



Lew Allison's photo of stonework at the remains of the Cole farm on Ragged Mountain is part of the *Northern Exposures* exhibit at the Bachelder Library.



Irene Jewett received a plaque from the Andover EMS (formerly the Andover Rescue Squad) and the East Andover Fire Department (represented respectively by John Kinney, left, and Rene Lefebvre) thanking her for her many years of service to the departments. Photo: Meghan Barton

Exhibit of Local Photos Moves To Bachelder Library

By Larry Chase
For the *Beacon*

Northern Exposures, an exhibit of local photographic and video images made by local residents, will open for a six-week showing at the William Adams Bachelder Library in East Andover on Friday, September 3. The exhibit will be open to the public during normal library hours at no charge.

The exhibit, which closed its initial

six-week run at the Andover Village Library on Saturday, August 28, is sponsored by the library trustees. It has three goals, according to trustee Robin Boynton: to promote wider awareness and use of Andover's two libraries, to celebrate the beauty of Andover and its surroundings, and to showcase the work of local photographers.

Exhibitors, all with close ties to
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East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre
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The annual Chicken BBQ was a huge success again this year. We worry a little that people may miss our event because of busy summer schedules. However, the community support is very strong, and I hope people enjoy their time with us and have a good meal.

It was very exciting for us to single out one of our own, Irene Jewett. Irene has been one of the driving forces supporting both the Rescue Squad and Fire Department for many years. I have asked Irene on very many occasions for help, and she always replies, "When and where?" I won't say much more for concern that I may embarrass her and for fear that she will not hesitate to tell me if I do. Thanks again, Irene.

On the theme of people who get things done: The two fire departments, the rescue squad, and the police were training at AE/MS recently. Life safety training crosses all disciplines, and it was a very worthwhile training for all. We thank Franklin Fire Department for the excellent class.

As we were leaving the school, I noticed that the School Board was meeting that evening, as well as the Planning Board at Town Hall. I figured that those activities involved at least 40 people. That is a lot of people giving their time and energy to make our community a better place to live.

I think Andover is fortunate to have these and all the other people who serve on boards that make our town work. I doubt that any want to be paid. Each has his or her own reasons for helping, but thanks sometime go a long way.

A Dry Summer

As a gardener, this has been a great summer. As a fire fighter, this summer has been very dry.

High humidity may not do much for your hair, but it keeps woodland fires from spreading quickly. This year, with

no rain and low humidity, the fires, though small so far, have burned very deep. It takes a lot of manpower and equipment to dig a one-acre fire down to a foot deep. This is back-breaking



EAFD fire fighters Jake Johnson (l) and Jon Collette checked out the department's new infrared camera during the Chicken BBQ last month. Staff photo: Bob Bussey

work and is often in an area that we have to hike to find.

One careless campfire can easily take 50 to 100 people days to properly extinguish. That has been the case this year. Although we are currently still issuing permits, I expect that if we are still dry by the time the leaves begin to fall, that will change.

As I am not a real deep thinker, you may have guessed my message here: Please be very careful in the woods. We will keep you posted as we head into fall.

Infrared Camera

The fire department purchased an infrared camera this summer. Think of it as a camera that looks at the light given off by heat. Objects of different temperatures are the picture we see.

This very hi-tech unit performs a very simple function: It helps us see people through smoke and, in some cases, through walls. Instead of feeling our way through a smoke-darkened room hoping to find a person, we can now scan the room in seconds.

This life-saving tool has been in the fire service for several years but only recently has become affordable to smaller departments. I look forward to using it on chimney-fire calls. If we are able to

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