

# Total Family Eye Care Expands Staff, Hours

### Press release

Richard L. Talkington, OD welcomes the addition of Linda Moulton to his optometric practice in Franklin. With over 25 years of optical experience, including 12 years as a Vision Center manager, she will be able to assist Marsha with all of her many responsibilities, from scheduling appointments to dispensing eye wear.

Dr. Talkington is also pleased to announce his new, expanded office hours.

The door will now remain open

through the lunch hour on:

- Monday, 7:30 AM to 5 PM
- Tuesday, 7:30 AM to 6 PM
- Wednesday, 9 AM to 5 PM
- Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6 PM
- Friday, 7:30 AM to 5 PM

So if you are looking for quality eye care, including comprehensive eye exams, eye glasses, and contact lenses, call 934-4155 for an appointment.

Total Family Eye Care, Richard L. Talkington, OD, 77 Franklin Street, Franklin 03235



Hannah French (l) of Andover spent time at the Andover Congregational Church's annual Christmas Fair on December 4 learning to knit from her grandmother, Kathy Kelley of Hill. Photo: Charlie Darling

Sunday, December 19, at 6 PM

## Christmas Caroling

By Judy Evans

Andover Congregational Church

Do you have memories of Christmas caroling when you were younger? Would you young people who are reading this like to have the opportunity to brighten peoples' lives at Christmas time?

My recollection of the earliest times I went caroling was when two hay trucks were filled with people of all ages – no matter what the weather was – and we went from door to door caroling. No, we didn't stay in the truck to sing; we got out at each house, and slowly walked together to each doorway.

It seemed like we visited any house that had lights on, not just the shut-ins or elderly. I'll never forget the smiles on wrinkled faces, and I remember feeling a sense of happiness when I saw a tired, old farmer put his arm around his wife's shoulder. It seemed like it was a very special time in their busy lives.

Before we sang each song, one of my older cousins with a deep, gentle voice would call out the page numbers of our seemingly very official little book of carols. "Page 23" was spoken in my ear by the quiet little voice of a child. We always ended – at each home – with *Silent Night*. Always *Silent Night*.

We were often invited into homes and treated to hot cocoa and home-

made goodies. After all, our friends and neighbors were expecting us. It was Christmas time.

We knew one lady would have popcorn balls; another, sugar cookies; and others would have their traditional sweets waiting for us. Oh yes, we continued to ride in the backs of those hay trucks, and when I was old enough, I got to play the organ at the little chapel where we had a special service following the caroling, and more carols were sung as we were joined by many townspeople.

I remember so well the year that our daughter had been born on December 3rd. She lay in my lap as I played the organ, slowly, gently falling asleep.

You are invited by those of us at Andover Congregational Church to go caroling on Sunday, December 19. We will meet at the church parking lot at 6 PM.

No, we won't be riding in the backs of hay trucks, but there will be plenty of mini-vans and SUVs to transport us from house to house as we bring cheer to the shut-ins and elderly. We will be accompanied by guitars and perhaps a fiddle, also!

Do join us as we visit the homes of those who are expecting us, just as folks did long ago. After all, it is Christmas time.

## Pemigewasset Choral Society

PCS press release

The Pemigewasset Choral Society opened its 38th season in a new venue on Thursday, December 9, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Meredith. There will be no concert in Lakeport due to the closing of Our Lady of the Lakes Church. The second concert is Friday, December 10, at 7:30 PM at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Franklin. The final performance is Sunday, December 12, at 3 PM in Hanaway Theatre on the Plymouth State Univer-

sity campus.

All concerts are open to the public. Admission is by donation in Meredith and Franklin. Tickets at \$10 each for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, are required for the Plymouth performance. They may be purchased in advance through the box office or on site prior to the concert.

The title of the concert is *Joy to The World!* and will include a variety of choral music, vocal and trumpet soloists, and an audience sing-along.

## ANDOVER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On the hill, beside the road in East Andover (Corner of Chase Hill Rd. and Rte. 11)

### Community Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 pm

A traditional service of lights, readings and carols.

All members, ministers  
Rev John J. Wagner, Pastor

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Worship and Sunday School – 9:30 AM

"Knowing Christ and Making Him Known"



ANDOVER BIBLE CHURCH

Jesus said; "Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's House?" Luke 2:49

Come and join us to celebrate the gift that we have all been given. Christmas Eve service at 6 pm.

Sunday Morning Service 9:30 am. • Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 pm

Pastor: Tom Bates – 235-4121

Encouraging Fellowship. Simple Message. JOIN US!  
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Meeting upstairs at Blackwater Community Coffee House, 207 Main St.

## TOTAL FAMILY EYECARE

Richard L. Talkington, OD

Let us provide all of your routine eye care needs!

Our routine eye exam includes a thorough ocular health check, including screening for cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration and diabetic eye disease.

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