



Emily Bates and Jen Hauser were among the AE/MS PTO crew decorating wreaths in the school gym on December 3. The fundraiser helps the PTO decorate town buildings for the holidays and support AE/MS field trips. Photo: Charlie Darling

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2011 Tax Bills Increase 11.7%

Andover Lions Invites Community To Christmas Party

Andover Lions Club press release

It is that time of year again to be thinking about how to celebrate the holidays. One fun event with a lion's share of good cheer is the Andover Lions Holiday Party. This year the Lions invite all their friends and neighbors to celebrate the season with them on Friday evening, December 16, at 6 PM at the Proctor Academy Dining Room. Enjoy an evening of fantastic food pre-

pared by Master Chef Art Makechnie, wonderful entertainment by recording artist Jackie Lee, and lots of laughs.

Bring your favorite beverage, a gift marked for either a lady or a gentleman (cost under \$10), and \$22 per person or \$40 per couple. We hope you will join us.

Please RSVP by mail with a check made out to the Andover Lions Club, PO Box 204, Andover 03216. Questions? Call 735-5144 or 768-5543. 🐾

Alternatives To Paying Tax Bills Once a Year

By Marj Roy Andover Tax Collector

It's that time of year when many Andover residents scramble to pay their annual property tax bill in one lump sum. It's also a good time of year to ask yourself: Is there a better way?

While it's not for everyone, many people may find that making regular payments throughout the year is less stressful than waiting for the end of the year and making a single payment. And if you're comfortable with online banking and online bill paying, the process can be easier still.

Estimating Payments

If the idea of regular payments appeals to you, now would be a great time to start because you've got a whole year to "get ahead" of next year's tax bill. You can pick any amount you like, but a good place to start would be with 1/12th of your 2011 tax bill. If you paid that amount every month between December 2011 and November 2012, you would be way ahead on next year's tax bill when it arrives.

Let's say your tax bill for 2011 was \$3,600. If you were to start this month See Alternatives on page 6

By Ed Hiller For the Beacon

The tax rates for Andover for 2011 have been finalized, and the tax bills have been sent out. These bills show an increase over last year by 11.7%. The components of the tax rate are shown in the table on page 5.

The tax bill for a typical property assessed at \$200,000 will be approximately \$3,765, up from last year by about \$393.

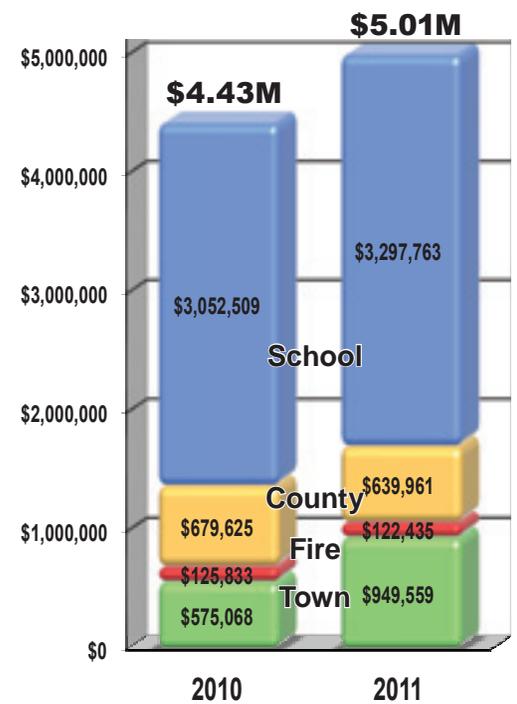
Andover School Taxes

The 2011 School District Meeting voted to appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended budget of \$4.32 million. This appropriation is an increase over the 2010 appropriation by 1.6%.

After accounting for offsetting revenues, including the New Hampshire Education Grant of \$822,697 and the return of the previous year's unexpended surplus of \$9,080, the amount to be raised by taxes for 2011 is almost \$3.30 million, up from last year's amount of just over \$3.05 million.

The amount of unexpended surplus from the previous year was sig-

To BE RAISED BY TAXES



nificantly less this year than in previous years as a result of a more frugal budget estimating process that was introduced last year. The budgets are now being prepared based more closely on the estimated expenses, without being inflated with additional contingency amounts. The result is that there will be less excess taxes collected at the start See Tax Bills on page 5



Veterans Day at AE/MS was a big event again this year. See the article on page 39 for details. Veterans honored include (standing): Pete Thompson, Roger Champagne, George West, Dave Cummings, Peter Zak, Charles Barry, Tom Bates, Jared Frost, Tim Frost, Bill Converse, Charlie Giles, Howard George, Lloyd Perreault, Jeff Sweeney, Wilbur Kate, Bill Leber, Don Varnum, John Morris, Steve Darling, Bob MacMichael, Skip Powers, Wayne Nicoll, George Kidder, Dave Hewitt, Melanie Goffhardt, Ken Combs. Seated: Chris Norris, Jay Boynton, Sheldon Rich, Roger Henderson, Frank Haley, Gene Poulin, Robert Ofenloch, John Graves, Les Shaw. Photo: Charlie Darling

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Trash Co-Op Rates Won't Increase

By Ben Leubsdorf
Concord Monitor staff

From the November 19 *Monitor*
Members of the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative [including Andover] won't pay a higher rate to get rid of their trash in the coming year.

The co-op's joint board unanimously adopted a fiscal 2012 budget Thursday night that set tipping fees for members at \$66.80 a ton, said Director Jim Preshler. That's the same as last year's rate.

The co-op's fiscal year runs from December 1 to November 30.

The move comes after several years

of steep increases in disposal fees for co-op members: the cities of Concord, Franklin, and Laconia plus surrounding towns. The fees went from \$45.90 a ton in 2009 to \$62.10 in 2010 and \$66.80 this year, an increase of 45.5 percent over two years.

The co-op, founded in 1985, operates a waste-to-energy incinerator in Penacook and an ash landfill in Franklin. The group plans to build a single-stream recycling plant in Penacook, with the facility expected to come online as soon as next winter.

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Run For Town Office In 2012!

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

With Town Meeting coming up in March, it's time to think about who's going to fill all the positions in town government that keep the wheels turning smoothly.

The following is a run-down of what offices will be on the ballot in March and what the incumbents may be planning.

Town Officers

Moderator for two years – Edward C. Becker is the incumbent.

Selectman for three years – Jacob B. Johnson is the incumbent.

Road Agent for two years – John Champagne is the incumbent.

Budget Committee for three years (two positions) – Sharon Darling and Carroll Gautreau are the incumbents. Sharon and Carroll do not intend to run again.

Library Trustees for three years (two positions) – Diane Rice and Robin Boynton are the incumbents. Diane and Robin do not intend to run again.

Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years – Janet Moore is the incumbent and does not intend to run again.

Cemetery Trustees for three years – Susan Schnare is the incumbent.

Supervisors of the Checklist for six years – Arthur C. Urie is the incumbent.

Treasurer for two years – Shirley Currier is the incumbent and intends to run again.

The Town paid positions up for election this year are:

Selectman – \$1,500 / year

Treasurer – \$2,000 / year

School District Officers

School Board for three years (two positions) – Don Gould and Erik Anderson are the incumbents. Don intends to run again.

Moderator for one year – There is no incumbent in this position

Clerk for one year – Christie Coll is the incumbent and intends to run again.

Treasurer for one year – Shirley Currier is the incumbent and intends to run again.

The School District paid positions up for election this year are:

School Board – \$100 / year

Moderator – \$60 / annual meeting

Clerk – hourly

Treasurer – \$1,000 / year

How To File

Filing to run for office is very easy. There is no longer a filing fee for any position.

The filing period for these positions is 10 days long. It begins on Wednesday, January 25, and ends on Friday, February 3. The filing form can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall during her normal business hours:

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2011 Andover Town Report

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Around the World with the Beacon



The Long Tail Monkeys – Max Barrett, Logan Marcus, Carl Hubbard, and Sam Barrett – relaxed with the *Beacon* after winning “Best 15 and Under Band” honors at the Music On and Up competition at the Hard Rock Cafe in Boston on November 13.



Nance Barrett and Pat “Toots” Fleury went to Scotland and Ireland. Here, they’re at the castle in Cork, Ireland, with the *Beacon*.

Town Matters!

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Jim Goody, right, selected a double handful of poinsettia plants at the Andover Fire Department’s annual poinsettia sale on November 19 at the Andover fire station. Helping out at the fundraiser were Jim Graham and his girlfriend Pat Prater. (Don’t miss the story about Jim on page 9!)
Photo: Charlie Darling

RP Johnson Collects Toys For Tots

RP Johnson press release

RP Johnson and Son of Andover and Sunapee is proud to be part of the Toys for Tots program this holiday season as part of their We Build It Forward community outreach program. RP Johnson will have three Toys for Tots drop-off locations: two in Andover, at the Home Center and at the Drive Thru Lumberyard; and one at the Sunapee store.

Community members are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to be do-

nated to a needy child. The holiday season is the perfect time to share your kindness with those in need and to make a child have a wonderful holiday this year.

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of the year, and at the end of the year the actual expenses will be closer to the budgeted amounts, so there will be less unexpended surplus to return to the tax payer. The net result is less borrowing from the taxpayer.

However, with a change in budgeting philosophy like this, the impact on taxes is only seen the first year, when a tighter budget is presented but a larger surplus is available from the previous year. That one-time benefit was reflected in our 2010 tax bills, making them lower than they otherwise would have been and therefore accounting for part of the increase in our 2011 tax bills.

The School tax rate for 2011 becomes \$2.29 for the State component and \$10.12 for the Town component, for a total of \$12.41. This is an increase in the tax rate of \$0.78, which contributes approximately 40% to the total tax rate increase of \$1.97.

Andover Town Taxes

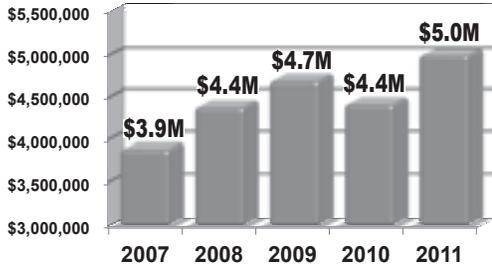
The 2011 Town Meeting voted to appropriate a total budget of \$1.49 million. Included in this appropriation was an addition, beyond the budget recom-

mended by the Budget Committee, of \$133,610 to pave Emery Road.

After taking into account pass-through items that do not affect the amount of funding to be raised by taxes, the net 2011 appropriation becomes \$1.46 million. This is an increase of \$250,225 over the net 2010 appropriation.

After accounting for estimated revenues and other adjustments, the

To Be Raised By Taxes



amount to be raised in 2011 by taxes, as calculated by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA), comes to \$949,559, up by \$374,491 over the tax amount for 2010 of \$575,068. There are several reasons for the dramatic increase in Town taxes this year:

- The net appropriations voted at the 2011 Town Meeting were up by about \$250,000. The Emery Road appropriation of \$133,610 accounts for a good portion of this increase.
- Revenues received by the Town in 2011 are estimated to be down from the previous year by about \$80,000. Motor vehicle registration fees are a significant component of these revenues and are expected to be considerably less this year than last.
- The Unexpended Surplus Account increased only slightly in 2011 and remains at the minimum level recommended by DRA to fund unanticipated future expenses. The Se-

lectmen decided that it would not be prudent to withdraw funds from that account to reduce taxes this year. (Last year they withdrew \$50,000 for this purpose.)

- DRA recommended applying a tax overlay of \$60,000 for 2011, up about \$40,000 from the overlay applied in 2010. This overlay is an amount set aside to cover possible tax rebates, as an appeal has been filed over the state allowing towns to tax utility companies for telephone lines.

As a result of these factors, the Town tax rate for 2011 is \$3.54, up from the 2010 rate of \$2.17. This is an increase in the tax rate by \$1.37, which contributes approximately 70% to the total tax rate increase of \$1.97.

County Taxes

The bill that Andover received from Merrimack County for its share of the County's 2011 budget was \$639,961, down from the 2010 amount of \$679,625. The tax rate to fund this bill is \$2.39,

compared to \$2.56 for 2009. This contributes a reduction by 10% to the overall tax rate increase.

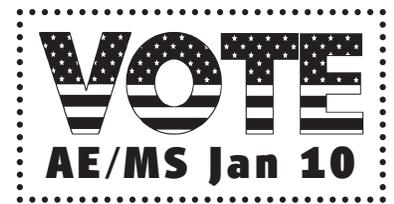
Fire Department Taxes

The amounts to be raised by taxes for the two Andover fire departments

Tax Rates for 2011				
Department	2010	2011	Change	
School	\$11.63	\$12.41	\$0.78	6.7%
Town	\$2.17	\$3.54	\$1.37	63.1%
Andover FD	\$0.64	\$0.63	-\$0.01	-1.6%
E Andover FD	\$0.36	\$0.34	-\$0.02	-5.6%
County	\$2.56	\$2.39	-\$0.17	-6.6%
Total Tax Rates				
Andover	\$17.00	\$18.97	\$1.97	11.6%
E. Andover	\$16.72	\$18.68	\$1.96	11.7%

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Department	2010	2011	Change	%
School	\$3,052,509	\$3,297,763	\$245,254	8.0%
Town	\$575,068	\$949,559	\$374,491	65.1%
Andover FD	\$69,429	\$68,928	-\$501	-0.7%
E Andover FD	\$56,404	\$53,507	-\$2,897	-5.1%
County	\$679,625	\$639,961	-\$39,664	-5.8%
TOTAL	\$4,433,035	\$5,009,718	\$576,683	13%

for 2011 totals \$122,435, down \$3,398 from last year. The tax rates for 2011 are \$0.63 for the Andover district and \$0.34 for the East Andover district.



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Tuesday, January 10, 2012 is the New Hampshire primary election – the first in the nation. Andover's polls in the Andover Elementary/Middle School will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM.

Registered voters with a party affiliation can vote in their party's primary. Unaffiliated voters can select one of the two parties' ballots on which to cast their vote. People who are not registered voters can register at the polls on January 10 and vote after registering.

Democratic Ballot

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:	
Randall Terry	Pugwash, West Virginia
Aldous C. Tyler	Wabash, Wisconsin
John Wolfe, Jr.	Chattanooga, Tennessee
Ed Cowan	Morristown, Vermont
Bob Ely	Lee-Tweed, Alaska
Craig "Tax Freeze" Freis	Lee-Eureka, California
Bob Greene	Mountain View, California
John D. Haywood	Durham, North Carolina
Robert B. Jordan	Garden Grove, California
Barack Obama	Chicago, Illinois
Cornelius Edward O'Connor	West Palm Beach, Florida
Edward T. O'Donnell, Jr.	Wilmington, Delaware
Darcy G. Richardson	Jacksonville, Florida
Vermin Supreme	Northampton, Massachusetts

Republican Ballot

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:	
Joe Story	Jacksonville, Florida
Linden Swift	Flint Hills, Indiana
James A. Vestermark	Taylor Mill, Kentucky
Vern Wuensche	Houston, Texas
Michele Bachmann	Bellevue, Minnesota
Bear Betzler	Providence, Pennsylvania
Timothy Brewer	Cleveland, Ohio
Herman Cain	McDonough, Georgia
Mark Callahan	Evansville, Oregon
Hugh Cort	Birmingham, Alabama
Randy Crow	Wells, North Carolina
L. John Davis, Jr.	Grand Junction, Colorado
Keith Drummond	Fort, Texas
Newt Gingrich	William, Virginia
Stewart J. Greenleaf	Huntington Valley, Pennsylvania
Christopher V. Hill	Prosser, Kentucky
Jon Huntsman	Salt Lake City, Utah
Gary Johnson	Camarillo, New Mexico
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Rick Perry	Austin, Texas
Joe Robinson	Naugatuck, Massachusetts
Buddy Roemer	Bayou Rouge, Louisiana
Mitt Romney	Berksh, Massachusetts
Kevin Robash	Windsor, Illinois
Rick Santorum	Grand Falls, Virginia

Wanted: Candidates For Town Boards & Committees

By Dennis Fenton
Andover Board of Selectmen (retired)

Dennis Fenton, a long-time member of the Board of Selectmen, wrote these words in 2009 when he decided to retire from the Board. With his permission, we're re-running this to encourage people to consider becoming a candidate.

First, the fact that you are busy is not a legitimate excuse! Everyone can use that one, but it's the town's well-being that is at stake, so we all have to find time to do the things that are really important to us.

What background should you have to run for a Town office? There's no one right answer to that question. George Upton, for example, took an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board of Selectman before the moving van was completely unloaded when he came to Andover. He went on to win re-election. George only had on-the-job training, which is the hard way.

Other Town officers have taken different paths. All these folks had one thing in common as a part of the community – they wanted to give something back to Andover.

A Good Candidate

What makes a good candidate? The first item on any candidate's agenda should be what is good for the majority. When a new problem arises, the solution is not the easy way out, but what serves our town the best.

As a member of a Town board or

committee, you are one of the overseers of our town whose job it is to manage the town's resources and problems. When a vote is taken, be supportive even if you might like something a little different.

Your main charge is to have needed services provided to the town at a reasonable cost. An important tool available to you in pursuit of that goal is the Budget Committee. Their job is to review all budgets in town and present the budget to be voted on at Town Meeting, School District Meeting, and the meetings of the various precincts.

The Budget Committee takes the prejudice out of an individual budget as they look at the big picture. It is important that we all, boards and citizens, listen very closely to the story they tell each year as they attempt to keep our tax rate at a manageable level.

Share Your Talents

To all you good folks out there: You are not too busy to make a commitment to share your many talents. Being a member of a Town board or committee is not a thankless job. People appreciate your willingness to serve, and you will be surprised how many times you are told this.

I don't know who will sign up, but you are out there. This is for your town. It is all worthwhile. Good luck!

The filing dates for candidates to file with the Town Clerk are Wednesday, January 25, through Friday, February 3,



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Alternatives from page 1

(December 2011) and pay \$300 a month toward your 2012 tax bill, then when the 2012 tax bill arrives in your mailbox in November 2012, its bottom line would be just the difference between the \$3,600 you'd paid in over the course of the year (12 months x \$300 per month) and the actual amount of your 2012 tax bill.

If taxes go up in 2012, you'd owe just the difference between your 2011 bill and your 2012 bill by December 1.

If taxes go down in 2012, you could either let your overpayment "ride" to apply to your 2013 tax bill, or you could ask the Tax Collector to write you a check for the overpayment.

Monthly payments of \$300 per month are just an example, of course. You could plan your payments to only prepay about half of your annual tax bill, if that works better for you. In fact, you could pick any amount that works for you.

And it doesn't have to be monthly payments. Weekly, quarterly, bi-monthly, semi-annually – it's entirely up to you. And if you get halfway through the year and have to stop prepaying, or change the prepayment amount, no problem! You're not locked into anything, and every dollar you have pre-paid still "counts."

Automatic Payments

Prepayments aren't handled any dif-

ferently by our office than your regular annual tax bill (except there's no yellow tax bill to bring with you or send with your check). Just write the Map, Lot, and Sub numbers on your check, and we'll take care of the rest.

With many banks now offering free online banking and free online bill payment, some Andover taxpayers are not only making prepayments, but are doing so without bothering to write checks – they've simply set up automatic payments on whatever schedule they like, and the bank takes care of the rest.

Easier On You, Easier On Taxes

If you choose to send prepayments, it will not just make things easier for you next November. It will also help keep down next year's tax bills, because every dollar you send during the year helps reduce the need for the Town to borrow money in anticipation of the year-end tax receipts. Borrowing costs money, of course, so the less we have to borrow, the better.

If easing the tax bill scramble next year appeals to you, I hope some of the ideas above are helpful. Just keep in mind – this isn't a "program," there's nothing to sign-up for, nobody to notify, no commitments to make. You're in control – you set the amount, you set the schedule, and you decide whether to keep to the schedule or not. If that sounds good to you, now would be a great time to give it a try!



Letters

Sunny Texas

Here we are in sunny, warm Justin, Texas. After arriving here in mid-July of the hottest summer on record, we are finally enjoying some cooler weather. Thank goodness!

We've bought a house in a subdivision near where our son Jeff lives. It includes a community swimming pool at the end of our cul-de-sac just a couple hundred feet from our front door. It may have saved our lives in late August!

We are getting used to the climate, while locating doctors, a church home, and making new friends and finding the best places to shop. Believe me, there are plenty. Our home is a mile (as the crow flies) from the Texas Motor Speedway and we've just passed the first big race of NASCAR last weekend.

One of our biggest challenges here is learning the traffic patterns and staying out of everyone's way. Some think that Boston and Massachusetts traffic is dangerous – I think maybe Texas raises the bar a bit.

We've missed the fall colors of New Hampshire, walking across the Cilleyville Bog Bridge, and will even miss some of the snow! We think of our neighbors and friends who came to our rescue after our movers didn't show up, but we had to get out of the house: Jerry and Janet, Brian and crew, Ron and Sandy. Also neighbors Jim, Grace and family, Dennis, Paul, and Betty. Can't forget some of the townspeople – Heather, Andover Rescue Squad, Dana at the Town Hall, the friendly Andover post office, Dunkin' Doughnuts in New London, "RPs," and even the Transfer Station

helpers and shoppers, where I volunteered a number of times, and of course the committee, too.

Andover is a wonderful town with great people. Special thanks to Charlie and *The Andover Beacon*. Charlie and all those volunteers put their hearts and souls into that paper, and it shows. Looking forward to the next issue!

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!

Hope to hear from some of you ... BillandMev@tds.net

Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season!

Bill and Merv Matulevich
PS: Benefit yard sale, anyone?

How much longer do we have to wait?

The newspapers these past few weeks have been filled with the usual signs of unrest in the Middle East, unemployment in the Midwest, and banking bonuses in the East. The Republican presidential candidates continue to debate the issues in a new kind of "reality TV" broadcast across the country, making us the laughingstock of its worldwide audience. But here in the Granite State, it's still guns and education and, oh yes, the birth certificate of President Obama.

Our president, our college campuses, and our public schools have come under attack. The president is not an American citizen according to certain citizens of Laconia; anyone on a college campus should be able to carry a gun because "gun-free zones are killing zones," and we should no longer accept federal aid for education.

In fact, the legislature would like to undo the structure of public education
See Letters on page 8

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

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Corrections



On page 48 of the November issue, a caption incorrectly identified Elias Davis. Thanks go to his grandmother, Roxanne Braley, for catching the error.

An article and photo about the boys fifth and sixth grade soccer team were inadvertently omitted from the November issue. They appear in this issue on page 36.

Due to an overlap in reporting dates, the Police Blotter article in the November issue repeated the arrest of Greydon Colby, which should only have appeared

A proud Elias Davis snagged the perfect apple when first graders visited Peter Zak's Highland Lake Apple Farm. Photo: Jennifer Bent

in the October issue. The *Beacon* regrets the errors.

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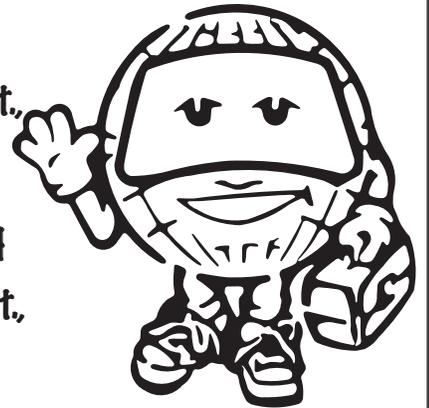
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To be included in next month's AYT, get your 30 words and optional photo to the *Beacon* by the 15th. Ads@AndoverBeacon.com • PO Box 149, Andover 03216 • 735-6099



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Dave Grant of the East Andover Fire Department prepares to load up the Christmas tree that Wyatt and Garrett Barton and their mother Meghan selected at EAFD's annual Christmas tree fundraiser. Photo: Charlie Darling

East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

Henry Ford is quoted as saying, "Luck is where preparation meets opportunity." I have always thought that hard work will not guarantee success, but you will not have success without hard work. I think they both send the same message.

We found this to be true when we were applying for a grant for our Mutual Fire Aid System. Due to mandatory FCC changes in our frequency bandwidth (I won't go into detail with you here because my goal is not to put you to sleep), we must transmit from all mountain sites at the same time. This is a very necessary but expensive

requirement. We are also faced with a necessary upgrade to our CAD system (more boring technical details). The bottom line is an expense of around \$700,000.

As I serve as the Executive Board Chairman of the mutual aid system, the last thing I wanted to do was ask each of the mutual aid member towns (including Andover) for funding. So last spring the senior management from the mutual aid system went to work putting together a very extensive request package. The completed request looked like a book.

Our original hope was that if we were granted half the funding, asking
See EAFD on page 9

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or "government schools," as they call them and give that funding in the form of scholarship and tax credit to religious, charter, and homeschooling.

Education is the cornerstone of our democracy, period. Without an educated citizenry, we cannot build for the future on the foundations of the past. I cannot imagine what would happen to the strength of the AE/MS programs if we received no government aid, how many programs would fall apart without

federal funding, how many kids would go without breakfast and lunch

Please, when you go to the primary on Tuesday, January 10, go as an informed voter. Know what your Andover representatives stand for and which presidential candidates they support. Think again, and again, about the gun issue, especially at a time when European countries are banning guns. And if you're a Democrat, get out there and cast your vote in the primary, too, showing whom you support.

Janet Moore

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Jim Graham Becomes Certified Firefighter At Age 62

By Chuck Ellis
 Chief, Andover Fire Department

Jim Graham is a 25-year resident of Andover living on Plains Road. While serving in the Navy, Jim was a firefighter. After retiring from the State of New Hampshire, Jim wanted to give back to his community and joined the Andover Fire Department. A short while after he joined, a Firefighter Level 1 class was posted, and he jumped at the opportunity to gain more knowledge.

A little hesitant at first, he asked a lot of questions of his fellow firefighters and then decided he was going for it. We all explained to him that it was a big commitment, and that we would help and guide him as needed.

Some of the classes at the New Hampshire Fire Academy in Concord are physically demanding. The one that Jim found the most physically demanding was Hoses. He remembers that hot summer day pulling hose across an asphalt parking lot. He really enjoyed the camaraderie of his classmates and mentioned that the instructors were great as well.

When asked if they would kid with him about his age, he said, "Oh, yeah, they called me Gramps sometimes."

This was a big accomplishment for Jim. When he found he had passed all his written and practical tests, he called me with great excitement, saying, "Chief, I did it. I passed everything."

Jim received a special award at the graduation recognizing the fact that the Academy believes that he may be the

oldest person to complete Firefighter Level 1 and become a Certified Firefighter in New Hampshire. When asked if he was going to continue his firefighting education, he said, "Yes, I am con-



Jim Graham received a special award when he graduated from the NH Fire Academy: Oldest to complete Firefighter Level 1 and become a Certified Firefighter in New Hampshire. Photo: Chuck Ellis

sidering taking an EMT class."

Jim has been a great help on the Andover Fire Department. Being retired, he is able to take care of different tasks during the day such as going to the Franklin Fire Department to get our Cascade system filled and helping out with public education for the school and preschool children.

If you are interested in becoming a member or just want to see what we're all about, you can find us almost any Monday night at either the East Andover or the Andover Fire Departments after 7 PM.

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the members for the other half would be possible. After a very long wait and much nail biting, the letter came. We were granted the entire amount! Were we lucky? Was it the hard work? I think both were involved. Anyway, we are off and running on our own funding. Life is good.

Christmas Tree Safety

Many will soon be setting up and decorating the family Christmas tree. The sight and wonderful smell of a fresh tree starts the season for many of us. Please just keep in mind a few simple safety tips.

First, purchase a fresh tree. If there are many brown needles, or when shaking the tree many needles fall, the tree is too old and will not be safe for the Christmas season.

Keep it well away from any heat source, and let it have all the water it can drink. A fresh cut at the base of the

tree before setting it in a stand will help it drink better.

A smoke detector in the same room as the Christmas tree is a small extra precaution.

Our job as firemen and EMTs is to protect life and property. The task is complex and requires many hours of preparation and training. As stated earlier, success takes work. Our team is also a bit competitive; we do not like to fail. We can be very hard on ourselves if a fire or an auto accident is not well managed by our team. This makes us better at our most important job, protecting your loved ones from fire and physical harm.

As the Christmas season draws near, take a little time and just enjoy being with your family. Our everyday lives leave precious little time to be together. The warm inner glow that comes from our children is the best there is.

From your life safety team, have a safe and happy holiday.

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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Board Of Selectmen

September 19

Condensed from approved minutes

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

Road Agent

Road Agent Jon Champagne reported that he had met with FEMA to review damages that occurred as a result of the hurricane. The issues in town were mostly related to washed out road shoulders. Another area of concern is the inlet and outlet for the Kearsarge Mountain Road Bridge. He gave the FEMA representatives a tour of the areas of concern.

Jon asked about the status of the pending sand excavation project on the town-owned property on Salisbury Highway. The Board agreed to hire Roger Rodewald from Sutton to have the property surveyed for the agreed sum of \$2,500. The expense will be assessed to the legal line.

Jon asked about "No Through Trucking" on Plains Road. He asked if the Road Agent could be exempt from this requirement. The Board said that if he were conducting Town business there should not be a problem.

Police Chief

Chief Laramie was in and reported on activities of the department from August 15 to September 15. There were 296 calls for service.

The department has been very busy, and there have been a number of unusual occurrences. In addition to normal house checks, the department issued 44 warnings and 4 traffic summons. There have also been ten arrests, and the recent incident of a subject suspected of kidnapping. It was necessary to use the taser gun on this subject.

Selectman Mishcon asked the Chief if he had thought of adding to his staff. The Chief said that at this time he does not have any plans to change the number of staff members.

Cruiser Bid

The Board opened two bids received

for the 2001 cruiser.

- James Delaney, 85 Franklin Highway, Andover – \$110
- Nancy Bousquet, 260 Switch Road, Andover – \$100

The Board awarded the bid to James Delaney.

Beech Hill Road

The Board met with Arch Weathers and his neighbor, Dean Barker.

They spoke to the Board about concerns that they have in regard to a subdivision on property owned by Bell Excavating. This property has an approved subdivision from several years ago but for various reasons, the subdivision was not completed. The back of this property borders on the Class VI portion of Beech Hill and is close to the home of Messieurs Weathers and Barker. There was discussion of whether the approved subdivision would allow access from the Class VI portion of Beech Hill Road and what would be required to change the status of the road.

New Business

Timber Tax

The Board reviewed and discussed the request from John Reich to abatement the yield tax assessed. Mr. Reich had his property logged to improve the wildlife and did not receive any financial benefit. The law does not consider whether a profit is made or not but specifies the tax is on the timber cut. For that reason the Board did not approve the abatement request.

Other Business

The Board reviewed up-to-date budgets.

September 23

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

Board of Tax and Land Appeals

Town Administrator Dana Hadley advised the Board regarding a letter re- See Selectmen on page 11

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

Bachelder Library:

Tues, 9-12:30 & 6:30-8:30

Thu, 6:30-8:30 • Fri, 1:30-5

Transfer Station:

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

Sat, 7-5

Swap Event (May-Oct):

2nd Sat (rain date: 3rd Sat)

Transfer Station, 8-2

MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted

Board of Selectmen:

1st & 3rd Mon, 7

Planning Board: 2nd & 4th Tue, 7

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

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Fourth of July: 1st Wed (Feb-Jun),

Andover Fire Station, 7

Andover Fire Dept: 1st Mon, Busi-

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Explorer Scout Post 321: 2nd Wed,

7, East Andover Fire Station

East Andover Fire Dept:

2nd Wed, 7:30

Andover EMS: 2nd Tue, 7

East Andover Fire Station

School Board: 1st Tue, 6:30,

AE/MS

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Mark Your Calendar!

DECEMBER

13: Building Inspector, 6-7

13: Planning Board, 7

14: Andover EMS,

East Andover Fire Station, 7

14: Budget Committee, 7

14: Conservation Commission, 7:30

15: Library Trustees, 7:30

19: Board of Selectmen, 7

19: Andover Fire Depts Training, 7

20: Zoning Board, 7

20: Building Inspector, 6-7

26: Town Office, Town Clerk CLOSED

27: Building Inspector, 6-7

27: Planning Board, 7

31: Town Office, Town Clerk CLOSED

JANUARY

2: Town Office, Town Clerk CLOSED

2: Andover Fire Depts Bus Mtg, 7

3: Building Inspector, 6-7

3: School Board, 6:30

3: Board of Selectmen, 7

4: Budget Committee Public Hearing, 7

10: Town Clerk / Tax Collector CLOSED

10: Building Inspector, 6-7

10: Planning Board, 7

10: Andover EMS,

East Andover Fire Station, 7

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12: Budget Committee, 7

16: Board of Selectmen, 7

16: Andover Fire Depts Training, 7

17: Zoning Board, 7

19: Library Trustees, 7:30

24: Planning Board, 7

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ceived from the Board of Tax and Land Appeals. The Board will conduct an investigation of the assessing practices of the Town relative to the Highland Lake abatement case.

Sinkhole at O'Hagen Property

The Board reviewed a copy of the e-mail from Robert Durfee from DuBois and King Engineers outlining his suggestions of how to address the sinkhole at the O'Hagen property in close proximity to the Highland Lake Dam.

Mailbox Policy

The Board discussed the Town's mailbox policy and considered what revisions if any should be made. Selectman Mishcon will review further and bring back to the Board for consideration.

Single Stream

The Board discussed issues regarding the single stream recycling method due to the recent vote of the Concord Coop to proceed with the single stream project.

Planning Board

October 11

Condensed from draft minutes

Members present: Eric Johnson, Chair; Jon Warzocha, Vice-Chair; Jacob Johnson, Ex-Officio; Nancy Teach; Pat Moyer, Paul Currier; Wood Sutton, alternate. Don Gould joined the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Also present for duration of appropriate items: Colin Brown; Larry Ballin; John Ferris; Gregor Mackechnie; Arch Weathers

Announcements / Correspondence

Notice of a public hearing in Danbury on November 22 regarding Ragged Mountain Pacific to extend the deadline by three years to April 2015.

Wetlands / non-site specific permit for Town of Andover for property on Morrill Hill Road.

Notice from Friends of the Northern Rail Trail regarding plans to reroute a bridge at Dyers Crossing. The FNRT are requesting a letter from the Planning Board indicating that the rail trail is beneficial to Andover.

Eric will forward all public correspondence from the Master Plan public

hearings to Board members to review for their November 22 work session.

Eric stated he had corresponded with town attorney Rob Upton regarding the letter received from Kim White pertaining to the school bus terminal. Mr. Upton indicated that the RSA states there is a 30-day timeframe for Planning Board appeals.

Eric stated he had spent time reviewing the Fenvale area on the town map.

Appointments

Public Hearing: Minor subdivision for Howard Jelleme, with Colin Brown of Central Land Surveying as agent, for property on Emery Road.

The proposal is to divide a 12-acre parcel into two lots, the first being 6.68 acres and the second being 5.39 acres. Brown stated the pins have been set. The public present were in full support of the proposal.

There being no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of approving the application.

Preliminary Non-Binding Consultation: Proctor Academy – discussion on upcoming projects.

Ballin and Ferris presented a conceptual site plan for a new dorm on North Street which would replace the current dorm: Parsonage. This dorm has not been approved by Proctor as of this time.

This would be a 16-bed dorm with two faculty apartments. Access to the dorm would be from behind MLS. The existing driveway would be brought up to current specifications and parking would be in the rear of the dorm.

Ballin stated there is a concern with the setback for the new building, and they would like to keep a parallel line rather than setting it back.

Warzocha commented that he feels the building should be set back and landscaping could be used to retain the parallel. Ballin responded that there could be drainage issues if the building is set back.

It was asked what the plans are for the Lawrence Street buildings, and the response was that Proctor would like to improve faculty housing. Cangiano house is currently faculty housing, and Thoreau could be turned into a two-

apartment faculty building.

Warzocha and Currier both stated that Proctor would need to request setback waivers and would also need a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Ballin and Ferris also discussed the football field. They stated that parents have requested a turf field. This has not been cited, it is strictly conceptual at this time. Having a turf field would alleviate drainage issues the current field has, and it would also make the field available to the community.

It was asked if there would be lights and a track, and the response was possibly lights; however, no track is planned.

Non-Binding Consultation: Arch Weathers – discussion regarding Ridgeline Ordinance Warrant Article

Weathers stated based on the Master Plan public hearings; he is volunteering to draft a warrant article for a ridgeline protection ordinance. Eric Johnson explained the procedure for warrant articles, including two public hearings and a ballot vote and Town Meeting. It was determined that views that are of particular concern to the residents to save needs to be determined.

Master Plan Work Session

Eric will forward all public comments from the Master Plan hearings to the Board for review. Board members need to think about the possibility of removing the specified commercial and light industrial zones and allow it in all zones via Special Exception. Currier

and Warzocha also feel this needs to be applied to the home occupation.

Eric would prefer specific zones for commercial and light industrial rather than anything anywhere. Gould feels the Special Exception needs to be tightened up and more iron-clad.

The Board will have a Master Plan work session on November 22.

October 25

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Eric Johnson, Chair; Jon Warzocha, Vice-Chair; Paul Currier; Jacob Johnson, Ex-Officio; Nancy Teach; Pat Moyer; Don Gould; and Wood Sutton, alternate

Also present for duration of appropriate items: Ed and Mary Hiller; Pat Cutter; Lee Carvalho; Fritz Hunting; Andy Prokosch; Sandra and John Graves; Darryl Furtkamp; Chuck Keyser; Chris Caron; Charles McCrave; Chris Norris; Bill and Betty Bardsley; Bob Ward; Arch Weathers; John and Tina Cotton

Public Hearing: Proposed Master Plan

Currier gave a brief overview of the history of the Andover Master Plan. The hearing was opened for public comment and concerns of the public include:

If once the commercial zone was developed, would home-type businesses be denied if not in the commercial zone? *The Master Plan proposes to define home business so that the business*

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can be in a separate building; however, the property owner must be the owner of the business.

What are the Board's plans for a maximum allowance for types of businesses, i.e. if there is 100 acres, would a McDonald's be allowed? Commercial distinguishes the types of business in the zones (i.e. village zone would include more walk-in type businesses). Light industrial area would allow commercial businesses. The Master Plan would drive entities to those areas that are more favorable to business.

If the area near the intersection of Routes 4 and 11 is used for the Town sand and gravel, would that area zoning be changed? The Town is exempt from its own ordinances.

Have there been any discussions with land owners regarding proposed zone changes? No, the whole process has been open to the public. There was much effort on what areas made sense, and they were chosen because businesses were already in existence.

Lack of enforcement was discussed. The Board stated they are aware that enforcement is a great concern and would consider a warrant article to set up an enforcement position.

Fritz Hunting stated he feels enforcement is not a separate issue from the Master Plan, it is a separate task and it would be dangerous to look at this without current enforcement.

Sandra Graves stated that the Conservation Commission has voiced concerns regarding ridgeline development, and she asked if it was on the map. There was a proposal brought to the Planning Board to create a view overlay district above a specific elevation; however, the Board felt that absent clearer specifications where scenic value to be protected was too broad without additional performance standards would not be very defensible. A committee would be needed to draft a warrant article regarding this.

Ragged Mountain Ski Area owns land in Andover, and they are looking for investments from China. Commercial development should take advantage of recreational opportunities.

If there are no other locations for light industrial other than the Morrill Hill area, why have one at all? The Special Exception could be retained as a Zoning Board application and expands the process for commercial and light industrial with specific regulations, and it could be substituted for the home-based businesses.

Bob Ward stated that the Special Exception did not have to be allowed in the four zones, and Ed Hiller stated it would allow more public involvement and encouraged more thought on the Special Exception.

Charlie McCrave responded that the final wording means a lot, and it would be more difficult to disallow what someone wants to do if allowed in all zones.

Why couldn't the Selectmen enforce

the rules? It takes money, and it would have to be proved they are breaking the law.

Currier stated that people are more apt to comply if someone is checking up on them.

Do the Selectmen speak to the person in violation prior to issuing a cease and desist? The Board responded they were unsure.

McCrave stated in defense of the Selectmen, it is very difficult to enforce decisions especially with small businesses as something has to be quite bad before the Selectmen act.

Jacob Johnson stated it is hard to enforce now when a violation has been going on for five to ten years.

Chris Norris stated if it's an egregious violation, action needs to be taken.

Betty Bardsley indicated she liked the idea of eliminating the commercial / industrial zones.

What are the next steps? To review all public comments and determine where the board proceeds and possibly have another public hearing in the future.

Currier stated the the overlay for protecting ridgelines and scenic views can be undertaken without the Master Plan.

Sandra Graves asked about the historic features, and Tina Cotton responded that there is an appendix for the historic features and wanted to know should someone be interested in undertaking these items, would they be accepted. The response was Yes.

The annual meeting of the Association of Conservation Commissions will cost \$45 for each person if the registration is submitted by October 28. After that the cost will be \$65.

Correspondence

A monitoring form from the Forest Society was received for the Fenvale Easement. There was also a request for the forms from 2008, 2009, and 2010. Jerry will save the form for Nan Kaplan, and we will check to see if the missing years are upstairs in the conservation file drawer.

Tina had pamphlets and an informational letter from the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension recommending the book *Good Forestry in the Granite State - Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for New Hampshire 2nd edition*. Cost: \$25 at GoodForestry.org.

Old Business

Nan had asked us to remember our standing as a "Tree City." Dana will be asked about the possibility of replacing the Christmas tree on the corner of the entry way road with a smaller tree.

New Business

The Newman Easement was monitored on October 5. Jim McKenna, the owner, met with Jerry Hersey, Tina Cotton, Nan Kaplan, and Sandra Graves. The property is being maintained within the terms of the easement. The open areas and fields have created good environments for wildlife as well as for any agricultural pursuits.

Tina reported that she had attended the Lakes Region Planning Commission meeting. There have been changes to the Shoreline Protection Rules. The point system has been revised. The initial point system was too difficult to administer. Town officials should be contacted if anyone has a question about shoreline buffer areas.

Conservation Commission

October 12

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Jerry Hersey, Tina Cotton, Sandra Graves.

Tina reported that the Lake Sunapee Bank has the best CD rates at this time. She will consult with the Town Treasurer, Shirley Currier, about the bank's Advantage CD and the best way to invest the Town Conservation Fund.

After some discussion it was decided we would ask for \$500 for our operating budget in 2012. We have spent \$225 on the annual dues for the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions and \$30 for the purchase of six SP-NHF booklets *Conserving Your Land*.

Recycling Committee

November 10

Condensed from draft minutes

Attending: Ken Tripp, Sandra Graves, Marj Roy, Don Gross, Gary Peters, Debbie Guinard

Christmas Swap: Will be held December 3 at AE/MS thanks to Janet See Recycling on page 13

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Moore and Robin Boynton.

Hazardous Waste: We are still awaiting the delivery of our booklets *Alternatives to Household Hazardous Waste.* We still have not disposed of our stash of oil-based paints. There are three vendors which deal with their disposal.

School Recycle Club: Kelly has resigned her position with NRRA. Katelynn has taken her position and has promised Ken that she will call the week of November 14.

Signage: New Hampshire the Beautiful provides free signs to New Hampshire transfer stations. Reggie and Debbie will select what we want. Ken expressed the sentiment that if we are not going to enforce the "No Sticker, No Dump" rule, we should eliminate the signs. Don disagreed.

Centerfold: Nearing completion with the Selectmen.

NHDES: Reggie and Debbie recently completed a day-long training session for transfer station attendants. The fines for improper care of electronic waste and hazardous materials were found to be very substantial.

Vegetable Oil: We have not yet asked NRRA to participate in this program. Once we ask, a container will be delivered to the Transfer Station. We can then advertise that we are recycling this commodity. The company is now paying participants 7 cents per gallon, but the price is scheduled to increase significantly.

Freon: NRRA has emptied all our freon-containing appliances for \$8 per appliance. We have recycled all these items and now have a clean slate for the winter. NRRA will train Reggie and Debbie so that future processing can be handled internally. We just have to request the training.

Tires: Still need to recycle the 30-odd tires in the "back forty."

Got Books: Ken has spoken to the Blackwater Diner about locating a trailer on their property. We will have an answer shortly.

Accounting: Still trying to resolve metal recycling figures.

Single Stream: Don plans to attend the next trash co-op meeting and get more details about the planned facility and financial agreements.

Pay As You Throw: Ken did not visit any Transfer Stations this month.

School Board

October 4

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Erik Anderson, Don Gould, Charlie McCrave, Katie Keyser

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

Public present: Tina Cotton

Board Chairperson's Report: Don briefly spoke about the bus vandalism of the previous week as well as the windows being damaged at the train station.

Principal's Report: After discussion regarding the use of a PennAlert system to notify families of school delays and cancellations, the Board voted unanimously to go forward and set up Penn Alert for AE/MS for the fee of \$200.

Public Participation: None

Good News: A thank you note from Andover Fish and Game Club's Reggie Roy for the use of the tables and chairs.

Old Business

Board Representative on Budget Committee: Charlie will attend as *ad hoc* member.

New Business

NHSBA Resolutions: Materials were included in the packet for informational purposes about the School Board's Association resolutions. Andover usually sends a delegate to the assembly.

Superintendent's Report: Mike reminded everyone there will be a bus trip on October 11 at 8 AM to view existing routes. Mike also addressed the topic of a Board member attending a meeting electronically. This topic will be discussed further at the meeting on October 18.

October 18 Work Session

Condensed from draft minutes

Members present: Don Gould, Charlie McCrave, Katie Keyser, Erik Anderson

Administration present: Assistant Superintendent Chris Barry, Robin

Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton, Julie Gaudette

Budget Preparation: A brief discussion about budget goals for the upcoming budget season. A draft budget will be prepared. Discussion about energy saving information to be shared, what have we saved with the new lights?

Transportation Update: Discussion about the bus route tour. Katie Keyser, Erik Anderson, Robin Heins, Mike Martin, and Jane Slayton all attended. Roads visited were Beech Hill Road and Tucker Mountain Roads. This topic will be discussed at the next monthly Board meeting on November 1.

October 25 Work Session

Condensed from draft minutes

Members present: Don Gould, Katie Keyser, Kent Armstrong, Erik Anderson

Administration present: Mike Martin, Chris Barry, Robin Heins,

Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton, Julie Gaudette

Budget Preparation: The Board reviewed information about the number of projected high school students. There are 17 students expected to graduate from eighth grade this year.

Trust Fund balances and class sizes were also discussed. Robin Heins met with Neil Barry about the energy savings. We have saved 12% over the past 18 months, approximately \$5,600.

Electronic Communication: Mike Martin reviewed information about a Board member participating electronically. The topic will be discussed at the regular Board meeting next week.

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Dec 14: School Budget (if needed)
Jan 4: Public Hearing:
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 Andover Town Budget
Jan 11: Public Hearing:
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Youth Deer Hunt

New Hampshire Fish & Game press release

Preliminary reports show that young hunters succeeded in harvesting 387 deer during the 2011 Youth Deer Hunt Weekend in New Hampshire, which took place on October 22 and 23.

This year's reported youth hunt total is up slightly from the 2010 total of 376 deer and 2009 total of 363 deer for the weekend, according to Kent Gustafson, the Deer Project Leader for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. The numbers remain preliminary because all registrations have not yet been verified.

"New Hampshire's youth hunters had a productive weekend with many being successful in taking a deer, perhaps their first. Equally important was the opportunity to learn some deer hunting skills, enjoy the companionship of their hunting mentor, and share the excitement of deer hunting," said Gustafson.

The youth deer weekend gives young

people statewide the opportunity to go deer hunting with an adult mentor. Accompanying adults must be licensed hunters and are not allowed to carry a firearm, so that they can devote all of their time and attention to coaching their young companions. New Hampshire has offered a special youth deer hunt since 1999.

Youth also may hunt in New Hampshire during the regular deer seasons. All youth hunters under age 16 must be accompanied by a licensed adult 18 years or older while hunting. "Accompanied" means "within sight and hearing, excluding electronic devices, when actual physical direction and control can be effected."

New Hampshire also offers special opportunities for young hunters through a youth turkey weekend each spring and a youth waterfowl weekend in September.

For more information about youth hunting in New Hampshire, visit HuntNH.com/Hunting/youth_hunting.htm.

Andover Naturally

Nature Sightings And Other Holiday Gifts

By Lee Carvalho
Beacon volunteer

While many ferns survive the first frosts of the season, sensitive fern gets its name from its vulnerability to frost. Sensitive fern fronds died back by the end of October this year, but you can still see the erect, brown, fertile fronds covered with dark spheres which give the sensitive fern its other common name, bead fern. The "beads" will mature and dry, and in the spring they burst, sending out thousands of green spores.

Red-Tailed Hawk

Bud and Diane Rice have been seeing a red-tailed hawk near their place on the ridge (1,000' elevation) at Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club. Every now and then, crows gang up to chase the hawk away, and that's when Bud and Diane notice it. Bud reports that if this one lingers, it will be the second year that a red-tailed hawk has stayed in the area through the winter.

Bobcat

In late October Steve Darling was at home way up high on Bridge Road and caught a glimpse out a window of something in his backyard. Assuming it was a small dog, he took another look and realized he was seeing a bobcat. Steve had the luxury of watching the bobcat for about four minutes as it sniffed around the yard, not in any rush to leave. What impressed him was its compactness and suggestion of power.

I read in Stokes (see below) that bobcats are "our only wild predator in the East that regularly kills deer. They kill deer by attacking them on the back of the neck and biting through important veins." According to Stokes, a bobcat only uses that kill for one meal, but foxes and fishers are grateful for the carrion.

Snow

Mother Nature has certainly taken care of my question last month, "When will the first snowfall occur in 2011?" Not in January, not in December, not in November, but in October!

The nor'easter that dumped over 22.2 inches of heavy snow in Concord on October 29-30 set a new record. Since the late 1800s when the National Weather Service started collecting data,

the all-time high for snowfall in October had been 3 inches, a record set in 1968. The 22.2 inch amount is also the third highest snowfall recorded for any one storm in Concord.

While the question of when the first snowfall will occur is now resolved, you are still encouraged to enter the contest and take a guess at the total accumulation of snow for the 2011-2012 winter. E-mail me your name and your guess at the address below.



The Hillers' game camera trap caught this fox ...

Gifts For Nature Lovers

If in this holiday season you need a present for a nature-loving friend or relative, here are some suggestions.

Field Guide to New England by Peter Alden, published by the National Audubon Society. This handy book has drawings, photographs, and written descriptions for the region's wildflowers, trees, mushrooms, mosses, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, butterflies, and mammals. It also includes information about parks, preserves, beaches, forests, islands, and wildlife sanctuaries. There is rich background material on the region's geology, habitats, ecology, fossils, rocks, minerals, clouds, and weather. If you can only carry one field guide when you are out in the woods, this might be the best.

Tracking and the Art of Seeing by Paul Rezendes. This is both a how-to book for the beginner and a solid reference book for the experienced tracker. After an introduction lays out the hows and whys and vocabulary of tracking, the author describes over 50 species - their tracks, trail patterns, sign (includes middens, nests, and scat among other indications of an animal's presence). The pages are filled with helpful diagrams and photographs.

A Guide to Nature in Winter by Donald W. Stokes. This 1976 classic looks at the primary aspects of nature in winter: weeds, snow, trees, evidence of insects, birds and abandoned nests, mushrooms, tracks in snow, and woodland evergreen plants. There is as much pleasure

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... and this bear in the woods near their house. Photos: Ed Hiller



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On November 11, FNRT remembered the late Peter Oren Crowell, an FNRT board member from New London, by riding the Northern Rail Trail from Potter Place north toward Danbury in the Second Annual Peter Crowell Ride. It was a blustery but sunny morning, one that Peter Crowell would have enjoyed with his grandchildren, two of whom are in the bike trailer in the photo. A combination of Crowell family members and FNRT volunteers commemorated Peter's indomitable spirit and his love of bicycling, the rail trail, and the outdoors. Pictured are Myra Mayman, Board secretary; Peter Crowell's son, Ben, with his son Corbin and nephew Hunter in the trailer; Ben's wife, Abby Crowell; FNRT volunteer Chris Norris of East Andover; and FNRT Board member Steve Darling of Andover. Caption and photo: Lindy Heim.

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

November 16

Present: Alex Bernhard, Pecco Beaufays, Craig Heim, Lindy Heim, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Chris Norris, Steve Rayno, Peter Southworth, Nita Tomaszewski,

Marc Davis, and Carolyn Stoddard of the *Intertown Record*

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 18 (no December meeting)

Treasurer's Report: The estimate of total costs for the new section of trail is \$32,000 – under budget.

Old Business

Recreational Trails Program: Alex moved to authorize Nita to submit a proposal for building an additional two miles of trail with a "stretch goal" of three miles to the Gerrish Depot site on Route 3 in Boscawen if we can raise the additional funds.

Nita is ready to do the paperwork, and discussion centered on how much trail we can build if we receive the RTP grant. Nita noted building three miles of trail gets to the Merrimack County Nursing Home (the Gerrish Depot), which would be a good end point because it has parking and porta-potties. Craig felt we should only build as much trail as the grant allowed.

The motion was approved and passed. Chris noted that our grader operator, Eddie, may not be available. Nita commented that we need a bigger volunteer crew for building the next section.

Action Items: Steve is making progress on the bike raffle and will be selling raffle tickets at the Andover Snowmobile

Club. Steve requested that FNRT be a stronger presence at the club's Saturday, January 28 fund raiser as well as at the Snow Fest on Saturday, February 11.

Steve also updated us on the Frank-



FNRT volunteer Ed Hiller demonstrates the attention to detail that has been involved in his project of repainting the old Northern Railroad mileposts on the rail trail. 26 mileposts have been painstakingly restored using vintage fonts. Other rail trail volunteers, including Steve Robinson, Rickie Miller, and Steve Rayno, have cleared the areas around them in preparation. These markers "give a feeling of historical significance to the rail corridor, and also provide trail users with an idea of where they are and how far they have come," Ed says.

Caption and photo: Lindy Heim

lin clean-up as well as the repair of the train "turntable" and truck ruts north of Holy Cross Road from the last trail building.

See FNRT on page 17

NH Hunters Asked To "Hunt For The Hungry"

New Hampshire Fish & Game press release

Successful hunters who are willing to help the less fortunate can donate venison to the New Hampshire Food Bank through the "Hunt for the Hungry" program. For more information on how to donate, call the food bank at 669-9725 or visit NHFoodBank.org. If you're donating a whole deer, you can bring it to Lemay & Sons Beef in Goffstown (622-0022), and they will process it for the food bank at no charge.



Nature from page 14

as information in the author's clear and elegant prose and drawings.

Bushnell Backtrack Personal Locator. Frank Baker introduced me to this handy GPS device which allows you to mark your position when you begin a walk by hitting one button. Hours later, after wandering around in the woods, you hit another button, and the gadget shows the distance and direction back to your start. It works just as well for locating your car in a mall or airport parking lot!

Moultrie M80 Game Spy Camera. How about a motion detection camera you can mount on a post or a tree in the woods and capture wildlife in action? The camera has infrared capability allowing it to photograph at night, too. Ed and Becky Hiller's camera is mounted at a perfect spot along one of the trails in their woods, and they are enjoying the results.

Please remember to send me your observations, photographs, and nature tips at AndoverNaturally@gmail.com so I can include them in next month's column.



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Equestrian Ski Joring Competition Comes To New London

NESJA press release

The North East Ski Joring Association (NESJA) will hold the first of two nationally-sanctioned point races of the season at Colby-Sawyer College on Saturday and Sunday, January 21 and 22. The races are sanctioned by the North American Ski Joring Association. Racing begins at noon each day. Concessions will be available, and the proceeds will go to the Colby-Sawyer Equestrian Team. There will also be a raffle for cash and prizes to help support NESJA's 2012 race season.

Spectators are always welcome and will be amazed as horse and rider pull a skier down a course consisting of gates, jumps, and jousting rings. This is a timed event, with penalties added for missed obstacles. This makes it extremely important for the skier to make all the gates, catch all the rings, and go over all the jumps successfully at record-breaking speeds, all while dodg-

ing ice and snowballs being thrown up from the horse's hooves.

Christina Thorp, president of NESJA, has been involved and competing in these competitions since NESJA's inception in 2005 and has seen the sport grow in the Northeast. "Competitors come and go," says Christina, "but as the years go by I see more family involvement and some of the same competitors coming back. This is good for the continued growth of the sport to get the younger generation involved and hooked on equine ski joring."

Christina also feels that the sport of ski joring is good for the local economy, drawing people out of the house and out on the town for a day of winter fun, western style.

For more information on the sport of equestrian ski joring and for the 2012 competition schedule, visit NESJA.com or contact Christina@NESJA.com. 

First Day Franklin Promises Chills And Thrills

First Day Franklin press release

First Day Franklin 2012 will start with a thrill in Franklin on Sunday, January 1. This year marks the 31st anniversary of kayakers splashing and slicing through snow- and ice-filled Class IV rapids on New Year's Day. There is very little that compares to such a sight.

Choose Franklin invites all businesses, organizations and groups to be a part of the festivities. Reserve your event table in the heated tent, free of charge, by calling Kathy at the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce at 524-5531. Be a part of the festivities, inform spectators of your winter activities, and help welcome the Merrimack Valley Paddlers and Friends of the Winnepesaukee River as they paddle down the Winnepesaukee River in Franklin, Northfield, and Tilton for the 31st year.

Paddlers will take to the water between 11 AM and 1 PM, with novice and intermediate boaters paddling the upper Winnepesaukee from Route 140 to the train station in Northfield. Advanced boaters will paddle the lower Winnepesaukee from Cross Mill Road in Northfield to downtown Franklin, taking out at Trestle View Park on Central Street behind Grevior Furniture.

Spectators are encouraged to attend, with best viewing at Trestle View Park, which is the take-out for paddlers on the lower section. The park will feature a heated tent with coffee, cocoa, chili, and "Hoppin' John" provided by

Choose Franklin, the Franklin Rotary Club, the Franklin Democratic Society and Franklin Savings Bank, along with information about the wealth of activities being put on by area organizations this winter.

Spectators can also walk, snowshoe, or ski on the Winnepesaukee River Trail to watch paddlers coming down the Class III and IV rapids.

Stop by and learn about the special community events including the 50th Annual Winter Carnival activities being planned by the Franklin Outing Club starting Saturday, January 28, or the Webster Lake Fishing Derby on Saturday, February 18, and more.

Choose Franklin is the main sponsor of First Day Franklin and is seeking co-sponsors for the event. Franklin Savings Bank will provide refreshments for the tent set-up crew who, last year, were volunteers from the Webster Place Recovery Center. The Franklin Fire Department, Franklin Parks and Recreation Department, Wilderness Trailer Sales, and Scott Stanley Electric provided tables, heat, and electricity for the event tent.

For more information, to reserve a table for your business or organization, to volunteer to help with the tent or refreshments, to be a sponsoring partner, or be involved in any way, please contact Kathy Pevine at Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce at 524-5531; Delaney Carrier at Franklin Storage Company at 934-2789; or Sarah Stanley at Franklin Savings Bank at 934-8343. 



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Pine Hill Ski Club

Pine Hill Ski Club press release

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, December 14: Pine Hill Bash, a fund raiser for our ski area at Bubba's Restaurant. Order off the regular menu, and our group gets part of the fee. Sixties pop tunes by the fab Fond-tones. "Do ya wanna dance?" or just eat and listen? 7 PM in Newbury Harbor.

Saturday, December 31: Season's Pass early-bird sign up deadline. See the Membership page at PineHill-SkiClub.com.

Wednesday, December 28: Free Trial Ski Day. Try our trails. Bring a friend to ski and both of you ski free.

Saturday, January 7: Robb's Ski Hut opens for the season, noon to 2 PM.

Saturday, January 21: Ski the Edge opens for the season. Ski par course of 10 km. Classic groomed. Interlinked circuit course. Record time on Speed Demon self-time chart.

Saturday, January 28: Chili Chow Down at Robb's Hut, noon to 2 PM. Feel the heat! \$5 donation.

Saturday, February 4: Moonlight Guided Ski Tour from 7 to 8:30 PM. Free for members, \$15 non-members. Must pre-register by February 19.

Saturday, February 18: Annual Blueberry Pancake Brunch at Robb's Ski Hut, noon to 2 PM. \$5 donation.

Sunday, March 4: Senior Masters 3 km race for skiers over 60 years old. 5 year categories. Trail fee is entry. Call to pre-register by March 2. Classical race. 

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AE/MS Students Create Ornaments For State Tree In DC

NH Dept. of Cultural Resources
press release

Andover artist Kristine Lane and students from Andover Elementary/Middle School have collaborated to create New Hampshire's official ornaments that will be featured at this year's National Christmas Tree Lighting event. The lighting took place on Thursday, December 1, on the Ellipse at Presidents Park in Washington, DC.

Kristi and the seventh- and eighth-grade students of AE/MS spent two days making the ornaments, which capture the essence of New Hampshire during the holiday season. Students used colored tissue paper mounted on clear acetate to create stained glass-like artwork of the Old Man of the Mountain, covered bridges, native wildlife, winter activities, and other images they felt best represented New Hampshire. Each is a one-of-a-kind creation.

One of the ornaments will be displayed on the White House Visitor Center Christmas tree, which showcases an ornament from each US state, territory, and the District of Columbia. The others will be hung from New Hampshire's tree as part of the National Christmas Tree display on the Ellipse.

Kristi, a metal artist who is a juried member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, described the students as "very talented artists. They were excited to work on this project, and the ornaments they crafted not only represent New Hampshire in winter, but also showcase our state's creativity and heart."

Images of the ornaments can be seen at NH.gov/nhculture.

In 1856, New Hampshire's Franklin Pierce, fourteenth president of the United States, became the first president to place a Christmas tree in the White House.

The National Christmas Tree Lighting began on Christmas Eve in 1923, when President Calvin Coolidge lit a Christmas tree in front of 3,000 spectators on the Ellipse. Since then, each succeeding

President has carried on the tradition of what has now become a month-long event presented by the National Park Foundation and National Park Service.

"The decorating of the state and territory trees in President's Park is a highly anticipated holiday tradition," said Neil Mulholland, president and CEO of the National Park Foundation. "We look forward to including New Hampshire's ornaments during the 89th annual celebration."

New Hampshire's Department of Cultural Resources includes the State Council on the Arts, the Film and Television Office, the Division of Historical Resources, the State Library and the Commission on Native American Affairs. The Department strives to nurture the cultural well-being of our state. From the covered bridges and traditional music of our past to the avant-garde performances and technological resources of today and tomorrow, New Hampshire's culture is as varied as its geography and its people. This strong cultural base—which truly has something for everyone—attracts businesses looking for engaged workforces, provides outstanding educational opportunities and creates communities worth living in. Learn more at NH.gov/nhculture.



Adrien Bolte, an eighth grade student at AE/MS, designed this Old Man of the Mountain ornament. Adrien said, "I was honored that AE/MS was chosen for this project. It was fun to stay after school and make ornaments." Photo: Charlie Darling

Photographers Wanted For Northern Exposures In 2012

By Larry Chase

Organizers of the third annual *Northern Exposures* photography exhibit, to be shown in Andover in 2012, are looking for local photographers who would like to share their work with the public. Beginners through professionals are welcome. The sole requirement is that photos should have been taken in the Andover area.

Sponsored by the trustees of Andover's libraries in 2010 and 2011, the exhibits have been shown in the Andover Village Library, East Andover's Bachelder Library, the Salisbury Free Library, and the Wilmot Public Library.

To participate, or for more information, contact Larry Chase at LBChase@aol.com, or 735-5021.

Muster Field Farm Museum Ice Harvest Day

Muster Field Farm press release

The Ice Harvest Day will be held at Horse Beach, Kezar Lake, North Sutton on Sunday, January 22, from 9 AM until the ice is in. Help cut ice blocks from the lake for delivery up to the Farm, where they are stored in the Watters Ice House for use at summer events. Enjoy homemade soups, snacks, and hot beverages in the farm's Ryder Corner School House. Pete Lauridsen and friends will display antique cars converted to snowmobiles at Horse Beach, and the Sutton Ridge-runners will stage an Ice Day ride-in for

all area snowmobilers. Free admission (donations appreciated). Rain date: January 29. Info and directions: 926-4276 or MusterFieldFarm.com.

Warm up beforehand at the annual pancake breakfast sponsored by the Sutton Historical Society, in North Sutton's Free Will Baptist Church, from 7 to 10 AM. They will be serving all you can eat pancakes, orange juice, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids. A \$1 discount if you come by snowmobile, x-c skis, or snowshoes. Rain date: January 29.

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Discussion of parking at the Irving gas station and locating replacement granite posts will be postponed until a future meeting. Grafton County should also be part of the granite marker project.

It was suggested that we consider shifting our priorities and spending to Franklin projects rather than a push to build the last nine miles. Alex proposed we allocate \$300 for Billy Hurd to repair the turntable, and this proposal was seconded and passed.

Maintenance: Cathie Lisk sent an email to interested parties to establish a maintenance committee. She received some responses and will proceed.

Signage: Charles noted that access to the trail is difficult in Franklin but his sign proposal for \$350 for signs in West Franklin might wait, given the possibil-

ity of parking behind the Irving gas station. Charles suggested a sign at Holy Cross Road to identify the current start/end of our trail. Action on signs is postponed until the spring.

Wednesday, December 14 pot luck supper is confirmed for 6:30 PM at The Highland Lake Inn. Pecco noted that organizing the food takes all the fun out of the event.

Offer of bike racks: Lindy will request three bike racks from the company that is considering the donation.

Plymouth State tourism project and other promotional ideas: Pecco discussed his work to build a network of innkeepers offering packages around the rail trail as well as another dinner event to help FNRT connect with the New London community. The rail trail has been adopted as part of New Hampshire Tourism.

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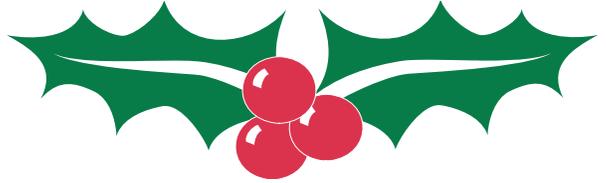
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Through the Reading Glasses

Andover Libraries

By Janet Moore
Andover Libraries

I am Half-Sick of Shadows by Alan Bradley; *Back to Work* by Bill Clinton; *We Need to Talk about Kevin* by Lionel Shriver; *V is for Vengeance* by Sue Grafton – so many books and so little time, especially with the holidays coming up. *Happy Winter* by Karen Gundersheimer is just the ticket, and although it's almost 25 years old, the colorful, simple drawings of fun and games inside the kitchen and outside in the snow will excite any child. But wait, parents; it really is a sleepy-time book, ending with a lullaby sure to warm your furry toes.

The Alan Bradley book mentioned above is the fourth in a series starring 11-year-old Flavia DeLuce, a chemistry whiz and amateur sleuth whose antics really are meant for grown-ups. Walter Isaacson's biography of Steve Jobs is available in the libraries. Ask about the others, and remember that the libraries can usually order something new for you or get it from another town through the Inter-Library Loan program.

Volunteers and trustees – no self-respecting library could operate without them. Our current volunteers are always willing and able, and we encourage them to appear on a regular basis. However, we're always interested in training more bibliophiles in the art of processing new acquisitions. Yes, cutting and pasting and taping and stamping are part of processing, but we'll also work with you to shelve materials properly and assist the director in other ways.

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Trustees are the people responsible for the library's well-being. They are active in the entire budget process, the maintenance of the Bachelder Library, and they write and maintain policy in accordance with the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association and local, state, and federal law, and work with the directors on programs, book sales, and other projects. Trustees develop a mission statement for the library and appoint, supervise, and review the performance of the director.

The trustees, as ongoing advocates for greater library service and community interaction, are always looking for ways to bring in the community and get them involved. Speaking for the Board, we want to see you in the Andover libraries! We meet on the third Thursday of each month, with a summer hiatus, in one or the other library. If you are interested in running for a position as a Library Trustee, see the article on page 2 for details.

We hope to have an activity starting in January and running for four months, on the second Monday of the month. Andover resident Barbara Woolley will be offering her time in the Town Library for an hour, from 7 to 8 PM, on gathering materials and writing a memoir. See the library bulletin boards and flyers around town for more information. See you there on January 9! 

Bachelder Library New Acquisitions

The Glass Room, Simon Mawer
The Quilter's Legacy, Jennifer Chiverini
I am Half-Sick of Shadows, Alan Bradley
A Red Herring Without Mustard, Alan Bradley
A Study in Sherlock, Laurie King
A Rule Against Murder, Louise Penny
A Trick of the Light, Louise Penny
In the Company of Others, Jan Karon
The Silent Girl, Tess Gerritsen
The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party, Alexander McCall Smith
The Prince of Ravenscar, Catherine Coulter
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The Suspect, John Lescroart
Please, Puppy, Please, Spike Lee
Fireboat, Maira Kalman
Merry Christmas, Strega Nona, Tomie DePaola
Always Looking Up: The Adventures of an Incurable Optimist, Michael J. Fox
An Incomplete Revenge, Jacqueline Winspear
Comfort Food, Kate Jacobs
Interworld, Neil Gaiman
My Haunted House / The Sword in the Grotto, Angie Sage
Nobody Move, Denis Johnson
Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Legacy, Eric Van Lustbader
The Almost Moon, Alice Sebold
The Faithful Gardener, Calrissa Pinkola Estes
The Postmistress, Sarah Blake
The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers, Amy Hollingsworth
Sacred Hearts, Sarah Dunant
Dead by Midnight, Carolyn Hart
Marie Antoinette, Antonia Fraser

Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

The Language of Flowers, Vanessa Diffenbaugh
Silver Girl, Elin Hilderbrand
The Best of Me, Nicholas Sparks
Beyond Tallulah, Sam Wylie
Bonnie, Iris Johansen
How to Survive Middle School, Donna Gephart
A Rule Against Murder, Louise Penny
The Final Storm, Jeff Shaara
Zero Day, David Baldacci
The Lady of the Rivers, Philippa Gregory
Among the Mad, Jacqueline Winspear
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Lost December, Richard Paul Evans
A Brady Coyne Omnibus, William Tappley
The Litigators, John Grisham
All The World, Liz Garton Scanlon & Marla Frazee
One More Sunrise, Michael Landon Jr. & Tracie Peterson

Whiter Than Snow, Sandra Dallas
Cure, Robin Cook
Heavenstone Secrecers, V.C. Andrews
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Andover Congregational Church

Andover Congregational Church press release

a traditional Lessons and Carols community Candlelight Service. It is an evening of hearing the Christmas Story,

During the Christmas Season at Andover Congregational Church there are a lot of ways to celebrate the holiday.

On December 3 we held our annual Christmas Craft Fair. Many homemade goodies and crafts were available in the East Andover Grange Hall. Call Bonnie Wesley at 735-6486 if you'd like to have a table next year or for more information.

There are two opportunities for Christmas caroling those who are shut-in. On December 4, we caroled at the Peabody Home and the Mountain Ridge Home in Franklin. On the last weekend before Christmas, Sunday, December 18, we will meet in the parking lot at the church at 5:30 PM for an evening of Christmas caroling around our community.

We have many people in our community who are not able to get out. If you know of someone who would enjoy being serenaded by our carolers, please call and leave a message at the church at 735-5160. We are happy to remain outside, and we don't sing very long. Once we get an address and phone number we will call first to work out the details as to what time to expect us. Also, we welcome anyone who'd like to join us in caroling. The more the merrier.

Then, join us on Christmas Eve for



Bonnie Wesley helps Jane Walker and Lily Ordway with their shopping at the Andover Congregational Church's annual holiday sale.

Photo: Charlie Darling

singing the old familiar carols, and special music. Also, this year Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, so our 9:30 AM morning service will center on Christmas themes and music. There will be no Sunday school. Child care will be provided.

For more details, please contact the Andover Congregational Church office at 735-5160.



Last month Howard George, Bill Leber, Tim Norris, Ralph Doe, and Jim Goody wrestled into place a new town Christmas tree donated by Jim Goody. The Andover Lions Club sees to the tree every year.

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LONG TAIL MONKEYS EARN "BEST BAND" AT HARD ROCK CAFE

By Sarah M. Earle
 Concord Monitor

From the November 10 Monitor

To the tween and teen girls of Andover: We regret to inform you that the pool of young women vying for the attention of homegrown heartthrobs Sam, Max, Logan, and Carl is about to get a whole lot bigger.

That's right, the Long Tail Monkeys are headed across the border for the first time, to a gig that could prove to be the highlight of their young career. The talented foursome is getting ready to perform at the Hard Rock Cafe in Boston this Sunday [November 13], as part of the Music On & Up 19 and Under Showcase.

"It will hopefully get us a lot more popular," said 13-year-old Logan Marcus, lead guitarist for the group, during a practice session last weekend at the home of band members Sam and Max Barrett. In their basement "studio," the LTMs, as they're known across the region, were polishing the two songs they'll perform Sunday, trying to speed up the tempo just enough so they'd fit into the 3-minute, 15-second time requirement.

If they were feeling any anxiety over the high-stakes gig, it wasn't showing. In socks and mocs, the band rocked out to the Shrek version of "I'm a Believer" with the casual energy of teenagers simply doing something they love.

"They're kids. They goof around and

have fun," said Claudio Marcus, Logan's dad and part of the team of parents that does everything from driving the kids to events in their mini tour bus to maintaining the band's Web site to hawking T-shirts after shows. "It requires a lot of work. We're roadies, but it's fun."

The band members are no strangers to hard work either. They get together once or twice a week to practice and build their repertoire of songs, which range from classics by Bob Marley and Tom Petty to modern favorites by O.A.R. and Weezer. Two of the band members also take private lessons, and all of them play multiple sports and maintain high grades.

The Music On & Up contest, which brings together the most promising young bands from up and down the East Coast, presented the band with a new challenge as well. Though it wasn't a required element, the group decided to compose an original piece for their performance, which they'd never done before.

It began as a chord progression by Carl Hubbard, keyboardist for the group. Then 13-year-old Max, drummer and lead vocalist, added lyrics, drawing inspiration from his love of medieval history:

"And it goes, oh!

"It's alright, I'm almost home.

"And it goes, oh!

"This war is won, I'm going home."

See Monkeys on page 26

Weaving Exhibition Honors Nancy Lyon

League of NH Craftsmen
 press release

Nancy Chase Lyon of New London and juried member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen created handmade weavings of clothing and wall hangings from the early 1970s through the mid-90s. Nancy passed away October 25 at her home after a sudden illness. To honor the quality of her work, the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen has installed a display of her weavings at The Craft Center and Headquarters Gallery at 49 South Main Street in Concord through December 21.

Nancy's work was commissioned all over the county and can be seen in corporate offices and financial institutions in Boston and in the homes of individual collectors. A philosophy major from the University of New Hampshire, her first job was as an apprentice-artisan to a jeweler, creating her own pieces that sold well.

Her interests in color and fiber took her on a new path as a weaver, which brought 25 years as a successful high-end clothing and wall-hanging business. Nancy's talent and organizational

skills lead her to become juried into the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen in 1971 in weaving. She served as a juror in weaving, as the League's secretary to the board in 1974, and then as president of the board of trustees from 1976 through 1978.

Her success grew but also took her away from the creation of goods, and she moved on. Growing up on a farm in Durham, Nancy had a natural love of animals. The desire to work with animals took her into the field of canine search and rescue, using dogs to find lost persons. She served as president of New England K-9 Search and Rescue, working with New Hampshire Fish and Game, Vermont and New Hampshire state police, and other law enforcement groups to find missing individuals.

Nancy's love of open spaces and nature were reinforced by her involvement with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust in New London, where she served on its board and eventually became its chair. From her skills and talent as a craftsperson to her love of animals and of the land, Nancy contributed a great deal during her lifetime. Her memory will live on.

Donations Needed For The Andover Food Pantry

By Charlie Darling
Andover Food Pantry

The need to keep the shelves stocked at the Andover Food Pantry continues, and we can't do it without your help. If you can, please send a check to the Andover Lions at PO Box 204, Andover 03216. Any amount, large or small, helps show that the community cares.

If you'd prefer to shop for the pantry, we appreciate the help *and* the donation! The list below will provide some idea as to what is needed.

Staple, Non-Perishable Food Items: Donations of basic canned, bottled, or dried food items are welcome. The hardest items to keep on the shelves are the following:

- Canned tuna, canned chicken or turkey, canned ham, canned spam, canned corned beef, beef stew, chili with or without beans, hash, etc.
- Canned ravioli, spaghetti with meat balls or without
- Macaroni and cheese
- Peanut butter and jelly or jam
- Hearty ready-to-serve soups that provide a complete meal
- Baked beans
- Dry pasta (macaroni as opposed to spaghetti)
- Canned spaghetti sauce
- Mayonnaise (for the tuna)
- Quick-cooking rice
- Side dishes like instant mashed potatoes, Knorr pasta or rice sides. (Store brands make the dollar go farther.)
- Canned potatoes, corn (kernel or creamed), peas, carrots, mixed vegetables, green beans
- All fruit juices or vegetable juices
- Milk (evaporated or in a non-refrigerated carton)
- Cereal
- Coffee

If you have coupons for any of the above staple items, please donate those to the pantry. We'll use them to make the dollars people donate go even further.

Items we do *not* need: Ethnic or exotic foods, unusual condiments, relishes, sauces, or other unusual foods; items that are more than a little past their expiration dates; items that have already been opened.

Non-Food Items

Aside from food items, donations of non-food items would allow people in need to use their resources for food as opposed to soap and paper products.

- Basic kitchen and bathroom supplies
- Toilet paper, paper towels
- Dish soap, laundry soap
- Body soap, shampoo
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes



The Proctor Academy Field Hockey team helped stock the pantry for Thanksgiving. Photo: Charlie Darling

Deodorant

Keep a copy of this list with you and refer to it when shopping to make it easier. If you are anything like me, you don't go anywhere without a list!

Local Eggs

Finally, a special request to all who raise chickens. If you could donate fresh local eggs, they would be greatly appreciated. We have a small cooler, and empty egg cartons are available – take as many as you need!

The Andover Food Pantry is sponsored by the Andover Lions Club and *The Andover Beacon* to provide basic necessities to those in need. It's located downstairs at the Andover Town Hall and is open whenever the Town Hall is open. It's self-service, no sign-up required, no questions asked. Take what you need, drop off what you can. Thank you!

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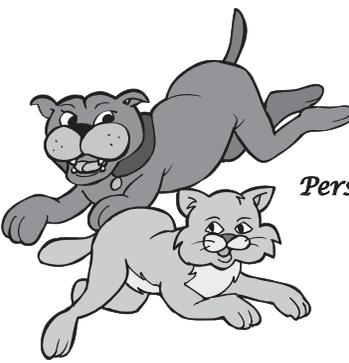
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It's self-service, no questions asked. Take what you need or drop off what you can.

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Monkeys from page 24

Max sang in smooth but distinctly adolescent tones last weekend as the band laid down the pleasing blend of riffs and bass runs they'd created for the song. Afterward, they discussed a title for the song – preternatural maturity belied by their braces and (to band manager Keith Barrett's dismay) oft-cracking voices.

The band formed in 2007, after Max met Logan on the school bus. Max's older brother Sam soon got in on the act, and their father, a Berklee School of Music grad with a weekend band of his own, happily lent his expertise.

A fourth member, Tyler Holman, moved out of state earlier this year, and the band held auditions for a new keyboardist. Carl – who just happens to live on the same street as the rest of the band members – was selected from dozens of aspiring musicians.

In their four years together, the band has made a name for itself in New Hampshire, playing at music festivals, fundraisers, schools, and birthday parties. Their youthful appeal combined with their solid musical training and selection of enduring music make them a hit with all age groups, Claudio Marcus said.

But it's the young girls who really dig them. The band members have gotten used to inciting shrieks and signing body parts. Last weekend they were nearly smothered by adoring young fans at a "Rec and Rock" event in Claremont.

"I forgot my sweatshirt (in the gym), and I was, like, swimming through hugs," Max recalled.

The band hopes the Boston show will bring them a new crop of devoted fans and allow them to start booking performances beyond the borders of New Hampshire. At the same time, they're committed to sharing their love of music in their home state. They love performing at schools and are hoping to line up more shows in the Concord area in the months to come.

"We'd all love to make it big and go on the road, but that's not the focus," Keith Barrett said. "The real game is to try to promote kids doing cool things."

For more information, visit LongTailMonkeys.com.

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Update from LongTailMonkeys.com

The Long Tail Monkeys performed at the Hard Rock Cafe in Boston as part of Music On and Up's 19 and Under Young Performer Showcase. The LTMs were one of 14 young performers and bands that were selected among over 100 performers from all over the Northeast and beyond.

The Long Tail Monkeys took the opportunity to perform their first original with vocals, titled *The Battle*, and also played a rockin' version of Neil Diamond's *I'm a Believer*. The crowd and fans cheered loudly for the LTMs. The LTMs were awarded Best Band 15 and Under for their efforts.

Andover Lions Club News

By Jim Danforth
Andover Lions Club

Every day is Making a Difference Day with the Andover Lions. Many of the differences we make are small, a few large, most end successfully, some in failure. As 2011 draws to a close, we are very pleased with all that we have accomplished with the support of the greater Andover community.

The Andover Food Pantry is helping many local families and is keeping our community strong. Our partnership with other local clubs, service organiza-

tions, schools, and individuals has kept food on the shelves and has been the key to our success in this effort. Thank you all for your support.

We are currently wrapping up our annual calendar raffle, and you will see Lions at the Transfer Station selling tickets. The calendar raffle is our biggest fundraising effort of the year, and your support will make it a success once more.

We need new members who are looking to serve our community and join an energized organization.

Pemigewasset Choral Society

Pemi Choral Society press release

The Pemigewasset Choral Society began a very special winter three-concert series on December 7 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Meredith. The second performance will be on Friday, December 9, at 7:30 PM at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Franklin. The final performance is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, at 3 PM in Hanaway Theatre on the Plymouth State University campus.

All concerts are open to the public; admission is by donation in Meredith and Franklin. Tickets for open seating at \$10 each are required for the Plymouth performance. Special rates are available for students, seniors, and groups. Tickets

may be purchased in advance by calling 535-ARTS or on-site prior to the concert.

Dr. Robert Swift and his wife, Margot W. Swift, have announced their retirement from the choral society after the December performances. Dr. Swift, a professor at Plymouth State University, has conducted the Pemi Chorus since 1979. He is an accomplished composer and organist, and his wife, also an accomplished musician, is a former Plymouth State University faculty member and has accompanied the chorus since 1980.

The Pemi Choral Society will be joined by Errol Schlabach on saxophone, Kendra Corcoran on oboe and Leslie McDonnell on piano and will feature the music of John Rutter, Felix Mendelssohn, Franz Josef Hadyn, Peter Tranchell, Everett Reed, Marshall Bartholomew, and other renowned choral composers. Selected seasonal pieces will also be performed by the Society. This concert series has the World Premier of *Prayer*, a new composition by Dr. Swift composed specifically for the Pemi.

Soloists from the chorus include Margo Coolidge of Andover.

The Pemi Choral Society previously performed on tour in Great Britain and all eastern Canadian provinces except Newfoundland. In summer 2009, the choir was the first American chorus to be invited to sing in the national Canadian Unisong Festival in Ottawa. Most recently the Chorus performed on tour in Bermuda. For further information please call 535-ARTS.

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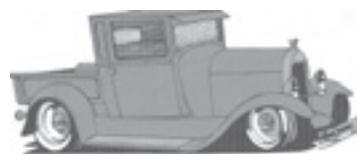


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Nancy Bodenstein (l) of Danbury bought three pies from the Andover Service Club's Pie Sale in support of the club's scholarship program. Club members Grace Stetson and Jeanne Tate were on hand to help Nancy with her selection. Photo: Charlie Darling

Andover Service Club News

By Eileen Mackey
Andover Service Club

Mary Ofenloch opened the November meeting of the Andover Service Club (ASC) at the Masonic Hall on November 8 at 10 AM. Edna Peters entertained the members with two stories – one about an elderly veteran and another about a Swedish student at Proctor who would be celebrating his first Thanksgiving in this country.

Nancy Tripp reported that the Thrift Shop is doing well, but we need more volunteers for the two-hour shifts. The short time spent in the shop can be fun and can give the volunteer the satisfaction that they are contributing to a good cause. Nancy also said that the computers are just about set to go and are really easy to do.

Winter clothing has been slow coming in, so clean out your closets and bring clothes you don't want to the shop. All clothes must be clean and in good condition.

Anne Hewitt has done an excellent job chairing the Thanksgiving Pie Sale. This is one of our big fund raisers and is always a success.

Judy Evans reminded members that our next fund raiser will be the Election Day Lunch on January 10. Once again we will serve soups, chowders, chili, breads, and desserts. So bring your ap-

petites along when you go to vote. You can eat in the gym or take your food home. Remember that all the money raised goes to our scholarship fund.

Judy also reported that the Service Club raised \$502 from the sale of their baked goods at the Andover Pumpkin Festival in October. The proceeds went to the Andover Food Pantry. Thanks to all the bakers!

Nance Barrett and Edna Peters reported on the Proctor cakes. Cakes are brought to the students on their birthdays and are very popular. Members were reminded to make a note of when a cake is due so we don't have any disappointed students.

Mary Ofenloch has, as usual, done an excellent job in setting up our Christmas luncheon. It will be at the Lake Sunapee Country Club on Wednesday, December 14, at 11:30 AM. It promises to be a festive affair with good food and live entertainment.

Veteran Speakers

Judy Evans introduced our speakers – Joyce Egge, Priscilla Gilchrist, and Meg Miller – who talked about

See ASC on page 32

Andover Lions Club Sponsors Peace Poster Contest

Andover Lions Club press release

Scout Armstrong, a sixth grade student at Andover Elementary/Middle School, has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Andover Lions Club. Scout's poster was among more than 375,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 24th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions International is sponsoring the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

"Peace is a world that gets along. Peace is a world that has no wars. Peace is a world empty of badness, pulled together by happiness," said the winning youngster from Andover. The Poster was selected by a panel of five judges from the school faculty and members of the Andover Lions Club for its originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the contest theme, "Children Know Peace." The judging was held on November 9 at the Andover school.

Andover Lions Club President Jim Danforth said he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at Andover Elementary/Middle School. "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions."

"Scout's poster will advance to face stiff competition if she is to be declared the international grand prize winner,"

Jim said.

One grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$5,000 plus a trip for the winner and two family members to the awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

"Our club is cheering for Scout as her poster advances in the competition, and we hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world," Jim said.

Locally, Scout, runner-ups John Maynard and Alex Crucitti, and the remainder of the participants will be honored at the school's celebration on December 8.

Many of the Peace Posters will be on display in April at the Kimball-Jenkins Estate in Concord. View the international grand prize and merit award winners at LionsClubs.org.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, with 1.35 million members in 45,000 clubs in 206 countries and geographic areas. In addition to its efforts toward conquering blindness, the organization has made a strong commitment to community service and helping youth throughout the world.

For more information about the peace poster contest or Lions Clubs activities, contact Bill Leber at 735-5144.

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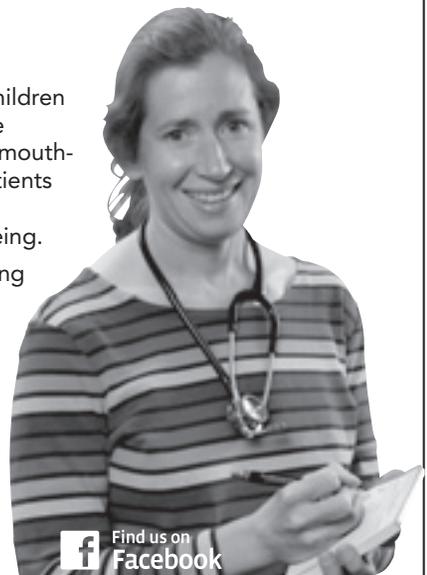
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Andover Wyldlife

Mondays, 6 to 7:15 PM
Highland Lake Grange Hall
Middle school Christian youth group

Zumba Fitness

Mondays and Thursdays,
6:30 to 7:30 PM, AE/MS Gym
Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance fitness class. First class free, \$5 per class after that.

MVHS Younglife

Tuesdays, 2:45 to 4 PM
MVHS Cafeteria
High school Christian youth group

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Zumba Fitness

Mon, Dec 12, 6 PM, AE/MS
Bring five canned goods or \$5. Danielle Adams is doing this fundraiser as part of her senior project.

AE/MS PTO

Mon, Dec 12, 6:30 PM, AE/MS

Andover Snowmobile Club

Mon, Dec 12, 7 PM, AE/MS

Andover Democrats

Tue, Dec 13, 7 PM, 72 Maple Street
Questions, concerns: Janet Moore, 735-4018

Andover Service Club

Wed, Dec 14, 11:30 AM
Lake Sunapee Country Club
Christmas luncheon

Andover Lions Holiday Party

Fri, Dec 16, 6 PM, Proctor Academy
Food and entertainment. Article: page 1.

Christmas is for Kids Christmas Party

Sun, Dec 18, 3 to 5 PM
Bluewater Farm
AE/MS PTO will be hosting a bake sale. Ad: page 43.

Christmas Caroling

Sun, Dec 18, 5:30 PM
Andover Congregational Church, East Andover
Caroling around our community. Article: page 23.

NHCHF

Mon, Dec 19, noon
98 Chase Hill Road, East Andover
Christmas party

Christmas Eve Service

Sat, Dec 24, 6 PM
Andover Bible Church, 207 Main St.
No Sunday service. Ad: page 24.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sat, Dec 24, 7 PM
Andover Congregational Church, East Andover
Hear the Christmas Story, sing the old familiar carols, special music. Article: page 23.

All Town Offices CLOSED

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

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Sat, Dec 31
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All Town Offices CLOSED

Mon, Jan 2
Closed for New Year's Day

Budget Committee Public Hearing

Wed, Jan 4, 7 PM, Town Hall
Andover Village District, Andover Fire, East Andover Fire, Town budgets

Kearsarge Masonic Lodge

Thu, Jan 5, 7:30 PM
Masonic Hall, Potter Place
Meal information: 735-6412

Andover Lions Club

Mon, Jan 9, 6 PM
Masonic Hall, Potter Place
Dinner, 6 PM. Meeting, 7 PM.

Andover PTO

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

Andover Snowmobile Club

Mon, Jan 9, 7 PM, AE/MS

Town Clerk/Tax Collector CLOSED for the Primary

Tue, Jan 10

State Primary Elections

Tue, Jan 10, 8 AM to 7 PM, AE/MS
Article: page 6.

Andover Democrats

Tue, Jan 10, 7 PM
Lake Farm Realty, Main Street

Andover Service Club

Wed, Jan 11, 10 AM
Masonic Hall, Potter Place
Speaker: John Kinney, Andover EMS

Budget Committee Public Hearing

Wed, Jan 11, 7 PM, Town Hall
School budget

NHCHF

Mon, Jan 16, noon
99 Chase Hill Road, East Andover
Program: Soup

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

Wed, Jan 18, 7 PM
Andover Fire House

Andover Lions Club

Mon, Jan 23, 7 PM
Masonic Hall, Potter Place
Meeting only

Filing Period for Town Elections Begins

Wed, Jan 25, Town Office
File to be a candidate in the March elections! Article: page 2.

Andover Fish and Game Club

Tue, Jan 31, 7:30 PM
Clubhouse, East Andover

Filing Period for Town Elections Ends

Fri, Feb 3, Town Office
File to be a candidate in the March elections! Article: page 2.

Ski and Board Under The Lights

Sat, Feb 4, 5 to 9 PM
Blackwater Ski Area
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ON-GOING EVENTS

Blood Pressure/Glucose Screening Clinic and Ask a Nurse

Tuesdays and Thursdays,
9 AM to noon, VNA, New London
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Foot Care Clinic

2nd, 3rd Thursdays, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, VNA, New London
Call 526-4077 to sign up.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Widow-to-Widow Support Group

Mon, Dec 5, 10 AM to noon
VNA, New London

Pemi Choral Society Winter Concert

Fri, Dec 9, 7:30 PM
St. Paul's Church, Franklin
To Hear The Angels Sing. Voluntary donation. Article: page 26.

Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum Winter Celebration

Sat, Dec 10, 10 AM to 4 PM
18 Highlawn Road, Warner
Four storytellers, powwow-style drumming, crafts, games, and a sale. Article: page 32.

Warner Holiday Shopping Tour

Sat, Dec 10, Downtown Warner
Free family activities, horse and carriage rides, prizes, and a gigantic gift basket. Ad: page 19.

Pemi Choral Society Winter Concert

Sun, Dec 11, 3 PM
Hanaway Theatre, Plymouth State
Tickets: \$10. Article: page 26.

First Day Franklin

Sun, Jan 1, 11 AM
Downtown Franklin
Watch whitewater kayaking from Trestle View Park. Article: page 16.

Danbury Grange Winter Market

Sat, Jan 7, 9 AM to 1 PM
Danbury Grange Hall
Market opens with breakfast. Lunch available from 10:30 AM.

MVHS Parent Advisory Group

Tue, Jan 17, 7 PM, MVHS

Equestrian Ski Joring

Sat, Jan 21 to Sun, Jan 22, noon
Colby-Sawyer College, New London
Horse and rider pull a skier down a course of gates, jumps, and jousting rings. Article: page 16.

Muster Field Farm Ice Day

Sun, Jan 22, 9 AM to 2 PM
Keyser Lake, North Sutton
Article: page 17.

Franklin Winter Carnival

Sat, Jan 28, Franklin Ski Area
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Tuesdays, 10 AM
Places and times vary. Call for info.

Walk-in Painting

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Tuesdays, 2 PM

Duplicate Bridge

Wednesdays, 9:15 AM

Hand and Foot Card Game

Wednesdays, 1 PM
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Tai Chi

Wednesdays, 2:30 PM
New London Presbyterian Church

Contract Bridge

Thursdays, 9:30 AM

Dominoes

Thursdays, 1 PM

Women's Discussion Group

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

Scrabble

Fridays, 1 PM

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Long-Term Care Planning

Fri, Dec 9, 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, Dec 9, 1 to 3 PM
\$20 (\$25 for diabetics with doctor's order). Call for appointment.

Sunday at the Movies

Sun, Dec 11, 2 PM
You Were Never Lovelier (1942)

Breakfast Club Book Discussion

Tue, Dec 13, 9:30 AM
The Housekeeper and the Professor by Yoko Ogawa

Questions About Medicare

Tue, Dec 13, 1 to 3 PM
Anita Oelfke answers your Medicare questions. Call to register.

Movie and Pizza Night

Fri, Dec 16, 5 PM
Eight Below. Brutal cold forces two Antarctic explorers to leave their team of sled dogs behind as they fend for their survival. Call to register.

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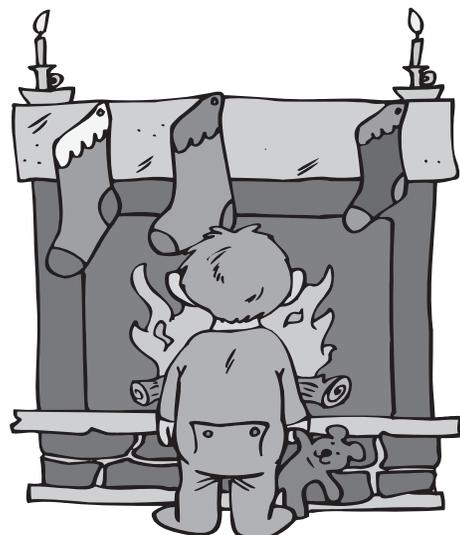
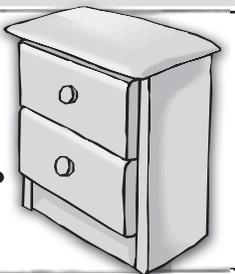
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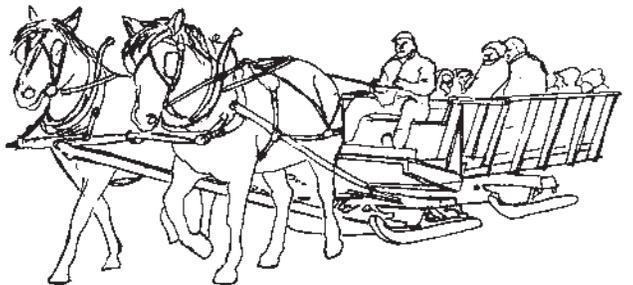


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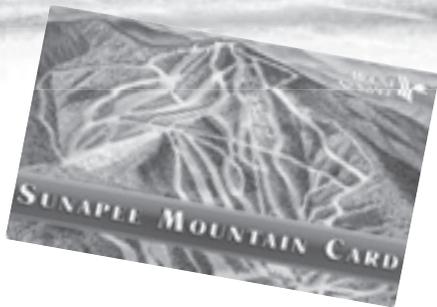
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Blackwater Grange #152

By Bernice Nowell
Blackwater Grange

The Blackwater Grange #152 met on November 10 with seven members present. Marjorie Huntoon was in charge as Master Clayton Nowell was absent.

Dictionaries arrived and have been distributed to all third graders at AE/MS, Jennie Blake School in Hill, and Kearsarge Regional Elementary in New London. The Grange gave out 88 books to students plus five to teachers.

The December 8 meeting of the Grange was held at 1 PM with an exchange of gifts.

Merry Christmas to all, and Happy New Year!



NATIVE AMERICAN STORYTELLERS PERFORM AT INDIAN MUSEUM

Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum
press release

Native Americans consider winter to be the proper time for telling stories. The Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum is pleased to announce that four storytellers, including Native American Music Award winners Ken Quiet Hawk and Deb New Moon Rising, will share their tales with visitors of all ages during our Winter Celebration. The day's events will include powwow-style drumming, crafts, games, and a sale at the Dream Catcher gift shop.

The festivities begin at 10 AM with crafts and games that will continue throughout the day.

At 11 AM, Abenaki storyteller Willow Greene will share stories passed down by her family members and generations of Abenaki storytellers.

The stories continue at noon with Hears Crow, a Narragansett storyteller and poet who keeps alive the ceremonies, songs, and stories of the "old ones."

Mountain Spirit Drum will perform at 1 PM led by New Hampshire Inter-

tribal Native American Council Chief and Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum Trustee Peter Newell.

Abenaki storytellers Ken Quiet Hawk and Deb New Moon Rising will share their stories at 2 PM. Ken and Deb believe that "storytelling should be a means of teaching, teaching us all how to be better people." Recordings of their stories have won two Native American Music Awards for Best Spoken Word Recordings, and they have also been nominated Best Male Artist and Best Female Artist.

Winter Celebration is held in the museum on Saturday, December 10, from 10 AM to 4 PM at 18 Highlawn Road in Warner. Visitors can stroll through the arboretum, walk the trails in the Medicine Woods, play in the teepee, and tour the museum itself, in addition to all the festival activities. Admission is free for members and \$5 for non-members. Non-members who choose to become members that day will receive free admission.

For a complete listing of upcoming events, visit IndianMuseum.org.



ASC from page 27

what it was like to be a woman in the Armed Services. Priscilla, who grew up in Franklin, spent 27 years in the military serving as a Medical Specialist. She was a Physical Therapist who worked rehabilitating wounded and injured soldiers. Her most famous patient was President Dwight Eisenhower who was at Walter Reed for back problems.

Joyce Egge served for 21 years in the Air Force doing a variety of jobs. Both women mentioned the prejudice that sometimes faced military women in a "man's world." But they said that they were treated fairly by the military and received equal pay and the same chance of advancement as their male counterparts. Both Joyce and Priscilla retired as Lieutenant Colonels!

Meg Miller, who is the Administrator of Peabody Home where Priscilla resides, gave an interesting talk about the home.

The meeting concluded with delicious refreshments served by our hostesses.

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

By Mary Ofenloch
Andover Service Club

The Andover Service Club held its annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale on November 21 and 22. The ladies of ASC baked a large assortment of homemade pies which were sold for \$9 each, proceeds of which help to fund the ASC Merit Scholarship Program.

This year's pies included pumpkin, apple, blueberry, squash, cherry, pecan, blueberry-cranberry, tollhouse, apple-pear, and chocolate-pecan. Anne Hewitt, chairlady for this event, worked



Meg Miller from the Peabody Home in Franklin speaking with Andover Service Club members Grace Stetson and Priscilla Gilchrist. Photo: Mary Ofenloch

long hours to make the pie sale a big success.

Silent Night

By Mary Ofenloch
Andover Service Club

In the year 1818, in a little village in Bavaria, Germany, Christmas choir rehearsal was about to begin. The organist's name was Franz Gruber. In those days, in order for music to emanate from the huge pipes of the organ, an assistant pumped air into the pipes using a large wooden lever, similar to a bellows.

However, on this night, something went wrong. The organ made no sound, no matter how hard the assistant pumped. It was Christmas Eve, and no repairman was available. Feeling very sad and distraught, Franz went home.

How would there be the usual beautiful music of Christmas without an organ? He sat in a chair by the fire and said a silent prayer, asking God for inspiration.

Suddenly, he noticed his guitar standing against the opposite wall. He started to play random notes, when, without realizing, a melody began to develop. It was simple, but beautiful. This would be his Christmas gift for the baby Jesus.

Later, with his friend, Johannes Mohr, words were added to the melody, creating the traditional carol we know today as *Silent Night*.

The ladies of the Andover Service Club wish you and yours a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



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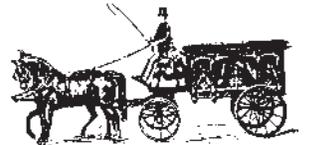
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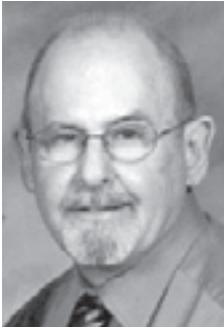
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OBITUARIES

ARTHUR EMILE JOURDENNAIS, 63, of Penacook, died on October 25, 2011, at the Concord Hospital. He was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, on January 20, 1948, the son of Emile and Alga (Surprenant) Jourdenais. He has lived in New Hampshire for most of his adult life.

He attended and graduated from the Cole Trade High School in Southbridge with the class of 1966. He was a corporal in the United States Marine Corps, serving two tours of duty in Vietnam.



Art earned his NASCAR pin working on a pit crew for one of the race teams in the early 1970's when he returned from the Marine Corp. He was retired from Tafa-Praxaire, where he worked for many years.

He was a member of the American Legion Post #81 in Contoocook as well as Penacook Post #31. He was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church in Penacook and was a great fan of NASCAR.

Among surviving family members are two step daughters, Jeannie England of Danbury and Amy Davis of Andover.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on October 28, with interment immediately following at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Concord Hospital Office of Philanthropy, 250 Pleasant Street, Concord 03301.

ALICE DIONNE RICHEY, of Currier Road died on October 27, 2011, at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center with many loving friends and family at her side, after a courageous lifelong

battle with cystic fibrosis. She was 20.

Alice was born on July 3, 1991 in Manchester and attended schools in New Hampshire and Arizona. She proudly graduated from Franklin High School in 2010. She enjoyed snowboarding, four-wheeling, camping, and spending time with family and friends. She was a happy-go-lucky woman whose kindness and loving nature touched all who knew her. Her optimism and attitude of living life to the fullest, despite its challenges, will forever be an inspiration.



Family members include her parents, Debra and Thomas Richey of Andover; her brother, Douglas Richey of Andover; her sister, Jennifer Mulaire of Newmarket; maternal grandmother, Alice "GG" Cote of Newmarket; her paternal grandparents, Oma and Rod Smith of Anderson, Indiana; and paternal great-grandmother, Nana Yeager of Newmarket.

She will be missed by many, including her partner Jon Tyrrell; nieces Matilyn, Payton, and Emma; nephews Carter and Quintin; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who loved her very much.

There were no calling hours. A celebration of Alice's life will be held at a future date.

Donations may be made in Alice's name to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 114 Perimeter Road, Unit G&H, Nashua 03063, or CFF.org/chapters/new-england. To send a condolence, please visit NewtonBartlett.com.

HOWARD R. FLYNN, 87, of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, died in his home on November 1, 2011 following a long illness.

Mr. Flynn was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, on June 21, 1924, son of John J. and Margaret (Carduff) Flynn. He served in World War II in the Army Air Corps. He worked for Uniroyal in Chicopee for 34 years, retiring as a manufacturing superintendent. Following his retirement he moved to South Yarmouth. He was an avid golfer and bowler. In recent years, he was an active member and past president of the Retired Men's Club of Cape Cod.

Among surviving family members is a son, Timothy Flynn and his wife Bette of Andover; and a daughter, Maureen Hampton of Warner.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to VNA Hospice, 434 Route 134, Suite D-3, South Dennis Massachusetts 02660.

JOAN SULLIVAN BUCKLIN, 83, passed away on November 19, 2011, at Woodcrest Village in New London. She was a resident of New London for the past 40 years and was the beloved wife of Benjamin L. Bucklin, who died in 1991. Joan was a retired New Hampshire and Massachusetts attorney.

Joan was born on May 22, 1928 to Isabelle and Edward M. Sullivan in Boston. She attended Boston University from 1945 to 1947 and Boston Uni-

versity Law School from 1947 to 1950. She was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar Association in 1951 and worked for Nutter, McClennen, and Fish.

Joan and Ben married in 1954 and settled in Dedham, Massachusetts. In 1971, they moved with their four daughters to the family homestead in New London.

After raising her family, Joan studied to pass the New Hampshire Bar examination and was admitted to the practice of law in 1980. She practiced law in New London for nearly 20 years before retiring in 1999.

Joan was a communicant at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. She was a very active volunteer in New London. Joan volunteered her legal services to help establish the Hospice program at Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association. She was a member of the New London Garden Club, League of Women Voters, New London Zoning Board, and New London Bar Association.

Among surviving family members are her daughter and son-in-law, Katherine and Joe Stearns of Andover and their daughters Elizabeth and Rebekah Stearns.

Joan lived her life with grace, dignity, joy, and most of all, spirit. Staff See Obituaries on page 34

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ENGAGED: Sean Kennedy

Rebecca Lynn Barnes and Sean Patrick Kennedy are engaged to be married on June 29, 2013.

Rebecca is the daughter of Curt and Shelly Barnes from Langdon, New Hampshire. She is a graduate of Fall Mountain Regional High School. She is currently working at Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital in Lebanon and attending River Valley Community College, where she met Sean.

Sean is the son of Tom and Emily Kennedy from Andover. He is a graduate of Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook. He is currently employed by the United States Air Force and is in the Respiratory Therapy program at River Valley Community College.



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at the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association and Woodcrest Village assisted in making her final years of life comfortable and fun. Joan will be greatly missed by all of us who were blessed to know and love her.

A Catholic Mass was celebrated on November 23 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Program, PO Box 2209, New London 03257 or to a charity of one's choice.

FAITH B. (JOHNDRO) DOWNES, 88, of Plains Road, died November 30, 2011 at C R V N A H o s p i c e House in Concord surrounded by her family. She was born in Lebanon, New Hampshire on May 23, 1923, the daughter of Charles and



Mary (Aldrich) Johndro. She had lived in Andover since 1944.

Mrs. Downes worked for Proctor Academy in Andover for about five years in the housekeeping department and dining room. From 1960 to 1972 she was employed by the New London Hospital in the Central Supply where all instruments and equipment are sterilized.

She was a member of the Andover Congregational Church and a 50+ year member of the Highland Lake Grange. She enjoyed cooking and crafts.

Her husband, Frank A. Downes, died in 1998 and her brother, Jason W. Johndro, died in 1999. Members of her family surviving include three daughters and their spouses, Mary E. and Ralph Minter of Boscawen, Joan L. and Sam Young of Salisbury, and Cheryl A. and Bob Fiske of Loudon; three sons and their spouses, Frank W. and Linda Downes of Potter Place, Roy C. and Kathie Downes of Salisbury, and Randy S. Downes of Texas; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; a sister, Hope LeBrun of Tennessee; two brothers, Harry Johndro of Portsmouth and Gary Davis of Spofford; nieces, nephews and cousins.

There were no calling hours. A memorial service was held on December 5 at the Andover Congregational Church with the Reverend John Wagner, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, East Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover EMS, PO Box 61, Andover 03216 or to the Andover Congregational Church, 7 Chase Hill Road, East Andover 03231.

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GRADUATED Stephanie Colcord

Stephanie Colcord earned a bachelor's degree in accounting/finance from Franklin Pierce University in Rindge in September.



Ollie Grotnes, Logan Welch, Eric Bates, Ethan Dukette, and Carsyn Perkins explore how many children will fit on a broom after reading *Room on a Broom*. Photos: Elizabeth Janvrin



Fourth through sixth graders enjoying the new game room at the Annex. Photo: Diane Adams

East Andover Village Preschool

By Elizabeth Janvrin
East Andover Village Preschool

We have had another fun month in the “preschool on the hill.” November, our month of favorite family stories, allowed us to explore features of our special families along with stories both familiar and unfamiliar. Our classroom activities have been a focus on these stories as well, where we have explored “milking a cow” to paint a picture, making “spaghetti” shapes, and baking cookies. Thank you to everyone who has joined us for our morning meeting and read your special family story to us.

Thank you to Dennis Phelps, Pecco Beaufays, Michelle Dudek, and Peter Zak for allowing us to visit you in our Halloween costumes. We enjoyed seeing all of the different learning opportunities our neighborhood offers us.

Our major fundraiser this year, the Spaghetti Dinner held at the Andover Elementary/Middle School, was a great success. This was a family fun evening with a special dinner, raffle of items donated by local businesses and friends, a 50/50 raffle, and activities for the children. Thank you, Jane Slayton and the Andover Elementary/Middle School, for allowing us to use the gym for this event. If you missed this fun event, plan now for a similar one next year.

East Andover Village Preschool would like to extend a huge “Thank you” to all of the grandparents who joined us for our gingerbread event. We had a great time reading *The Gingerbread Baby* and making family gingerbread houses. We were all very excited to share this special moment with all of you, along with showing you our classroom.

Holiday Fun

This month at East Andover Village Preschool we will be bustling with holiday fun as we explore the season with our senses. Our classroom activities

will be centered on the sights, smells, tastes, sounds, and textures of the holiday season. We will be baking gingerbread cookies, making and exploring cinnamon play dough, painting with evergreen branches, exploring light and reflection, and many more activities.

Save the date! On Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 PM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall we will be having our Winter Wonderland show. We have



Julianna Champagne works with her grandparents on a gingerbread house.

been working very hard on the special songs that we will be sharing with our families and friends.

The East Andover Village Preschool community wishes the community a happy and safe holiday season!



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Andover Annex Programs

By Diane Adams
Andover After School Program

The Andover Five Alive Program (AFAP) has been very busy. We went trick or treating with Imagination Inn around town. Big thanks for the invite and to all the local participants. We also attended the Veterans Day celebration at AE/MS. Thank you to all our veterans and the men and women who are currently serving.

AFAP has made turkeys and napkin rings for their families. They have woven pumpkins and made 3D fruit for the cornucopia, which is hanging on the wall in the dining area. We’ve also started cooking on Mondays. This is very exciting, because they are preparing snacks for the afternoon children to eat. This is a big hit.

Andover After School Program had a number hunt on Halloween. They had to participate in this to receive their goody bags. They all really loved this. A lot of turkey making was underway in the afternoon in November. The older kids are still enjoying their new game room.

We have a donation bucket available to leave food for the Andover Food Pantry. You may leave a donation any time,



Karen Neimeyer, Josh Adams, and Diane Adams at the Andover After School Program's first annual Chili Cook Off on November 20 at the AE/MS Annex. There were 11 pots of chili to taste, door prizes, pies and cookies to purchase, and a grand prize winner. Photo: Emily Furtkamp

and it will be delivered to the Food Pantry weekly by the director, Diane Adams. Community is a big focus here at the Annex. Every little act of kindness makes a big difference. We thank all of you who have supported us – it is greatly appreciated.

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Andover Outing Club

By Tim Norris

Andover Outing Club

The Andover Outing Club Ski Jumping Program is looking for kids ages 7 to 12 who have at least a year of regular skiing experience and are interested in trying the exciting sport of ski jumping. Kids who like to jump off bumps on ski trails are the sort we're looking for. We're already happy about the turnout from Andover at a sign-up table on Math Night.

We start with early snow, usually the second week in December. We begin with fun stuff on very gentle slopes and work up slowly. If kids have regular skis and a helmet, they are ready for the season (although the first practice is on sneakers). We'll hand out suits soon after the first practice.

You can sign the waivers and forms at that first practice. Practices are Monday and Tuesday from 4 to 5:15 PM. There are meets on Saturdays and/or Sundays starting in January. Nobody has to go, but the meets are really fun.

Unless you are sure, you don't have to pay anything to try Ski Jumping. Just sign the inevitable waivers. The fees (when you're sure) are \$100 to AOC (for first year folks), which includes all equipment. We knock off \$25 for additional family members. There is an additional \$65 to Proctor for membership in the ski area, where Garry George does

an amazing job of keeping our facilities the best in the state. Some parents jump too, and we welcome that as well.

Kids who feel successful ski jumping (and almost all competent skiers do) seem to have a good time and are really proud of themselves. Sometimes they kind of glow. That's sort of the whole idea.

If you want to get involved (or just give it a try), write me an e-mail letting me know: Tim@ProctorNet.com, or leave a message at 735-5369.

By Chuck Will

Proctor Academy

AE/MS students (and their parents) are invited to ski with Proctor's cross-country ski team on Monday afternoons this winter. A Proctor coach will pick up AE/MS students at school; parents must pick up their child at the Blackwater Ski Area off Lawrence Street. The Blackwater Ski Area offers seven kilometers of groomed ski trails through woods, fields, and the river floodplain. Rental equipment is available at no cost, subject to size availability.

Dates and (modest) fees are being established; contact Pete Southworth at 344-4874 or Peter_Southworth@Proctor-Net.com for the latest information.

Public skating is offered at no cost at Proctor Academy's Teddy Maloney Rink from 3 to 4 PM on Sundays from January 8 through February 26. 



Fifth and sixth grade boys soccer. Back: Camden Donovan, Koby Perreault, Koty Lorden, Aiden Kellogg, Matt Bent, Ryan Methven, Jack Newton, Devin Barton. Front: Finn Weber, Luke Weber, Jason Lewis, Myles Powers, Nelson Makechnie, Hayden Buswell, David Reynolds, Aiden Cox. Photo: Todd Donovan

Andover Soccer

By Kurt Weber

Coach, Boys 5/6

From the very first practice back in August, I recognized that this year's fifth and sixth grade boys soccer team was a very eager and extremely energetic group. They were also an unusually large group, numbering 16.

This presented some coaching challenges, the biggest being how to prevent 16 very energetic boys from hurting each other in practice. With help from my assistant coaches, Craig Perreault and Brian Kellogg, we did our best to maintain bits of order in the face of chaos.

The boys played hard. But in the end, this energy the boys brought to the field, the energy that often challenged us as coaches, was the key to this team's success. Also, this is a group of boys who genuinely love the game of soccer, which made them a particularly satisfy-

ing team to coach.

The team finished the regular season with four wins, four losses, and two ties. Except for our first game of the season, which we lost 4-2 to Warner, the eventual winner of the end of year tournament, all our losses were by only one goal. The 2011 Andover boys 5/6 soccer team was a very difficult team to beat! And they proved it again in the final tournament. With a record of two wins, one loss (2-1 to, again, Warner), and one tie, the team finished just one point out of second place and earned an impressive third place finish.

It has been an absolute pleasure coaching this team this year, and I would like to thank all 16 boys for making it so. I would also like to thank coaches Craig Perreault and Brian Kellogg for all their help, and parents for getting the kids to the field ... and back. 

KEARSARGE YOUTH HOCKEY

By Doug Windsor

KYHA

Kearsarge Youth Hockey Association (KYHA) opened its season last month with a full menu of association games – Mites through Bantams – with a visiting Stowe association.

Last year's Tier V Bantam hockey state champions Kearsarge Bantams registered a monumental 7-6 win on Sunday over Stowe showing their trademark grit and "never say die" approach to their game after going down 4-0 in the first period and losing big on Saturday to the same Stowe squad. The Bantams handily beat Lebanon 5-1 a week earlier in Hartford.

In a similar vein, KYHA Peewees turned in a great game to come away with a 3-3 tie and show they will be a team to contend with over the season.

Squirts turned in an excellent final two periods of play on Sunday, and

KYHA Mites chalked up a ton of ice time with double running cross-ice games on both Saturday and Sunday.

Henniker and TVA teams joined in to fill out the dance card for the weekend.

Kearsarge Youth Hockey offers a full line of hockey programs for all in the area, including free Learn to Skate programs. KYHA also offers a Learn to Play program and co-ed teams for Mites (8 and under), Squirts (10 and under), Peewees (12 and under), and Bantams (14 and under). Information for any programs can be found at KearsargeHockey.com or call Lisa Windsor, registrar, at 763-4171. The volunteer-run non-profit KYHA is entering its 34th year. Thanks to all who manned the snack bar, ran the clocks, and coached the teams. It takes a village, and we are that village. Go Kearsarge! 

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Extended Learning Opportunities At MVHS

By Kristi Perreault
MVHS '13

When they hear the word "school," most people think of a seven-hour day, five days a week in a school building, with classrooms and structure. What these people do not realize, however, is that students at Merrimack Valley High School (MVHS) have the ability to study outside of the classroom walls and do something that they enjoy or something that benefits the community.

This activity could be anything from volunteering at a newspaper or instructing a class, to taking an online course or interning somewhere. These activities are known as Extended Learning Opportunities, or ELOs, and they allow the student to receive school credit for learning they do outside of school.

There are, of course, some guidelines and regulations to these ELOs. If you were an MVHS student applying for an ELO, you would first need to write a business letter to the ELO committee, and in this letter, specify certain criteria such as what the project is, how it would enhance your education, how long the project would last, and so on.

From there, the ELO committee, comprised of teachers and administrators, would review the letter and reject or approve the idea. Most ELO requests do pass and are really only rejected if

you would not benefit from the experience, or if you have five or more previous credits earned from ELOs.

Once the project has been passed, you would begin your ELO experience, project, or activity. At the end of your ELO, you would be required to hand in a "final assessment" to the ELO committee to show how you have improved and how the ELO has benefited you.

This assessment can take several different forms; it could be a presentation, a research paper, a portfolio, or the like. The ELO committee would then evaluate this final, and you would receive a partial or full credit, depending on what the ELO committee deems appropriate.

ELOs are great ways to learn something outside of the classroom. They give students more real-world experience and let them do something they chose to do on their own time for their benefit.

If any MVHS student is interested in applying for an ELO or would like to find out more about the program, there are forms and information online at MVHS.mvsd.k12.nh.us.

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- Edie Corey
- Adam Ellis
- Rhianna Newton

2012 • Honors

- Danielle Adams
- Chantal Caron
- Brendan Coll
- Ashleigh Fife
- Ashley Lamson
- India Thompson
- Jonathon Wagner

2013 • High Honors

- Mariah Lansdown-Howard
- Kristi Perreault

2013 • Honors

- Jason Ashburn
- Ethan Barton
- Stephanie Croteau
- Timothy Grover
- Dylan Howe
- Marissa Laro
- Maryjane Wittel

2014 • High Honors

- Katelyn Ashburn
- Skyler Smith
- Rebekah Stearns

2014 • Honors

- Haley Adams
- Erin Frost
- Kody Keller
- Kyle Keller
- Emily Lance
- Trisha McDonald
- Philemont Ponzi

2015 • High Honors

- Vincent Bolte
- Tia Hoyt
- Alyson Mullett

2015 • Honors

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The Proctor Academy Field Hockey team was one of many local organizations that donated food and household items to help stock the Andover Food Pantry for the Thanksgiving holiday. Photo: Charlie Darling

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**Proctor's Boys' Cross Country
Team Earns Second Place**

By Scott Allenby
Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's Boys' Cross Country Running team earned its second consecutive second-place finish in the Lakes Region League this fall, while the girls' team finished in third place. New London's Tyler Graf, Andover's Andrew Young and Emi Morison, and Rylee Norton of Wellesley, Massachusetts were each named to the All-New England team. Rylee also won the Lakes Region individual championship on the girls' side.

Proctor Academy Honor Roll

2011-2012 - Fall Term • Day Students

Head's List			
Kelsey Allen	Andover	Alicia Barry	Andover
Kelsie Berry	Andover	Eva Berton	Andover
Mollie Comry	Andover	Stephanie Bonewald	New London
Alexandra Folcik	Wilmot	Breanna Davis	Andover
Michaela Folcik	Wilmot	Peter Durkin	Elkins
Caleb Frantz	Andover	Daisy Elwell	Andover
Tyler Graf	New London	Elliot Fleming	Andover
Amina Hughes	New London	Nathan French	Andover
Kate Kozain	New London	Sylvia Graf	New London
Emily Morison	Andover	Erin Hanscom	Andover
Sage Morison	Andover	Megan Hanscom	Andover
Madalyn Pfeifer	Andover	Olivia Henriques	Andover
Bailey Powers	Andover	Jake Hubbard	Andover
Madison Powers	Andover	Monica Newton	Andover
Rose Snyder	New London	Julia Sargent	New London
Michaela Trefethen	Andover	Kyle Sargent	New London
Andrew Young	Andover	Madison Trefethen	Andover
		Colby Wilcox	Wilmot
		Kelsey Wilcox	Wilmot
Honor Roll		Ian Wood	New London
Sam Barrett	Andover		

AE/MS Celebrates Veterans Day 2011

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

The American Legion Post #40 veterans marched to the front of the packed gymnasium and solemnly posted the colors while students, veterans, and guests stood respectfully and silently. And so began the AE/MS Veterans Day Celebration 2011.

Principal Jane Slayton welcomed the Andover veterans and families. She shared that every student in every classroom and every staff member contributed to the celebration in some way. Some sang, some shared poetry, some played musical instruments, and others made cards and decorated the gym and lobby to make it special for the veterans.

She told the gathering that Veterans Day has become one of the most important days of the year for AE/MS. She said "It is very important for us as a school community to recognize Veterans Day. By teaching our students, we honor and remember those men and women whose selfless sacrifices ensure the freedoms we enjoy today."

Kris Johnson, Proctor Academy Music Director, sang the National Anthem accompanied by the students and veterans. The kindergarten class took off their patriotic cowboy hats and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the AE/MS Eagle Code.

Second grade students then stepped up onto the stage and sang a rousing rendition of *Coming to America*, followed by the third grade students taking turns sharing individual and personal expressions of gratitude for the veterans.

Anticipatory excitement was evident amongst the students as Dave Cummings approached the microphone. The students had already learned about the honorable purpose of Hoops for Heroes and the man behind it, Dave Cummings.

Hoops for Heroes is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to pay tribute to veterans by providing financial support to those who have sacrificed for our nation, specifically by raising money for the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. On Veterans Day in 2009, Dave began a quest to make one million foul shots, and in exchange he asked for donations

for the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund.

Dave was very close to his goal at the AE/MS celebration. At the core of Dave Cummings' quest is a daily tribute, a daily thank-you, a daily affirmation of gratitude that has been earned a million times over by the men and women who have worn the uniform.

Dave Cummings and four student rebounders – Liz Labrie, Ben Yusko, Reilly Walsh, and Alyssa Smith – set to work making 100 successful foul shots within five minutes. The scoreboard counted down and the audience excitedly counted all 100 baskets as the ball went through the net over and over again. Although missing the five minute mark by a few seconds, the baskets were made and added to the overall tally.

After the excitement subsided, the first grade students took to the stage with their patriotic top hats and shared their personal thoughts of what freedom meant to them. This was followed by seventh grade student Annika Johnson, who played *Yankee Doodle Dandy* accompanied by Mr. Hubert.

Then an AE/MS favorite veteran commanded the attention of all. US Naval Commander Charlie Giles spoke to the audience about everyday heroes and charged students to go out on their own and make a difference. Charlie would shout out orders to the students, and they enthusiastically responded.

Charlie recognized the importance of our veterans and had them stand for recognition and applause. He then had students expand their definition of heroes to include police, fire fighters, rescue workers, teachers, and parents.

Several middle school students shared short readings. Kathryn Thompson, Hayden Buswell, Nelson Makechnie, and Savannah Pease did a group recitation. Matthew Bent read *Soldiers*, which was written by his cousin Kinley Gaudette. Kaitlyn French, Chelsea Thompson, and Shyanne Goodbread all read heartfelt pieces to the audience.

Before closing the ceremony, eighth grade students Max Barrett and Logan Marcus invited all veterans to stay afterward and welcomed them to the Veterans Cafe. The AE/MS band played *America the Beautiful* and the American Legion Post #40 veterans formally retired the colors to the once-again silent and respectful crowd.

The Andover veterans stayed behind and posed for a group photo (see page 1) before heading to the Veterans Cafe. Eighth grade students escorted the veterans to the Veterans Cafe classroom. The classroom was decorated patriotically, and an abundance of cookies, breads, and brownies were displayed. Veterans sat at tables enjoying their snacks with coffee and cider and enjoyed visiting with each other for quite a while. Students quietly served refreshments and

listened intently to all the great stories the veterans were telling.

The Veterans Cafe was a joint effort between the PTO and the middle school students. All agreed it was a great success and will become a regular part of Veterans Day at AE/MS.

Unknown to many, after the assembly was over and the guests had left the building and the students returned to classes, Dave Cummings stayed in the AE/MS gym and shot 1,000 baskets before leaving town. Several eighth grade students rebounded for him, and a few fourth graders ate their snacks, but their focus never left the basketball hoop.

Andover veteran Bill Leber even rebounded for a while. As Dave reached the 1,000 mark, the eighth grade boys gave the ball to Ms. Slayton to pass to Dave Cummings for the final shot.



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AE/MS Community Comes Together At Monthly Meeting

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

All AE/MS students and staff members gather together once a month to recognize and celebrate contributions made by students, teachers, classes, and teams.

There are traditions within the assembly that are followed. Paul Hubert, music teacher, opens the gathering by strumming the AE/MS song accompanied by the voices of all members of the school community.

The community meeting is then divided into three sections following Principal Slayton's welcome. There is an information section, followed by presentations, and always ending with recognition. The community meetings alternate between morning and afternoon in order not to always disrupt the same class period and to allow for participation of both morning and afternoon kindergarten classes.

The school mascot, Ernie the Eagle, is often present and dancing, clapping, and being very celebratory during the recognition part of the meeting. Ernie is a favorite among the younger students and "being" Ernie is a coveted eighth grade responsibility.

The most recent community meeting had a jam-packed agenda. Mrs. Gaudette talked about Halloween and urged students to enjoy but be safe. She shared several safety tips.

Then Keith Davis, Nick Keniston,

Will Cox, and Adrian Bolte updated the audience on recycling efforts within the school. They explained the latest endeavor of recycling plastic bottles and explained how this works. They talked about why it is important to recycle and urged everyone to do a better job with it.

The Proctor Academy Nordic Team, represented by Coach Buz Morrison and skiers Taylor Pearlman and Maddy Pfeifer, reminded students about the Monday after-school opportunity



Environmentally conscious eighth grade students Nick Kensiton, Keith Davis, Adrian Bolte, and Will Cox talk with the AE/MS school community about the reasons to recycle more and how they are making it easier for them to do so.

for AE/MS students to learn to cross country ski. A Proctor bus transports interested students to the Blackwater Ski Area on Lawrence Street, where they are met by members of the Nordic ski team.

Students receive ski lessons, have tons of fun playing games on snow, and enjoy the snack bar. This will be the third year this has been offered, and participation has grown every winter. Students were amused by a funny ski video and viewed a slide show of last years' participants having fun on snow. Informational registration paperwork was then made available.

Student athletes on the AE/MS seventh and eighth grade soccer team summarized their recent season that had just ended.

Principal Slayton then showed students a short *USA Today* video featuring Dave Cummings and the Hoops for Heroes program. Mr. Cummings would be the guest speaker at the Veterans Day celebration later in the week, and it was important that students had background information to make the experience more meaningful.

The recognition portion of the meeting began with celebrating the Summer Math Superstars. Middle school students are given the opportunity to do extra math work over the summer. All participants were given praise and math-related goody bags by Michelle Keezer, math teacher.

Many students choose to do most of the math work, and four students did *all* the math assignments. Those four students – Ben Yusko, Liz Labrie, Alyssa Smith, and Reilly Walsh – received further honor by being appointed official Veterans Day rebounders for Hoops for Heroes' Dave Cummings.

The cabbage growers were then recognized for their efforts in growing *huge* cabbages during the summer. At the end of third grade, each student is given a cabbage plant to take home, plant, and nurture. In the fall, students return to school with photographs of their humongous cabbages. They are then entered into the Cabbage Contest sponsored by Bonnie Plant.

This year's Green Thumb Awards were given to Cyrus King, Hannah Asbury, Chase Keyser, Ronan Walsh, William Furtkamp, Garrett Munson, and Hunter Hawks. Each grew an amazingly big and beautiful cabbage! Ronan

Walsh's Cape Cod-grown cabbage was chosen to go on to the next level and represent all seven cabbage farmers.



Proctor Academy seniors and Nordic skiers Taylor Pearlman and Maddy Pfeifer skied in and around the AE/MS gymnasium to excite and inform AE/MS students about the Proctor-AE/MS Thursday After-School Cross-Country Ski Program beginning in January. Photos: Jane Slayton

Third grade students in the audience are already excited to receive their cabbage plants in June and to put their gardening skills to work.

The community meeting came to a close with congratulatory and appreciative cheers for Ms. Hildebrand's class who had entertained all with a Halloween play earlier in the week.

It was also announced that an all-time high had been accomplished with Box Top collection, which translates into the school receiving a check for \$565. Box Top collection continues, and if the pace holds steady, the recent record will easily be surpassed. Money will go toward field trips and playground equipment.

The community meeting came to a close; students put away chairs and returned to classes. Everyone left with a better understanding and appreciation of the many things that take place within their school.

Another tradition that often accompanies the community meeting is the passing of the eagle among staff members. The eagle is given to a staff member who exemplifies the Eagle Code. The eagle recently nested in the kitchen with Ms. Young due to the above-and-beyond efforts by the kitchen team. Ms. Young then passed the eagle on to Mrs. Frost, the school nurse. Ms. Young creatively wrote a poem for Mrs. Frost:

Ernie our Eagle
Has flown from the edge
Of the spot in the kitchen
Where he perched on the ledge.
Watching with pride
As the children would near
He would hear them exclaim
Yay! Lunchtime is here!
True that Fadden & Young
Have shared Ernie's time,
But fly on he must
Before changing his mind.
But we think his next journey
Will be greatly served
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AE/MS Eighth Grade Prepares For MVHS

By Susan Schultz
AE/MS School Counselor

On December 8, AE/MS eighth grade students are scheduled to visit Merrimack Valley High School for a tour planned by Mr. Joe Rider, MVHS ninth grade school counselor and AE/MS school counselor Mrs. Susan Schultz.

This year, AE/MS students will learn about MVHS from a variety of people, including Mr. Rider, the assistant principal, a freshman teacher, the librarian, and a food service representative.

Current MVHS freshmen (and former AE/MS students) Fiona White, Alyson Mullet, Vincent Bolte, Shelby Perrault, Jeff Bates, and Amy Wittel will help lead our current eighth graders on a tour of the high school and will also be part of a panel discussion at the end of the tour. This panel will also include former AE/MS students Haley Adams (10th grade), Stephanie Croteau (11th grade), and Danielle Adams (12th grade). Our students will be able to ask all kinds of questions regarding the transition from a small middle school to a large high school.

Following our visit to MVHS, our eighth graders will stop for a snack at Dunkin Donuts, a tradition Mr. Tucker and Mrs. Lemeris initiated many years ago, which is looked forward to by everyone on the trip!

Transitioning to high school can be made easier for parents and students alike. Taking advantage of attending the parent information night in the spring and the student orientation day in August can help all to become more familiar with what MVHS has to offer. Reading course descriptions at MVHS's Web site can help students learn class expectations. Joining sports teams and extra-curricular activity groups and clubs can help students from Andover meet students from other towns and make new friends – sometimes even before school starts, if you join a fall sports team.

If a student is anxious about starting high school, MVHS teachers are usually available the week before school starts. If you call the Guidance Office, you can usually arrange for a private tour where students can see where their classes will be held and meet some of their teachers.

Parents can help their new high schoolers by helping them to learn time management skills. Sitting down with your son or daughter and helping them plan out their weekly and daily schedule for homework, sports, extracurricular activities, and sleep can be one way to do this. Use of calendars to map out these obligations, as well as long-term assignments and tests, can help your child learn how to become a more organized and successful student.

And finally, get connected! E-mail all of your child's teachers asking that they contact you if there are any issues regarding your child. Use the school

Web site to keep up with your child's grades and what is going on at MVHS in general. If you feel things are not going well for your child in a particular class, request a meeting with the teacher. If your child is having difficulty socially, ask to meet with Mr. Rider or the counselor in the Wellness Center.

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basketball teams started informal practices before Thanksgiving. Coaches Jim Tucker and Michael Jensen are looking forward to a great season with the Andover Eagles.

It's Winter Concert Season! The first holiday program is December 8 and will include students in kindergarten through fifth grades performing with their classes.

The second holiday program on December 15 is more of an instrumental evening for the bands and individual musicians. Community members are invited to come and enjoy both winter concerts. It's always fun to see the kindergarten students take the stage for their first time.

The Holiday Shoppe will be held on Friday, December 9. This is the much anticipated shopping day for all students. It gives the students an opportunity to surprise their immediate family members with gifts they pick out all by themselves. Due to the generosity of the community, we are able to have a bountiful Holiday Shoppe every December. AE/MS School Nurse Christine Frost will be coordinating the special day this year.

The Andover Recreation Committee is once again generously making the Friday ski program available and affordable to Andover families. The first ski day is Friday, January 6. Students have the opportunity to alpine ski or snowboard at Ragged Mountain.

Any questions regarding this program should be directed to Andover Recreation Committee members Ellie

The first year of high school evokes feelings of excitement and nervousness for everyone. Just remember that it will take all of you a month or so to adjust, and being understanding and supportive of your child during this first year is one of the keys to a successful transition.

George or David Powers. Participating students will be dismissed early on Friday afternoons to participate in the town program. Those students who do not ski on Friday afternoons will have the opportunity to skate at the Proctor Academy rink. Skating also starts on January 6. Students must have skates and helmets.

Congratulations to the large number of Andover students who were named to the Honor Roll at MVHS for the first marking period! You can see the list on page 37.

Grades closed for the first trimester at AE/MS on November 22, and report cards will be sent home on or before December 9. Parent/teacher conferences are currently underway, but a conference may always be requested at any time during the school year.

We are always looking for musical instruments. If you have an instrument in good shape that you no longer use, please consider donating it to the school. Contact Paul Hubert, AE/MS music teacher, if interested. Playing an instrument can be unaffordable for some families, so we try to have instruments available for students.

As I write this on the day before Thanksgiving, I can't help but think about all that our school community has to be thankful for. I am grateful to be part of such a caring, supportive, and generous school community with excellent, dedicated, and caring professionals who work with students who are enthusiastic learners. I appreciate the town of Andover and all it does for our children. We are fortunate.



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Scout Armstrong's entry in the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest was selected to advance to the next level in the competition. Photo: Bill Leber

AE/MS Sixth Grade Students Participate In Lions Club Peace Poster Contest

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

Each year, Lions Clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. During the last 20 years, more than four million children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest. It has become an Andover tradition for sixth grade stu-

dents to participate every year.

The theme of the 2011-12 Peace Poster Contest is "Children Know Peace." Student posters are judged on originality, artistic merit, and expression of theme. Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, state, and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education, and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.

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Trick-or-Treating At Proctor And In Andover

By Raeanna Lucey
Proctor Journalism Class

Kids dressed as their favorite fairytale character, babies dressed as pumpkins and ghosts, and parents dressed as Tigger and Peter Pan. People in Andover

show off their costumes. Faculty member Megan Hardie's kids dressed up as a Dalmatian and a fire fighter, and Lynn Bartlett put her two daughters in Swiss girl outfits.

Alan McIntyre took his kids to Law-

love Halloween. From Proctor's Carriage dorm haunted house and the Halloween dance, to faculty bringing their kids down Lawrence Street to trick-or-treat, Halloween is embraced in Andover. Every year on the weekend before Halloween, Carriage House holds a haunted house for the Proctor community. Alan McIntyre and volunteers have a new theme every year. Alan explained, "Insanity was the theme – insanity of the current environmental condition. So we featured students seizing into convulsions over eco-disasters; another room showcased lobotomies because the individual wasn't recycling; another was people from the future who were starved and feeding on gross stuff; and another showed a grim slideshow to prompt students to consider 'going green.'" Because Carriage is an environmental-focused dorm, they featured it in the haunted house.



Janie and Pippa Bartlett had no trouble getting into the spirit of Halloween.

The Proctor Halloween Dance is always fun, and prizes are awarded for the best costumes. Students and faculty dress up and have a great time. I was part of the Justice League super heroes this year as Wonder Woman. Will Moss was part of the group of three boys who won the prize for best costume. He observed, "Winning the costume contest was simply a dream come true. The combination of short shorts and high socks can work wonders." I saw Mario and Luigi at the dance as well as the Grinch. Everyone got really into Halloween and dressed up for the event.

On Halloween, the daycare has all the little kids get dressed up, and they walk all around the Proctor campus to

Lawrence Street wearing a full Tigger body suit. Chris Young told me about his costume for Halloween: "I dressed up as a tree, supposed to be Grandmother Willow from Pocahontas because that was what [my daughter] Delaney dressed as." Even the residents on Lawrence Street handing out candy had costumes on.

In my years of trick-or-treating at home in Newbury, I always get the weirdest things in my candy bag. From a bottle of water to a hot dog – pretty weird. I asked around for what kids got on Lawrence Street. Chris Young told me Delaney got crabby patty candies. Alan McIntyre explained his weirdest candy: "The weirdest was a lollipop that looked like an eyeball, with blood-shot veins and everything."

The best street to go trick-or-treating is always Lawrence Street (Proctor students are not allowed to trick or treat

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signed the art lesson, created a model, and gathered the materials. Jane recruited students, starting with the eighth grade. Seventh grade students were also invited to fill the gap between 16 eighth graders and the needed 24 ornaments.

All the students were honored and excited to be part of the national project. They spent two days staying after school until 5 PM to finish the ornaments.

Kristine showed the students how to create a fine and detailed mosaic. The theme was "Winter in New Hampshire," and the students came up with very creative ideas for the individual ornaments. A local covered bridge, the Old Man of The Mountain with a ski hat, snowmobiles, skaters, New Hampshire animals, and winter landscapes are among the many themes used in creating the ornaments.

Students had fun being artistic, visiting, and snacking as they worked with Kristine. They also were impressed with the beautiful jewelry that Kristine has created and were able to look at several examples.

The excitement increased when the students found out that they were going to be interviewed and filmed as part of a *New Hampshire Chronicle* segment. Although *New Hampshire Chronicle* host Jennifer Crompton and the videographer spent almost an hour with the students, they realized that only a small segment would be aired.

The Andover segment aired on *New Hampshire Chronicle* on Thanksgiving Eve, but it can be viewed at any time at TinyURL.com/cb7w7ya. There is also a link to it from the school Web site.

This project is co-sponsored by the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation. This is the 89th year of the National Tree Lighting. AE/MS students will be recognized on a sign that is placed directly beside the state/territory Christmas tree, in addition to recognition in the official event souvenir program. On December 1, the Lighting of the National Christmas Tree took place on the Ellipse in President's Park in Washington, DC.

We are hoping that someone will get to DC over the holidays and get a photo of our tree!

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AE/MS teachers Linda DeMinico and Jennifer Bent partnered to work with the sixth grade students on the project. It became much more than just a poster contest, as students and teachers worked together to explore the topic of peace and what that might look and feel like in different countries around the world. Students were encouraged to think beyond Andover, beyond New Hampshire, and beyond the United States.

Judges from the Andover Lions Club included William Egge, Bill Leber, and Marge Leber. This spring, all of the AE/MS posters will be on display for several days at the Kimball-Jenkins Estate in Concord. The date will be made available when known.

Here are some selected quotes from the sixth grade students.

"When I hear the word 'peace,' I think of everything and everyone being calm and happy. I also think of the earth being still and quiet." – Noah Newton
 "Peace means freedom and people

getting along. Another thing is that people shouldn't fight." – Alan Thompson

"When I hear 'peace,' I think of no war. Also, I think of nobody hurting or killing each other." – Alex Crucitti

"Peace is something that everyone should carry with them for eternities to come." – Finn Weber

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much for Halloween, and Proctor day care does so much for the little kids. Students get into Halloween, and it is all thanks to the faculty and staff who make it happen for us. This was a Halloween a lot of people will not forget.

The Andover community does so

Rae Lucey is a four-year senior from Newbury.

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MVHS Field Hockey is this year's runner up in the Division II championships. In this photo, Andover varsity and junior varsity players pose with their coaches. (L-r) Kate Letendre, JV coach; Haley Adams, Rebekah Stearns, Erin Frost, India Thompson, Ashleigh Fife, Chantal Caron, Marissa Laro; Kim Kenny, varsity coach. Photo: Katherine Stearns



Helping out at AE/MS Grandparents Thanksgiving was Kristy LaRoche, Student Council Advisor. Enjoying the festivities were ...

AE/MS NEWS

By Jane Slayton
Principal, AE/MS

AE/MS now has an emergency notification system in place to communicate with school families in case of a school cancellation, delay, or emergency event. The PENN Alert system has been tested and will be used when necessary. Although, I would love to have no more snow days this year and never need to use the system!

We are already seeking students for the 2012-13 kindergarten class. If you know of any Andover children who will be five years old before September 30, 2012, please contact me. If your child is attending a local preschool, we have already included them in our numbers.

... Wesley Koziol, Braeden Mackenzie, Nancy Schoeller, Sasha Mackenzie ...

... Tim Heath, Trinity Delaney, Kit Norris, Elliott Norris, Chris Norris ...

The school building has been buttoned up warm for winter. Storm windows are down, storm doors are closed, and new weather stripping is framing many doorways and window sills. We recently got some very exciting and encouraging data.

Since we replaced our lights and light fixtures with newer, more energy-efficient lighting 18 months ago, we are already starting to see the savings. To date we have already seen a savings of approximately \$6,000.

Grandparent Thanksgiving and Veterans Day were two school-wide events in November that brought the community into the school. Both events were well attended, and photos can be seen in the *Beacon* and at Andover.K12.NH.us.

Seventh and eighth grade
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... Tim Heath, Trinity Delaney, Kit Norris, Elliott Norris, Chris Norris ...



... Bonnie Coombs, Jason Koziol, Garrett Niemyer, and Jesse Niemyer. Photos: Charlie Darling

AE/MS Creates Ornaments For 2011 State Christmas Tree In DC

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

"Fifty-six Christmas trees surround the national tree in Washington, DC, one for every state, territory, and the District of Columbia. Each tree is covered with one-of-a-kind ornaments, and in the case of the Granite State, they're designed by a local artist and made by school kids. Jennifer Crompton takes us to Andover to meet the artist." – from *WMUR-TV's New Hampshire Chronicle Web site*

Andover community member Kristine Lane asked Principal Jane Slayton if she thought students might be interested in creating decorations for the national Christmas tree. "Definitely!" was the response.

Kristine pursued the project and completed application paperwork through the New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources. Kristine and AE/MS were awarded the opportunity.

Kristine already had some ideas for



AE/MS seventh and eighth graders pose with the ornaments they created for the New Hampshire Christmas tree on the Ellipse in President's Park in Washington DC.

the decorations and sought AE/MS art teacher Linda DeMinico's advice on some of the details, since Linda works regularly with the students. Kristine de-

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The overnight Knit-A-Thon (above) was held at Proctor Academy and was a success, with nearly 60 participants yielding 75 hats!

Right: Meredith Cline (right) presents Jennifer King of Norris Cotton Cancer Center with the custom-knitted hats for cancer patients. The project was organized by Meredith as part of her Senior Project at Proctor Academy.

