



Donovan Freeman, Margo Coolidge, and Mary Lloyd-Evans, behind Margot Swift and Dr. Robert Swift, were three of the performers at Pemigewasset Choral Society's winter concert during the Swifts' second-to-last performance as pianist and conductor.

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clothing with us, this will mean more accuracy and consistency. Our consignor inventory will be entered into the system and will be easier to keep track of. Also, the month-ending accounting process for consignor items will be done by the computer.

Uniform and clearly readable tags will be on all consignor items. For our volunteers, this new system will eventually save time since the process is less labor-intensive. We hope by streamlin-

ing the process, we can encourage more members to participate in keeping the Thrift Shop as a viable business.

We would like to thank all of our customers who have supported us throughout the years, especially the consignors for the trust they have placed in us. For more than 15 years we have served the community by offering a place for people to bring their clothing to be donated or resold. In turn, by making clean, affordable clothing available to the public, we have provided scholarships to local students and supported countless organizations in Andover and the larger community. We look forward to many more years of mutual support.

As you choose where to shop and where to bring your consignments, please keep in mind that we all benefit by working together for our community.

Red Clothing Sale

During the month of February we will have our annual Red Clothing Sale. Any clothing item in a shade of red with a colored tag attached will be 50% off.

The Thrift Shop is staffed by volunteers, and we are always looking forward to your visit.

Our hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 10 AM to 4 PM; Wednesday, 3 to 5 PM (during the summer, 3 to 7 PM); and Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM.

TIME TO APPLY for Andover Service Club SCHOLARSHIPS

Available to:
**Andover's Graduating
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Andover Congregational Church Plans Community Suppers

By Judy Evans
Andover Congregational Church

A community supper will be held in the Highland Lake Grange Hall on Saturday, February 11 sponsored by the Andover Congregational Church. The meal will consist of a variety of meats, homemade side dishes, rolls, pies and other desserts.

The meal will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 PM followed by entertainment. The Living Stones will share their mu-

sic and also provide a sing-a-long with songs relevant to Valentine's Day.

This is the beginning of community meals being planned on a regular basis, so watch for future dates. Everyone is invited. There is no specific charge and you can eat all you want! Donations will go to the Deacons Fund to help the needy in the church family and also the community.

For more information, call Judy at 735-5331 or Elizabeth at 744-5494.

New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault
NHCHF Halcyon Seekers

Our last program for 2011 was The Underground Railroad. This was a term for escape routes for slaves from the south to freedom in the north and Canada. The movement started in the 1790s and continued until 1870 when the 13th, 14th, and 15th constitutional amendments were passed. These amendments freed the slaves and gave them citizenship and voting rights.

Isaac Hopper was considered the "Father of the Underground Railroad" when he began helping fugitive slaves. Escaping slaves had the help of fellow slaves, Quakers, and many influential people of both races.

Harriet Tubman, an escaped slave, returned many times to the south to lead other slaves to freedom. William Garrison's Pennsylvania paper carried many anti-slavery articles. The American Anti-Slavery Society was established in 1833 and fueled the growing sentiment against the keeping of slaves.

There were many routes to freedom, and you could travel by land, boat, or rail. Many of the code words used in the escapes were railroad terms such as conductor, stations, stationmaster, cars, cargo etc. Most of the time, the slaves walked hundreds of miles in bad weather and over rough terrain.

The favored destination for many was Canada, as they knew they could not be returned to the US and their masters. There is a beautiful monument in Windsor, Canada honoring the Under-

ground Railroad.

One of the most interesting stories was about Ona Judges Staines, a slave belonging to George Washington. She escaped from the Philadelphia Executive Mansion toward the end of Washington's second term (1796) to Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She was located and an attempt was made to have her returned, but John Whipple, Collector of Customs, advised the president that her return would promote demonstrations in his city as public opinion was running high against slavery.

Ona married and lived in Portsmouth for a couple of years, but when another attempt to return her was made, she moved to Greenland, New Hampshire. She outlived her husband and three children and died a pauper, but she was never sorry to have escaped to freedom.

There is some speculation that Andover may have had some "safe houses" for escaping slaves, as the Railroad passed through here on its way to Canada.

Holiday Activities

The Halcyon Seekers decorated over 1,000 bags of all sizes for the AE/MS Holiday Shoppe, and we provided helpers to select and bag students' purchases. The children put a lot of thought into the purchases for their families.

We ended the year with a Christmas lunch with a selection of appetizers and desserts. We are looking forward to our 2012 schedule and continuing our education and friendships. If you would like to join us, call 735-5493.

ANDOVER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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