyway, thrilled to be back in the sport with the team mates who talked him into returning.

Testing the water in his first national championship was AOCer Zach Daniels, who finished a creditable 18th in Nordic Combined in a field including most of the national team.

All of these athletes started jumping in Andover at around the age of seven or eight. We'll be beginning the new AOC season in early December. We had a wonderful group of new Andover kids start last year and are hoping to see more new faces this year. If interested, contact Tim Norris at 735-5369.



Chris Lamb jumping at Lake Placid. Photo: Tim Norris

Jumping Without Snow

Serious ski jumpers practice all summer. The inrun, or "jump," is a set of plastic tracks that are actually more secure than snow, so I'm told. The tracks have ceramic bubbles every few inches, and the skis only touch the top of those bubbles. The result, kept wet with little sprayers, is about as fast as snow and much noisier.

The landing hill is made of overlapping layers of plastic mats with strands about the size of spaghetti. These mats overlap like thatch on a roof and are also kept wet with sprinklers.

The great thing about summer jumping is that the conditions, other than the wind, are always the same.

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Andover Rec Soccer: 3/4 Co-Ed



Front (l-r): Ryan Methven, Nelson Makechnie, Todd Holman, Sofia Weber. Back: Finn Weber, Britta Johnson, Jessie Wagner, Camden Donovan, Luke Weber. Coaches: Kurt Weber, Jeff Holman. Missing: Sadie Dukette, Jason Lewis. Photo: Karen Holman

Andover Rec Soccer: 3/4 Co-Ed



Front (l-r): Aiden Cox, Jack Newton, Betsy Abraham. Back: Coach Craig Perreault, Koby Perreault, Matthew and David Reynolds, Hayden Buswell, Miles Powers, Hannah French, Noah Newton, Samantha Parkman. Missing: Aiden Kellogg. Photo: Doreen Perreault

Andover Recreation Soccer

By Coach Jeff Holman
Andover Rec Soccer

Rocketing to a 4-0 record in the first four games, Andover Arsenal, the grade three and four co-ed team, had a very exciting and fun season. The thrills didn't end there, as the last two games of the season each ended in come-from-behind ties.

Across the field, the coaches could feel the tension and heartbeats of the parent spectators while they remained calm under pressure to orchestrate the talented team!

More impressive than their undefeated record was the fact that, through the two weekly practices and Saturday games, they became a team – respectful and supportive of each other – while playing every position with goalie swaps every quarter.

The next team appearance will be at the Bob Andrews Memorial Soccer Jamboree, then a short break before World Cup 2018 ... Game On!

By Coach Amy Makechnie
Andover Rec Soccer

This was my first season coaching a fifth and sixth grade soccer team. It was so much fun I think I'll be back for more.

The very first practice was indicative of what I could expect the rest of the season: enthusiasm, eager learners, hard workers, and lots of athleticism. The season is quite short – only about seven weeks – but I tried to focus on fun, equal playing time, basic foot skills, and a basic knowledge of positioning.

By the last game, I was happy with those goals. There was a tremendous difference between the beginning and the end of the season.

This year brought a good mix of novice and experienced players to the field. We had sixth graders who had never played soccer before, and fourth graders who were moved up to the grade five and six team due to lack of numbers on the grade three and four girls team. The age group was large and experience



Will Cox winds up for a pass during Andover's tournament game against Hillsborough. Staff photo: Bob Bussey

varied, with a roster of 14 girls.

At tournament time our record was six wins, four losses, and one tie. This put us into the B bracket, playing four other competitive teams in Bradford on October 17.

We played four games, tying twice and losing twice. The losses were hard to take – each just by 1 point – but it put us in fourth place at the end of the day. Though we had some sad faces, I was still happy with the incredible effort we gave and the sportsmanship shown.

A big thank you to Lindsay Brown of Proctor Academy, goalie extraordinaire. I had the pleasure of coaching her at Proctor about 10 years ago when she was a phenomenal goalie for our varsity girls team.

Thank you to all the parents for spending hours in the car driving kids, filling water bottles, carrying balls, and watching my other children. Thanks to our soccer director and referee Alan Hanscom and to Leighton Terwilliger, who always showed up to blow that whistle.

And finally, thank you to my girls on the team who were so wonderful to be with – I'm already looking forward to next year!

By Coach Leighton Terwilliger
Andover Rec Soccer

What a year! Mike Bolte and I had the pleasure of coaching the grade five and six boys soccer team. We have

Andover Rec Soccer: 5/6 Girls



(L-r): Chloe Methven, Cope Makechnie, Coach Amy Makechnie, Kaitlyn Barton, Danika Kolesar, Elizabeth Labrie, Lauren Boisvert, Alisha Smart, Annika Johnson, Emma Davis, Mackenzie Donovan, Katelyn French, Jacqui Morris. Missing: Shania Nichols, Cerridwyn White. Photo: Chelsea Thompson

Andover Rec Soccer: 5/6 Boys



Front (l-r): Kevin Barry, Logan Marcus, Reilly Walsh, Joel Beauman, Adrian Bolte, Keith Davis, Jared Duquette, Riley Anderson. Back: Noah Berry, Coach Michael Bolte, Matthew Braley, Coach Leighton Terwilliger, Tyler Holman, Will Cox, Josiah Wagner. Missing: Max Kolesar, Carl Hubbard. Photo: Becky Walsh

coached this group of kids for the last five years, and the kids have made great progress.

This year started in mid-August with practice and drills. We started with some very basic kicking, passing, and throw-in drills. By the first game we

had them playing sound position soccer and thinking about where they needed to move to be in the best position to receive a pass or score a goal.

The team won their first five games. Then we went to play Loudon – this

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Learn To Ride is in full swing at AE/MS

Staff photo: Bob Bussey

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Andover One Wheelers

By Lisa Hanscom
Andover One Wheelers

With the Traveling Team riding high from successful appearances at the Big E in Springfield, Massachusetts, and the annual appearance in the Northern Berkshire Fall Foliage Festival Parade, the Andover One Wheelers are looking forward to a busy fall. The team will appear in the Concord Christmas Parade in November, and plans are in the works for an adaptation of *The Nutcracker Suite* to be performed on unicycles for the Andover Elementary School children in December.

The Traveling Team Boosters are also pleased to announce that they will be hosting the second Italian Dinner Extravaganza on November 14 at the AE/MS gym from 5-6:30 PM. Join us for a wonderful meal reminiscent of a night in Italy catered by Andover's own Laura Powers. The dinner will include veggie and meat lasagnas in red sauce, chicken and broccoli alfredo over linguini, spaghetti and meatballs and stuffed shells, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and kale and sausage soup.

For dessert you can enjoy Laura's award-winning tiramisu, which was chosen first place at the Chocolate Festival this year. The Extravaganza is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children ages five to 12, and four and under are free. Please

contact Coach Michelle Keezer at 735-4021 or any Traveling Team member for tickets. Proceeds from this meal go to the traveling fund.

The Learn to Ride group began



Nick Thomas takes a dive on take-off during Learn To Ride.

Staff photo: Bob Bussey

meeting on October 7 under the leadership of fifth grade teacher Stephanie Peters. Nearly 30 anxious new and returning Learn to Ride students fill the gym each week with a curious mixture of excitement and frustration as they attempt to master this unique skill.

And finally, Intermediate Team Coach Diane Adams is also meeting each week with her group to hone the skills necessary to move up to the Traveling Team. These young athletes are working on their stamina and their mounting and turning skills in order to be ready to move up to the Traveling Team when ready.

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was going to be our toughest team yet. Before the first three minutes were over, we were down 3-0.

The kids battled back, coming up short by only one goal, with a final score of 5-4. This was their only loss of the regular season, finishing with 10 wins and 1 loss, which put Andover in the A tournament bracket.

On a very cold Saturday morning in October, Andover hosted the Merrimack Valley Soccer League Group A grade five and six boys tour-

namment. There were six teams, and all the teams needed to play each other. In the end it was very close, and Andover took third place. Great job, kids!

Mike and I would like to thank all of the grade five and six parents for getting the kids to and from practice and games. We would also like to thank all of the kids. You all know who you are, and Mike and I are very proud of the season you had.

I would also like to thank Alan Hanscom for taking time out to get the kids signed up and having the field ready for games and practice.

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The One Wheelers shared their new routine, "Head In The Game" with the rest of the school at the all-school SOAR assembly. (L-r) Robyn Boisvert, Rebekah Stearns, Haley Adams. Photo: Maya Haynes, Grade Five

SOAR Assembly Teaches, Entertains, Celebrates

By Maya Haynes
AE/MS Grade Five Student

In October a SOAR assembly was held at Andover Elementary / Middle School. The Andover One Wheelers unicycle team started things off, and as always they were wonderful. They performed a routine called "Head in the Game," which must have taken a lot of practice.

After that, our Student Leadership Team made us laugh when they acted

out a skit which included a really funny ambulance scene. Although the skit was funny, the subject was serious, and the students talked about the important reasons to always wear helmets.

Many middle school students were then called up so that others could applaud them for all the extra summer math work they did. The math students received lottery tickets ahead of time for the upcoming Math Night.

AE/MS Eagle Store Opens For The New School Year

By Lauren Boisvert
AE/MS Fifth Grade Student

There was a lot of excitement in the air as the date got closer to Eagle Store Day. The first time the Eagle Store is opened for a new school year is very exciting. As a reporter, I asked many questions about the Eagle Store and will now share what I learned with *Beacon* readers.

What is the Eagle Store?

The Eagle Store is a place for students to buy school supplies and really cool items. It is located in our school lobby, and the PTO keeps it stocked with items students like. Students use "eagles" to buy things at the Eagle Store.

What are eagles?

Eagles are kind of like money in our school. There are two kinds of eagles. Students in the lower grades get papers with eagles printed on them. Students in the middle school get eagle stamps in their planners.

How do students get eagles?

Students earn eagles by making good choices in our school. Students get eagles when they are caught following the Eagle Code.

The Eagle Code

- Always be respectful
- Everyone is responsible
- Make good choices
- Safety first, last and always

A whole class can be flocked by any member of the AE/MS staff. When that happens, everyone in the class gets an eagle. Students get eagles when they help around the school. Table washers at lunch get eagles. Recyclers get eagles.

Who runs the Eagle Store?

The AE/MS PTO runs the Eagle Store. They are the Parent Teacher Organization that does a lot for our school. All parents are part of the PTO. Melanie Gotthardt is the PTO member we see the most running the store, but lots of other parents help too.

Mrs. Gotthardt opens the store for the students one day per month. Students can shop and spend their eagles during lunch time. The older students help the younger students with their shopping and counting out eagles.

What is in the Eagle Store?

There is *lots* in the Eagle Store. Some of the things are: erasers, pencil grips, locker boxes, locker shelves, mechanical pencils, notebooks, mini-tape dispensers, rulers, cool water bottles with the AE/MS logo, mini-staplers, pencil cases, locker mirrors, bendy pencils, folders, polka-dotted pens, and much, much more. There is something for everyone.

What do students have to say about the Eagle Store?

Shyanne Goodbread: I like the cool water bottles.

Alisha Barry: I like the water bottles, too!

Olivia Henriques: I like the locker shelves.

Eli Shedd: I like the logo on the water bottles.

Katelyn Ashburn: I like the store this year more than last year.

Nathan French: The store has a lot more things this year.

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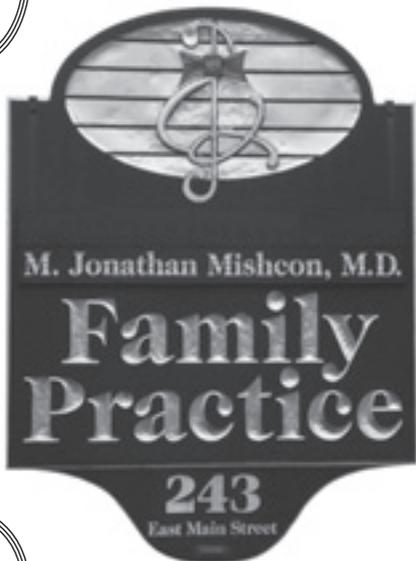
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Again this year, Bernice Nowell delivered dictionaries to AE/MS third grade students through the Blackwater Grange Dictionary Project. This has been a traditional gift from the Grange to third grade students for many years. Alexis Cate displays her dictionary proudly, while Jared Frost (l) and Myles Powers study theirs. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

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matched, and a good time was had by all. Parent contributions and help at the food stand was most appreciated by the fans, families, and players.

AE/MS students and staff participated in the National Day on Writing on October 20. All school community members wrote a piece based on the prompt, "What piece of writing that you have seen, read, or heard has special meaning or importance to you, and why?"

This question encompassed all types of writing from all sources throughout history. It could have been a favorite childhood book, a song, the Declaration of Independence, a note from your mom, etc. The anonymous writing was collected at the end of the day and is now posted around the gym and other areas of the school in the form of colorful paper quilts. Next time you are in the building, be sure to check it out. The various pieces of writing are very thoughtful.

Art is everywhere in our building. It is definitely worth stopping to see. Mrs. DeMinico and her art classes are producing some amazing pieces of work.

If you drove by the school on October 27 you probably wondered why the parking lot was overflowing. It was Math Night, Family Book Fair Night, and the first opportunity to register for the town ski and snowboard program at Ragged Mountain.

We will have two musical evenings in December, rather than the usual one. We will have the traditional Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 10, featuring kindergarten through fifth grade with some band accompaniment. Then on Thursday, December 17, the evening will be designed to showcase the band members.

Our Veterans Day celebration is Wednesday, November 4, at 9 AM. Classes are already preparing what they would like to share with our Andover

veterans. Over 100 invitations were mailed to Andover veterans.

The Andover Parent Teacher Organization will be decorating and selling wreaths again this year. Wreaths can be ordered through the school and can be picked up on Saturday, December 5, or anytime after that during the school week. Profits go toward decorating Town buildings, field trips, and hopefully a new stage curtain for our gym.

The Andover Recreation Department Ski Program is scheduled to begin on Friday, January 8. *Think Snow!* The program runs for five Fridays. The program includes cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, and snowboarding. Bus transportation is provided to Ragged Mountain for first through eighth grade skiers. Kindergarten students are welcome to enjoy the program, but only with an adult accompanying them at all times.

The ski program is a great way to introduce your child to these winter sports and enjoy New Hampshire's winter environment. Children learn and enjoy the sport with their friends. It is a wonderful opportunity provided for the youth of Andover through the continued generosity of the town and the involvement of many volunteers. All Ragged Mountain Ski Program questions should be directed to Howard and Ellie George at 735-5590.

Feel free to stop in and visit or tour. You will notice big changes in the way the gym looks with the new floor, lighter paint on the walls, and the gym windows uncovered. You'll also be able to read the poignant student writing and incredible artwork displayed throughout the building.

Upcoming Events

- November 4: AE/MS Veteran's Day Celebration
- November 19: Grandparent Thanksgiving
- December 10: Winter Concert K-5
- December 11: Holiday Shoppe
- December 17: Instrumental AE/MS Band Concert

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His interest started as an eighth grader when he built a solar water heater. Hence, he wanted to speak to the future planners and homeowners of the town to help them consider alternatives to the current high cost of heating and electricity practices in town.

Jeff explained that, before anything is decided, questions should be asked:

How energy efficient is our school building right now?

Could we use more efficient lighting?

Could we build a solar water heater at school for school?

Jeff explained to the students about energy efficiency (building shell and lighting), solar thermal (water and space heating), and biomass (both chip boilers and gasification). Students were able to view slides of systems Jeff has built in Asia. Students were informed about biogas, which is produced by organic materials from the kitchen or landfill.

As the material is consumed by bacteria and the bacteria dies and is replaced, methane gas is produced. This gas can then run engines to produce heat and energy. Converting waste to energy! Everyone wins!

The middle school students were also introduced to terms such as B.O.T. (Build-Operate-Transfer). This is one approach to financing and building a biomass gasification facility that converts waste to energy.

All the students were very attentive and interested and asked some great questions of Jeff.

Rhiannon White: What about wintertime with solar energy? Wouldn't there be a problem?

Jeff: Actually, temperature does not affect solar power: sunny days are sunny days! There would just be more to building the solar site to make sure cold temperatures don't damage any part of it.

Nathan French: If an energy production is bio-neutral, it isn't really changing anything. Wouldn't solar energy be better?

Jeff: Well, solar energy is the cleanest and unfortunately also the most expensive alternative. Except solar heating – solar heating is cheaper but needs a very large space to set up the array of solar panels.

Monica Newton: Are there cost concerns to this method of heating and producing energy?

Jeff: Yes, it would be a significant investment to put in the system. That is why the build-operate-transfer approach is so helpful.

Brooke Ellis: Are there concerns about converting to a different energy system?

Jeff: Certainly, there are always concerns about reliability of a new system and quality of the installation.

Jake Hubbard: How loud is the biomass gasification system that we could build?

Jeff: Not at all loud. There are fans running, but other than a hum, it's not a loud system at all.

What started out to be a 30-minute presentation turned into an interesting hour-long discussion of alternative energy solutions and their applications for our school community. There are great practical, economical, moral, and ethical reasons for our school to become self-sustaining. Check for updates in the future!



AE/MS fourth graders enjoyed RiverDay in Bristol this year. Photo: Fourth graders Scout Armstrong / Emily Bates

Students Choose From Many Workshops At RiverDay

By Jane Slayton
Principal, AE/MS

Fourth grade students from the Newfound and Andover school districts are exploding with wonderment and enthusiasm over New Hampshire because of New Hampshire RiverDay! Around 200 young explorers trekked through-out Profile Falls Park in Bristol for a day of New Hampshire exploration, building a foundation for a year of New Hampshire studies.

Students had numerous workshops to choose from, with topics including macro-invertebrates, geology, "Becoming a Mouse," writing by the river, Project Learning Tree, winter ecology, lacrosse, Native

Students (and lucky chaperones) were enthralled by the Native American storytelling and the music. A favorite part of the day for many was hearing Stephen Standing Owl play the flute. Aura Howe, an AE/MS fourth grader, was particularly impressed by the "mouse" sound that Stephen was able to make with his flute.



Finn Weber drew this picture of a Native American during River Day.

The geology workshop was very interesting as we learned what rock types were prevalent throughout the state. Lee Wilder, the geologist, gave the AE/MS students a granite core to take back to school. Mrs. Parenteau now uses it as a paper-weight.

After more American art and music, New Hampshire fur bearers, and New Hampshire Native Americans. What a day!

The students had perfect weather for early October, with the sun peeking through from time to time. Not only did Andover students learn a lot about the state, but they also made many new friends from the different schools in the Newfound school district.

Native American storytelling, the AE/MS students came together as a group in the afternoon and explored the beautiful surroundings with Park Ranger Rockett. The ranger pointed out various trees and plants of interest and taught the students some tricks to distinguish between like species.

As students ended their day and traveled back to Andover, it was unanimous that RiverDay was a great success. Andover resident Cherie Blessing has coordinated this educational day for several years now. We consider ourselves fortunate to be included in this Newfound school district initiative.

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Andover Elementary / Middle School PTO will be selling holiday wreaths. Profits will go toward decorating all the town buildings and K - 8 field trips.

If you would like to order a wreath, please fill out the form below and return it to the school before the Thanksgiving break. Wreaths can be picked up at the school on December 5 between the hours of noon and 3:00. Orders can also be picked up at anytime during the school week of December 7th.

All wreaths are double-faced with an outside diameter between 22 and 25 inches. Decorated wreaths have red bows, holly berries and pinecones.

Wreaths can be paid for when ordering or when you pick up. Checks can be written to Andover Elementary / Middle School.

If you have any questions, please call Jane Slayton at 735-5400.

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Andover Science Nuggets

The Ragged Rock

By John Wallach
Proctor Academy '10

The rock that makes up Ragged Mountain is a metamorphic rock that contains five minerals: quartz, feldspar, muscovite, garnet, and silliminite. Its general appearance is of small scattered crystals with large streaks of silliminite crystals. The silliminite – silvery green, sometimes blue – often protrudes from the rest of the rock because it is a harder mineral and erodes at a slower rate than the rest of the rock.

The origin of the Ragged rock stems back to when the North American and African tectonic plates converged. By the Jurassic, all the sedimentary rock that had once been present on the ocean floor had been subjected to extreme heat and pressure and uplifted and thus was transformed into a mountain range of metamorphic rock, the Ragged rock.

Andover In Africa?

By Eric Viandier
Proctor Science Teacher

In the Devonian, the Old (proto) Atlantic finally closed as the North American and African plates came into contact forming a valley, the Connecticut Valley of today. Ragged Mountain and Kearsarge Mountain formed on the continental shelf of the African plate, which eventually began to drift away in the Jurassic, opening today's modern Atlantic.

However, the scission did not occur at the Connecticut Valley, the zone of contact, but further east, where the seacoast of New Hampshire lies today. Ragged and Kearsarge, of African origin, were left behind, geologically glued to North America.

Geologically speaking, Andover belongs to Africa!

One Mile Of Ice Overhead

By Molly Flam
Proctor Academy '10

During the last ice age, which climaxed 20,000 years ago, a large glacier moved across New England from the northwest to the southeast. The northwestern slopes of Kearsarge Mountain

and Ragged Mountain are gradual because the glacier smoothed out the land as it went up the mountain.

Southeastern slopes on the other hand are jagged and steep because the glacier would chip away chunks of the mountain as it went down. This is known as glacial plucking. From the Bulkhead of Ragged Mountain, created by glacial plucking, you can easily see this slope profile on Kearsarge.

Boulders that had been moved by the glacier were deposited, scattered throughout the land when the glacier finally melted. These boulders are called erratic boulders. The Balanced Rock on Ragged Mountain is an erratic boulder



The Balanced Rock on Ragged Mtn.

and shows clear evidence of the glacier action. The Balanced Rock is igneous, while all the local rock on which it stands balanced is metamorphic; this proves that the balanced rock comes from another place.

Also, the Balanced Rock is smooth and round, since it was eroded while being pushed and rolled along by the glacier. The Ragged rock outcrop below the Balanced Rock has grooves on the northwest side that end at the base of the Balanced Rock. The grooves were carved by the Balanced Rock as it was dragged by the glacier. The grooves are oriented northwest to southeast, another evidence of the direction of the glacial flow.

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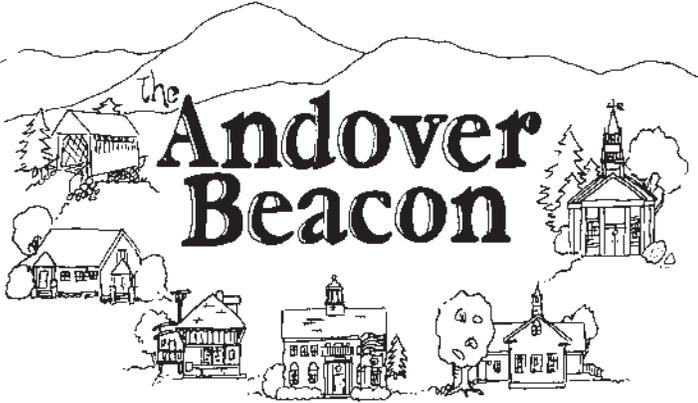
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Fourth grade students had a chance to try on fire rescue gear on Fire Prevention Day at AE/MS. Front (l-r): Koby Perreault, Scout Armstrong. Back: Finn Weber, Luke Weber, Alan Thompson, Danika Kolesar, Katelyn Barton.

Photo: Jane Slayton

Future Firefighters And EMTs Check Out The Equipment

By Cope Makechnie
AE/MS Grade Five

It was an exciting day at Andover Elementary/Middle School. The fire trucks and the Andover ambulance were parked outside the doors. A little first grader walked by and started screaming, "There's a fire!" But there wasn't really, the trucks were just there for a day of demonstration.

The firefighters and EMTs were treating AE/MS students to a special tour of both the fire truck and the ambulance. Heather Makechnie (my grandma!) did a half hour of demonstrating on a stuffed doll named Esmerelda. She did CPR, took Esmerelda's blood pressure and her heartbeat, gave her a stuffed animal for comfort, and gave us a tour of the ambulance. There was so much stuff to see. We were told we were the

next generation of EMTs.

The Lieutenant and his wife Diane, a firefighter, let us put on firefighting gear. It was very heavy. He also told us what all the equipment in the fire truck did – this took awhile! We saw body bags, face masks, oxygen tanks, and even face masks for dogs. We held the fire fighting hose, and it took four kids to hold up five feet of it, and that was without any water. The Lieutenant said it takes four grown men to hold up the hose when the water is going.

The EMTs and fire fighters were there all day, except for a lunch break. I think everyone had a ton of fun, and we all learned a lot. We learned that the EMTs and fire fighters are all volunteers, so they don't get paid. I'm really thankful they spend their free time helping Andover be safe.

AE/MS NEWS

By Jane Slayton
Principal, AE/MS

The sidewalk that we have talked about for two years is nearing completion. Thank you for your patience. We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony and a parade with the AE/MS bands and the One Wheelers to celebrate the new sidewalk, which runs from Main Street, past the skateboard park, past the AE/MS Annex (the building formerly known as the Hamp House), and

to the sidewalks in front of the school.

The AE/MS Eagles' soccer season has come to an end. The season ended with an action-packed game between students and parents, followed by burgers from the grill and awards. Thank you to all the parents who helped throughout the season.

Athletic Director and Coach Jim Tucker coordinated a tournament held on Carr Field. The teams were evenly
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Local Students Stay Very Busy At Proctor

By Chuck Will
Proctor Academy

For local "day" students, the school day at Proctor begins with first classes at 8:15 AM. (Of course, many attend breakfast in the dining room starting at 7:30.) That school day continues until approximately 5 PM, because every student is committed to an afternoon activity – even on Saturdays!

For many, that activity is a team sport. For example, Eva Berton, Meredith Cline, Breanna Davis, Hannah Frantz, and Summer Good Morning play on girls soccer teams. Ben Cox, Ricky Dansereau, Caleb Frantz, Madison Powers, and Andrew Young play on boys soccer teams.

Ben Berton (Captain), Kayla Dansereau, and Maddie Pfeifer run for highly successful cross-country teams. Elliot Fleming and Derrick Nowell play varsity football. Patrick Allen and Tuckerman Ferris compete in mountain biking.

Other students participate in non-



Tim Braley works on the set for *Anatomy of Gray*. Photo: Chuck Will

competitive activities. Truman Fleming is on woods team, while Jim Hanlon is editor of the yearbook. Sooki Vercellotti is a rock climber. Canon Brownell and Haley Peters are actors in the fall drama production, *Anatomy of Gray*, which plays November 6 and 7 at 7 PM (call 735-6870 for seats).

Finally, Tim Braley (pictured above) is building the set for the play. Our days are full!

MVHS Student Of The Month Nominees

Alexis King, Elise Goodwin, Charles Barry, Tenzin Dickinson, and Mariah Lansdown-Howard were each nominated by the faculty at Merrimack Valley High School to be recognized as finalists for Student of the Month for September 2009.

AE/MS Ponders Potential Of Alternative Energy

By Gretchen Hildebrand
AE/MS Second Grade Teacher

On the morning of October 19, Jeff Dickinson came to speak to the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders about the possibility of alternative energy resources for AE/MS and the town of Andover.

Principal Jane Slayton had invited him because she thought students would

benefit by knowing more about the various energy options. She had recently invited Jeff to address the Andover School Board and was most impressed with and excited by the discussion that took place.

Jeff, a resident of Andover Village, has spent 20 years in countries in Asia working on sustainable fuels projects.

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Boy Scout leader Kathy Bennett (l) gets a kick out of the chair made at Community Night by (l-r) Nick Kennison, Austin Marceau, and Brendan Coll. The chair was designed by Nick. Staff photo: Bob Bussey