



The Andover Purple Finches 4-H Club pushed up their sleeves and put on their gloves for some community service skate park clean-up at their April meeting. (L-r) Bryson Cate, Britta Johnson, Sophia Reynolds, Sasha Mackenzie, Alexis Cate (back), Rylee Sweeney, Gloriana Brown, Savannah Pease, Samantha Parkman, Keygan Sweeney, Alan Thompson, Jesse Wagner.

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Andover Road Agent Jon Champagne and his crew mounted a major gravel crushing operation at the Transfer Station last month, saving over half the cost of purchasing and hauling the gravel.

Photo: Charlie Darling

Road Agent Saves Taxpayers \$45,000 In Gravel Costs

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

Road Agent Jon Champagne and his crew mounted a major crushing project at the Transfer Station last month that netted the Town about 4,000 yards of good-quality gravel for road maintenance and saved the Town about \$45,000 over the cost of purchasing and hauling gravel from a commercial pit.

The project began in late April when the crew prepared the site in the back of the Transfer Station for efficient access. In mid-May, they rented a stone crusher and went to work. A bulldozer and excavator fed material into the crusher, while loaders and dump trucks hauled the crushed gravel to the other side of the Transfer Station property for storage.

The cost of the project, including site preparation, came to \$37,686. Almost \$14,000 of it went to renting the crusher

itself from southern New Hampshire. The rest paid for local labor and equipment rental.

Jon estimates that had the Town bought the gravel at a local pit, the total cost – assuming \$10.65 per yard for the material and about \$130 per trip for over 300 truck trips from the pit to the storage area at the Transfer Station – would have been almost \$83,000 (or about \$62 on the tax bill of a \$200,000 home in Andover). Crushing the Town's own gravel on-site saved just over half of that.

The 4,000 yards of gravel now on hand is expected to last for about a year of road maintenance and projects – barring another 100-year flood, of course. Jon estimates that there's another three years' worth of gravel available at the Transfer Station. And when there's a need for rip-rap, that could come from the same source, too.

Dozens Turn Out For Town Clean-Up Week

By Pat Moyer

Andover Conservation Commission

Once again, we have been quite successful with the Andover Town Clean-Up Week. We hope everyone can see the spectacular difference that all the volunteers made in returning Andover from its winter mess to its Spring freshness. All the efforts of everyone to clean up after the wintertime paid off.

We want to thank all those special volunteers who participated and brought Andover back. Andover would never look so wonderful if we didn't have all the fabulous volunteers to clean it up.

Although many roads were not officially signed up for this year, you can see by the results that it's catching on,

and we town folks like having our piece of town nice and clean. That is quite evident as you drive along the many roads here in town. Take a leisurely drive around and you can see for yourself how beautiful our town looks.

A big "Thank you!" goes to Road Agent Jon Champagne's crew at J&B Landscaping for capturing those blue bags we received from New Hampshire the Beautiful. Many of our volunteers also helped by taking their blue bag pickings directly to the Transfer Station.

So again, a great big "Thank you!" to all who helped make Andover beautiful again. It's wonderful to see everyone take such pride in our town. Hope to see you next year.

Is There Interest In An Informal Energy Committee In Andover?

By Vicky Mishcon
For the Beacon

Is your house perfectly situated to collect solar energy? Do you think there are ways to cut energy costs at the town level? Would you like to "shrink" your lawn and take back your weekend? Do you wonder how many gallons of oil fly out of your house through your windows, attic, and chimney? Have you made changes in energy use on your

property that you would be willing to share with others? Do you have expertise in the field of sustainable energy?

Conversations about forming an energy committee in Andover have been bouncing around for at least a couple of years. Many towns around us have official Town energy committees, and others have informal groups of people who are interested in promoting alter-

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Two-year-old Matthew Charles (left) compares his fish with that of Carter Richey, 4. The boys were enjoying the Andover Fish & Game Club's annual Kids Fishing Derby at Highland Lake. For more AF&G news, see page 17.

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SEND IDEAS FOR JULY'S RESTAURANT ROUND-UP!

The *Beacon* is planning a round-up of local restaurants and ice cream shops for the July issue, just in time to help you feed your summer house guests (or help them feed you).

If you own an area restaurant or have a favorite summer dining spot or snack place, please send *just a sentence or two* about what's served, where, and when to Mail@AndoverBeacon.com by June 15. Thanks!

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Lloyd Perreault (left - "the tractor guy") and Faith Clendenen were among the crowd of volunteers who made the town beach clean and safe on May 7, the kick-off of Andover's Town Clean-Up Week.

Volunteers Make Town Beach Clean And Safe For The Season

By Judy Perreault
Beacon volunteer

The Town beach and picnic area look great due to a large group of volunteers who brought their rakes and shovels and worked diligently from 9 AM to noon on Saturday, May 7, the first day of Andover Town Clean-Up Week. An old aluminum chair and a cement-filled tire (part of the old float anchor) washed up on the beach this year. I don't think

anyone would have liked to step on these while having a swim.

Butts, cans, and quite a bit of broken glass are a thing of the past, and hopefully it will stay that way throughout the summer. The picnic area no longer has a covering of leaves and sticks.

We would like to thank the person who took the time to totally wrap the tree on the beach with toilet paper. Per-
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Transfer Station Changes Could Save Thousands

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

The Andover Recycling Committee and Reggie Roy, supervisor of the Andover Transfer Station, have instituted a number of changes – some small, some large – that could save taxpayers thousands of dollars this year and make the Transfer Station a safer place for workers and "customers" alike.

About 20% of Andover's \$190,000 Solid Waste Disposal budget goes toward the cost of hauling trash to the incinerator in Penacook. In the past, this was a twice-a-week affair, the thinking being that if you didn't empty the hopper after Wednesday's "dump day," you might run out of space in the hopper on Saturday (by far the busier of the two days).

With some new data in hand and some new ideas in place, Reggie is now able to eliminate many of the Wednesday hauls to Penacook. He has collected data on the number of customers who use the Transfer Station each Wednesday and each Saturday. With the help of hauler John Thompson, he has also collected details on the number of pounds hauled in each trip.

By doing some simple math, he has come up with rules of thumb that let him



Sean Cox tries out the new glass recycling container that sits outside the "back door" of the Recycling Building at the Transfer Station.
Staff photo: Charlie Darling

estimate with some degree of accuracy how full the hopper is when the dump closes on Wednesday night. When these estimates (and the reading on the pressure gauge of the compactor) give him confidence that the hopper will hold all the trash likely to arrive on Saturday, he can tell John to skip hauling Wednesday's trash to Penacook, saving taxpayers \$250 for each trip avoided.

Town Administrator Dana Hadley says that based on early results, this new approach could save \$6,000 in hauling fees this year.

New Glass Container

In line with Reggie's philosophy of
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“work smarter, not harder,” the Recycling Committee has rented a second big orange container from Dumpster Depot and positioned it beside the dock out the back door of the Recycling Building at the Transfer Station. With the new container in place, customers with glass bottles to recycle simply step out the back door and drop the bottles in the container.

Previously, Transfer Station employees had to handle the glass three times – in the blue barrels where it was collected; in the Bobcat to dump the barrels in a huge bunker; and then again in the Bobcat to load the bunker into a container to be hauled away. Is the new system working better than the old one? “You bet!” says Reggie. And he estimates that not only will rental of the second container pay for itself, but it will also free up about \$1,800 in labor costs every year.

Safety Measures

To help keep Transfer Station employees and customers safe, there’s now a simple, manually-operated pallet jack in the Recycling Building that should greatly reduce the need for using the Bobcat in the building. Not only is this safer for everyone, but the pallet jack is cheaper to operate, maintain, and re-

place than the Bobcat.

The block bunkers around the Construction and Demolition container have recently been reconfigured to make access to the container more convenient for haulers and safer for Transfer Station customers.

And a new chain-link gate has been installed across the opening to the trash hopper to prevent unauthorized dumping when the Road Agent has the main Transfer Station gate open for plowing or to access the gravel pit at the back of the property.

Pooling Ideas

Perhaps the most significant recent change is also the least obvious: Transfer Station employees are now members of the Recycling Committee and join in the committee’s work on the second Thursday of each month at 1 PM at the Town Hall.

“Reggie, Allan [Wesoja], and Deb [Guinard] have been very proactive in presenting ideas that will make the Transfer Station safer and more cost-efficient,” says Dana, who is also a member of the committee. “Their input, plus the continued strong support of the Board of Selectmen [Selectman Don Gross is an *ex officio* member of the Recycling Committee], have really helped in making all these very beneficial changes.”

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native energies and ways to reduce energy use.

A few folks will be getting together in June to see if there’s an interest in organizing an informal energy committee. Possible objectives might include local workshops to help home owners save on energy costs; open-house tours

of homes that use alternative energies; community events like “lights out night” (turning out your lights for one hour on a designated night), conducting an energy audit for Town buildings, etc.

If you have information you would like to share or have an interest in working on a committee, please call Vicky Mishcon at 735-6402.

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haps next year they would like to use this time a little more productively and help clean up the area. Fortunately, we had a young volunteer who took on the task of denuding the tree.

A number of folks were newcomers to the annual beach clean-up this year and had no idea how much needs to be done to make the area not only presentable, but safe.

Our thanks to Jeff Clark and his leaf blower; Faith Clendenen; Tina and John Cotton (with a rake in one hand, his

cane in the other); Don Emerson; Lisa Foley; Don Gould; Darcy and Dennis Lowe, who drove up from Nashua; the Makechnie family – Greg, Amy, Hope, Brynne, and Paige (who entertained us and themselves by floating their shoes in the lake); Nelson (our tree denuder); and Judy and Lloyd Perreault (our tractor guy). The Makechnies were on to another cleanup at the school after their stint at the beach.

Thanks to all. We appreciate all your time and effort. It was a busy day town-wide, and a lot of other people were out cleaning up other areas of town.

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Thank you, Amy, for answering your home phone at 10:30 PM on a Sunday night. Thank you for calming my nerves and speaking with me about a child overseas having a medical crisis. Thank you for advising me about a medical concern in the Post Office parking lot when you were probably trying to get through your list of Saturday chores. Thank you for crying with me in your office and laughing with me about my silly worries.

I will never forget the time – it was a Sunday morning – when we had a child who was bitten on the face by a mad dog, and I called your home. You said, “Bring her up here, I’ll take a look.” We sat at your kitchen table. You were right; she needed five stitches.

Those were the days that we didn’t have health insurance. I think we might have exchanged carpentry for health care. I have forgotten the details. However, I do remember that we managed, and you took care of us.

You were always respectful, honest, and accurate. You have been so very generous to us. I’ve spoken a lot about you to others, and I know that you gave the same kind of care to many. You have been the best, and we are grateful for your service.

Enjoy your well-deserved retirement. We wish you many years of good health and happiness.

With great respect and admiration,
Donna Baker-Hartwell

As New Hampshire community organizations and other groups prepare to do roadside cleanup, partially done by paid employees of the state Department of Transportation (DOT) prior to you personally going out in the next week or two, consider the following as a better reason to explain why you do this roadside cleanup.

Part of what is done is for generalized beautification, yes. But there is also the monetary remuneration that all groups, and the DOT employees, avoid. This is to segregate what is picked up, whether in the ubiquitous blue bags or the other colored containers used, prior to tipping these collection bags at the local dump.

Your opinion matters! **Please send a letter to the Beacon** expressing your thoughts on any local matters. Our readers want and need to hear your voice!

Ordinary trash, being paper, cigarette butts, and paper cups with lids, can go into the trash hopper. The next set of items don’t go into the trash, having as they do either an intrinsic value or an artificially imposed value. These should either be delivered to the materials recycling area or taken home: plastic bottles, depending on local usage by town, are either recycled or defined as trash. Other plastic containers from fast food or grocery store sales of hot and cold foods to go may also partake of the #1 through #7 designation.

Then come the heavy-weight items: glass bottles and jars, followed by tin cans. Most towns have segregated drop-off containers for these, with the screw caps going with the tin cans, and the glass separated or commingled, mostly on color or type. Aluminum cans have their own value at a scrap yard or other purchase location.

I take aluminum cans home to crush and segregate. All the other items I segregate by type and local mandate for de-



The Andover Beacon is very fortunate to have an intern from Colby-Sawyer College this summer! Matt McDonald is a rising senior majoring in Communications, with a strong interest in graphic design and video production. He has been working with Charlie two days a week in the Beacon office and has already made a big difference in getting the Beacon out the door. Matt is also helping out in Andover’s community access cable TV station. Staff photo: Charlie Darling

livery to my local dump. When things get tougher, aluminum cans delivered to the scrap buyer can provide a short-term benefit on the dinner table.

I also have volunteered to do a stretch of roadside cleanup on the road where I live. I did one pass several weeks ago,

getting 99% of the easy-to-reach aluminum cans. Next week, I will get all the other items, as well as a few aluminum cans to make it mildly profitable.

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Howard L. Wilson
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FIRECRACKER 5K FUN RUN

By Tom Frantz

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

The Andover Fourth of July Committee, in conjunction with the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County, is holding a 5K race/walk as one of Andover's Fourth of July activities. The out-and-back event will start at 9 AM on Monday, July 4, at the Blackwater Park off Lawrence Street in Andover. Registration will begin at 8 AM.

Last year's race drew over 100 runners. The majority of the runners were from the area, but runners from as far away as Kansas and Nevada competed for prize money and the gold, silver, and bronze spikes that were awarded to the top three finishers in each age group.

Last year's overall male winner

was Michael Hoffman of Rochester, New York, with a time of 17:53. The top female finisher was Bonnie Cruz of Springfield, New Hampshire, with a time of 21:30.

The out-and-back race is held on the Rail Trail that passes through Andover. The course is flat, fast, and scenic. There will be free t-shirts given to the first 100 entrants. As in past races, each top male and female overall finisher will receive \$50. Gold, silver, and bronze railroad spikes will be presented to the top three male and female finishers in each age category.

More information is available by calling 735-6490 or by visiting the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County at FNRT.org.

Please join us for this Andover Fourth of July tradition.

Fourth Of July Committee

By Judy Perreault

Andover Fourth of July Committee

Strike up the band! No, make that *three* bands, for that is what we have managed to sign up for this year's Fourth of July parade.

The Bektash Drum and Bugle Corps will be joining us once again. It wouldn't seem like the Fourth without their presence in their bright uniforms and playing patriotic music.

The Quahog Diggers Band are also on the schedule. Their fife and drum music and period costumes reminds us of earlier times when America was fighting for its independence.

A new addition this year is the New Hampshire Pipes (as in bagpipes) and Drums Band. We are looking forward to seeing them march in our Andover parade and hearing their music.

Uncle Sam will be in the front of the parade. He is an imposing figure and inspires a feeling of patriotism.

Did I hear a cannon fire? It must be Captain Morrill and his crew clearing the way for our marchers. I hope the noise doesn't spook the horses pulling the Concord Coach. I don't think the passengers would like a wild ride down Main Street. They haven't recovered from that robbery a couple of years ago.

The Andover One Wheelers will be wowing the crowd with their agile maneuvers on their unicycles. They make it

look so easy, but it takes a lot of practice.

Leapin' Lena will live up to her name as she turns and lifts her way down the parade route. She is the ballerina of the car world – minus the tutu.

Fields, Farms, and Forests

Fields, Farms, and Forests is the parade theme, and we are looking for some new and innovative floats this year. They can be on trailers, on the back of pickups, or drawn by a tractor or riding mower.

It used to be a tradition among families to have a float in the parade. It would be nice if that activity were revived. We always had a great time planning ours. The children ransacked the attic looking for costumes. Visiting friends helped make the signs. It was fun.

Calling all children! Decorate your bikes, carts, carriages, and yourselves, and enter the Children's Parade. Gather at the Pro Claim building, where Sara Tracy and her helpers will have drinks and activities. Entries will be judged and ribbons awarded.

We have an animal category in the parade, so bring your horses, donkeys, oxen, etc. to be judged and entered in the parade. Joyce Egge of Equine Homes is once again providing the prize money.

Don't let Leapin' Lena be the only vehicle in the parade! Polish up those vintage cars, trucks, and motorcycles,

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The Swap Shop will be open on June 11 from 8 AM to 2 PM and welcomes (before 1 PM) reusable items in working condition like toys, clothing, books, bicycles, and kitchenware. Please, no upholstered furniture, tires, windows, doors, electronics, or porcelain fixtures.



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East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre
East Andover Fire Department

As I write this article, our state is predicted to receive up to four inches of rain this week. I usually take this kind of news with a grain of salt, as we are lucky enough to live in a part of our great nation that seems to have moderate weather. That is not to say that we don't have floods or other natural events. We do. It is just that ours are not usually measured in thousands of people or acres.

The question is, are we prepared for a large natural event? To give you the politically correct answer, of course we are. To give you my answer as a department manager, we are working on it. There are several of us in town, selectmen and department leaders, who are working on a town-wide plan to deal with "disasters," both natural and man-made.

The team is led by Jane Hubbard, who is highly skilled in planning and managing large-scale incidents. The goal of our work is to produce a guidebook that is unique to the geography and people of Andover. Although the guide cannot specify and plan for every emergency, we are spending our energy on issues that we have dealt with in the past and those concerns that Andover is most likely to face in the future. The guide has the flexibility we need to manage incidents even though the actions we take will need to be very fluid as events change quickly.

This document is not new to Andover. We have had the benefit of forward planning for several years. There have been several times when, in the wee hours of the night, your elected leaders and emergency managers were reading the plan and taking action to protect life and property.

Are we finished? No, that is like say-

ing that the project is complete and that closes the door to more and better planning. We are, however, trained, experienced, and equipped for what we see as issues for today. With the help of Jane and others, we will soon be better prepared for tomorrow.

Pet Safety

Many may not consider this a disaster, but our four-legged friends might.

I was at a shopping mall a little while ago on perhaps the only real warm day that we have had this spring. I noticed a dog in a car and, as is my habit, was checking to be sure the windows were open enough to keep the dog cool and safe. The windows were okay, so looking for the owner was not necessary.

People who know me personally are well aware that I have a member of my family who just happens to be a dog. After a lifetime in the life safety business, I think of life as life, and animals deserve our protection.

Please take the time to pay attention to the weather when you plan an activity with your pets. On some days, even keeping the windows down when your car is baking in a paved parking lot is not safe for your four-legged friend. Our pets give us everything they have. We can return their love and kindness by providing them a safe life.

For those who are interested, there is a copy of Andover's emergency response plan at the Town Office. This is the current issue, as the new addition is under construction.

The plan is not a great work of literature, and some, or perhaps most, would find it boring. However, if you tend to swim in the shallow end of the gene pool, as most of us who face a disaster willingly do, this read is right up there with William ... what's his name?

Non-Resident Property Owners Can Keep In Touch

By Vicky Mishcon
Andover Board of Selectmen

Summer is just about here – no, really, it is! Along with the warmer weather and longer days, another sign that summer is here is the arrival of our summer residents.

It has been brought to the selectmen's attention that there can be a feeling of disconnection over the winter months for those non-residents who receive their tax bills in November and then send in 30% of Andover's total tax base!

If you're a non-resident taxpayer, here are some ways you can keep in touch with town doings while you're away:

- Get a subscription to *The Andover Beacon* sent to your home for a small fee, or pick one up for free at any of several locations next time you're in town. The *Beacon* is available for free at the Town Office, the *Beacon* office (in the basement of the Town

Hall), Lake Sunapee Bank, and Jake's Market (ask at the counter). Each issue of the *Beacon* is also online at AndoverBeacon.com.

- Town Meeting, Board of Selectmen meetings, School Board meetings, Budget Committee public hearings, and many other programs of local interest can be viewed on the Town's Web site at AndoverNH.us.com.
- Copies of the Town Report are available at the Town Office at no cost.

All selectmen meetings are open to the public. The selectmen are considering the idea of scheduling a block of time during a regular selectmen meeting during the summer, or scheduling a special meeting, to provide non-resident property owners an opportunity to ask questions or discuss concerns. Please feel free to call the Town Office at 735-5332 if you have an interest in such a meeting.



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50 YEARS AGO

JUNE 1961

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.

Congratulations to Mr. And Mrs. Renie Maxfield of Flaghole on the birth of a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mercier (the former Marilyn Dean) who announce a baby daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barns on the birth of a son; and to Mr. And Mrs. Walter Locke, Jr. on the birth of a son.

Much sympathy goes to Mrs. Alice Perreault of Salisbury on the death of her sister Miss Mary Ward on Sunday. Mary lived in Flaghole for over 40 years and was well known by all.

Also, Mrs. Laura M. Keniston, 93, died on Sunday, June 25. Born August 31, 1868 in Andover, she was the daughter of John and Priscilla (Stewart) Seavey. Mrs. Keniston was, for many years, the supervisor of the laundry at Proctor Academy.

A reception for Mrs. Maude Prince was given at the Mollie Bachelder Room in appreciation of her school years of service to the communities. Mrs. Prince is retiring and making her home in Salisbury. Paul Fenton, chairman of the school board, presented Mrs. Prince with an electric frying pan and a sum of money from all her friends. About 60 friends and neighbors were present to wish her best wishes and to express regrets at having her leave.

William Bardsley, 31-year-old Andover resident, has been appointed full-time

manager of the King Ridge Ski Area in New London. Bardsley, a 1951 Princeton graduate, has worked on the ski patrol at Mount Sunapee State Park and was assistant to manager Richard D. Parker there for two seasons. King Ridge, a 400-acre area, has been under construction for the past year and will open for the 1961 ski season with four trails and an open slope serviced by a 2,500 foot Hall T-bar and a 300-foot rope tow.

The Reverend Mr. Charles W. Nelson, former chaplain in the US Navy, has sold his home in Andover to Ray Denberg. The chapel of Christ the King, Episcopalian, which the Reverend Mr. Nelson has been conducting there, will be continued if worshippers wish. The Reverend Mr. Nelson's plans are indefinite. He opened the chapel after moving to Andover some six years ago, following retirement from the Navy and a year of teaching experience in the interim. The Rev. Mr. Nelson installed a greenhouse and raised orchids as a hobby during his Andover stay. At the end he had a fine collection of some 1,000 varieties and reports that he has sold off the collection at a price which lets him "break even" for his years of enjoyment of his hobby.

The Regal Theatre is showing Gene Stratton-Porter's *Freckles* the glory-story America has always treasured! Saturday matinee, 2 PM.

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and show them off to the public. Dino Green of Green's Auto will be checking them out and awarding ribbons. He is also planning a category for commercial vehicles.

Activities on the Village Green include the flea market (get your space), the flag ceremony, Barnyard Bingo, music by the Kearsage Community Band, as well as other patriotic music at noon.

A new addition this year is some game booths made and manned by the Andover Lions Club. It will provide fun for all ages.

It promises to be an energetic day, so fuel up at the Andover Lions Club pancake breakfast held at AE/MS. You can keep refueling at the various food booths on and around the Village Green. A huge energy boost are the strawberry shortcakes, a traditional Fourth of July dessert. In the evening you can attend the Girl Scouts' ice cream social held on the Village Green. More energy.

Firecracker 5K racers need to register at the Blackwater Park. This year it will be professionally timed.

In the afternoon there will be a championship softball game at the AE/MS field. These are town teams. Those who are interested in playing softball

can show up on Friday nights at 6 PM. Names are put into a hat, and that's the way the teams are picked each week. They play purely for fun. This was all news to me. Evidently this has been going on for about seven years. If anyone would like to expand on this group's activities, please write to the *Beacon*.

To complete the day, there will be a fantastic display of fireworks by Atlas Company at dusk. People have their favorite places to watch them, but I find the back of AE/MS the best.

We still need two parking attendants, and more parking spaces. Does anyone have any areas they would be willing to provide that day? For those who like to bike, it has been suggested that they park at the lot in Potter Place and bike in. Also, please carpool as much as possible.

The house-to-house collection is over, but we will accept donations any time. Please, if you were missed, send a donation of any amount to Irene Jewett, PO Box 36, East Andover 03231. Every little bit helps. We wish to continue this independence celebration in Andover. We have been doing it for close to 70 years.

For more information about the flea market, contact Howard Wilson; for the parade, Jamie Thompson at 455-5939 or Judy Perreault at 735-5493 or 4thOfJuly-Committee@gmail.com.



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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Board Of Selectmen

February 7

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Victoria L. Mishcon, Jacob B. Johnson, Donald J. Gross, Dana I. Hadley

A public hearing was held pursuant to RSA 33:8a. to discuss a warrant article on the 2011 Warrant, asking the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 (gross budget) for the purchase of a backhoe, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$110,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

The Public Hearing was attended by the Board, the Road Agent, and the Town Clerk.

Chairman Mishcon explained the warrant article and that it would not affect the budget, as payments to repay this bond/note would be taken out of the funds that customarily are budgeted for equipment rental. She asked if there were any questions relating to this warrant article. There were no questions from the public.

The Board held a public hearing pursuant to RSA: 31:95b-Section III to discuss a gift from Proctor Academy to be given to the Andover Police Department to supplement the Department's standard budget to be directed toward officer safety equipment and additional purposes at the discretion of the Chief of Police. There were no questions from the public.

Road Agent

Jon Champagne, Road Agent, met with the Board. He said that the highway department has been very busy with winter storms and related follow-up. The contract drivers have been very responsive. He said that it has been a challenge to find suitable places to put the snow.

There was discussion of why it is not practical to plow roads with the road

grader. The Road Agent said that the grader is working very well, and with the new tires they have not needed to use tire chains. He suggested that the Town purchase 20 tons of road salt to try to melt some of the snow pack on roads, especially Plains Road.

Selectman Mishcon asked if the Town could use magic salt. Jon said yes, but he does not feel that it would be to the best advantage to the Town at this time of year. To purchase this salt, the cost would be approximately \$1,700.

Another option would be to continue scraping the roads each day as melting occurs.

There was discussion about the state of the current budget. Dana asked Jon how much it would cost to continue to plow up the slush rather than apply additional salt. Jon said that it would be necessary to follow up on this every day for a period of time with a lot of follow up work.

Snow operations at the school have been labor-intensive and expensive. They have had to physically remove snow from the school yard.

Selectman Mishcon asked if the Town owns plows. Jon said that the Town owns the plow on the grader. There is an identical plow at the Thompson pit and the other plows are older plows. The two newer plows are Everett plows. Many of the older plows that the Town owns are not appropriate to be used. Their only value would be as scrap. Jon suggested that if these old plows were sold the funds could be used to purchase a sweeper and will provide an inventory of items in the trailer.

There are many items that the Town owns that will not be used in the future. Most of the plows are 10' plows. Jon suggested that he would like to see the proper size plow on the road grader.

Selectman Mishcon advised the road See Selectmen on page 10

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:

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Thu, 6:30-8:30 • Fri, 1:30-5

Transfer Station:

Wed, 7-6 (7-5 during winter)

Sat, 7-5

Swap Event (May-Oct):

2nd Sat (rain date: 3rd Sat)

Transfer Station, 8-2

MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted

Board of Selectmen:

1st & 3rd Mon, 7

Planning Board: 2nd & 4th Tue, 7

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

3rd Tue, 7

Conservation: 2nd Wed, 7:30

Recycling: 2nd Thu, 1

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

Andover EMS: 2nd Tue, 7

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School Board: 1st Tue, 6:30,

AE/MS

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Mark Your Calendar!

JUNE

6: Board of Selectmen, 7

6: Andover Fire Dept Bus Mtg, 7

7: Building Inspector, 6-7

7: School Board, 6:30

8: Conservation Committee, 7:30

8: East Andover Fire Dept, 7:30

9: Recycling Committee, 1

9: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7

11: Swap Shop, 8-2

14: Building Inspector, 6-7

14: Andover EMS,

East Andover Fire Station, 7

14: Planning Board, 7

15: **Deadline for July Beacon**

16: Library Trustees, 7:30

20: Board of Selectmen, 7

20: Andover Fire Dept Training, 7

21: Building Inspector, 6-7

21: Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7

28: Building Inspector, 6-7

28: Planning Board, 7

JULY

5: Board of Selectmen, 7

5: Building Inspector, 6-7

5: School Board, 6:30

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agent that his request for increases in highway salaries will not be put into effect at this time.

Town Clerk

The Board met with Town Clerk Marj Roy. She explained an issue regarding a pending bill before the New Hampshire House that, if passed, would allow auto dealers to title and register vehicles at the point of sale. Marj stated that there are a lot of concerns regarding how this process will affect the revenue coming to the Town. The state Department of Motor Vehicles is involved, however they do not feel that it will affect them. Marj is very concerned with the potential loss of revenue.

Marj reviewed with the Board her suggestion to award the title search work for the tax liens and deeding to Jane Sanders. Her price quote was very attractive, and she has experience.

Motion: Gross/Johnson to enter into a contract with Jane Sanders for title search services. Vote in the affirmative.

Trash Hauling Contract

The Board discussed the trash hauling contract with Mark and John Thompson. When single stream recycling begins, there will be a container

for all recycled materials and another for the other trash.

Mr. Thompson presented a hauling plan to the Board that showed pricing that will consider reduced trips. The contract has a base fee of \$20,000 to cover his fixed costs and a per-trip cost of \$225. The current contract is \$42,500 for the year, and using the new method it is anticipated that the cost would be reduced by \$5,000.

The Board's goal is to have trash hauling bids go out in the fall for budget planning purposes and for now would like to extend Mr. Thompson's current contract.

Jake Johnson asked what happens if fuel costs rise? After discussion, it was suggested that if fuel costs were to rise and became a concern, the Board would be amenable to discussing this further and possibly making adjustments as needed.

New Business

The Board reviewed the Town Warrant articles to be finalized for Town Meeting. There was discussion about the procedure for the bonding article that requires a ballot vote. The Board discussed in what order the articles should be arranged.

The Board reviewed a letter received from the New Hampshire Highway

Safety Agency regarding potential financial assistance for highway safety project. The Board thought of ideas that would be applicable. Selectman Mishcon suggested that request from Proctor Academy for an additional crosswalk could be a project for this grant.

The Board reviewed a notice from the Greater Franklin-Bristol and Greater Plymouth Emergency Preparedness and Planning Regions regarding an emergency preparedness tabletop exercise on March 15.

The Board reviewed the agenda for the NRRRA meeting on February 9 and minutes from their November 10, 2010 meeting.

The Board reviewed and received the letter from the concerned citizens of Franklin.

Handout from January 24 meeting hosted by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to discuss rules and suggested changes to the rule for Bradley Lake. The Town Administrator reviewed the letter regarding changes to DES rules for Bradley Lake.

The Board reviewed a letter from Senator Ayotte's office.

Other Business

The Board signed an abatement re-

quest for the Tax Collector.

Selectman Mishcon presented a review of the cost of purchasing a backhoe instead of rental.

February 22

Condensed from approved minutes
Present: Victoria Mishcon, Jacob Johnson, Donald Gross

Road Agent

The Board met with Road Agent Jon Champagne. He discussed with the Board the Road Surface Management System. The Town recently learned that the company providing software support is no longer doing that. The representative that the Town has worked with, Bob Strobel, is working to correct the situation or to provide alternatives.

Jon said there has been limited activity in the past few weeks in the highway department. They have addressed all issues as needed.

Permits for the excavation project at the Transfer Station will be needed. He estimated that the project will cost \$30,000. He plans to crush the stockpile of round stone to make this a usable product for the Town in addition to crushing gravel for use on Town roads. He has been asked about selling the round stone by a few individuals. There are between 2,000 and 3,000 yards of round stone. He said that with the crushing operation it could be made into a product that could be used by the Town.

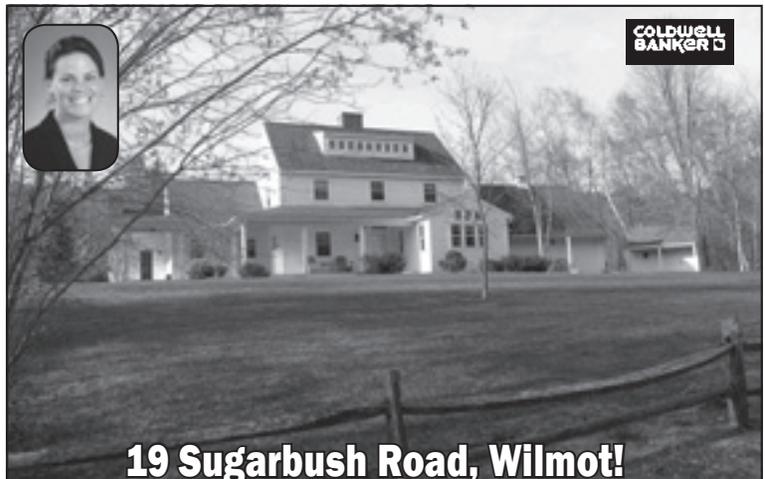
The goal of the crushing operation is to crush between 4,000 to 6,000 yards to make product that can be used by the Town and to make the round rock that the Town already owns usable. The area for crushing is ready for this operation.

Jon will be posting weight limits on town roads in the next few days.

Recycling Committee

The Board met with Ken Tripp, Alan Wesoja, and Reggie Roy, members of the Recycling Committee. Ken brought it to the Board's attention that the schedule of fees for the Transfer Station should be updated. He gave the Board a sample that he suggests the Board adopt. They took this under advisement and will be working on reviewing and updating fees in the next few months.

There was discussion about operation
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tions at the Recycling Center. Ken suggested purchasing another trailer to store product for mixed loads to eliminate having any product outside.

The Board discussed the method for handling glass at the Transfer Station. Reggie stated that it would free up the current bunkers. Reggie feels that changing this method would free up attendants' time. It would save moving product multiple times. The Board will take this under advisement at the present time.

Town Moderator

The Board met with Ed Becker. Mr. Becker discussed with the Board procedures for Town Meeting.

New Business

The Board met with Reggie Roy regarding the method for handling glass at the Transfer Station. This was discussed during the meeting with the Recycling Committee.

The Board reviewed a letter received from the Salisbury Selectmen inviting them to attend a meeting on March 16 to discuss the possibility of combining efforts relative to purchasing, road work, etc.

The Board received and reviewed the prototype of a proposed procurement policy. This will be reviewed and discussed at subsequent meetings.

The Board received a letter from Senator Ayotte discussing the Northern Pass transmission project.

The Board reviewed the e-mail received from Alex Bernhard regarding completion of the Northern Rail Trail Andover-Danbury Transportation Enhancement Project.

The Board reviewed and received the letter from Comcast outlining the franchise fee paid to the Town for 2011.

The Board reviewed and received the letter from Comcast/Xfinity regarding programming changes.

Planning Board

April 12

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Eric Johnson, Chair; Jon Warzocha, Vice Chair; Paul Currier; Jacob Johnson; Nancy Teach; Michelle Bengivengo; and Wood

Sutton, alternate, appointed to Don Gould's position.

Also present for duration of appropriate items: Larry Ballin, Proctor Academy Trustee in Charge of Buildings and Grounds; Will Ames, Proctor Academy; Bill Stack, Steven Smith & Associates; Pierre Bedard; Paul and Jane Fenton; Paul and Patricia Goneau.

Announcements / Correspondence

Bristol-Sweet will be coming before the Board for a conceptual major subdivision for Amy Schneider on Old College Road.

Determination of Suitability: Pierre Bedard, agent for Paul and Jane Fenton, determination of suitability to build a residence in the Forest / Agricultural District.

Bedard presented plans for a 3-bedroom home and advised that the Zoning Board of Adjustment is conducting a public hearing on April 19 for approval to construct a single family dwelling in the Forest / Agricultural District. State approval has been received for a septic design as well as a driveway permit from DOT. The lot has a total of 37 acres.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of deeming the site suitable for the proposal.

Continued Non-Binding Consulta-

tion: Proctor Academy, with Bill Stack of Steven Smith and Associates as agent, 204 Main Street. Proposed changes and renovations of Hockey Rink and Athletic Facilities.

Eric Johnson and Jacob Johnson recused due to their affiliation with Proctor Academy. A letter was received from the Commissioners of the Andover Village District approving the proposed additional usage and tie-in to the water line.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of deeming the application complete.

Public Hearing: A site plan review for Proctor Academy, for proposed changes / renovations to the hockey rink. The property is located at 204 Main Street.

Stack gave a brief overview of the proposal, which includes removing the small addition on the front of the hockey rink and making changes to the locker room space. There will be no significant infrastructure changes except improving the drainage.

The sewer pumps will be relocated which will include a new tank and pumps. The water line will be extended to the building for fire sprinkling.

It was asked if this will have any effect on the pressure, and the response

was no. It was asked if there will be any additional equipment that will create noise, and the response was there will not.

There being no further discussion, the public hearing was closed. The Board voted unanimously in favor of approving the application as submitted.

Organization Of The Board

The Board voted unanimously in favor of Eric Johnson as Chair; Jon Warzocha as Vice-Chair and Paul Currier as Secretary.

April 26

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Eric Johnson, Chair; Jon Warzocha, Vice Chair; Jacob Johnson; Michelle Bengivengo; and Don Gould.

Also present for duration of appropriate items: Pat Moyer, potential alternate; Doug Sweet of Bristol, Sweet and Associates, as agent for Amy Schneider; Amy Schneider

Announcements / Correspondence

Proctor Liaison, town officials, and Alan Hanscom of New Hampshire Department of Transportation to discuss a possible crossing from the Andover Elementary/Middle School to the Proctor maintenance driveway.

See Planning on page 12

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Planning from page 11

Preliminary Non-Binding Consultation: Doug Sweet of Bristol, Sweet, and Associates, agent for Amy Schneider, property on Old College Road, potential subdivision.

Sweet presented a proposal for a major three-lot subdivision on property split between the Forest / Agricultural and Agricultural / Residential zones. There is a total of 61 acres with a proposed division into three lots; one lot being 26 acres, the second being 21 acres, and the third being 14 acres. Concerns of the Board include:

Does it meet the width-to-depth ratio? *Yes.*

Are there any wetlands? *Yes; they will either be indicated, or a waiver will be requested.*

The driveway, well, and septic all need to be indicated on the plan.

Master Plan Update

The Board will hold a work session on Monday, May 9, strictly to discuss revisions to the Master Plan.

May 10

Condensed from draft minutes

Members present: Eric Johnson, Chair; Jacob Johnson, Ex-Officio; Don Gould; Nancy Teach; Paul Currier; Pat

Moyer, alternate appointed to Jon Warzocha's position; and Wood Sutton, alternate appointed to Michelle Bengiveno's position.

Also present for duration of appropriate items: Don Cline

Preliminary Non-Binding Consultation: Possible Subdivision, Barclin Land Company, Raccoon Hill Road and Shaw Hill Road

Cline presented a proposed subdivision on property with an existing conservation easement. The easement includes language allowing the property owner(s) to divide out a 2.50 acre building lot.

Cline asked the Board if they would consider waiving the five-year subdivision rule, as this is the only building allowed by the easement. The Board stated this would need to be requested in writing as a waiver.

Sutton asked if there were any restrictions pertaining to clearing of the land. *No.*

Sutton also asked about the applicant's previous concerns at a prior hearing on this property regarding drainage. *Cline indicated the previously proposed subdivision would have allowed for six driveway cuts which would have created drainage concerns, whereas this subdivision would only create one*

driveway.

The Board also advised Cline he would need a letter from Barclin authorizing him to act on their behalf.

Master Plan Update

The Board worked on more zone revisions on the Future Land Use map. Public hearings for adoption of the Master Plan will be scheduled for the fall of 2011.

Conservation Commission

April 13

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Tina Cotton, Jerry Hersey, Patricia Moyer; alternate Larry Chase; guest Sarah Denz, Bradley Lake resident

Correspondence

New Hampshire Department of Forest and Lands Proposal on the 123 acres on Mount Kearsarge Wildlife Logging Project

Old Business

Tina and Larry will probably attend the Colby-Sawyer Student Project.

Earth Day Walk – members decided not to do this April.

Special Places Conference – Larry and Nan attended

Larry reported on the Bradley Lake Watershed Study. He will contact Dana

to see if there is still an interest and then subsequently will contact the grant person and see if we can move forward on it.

Bradley Lake Voluntary water assessment training is available again this year with the DES in June

New Business

Members discussed holding weekly conservation hikes and having speakers come to meetings to gain more awareness of conservation for residents.

Larry is interested in finding out more information about the viability of having an energy committee as an off shoot of the Conservation Commission. He will review the RSA to see if the Commission entails more than just land conservation.

Miscellaneous

Pat will finalize the Commission contact list and e-mail the list to Tina so that she can forward the information to the NHACC.

Tina will pick up copies of the NHACC book *Conserving Your Land*. Members authorized Tina to use her discretion as to the amount of actual copies we need. No more than 10 copies were authorized.

Recycling Committee

May 12

Condensed from draft minutes

Attending: Don Gross, Allan We-soja, Debra Guinard, Ken Tripp, Reggie Roy, Bill Matulevich

Swap Shop: Bill reported that we have a full complement of volunteers for the May 14 event.

Membership: Bill stated that his house is all but sold, and he will be moving to a warmer place. He will take care of scheduling the June Swap Shop and will attend the June Recycling Committee meeting. He will attempt to line up a new volunteer co-ordinator for the Swap Shop, then he migrates.

Got Books: Kim Keeler is still trying to get us a container for the summer.

Centerfold: Don reported that the new version is in draft stage.

Bonuses: Don said he would discuss the possibility of offering Transfer Station employees bonus incentives at a future Board of Selectmen meeting.

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Recycling from page 12

Town of Andover Web Site: The possibility of “swapping” on the Town of Andover Web site is mixed until Dana fixes the Web site.

Freon: The state no longer licenses operators for freon removal. NRRA provides training. Reggie said we will be processing our backlog shortly.

Single Stream: The trash co-op is still in limbo about building a single stream facility.

Hazardous Waste: Ken stated that we need to start advertising the available dates. Don stated that he will organize a field trip to the year-round facility in Wolfboro. The idea is to provide some year-round opportunity for Andover residents to dispose of their bad stuff.

Burn Pile: The burn piles now work well. Pictures were provided. The large water tank is scheduled to be moved and filled with water to provide better safety.

Trash Transport: Our contract this year provides savings when we make fewer trips to the incinerator. Reggie is working on a system that will result in fewer trips.

Construction Debris: Our new vendor is Bestway thru NRRA. Ken wants to learn how Bestway disposes of the material. Some vendors separate materials for recycling; others simply landfill. Some site work is still needed.

Recycle Income: We will be shipping our baled aluminum and plastics.

Reggie thought we would be earning about \$10,000 from these shipments. Ken requested that the Selectmen discuss the possibility of advocating a revolving fund. The establishment of a revolving fund (latest name is enterprise fund) would allow the Selectmen to take recycle income and invest it in equipment that would improve recycling capacity. The establishment of such a fund would have to be approved at Town Meeting.

Ken knows that New Hampshire the Beautiful provides grant money for recycling equipment. He agreed to research how much grant money might be available for such items as a used baler, construction of a recycle shed over the slab which used to house glass, and an upgrade to our Bobcat.

NRRA Conference: Ken will be attending this conference on June 6. There are several talks on municipal composting.

Recycle Building: Don said that Dana will be purchasing an eye wash for safety reasons. We will try to install donated foam insulation in the large overhead doors. Propane heater needs a new regulator. Still need potable water.

Proctor Liason Committee

May 9

Condensed from draft minutes
The Proctor Academy/Town of Andover Liaison Committee met at the former ski shop building on Monday,

May 9. Representing the Town were: Bill Bardsley, John Cotton, Don Gould, and Vicky Mishcon. Representing Proctor were Alex Estin, Mike Henriques, Peter Southworth, and Chuck Will. Also in attendance was Proctor’s new Business Manager, John Ferris.

Mike Henriques began the Proctor report by explaining that plans to open the former ski shop as a coffee house have hit procedural snags and are apparently not proceeding.

Mike shared optimism that a construction project to add new locker rooms to the south face of the hockey rink may commence this summer.

A new Master Plan is studying the possibility of a new dormitory (to replace Thoreau House), a new dining hall (near the field house), and creating a clearer entrance and boundary to the campus.

Mike noted the school’s ongoing commitment to the Blackwater Ski Area, and the likelihood that traffic to that facility will grow.

An incident of vandalism at a local business was cited.

Chuck Will reported that the state Highway Department will not install a yellow flashing beacon near the junction of Main and Lawrence Streets, but that the addition of another crosswalk at the northeast corner of Carr Field is likely and is being pursued.

Mike closed the Proctor report by observing that the January ventilation incident at the rink exposed the

need for Proctor to notify the Fire Chief and the emergency response team automatically.

Don Gould delivered the School Board Report, citing several examples of support and cooperation by Proctor teachers, staff, and students. These include:

- AE/MS use of the skating rink and Blackwater Ski Area
- Share Day workshops
- faculty judges for Poetry Night
- teacher interns during Proctor’s March Project Period
- Lynne Kenney’s class assisting the first grade
- Proctor maintenance of the softball field (which Proctor students are using)

Ten AE/MS eighth graders have been accepted to Proctor for the 2011-12 school year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14, at 7:30 PM at the same location.

School Board

April 12

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Erik Anderson, Kent Armstrong, Don Gould, Charlie McCrave, and Katie Keyser.

Administration present: Mike Martin, Chris Barry, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton, and Julie Gaudette

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Reminiscence

On the Road in 1949

By Walter Walker
Andover High School '49

Monday, September 5, found us up around 9 AM and driving until we needed gas, to a place where we also got the car greased. "Darn nice grease job, and only a buck, too," says my diary.

We drove until we found a shady spot, where we stopped and I wrote some letters.

We entered Oklahoma and went through Oklahoma City. At Warner [Oklahoma] we bought a very good watermelon for only 50 cents. We got on the wrong road and went 70 miles out of our way. We finally got back on our correct route and hit the sack around 9:30 PM.

On September 6 we crawled out of bed at 8 AM and crossed into Arkansas at 9:30 AM. We stopped and looked for a job at Fort Smith, with no luck. We then headed south and entered Louisiana at 3:54 PM. We had a quart of milk for lunch and drove across the state. "The stinkiest state I've ever been in," says my diary. We crossed the Mississippi at 10:30 PM at a cost of \$1.55. We drove until 11:30 PM then went to bed.

We got up at 6:30 AM on September 7, hit the road, and listened to the growl from the rear end, which meant the need for a new bearing. We entered Alabama at 1:40 PM and installed a new bearing ourselves. Cost: over \$7.00.

We drove a little way, and it began making another noise. We made it to Tuscaloosa, though. We had supper at the Conants, talked and read until about 10 PM, then hit the sack in one of their bedrooms – with air conditioning!

On September 8 we got up at 8:15

AM, had breakfast, and went to have the car fixed. The first man we saw did not dare to tackle the job, but the second would and did. When we went to get the car, we had a bill of over 14 bucks!

We looked for work, but found nothing. We had supper at the Conants and went to bed around 10 PM.

Friday, September 9, found us doing the dishes after breakfast and then off to the employment office. The only work they had was for cotton pickers, so we said, "What the heck, it's work!" and we gave it a try. We started at 9 AM and picked that white fluffy stuff as fast as we could until 1 PM, when we weighed in. Our pay for four hours work was 73¢ – total! That ended that.

As I look back today, I think how we were ahead of our time. Many years later we all saw the rich white kids go south to pick cotton alongside the poor blacks.

One thing we all remember is the little black girl, very cute and probably about four years old, who came over to our row probably three times that morning and said, "Please, Mist'ers, will you all tell me the time?"

Back at the Conants, we had lunch, did the dishes, and I wrote some letters. We did the dishes after supper, also. This became a ritual which was helped along by the Conants' two daughters.

On Saturday, September 10 we got a job cutting brush just outside town. We were paid 50¢ per hour and made six bucks among us. We went swimming in a nearby pool and returned to the Conants for the evening meal, dishes, and to bed around 11:30 PM.

Next time you will read about how Mr. Conant finds us work. 

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School Board from page 13

Board Chairperson's Report: Chairman Gould shared his positive discussion with Merrimack Valley High School regarding Andover students.

Public Participation: None.

Good News: Dr. Martin shared his praise for the performance of *School House Rock*, directed by Molly Kidane and performed by AE/MS students. He also noted positive audience behavior.

2011-2012 Calendar: Guidelines for school calendar development were discussed. Jane recommends the Board support the draft presented. The Board voted unanimously to accept.

Policies: Appendix KF-R was discussed. This was presented as a first read. Policy will be on the May agenda for second read.

Primex Multi-Year Agreements:

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Information regarding a multi-year agreement with Primex was discussed. By signing this agreement, the district will earn a 5% discount. There is also a cap benefit if you sign a multi-year agreement, so that the rate can't increase more than 7%. The Board voted unanimously to continue with Primex on the two-year cap agreement and two-year coverage.

Update on State Revenues: Dr. Martin updated the Board on the state budget issue, and he addressed the status of the state funding for the vocational program at Concord High School.

MVHS Principal Visit: Dr. Jette will attend the next Board meeting. The Board would like him to address how Andover students are doing, as well as share information on what Andover students do post-graduation.

Curriculum Information: Information was provided about a world language teacher as well as technology education.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP): Andover School District made AYP in reading, not in math. 



Richard Brewster has re-created an entire battle of the Civil War in lead soldiers that he made and painted. The scene is on display at the Andover Historical Society's museum in Potter Place. Staff photo: Bob Bussey

Andover Residents Fought In Civil War

By Richard Brewster
For the Beacon

President Abraham Lincoln, in the second year of the Civil War, realizing it was to be a protracted conflict, called for 300,000 men from the northern states. It was then that the 10th New Hampshire Regiment was formed.

An infantry regiment consists of 1,000 men. Each regiment has 10 companies of 100 men each. Company E, 10th NH Regiment included men from Andover and Wilmot. Thirty were from Andover.

The 10th NH was mustered in September 5, 1862, and sent by rail to Washington, DC. There was a train wreck on the way. One soldier was killed and a number wounded.

They trained for a month. The regiment first came under fire while guarding a wagon train in northern Virginia.

On December 11, 1862, they arrived across the Rappahannock River from Fredericksburg, Virginia. On the 13th they crossed the river. After having fought all day around the town, they took part in the ill-conceived charge up Marye's Heights against the well-trenched troops of General Longstreet and General Lee.

Wave after wave of Union soldiers advanced, only to be shot down. They weren't able to advance, yet could not retreat without being shot. Men used bodies as sandbags and slept that night amid the dead and wounded.

On that day, the Union troops, under General Burnside, had 12,700 men killed and wounded. General Lee had 5,000 killed and wounded.

During the next six weeks, the 10th NH stayed across the river from Fredericksburg. The North had plenty of everything, but because of poor leadership, the army suffered from cold, hunger, sickness, lack of clothing, and lack of pay.

For the next 14 months, the 10th NH marched, constructed fortifications, and fought all over central Virginia.

On April 22, 1864, they were assigned to "The Army of the James" under General Banks, a worse general than General Burnside! He was an influential politician from Massachusetts. After the war, he became governor of Massachusetts.

May 12, 1864: Drewry's Bluff

The left wing of the 18th Corps was in full retreat. The 10th NH and the 15th NH beat back charge after charge for two hours after the rest of the brigade had retreated. They then acted as rear guard in the retreat to Bermuda Hundred.

During the rest of 1864, the 10th NH took an active part in the siege of Petersburg, south of Richmond, Virginia.

On October 16, 1864, the 10th was at Fair Oaks, Virginia. They went into battle with 10 officers and 124 men. They came out of that battle with two officers and 25 men. Many were captured and later died in prison.

The 10th NH was one of the first units to enter Richmond as Lee retreated to Appomattox and surrendered.

The 10th NH was mustered out of service and arrived (along with the 12th NH and 13th NH) in Concord on June 27, 1865.

The 10th NH took part in 17 major engagements in its 34 months of service. Of the 30 men from Andover who served in the 10th NH, 11 of their surnames are currently listed in Andover and Wilmot. One wonders if any are descendants of the families of those who served. These names are: Colby, Cooper, Currier, Davis, Downs, Kenniston, Moody, Moulton, Sanborn, Wilson, and Woodward.

There were another 45 men from Andover who enlisted in various other units during the Civil War. Nineteen of their surnames are currently listed in the local phone book. Among those names are: Adams, Berry, Brown, Chase, Heath, Phelps, Spaulding, Taylor, and Thompson.

See 10th NH on page 16

Andover Historical Society

The Civil War And The New Hampshire Home Front

Andover Historical Society press release

The speaker on June 22 at 7 PM is Jere Daniells, who will speak on New Hampshire towns and the Civil War as part of our celebration of the sesquicentennial celebration of the event. His presentation at the Masonic Hall in Potter Place is not about battles, but about how towns dealt with the war.

Andover Old Time Fair

Sunday, August 7, is a day of old fashioned fun in Potter Place! Fair with auction, flea market, live music,

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Potter Place Museum Open

The museum at Potter Place is open Saturdays 10 AM to 3 PM and Sundays 12:30 to 3 PM. Call for groups: 735-5628.

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10th NH from page 15

There were three Cilleys listed, and records show many Cilleys had homes on Cilleyville Road here in town. (Back then it was called Maple Street.)

There was also a Frank P. Elkins listed.

Gilbert A. Tucker served. My grandfather, Willis Tucker, lived in Danbury and was born during the Civil War.

Of the 30 men from Andover in Company E of 10th NH, two died in battle or from their wounds. Two died from disease, two died in a southern prison. Ten were mustered out as disabled, one deserted, and one resigned. Twelve served until the end of the war!

A total of 75 men enlisted from Andover. Sixty went into the infantry, 12 into the New Hampshire Cavalry, and one into the Navy.

There were 16 Andover men in the 4th NH, 12 Andover men in the 1st NH Cavalry, and 15 Andover men in seven other regiments. The men from Andover were as brave as any who fought in that war!

The South, while it still had reserves, would replace a regiment's losses with their reserves. The North, generally, would not, but would rather raise new regiments. Replacing was better, as it allowed veterans of battles to guide new men. Often, as months went by, a regiment of 1,000 men would shrink to two or three hundred.

Railroads were new. There was

much marching, but for the first time a war was fought using railroads. In fact, at the first battle at Bull Run, Stonewall Jackson's troops arrived by train just in time to turn the tide of the battle. Had they not arrived, this could have been the only major battle of the war and could have eliminated the last three years and tens of thousands of deaths.

Accurate rifled weapons were used for the first time, greatly increasing the killing power of the armies. The artillery was as good, with few changes, as that used in World War II, 75 years later.

The average man then was two inches shorter and ten pounds lighter than today and could march from Andover to Concord in a day with a 60-pound pack on his back. Of course, 90 percent of them were farmers and were fit.

However, many who returned home had their health ruined for life.

The average man in New Hampshire in the middle 1800s often had never in his lifetime traveled more than 20 miles from where he was born. When put in large bodies of men, many contracted childhood diseases, which often caused them to be much sicker as adults than had they had the disease when they were a child

Pay was \$13 a month. At least it wasn't Confederate money, which suffered great inflation and was worth nothing after the war.

Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse Opens For Season

By Donna Baker-Hartwell
Andover Historical Society

The Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse opens for the season on Sunday, June 12, from 1 to 3 PM, with a new 38-star United States flag. A flag and pole were given to the Andover Historical Society by Elbridge "Wally" Grover of New London. Wally visited the schoolhouse last summer after watching the video re-enactment of an 1887 day at the school. (You can watch that video at YouTube.com/watch?v=hFQEOqww828w.)

In 1887, there were only 38 states in the union. Wally thought that the



Wally Grover donated the new flag after watching the video re-enactment of an 1887 school day.

school should have a period flag hanging outside, so he purchased one through Patriot Flags of Unity, New Hampshire. We will proudly fly the new 38-star flag on Sunday, June 12, from 1 to 3 PM. Thank you, Wally!

Many period artifacts will be on display including books, ink wells, slates, and quill pens. Copies of the video re-



The Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse now flies a 38-star flag, as it did in 1887. Photos: Donna Baker-Hartwell

enactment, greeting cards, and other memorabilia will be available for purchase. All proceeds go to the Andover Historical Society.

The schoolhouse will be open on the second Sunday of each month, June through October, from 1 to 3 PM. For more information, or to schedule a visit other than on those Sundays, please contact Pat Cutter at 735-5628 or Donna Baker-Hartwell at 735-5586 or DonnaBH@tds.net.

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Left: Alan Laughy and Mavis Newton received lifetime memberships from the Andover Fish & Game Club on April 26.

Right: Past president and current vice president of AF&G, Steve Smith (left), and his grandson Tyler Burt enjoyed their first turkey hunt together with long-time AF&G member Joe Cloutier.

ANDOVER FISH & GAME CLUB

By Gordie Ordway
Andover Fish & Game Club

Spring is in the air, and we've been doing some spring cleaning. Thanks to our loyal members for cleaning up in and around the clubhouse in preparation for the Kids Fishing Derby. A huge thanks to Butch and Betsy McDonald, who have been busy cleaning and painting inside the clubhouse!

Last month we had two of our long-time members present to receive their



lifetime memberships: Alan Laughy and Mavis Newton.

Let's not forget our junior members. Steve Smith's 14-year-old grandson Tyler had never been turkey hunting. With guidance from Joe Cloutier, all three did some pre-season scouting, and it paid off, as you can see in the photo above. This boy is now hooked! This is a great example of what can happen when people take the time to get the kids outdoors and teach them about hunting and fishing.

FREE FISHING DAY IN NH IS SATURDAY, JUNE 4

New Hampshire Fish and Game press release

New Hampshire Free Fishing Day will be here on Saturday, June 4, so make plans to get out and cast a line with family and friends. State residents and non-residents alike can fish any inland water – or saltwater – in New Hampshire that day without a fishing license.

Season dates, bag limits, and all other fishing regulations must be followed on Free Fishing Day. Anglers fishing for brood stock Atlantic salmon in the Merrimack and lower Pemigewasset rivers must have a fishing license and a special permit.

"Free Fishing Day is a great chance to take a buddy fishing, or to get out yourself for a relaxing day in the outdoors – and maybe a fish fry later that night!" says Karina Walsh, New Hampshire Fish and Game's Let's Go Fishing program coordinator.

Free Fishing Day kicks off 2011 National Fishing and Boating Week in New Hampshire, June 4 through 12, a nationwide observance encouraging families to have fun together on the water.

For details on fishing rules, consult the 2011 New Hampshire Freshwater Fishing Digest, available at FishNH.com/Fishing/fishing.htm, or wherever fishing licenses are sold. The Fish and Game Web site at FishNH.com offers info on where fish have recently been stocked,

tackle tips, lake depths, and fishing reports from across the state.

The Fish and Game Web site also has regional fishing brochures with suggestions on where to fish from the shoreline, currently available for Manchester/Nashua, the North Country, southwestern New Hampshire, the Lakes Region, and the seacoast.

If you get hooked on Free Fishing Day, enjoy the fun year round. Licenses are available online at FishNH.com or from any of 250 friendly local license agents statewide. Youth under age 16 do not need a license to fish in New Hampshire.

Free Fishing Licenses For Seniors

Over Age 68 Permanent Licenses are issued free to residents of New Hampshire who are 68 years of age or older. This permanent license is not available online or at Wal-Mart, but can be obtained at traditional license agents throughout the state.

Applicants must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least two years before application and present a valid New Hampshire drivers license or state-issued non-drivers photo identification card.

In addition to freshwater fishing, permanent licenses are also available to senior residents for Combination Hunting and Fishing; Fishing only; Muzzleloader; Archery; Clam and Oyster. The Over Age 68 Permanent License for fishing does not include saltwater fishing.

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(L-r) Bert Carvalho, Alex Southworth, Lee Carvalho, and Peter Southworth were among the many Andover residents (and others) who enjoyed the annual Rail Trail fundraiser at Rockwell's at the New London Inn last month.

Photo: Charlie Darling

Dan Murphy

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June 4: FNRT Celebrates National Trails Day

FNRT press release

Join us in helping celebrate National Trail Day 2011 by participating in a bike ride on the Northern Rail Trail on Saturday, June 4 at 10 AM.

Choose from one of seven bike rides that will be led by various Rail Trail volunteers on specific sections of the Northern Rail Trail. These rides will vary in length from 8 to 28 miles, depending upon the section chosen. It is not necessary to ride the complete section chosen, but leaders will be going the entire round trip for each section if anyone wants to do that amount.

All section rides begin at 10 AM. This is a great opportunity to try newly-completed sections of the trail. The rain date will be Sunday, June 5.

Chance Pond Road to Ice House Lane, Franklin: Steve Rayno, 934-2235, 10 miles round trip.

Potter Place to Webster Lake: Tom

Frantz, 848-8255 or TCFrantz@comcast.net, 20 miles round trip.

Potter Place to Danbury: Alex Bernhard, 735-5071, AABernhard@comcast.net, 16 miles round trip

Potter Place north and south: Lindy and Craig Heim, 526-6376 or LindyCraig@HeimFamily.org, start just West of Route 4 and Eagle Pond Road, 11 miles round trip north to Danbury Center or 8 miles round trip south to Potter Place

Canaan to Danbury: John Taylor, 454-5963, John.Taylor@UVTrails.org, start at Williams Field Playground, 24 miles round trip

Enfield to Canaan: Ken Warren, 448-3576, mrkdwarren@comcast.net, start at parking lot opposite Copeland Building, 13 miles round trip

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Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

May 18

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Alex Bernhard, Steve Darling, Craig Heim, Myra Mayman, Peter Southworth, Nita Tomaszewski, Bob Ward, and members Bob Lisk, Cathie Lisk, and AnaLeyah North. Bill Egge, Hannah Howard, Debbie Phillips, and Neil Chadwick from Blackwater Trail Riders attended.

Treasurer's Report: A few donations brought us ahead of last year's pace for memberships and donations.

Correspondence: We received a letter of permission to implement the FNRT-MC Work Plan from Jennifer Codispoti at Trails Bureau. Peter will send Larry Chase a letter commending him for drafting the plan.

Opening event in Danbury: Myra

spoke to the plans to celebrate the joining of the Grafton and Merrimack County trails (with the Upper Valley Trails Alliance and Grafton and Merrimack County rail trails) and suggested Sunday, July 31, for the date.

There was discussion about hiring a coordinator to organize and run the event. The basic plan is for bicycle and foot travel from north and south to meet in Danbury Center, donate canned food for local food pantries, put in a golden spike, take photos, and celebrate the opening of the trail.

Discussion centered around the size of the event and if it would be a fundraiser. A motion to authorize \$500 for a consultant (Cindy Heath) to organize the event was passed.

See FNRT on page 19

Andover Naturally

The World From Mud Pond

By Lee Carvalho
Beacon volunteer

Mud Pond, located on Proctor's woodlands north of the campus, is a delightful place to spend an hour or so observing the natural world. On recent trips I've watched wood ducks nibbling their way along the pond's edge, hooded mergansers diving for food, and yellow-rumped warblers flitting through branches.

In the woods, trailing arbutus has given way to Canadian mayflowers, and tiny yellow violets bloom along trails. I was entertained the other day by an otter diving for fish – and then suddenly eating one before my eyes.

It takes about 30 minutes to walk to Mud Pond from the campus; if you'd like to visit and need directions, just contact me at the e-mail address below.

Further up the side of Ragged Mountain, at the eastern end, is a cliff face known as The Bulkhead. According to Chris Martin of New Hampshire Audubon, the pair of peregrine falcons occupying the cliff is not incubating young. It is thrilling to see them; I was fascinated to spend a couple hours watching them perch, fly, dive, harass the nearby ravens, and chase interlopers away from their territory.

The Bulkhead was a regular nesting place for peregrines before the DDT era, when they disappeared. According to Chris, "We first began seeing peregrines here again in 2007, but the site has yet to produce young. The two birds seen here on May 10 this year are at least the third different female and at least the second different male occupying the site since 2007."

Although it is a challenging walk to

get there, the talus slope at the bottom of the cliff is a perfect place to observe the birds. Again, contact me if you would like directions.

In her terrific book, *Naturally Curious*, Mary Holland claims that "June is a month of possibilities." To appreciate those possibilities as they develop here in Andover, look and listen for:

- White admirals, those dark butterflies with a white band across their wings, on roads or near mud
- June bugs banging into your screens
- Female snapping turtles looking for nesting sites in sand, light soil, or gravel
- Indian cucumber roots, bunchberry flowers, and lady's slippers in the woods
- Warblers returning from the Caribbean
- The loose-banjo-string "plunk" of green frogs hoping to attract a mate
- The hatching of loon eggs. According to Mary Holland, the downy chicks make their way to water within two hours and are able to swim immediately.

My idea is to collect observations of the natural world here in Andover from our community, collate them, and share the news with our *Beacon* readers. Where is the best heron rookery these days? Who knows which of our lakes and ponds have nesting loons? Where is a good place to see showy lady's slippers? Who has had an exciting encounter with a wild animal?

Please send your stories and suggestions to me at AndoverNaturally@AndoverBeacon.com.

FNRT from page 18

June 4, National Trails Day rides: Myra shared the cycling details of the seven rides that will cover most of the 46 Northern Rail Trail miles.

Fourth of July plans: Plans are in place for the Firecracker 5K on the Rail Trail, and we'll host our table on the Village Green as well.

Recreational Trails Program grant plans: We have been awarded the grant for \$30,000 for the next section of trail building. Big thanks to Nita for all her work.

Strategic planning: It was suggested that we hold separate meetings for strategic planning but not use a strategic planner. We will have a special meeting on Wednesday, September 28.

Letter to Concord Monitor about horses on Rail Trail. Hannah Howard of the Blackwater Trail Riders came to talk about horses and their riding on the trail. She read her letter to the *Concord Monitor* in response to the May 11 letter complaining about damage to the trail. She also shared an article on horse manure outlining its harmless qualities.

Bill Egge spoke about two New

Hampshire statutes (RSA 147:13 and 163-b:13) about leaving horse manure in public locations. Bill had inspected and cleaned up the trail near Depot Street (where the author of the first letter lives) and removed horse manure. He observed very little trail damage.

Bill also shared a document that the BTR uses entitled *Minimize Your Impact on the Trail*. He is willing to remove horse manure any time there is a problem. Craig Heim noted on May 2 that he noted horse hoof marks and suggested that horses only walk when the trail is soft.

Alex requested that the BTR help to create signs to identify the new (softer) trail section from Potter Place to the Danbury highway shed with instructions on the best use for those conditions. Hannah said the BTR are happy to do so. Alex will send Hannah the language and in addition to the new section, they will post the signs around the Mills Ford Bridge in Danbury.

Bob noted that a major Abenaki (Peponki) trail ran along the Northern Rail Trail, and this could be a historical aspect of the rail trail we can share in the future.

Co-op Extension Workshops Continue In Boscawen

BAC press release

The Town of Boscawen Agricultural Commission (BAC), The Merrimack County Extension Office, and the Natural Resources Conservation Services announce the next in their series of lectures.

How To Make Good Compost

With Ann LaCroix, Master Gardener, on June 6

The first portion of this workshop will be held at the Boscawen Town Office Meeting Room, 116 North Main Street, Boscawen, starting at 6 PM on Monday, June 6. For the first part of the workshop Ann will show slides and

teach us the principles and theory of Lagsagna Composting, using a pop bottle. We will then go up to the Community Garden at Woodbury Lane and Corn Hill Road for a "hands on" experience and a question-and-answer session.

Ann completed her Master Gardener training in the fall of 2010, and has the most recent knowledge about composting.

While registration is not required, it helps ensure that we have enough free handouts for everyone. Please contact us at Agriculture03303@gmail.com, 796-6241, Alan@TownOfBoscawen.org, or 753-9188.



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Michelle Bengivengo has taken on the duties of director of the Bachelder Library in East Andover.

New Director Named For Bachelder Library

By Diane Rice
Andover Libraries Trustee

The Trustees of the Andover Libraries take pleasure in announcing that Michelle Bengivengo has been selected as the director of the William A. Bachelder Library. Michelle will succeed Mary Sell, who resigned after serving in this position for 12 years. The selection process involved the review of many qualified applicants. A decision was reached at the May 19 meeting of the Trustees.

Michelle is well known to many Andover residents as an Innkeeper with

her husband of the New England Bed and Breakfast in Andover, New Hampshire. She was also recently the Director of the AE/MS Annex and as such was responsible for the daily operations of the Andover Five Alive and After School Programs. Michelle has substituted for the Directors of both Andover libraries and thus has had a hands-on opportunity to become familiar with the nature of library collections.

Please make an opportunity to stop by the WA Bachelder Library in East Andover and give Michelle a warm welcome.

One World, Many Stories

By Priscilla Poulin
Andover Librarian

One World, Many Stories is the theme for the Andover Libraries' Summer Reading Program, which is due to start very soon! Students in kindergarten through eighth grade will enjoy a trip around the world with their friends through books this summer, along with new songs, stories, and crafts. Students will be encouraged to learn more about other lands, languages, and cultures, broadening their global understanding and bringing faraway places closer to home.

The Summer Reading Program isn't just fun; did you know that students who read during the summer months retain more of their reading skills and are better prepared for school in the fall? *One World, Many Stories* is a great reminder that summer and reading are both wonderful, and local libraries are a resource for fun and learning.

Summer Reading will begin the first week of July, and each group will meet for one hour a week at the Andover Public Library. To get their passport to fun, children need to sign up during

the month of June at either the Andover Public or Bachelder Library.

Children will be grouped according to the grade they will be going into in the fall. Kindergarteners, first, and second graders will be led by Michaela Trefethen; third, fourth, and fifth graders will be led by Megan Hanscom; and Pam Brown will be leading sixth, seventh, and eighth graders.

To find out more, watch for a parent letter coming home from AE/MS, stop by your neighborhood library, or call a library at 735-5333.

Free Passes To The Fells

We also would like to announce that we have our new 2011 Free Passes to The Fells, the historic estate and gardens on Lake Sunapee in Newbury. The passes admit two adults and accompanying children under the age of 18. Each library has seven passes, one for each day of the week.

Come on in and get your free pass to visit The Fells. We know you will enjoy the beautiful gardens and the hiking trails. Pack a picnic lunch to spend your day enjoying the beauty of the grounds at The Fells.



Steve Colardeau's iconic photo of the Cilleyville-Bog Bridge is one of many local photos in this year's Northern Exposures exhibit at the Andover Libraries.

Photo: Stephen Colardeau

Northern Exposures II Photography Exhibit Opens

Northern Exposures press release

Northern Exposures II, an eight-week exhibit of local photographic images made by Andover-area residents and displayed in Andover's two libraries, will begin with a reception, open to the public, starting at 4 PM on Sunday, June 26. The reception will be held in the William A. Bachelder Library on Chase Hill Road in East Andover.

After the reception, the work of the participants will be divided into separate, smaller exhibits at the Bachelder Library and the village library on Main Street in Andover. After four weeks, the two libraries will exchange their exhibits for a second four weeks.

Northern Exposures II will be open to the public during normal library hours at no charge.

Sponsored by the library trustees, the second annual exhibit 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 Andover, will include Dr. Dan Bezon,

the late Mark Chamberlin, Steve Colardeau, Beth Frost, Janine and Tim Hannibal, and Sam Johnson. In addition, a collection of pictures showing early local businesses will be provided



Photo: Mark Chamberlin

by the Andover Historical Society. The photos will appear in the Society's 2012 calendar, soon to be offered for sale.

"We're delighted to host this exhibit for a second year," said library trustee Diane Rice. "Given the interest in last year's show, we believe that it can become an annual event – one that showcases a different mix of local talent each year.

"We're also proud of the community resources our libraries provide and are hoping through events like these to introduce more local residents to them," she continued.

Exhibit hours will coincide with normal library hours (see page 9).

Moon Over Buffalo Opens At Highland Lake Grange Hall

Halfway to Broadway press release

A new and exciting theater company, Halfway to Broadway, opens its first production of the season with *Moon Over Buffalo* by Ken Ludwig.

Moon Over Buffalo is a wild farce about the cast of the Erlander Theatre in Buffalo, New York, in 1953. The diva lead actress, Charlotte Hay, is barely tolerant of her philandering semi-alcoholic husband, George. Mishaps and confusions arise for the company when presented the opportunity of famed film director Frank Capra attending a performance to possibly cast the two for a movie.

Their temperamental daughter Rosalind splits time between fiance Howard and ex-fiance Paul, who works as the company's stage manager. Charlotte's nearly-deaf mother, Ethel, and Richard, a would-be suitor for Charlotte, make their contributions to the mayhem as Eileen, a young actress in the company,

reveals her pregnancy to all.

The hopeful actors sprint through the tangle of confusion to produce a woe-fully misbegotten mixture of two different plays in their hoped-for presentation piece, and in the play's climactic scene, manage to set everything right by still more coincidences and mishaps. *Moon Over Buffalo* is a fast-paced and energetic night of entertainment

Show dates are Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18, at 7:30 PM; Thursday and Friday, June 23 and 24 at 7:30 PM; and Saturday, June 25, at 2 and 7:30 PM.

Performances will be held at the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover. Tickets are \$12 each. Tickets can be purchased at 998-4828 or reserved at HalfwayToBroadway@gmail.com.

For more information about the company and future performances, visit Halfway to Broadway on Facebook.



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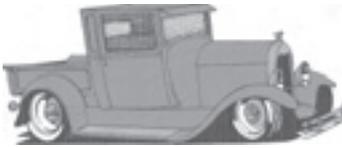
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New London Barn Playhouse press release

The New London Barn Playhouse has an exciting June planned! For the entire season's line-up, see the ad on page 32.

June

June 9-12: 54th Annual Straw Hat Revue. An original musical revue that showcases our 2011 Barnies. This exciting Barn tradition is free to the public but fills quickly, so get your tickets early! Thursday-Saturday 8 PM, Saturday and Sunday 5 PM. Free admission.

June 14-19: *Shakespeare in Hollywood*. Lights! Camera! Shakespeare! Ken Ludwig, of 2009's *Leading Ladies*, takes us to 1934, where Shakespeare's most famous fairies, Oberon and Puck, have magically materialized in Hollywood. With a little help from a feisty flower, blonde bombshells, and movie moguls, they are tossed into loopy love triangles with raucous results. Tuesday through Saturday, 8 PM; Sunday 5 PM: \$32 (under 16: \$22.50). Wednesday matinee, 2 PM: \$26 (under 16: \$17.50).

June 21-26 and June 28-July 3: *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Broadway's greatest farce is one of the funniest musicals ever written. *Forum* takes comedy back to its roots with the infectious energy of classic vaudeville, and the result is a non-stop laugh-fest. Hilarious songs include *Comedy Tonight* and *Everybody Ought to Have a Maid*. Tuesday-Saturday, 8 PM; Sunday 5 PM: \$32 (under 16: \$22.50). Wednesday matinee, 2 PM: \$26 (under 16: \$17.50).

June 24: Children's Storytelling Session, *Thumbelina*, 10 AM at Tracy Memorial Library, sponsored by New London Barn Playhouse and featuring

the cast of the upcoming Children's Series production. Storytelling, art activity, and snack. Free admission.

Mondays starting June 27: *New London Barn Intern Idols*. Audiences vote for one of two "teams" of interns as they create original musical revues. Each Monday will feature a different theme, such as *American Songbook: Gershwin, Porter and Friends*; *Hair Today/Saigon Tomorrow: Great Musicals of the '70s and '80s*; *What's New? Musicals from the 21st Century*; and *Interns' Choice!* Come once or come each week – you never know who might appear. Monday, 8 PM: \$32 (under 16: \$22.50).

June 30: *Thumbelina* – Children's Theater Series. The classic story of our tiny heroine who lives in a flower. Captured by a toad and a rat, and fighting off moles and cats and mice, she must go on an adventure through the forest to find the prince and princess to live happily ever after. 11 AM and 2 PM. Kids 2 thru 12, pay your age. Kids over 12 and all adults, \$12. Under 2, free.

Early July

July 5-10 and 12-17: *Guys and Dolls*. The award-winning classic, *Guys and Dolls* is set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City. This oddball romantic comedy – considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy – soars with the spirit of Broadway as it introduces us to a cast of vivid characters. From crap games to Vaudeville, musicals don't get any better than this. Tuesday-Saturday, 8 PM, and Sunday 5 PM: \$32 (under 16: \$22.50). Wednesday matinee, 2 PM: \$26 (under 16: \$17.50).

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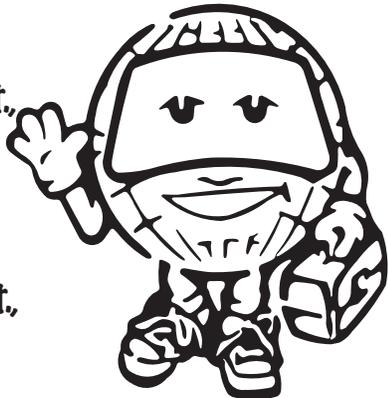
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Cantus Music Group To Perform In New London

Summer Music Associates press release

Cantus, a group of nine men who have exalting finesse, expressive power, and spontaneous grace, will perform on Saturday, June 25, at 7:30 PM at Colby-Sawyer College in New London.

They have been acclaimed as "the premier men's vocal ensemble in the United States." They have performed in France and Africa and throughout the United States, including New York, San Francisco, and Washington DC's Library of Congress. They have frequent performances with the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Boston Pops, and the Minnesota Orchestra under the direction of Doc Severinsen.

Cantus has recorded 10 CDs on its own label, and their self-titled CD was named one of the top 10 CDs of 2007 by National Public Radio.

Summer Music Associates had Cantus as one of the 2009 concert series. If

you did not have the opportunity to hear that concert, you for sure will not want to miss the opportunity to hear them on June 25.

Cantus will perform such favorites as *Somewhere* by Leonard Bernstein, *They Call the Wind Mariah* by Lerner and Lowe, *America* by Paul Simon, and *Cool Water* by Bob Nolan to mention a few. Their program is titled "Before Us – Exploring our American Identity through Hope, Faith, Labor, and Love."

Tickets are \$25 (students with valid IDs, \$5) available at the door or in advance at the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce information booth and the Morgan Hill Book Store, both on Main Street in New London, or by writing to Summer Music Associates, PO Box 603, New London 03257. Check, cash, and credit/debit cards are accepted.

Beginning this year, tickets can be purchased at SummerMusicAssociates.com. More information: 526-8234.

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**Andover Service Club
Scholarships - Since 1959**

By Mary Ofenloch
Andover Service Club

Every year since May of 1959, the Andover Service Club's Board of Trustees has met to review merit scholarship applications from high school seniors and continuing education students. This May was no exception.

When the Service Club members, in 1959, decided to offer a scholarship to a graduate of Andover High School, a Scholarship Ball was held in May of that year. The Ball raised \$203.50, so the first scholarship was awarded to Richard Vaters in the amount of \$200. The remaining \$3.50 was used to start a fund for future scholarships. Through the past 52 years, this fund has grown, and hundreds of awards have been given to students with outstanding scholarship, character, leadership qualities, and service to the community.

In 1976, application forms were written based on the rules for induction into the National Honor Society. Applicants today must be a resident of Andover or East Andover, or a child or grandchild of a Service Club member. They must submit a brief resume with an essay outlining future goals; a transcript with grades of achievement from the school they are attending; three recommendations (one must be from a teacher); and acceptance from the college or university which they will attend.

This year, 12 students submitted application forms. "The quality of the applications is so high that we only wish we could have awarded more," said Diane Rice, co-chair of the Scholarship Committee. "Only five students will be receiving an award."

The Scholarship Fund has been limited due to the economic situation we are all experiencing. Fundraising income has been down for the past two years or more. Lois Magenau, co-chair, added, "Reviewing the applications has been extremely difficult, since so many are so qualified." Lois also stated that she "would like to give something to everyone who applies. Sadly, this is not possible at this time."

Winners will receive the award at their graduation ceremony in June, or through the mail. The names of winners will be announced in the July issue of *The Andover Beacon*.

Income from the Andover Service Club Thrift Shop is the main contributor to the Scholarship Fund, as well as special fundraising events held throughout the year.

You can help by supporting club fundraisers, or, if you are a woman, you may become a member of the Service Club. Memorial donations are also gratefully accepted. The Andover Service Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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Andover Service Club News

By Mary Demers
Andover Service Club

The Andover Service Club's monthly meeting was opened at 10 AM on May 11 by President Robin Boynton, who welcomed members and thanked the hostess committee for the fruit bowl, cheese board, coffee cake, and other goodies. A great way to hold a meeting!

Opening words were by Jean Tate including thoughts about Memorial Day and her father, a World War I veteran. WWI was supposed to be the war to end all wars.

The Thrift Shop is still helping to fill the coffers for the scholarship program. More members are needed to serve only a few hours a week to sell some very nice items we have for sale.

On May 11 at 7 PM, the Andover Service Club and the New Hampshire

Humanities Council co-sponsored a presentation by Kevin Gardner, a stone wall builder in a family business known for traditional and historic structures. He gave wonderful information about the many reasons for stone walls and the importance of preserving them for future generations.

The spring clean-up and feeding of the gardens around the Town Hall is now underway by Lorraine Roberts and Ann Hewitt. Committee members will soon receive a written work schedule to maintain the beautiful grounds around the Andover Town Hall.

Nominations for next year's Andover Service Club officers will be offered for a vote at the Wednesday, June 8 meeting, to be held at the Millstone Restaurant in New London at 11:30 AM. The cost will be \$20.

Blackwater Grange #152

The Blackwater Grange #152 met on May 12 with Master Clayton Nowell presiding and nine members present. Neil McDonald, Blackwater's Deputy, was also in attendance, and he brought greetings from State Master James Tetreault and General Deputy. This was Deputy McDonald's spring visit.

Agriculture Master Clayton Nowell

reported that 2011 was a good year for maple syrup.

For community service, Grange members picked up trash.

The meeting concluded with a program of poems and a quiz. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, at 7:30 PM at the Masonic Hall in Potter Place.

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Around the World with *The Andover Beacon*



FROM ITALY TO AUSTRALIA, the globe-trotting *Beacon* really got around last month! Clockwise from top left:

Traveling with Proctor Academy's Mountain Classroom, Brianna Davis and Will Henriques took a break in Arches National Park, Utah.

The Andover One Wheelers read their *Beacons* (some of which are invisible) at the Lincoln Memorial on May 22. Photo: Alan Hanscom

Scout, Helen, and Patch Armstrong took along their *Beacon* on a visit to the San Clemente Pier in California.

Don and Nan Kaplan stand beneath the Arco Trionfale della Madonna del Rosario in Cherasco, Italy.

Ted Bernhard, Alex Bernhard's youngest son, took his *Beacon* along on a business trip to Australia. He is shown here at the Sydney Opera House.

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Andover residents Jean-Marie Beauchemin and Baxter, the Brussels Griffon, along with their March of Dimes Walk-a-thon team, presented the New Hampshire March of Dimes state director, Karen Dennis, with a check for \$1,418.75 on April 30. Funds were raised by the team via food events, car washes, and donations. Photo and caption: Aaron Beauchemin



Among the many folks who enjoyed a second Mason's Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 7, was Clayton Nowell (left), who graciously donated 3½ gallons of maple syrup to the event, which raised over \$600 to help send Andover Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to summer camp. Photo and caption: Mark Stetson

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NH Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault
NHCHF

Bonjour, Madame. Bonsoir, ma fille. Merci. Who, moi? These were some of the French phrases and words heard at our last meeting. We surprised ourselves that we remembered so much of our high school French. One of our ladies was able to count to ten in French. We had a little trouble with the spelling, but luckily someone thought to bring a French/English dictionary.

By now you've guessed this month's topic was France. In lieu of our usual sandwich we opted for a meal a la Francaise. For starters, we had Gorton (pork pate) on crackers. The main course was Tartelettes De Tomates (like pizza), Boeuf Bourguignon (Beef in Burgundy wine) over noodles, and Le Pain Francais (French bread). Dessert was Choux a la Creme (cream puffs).

Our table decorations were red, white, and blue, as the French flag (drapeau tricolore) has vertical bands of these colors.

We were all fairly familiar with the country's location, capital, and places of interest. Some of our members had visited France. We did learn some of their interesting customs.

Food and wine plays an important part in their social life and can be quite formal. They are very particular about their wine, and if you are bringing it as a gift, it should be a good quality.

If you think to play it safe and send flowers, remember they are to be sent in the morning so they may be displayed at the dinner party. Never send 13; it is bad luck. No red carnations, as they mean ill will. White flowers are for weddings, except white lilies and chrysanthemums are for funerals. Maybe you should just bring candy.

They also expect you to dress well. The younger generation are less rigid about the rules, and the further south you go, the more casual they are about dining.

The family is very important to the
See NHCHF on page 27



Judith Bastianelli, the "Lace Lady," spoke at the state meeting of NHCHF in Andover.

NHCHF Spring Workshop Held At AE/MS

By Judy Perreault
NHCHF

This is one of two state meetings held during the year which give our members from different counties a chance to get together for fun, food, and facts.

Sylvia Anderson, a member of Country Women's Council, our national affiliation gave a talk about its composition and goals. It was important to inform the members about this organization, as we are hosting the National Conference in 2012 in Manchester. It is the first time New Hampshire has ever been a host state.

Our other speaker, Judith Bastianelli, or the "Lace Lady," presented a talk about the history of lace and displayed her handmade knitted and bobbin lace, which is her specialty. Attendees also brought samples of handmade lace. There were some wonderful handkerchiefs with intricate tatted lace on the edges.

It is a very tedious process to make lace. An inch-by-inch piece takes over an hour. Handmade lace is very expensive, and at one time only royalty was allowed to wear it.

France was one of the centers of lace making, with different regions producing their own types of lace. Processes were closely guarded, and it was very lucrative to be in the lace smuggling business.

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French, and despite their reputation as being romantic, they have a very practical approach to marriage.

On display we had some French perfume and a beautiful piece of Limoge china.

A chorus of "Au revoir" was heard as members departed, having enjoyed a petite visit to France.

For more information about joining our group, call 735-5493.

Conditions for lace makers were dismal. They worked in damp, poorly lit areas for long hours. Children as young as four or five were tied in chairs and forced to make lace. Blindness was often a result of years of lace making.

Judith has traveled to France for several lace making seminars.

We took a break at noon to enjoy our brown bag lunches and some additional goodies made by the Halcyon Seekers.

A variety of craft activities were offered in the afternoon, as well as a spinning demonstration by Ms. Bastianelli.

There were auction items on display throughout the day, and attendees had the opportunity to make written bids on these items. Periodically you checked your bid to see if yours was the highest. There was some frantic writing at the end of the day.

We feel we achieved our aim of fun, food, and facts.



Louise Carey from New London was one of the volunteers helping out at the Immaculate Conception Church's Spring Rummage Sale.
Staff photo: Bob Bussey

A Senior On The Go

By Mary Demers
Beacon volunteer

On a bright sunny day in Cilleyville, you may be surprised to see a jazzy electric scooter with an American flag flying in the breeze and a senior citizen tooling along the road toward the Blackwater Junction Restaurant. Eighty-one-year-old Everill "Toffie" Motuzas does not own a car and relies on her scooter to get her there.

She parks the scooter in the garden next to the front entrance. Once inside, Jenny Hamel, Angie Chase, Debbie Martin, or John Hamel greet her with a smile and her coffee. While she enjoys her breakfast, other customers arrive and greet her with a smile and conversation.

Toffie, formerly of Massachusetts, has lived for 40 years in different towns of New Hampshire. She loves loons and has a collection of all sizes and styles, including a loon windsock, a gift from her friend Buffie. Buffie, who lives nearby in Potter Place, helps Toffie to the grocery store, doctor appointments, or anywhere she is unable to go in her scooter.



Toffie Motuzas "scoots" along Main Street in Cilleyville to visit the Blackwater Junction Restaurant.

Photo: Mary Demers

This red scooter, American flag flying in the breeze along the road, is a picture of true Americana in a small New England town.

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BORN: Alexander Berry

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Alexander's maternal grandparents are Robin and Jay Boynton of Andover and Robert Berry and Barbara Clark of

Epsom. His paternal grandparents are John and Dawn Reed of White River Junction, Vermont.

After whirlwind visitations by both Memere and Nana, Mom, Dad, and Baby Xander are settled in nicely at home.



Jaylyn Wilks of Loudon gets on the good side of the horse she is about to ride. Allison Barry in the background. Photo: R Bussey

Allison Barry: One of Nation's Top 50 Riding Instructors

By Lexie King and Elizabeth Townsend
Beacon volunteers

Defying cold and an April snow shower, the Whisper Wind Stables held its annual open house on April 23. Despite the weather, horse lovers trekked to the barn located on Flaghole Road and were offered the opportunity to tour the stables, ride a horse, and experience a cart ride if they so desired.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, and warm chili were served, allowing everyone to huddle around the grill when they needed a bit of warmth. Horse-shaped sugar

cookies for the kids to decorate added a fun touch to the menu.

Allison Barry, the owner of the stables, was on hand to welcome visitors and answer questions about the facilities, the horses, and the services Whisper Wind offers. She grew up with horses, riding and competing in several shows before turning her skills to training both horses and riders.

Allison has been teaching riding for approximately 25 years and was awarded her National Certification in 1989. In 2009, the American Riding Instructors

See Allison on page 29



Cameron Wood (right) receives congratulations and a certificate of achievement from Andover Lions Club member Jim Goody during Cam's Eagle Court of Honor last month. Photo: Bourque Photography

Cameron Wood Achieves Eagle Scout

By Karen Frink
For the Beacon

An Eagle Court of Honor for Cameron Wood was held on May 1 at the Tilton Veteran's Home with friends, residents, and members of the scouting community in attendance. For Cameron's Eagle project, he designed and built two wheelchair-accessible picnic tables for the residents and donated four flower boxes for a courtyard. Les Fenton of Fenton's Construction provided the carpentry skills for the project, and Troop 489 and family members spent a day at the Veteran's Home assembling the tables, which were painted red, white, and blue.

Master of Ceremonies Eagle scout Joel Bates, Troop 88 (Concord), opened the ceremony with the posting of the colors by Troop 489, followed by Paul Fenton, Jr. leading the Invocation. Two

Cub scouts from Pack 489 participated in a candle lighting ceremony to represent the red, white, and blue of the flag. Paul Boucher of the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce opened the Court of Honor with the traditional lighting of candles, which represents a scout's Road to Eagle. The candle's were lit by Life Scout Brendan Coll.

Robert Hardy came forward and read the Eagle Report, which declares that Cameron has met before the Board of Review and has been approved for the rank of Eagle Scout. Cameron presented parents Karen Frink and Allen Wood with their parent pins, and they had the privilege of pinning on Cameron's Eagle Scout medal and presenting him with the Eagle badge.

Kathy Bennett, the Sunapee District Scoutmaster of the Year, had the

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An "Upper End of Tucker Mountain Road" neighborhood get-together hosted by Brad Hartwell and Donna Baker-Hartwell included a dance around the May Pole. (Clockwise from 12:01) Britta Johnson, Sue Rochon, Annika Johnson, Barbara Taylor, Benjamin Seaver, Leo Frego, Lynn Cox, Jim Cox, Eric Johnson, George Rochon, Brad Hartwell, Traci Fowler, Ann Frego, Lucas Fowler, Kate Goodin, Frank Baker III.

Does your neighborhood celebrate something? Do you have events or get-togethers? Please let the Beacon know! Photo: Donna Baker-Hartwell

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honor of removing Cameron's troop neckerchief and replacing it with the Eagle Scout neckerchief and slide. Veteran's Home employee James Mazzuchelli came forward to read the Eagle Charge, and Eagle Scout resident Robert Blanchard presented Cameron with his membership into the National Eagle Scout Association.

Mr. Boucher asked Cameron to come forward to make his personal presentations. The following people were presented with a certificate of appreciation for their contributions to Cameron's Eagle project:

Larry Goss, Veterans Home employee, who contacted Cameron about the need for handicapped picnic tables

Les Fenton, the Project Manager, who helped design and cut all the pieces for the tables

Jake Mason, from the Barn Store, for his donation of lumber for a table

James Mazzuchelli, Veterans Home employee, who helped Cameron with building logistics

Robert Blanchard, resident, who supervised the building of the tables as well as related many stories to Cameron

about his life as a scout.

Cameron then presented his mentor pin to his mom, saying she had always been there for him and he couldn't have done this without her.

Several organizations recognized Cameron for his achievement. The American Legion presented Cameron with a Good Citizenship Citation, the Andover Lions Club presented a certificate of achievement, and Franklin Lodge of Elks #1280 presented a plaque congratulating him on the Eagle rank achievement.

New Hampshire Representative Ken Kreis, Sr. presented Cameron with a certificate signed by William L. O'Brien, Speaker of the House. Mr. Boucher read a congratulatory letter from Merrimack County Sheriff Scott Hilliard, as well as a Resolution read on the Senate floor by New Hampshire Senator Matt Houde, District 5.

Mr. Bouchard called the Eagle Court of Honor closed, and Joel Bates invited Paul Fenton, Jr. to give the Benediction. Refreshments were served, and guests had the opportunity to congratulate the new Eagle Scout and view tables that showed Cameron's accomplishments through 10 years of scouting. 

vices to the community as a farrier and trains Thoroughbred horses.

She enjoys all aspects of her work with horses and children, but admitted that one activity stands out. "The highlight of our year is taking riders to the ocean," she said. Every year some of the more experienced riders are chosen to accompany her to Salisbury Beach in Massachusetts. She also offers the opportunity for her students to compete in horse shows.

For more information on Allison or Whisper Wind Stables, you can e-mail her at WhisperWindB@aol.com. 

ANDOVER HIGH REUNION

By Judy Poblent Perreault '53

Folks must think I spend my time reading old copies of the The Blue Crest, Andover High's yearbook. Come *Beacon* deadline time, it's true. These old yearbooks are pretty interesting and so reflective of the times.

I picked up the 1946 book. It is the only one that I have that is not bound and doesn't have any pictures. The cover only says Andover High School. I don't know when it became The Blue Crest as I am missing a number of copies.

It was just after the war, and money was not available for a professionally-printed yearbook. The seniors came as close as they could on their own with a typewriter and mimeograph, which is how we made lots of copies in the old days.

Remember cutting those stencils? If you made a mistake, you had to paint it out with a special solution, wait for it to dry, and then re-type. What we would have given for a computer and copier!

The 1946 editorial written by Margery Cadoo, the class president, was especially moving. It talked about graduating in troubled times, a world in chaos, industrial upheaval and economic depression in the aftermath of the war. No jobs for returning veterans

and others.

It makes you wonder: Have times really changed so much? She stressed the value of education as a key to a more successful future. Goals we urge our children to pursue today.

Reunion: July 9

Come to the AHS reunion and visit with your classmates. Anyone who attended the high school is welcome. Many of the boys quit school when the war was declared and didn't have a chance to finish.

Bring your memorabilia and look through what we have on hand. Talk over old times and the fun we had. Enjoy a delicious pot luck lunch.

It all takes place on Saturday, July 9, at the Ordway Recreational Area in South Danbury, off Route 4. Watch for the sign and the blue and white balloons.

If it rains, we meet at the old high school, which is now the Andover Elementary/Middle School. We'll have the coffee on at 10 AM and a brief meeting at 11 AM. Bring a chair, a pot luck dish, a beverage, and your memories.

Come a week early and enjoy Andover's annual Fourth of July festivities on the Village Green. We hope you make plans to attend this year. 

Allison from page 28

Association voted to include Allison in their list of the top 50 riding instructors in the United States.

"Allison could teach a rock to ride a horse," said Cherry Shattuck, a member of the "barn family" at Whisper Wind. The three generations of her family were represented at the event. Kaitlyn Ashburn, who has been riding at Whisper Wind for over 10 years, also spoke highly of Allison's skills. These are not limited just to her abilities as a riding instructor; Allison also offers her ser-

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ON-GOING EVENTS

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 10 AM to 11:15 AM
Masonic Hall, Potter Place

SCHEDULED EVENTS

National Trails Day Bike Rides
Sat, Jun 4, 10 AM
Various starting points

Celebrate National Trails Day by participating in one of several rides. Rain date is June 5. Article: page 18.

Andover Girls Softball Benefit Golf Tournament

Sat, Jun 4, noon
Den Brea Golf Course, Sanbornton
Shot gun start at 1 PM. \$60 per person. Prizes, raffles. Ad: page 2.

Free Fishing Day

Sat, Jun 4
Fish in New Hampshire on June 4 without a fishing license. Article: page 17.

Andover Service Club

Wed, Jun 8, 10 AM
Masonic Hall, Potter Place

Blackwater Grange

Thu, Jun 9, 7:30 PM
Masonic Hall, Potter Place

Swap Day

Sat, Jun 11, 8 AM to 2 PM
Transfer Station
Rain date: June 18

Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse

Sun, Jun 12, 1 PM to 3 PM
Tucker Mountain Road
Opening for the season with a new 38-star United States flag. Also on display: books, ink wells, slates, and quill pens. Article: page 16.

Andover Lions Club

Mon, Jun 13, 6 PM
Masonic Hall, Potter Place
Meet and greet: 6 PM. Dinner: 7 PM.

Soccer Sign-Ups

Mon, Jun 13, 6 PM, AE/MS
Article: page 41.

AE/MS PTO

Mon, Jun 13, 6:30 PM, AE/MS Library

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

Wed, Jun 15, 7 PM
Andover Fire House

Moon Over Buffalo

Fri, Jun 17, 7:30 PM
Highland Lake Grange Hall
June 17, 18, 23, 24 at 7:30 PM; June 25 at 2 and 7:30 PM. Tickets, \$12. 998-4828 or HalfwayToBroadway@gmail.com. Article: page 21.

NHCHF

Mon, Jun 20, noon
Irene McKinley's house
10 Chandler Street, Bristol
Program: World War II.

Mrs. P and Ms. Fitz Retire

Mon, Jun 20, 3:30 to 5:30 PM
Bluewater Farm Lodge
Bradley Lake

Join the AE/MS community to celebrate Ms. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Pellegrino. Article: page 52.

Energy Efficiency and Sustainability in Andover

Mon, Jun 20, 6:30 PM, AE/MS Gym
Jeff Dickinson, an Andover resident, has some practical and exciting ideas to share. Information: 735-5400. Article: page 45.

Meeting of Local Clubs

Tue, Jun 21, 7 PM
Town Hall
Local clubs and organizations explore ways to coordinate their activities to better serve Andover. Ad: page 33.

New Hampshire Towns and the Civil War

Wed, Jun 22, 7 PM
Masonic Lodge, Potter Place
A presentation by Jere Daniells. He will focus on the home front, not the fighting. Article: page 15.

We Build It Forward

Sat, Jun 25, 9 AM
RP Johnson & Son
Teams will convene at RP Johnson & Son in Andover to kick off the event. Ad: page 6.

Northern Exposures II

Sun, Jun 26, 4 PM
William A. Bachelder Library
East Andover
An eight-week exhibit of photos by Andover-area residents displayed in Andover's two libraries will begin with a public reception. Article: page 21.

Andover Lions Club

Mon, Jun 27, 6 PM
Masonic Hall, Potter Place
Chili, salad, and dessert: 6 PM. Meeting: 7 PM.

Andover Fish & Game

Tue, Jun 28, 7:30 PM
Clubhouse, East Andover

Ice Cream Social

Sat, Jul 2, 7 PM
East Andover Fire House
To benefit the Highland Lake Protective Association. \$4 per person for a big sundae.

Highland Lake Boat Parade

Sun, Jul 3, 4 PM
Highland Lake, East Andover
All boats are invited to join the procession around the lake. Best decorated boat wins \$50. Article: page 35.

Andover Fourth of July

Mon, Jul 4, Andover Village Green
Article: page 6.

Lighting of the Flares

Mon, Jul 4, 9 PM
Highland Lake, East Andover
All around the lake. Article: page 35.

Andover High School Reunion

Sat, Jul 9, 10 AM
Ordway Recreational Area
South Danbury
Bring a chair, a pot luck dish, a beverage, and your memories. Rain: meet at the old Andover High. Article: page 29.

ELSEWHERE

ON-GOING EVENTS

Northway Bank Knitting Group

Saturdays, 1 PM to 4 PM
Franklin Public Library
Learn to knit or crochet. Make beautiful scarves and mittens to be donated to local schools. Info: 934-4261

Franklin Rotary

Tuesdays, 7 AM, Soda Shoppe,
901 Central Street, Franklin

Blood Pressure Clinic

Tues and Thurs, 9 AM to noon
VNA, New London

Storytime with Miss Rachel

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 AM
Franklin Public Library
Free story time and craft project for preschoolers

Foot Care Clinic

Thursdays, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM
VNA, New London
Call 526-4077 to sign up.

New London Rotary

Fridays, 7:30 AM
Rockwell's, New London Inn

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Relay For Life

Fri, Jun 3, 5 PM
Kearsarge High, Sutton
Fundraiser for American Cancer Society.

Celebrity Waiter Dinner

Sat, June 4, 5:30 PM
Franklin Elks Lodge
Support The Middle and be entertained by our very own "celebrities." After a delicious Italian dinner and wine, dance the night away to the sounds of Fireside. Live and silent auctions. Reservations: 934-1901

Widow to Widow Support Group

Mon, Jun 6, 10 AM to noon
VNA, New London

How to Make Good Compost

Mon, Jun 6, 6 PM
Boscawen Town Office
Principles and theory of Lasagna Composting. Article: page 19.

Cancer Survivors' Celebration

Tue, Jun 7, 2:30 PM to 5 PM
Lakes Region General Hospital

Easement Monitoring Workshop

Wed, Jun 8, 2 PM to 6 PM
71 Pleasant Street, New London
One hour of classroom work, then outside for the remainder of the workshop. Register: 526-6555.

Kearsarge Community Band

Fri, Jun 10, 6:30 PM
Bandstand, New London
Free band concert on the New London Common. Ad: page 32.

Danbury Grange Chicken Barbecue

Sat, Jun 11, 5 PM to 6:30 PM
Danbury Grange Hall
Barbecue chicken, salads, baked beans, strawberry shortcake. Adults \$8; under 12, \$4; under 3 free. Article: page 37.

Foster Care Info Night

Mon, Jun 13, 5:30 PM
Casey Family Services, 105 Loudon Rd, Concord
Learn about foster and/or adoptive parenting. RSVP: 224-8909. Ad: page 45.

Carter Mountain Brass Band

Fri, Jun 17, 6:30 PM
Bandstand, New London
Free band concert on the New London Common. Ad: page 32.

Danbury Historical Society Fundraiser

Sat, Jun 18, 10 AM
Routes 104 and 4, Danbury
Bake Sale and Hot Dogs with Fixin's fundraiser.

MVHS Parent Advisory Group

Mon, Jun 20, 7 PM
MVHS

WCA Senior Luncheon

Tue, Jun 21, 12:30 PM
WCA Barn, Willmot Flat
Note new starting time: 12:30 PM. Wilmot Fire Chief Doug Rayno will give an overview of what the fire department does.

Tall Granite Jazz

Fri, Jun 24, 6:30 PM
Bandstand, New London
Free band concert on the New London Common. Ad: page 32.

Cantus

Sat, Jun 25, 7:30 PM
Colby-Sawyer College Auditorium, New London
Cantus is a singing group of "finesse, expressive power, and spontaneous grace." Article: page 23.

Granite State Stompers

Fri, Jul 1, 6:30 PM
Bandstand, New London
Free band concert on the New London Common. Ad: page 32.

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ON-GOING EVENTS

Walking Group

Mon and Wed, 9 to 11:15 AM
Meet at the Gazebo in Odell Park to walk the new mile-long trail.

Chronic Disease Self-Management

Mondays, 9 AM to 11:30 AM
Melissa Rizzo and Carolyn Muller of Franklin Regional Hospital. Sign up: 934-4151

Line Dancing

Mondays and Fridays, 10 AM

Chair Exercises

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 AM

Bingo

Tues and Thurs, 12:15 PM
Directly after lunch is served.

Yoga

Wednesdays, 10 AM
\$7 per session

Tai Chi

Thursdays, 11 AM

Cafe Bienvenue Buffet

Fridays, 11 AM to noon
Buffet-style brunch. \$2 seniors, \$6 under 60.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Chocolate Ice Cream Day

Tue, June 7
Make a chocolate sundae. Sign up: 934-4151

Diabetic Supply

Tue, June 7, 10:30 to 11:30 AM
Learn about caring for your feet as well as free supplies through Medicare. Delicious, healthy, low-sugar treats offered.

Foxwoods Trip

Wed, June 8, 6:30 AM to 7 PM
Deluxe motorcoach, bag breakfast, bingo, and movie. Non-refundable seat reserved with \$40 payment. Sign up: 934-4151

Best Friends Day

Wed, June 8, 11 AM
Chicken breast with gravy, cranberry sauce, whipped potatoes, stuffing, and veggies. Sign up: 934-4151

Bus to Concord

Mon, June 13
Wheelchair-accessible, 18-passenger bus. Go bowling, shopping, or to an appointment. Donation, \$2. Sign up: 934-4151

Flag Day Celebration

Tue, June 14, 10:30 AM
Special ceremony followed by BBQ. Wear red, white, and blue! Sign up: 934-4151

Mystery Lunch

Wed, June 15, 11 AM
Surprise destination. Pay for your own lunch. Transportation, \$2. Sign up: 934-4151

Long Term Care Counseling and Medicare

Thu, June 16, 10:30 AM
One-on-one appointments with specialist Wayne Blanchard.

Father's Day Brunch

Fri, June 17, 11 AM
French toast with syrup, ham slice, peaches and cottage cheese. Sign up: 934-4151

First Day of Summer Picnic

Tue, June 21, 11 AM
Ham or low salt turkey, macaroni salad, coleslaw, and pineapple for dessert. Weather permitting, we will dine outdoors. Sign up: 934-4151

Blood Pressure Testing

Tue, June 28, 10:30 AM
Provided by the Franklin Visiting Nurse Association.

Help for Medicare Advantage, Part D

Tue, June 28, 10:30 AM
One-on-one appointments with specialist Anita Oelfke.

Visiting Nurse Association

Tue, June 28, 10:30 AM
One-on-one appointments with the nurse.

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Mondays, 10 AM

Chair Exercises

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Duplicate Bridge

Mondays, 1 PM
Bidding boxes

Writing Your Memoirs

Tuesdays starting Jun 21 to Tue, Jul 12, 9:30 AM
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Poker

Tuesdays, 2 PM

Walking for Seniors

Tues and Thurs, 3:30 to 4:30 PM
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Outdoor Recreation for Seniors

Tuesdays
Places and times varies. Call for info.

Duplicate Bridge

Wednesdays, 9:15 AM

Walk-in Painting

Wednesdays, 1 PM to 3 PM
Informal group to paint with.

Hand and Foot Card Game

Wednesdays, 1 PM
A fun and simple card game

Tai Chi

Wednesdays, 2:30 PM
New London Presbyter. Church

Contract Bridge

Thursdays, 9:30 AM

Genealogy Workshop

2nd and 4th Thurs, 10 AM to noon
Receive assistance with your genealogical research.

Dominoes

Thursdays, 1 PM

Learn How to Play Chess

Thursdays, 2 PM to 4 PM
Brush up on or learn how to play chess. Call to sign up.

Bike Group

Thursdays
Places and times varies. Call for info.

Women's Discussion Group

Fridays, 9 AM
Get to know your neighbors over a cup of coffee.

Scrabble

Fridays, 1 PM

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Blood Pressure/Glucose Screening Clinic and Ask a Nurse

Fri, Jun 3, 10:30 AM to noon

VNA Foot Care Clinic

Fri, Jun 3, 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM
\$20 (\$25 for diabetics with doctor's order). Call for appointment.

Computer Questions

Sat, Jun 4, 9 to 11 AM
Half-hour individual appointments to answer your questions. Call for appointment.

Parkinson Support Group

Tue, Jun 7, 1 PM

Long-Term Care Planning

Fri, Jun 10, 10:30 AM
Learn more about your options for long-term care with Wayne Blanchard from ServiceLink. Call to register.

VNA Foot Care Clinic

Fri, Jun 10, 1 PM to 3 PM
\$20 (\$25 for diabetics with doctor's order). Call for appointment.

Breakfast Club Book Discussion

Tue, Jun 14, 9:30 AM
Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford.

Questions About Medicare

Tue, Jun 14, 1 PM to 3 PM
Anita Oelfke answers your Medicare questions. Register: 526-6368

Movie and Pizza Night

Fri, Jun 17, 5 PM
Fly Away Home. Call to sign up.

Greeting Card Workshop

Tue, Jun 21, 1 PM
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Conversations with Lunch

Mon, Jun 27, noon
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July 01	The Granite State Stompers New Orleans jazz from New London's own Dixieland band.
July 08	Nevers Second Regiment Band This regimental band has a proud history in New Hampshire. Led by Rick Cook, we welcome the stirring sounds of this full wind band to New London.
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Andover Lions Club News

By Bill Leber

Andover Lions Club

Jim Danforth contributed to this article.

At the April 25 meeting, we hosted the Andover Emergency Medical Services department head John Kinney, who brought us up to date on the activities and operation of the department under the new arrangement. He indicated all is proceeding fairly well as they work out the details of the new administrative operation.

Mr. Kinney identified the need for a new ambulance in the next few years, and efforts to raise the funds will be a project for the future. The Andover Lions Club was prominent in obtaining the very first ambulance for the town and has made substantial contributions for replacements each time. Now the Emergency Medical Services department is a town responsibility. Will volunteer organizations be asked to help replace the ambulance?

Lions District 44N Spring Convention was held at the Town and Country Inn in Shelburne, New Hampshire, and three Andover members attended. The District Governor made various awards including the President's Banner Patch "Community at Heart" to Andover Lions Club for completing a list of objectives and goals for the year.

The Guest Speaker was the International Director Anne Smarsh from Kansas, who reported the activities of the International Board and proposals for the future. A sidelight of the weekend: the Andover golf team of Bill Egge and Bill Leber came home with the first place trophy in the golf tournament.

We proudly acknowledge the work of Scout Cam Wood, who attained the rank of Eagle Scout in ceremonies at the New Hampshire Veterans Home, the site of Cam's Eagle project. Lions Jim Goody and Howard George attended and presented Eagle Scout Cam a Certificate of Achievement and four tickets to a Fisher Cats game.

The Andover Lions Club is pleased to sponsor the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in Andover and is proud of their accomplishments and successes.

Andover Food Pantry

The Andover Food Pantry was

featured at our May 9 meeting, with Andover Food Pantry volunteer Maria Glorioso attending to brief the Club on the current status of the food pantry. In the 45 days since she has been working with the food pantry, she has tabulated that the food donated and the cash donations that were used to purchase food for the pantry totaled \$2,473. She is concerned whether we can sustain that level to keep it going.

She stated, "The use of this amount of resources in such a short period of time leads to these questions:

- How many people are we serving?
- What are the demographics of this population?
- Frequency of visits to the pantry?
- Are we actually helping the people this pantry is intended to serve?
- Has this pantry become a convenience for those who may not need as much as they take, leaving not enough for those who truly need the service the pantry is intended to provide?
- How do we assure that the altruistic intent of Andover's food pantry is carried out?"

The Andover Lions Club agreed to co-sponsor, along with *The Andover Beacon*, the food pantry, and we were asked to accept responsibility for the finances. The Club is not prepared to provide a great deal of administrative support or monitor enforcement of rules. The Club simply helped to up-date the facility and provide food stock. People in the community have been very generous in keeping it stocked.

We agreed that the food pantry be open when the Town Offices were open and for the use of Andover residents with a financial need. We hope we don't have to change that operation. It needs to be self-policing, or it will be short-lived.

Our goal now is to work on sustainability of funding for the food bank. On May 9 a report was presented to the Andover Lions on usage and possible ways to improve service to those using the food bank. It was restated that the food pantry was founded to serve the residents of Andover who need help, and that goal is being met. We will be working hard to find ways to adjust and adapt the food pantry to ensure that there is food on the shelves and those in need are served.

The Andover Lions Club traveled to Amherst Lions club for a visitation on May 25 as part of the Lions program to exchange ideas and fellowship. Another trip to Gap Mountain Lions Club, the home club of District Governor Lucille Decatur in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire is scheduled for June 2. We have been so busy with local projects that we are short on our visitations.

The scholarships applications have been received and are being processed. Winners will be announced at the appropriate school awards ceremony and reported in next month's *Beacon*. 

The Andover Lions Club

is sponsoring another meeting of all organizations in Andover.

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The Popp Family: Dedicated Veterans And Servicemen

By Sue Christiansen
 Beacon volunteer

Memorial Day is the traditional beginning of summer. More important than that, it is the day we set aside to remember those who have served our great country and paid the ultimate price. Please take some time during your summer kick-off celebrations to thank a veteran, attend a Memorial Day tribute, or write a “Dear Soldier” letter to someone who is far from home.

Please enjoy the following story about a family of veterans and active-duty military, the Popp family. To our military, thank you for your service and for your sacrifice. Thank you for all you give and all you do. Thank you for always standing ready. We appreciate you.



Victor Popp, son of Andover's Steven Popp, is shown here at Fort Riley, Kansas, as his unit ramped up for deployment to Afghanistan.

By Matt McDonald
 Beacon volunteer intern

Steven D. Popp of Andover and Victor James Popp, father and son, both strive for the freedom and safety of the United States by committing themselves to serve in the military. Although Steven retired from the US Marines in 1997, he continues to help in designing, rebuilding, and testing weapons and technology at Raytheon Company.

Steven joined the Marine Corps in 1976 and throughout his career used weapons systems that Raytheon developed. He served for 21 years. Now that he has retired from the Marines, Steven's current job at Raytheon allows him to aid service men and women in the field by researching and testing weapons for the future.

Steven is grateful that he has traveled the world during his service and met some very interesting people who have become close friends over the years.

Victor Popp, Steven's son, was born at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, California. Due to his father's military service, he was raised in North Carolina. Victor graduated from high

school and enjoyed playing music with local bands prior to entering the service. He married a local girl from North Carolina, Brittany West, and has two beautiful daughters, Ella and Ava.

He is based in Fort Riley, Kansas and currently serves in Kandahar, Afghanistan with Orphan Company. He performs patrols and provides organic fire support. Victor has continued the commitment that Steven began back in 1976.

Other members of the family are or have been part of the service. Victor's grandfather, Victor James McBride, who has since passed, served three tours in Vietnam and retired as Master Gunnery sergeant from the Marines Corps with 32 years of service. Steven's father, William Douglas Popp, also has passed and served in the Navy during World War II on the USS Bouge for six years as Machinist Mate, First Class. Steven's brother, William, is a retired Marine who served 20 years.

Paul, also Steven's brother, is currently on active duty. He is in the Army as a Master Sergeant and has served eighteen years to date. Once Victor and Paul log two more years of service, the family will have over 100 years of dedicated service to the freedom of the United States of America!

Victor is carrying on the tradition of core values of God, family, and country. May he have the best of luck in his tour in Afghanistan.

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Second Annual Highland Lake Photography Contest

HPLA press release

After the big success of last year's photography contest, we decided to do it again! There's much more at Highland Lake to capture on film, and we bet you can amaze us with new perspectives. Prove your photo-taking skills to your friends and neighbors in Andover.

The Highland Lake Protective Association (HPLA) is sponsoring a contest of photographs taken within one mile of the lake's edge. The photographs will be judged for quality, content, and beauty, and the winner will be announced at the HPLA annual meeting on July 16 at 10 AM at the East Andover Fire Station.

Photos should be recent, not historical in nature. Both color and black-and-white photos are accepted. Any "appropriate" images are acceptable. You are on your honor to submit photos that are taken by you and are of the Highland Lake area, not other beautiful areas of New Hampshire, and certainly not of Vermont,

Maine, or Massachusetts! This is an amateur contest, so professional photographers are asked not to participate.

Submit your entry photograph by Saturday, July 9, as a digital image to JamesCooley@rcn.com as well as sending an 8 x 10 print of the image to HPLA, PO Box 252, East Andover 03231. Your entry should include your name, age, address, e-mail address, and phone number.

You may submit as many different photographs as you wish. The entry fee for each photo is \$2, to be included with your submission.

The winner of the contest will receive half of the entry fees for the contest. The other half of the entry fees will be used to support water testing at Highland Lake. The HPLA will not own the images and will be happy to return any pictures submitted. We also hope to have a display of the photographs, including the winning shots, at a site in Andover in the fall.

Summer Fun On Highland Lake

By Jim Cooley
HPLA President

It's the start of another summer season at Highland Lake in Andover, and the Highland Lake Protective Association (HPLA) invites you to join us in activities around the lake. It's a good way to get to know your fellow Andover residents and show your support for keeping Highland Lake a clean, safe, and healthy place to live and play.

Ice Cream Social

This year, our annual ice cream social will be at 7 PM on Saturday, July 2, at the East Andover Fire Station: \$4 per person for a big sundae!

Boat Parade And Flares

On Sunday, July 3, we will host our whimsical boat parade at 4 PM (good viewing at the Town beach), followed by the lighting of the flares around the lake at 9 PM. All boats, large and small, are invited to join the procession around the lake; the best-decorated boat wins \$50!

Annual Meeting

HPLA's annual meeting will be on Saturday, July 16, at 10 AM, also at the East Andover Fire Station, where we will announce the winner of the Highland Lake Photography Contest.

We hope you will join us in celebrating the summer at Highland Lake.

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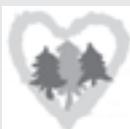
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By Maria Glorioso
Andover Food Pantry

Once again we thank all our wonderful townspeople who give so generously to the Andover Food Pantry. In the same vein, I would like to make special mention of a retailer who also supports us by giving us discounts on the merchandise purchased for the Food Pantry. Mr. G's in Tilton (in the space where Ben Franklin's used to be) has been particularly generous and goes out of their way to help our pantry and their neighboring townspeople. Thank you, Mr. G's, from the bottom of our hearts for your philanthropy.

Spring has finally sprung and many people are planning their gardens. I have a special request to our local big and small farmers alike. When you are planning your beds, if at all possible please consider planting an extra row for the Andover Food Pantry. Fresh vegetables are such a treat and provide great nourishment and variety and would be a nice addition for

on the board on their household's first visit each month.

If you know of a neighbor who is in need of groceries, please let us know. If the

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person is unable or unwilling to come to the Pantry, we would be happy to deliver.

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The other day I was flipping through my recipe box and came upon a recipe that is super easy, quick, inexpensive, and really delicious. Fleechee, a Czechoslovakian dish, can be made relatively plain or can be dressed up, and best of all you can use any leftover meat, vegetables, and cheese you have around the house. I love to use very inexpensive ham and cheese ends that tend to be packaged near the deli department at most supermarkets, or ask the deli person if any are available.

Fleechee

1 pound noodles or pasta, cooked and drained

1/2 to 1 stick butter or margarine (can also use 1/4 cup olive oil, canola oil, or mayonnaise to keep the noodles from sticking)

1/2 lb diced meat (anything you have leftover, or canned tuna, chicken, spam etc.)

1/2 lb cheese diced (mixed variety is good, too)

Any amount desired of fresh cooked, canned, or leftover vegetables. This will make the dish go much farther and feed more people.

Canned beans would be great in this and would add more protein to the dish
3 to 4 eggs, beaten

Place the butter, margarine, oil, or mayo in the hot cooked pasta/noodles. Mix in the diced meat, cheese, and vegetables. Grease a casserole or pan, and pour the mix in. Drizzle the beaten eggs over all, and bake in a 375-degree oven or toaster oven for approximately 1 hour, until the top is golden and crispy. Can be eaten hot, or cold, right out of the refrigerator.



Miles Hurlbutt and his dad Bob donated fresh eggs to the Andover Food Pantry. Staff photo: Charlie Darling

the Andover Food Pantry's patrons.

For all those who graciously donate local eggs, thank you! Donations of eggs are always greatly appreciated. Egg cartons are available at the Pantry. If you can't donate local eggs, please save your egg cartons from the store and donate those.

Tracking The Need

We are trying to determine how many households the Andover Food Pantry serves. A chalkboard has been placed in the Pantry, and we ask that people who use the Pantry put a mark

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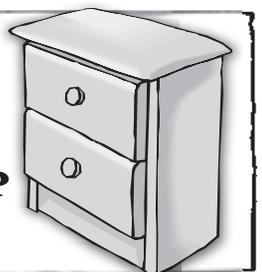
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Franklin And New London Hospitals Seek Caring Student Interns

LRGHealthcare press release

LRGHealthcare is proud to once again offer local teens the popular Caring Student Interns (CSI) program.

CSI is offered to teens between the ages of 15 and 18 who have an interest in learning about careers in healthcare. Participants will learn medical skills such as taking blood pressure and respirations, first aid, and more. Students will also be introduced to various departments throughout the hospital that provide medical services.

Upon completion of the CSI program, students are eligible to volunteer on nursing floors, working directly with the Licensed Nurses Aides (LNAs).

This year we will offer two one-week sessions of the CSI program. Students will have the choice between Monday through Friday, July 18 through 22, or August 8 through 12. Wednesday of each session will be held at Franklin Regional Hospital, with the other days at Lakes Region General Hospital.

CSI is open to students from all local school districts, but space is limited. For more information or to request an application, please contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 524-3211, ext 6720 or visit www.LRGH.org. Applications are due by Wednesday, June 8.

New London Hospital press release

New London Hospital will provide a six-week course to high school students 16 to 18 years of age starting on July 13 from 1 to 4 PM and continuing each of the following five Wednesdays. Students will receive CPR certification, tour the ambulance, be introduced to a vital signs machine, learn about our long-term care facility, and meet with some of the residents, to name just a few parts of the program.

The last day of the course will consist of a presentation on how to fill out applications, interview skills, and a panel discussion. A graduation ceremony will complete the course; parents are invited, and the students will receive a certificate of completion. The students will receive scrubs to wear when they are here.

The CSI course will now be a prerequisite for 16- to 18-year-olds to volunteer at the hospital. The scrubs that they receive will identify them as individuals who have gone through the CSI course and who have a good understanding of healthcare and the responsibilities associated with it.

The cost of the program is \$50, which will cover the cost of the scrubs, the materials used, and the CPR course. The deadline for registration is June 10. Contact Nancy Collins at 526-5133 or Nancy.Collins@NewLondonHospital.org.

Danbury Blazing Star Grange To Hold Two Big Events In June

By Mary Fanelli

Danbury Blazing Star Grange #71

Danbury Blazing Star Grange #71 will hold its annual award night on Thursday, June 2, at 7:30 PM in the Danbury Grange Hall.

The Grange Citizenship Award is presented to a Danbury resident who has contributed to the welfare of the community in a special way. The identity of the winner will not be announced until that evening.

Grange Membership Awards are earned for continuous membership in the Grange. This year, Audrey Curren of Danbury will receive her 80-year award. Other recipients are John (Willy) Wentworth, 75 years; Marie Bennett, 65 years; Forrest Powers, 55 years; Florence Blay, 55 years; and Terry Taylor, 40 years.

All are invited to celebrate the accomplishments of our distinguished citizens and members.

Chicken Barbecue On June 11

The annual chicken barbecue will take place from 5 to 6:30 PM on Saturday, June 11, with homemade salads and strawberry shortcake to complement delicious charcoal-grilled chicken.

The chicken is slowly cooked over hot coals and served with several types of homemade cold salads and baked beans donated by community and



Danbury Grange Chicken Barbecue 2010: Todd Collette, grillmaster.

Photo: Mary Fanelli

Grange members. Adults, \$8; under 12, \$4; and under 3, free. Take-out orders are available.

All events are held at the Grange Hall in the center of Danbury. Completed in October of 1911, the hall is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

Questions: Donna Sprague at 768-5579, or you may consult our new Web site at DanburyGrange.org.



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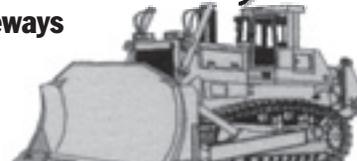
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OBITUARIES

RICHARD "DICK" BELL COCHRAN, of Durham, passed away at the age of 91 on April 21, 2011, at Portsmouth Regional Hospital. He was born in Andover on January 30, 1920. He attended local schools and Proctor Academy and worked in his family's hardware store. At Proctor he lettered in football, baseball and captained the ski team. He was a born leader.

He enrolled at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) to pursue a degree in Civil Engineering. At UNH, he was elected president of the local Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He was selected as a member of the Senior Skulls Honor Society, participated in the UNH Outing Club, and lettered in lacrosse.

Dick spoke proudly of his service to his country. He was commissioned at Notre Dame University and was assigned the 52nd Navy Seabee Battalion. He spent 18 months in the Pacific Theater with the last 12 months in Guam. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

After returning to his hometown of Andover, a young woman sparked his interest. Ann was working in the admissions office at Proctor Academy, and the two hit it off. Ann and Dick dated and were married in 1951.

Dick began his civilian career as a field engineer for New England Public Service Company of Augusta, Maine. While with NEPSCO he worked at various locations including Bath Iron Works and building the Avery Schiller Mercury Vapor Power Plant, in Newington, New Hampshire.

After working for utility companies, Dick was hired by a Vermont general contractor, FA Tucker. This job took him to many locations. He and his new bride traveled to British Columbia, Eastern Quebec, and Maine. While with FA Tucker, he built numerous large hydro and electric projects. Finally they returned to Rutland, Vermont, and started a family of two boys, David and Richard (Andy).

The young family moved to Dover in 1956. Dick became the Chief Engineer of the 818th Civil Engineering Squadron at Pease Air Force Base. He was selected as the Deputy Base Civil Engineer and finally promoted to Associate Base Civil Engineer, the highest rank of the SAC positions at Pease.

In 30 years at Pease, he arrived before any aircraft were landing at the base and left after building runways able to accommodate FB111 aircraft. Even after his retirement, his knowledge of the base was recognized, and as the Pease Air Force Base transitioned to the Pease Development Authority, Dick was often called upon for advice.

As a young family, Dick and Ann promoted community sports. Together, along with volunteers, they rebuilt Garrison Hill in Dover from a scrubby lot to a fine little ski area complete with rope tow, lighting, hut, and safety patrol. Ski lessons were provided for children and adults.

Years later, when the family moved to Durham, they started the Oyster River School ski team. It was not unusual to see their yard filled with young skiers getting ready for ski trips and state meets.

An expert skier himself, Dick skied Tucker's Ravine as a young man. In his retirement, Dick skied with a group of eight good friends at Gunstock. His friends admired and tried to emulate his graceful skiing style, a style of skiing developed from the use of longer skis that were common in earlier years.

Dick and Ann spent summers sailing their small sailboat named Witchcraft #113, a Merry Mac. They taught their sons sailing, and as a family, enjoyed racing in weekly races at the Great Bay Yacht Club. Dick and Ann most enjoyed sailing their sloop, Tenacity, around Portsmouth Harbor, Down East Maine, or spending a restful afternoon on their mooring in Gosport Harbor. Sometimes they ventured with friends to ports far south.

Dick was predeceased by the love of his life, his wife of 59 years, Ann Cochran. He is survived by his eldest son, David Cochran of Durham, his second son, Richard "Andy" Cochran and his wife, Charlotte LeGolvan, of Dover. He supported his sons in their pursuits. Dick and Dave shared a love of sports, especially hockey, most recently following the Stanley Cup Playoffs. They were both avid fans of the UNH Wildcats.

In earlier years, they worked together building Hackmatack Playhouse in North Berwick. With his son Andy, Dick laid brick for the kilns, directed traffic, and wired lamp for Andy's pottery operation in Dover.

Andy and Dick shared many great

fishing successes and regrets, especially of the great tuna that got away within a few feet of the boat. Dick was loved by his contemporaries, and by his extended family with whom he was in contact by phone and e-mail.

Dick lived a long life with his beloved wife, a close family, and a great number of good friends. A true New Englander, he had a strong sense of family and tradition with a wonderful sense of humor that always made us smile.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Heart Association or a charity of your choice.

A celebration of the life of Dick Cochran will take place on June 4 from 12 PM to 3 PM at 8 Beard's Landing in Durham.

In loving memory of **SERGE M. ST. GERMAIN**, born July 20, 1946 in Granby, Quebec. Serge moved to New Hampshire as a young child and lived a great part of his adult life in Winter Haven, Florida. He moved back to New Hampshire 25 years ago and had been a business owner and member of the Danbury community for many years. Serge died on April 25, 2011.

Serge will be remembered by family and friends as a creative artist and made a successful business from his passion for antiques with his long-time partner, George. He will also be remembered as a

See Obituaries on page 39



Memorial Service for Bessie R. Prince

There will be a graveside committal service on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 3 PM at the Franklin Cemetery in Franklin for Bessie R. Prince, who passed away on February 1, 2011 at the Morrison Home in Whitefield, New Hampshire.

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loving partner, brother, father, uncle, and friend.

Serge is survived by his life-long partner George Turgeon of Danbury; son Allen St. Germain and two grandsons, all of Croydon; and his two sisters, Alice Perras of Lancaster and Lisa Evans of Wilmot; as well as many more family members and loved ones. He will be deeply missed.

Friends called at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London on April 28. A graveside service was held on April 29 in Pine Hill Cemetery, Wilmot. Memorial contributions may be made to Danbury Fire EMS, PO Box 149, Danbury 03230.

PETER G. DECATO, 53, of New London died April 27, 2011 at Genesis Healthcare Center in Laconia. Peter suffered from myotonic muscular dystrophy. He was born in Keene on October 9, 1957. He lived most of his life in Wilmot and graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School in 1976.

Peter worked for Cricenti's Market for many years. He also worked at area restaurants and most recently at Walmart in Claremont.

He is predeceased by his father, Gordon Decato, and his brother, Daniel Decato. Members of his family surviving include his mother and stepfather, Patricia (Gross) Decato Baker and Frank Baker of East Andover; his longtime companion, Roslyn Gilbert of New London; an uncle and aunt, Paul and Barbara Gross of Zephyrhills, Florida; and cousins.

A private graveside service was held in Pine Hill Cemetery, Wilmot. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wilmot Historical Society, PO Box 72, Wilmot 03287.

MRS. MILDRED "MILLIE" (HISCOCK) ELWELL, 87, of Pembroke and a summer resident of Mark Island, Lake Winnepesaukee, died April 27, 2011, at Presidential Oaks in Concord with her children at her side.

Born May 15, 1923, in Revere, Massachusetts, Millie was the daughter of Harold and Lydia (Moody) Hiscock. She had been a Pembroke resident since 1936 and graduated from Pembroke Academy in 1941.

A federal government employee during World War II, Millie served as secretary at the Office of Price Administration in Concord. Following this, she was secretary to Russell B. Tobey, Director of New Hampshire State Parks, and then on the secretarial staff for Governor Walter Peterson. In addition, she worked for the president of New Hampshire-Vermont Blue Cross prior to the corporate merger with Blue Shield and retired from the former Concord National Bank, where she worked as secretary to the president and chairman.

Millie had fond memories of her association with the Capitol Area Chapter of the New Hampshire Audubon Society, the Concord YMCA Senior Outing Club, the Pembroke M&M Seniors, the Pembroke Library Book Club, and the Pembroke Historical Society. She also served as Trustee at the Pembroke Library for three years.

Millie's passion was spending time with her family, especially at the Island. For years she had enjoyed involvement in her children's school activities and had been a Cub Scout den mother.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 65 years, Russell Elwell of Pembroke; son David Elwell and his wife Elizabeth of Andover; daughter Dale Cheney and her husband Wayne of Dunbarton; granddaughters Jasmine and Daisy Elwell; grandsons Jason Cheney and Adam Painchaud and his wife Christine;

and many nieces and nephews. Millie was predeceased by her siblings, Hazel Scannell and Harold Hiscock.

There were no calling hours. A memorial service was held on May 4 at the First Congregational Church of Pembroke. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Pembroke Town Library, 313 Pembroke Street, Pembroke 03275 or Beacon Hospice, 70 Commercial Street, 4th Floor, Concord 03301 or TLHospiceFoundation.org.

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ALBERTA BOLDUC, 74, of Concord died Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at her home. She was born in Franklin, the daughter of the late Roger and Beatrice (Miller) Rollins. She attended school in Andover. Alberta worked at Sprague Electric for many years and in the kitchen at Eastman School for over 10 years.

Alberta loved her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She enjoyed gardening, crafting, flowers, and cooking. She was a longtime member of the Immanuel Community Church where she was a member of the Ladies Guild. She enjoyed taking long walks with her husband; the ocean; and camping.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her first husband, Dale Gibb; and a brother William Rollins.

Visiting hours were held May 5 at the Waters Funeral Home in Concord. Funeral services were held May 6 at the Immanuel Community Church in Concord. Burial followed at the New Hampshire Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the CRVNA Hospice House, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord 03301.

CAROL A. (SHAW) COTE, 71, of Springfield, died on May 13, 2011, at home. She was born in Frank-

lin on October 4, 1939, to Bernard Frank and Marjorie (Stott) Shaw. She graduated from Franklin High School in 1957 and attended Concord Commercial College. She worked as an administrative assistant for Concord Hospital and Public Service Company of New Hampshire.

She stayed at home to raise her family and then returned to the Argus Champion newspaper as a typesetter. She also worked for the state Insurance Department and the state Department of Transportation in accounting before retiring in 1999 after 14 years of service.

She lived in Salisbury for 14 years before moving to Springfield 40 years ago. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She loved playing with her grandchildren and was an avid baker with a huge cookbook collection.

Family members include her husband of 51 years, George A. Cote Jr. of Springfield; a son, Scott Cote and his wife, Priscilla, and their children, Nicholas, Garrett, and Christopher, of Springfield; a daughter, Linda Jezierski and her husband, Matt, and their children, Jenna and Michael, of Weare; two brothers, David Shaw and his wife, Maryellen, and Gene Shaw of Salisbury; two sisters, Sandy Miller of Salisbury and Sue Nelson and her husband, Leon, of Andover; nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London, on May 19. A memorial service was held on May 20 at the Andover Congregational Church in East Andover with the Reverend John Wagner, pastor, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon 03766; or to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, PO Box 976, White River Junction 05001.

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East Andover Village Preschool

By Sarah Gilman

East Andover Village Preschool

At the East Andover Village Preschool, we slid our way through March, hopped our way through April, and now ... we're sneezing our way through May. (At least I am!) It's hard to believe that summer vacation is just a few weeks away, and the East Andover Village Preschool (EAVP) will be closed until fall.

Our daughter, Asa, completed her first official year of Preschool I. I was reflecting on how lucky we are in Andover to have EAVP as part of our community. I was reminded of a comment my husband made to me when we were researching various preschool programs. We agreed that for us, quality, convenience, and price were three primary factors to consider regarding early childhood education. His response was quick: "Pick two, because you won't get all three." Ugh.

To think about picking two out of three agreed-upon "important factors" based on our own set of morals and values seemed absurd to me. Fortunately for us, we *did* find all three, plus some, at the East Andover Village Preschool.

This time of year the children are busy, busy, busy. Some are finishing up spring projects, some starting new projects, and some are getting ready to graduate. Whether your child is in Preschool I or Preschool II or is a "full timer," they're all sharing one thing in common: They've made new friendships with one another, and they're getting ready to say good-bye to this familiar routine for the summer.

The East Andover Village Preschool has provided our children with a nurturing early childhood educational experience. Ms. Doreen and Ms. Becky have worked tirelessly to plan and implement diverse activities that generate curiosity and promote independence. They've spent hours creating open house nights and various programs for families to attend, pulling us together as a community. Additionally, they've both been there to share and listen to us parents – a blessing as we navigate the waters of parenting preschoolers!

So, from all of us parents, I want to extend a huge "Thank you!" to Ms. Doreen and Ms. Becky for everything you've done making this year a success. See you in the fall!



Kids and volunteers stand proud after cleaning up the Annex grounds.

Photo: Diane Adams

Andover After School Program

By Diane Adams

Andover After School Program and Andover Five Alive Program

The Andover After School Program and the Andover Five Alive Program are getting ready for the end of the year. We want to welcome the new students who have joined us in the past month. We are very glad to have them.

Enrollment is in full swing, and numbers are looking awesome.

We've been having a lot of fun this spring, and we are glad to see the

ground. We had a clean-up day on May 7 to make the grounds look beautiful. Thank you to all of you who helped out. We couldn't do it without great parents and volunteers.

We would like to thank the community for its ongoing support. I personally want to thank everyone for the warm welcome and positive comments. It's been a great seven months!

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Football, Cheerleading Sign-Ups

Blue Storm press release

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Pictured at the Club's April meeting, receiving club t shirts are (l-r) Mason King, Danbury; Kendall Hoy, New London; Ryan Barton, Andover; DJ Smith, Newbury; and Samuel Williamson, Newbury.

Photo: Carla Marshall

Elkins Fish And Game Club Awards Camperships To Kids

Elkins Fish & Game Club press release

The Elkins Fish and Game Club awarded five camperships to area children for summer programs at Barry Conservation Camp located at the Berlin Fish Hatchery. Attending Camp Barry will be Ryan Barton of Andover, Mason King of Danbury; Kendall Hoy of New London, and both DJ Smith and Samuel Williamson of Newbury.

The Club has been sponsoring children since 1993, and to date has sent over 80 boys and girls to Barry Conservation Camp, which is operated by the University of New Hampshire Co-

operative Extension's 4-H Program in cooperation with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

Camperships have been for week-long programs which focus on fishing, shooting sports, and hunter education. "We are now seeing young men and women we sent to camp in the early '90s joining the Elkins Fish and Game Club as adult members and utilizing the skills they learned at camp," says club board member Carla Marshall.

The Elkins Fish and Game Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at the Wilmot Public Library.



Jon Heath won both the 440 and 500 Stock classes in the Rock the Hills snowmobile hill climb series.

Motorsports Madness

Local Racers Win Big In Snowmobile Hill Climb

By Samantha Poulin
Beacon volunteer

The final results are in for the Rock The Hills Series snowmobile hill climbs. Five of our locals competed this past season: Jen Keyser, Duane Barton, Jeff Barton, Josh Barton, and

cated across from Highland Lake in East Andover.

Jen Keyser won in the Women's 700D class. Jon Heath won both the 440 and 500 Stock classes. Duane Barton won the 440 Open class, placed second in the 500, and third in the 600. Jeff Barton placed third in both the 800 Stock and 700 Open classes. Josh Barton of Barton's Performance won both the 800 and 900 Open classes and placed second in the Open/Modified class. A job well done by all the competitors: Congratulations!

Motocross

Josh Bond is continuing to race hard and aim for the top! Josh took fourth in the Open B Class and sixth in the Lites B class. Keep up the great racing, everyone, and keep sending those amazing pictures.

Contact me with any racer or racing information at Samantha@PsycoCustoms.com. I am enjoying keeping up to date with all our talented competitors and being able to share the information with all the *Beacon* readers.

Until then, enjoy the sunshine! 



Josh Bond gets some big air. Josh placed fourth and sixth in recent races.

Jon Heath. The series included five races in February and March. Lyndon Outing Club in Vermont held two races, Whaleback in New Hampshire held one, Northeast Slopes in Vermont held one, and Magic Mountain in Vermont held one. Oil, parts, gear, and race fuel were provided to these racers by Barton's Performance, lo-



Chelsea Thompson of the Andover Blue Freeze bats against the team from Hill on Opening Day. Andover won the game, 23-18.

Photo: Melissa Barton

Andover Recreation Soccer

By Nicole Donovan
Andover Recreation Committee

With baseball season beginning to wind down, it's not too soon to start thinking about the upcoming soccer season.

Andover Recreation Soccer, which is a member of the Merrimack Valley Soccer League, offers individual skill development and competitive team play for Andover youth in grades one through six. First and second graders usually

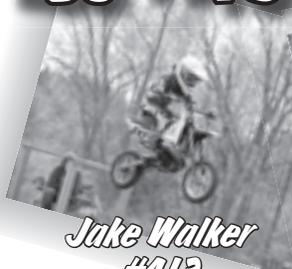
meet on Saturday mornings in the fall to work on basic ball handling skills, while the third through sixth graders continue to learn ball skills, rules of the game, and strategy techniques.

To sign up, look for our table prior to the kindergarten graduation ceremonies at AE/MS on Monday, June 13. Or you can download the sign-up form by visiting MVSL.org: click on Contact Us, and then click on Andover Recreation Soccer. 

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Proctor's Social Activism Course Helps Out At AE/MS

Proctor Academy press release

Each spring, Lynne Kenney offers a Social Activism course through the Social Science Department at Proctor Academy. This class, designed for juniors and seniors, explores current issues in human rights and how to create change in a society by taking a closer look at poverty, education, equality, and power.

One on-going outreach of the Social Activism class involves students' participation in Mr. Wiley's first grade class at Andover Elementary/Middle School. Kelsey Wilcox, a junior from Wilnot, and five classmates have spent each Tuesday afternoon in May working on reading and math skills with Mr. Wiley's students.

On May 4, Proctor's students led a tie-dyeing activity with the AE/MS students while playing phonics and math games. The weekly interactions have been thrilling for Proctor's students and have hopefully made a positive impact on the AE/MS students as well.

I Am Proctor

As a culminating project for the Social Activism course, students must work to design their own theory of social activism. Kelsey worked with two partners, Megan Subsick ('11/Acton, Massachusetts) and Chris Allen ('12/Washington, DC), to create increased awareness of diversity and a perceived lack of tolerance within the Proctor community. The group's goal was to have a diverse panel of students and faculty share their experiences with tolerance on campus with the idea that the ensuing discussion among guests would be influential in creating awareness.

Due in large part to the group's

stellar organization, their "I Am Proctor" event on April 28 drew over 125 students and faculty to the Wise Center for the panel discussion. Kelsey commented, "We had a hundred more people than we expected, which really shows how big a concern respect is in our community, but I was also pleasantly surprised by how many people were willing to talk, share their thoughts, and work to break down stereotypes." Megan added, "Even those students who were not specifically asked to be a part of the panel requested to speak and opened themselves up to the audience without fear of being ridiculed or judged by the community."

This entirely student-driven event sparked invaluable, honest conversation among all members of the Proctor community. While cliques and social groups will never disappear in a high school setting, this event made significant strides towards building a healthier community.

Four-year senior and future Colby-Sawyer student Simone Songue ('11/Yaounde, Cameroon) provided perhaps some of the most insightful commentary of the evening: "We should not use the word 'tolerance' during these conversations. Why do we need to 'tolerate' one another? Why can't we accept one another and appreciate one another for who we are?"

Kelsey added, "I hope that people become more accepting and mindful of others in the community as a result of this discussion. Even if they clearly don't share the same views or interests, they can appreciate who each individual is and what they have to offer."

Mailboxes to Mountain

Proctor Transforms Nervous Freshman Into Adventurous Senior

By Megan Subsick

Proctor Journalism Class

Four years at Proctor translates into 1,460 days; 35,040 hours; or 87,600 minutes. During that time, I have lived and breathed Proctor Academy. Every summer before starting another year at school, I would scan the mail for the little green tree on the corner of the envelope in the hopes I would get an inside look at what was going on within the Proctor community. Now, as I write this as a senior, there are only 107 days, 11 hours, 38 minutes, 30 seconds left before I can call myself a Proctor graduate.

Over the past four years at Proctor, I have grown in many ways beyond the six and a half inches I have grown in height. In my last term at Proctor, it's a perfect time to reflect and remember all of the times that have made me who I am today.

My first memory of Proctor Academy: new student orientation. I remember distinctly the excited feeling I had for the first day of Proctor. I could not wait to get to school, meet my roommate, go on orientation, and move into my dorm, Mackenzie House, which coincidentally would be my dorm for all my years at Proctor. I remember meeting Pinky Fifield from New London, a senior varsity athlete, for the first time and being shown the different locations around Proctor, such as the Health Center and the meeting house.

I also recall not being able to get my mailbox open on the first day of school. Pinky had to open my mailbox for me. I was smaller then, more nervous, and timid. Megan Hardie, my advisor and dorm parent, stated, "You were shy but not removed. It didn't keep you from

meeting people. You were definitely intimidated by some stuff when first getting to Proctor." That first year at Proctor forced me to make decisions that would ultimately change my relationships and form who I am.

During my sophomore winter, my decision to apply for the Mountain Classroom program (a semester spent driving cross-country, camping, and adventuring on wilderness expeditions) shocked a few faculty members, both my parents, and myself. Nobody believed I signed up, because I hated the wilderness orientation.

Megan clearly remembers thinking, "What is she doing?" and I remember the director of the program, Patty Pond, saying to me, "You know this is a mountain application, right?" I was ready to face the challenge, and from the day I found out I was on the list, I couldn't have been more nervous and excited.

There was the thrill of being off-campus for the first time, the fear of whether it would be a successful experience, and the worry if I would quit by the end of Day One. It was one of the best experiences of my Proctor career. I fell in love with living outside and learning about the US/Mexico border issues as we traveled in Texas. I became more comfortable with myself and found purpose in what I was doing.

Mountain Classroom instructor Adam Jones stated, "On Mountain, when you were responsible for something like leader of the day or cooking, it seemed expected that you would just work at your own level, but you always rose to the occasion and went to the next level."

I recall every day on Mountain, es-
See Megan on page 44

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AE/MS Community Turns Long-Range Plan Into Action Items

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

This year the Andover Elementary/Middle School's Long Range Plan (2010-2015) was published and distributed to all of the Andover community through *The Andover Beacon*. The AE/MS Long Range Plan provides a framework for educational planning, school improvement decisions, initiatives, budgeting, and actions for the next five years.

The AE/MS Long Range Plan consists of five major goals:

AE/MS students will demonstrate progress in academic achievement and personal development for a successful future in the 21st century.

AE/MS will provide a learning environment that supports academic achievement and personal growth.

AE/MS will attract and retain a highly-qualified faculty and staff.

AE/MS will maintain and expand community partnerships.

AE/MS will develop a facility and grounds to meet the needs of our children and community.

A Long Range Planning Implementation Committee made up of students, teachers, parents, and community members then went to work to break the five overarching goals into action plans that are measureable. The group has been meeting regularly all year.

This group has now drafted an Action Plan for Implementation of the Long Range Plan and shared its ideas with students, teachers, and the Andover School Board. These action steps were enthusiastically adopted by everyone. Although some of the action planning is ambitious, keep in mind that it is a five-year plan.

Action Plan for Goal #1

Discussion and ideas for Goal #1 included defining the framework for 21st century learning which included: Life and Career Skills; Learning and Innovation Skills (critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity); Information, Media, and Technology Skills; and Core Subjects and 21st-century themes. Ideas to help students be better prepared for the 21st century include:

- Provide students with learning in hands-on engineering, engines, solar, green energy, culinary, wood-working, robotics, etc.
- Provide students with access to peers for support
- Provide students with opportunities to develop a worldwide view
- Make student portfolios available online and accessible from any mobile device, anytime and anyplace
- Provide students with access to one or more world languages

Action Plan for Goal #2

Discussion for Goal #2 included many ideas to build stronger connections between the students and the way they learn. Flexible classroom design, individual education plans, technology, and

scheduling are ideas to explore further.

Action Plan for Goal #3

Goal #3 has focused on defining a high-quality teacher as it relates to AE/MS. Topics included evaluation and defining what AE/MS seeks in a teacher. Implementation plans include electronic and printed staff-community handbook, annual report regarding Long Range Plan initiatives and accomplishments, and improving technology to interactively collect and share comments and information regarding AE/MS and Long Range Plan.

Action Plan for Goal #4

Goal #4 turned into a brainstorming session listing all the possible ways that the community could benefit through a school-community relationship. We already enjoy a positive and productive partnership with the community, but through our discussion we generated lots of additional possibilities.

Some of these possibilities include: adult education classes, book discussion groups, senior citizen lunches, creating Web sites for local businesses, helping in local businesses, and many more.

Action Plan for Goal #5

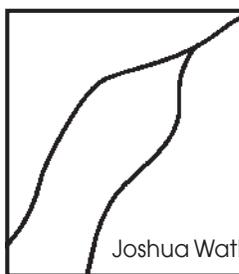
Goal #5 went in two directions after much discussion. First, it was decided to create a platform for students to take the lead in design and fundraising for skate park and playground improvements. Management and technical support would be provided by adults. Approaches to getting students directly involved in conceptualizing and implementing upgrades to the skate park, playground, garden, and sports fields were explored.

Second, we wrestled with how to incorporate real-world renewable energy and efficiency activities into the building and curriculum. Ideally, improvements to the school (like student-built solar water heaters) should be used as a basis for teaching about energy and environmental sustainability.

Why couldn't the science and math used in simple energy calculations be useful in the content curriculum? What will the teachers need for technical input and materials regarding renewable energy and efficiency? This goal generated much excitement, and a meeting for Monday, June 20, has been set to further explore energy efficiency and sustainability options and bring in additional school and community members for further collaboration. (See page 45 for details.)

Web Site Planned

Work on the implementation of the Long Range Plan will continue through the summer. We will be setting up an interactive Web site to make it more convenient for school and community members to access the Long Range Plan and note progress and accomplishments. Ideas or resources can be suggested. The purpose of this Web site is to collect and share feedback.



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AE/MS NEWS

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

Kindergarten registration for 2011-12 was held on May 11. Twenty-three soon-to-be kindergarten students are registered and ready to start their AE/MS adventure. Now we just need a teacher! (See the article about Audrey Pellegrino's retirement on page 52.) Interviews are already underway for the kindergarten position. There are many very qualified applicants for the opening.

Fourth and eighth grade students took the NECAP Science test in May. Grades two through eight all participated in NWEA testing.

Our Advanced and Intermediate Bands will be performing in Wilmot's Memorial Day Observance. This has become a nice tradition.

AE/MS yearbooks have arrived, and they are fantastic!

Please stop in and enjoy our collection of shoebox artifacts. All students and all staff members have gathered together artifacts that represent something important to their family history. They then wrote about the significance of their artifact. The writing and the shoeboxes can be seen in the AE/MS library. It is worth the time to visit. This is a very creative, thoughtful, and poignant collection of memories.

The kindergarten class will officially become first grade students on Monday,

June 13 at 6:30 PM at a magical ceremony. Come early for good seating!

The eighth grade graduation is Thursday, June 16 at 6:30 PM. This is a semi-formal occasion and is usually before a standing-room-only crowd. Thirty-two students will move on to the secondary education phase of their lives. It is a very special evening with student involvement in the program.

The ceremony ends with a slide show that begins with baby pictures of the graduates and progresses to the present. Gretchen Hildebrand and Chris Connor compile this sentimental journey every year.

The last day of school is Friday, June 17. The morning will consist of cooperative and competitive outdoor games. Students and staff will enjoy the annual barbecue for lunch. Andover's number-one rock group, Long Tail Monkeys, will perform, followed by the seventh grade catapult demonstration and competition.

Please consider joining us to say good-bye to Ms. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Pellegrino as they end their AE/MS careers. There will be a chance to do this on Monday, June 20, from 3:30 to 5:30 PM at Bluewater Farm Lodge on Bradley Lake. Drop by and stay for as long or as little as you want. Friends, neighbors, and family are all invited. Tea and snacks will be served. Ms. Fitz and Mrs. P have touched the lives of many. Let's send them off in style!

AE/MS Learns The Importance Of Wearing Bicycle Helmets

By Christine Frost
AE/MS School Nurse

On Monday, April 18, AE/MS grades two through five participated in the 2011 New Hampshire BikeSmart program to reinforce bicycle safety. Although statistics show that that 12 to 15 year olds are the most at risk for being involved in a bicycle crash, we hope that by targeting the 8 to 11 year olds, this trend will be reversed by encouraging good habits when they are younger.

The goal for the BikeSmart program is to encourage all people in New Hampshire to use bicycling and walking as modes of transportation whenever possible. It is very important that today's youth learn how to make bicy-

cling a safe activity.

Students learned that riding your bike can be fun if you remember to follow some safety rules:

- Wear your helmet the right way: do the Eyes, Ears, and Mouth Test.
- Check your bike for safety using the ABCs: Air, Brakes, and Chain.
- Dress for safety: Bright and Tight.
- Obey the rules of the road.

Here at AE/MS we love to see the students ride to school on their bikes. The Rail Trail is a safe route to travel if you are looking for an alternative to the main road. Keep in mind that it's a *law* (New Hampshire RSA 265:1444X): Bicycle helmets are required for children under age 16.

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pecially when I was pushed. When rock climbing in Tucson, I was scared but decided to rappel down the side of a mountain. On my three-day solo in the desert, I became comfortable with being alone. After the first frightening night was over, I became more certain of my abilities to stay by myself.

My time at Proctor has been filled with growth and an acceptance of who I am as a person. My Proctor career has translated into nearly 1,460 days liv-

ing in Mac House, a three-day solo, a two-month sail from Massachusetts to Puerto Rico, hundreds of adventures, and four amazing years at Proctor.

Megan Hardie, the faculty member on campus who has seen me grow the most over the past four years, observed, "You're about you, it's not about being anyone else." With only a limited number of days until graduation, I intend to do what I love, look for more adventures, and just be me.

Megan is a four year senior from Acton, Massachusetts.



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Energy Efficiency And Sustainability in Andover Village

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

Are you interested in the possibilities for energy efficiency and sustainability in Andover? AE/MS invites you to be part of the discussion. Come with ideas or just to listen.

Jeff Dickinson, an Andover resident, has managed off-grid energy sources in order to provide modern energy services throughout Asia. Jeff has some prac-

tical and exciting ideas to share.

Can improvements to the school (like student-built solar water heaters) be used as a basis for teaching students about energy and environmental sustainability?

You are welcome to attend a meeting in the AE/MS gym on Monday, June 20, at 6:30 PM.

Call AE/MS Principal Jane Slayton for more information at 735-5400. 

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her shoes: Shopping Spree at Math Night, Holiday Shoppe, Poetry Night, ... *yikes!*

Ms. Fitz

Gail Fitzpatrick started out at Andover Elementary/Middle School as Gretchen Hildebrand's student intern and stayed on to teach beginning in 1987. She was a natural in the classroom and excelled especially in teaching literature and writing. After a hiatus when she taught in Hillsboro, Gail returned to Andover and soon became a middle school literacy teacher.

During her career, she attained her

masters as a Reading Specialist and completed the Summer Invitational Institute of the Plymouth Writing Project. You have missed out if you have never read her prose or poetry. She has a gift for capturing vivid description and deep emotion on paper. We will miss Gail, with her quiet determination to reach all students and her sincere commitment to self-expression.

Please join the AE/MS community on Monday, June 20, at Bluewater Farm Lodge as we celebrate Ms. Fitz and Mrs. P. Please drop in between 3:30 and 5:30 PM. Tea and snacks will be served. 

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Bamba and The Latin Hustle.

At the start of lunch, each student received a sticker with a number, and all students who got a Cinco won either a chili pepper necklace or a maraca-

topped pen. A few students also won these prizes for their dancing skills or ability to count to 10 in Spanish.

All teachers on lunch duty, and many staff volunteers, helped to make our Cinco de Mayo lunch a festive and fun success! A big thank you to all! 

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paid for their appearance at the Concord Holiday Parade last November, a loss of nearly \$1,000 to the team. This has resulted in the team going into deficit during this trip for the first time in recent memory. Continued fundraising will be needed to pay back a few debts.

The final factor is the time commitment among coaches and family. The Andover One Wheelers traveling team is a year-round commitment, which all current and former members and families can attest to. With practice and learn-to-ride through the school year, parades all summer, and trip planning through the winter, not much time is spent on other family activities.

Coach Michelle Keezer has been a leader since the Fall of 2006. Prior to that, it was Shannon Gray; Marj and Reggie Roy; and Percy and Heather Hill, the group's founders. Throughout the 20 years of the travel team, untold nights, weekends, and holidays have been spent on the One Wheelers.

Lisa and I have worked hand-in-hand with Michele for the last five years. Our older daughter Megan was line leader during her last two years at AE/MS, and our 8th grade daughter Erin is the current leader. With Erin's graduation, our

involvement is coming to a close. Mrs. Keezer is ready to move on to spend more time with her family as well.

The vision for the Andover One Wheelers for the near future is to continue as a unicycle club, with Learn-To-Ride and travel team practices under Mrs. Keezer's and Stephanie Peters' guidance. Parade appearances will be limited to those occurring during the school year, and Andover's Fourth of July parade.

It has been a great ride, literally. Andover can be proud of its team on one wheel. The riders' accomplishments of some 50 miles apiece per year on a unicycle is incredible. The opportunity to travel by plane, bus, and cruise ship to locations across the US, to Canada, and to The Bahamas is priceless. Many students would never have been able to visit the Everglades, the Grand Canyon, or Washington DC. The experiences they have enjoyed and the life lessons they have learned is something that can't be taken away.

A hearty "Thank You!" to the townspeople of Andover for their incredible support through the years. We look forward to a change in the economy that could make it possible once again for the Travel Team to take major trips to exotic locations. 



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Proctor Students Inducted Into National Art Honor Society

By Scott Allenby
Proctor Academy

Proctor's dedication to integrating the arts into all aspects of student life has led to outstanding visual, performing, and musical productions, as well as the graduation of professional artists in all media.

Last week's induction of eight Proctor students into the National Art Honor Society – Michelle Deslauriers, Story Southworth, Brian Perry, Josie Bunce, Adam Silverstein, Jacob Hines, Madison Koenig, and Sam Johnson – was the culmination of an artistic journey that began early in each student's Proctor career.

Three years ago, the Fine Arts Department began offering a one term Introduction to Arts course for all ninth graders. According to Introduction to Arts teacher David Fleming, "Helping students learn to express themselves is important. When we were all young, we had zero difficulty with dancing, singing, painting, building ... we were uninhibited by expectations of those around us. As a class, we push for freedom in our work through self-portraits, collage, and other open-ended projects."

While the eight newest members of the National Art Honor Society () did not benefit from the Introduction to Arts curriculum as ninth graders, current underclassmen are benefiting from their early exposure to the tremendous abilities of Proctor's Fine Arts teachers and to the possibility of pursuing a number of different artistic mediums during their Proctor careers. David concludes, "Ultimately, art class has to be fun! The goal of this course is to learn what the Renaissance taught us; that to be a true human being, one must understand and appreciate a multitude of disciplines. By having exposure to rhetoric, philosophy, athletics, math, science, architecture, literature, dance, poetry, and of course art, students will graduate from Proctor being more 'whole' than they were when they enrolled."



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Congratulations, Proctor '11!



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2011 Proctor Grad Plans

By Chuck Will
Proctor Academy

Eighty-seven students graduate from Proctor on Saturday, June 4. The following is a quick look at the future plans for graduates from area towns.

From Andover, Truman Fleming is deferring admission to University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Sophie Viandier will attend Smith College; Jackson Bicknell will attend the University of New Hampshire; Sam Johnson is off to Columbia College; Canon Brownell will attend Ithaca College; Story Southworth is going to Connecticut College. Meredith Cline will attend Univer-

sity of New Hampshire; Josh Bennett is off to Montclair State University; Will Henriques will enjoy a gap year before attending Middlebury College; Haley Peters will attend Marlboro College; and Sooki Vercellotti will spend a gap year working in Montana.

Salisbury's John Howard will attend Dartmouth College. From Wilmot, Maddie Schiess will attend Endicott College; Madison Koenig will attend Elon College; and Ian O'Connor is off to Marymount Manhattan College.

Lindsay Hoar of New London will attend University of Vermont.



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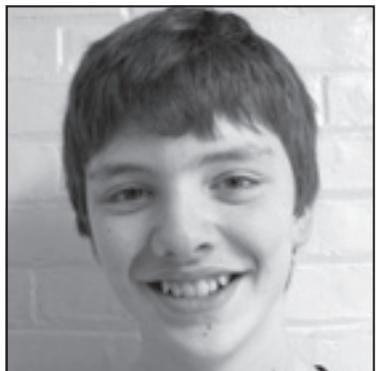
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Catching Up With Andover's 2007 Grads

The Andover Middle School, Merrimack Valley High School, and Proctor Academy 2011 graduates pictured on pages 47 to 50 aren't the only Andover students passing milestones or adding to their life experience. The *Beacon* caught up with some others, particularly those whose graduation pictures appeared four years ago in the June 2007 issue.

Andover Middle School 2007

- Jennifer Connor completed a Licensed Nurse Assistant course in April 2010 from the American Red Cross. This year she will graduate from Kearsarge High School on June 13. Jenn plans to pursue her career after graduation.
- Kassie Lamper is attending Plymouth State College and hopes to become a teacher.

Merrimack Valley High School 2007

- Rubin Adams has taken some time off from college and is a popular substitute teacher at AE/MS.
- Kaitlin Anderson is graduating this

year with an Associates Degree in Business from NHTI in Concord. She will be going to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington this fall to pursue a degree in International Business.

- Sam Mishcon graduated from the University of Vermont with a dual major in Russian and Japanese. He has applied to the Peace Corps and hopes to get a placement in Eastern Europe or Central Asia teaching English. In the meantime, Sam will be a teacher and counselor at the Russian Camp at Concordia Language Villages in Bemidji, Minnesota during June and July.
- Jacob Wagner graduated from Gordon College with a BA in Political Science and a minor in Communications. In addition to attending regular classes, Jacob has been living in Boston this semester and doing a part-time internship with Catholic Social Services assisting refugees and immigrants. He has

been invited to continue this work full-time this summer.

Proctor Academy 2007

- Buckman Brownell is graduating from Clemson University this year with a degree in business management.

**PARENTS:
KEEP US UP TO DATE!**
The *Beacon* would like to do a better job of recognizing young people's milestones and accomplishments, particularly in the June issue each year. **Parents:** You are our best connection, so please send news whenever you can.

- Along with his many accomplishments in the skiing world, Nick Fairall has also coached track at AE/MS for the past two years.
- Ian Makechnie served a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the Denver Colorado North Mission after completing his freshman year at

Brigham Young University in Idaho. He has returned to BYU-I and is majoring in Sports Physiology.

- Anthony McLeod is working full time for a local contractor gaining skills and experience in landscape design and maintenance as well as trucking and heavy equipment operation.
- Samantha Veysey chose to stay one more semester at Montana State to take graduate classes. You can see her Bachelor of Fine Arts work at VZCeramics.com.
- Coco Loehr took a year off, so she will graduate in 2012 from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York. She is majoring in Geology and loves it.

Others

- Jesse Connell graduates this year from The Contoocook School in Contoocook.
- Charlie Veysey, Proctor '06, graduated from Montana State University last month and is looking for an internship in architecture.

Congratulations, MVHS '11!



Shawna Barton



Henry Bendel



Emily Bentley



Elizabeth Daneault



Norbu Dickinson



Michael Donovan



Jacob Frost



Brianna Keniston



Becca Lance



Emily Laro



Nick Mock



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Zoe Stoddard

MVHS 2011 Graduates Make Plans For The Future

Andover students graduating from MVHS this month have a variety of plans for the future:

- Shawna Barton – Colby-Sawyer College
- Henry Bendel – Keene State College
- Emily Bentley – Great Bay Community College
- Elizabeth Daneault – Mission trips to the Dominican Republic
- Norbu Dickinson – A gap year in India
- Michael Donovan – University of New Hampshire
- Jacob Frost – NHTI
- Brianna Keniston – NHTI
- Rebecca Lance – Emmanuel College
- Emily Laro – University of New Hampshire
- Nicholas Mock – Working
- JJ Santiago – Plans to enlist in the Air Force
- Zoe Stoddard – NHTI

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A big *Beacon* "Thank You" to everyone who made the graduates' photos possible again this year. We couldn't have done it without:

- Ms. Slayton and Gretchen Hildebrand for the AE/MS photos
- Mr. Jette, Linda Proctor, and Swenson Photography for the MVHS photos
- Chuck Will for the Proctor photos
- Matt McDonald, our volunteer Summer Intern, for prepping and laying out all the photos.

Thanks, one and all!



The Andover One Wheelers travel team enjoys pool time at the hotel outside Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The kids always enjoy a chance to wind down after nine hours on a bus. Front (l-r): Riley Keezer, Myles Powers, Jason Lewis, Madalyn Goodwin. Middle: Betsy Abrahamson, Emmi Abrahamson, Ainsley Goodwin, Maya Haynes, Samantha Parkman, Alicia Barry, Erin Hanscom, Hannah Veinotte, Bailey Powers. Back: Colby Benoit, Ben Yusko, Elizabeth Labrie, Coach Michelle Keezer. Photo and caption: Alan Hanscom

Andover One Wheelers

By Alan Hanscom
Andover One Wheelers

The Andover One Wheeler Traveling Team has recently returned from their annual trip. This year the team traveled to West Virginia's Strawberry Festival in Buckhannon, West Virginia. It is the fourth time that the team has been in this parade, including trips in 1993, 1994, and 2005.

The trip began with an early departure from AE/MS on Wednesday, May 18. This year's trip included a stop at Hersheypark in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Frequent heavy rain kept the travelers in and out of ponchos and under umbrellas as the rides shut down until the rain subsided. Despite the wetness, everyone still had a good time, trying to fit in as many rides and activities as possible between the rain drops.

As I type this, we are westbound on I-81, having left Harrisburg, Pennsylvania this morning. We will be in Buckhannon, West Virginia tonight, staying in

a dormitory of West Virginia Wesleyan College. The pool will be open, a favorite activity of One Wheelers. The college hosts many bands from outside the area.

Saturday afternoon, May 21 was the Strawberry Festival Parade, West Virginia's largest. It is a long parade of 2.5 miles through portions of the city, ending on Strawberry Lane. Other activities include a firefighter's parade, a street party, and fireworks.

The team departed Buckhannon immediately after the parade to stay Saturday night outside of Washington DC. We planned a quick tour of Washington DC for Sunday, beginning at the Lincoln Memorial. (See the team's photo on page 25.) We walked along The Mall with groups heading for various Smithsonian museums, ending at the Air and Space Museum.

We stayed in Maryland for the night and pushed north to Andover for an early evening arrival Monday, May 23.

One Wheelers No Longer Planning Big Annual Trips

By Alan Hanscom
Andover One Wheelers

The 2011 Andover One Wheelers trip to West Virginia and Washington DC is likely to be the last trip for the traveling team for several reasons. The business model for the group has changed a lot over the years. For many years the team enjoyed free or discounted transportation from AB Transportation. Because of this substantial generosity, the team was able to place all appearance fees in the school account to pay for the trip and incidental costs. Fundraising made up the cost of the trip.

The team started paying full transportation costs with the new bus contract. This consumes approximately

50% of the parade fees. It was often a challenge to fundraise about \$1,000 per month towards a trip before this change. Doubling that amount is nearly impossible in a small town like Andover without becoming a major annoyance to the community. Further, it would become a full time job for someone to organize this among a core group of about 10 families.

A second factor is the parades themselves. The downturn in the economy has resulted in many parade sponsors reducing or eliminating their contributions to parade organizers. Fees are mostly stagnant at 2008 levels, if they arrive at all. The One Wheelers were not

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Trenton Bonk, who attends Bishop Brady High School in Concord, attained high honors for the third quarter this year and has been on the honor roll for the entire school year.

(The Beacon needs to do a better job recognizing the achievements of Andover high school students who don't attend MVHS or Proctor, as well as all our Andover students who go on to college or trade school. Parents: Please send news whenever you can!)

SHARE from page 52

gave the adults a nice opportunity to visit with each other.

SHARE Day afternoon was spent admiring all the projects from the morning and enjoying a Zumba performance, a hula hooping demonstration, and a harmonica tune. Students displayed their creations from the morning workshops around the gym, and all had a chance to see what each other created.

Students then settled into seats and enjoyed a performance coordinated by Nancy Tripp and Mr. Wiley's first grade class. Afterwards, the *School House Rock* singers took the stage and dazzled us once again with their amazing voices and choreography.

Of course, we all know SHARE Day would not exist without Gisela Darling working behind the scenes. Thank you again, Gisela, for another fabulous SHARE Day!

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Mrs. P and Ms. Fitz Retire At End Of School Year

By Jane Slayton and Gretchen Hildebrand
AE/MS staff

"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it." ~ Marian Wright Edelman

Gail Fitzpatrick and Audrey Pellegrino have each made a difference in the lives of hundreds of students and will be remembered fondly when they retire at the end of this school year. Students, staff members, and community members will find many ways in the next few weeks to recognize and show their appreciation for Ms. Fitz and Mrs. P.

Mrs. P

Audrey Pellegrino started teaching

at Andover Elementary/Middle School in 1991. Mrs. P, as she is fondly called, taught multi-age, and had some students for four years while she moved up through the grades from primary to intermediate multi-age classes. They were some of the luckiest kids in town!

Audrey has become famous for her ways with kindergarteners, but her desire for teaching goes right up through adulthood. She has been a driving force in educating the staff of AE/MS about healthier food choices, working through heartbreaking loss with grace, and starting a new business while not letting go of the excellence she possesses in her current job. We will have to scramble to fill

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Colby Benoit gets some help in jewelry making from Grace Stetson at SHARE Day.
Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

Community Pitches In To Make Another Great SHARE Day

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

SHARE Day has come and gone for another year. From all accounts, it was one of the best SHARE Days ever!

Our students are so fortunate to have the high level of community involvement in SHARE Day. Some of the offerings this year included: tennis, Rail Trail exploration, ceramics, cake decorating, lacrosse, animal tracking, cookie baking, beading, gardening, planting,

golfing at Mojalaki Golf and Country Club, horseback riding, mountain biking, woodworking, Zumba, photography, making duct tape wallets, needle felting, hula hooping, learning to play the harmonica, beading, sculpting, exploring vernal pools, and yoga.

After the morning workshops, the volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch put together by Laura Powers. Besides enjoying the extraordinary food, it also

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Sierra Provost and Anastacia Marriner are all smiles at the taco bar during the final Mix It Up At Lunch Day of the school year.
Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

Fiesta At AE/MS

By Susan Schultz
AE/MS School Counselor

To celebrate Cinco de Mayo, the eighth grade team of Kelsie Allen, Molly Comrie, Erin Hanscom, Nicole Barton, and Olivia Henriques, along with Director of Food Services, Ms. Young, and School Counselor, Mrs. Schultz, put on this school year's final Mix It Up At Lunch Day.

Mix It Up At Lunch Day is a day where students are assigned to sit with people that they do not normally sit with at lunch, so they can get to know

them better.

Ms. Young and team decorated the kitchen with chili pepper lights and set out a *delicious* taco bar, complete with guacamole, sour cream, veggies, tortilla chips, and all the fixings.

The eighth grade team decorated the lunch tables with sombreros, and students were treated to the team's enthusiastic performance of the Mexican Hat Dance. Latin American music played throughout all lunches, and grades one through five students danced to such songs as *La*

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One of the highlights of May at AE/MS is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. Here (l-r), Helen Armstrong, Bruce Clough, Ani McIntyre, Mary Clough, Colby Hanlon, Kalee Keyser, and Lagan Salathe pose in the school garden with just a few of the many signs that "sprouted" that week all around AE/MS.
Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand