



The town has been a-buzz for weeks with the promise of an ice cream stand opening at 46 Main Street next to Bear Hollow Trading Post. The big day finally arrived, just in time to handle crowds of diners leaving the big spaghetti fundraiser for Paul Benson and Gary Peters at AE/MS. Naughty Nellie's Ice Cream didn't disappoint, with a large selection of ice cream and toppings. Photo: Charlie Darling

East Andover Post Office Faces Closure Or Reduced Hours

By Molly A.K. Connors
Concord Monitor staff

From the May 16 *Concord Monitor*
Dozens of New Hampshire post offices identified in July 2011 for possible closure could remain open under limited hours, the US Postal Service announced last week.

The Postal Service said it would seek an "advisory" opinion from the Postal Regulatory Commission and conduct community meetings before the gradual implementation of the new plan is complete in September 2014. Community members will be notified by mail of the date, time, and location of those meetings, the Postal Service said in its

announcement.

The change could save \$500 million annually, according to the announcement.

Local offices previously identified for study that could remain open with reduced retail window hours include locations in Canterbury, Barnstead, Danbury, East Andover, Elkins, Hill, Lochmere, North Sutton and South Sutton, Wilmot, and Gilmanton Iron Works.

They were among 3,700 post offices nationwide studied for possible closure.

The new plan would allow ZIP codes, lobby and PO box office hours to remain unchanged, the Postal Service said.

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Goodbye, Eileen!



After almost 17 years as the Town of Andover's bookkeeper and receptionist, Eileen Neville will retire this month. When Eileen started in the job – "the Friday before Labor Day," she told me – the Town Office shared the old schoolhouse with the Andover Library; Mark Stetson had replaced Bill Bardsley as Town Administrator just three months earlier; the Board of Selectmen was Bill Keyser, Howard Wilson, and Peter Zak; Lorraine Locke and Sharon Mickle were the Town Clerk and deputy, respectively; and there was only one computer in the Town Office – plus all the filing cabinets and the big table for Selectmen meetings.

Eileen has been a bright spot in the day for everyone who's had business to transact at the Town Office or who, like me, has had occasion to stop by often for a chat and a laugh. We all wish her well in retirement!

– Charlie Darling

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FREE FISHING DAY IN NH IS SATURDAY, JUNE 2

NHF&G press release

New Hampshire's Free Fishing Day is almost here! Saturday, June 2, is the statewide Free Fishing Day,

when you can fish any inland water – or saltwater – without a fishing license. Take advantage of this special event, and plan to get out and enjoy the day fishing with your family and friends. Both state residents and non-residents may participate.

All other fishing regulations must be followed on Free Fishing Day, including season dates and bag limits. There is one exception: you still need a fishing license and a special permit to fish for brood stock Atlantic salmon in the Merrimack and lower Pemigewasset rivers.

Free Fishing Day kicks off 2012 National Fishing and Boating Week, a nationwide observance encouraging families to have fun together on the water.

For details on fishing rules for various waters, consult the 2012 New Hampshire Freshwater and Saltwater

fishing digests, available at FishNH.com/pubs/fishing.html.

You can find lots more helpful information about fishing on the New Hamp-



Damien Jenifer and Miles Hurlbutt gave this trout special attention while helping stock Highland Lake on May 18. Photo: Charlie Darling

shire Fish and Game Web site at FishNH.com/Fishing/fishing.htm, including water bodies that have been recently stocked with fish, trout waters, lake depths, public access sites, and more.

If you get hooked on Free Fishing Day, enjoy the fun year round by buying a license online at FishNH.com or from any of 250 friendly local license agents statewide.

Spring Cleaning? Too Good To Throw Away? Andover Yankee Trader!

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

When you launch into spring cleaning this year, you're bound to come up with some stuff you don't want but that's just too good to throw away. Andover residents are fortunate to have a wide variety of choices for finding those unwanted treasures a new home.

Andover Yankee Trader

The *Beacon's* Andover Yankee Trader (AYT) is for individuals or businesses to give away or sell stuff they no longer need (but not to sell stuff they bought in order to re-sell). Listings in AYT can be up to 30 words long and are free for Andover residents and for *Beacon* subscribers. Others can buy a listing for \$5.

Photos are always a nice touch – you

can add one to your listing for just \$5.

To be included in next month's AYT (you can see this month's on page 8), please get your 30 words and an optional photo to the *Beacon* by the 15th.

Other Options

Andover Service Club's Thrift Shop. See their ad on page 29.

Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair flea market and auction. Ad: page 17.

Any of Andover's three daycare/pre-schools. Articles start on page 36.

Either of Andover's libraries. Articles start on page 21.

Swap Shop at the Transfer Station. Photo: page 11.

The two clothes donation bins at the Transfer Station.

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Trash Co-op Cancels Plan For Single-Stream Plant

By Ben Leubsdorf
Concord Monitor staff

From the May 18 *Monitor*
Organizers have pulled the plug on a plan to build a single-stream recycling plant in Penacook, unable to move forward with the \$15.6 million construction project after Concord withdrew from the venture last month.

The joint board of the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative [of which Andover is a member] decided last night, on a voice vote without opposition, to terminate contracts with outside communities that had pledged to send material to the plant. The board also voted to rescind bid awards to three companies that were to build the facility, provide equipment, and build a road to the site off Whitney Road.

Those votes effectively killed the project, which had been in the works for more than half a decade and had already cost the co-op roughly \$3 million. The group was preparing to close on financing and begin construction this spring when Concord, which had previously supported the project, decided to pull out, calling its latest projections too risky.

"We've been at this for about seven years now, and it was discouraging. It was depressing... But, always look forward," said Jim Presher, the co-op's director.

The co-op isn't giving up on the concept of single-stream recycling, which processes materials without pre-sorting. The board voted without opposition for Presher to begin discussing possible alternative projects with co-op members, outside communities, and private companies.

Such a project could be a better option than each individual town or city going its own way, said Brian Sullivan, Franklin's municipal services director.

"There's been a lot of good work done, and there is an organization that's in place, and many communities are still interested in pursuing something," Sullivan said. "From Franklin's perspective, I think that we're better off as a group – somehow, some type of group – rather than working alone."

Last night's actions were recommended by the co-op's operating committee, which met at the Bow town offices just ahead of the joint board's meeting.

Balancing Risk

The co-op, which has 25 member communities, began looking into building a single-stream recycling plant in 2005. Concord signed on to the plan in 2009 and reaffirmed its support last year, lifting several conditions so the project could move forward.

Thirteen co-op members [including Andover] were signed up to par-

See SSR on page 3

FIRECRACKER 5K FUN RUN

By Tom Frantz
Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

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

Last year's race drew 130 participants. The majority of the runners were from the area, but runners from as far away as Florida, Indiana, and California competed for prize money and for the gold, silver, and bronze spikes that were awarded to the top three finishers in each age group.

Last year's overall male winner was Sam Burke, 17, of Westfield, Massachu-

sets in a time of 17:13, followed by Michael Hoffman, 24, of Rochester, New York with a time of 17:16. The top female finisher was Lindy Heffernan, 17, of Sutton Mills, New Hampshire with a time of 21:54.

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

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

Please join us for this Andover Fourth of July tradition. 

Dozens Turn Out For Town Clean-Up Week

Town of Andover press release

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

up after the wintertime paid off.

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

Although many roads were not officially signed up for this year, you can see by the results that it's catching on, and we town folks like having our piece of town nice and clean. That is quite evident as you drive along the many roads here in town. Take a leisurely drive around and you can see for yourself how beautiful our town looks.

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

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




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Fourth Of July Committee **SSR from page 2**

By Judy Perreault
Fourth of July Committee

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Andover and friends, the Fourth of July house-to-house fundraiser was a huge success. According to Wanda Smith and Irene Jewett, we equaled or surpassed last year's total. I guess they are still counting.

I asked for cheerful and generous givers, and folks responded. If for some reason you were missed, we are still accepting donations. You can contact Wanda at 735- 5434 or Irene at 735-5471, or mail it to Irene at PO Box 36, East Andover 03231. Names that are too late for the official Fourth of July program will be published in the *Beacon*. Our thanks to all the volunteers who collected the donations!

The big day is almost here, and folks can look forward to a great parade. Uncle Sam (a.k.a. Charlie Darling) will be right up front, the symbol of American freedom, patriotism, and spirit. Marching to honor our troops past and present are several veterans groups.

The New Hampshire Pipes and Drums will be back again this year. In addition to marching they will present a concert on the Village Green. Last year they played some wonderful Scottish music. There was also a demonstration of some Scottish dances. Hopefully the young ladies who performed will be back.

The Bektash Drum and Bugle Corps will also be marching. We are fortunate that they choose to return to Andover each year. Their unique uniforms add a splash of color to our parade.

We all know who is coming when we hear the roar of the cannon – it is Captain Morrill and Company. In colonial times, units like his would be a common sight.

The Concord Coach would also have been a main mode of transportation. It is a pretty smooth ride on today's roads in the Fourth of July parade, but it was pretty bumpy in "The Good Old Days." Leapin' Lena is getting in gear for her "uplifting" performance. Everyone who rides in her is always smiling. I'm sure it's a fun ride.

Made In America

Remember our parade theme – Made In America – and get those floats ready! We have prize money and ribbons in a number of categories. Four prizes are theme-related, plus prizes for Most Unique, Most Decorated, Most Patriotic, and Best Costumes. We hope to see some 70th anniversary entries. Joyce Egge of Equine Homes is once again providing

prize money for the animal entries.

Cars, trucks, tractors, and motorcycles add a lot to the parade. Made in America would be a plus.

Parade registration is at the Proctor Field House. You do not need to pre-register.

The children have a chance to be part of the parade. Meet at the Pro-Claim Building with your decorated carts, carriages, bikes, and costumes. Sara Tracy and her judges will be on hand to award ribbons.

The Andover Lions Club Pancake Breakfast held at AE/MS is a healthy way to start your day. There is a lot going on, and you will need plenty of energy to make it through the day.

Activities on the Village Green include opening ceremonies, Barnyard Bingo, music, games, and a huge flea market. Howard Wilson still has a few spaces available. Give him a call at 735-5427.

In the morning at Blackwater Park on the Rail Trail, the Firecracker 5K footrace commences. This is a professionally-timed race and draws a large number of entrants.

There will be a car show in the parking lot of Pizza Chef. This also begins in the morning. There will be a softball game at AE/MS in the afternoon.

Fireworks will begin at dusk. Atlas Fireworks always provides us with a beautiful display. I think the best view is behind the school, but many enjoy the view from Proctor's Carr Field on Main Street.

Food will be available at the school before the show, and the Andover Service Club and Andover Girl Scouts are planning an ice cream social on the Village Green. Event times will be in the programs and in the July issue of the *Beacon*. Programs are available toward the end of June at the Post Offices, the Town Hall, and at the reviewing stand on the Village Green on the Fourth.

Tickets for the Sweet Liberty quilt, made by Irene Haley of Quilting Corner in Tilton, will be on sale on the Village Green on the Fourth. The red, white, and blue blend perfectly. The quilt is truly a work of art and definitely "Made in America." Proceeds go to the Fourth of July fund.

David Jewett and Bob Ward will be in the reviewing stand keeping everyone informed.

We still need some people to help with parking. If you can help or have any questions, contact Jamie Thompson at 735-5581 or 4thOfJulyCommittee@gmail.net.

participate in the plant, plus more than a dozen other communities that agreed to send recyclable materials there. The 47,600-square-foot plant and attached office building would cost an estimated \$15.6 million to build, with the cooperative planning to borrow \$9.2 million and spend about \$6.4 million in cash from its capital reserves.

Presher said last night that the tentative plan was to hold a final joint board meeting in early April and close on the project financing April 13.

But March 22, Concord's Solid Waste Advisory Committee voted to recommend that the city pull out of the project. And the night of April 9, the city council voted unanimously to do just that.

City officials said they were concerned that the co-op had not quite achieved commitments of 25,000 tons of materials a year from participating communities, considered a threshold for the plant to break even on operating costs. The volatile market for recycled commodities over the past few years also caused worry.

The main issue, city officials said, was a change in the financing model for the plant, which meant that if the plant were to fail, Concord would have been responsible for paying back 41.5 percent of the project's loans, or roughly \$4.03 million.

That, they said, posed too much risk.

"I think we're still committed to single-stream as a concept," Ward 7 Councilor Keith Nyhan, who chairs the solid-waste committee, said at the April council meeting. "I think the business model as it was proposed to us years ago, and how it's evolved over time, has brought us to the point where we don't think this particular single-stream project is the right one for the city of Concord at this point in time."

Presher said he met with city officials after the April 9 meeting to discuss a revised project, but Concord said it wasn't interested.

"Concord is very excited about recycling," Chip Chesley, the director of the city's general services department, said at last night's operating committee meeting.

But, he said, "It's a hard decision to make when you have certain wants – you want to promote recycling, it's the right thing to do – but you also need to balance those with fiscal responsibility."

Presher said last night approving the borrowing necessary to build the plant required a two-thirds vote of the co-op's joint board, and Concord plus other co-op communities opposed to the single-stream project had enough votes to block approval.

That led to the votes to cancel the contracts associated with the single-stream plant, in effect killing it.

Laconia Public Works Director Paul Moynihan said last night he was disappointed by Concord's decision to scuttle the project.

"It just seemed like the numbers weren't that frightening," he said.

Leaving The Co-op?

The collapse of the single-stream project comes as Concord continues to signal it could pull out of the co-op entirely in a couple years.

If it did, the city would be following the lead of Hopkinton and Webster, which left in 2010, and Allenstown, which struck a deal this year to exit the co-op at the end of 2014.

The co-op's current contract with Wheelabrator, which operates the Penacook trash incinerator used by co-op members, comes to an end in 2014. Presher said last night negotiations are under way on a new deal that could start as early as 2013.

"Looking forward, it appears that the financial advantage of the attractive solid waste disposal costs that the (co-op) has provided the city for over 20 years is no longer a financial advantage, and the co-op is actually using reserve funds to decrease tipping fees to levels that are more competitive in the general marketplace," City Manager Tom Aspell wrote in a letter to the Concord City Council, dated last Friday, that accompanied his proposed fiscal 2013 budget.

Aspell added, "Strong consideration will need to be given to continue participation in the co-op past 2014."

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Expanded Budget Format Would Build Confidence

By Jim Danforth
Andover Board of Selectmen

Today, the Town of Andover requires more knowledge-based work from its employees, elected officials, and volunteers (work force). Speaking as an Andover taxpayer, not as a member of the Board of Selectmen, I think that as taxpayers, we must not only appreciate this fact, we must demand that our town change to embrace this reality. In the coming months and years, we must demand improved services, reduced costs, increased accuracy and convenience, and simultaneously improved transparency.

In my opinion, structural reorganization of the Town budget, with the singular goal of total transparency, is the most direct route to identifying the areas where the Town must train its work force, invest in software and hardware, and outsource or build in-

house capabilities. Without this format change, our ability to act collectively as taxpayers is limited, as meaningful, accurate information in a useable context

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Example of Expanded Budget Format

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Letters

Thanks For Caring!

Thank you to the Andover community for your thoughts prayers and actions after Alicia's recent accident. Thanks to the neighbors and to my "barn angels" who lent a hand, and to the staff, faculty, students, and the softball team from Proctor Academy for

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your time, meals, and visits.

We are doing well, and Alicia is on a fast track to recovery.

It's great to live in a town where people care and reach out to help.

Allison Barry and family

Mailbox Vandalism

How much am I hated, or feared? Four times over the last three years, someone has either stolen my mailbox and then smashed it, or has smashed it at my home. In between these damage points, someone draped a dead coyote on my mailbox.

Or is it my politics that is hated/feared? Let me know. I don't enjoy the suspense of knowing when a cost will be imposed on me due to the destructive urges of individuals unknown, for reasons I don't know of. This is especially relevant as none of my neighbors up and down the street have suffered this damage action, even though their mailboxes are set up in a similar manner to mine.

For Liberty,

Howard L. Wilson

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Dealing With Household Hazardous Wastes

By Ken Tripp
Andover Recycling Committee

On April 14, the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) came to the Transfer Station to promote alternatives to household hazardous wastes. Tables were set up next to the Swap Shop to demonstrate some of these formulas.

People were enthusiastic about using the substitutes. Many people had their own formulas they wanted to share. These homemade products were not only better for the environment, but cheaper.

LRPC runs the regional hazardous waste collections in which Andover participates. Booklets detailing the suggested alternatives and a schedule for the 2012 hazardous collections were handed out.

Hazardous Waste Collections

Saturday, July 28, from 8:30 AM to noon at the Franklin Public Works Garage (934-4103).

Saturday, August 4, from 8:30 AM to noon at the New Hampshire DOT Garage in Bristol (744-3354).

Flyers about these hazardous waste collections are available at the Andover Transfer Station.

Budget from page 5

hasn't been provided to the towns' governing body: we, the taxpayers.

The present format of the Town budget is overly simplistic, simultaneously presenting accurate figures but failing to provide a meaningful and useful context. For example, the 2011 Town budget shows that the Recreation Committee has a budget of X on page 26 and an income of Y on page 28. With no useable context, the only metric is to compare the total budget line to that of the previous year, which effectively excludes informed citizen input.

A better format would provide more information, with additional context for deeper understanding of where and how the budget is being spent, identifying all the cost drivers.

This expanded format provides the detail required for meaningful and substantive discussion. Clearing identifying cost categories will allow taxpayers to better evaluate the value and cost effectiveness of programs and services. The budget discussion will also be enhanced, promoting more detailed input and questioning from residents.

Building confidence in the budget will facilitate required changes in policy and practices in our town. Lastly, we as a community will more easily find consensus when we as a community have increased understanding and confidence in the Town budget.

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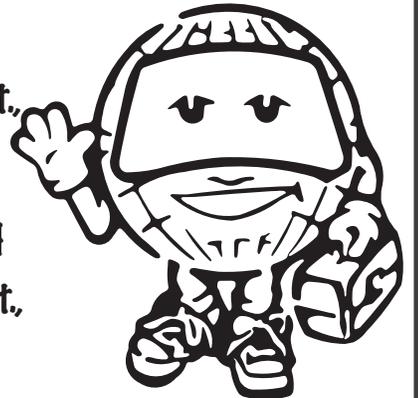
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Rich and Stephanie Gross took the Beacon to Reno, then to Las Vegas for the wedding of Stephanie's son, Freeman Rollins. At the Hoover Dam are Freeman, Rich, Stephanie, and Freeman's new wife Jamie.



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Board Of Selectmen

By Vicky Mishcon
Andover Board of Selectmen

Items that have come across our desk this month:

- Eileen Neville, the town's secretary/bookkeeper, will be retiring in June after almost 17 years at the Town Office. Eileen has been the face of the Town Office for many people. She has been a constant presence throughout many changes in administrators, road agents, Town board and committee members, librarians, and police officers. Always friendly, always helpful, Eileen will be sorely missed!

- We had a safety inspection by the New Hampshire Department of Labor on May 15. All Town buildings, with the exception of the school, were inspected, and the outcome was pretty good. Once we receive the written report, we will have 30 days to come into compliance.

The most common needs throughout our buildings are lighted exit signs, log books for the periodic testing of eye wash stations, and written policies for specific functions, such as requiring the fire station doors to be opened before starting any engine. The most expensive changes required will be renovating the Town Clerk's office so that a barrier is created between the public and the employees, and constructing outside housing for the Town Office generator. The inspector offered helpful suggestions and resources for many of the items that will need addressing.

- The Board is working with the Fourth of July Committee to be sure certain issues now required by our insurance company are addressed. The Town is required to have a full written safety plan on file. Chief Laramie, who has always had a safety plan for this event, will provide us with the required written plan.

Insurance coverage and liability waivers are required of some of the vendors and must be on file at the Town Office. Last year, there were some complaints that certain vendors were not appropriate for our family-friendly event,

so this year's list of vendors will be reviewed by the Board together with the Fourth of July Committee. Other issues will be addressed as needed.

SSR Plant Cancelled

The Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative (the Co-op) has finally scrapped its plans to build a single-stream recycling (SSR) facility in Penacook. (See article on page 2.) Andover was one of 13 towns committed to participating in the program. Jim Preshler, the Co-op's director, will be looking at other projects that could allow participating towns to pursue SSR as a group instead of each town going its own way.

The Board is still interested in a SSR program for Andover. We toured the transfer stations in Bristol and Holderness in mid-May, both of which are members of the Co-op and have started SSR programs of their own.

The plusses we saw included an increase in recycling numbers, thus lowering the cost of transportation and tipping fees for solid waste. We were also impressed by the simplicity of their designs. Residents drive up to the side-by-side containers; deposit all their recyclables in one, their trash in the other; and drive away. For the resident, it can't get much easier.

It's also *much* safer because there is no need to *cross* in front of moving vehicles. There would be no need for the two balers that we have, reducing maintenance costs and labor. The costs of SSR include a new design of the Transfer Station and purchasing a second compactor for recyclables.

There are several local companies that provide containers and transportation of recyclables to a drop off site, such as Laconia, where they are then taken to the EcoMaine SSR facility. We will be reviewing costs versus benefits of SSR versus our current recycling program; not just financing, but safety and efficiency as well. More detailed information will be available in the coming months.

Supervisors of the Checklist

By Arthur Urie
Supervisor of the Checklist

The Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, June 5, from 7 to 7:30 PM at the Town Office. June 5 is the last day registered voters can change party affiliation before the state primary election on Tuesday, September 11.

A copy of the checklist is posted in

the Town Office so you can check on how you are currently registered. If you want to change party registration, fill out a change form and give to the Town Clerk or come to the Supervisors meeting on June 5. Following that meeting, no further changes to party can be made until after the primary on September 11.

Town Administrator's Corner

By Marj Roy
Andover Town Administrator

It has been a busy month at the Town Office. Several things have taken place, but the breaking news is that Eileen Neville, who has been our bookkeeper/receptionist for the last 17 years, will be retiring effective June 4. Eileen has seen many changes here at the Town Office and has been "Miss Congeniality" to friends and strangers who have come to Town Hall. Eileen will be greatly missed, and we wish her well.

The Department of Labor did a safety inspection of all Town facilities, excluding the school. There are things

that need to be changed and updated, but for the most part compliance will not be too difficult. The Board of Selectmen's article on this page will provide you with more information on this subject.

The Fourth of July is just around the calendar corner. We are working closely with Jamie Thompson, Chairperson of the Fourth of July Committee, to ensure that this year's celebration is another successful event. We all appreciate the hard work that goes into this time-honored tradition in our Town.

As always, please call or contact me at TAdmin@TownOfAndover.org if I/we can be of help to you.

Andover Town Clerk

By Joanna Sumner
Andover Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Another primary election is approaching, and your last day to change your party affiliation is on Tuesday, June 5. The Supervisors will meet at the Town Office on that day between 7 and 7:30 PM. On Wednesday, June 6, the filing period begins for the state primary election. Candidates for state representative and delegates file with the Town Clerk. The filing period ends on Friday, June 15. The state primary election is Tuesday, September 11.

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Applications forms are at the Town Office or online at Revenue.NH.gov/forms/low_mod_program.htm.

NOTICE OF HEARING

ANDOVER X-A000(716), 14679A

The Commission in accordance with RSA 230:14 and the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987, have set a public hearing to discuss proposed alterations to US 4/NH 11 in the Town of Andover.

The meeting will be held at the Andover Elementary/Middle School, 20 School Street, Andover, New Hampshire on June 20, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

THE PLACE WILL BE OPEN ONE HALF (1/2) HOUR PRIOR TO THE TIME OF THE HEARING FOR THE INSPECTION OF PLANS BY ANY INTERESTED PERSONS.

On May 9, 2012, the Governor and Executive Council appointed: Gerald Coogan, Tony Guinta and Elizabeth Rodd as the Commission to conduct the hearing to determine whether there is the occasion for the laying out of this project.

We, the Commission, hereby give written Notice to said Petitioners and the owners of land over which said highway may pass, and to all others interested by posting a like copy in at least two (2) public places in the Town of Andover, and leaving a like copy with the Town Clerk and Tax Collector of the Town of Andover at least fourteen (14) days before the said day of hearing.

Relocation assistance will be furnished to each owner or tenant whose improvements or property will be acquired for this project based on their eligibility.

Interested landowners, local officials and highway users are welcome and will be given the opportunity to express their comments relative to the location. The testimony will be recorded.

This project will impact wetlands and will have no adverse effects on historic resources. This project is tentatively scheduled for advertising for bid in March 2013.

Maps, plans, the environmental studies and other pertinent information developed by the Department, along with written views received as a result of the coordination with other agencies, is available at the Department of Transportation at the John O. Morton Building, 7 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire for inspection and copying. It is suggested you call Ronald Grandmaison, Project Manager, at (603) 271-6198 in advance for an appointment.

Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the Chairman of the Commission, c/o William J. Cass, Director of Project Development, NH Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 483, Concord, NH 03302 0483 up to ten (10) days after the date of the hearing for inclusion in the official record.

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Andover Road Agent

By Jon Champagne
 Andover Road Agent

Deferred maintenance is something I'd like to talk about this month. In business, this term is used to describe when a company puts off routine maintenance to help deal with a short-term financial problem. By all accounts it was what caused most of the large railroads on the east coast to go bankrupt.

The Town of Andover is in a similar situation. As we have continued to keep the budget flat, despite increased costs for almost every product the Town purchases, it has led to a condition where we have not done any maintenance to our roads other than what has been required to keep them passable.

I think that everyone knows that a lot of the paved roads in town are in poor shape. However, many of our roads that have been paved in the last 10 years need a topcoat, as well as some roads that were paved more recently with an only base coat, such as Switch Road near the state shed, or Bradley Lake Road.

On average, pavement lasts eight to 15 years when not maintained. A road can last 30 to 40 years, however, when it is maintained to national standards by doing such things as shimming and overlaying every seven to 10 years, maintaining proper drainage, and cutting brush.

The Town currently possesses about 30 miles of paved roads. This means that we need to consider rebuilding about a mile a year in order to ensure somewhat decent roads, as well as overlay and shim another two miles of road per year.

In the last seven years, we have paved only two miles of roadway. Most of the roads in town have not been redone in over 25 years, and roughly two-thirds of our paved roads will need pavement upgrades in the next couple of years. Worse yet, most of these roads will need to be completely rebuilt.

Maintenance Saves Money

Currently it costs \$300,000 or more to completely rebuild a mile of road. However, if the road base is intact, and the culverts are in good condition, and the drainage maintenance has been kept up, it could reduce these costs to less than \$100,000 a mile to shim and overlay a road. This extends the life of a road by about 15 years.

Repaving roads before they are completely destroyed cuts down on costs in a couple of ways. When you grind pavement, you need a very expensive specialized machine that few paving companies possess. Most paving companies choose to subcontract grinding to one of the large paving contractors who perform this work. As a result, this work is expensive: \$2 or more per square yard. The average road in town

has about 12,000 square yards per mile, so these costs add up quickly.

In addition, if you shim and overlay roads before they break up, you can possibly put less asphalt down: a one-inch topcoat versus three inches for a binder and wear coat on roads that have been ground.

A good example is Chase Hill Road. When this project was first proposed in the mid-'90s, the road was in good enough shape to shim and overlay. By 2004, it had reached the point that this was no longer possible. Over the next seven years, as we continued to delay the project, we saw costs soar from \$100,000 to \$500,000. If we had done it at the time it was proposed and kept up with the maintenance, this job could have cost far less.

These increases are not just driven by the increased scope of work but also by the increase in petroleum prices, which have a direct impact on the price of asphalt (a petroleum product) as well as the cost to operate the equipment to do the work.

Most of our roads are past the point of being a candidate for having a topcoat only applied due to many factors. Even the best of roads needs to be rebuilt from the ground up every so often. Leading authorities recommend a complete rebuilding every 25 to 30 years, depending on maintenance and traffic. This is because even minor defects can telegraph up through pavement with time.

Also, traffic will wear the road and change the road contour with time, causing areas where traffic travels the most to settle more than areas that do not see traffic all the time, such as the shoulder or the center of the road. And with time, culverts need to be replaced, and the road may need to be raised back up to reestablish grade in relation to surroundings.

Time For A Change

Up until the early '90s, these were understood principles, and the roads were regularly maintained. However, in the last 20 years we have failed to keep up for a variety of reasons, including budget pressures from the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee, and Town Meeting passing blanket spending cuts.

It is now time for the Town of Andover to move forward and change this. We need to stop thinking of how we can chisel every penny out of the roads budget to balance shortfalls elsewhere and accept the fact that in order to have decent roads that are safe to travel on year round, we will have to maintain and take care of them. It will cost money, I know, but we have no other options. To defer proper maintenance just increases the cost when we can no longer avoid repairs.

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East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

I think that if you look in enough places you will find a statistic that will support or dispute just about any claim. So, not wanting to be left out, I will quote a statistic: "Most fires in the home are caused by dryer lint."

Now, I will admit that there are many dryer fires every week, but "most," well, is a big word. So as your fire safety "expert," I decided to do some checking and went to the boss. This turned out to be an eye-opening experience for me, as I am very domestically challenged.

The boss, my wife, gave me lessons in good clothes dryer maintenance. It turns out that the dryer has a lint trap that is to be cleaned before each use. I have often wondered where socks end up, and apparently the lint trap is the thief.

Not satisfied to think that the lint trap would hold all the material, I saw a golden opportunity to get out the screwdriver and have some fun. The vent pipe carries the moist air from the dryer to the outside of your home. It also traps lots and lots of lint. There was even lint packed around the vent flap outside our home. Wow, who knew? So after an hour with a shop vacuum, we truly had a safe, clean dryer. That sounded silly and was fun to write.

In truth, most home fires are started by the clothes dryer. I am more a fire safety whack job than an expert. I clean our dryer vent pipe every spring. The vent pipe runs for several feet, often in

inaccessible spaces across your home. A fire in that pipe will spread far and fast. The lint is also able to smolder before becoming a flame.

If you think there is a fire in your clothes dryer, please call 911. Time is not on your side, as that funny burning smell may quickly become a smoky fire. Remember, to a fire safety nut (like me and hopefully you), a lint-free vent is a thing of beauty.

Jon Collette

Several years ago, Jon Collette joined our fire department as a green recruit. Over time, Jon attended the New Hampshire Fire Academy and became a certified fire fighter level 1 and 2. He later became a Nationally Registered EMTI and a member of the Andover Rescue Squad.

Jon serves as our Engineer, taking care of our complicated fire equipment and fire station. Although very skilled and a valuable member of the team, Jon, and his wife Brandy, are also our friends. Fire service friends who survive the very difficult job we do are our family.

Sometimes families move away to take advantage of new opportunities. Unfortunately, we sadly said goodbye to Jon and his family a few weeks ago. It is incredibly difficult to see a fellow firefighter move away. The personal bond is deep, and gained through common, if not unique, experiences.

We all wish Jon, Brandy, Ethan, and Rachel much happiness and success in your new home. We will keep a place, and fire gear, for you in our truck.

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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Board Of Selectmen

April 16

Condensed from approved minutes

Road Agent's Report

Road sweeping began at noon today. Sweeper will be available to us for two weeks at a rental price of \$2,500 per week.

Road Agent Jon Champagne will submit a list of surplus equipment to the Board. The Board will check regulations for disposal of surplus equipment. When advertising is necessary, *The Andover Beacon* would be a great resource. The tire chains that other municipalities may want could be advertised on the New Hampshire Local Government Center's Web site.

Road Agent has received a quote of \$4,200 for crack sealing Plains Road, Flaghole Road, and the uphill side of Dyers Crossing Road.

Road Agent will submit requests for safety equipment, pipe, and crack sealing for purchase orders.

Ditching – Day 1: Plains Road, Morrill Hill Road, Depot Street, Old College Road. Day 2: Cilleyville Road, Depot Street, Pancake Road. Day 3: West Shore Drive, Agony Hill, Flaghole Road. The cost per day would be \$1,960. Total would be \$5,880.

Road agent will order calcium chloride.

As of today, the chipper will be used for five eight-hour days. Expense will be \$900.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Joanna Sumner and Wanda Smith met with the Board. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Wanda Smith as Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector.

Transfer Station

The Board voted unanimously to accept the contract for the lease of the new Bobcat.

Old Business

The Board reviewed a request from a resident to follow a payment plan through July to pay taxes. The Board voted unanimously to accept plan of resident.

The Tax Anticipation note was approved and signed by the Board.

New Business

The Board reviewed the abatement applications and recommendations. The Board voted unanimously to accept the applications as recommended.

Other Business

The Board requested that the Town Administrator research the most recent date of the Town Meeting vote for elderly, disabled, and veteran exemptions. Town Administrator is to provide the Board with the amount of delinquent 2011 property taxes.

May 7

Condensed from approved minutes

Selectman Mishcon asked that Gerry Hersey be allowed to speak first. He read the minutes of a previous Board of Selectmen meeting in *The Andover Beacon* and is here tonight for comment on the Sam Hill Road project. Jon Champagne stated that the Board has made no decision about tearing up the paved area of Sam Hill Road.

Selectman Gross said that right now the hill heading toward Hersey's is better and that it doesn't make sense to tear up the pavement. Hersey feels the paved area has held up just fine and shouldn't be torn up because it may last for several years. Hersey asked that before any road work is done that consideration be given to the dust that will be created in the hayfield.

Sam Hill Road Ditch problem: round rock shifts. Needs to be ditched and lined properly. Safety and budget need to be considered. Board not planning to take any action immediately.

Road Agent Report: Crushing details are listed on the work order.

Culverts for Sam Hill Road can be stored at Armand Boisvert's garage on Sam Hill Road.

See Selectmen on page 13

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

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Thu, 6:30-8:30 • Fri, 1:30-5

Transfer Station:

Wed, 7-6 (7-5 during Standard Time)

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 Tue, 7:30, AE/MS

Library Trustees: 3rd Thu, 7

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Fourth of July: 1st Wed (Feb-Jun

& Aug), Andover Fire Station, 7

Andover Fire Dept: 1st Mon, Busi-

ness, 7; 3rd Mon, Training, 7

Explorer Scout Post 321: 2nd Wed,

7, East Andover Fire Station

East Andover Fire Dept:

2nd Wed, 7:30

Andover EMS: 2nd Tue, 7

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School Board: 1st Tue (except

July), 6:30, AE/MS

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JUNE

4: Board of Selectmen, 7

4: Andover Fire Depts Bus Mtg, 7

5: Building Inspector, 6-7

5: School Board, 6:30, AE/MS

5: Supervisors of the Checklist,
7-7:30

6: Fourth of July Comm,
Andover Fire Station, 7

9: Swap Shop, Transfer Station, 8-2

12: Building Inspector, 6-7

12: Planning Board, 7

12: Andover EMS,
East Andover Fire Station, 7

12: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7:30

13: Conservation Commission, 7:30

14: Recycling Committee, 1

18: Board of Selectmen, 7

18: Andover Fire Depts Training, 7

19: Building Inspector, 6-7

19: Zoning Board, 7

21: Library Trustees, 7

26: Building Inspector, 6-7

26: Planning Board, 7

JULY

2: Board of Selectmen, 7

2: Andover Fire Depts Bus Mtg, 7

3: Building Inspector, 6-7

3: School Board, 6:30, AE/MS

4: Town Office **CLOSED**

10: Building Inspector, 6-7

10: Planning Board, 7

10: Andover EMS,
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Chipping was completed in one week.

Sweeping is complete. Used for three weeks, charged for two weeks due to break-down of equipment.

Cilleyville-Bog Bridge: Work is finished on the side of bridge the DOT had cited. Where the water comes in, it pushes out the abutment. There were large voids on the other side of the bridge, large enough for a dog or cat to get in. Road Agent will install rip-rap. DOT will need to be notified and come back to inspect it. Anthony McLeod did masonry work and did a great job.

Catch basins need cleaning. \$130 per hour times eight hours. Selectman Gross moved that the catch basin cleaning be authorized as stated by the Road Agent. Selectman Danforth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Road Agent proposal: four pallets of calcium chloride at a total cost of \$2,800. Also, required to spread the calcium chloride is eight hours of rental of a one-ton truck with sander at \$70 per hour equals \$560. The Bobcat will be used for loading.

Selectman Gross moved that the work as specified be authorized. Selectman Mishcon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Road Agent is offering support to NHEC for tree work to be done throughout Andover. Scott Carlson of NHEC will meet with the Planning Board tomorrow night.

Selectman Mishcon moved to accept the Road Agent's recommendation re: Tucker Mountain Road lift cross pipe near Miller's/Johnsons. Dig sump on side slope and line with rip-rap and six feet of 12-inch pipe. Eight hours; excavator, six-wheeler, labor. Town materials: crushed gravel; pipe, 20 yards; and rip-rap, 20 yards. Selectman Gross seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Gale Road Bridge: DOT says \$200,000 expense to remove. Needs to be barricaded to pedestrians as well as motor vehicles. Letter coming from DOT.

Morrill Hill Road Bridge: Permit in place. Town Administrator to write to the engineer to get bridge ordered/start-

ed. Check with Selectman Mishcon.

Police Department

The Police Department has responded to 300 calls in the last one-month period. Sergeant Mahoney is back to full duty.

Evidence Destruction: Paperwork must be signed by a judge. Sergeant Mahoney has been to court to clear evidence from 12 cases. All new evidence will be logged in according to bar code.

There were four arrests, one for DUI, which turned into a chase and a crash.

Chief has applied again for the NH Fish and Game OHRV grant.

Fourth of July: Is additional signage needed to limit parking on Route 11 before Georges' and Tall Ventures' properties? Chief Laramie gave the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator copies of the Fourth of July detail. Selectman Gross explained that we need an even more detailed report to give to the New Hampshire Local Government Center, as they provide our property and liability insurance. The report needs to include details of fireworks and EMS/Fire Department/Police Department coverage and safety plans.

Jamie Thompson, Chair of the Fourth of July Committee, will be at the Bandstand on the day of the Fourth, and he and his committee will have a cell phone list for emergency contacts.

The Police Department SUV has rust on undercarriage. The estimate for repair is \$1,500. The Chief can take the funds from the Police Department Revolving Fund. The Board of Selectman approved.

Wendy Pinkham: Two residences on Currier Road are hazards. Trash being held in back of truck at Taylor's. Pinkham also stated that "trash" (book cases and furniture) is burned at the Strahan/Howe residence on Currier Road. Also an addition to the house was built without permit. Town Administrator will check regulations for health officer potential action.

ADS Tyler Technologies: Municipal accounting package. Highly recommended by Wendy. Used by Webster.

Discussion: Recycle Committee: Charge of those who volunteer. *Status quo* for now.

The Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, and Transfer Station Supervisor will visit the Bristol and Holderness transfer stations on May 14. Both facilities have implemented single-stream recycling on their own.

The Town Administrator presented the proposed Fund Balance Policy for adoption. Selectman Danforth moved to accept the fund balance policy. Selectman Gross seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Fire Departments requested use of the Transfer Station for chain saw training on June 16. Selectman Gross moved that the Fire Departments be authorized to use the Transfer Station and cut two or three trees from the back of the Transfer Station property. Selectman Danforth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Sign permits were approved for Naughty Nellie's Ice Cream at 46 Main Street. Selectman Mishcon moved, Selectman Danforth seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 PM.

Recording Secretary: Pat Moyer Announcements

Eric will be attending the April 16 meeting of the Board of Selectmen to discuss enforcement concerns.

Eric has contacted Lakes Region Planning Commission for information on how other towns process complaints regarding commercial versus home occupation.

Eric spoke with Town Counsel regarding fire sprinklers, and Town Counsel indicated that because Andover offers "options," there should be no concerns.

Master Plan Final Review

The Board reviewed the final draft of the Master Plan. Paul and Nancy will work together to add the minutes of each meeting as appendices. The Board voted unanimously to accept the Master Plan as presented with amendment and final revision of Land Use Map and the expectation that the final appendices are forthcoming.

Conservation Commission

April 11

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Members Larry Chase, Tina Cotton, Sandra Graves, Jerry Hersey, Nan Kaplan, Harvey Pine

Treasurer's Report

Tina noted that Andover Conservation Commission (ACC) funds from last year's Town budget have not yet
See Cons Comm on page 14

Planning Board

April 10

Condensed from draft minutes

Members present: Eric Johnson; Paul Currier; Pat Moyer; Don Gould; Jim Danforth; Nancy Teach

Election of Officers

Chair: Jon Warzocha
Vice-Chair: Paul Currier

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Cons Comm from page 13

been received, owing to the Town's major computer crash. Members also discussed whether funds for annual tree purchases needed to maintain Tree City status should come from ACC or from another source. Larry reported he will attend this year's Saving Special Places conference, participating in workshops on trail-building and maintenance.

Old Business

Larry reported that the second Button Up New Hampshire weatherization workshop, co-sponsored by ACC, drew 34 local residents. He described publicity being planned for the ACC-sponsored walk in the Proctor woods, to take place on May 6. And he reported that the Board of Selectmen had supported ACC's plan for a photo exhibit featuring local conserved lands, to be displayed in the Town Hall meeting room.

Nan described an outreach and education project being mounted by the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT). She also reported that she is now chair of ASLPT's outreach committee, which is planning a workshop on invasive species, tentatively to be held in Sutton in November. And she announced a public planning session to consider alternative trail routes to connect Quabbin Reservoir in Massachusetts with Mount Cardigan in New Hampshire.

Harvey announced that he and Larry would meet in two days with Bob

Crane, a member of New London's Conservation Commission, to discuss issues involved in creating, and perhaps publishing, an inventory/directory of Andover's hiking trails.

New Business

Harvey circulated several conservation commission mission statements developed by other local towns. He volunteered to collect additional samples and to draft a "straw proposal" for ACC to consider as its own mission statement.

Nan announced that Susan Chase has volunteered to serve as Andover's new Tree City USA chair.

Other Matters

Members reviewed plans for the May town clean-up being co-chaired by Pat Moyer and Marj Roy. Harvey reported on a climate-change talk, and a student project presentation, to be given later in the month at Colby-Sawyer College.

Recreation Committee

March 30

Condensed from approved minutes

The meeting began at 7:05 PM. Present were Recreation Committee members Tom Frantz and Ellie George. Also in attendance were Howard George, Tim Norris, Kurt Weber, Brian Reynolds, Christine Frost, Pat Frost, Nicole Donovan, Justin Carey, and Jim Danforth.

The meeting was called at the request of the Board of Selectmen as an organizational meeting to solicit interest

in citizens becoming committee members, or otherwise becoming involved in recreational sports. Tom served as the meeting facilitator and suggested that his three major goals for the committee are budget, maintenance of Blackwater Field, and construction of the multipurpose building.

Multi-Purpose Building

Justin Carey (current president of Andover Youth Baseball) advised that the baseball program is very interested and eager to get the building construction under way. He thinks there are sufficient volunteers available to get the shell constructed quickly. He had previously asked the Town Administrator about the procedure for paying for materials and is on the agenda for Monday's Selectmen's meeting.

Much discussion took place regarding the status of the building plans. There currently is no consensus on the building material type (split face concrete block versus stick built wood frame and siding). The last building committee meeting ended in Spring 2011 without a decision.

We are uncertain about status of appropriation to purchase materials for the building. Town Meeting of March 9, 2010, approved the expenditure. The septic system and floor slab was paid out of that appropriation during the fall of 2010. No building activity or purchases have occurred since that time, although building materials were delivered to the site Spring or early Summer 2011. We believe the Blackwater Park Fund paid for these materials ordered by David Powers.

Subsequent to the meeting, Alan Hanscom researched Town Reports and minutes of Recreation Committee meetings to develop the following timeline and accounting of funds:

Minutes of November 12, 2009 meeting states that the Blackwater Park Fund held \$18,456.

Town Meeting March 11, 2008, appropriated \$8,000 for the purchase of 0.75 acres from NH DOT underlying the current parking lot and proposed building site.

Town Meeting March 9, 2010, appropriated \$16,000 "to be used for the planning and construction of a multi-

purpose building at Blackwater Park and to transfer those funds from the Blackwater Park Fund held by the Town Treasurer."

Materials and equipment expenses were paid out of the \$16,000 appropriation in Fall 2010. Building materials on-site were also paid from the appropriation. Current balance not known.

The question arose of what portion of income from concessions during sporting events goes to the Town. An arrangement similar to non-profits using the Town Common during the Fourth of July is a possibility. Baseball is suggesting that their participation and donation in the building process should result in an exemption from surrendering a portion of income from concessions. This is undecided and a subject for future discussion with the Board of Selectmen.

Recreation Committee Sports

Andover Recreation supports a fall soccer season, winter basketball and skiing (Nordic and cross country), and summer Learn-to-Swim programs. Softball is now conducted by Andover Girls Softball, a local non-profit. Baseball is conducted by Andover Youth Baseball. The baseball and softball programs are not a part of the Andover Recreation Committee, but membership on the committee is encouraged to maintain coordination and cooperation among the groups using the limited facilities.

Blackwater Park Upkeep

Howard George discussed field maintenance items that are supposed to be a part of the field maintenance contract, including aeration, fertilization, and insect control. These need to be done annually. Howard expressed interest in overseeing upkeep of the park.

Other Topics Discussed

- Possibility of starting a tennis program.
- Training on proper warm-up activities for student athletes to prevent physical injuries.
- Background checks for committee members, coaches, and other adult leaders.
- Chaperone responsibilities for ski program.

See Recreation on page 15



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- Busing costs and parent pickup procedures for ski program.

Interest in Committee Membership

Tom requested a show of hands among those present who are interested in being appointed by the Selectmen to the Andover Recreation Committee. All in attendance are willing to be appointed.

April 17

Condensed from approved minutes

The meeting began at 7:30 PM. Present were Committee members Tom Frantz, Ellie George, Howard George, Tim Norris, Kurt Weber, Brian Reynolds, Christine Frost, Pat Frost, Nicole Donovan, Justin Carey, Darryl Furtkamp, Kenice Barton, and Alan Hanscom.

Election of Officers

First order of business was election of officers. The following unanimous selections were made:

Chair	Tom Frantz
Co-Chair	Brian Reynolds
Secretary	Tim Norris
Treasurer	Alan Hanscom

The group agreed that there should be monthly meetings, except perhaps during the summer months. Meetings will be the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:30 PM, in the AE/MS Science Room.

Budget

The current operating budget needs to be clarified with the Town Administrator to determine expenditures to date. Howard advised that about \$2,000 in donations to the Blackwater Building Fund were directed towards the skate-board park under the AE/MS principal's control. Parties are aware of the mistake and a correction can be made. Tom to follow up with Marj on budgets.

Blackwater Park Recreation Building

The group agreed that the multi-purpose building should be called the Blackwater Park Recreation Building.

Justin Carey shared a plan showing a roof across the north end of the building to shelter patrons waiting at the vending window on that end. A window will be considered on the east side to allow those working the concessions to also

see the field.

The roof system will be stick-built with a floored attic for additional storage with pull-down stairs in the storage room. Siding will be HardiePlank Lap Siding for durability. Current materials estimate from RP Johnsons is \$9,314 to make the building weather-tight. This does not include electrical and plumbing.

The group agreed to move forward with the proposal. [Subsequent to the meeting, Alan confirmed with Marj that the current balance of the Blackwater Building Fund is \$15,439.63. Marj advised that that amount was good to spend.]

Invoices will be funneled through the Treasurer to track expenditures. There should be a single, consistent point of contact between the building effort and RP Johnson and other suppliers.

Blackwater Park Upkeep

Howard George will discuss with Joe Poulin the requirements of the field maintenance contract, including aeration, fertilizing, insect control, and mowing. Alan made a motion that Howard be designated as overseer of the park, unanimously confirmed by the committee members.

Swim Program

Ellie recommended that Debbie Sanborn Hatter be the swim program instructor this summer. Kenice will help coordinate the program and remain on-site daily during the instruction.

Program Fee Discussion

There was extensive discussion on fees charged by the ski, swim, soccer, and basketball programs. It was decided that the following fees would be set:

- Swim: \$30 for first child, \$25 for each additional child
- Soccer: \$30 for first child registered before July 1, \$35 on or after July 1. A corresponding \$5 discount for each additional child registered at the same time.

May 8

Condensed from draft minutes

Present: Committee members Tom Frantz, Ellie George, Howard George, Tim Norris, Brian Reynolds, Christine Frost, Nicole Donovan, Justin Carey, and Alan Hanscom.

Blackwater Park Recreation Building

Fundraising for the building was the first order of business. Two Fourth of July fundraisers on Carr Field were proposed. (Both have been done before.) Proctor Academy permission for both events was cheerfully given by Rachel MacDuffie.

The first fundraiser discussed was a Closest to the Pin contest – a golf contest open from 9 AM to 1 PM – six shots for \$5 at a flag 100 yards away. Tom Frantz and Howard George will provide clubs, Alan Hanscom will provide some astroturf, and Justin Carey will provide a platform for the astroturf. For prizes, Howard, Tom and Tim Norris will solicit pairs of free passes to local golf courses. Alan will head it up, and Christine Frost will organize and run it.

Evening hotdog, popcorn, and cotton candy concession was discussed as the second fundraiser. It would operate from 6:30 to 9 PM on the Fourth of July, during the run-up to the fireworks. Alan talked of a hotdog steamer, and Justin Carey said he has access to a corn popper and cotton candy machine. A generator would be needed for adequate power.

Recreation Building Update

As both of the main builders (Pat Frost and Justin Carey) are busy coaching baseball, there will be no work done on the building until their season ends on Saturday, June 2. The Committee expects to start construction soon after

June 2 and is continuing to contact vendors in the meantime.

Budget Procedures

Alan Hanscom has been working on making our budget procedure accurate and clear. For instance: many of our current programs are currently listed under "other."

Howard George suggested that all sports should have a clear revenue side (registration fees). Budgets should be detailed, so that needs are clear.

Alan will continue to refine the budget for Committee review. He reiterated that, as treasurer, all Recreation Committee expenses need to go through him.

Summer Tennis

Currently, there is no tennis program, but some have expressed interest in a program for this summer. Summer tennis in the past has consisted of some instruction and then open tennis. If there is a Recreation Committee tennis program this summer, the program should be open to kids and adults alike.

Bud Rice, an instructor, brings a ton of racquets and balls. It was suggested that he should come to a meeting so that the Committee could get his input about a program for this summer.

New Business

Howard George discussed a concern about the hazard posed by boards used on the skating rink. They need to be moved and stacked a safe distance away from the basketball court and skateboard

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Leona Lacy took this photo, probably in the mid '40s, of some local fellas heading out to the ballfield: (l-r) Smilie Miller, Sonny Braley, Connie and Charlie Barton, Cricket Taylor, Larry Lacy, and Walt Locke. The boys are standing in front of the Lacy's house (today, the New England House Bed and Breakfast) at the northeast corner of Boston Hill Road and Plains Road. The neighborhood ballfield was just across the street. Margaret Lacy Colburn, Leona's daughter, had passed this photo along to Toby Locke, who passed it along to us.

50 YEARS AGO

JUNE 1962

Here's some old news from the Andover, East Andover, West Andover, Potter Place, and Cilleyville "gossip" columns of the Franklin Journal Transcript, selected by Heather Makechnie. **June 7, 1962**

Wigs! Wigs! Wigs! Important Fashion News of Today! From blonde to red-head to brunette in a matter of minutes. My patrons are as excited over them as they would be a new hat! No appointment necessary at Marguerite's Beauty Shoppe in Franklin.

News from correspondent Josephine Crisp of Andover, **REpublic 5-3462:**

At a recent meeting held at the home of Mrs. Leslie Ford in Potter Place, a home extension club was formed. Mrs. Clyde Currier was elected president, Mrs. Everett Decatur vice president, Mrs. Leslie Ford secretary, Mrs. Charles Wollmer treasurer, and Mrs. Amos Johnson publicity. Everyone welcome!

At an impressive ceremony last Thursday evening, Andover High School received its charter in the National Honor Society. Nancy Heden, Donna Crisp, Julia Rising, Judith Boyd, Nancy Stevens, Marsha Kimball, Marion Blake, Donna Fortune, and Milton Thissell were inducted. **June 14, 1962**

Graduating with honors from the University of New Hampshire on Saturday, June 17, is Miss Bettie J. Lyons. With a major in English, she will teach that subject next fall in the Greenwich Central High School at Greenwich, New York. Miss Lyons has received a scholarship to go to Switzerland, and leaves June 30 as an ambassador with the "Experiment in International Living" program out of Putney, Vermont. While in Europe she will spend

a month with a Swiss family and then another month touring. Miss Lyons is a graduate of Andover High School '56. She attended Colby Junior College for two years, and then transferred to the University of New Hampshire after her parents died.

June 21, 1962

The Andover town team baseball, a member of the Central New Hampshire League, will play home games at Carr Field - 2:30 PM, July 4 - Andover-Northwood. On August 5 they will play Enfield, and on August 17 Laconia. Howard George is the team's manager.

From Mrs. Gerald Walker, East Andover correspondent at **REpublic 5-2158.**

June 7, 1962

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clarenbach of Taunton Hill attended the wedding of their son Sp/5 Richard A. Clarenbach to Miss Beverly Ann Bates, formerly of Franklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bates of Salem, at the Congregational Church in Concord. Richard graduated Vermont Academy and Nichols Junior College. He is now stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. with U.S. Army artillery.

A group from the Central Baptist Church gave Miss Esther Stafford a surprise going away party in Franklin last Thursday evening. Miss Stafford is graduating Andover High School this week and is leaving to be a counselor at the Word of Life Ranch near Schroon Lake, N.Y. She will then go to the Missionary College, Nyack, N.Y. The party was attended by (among others) Mrs. Ellen Taylor and Janet Stafford of East Andover, Mrs. Betty Shedd, Mrs. Kay Shedd, and Phillip Cain of Tilton.

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Reminiscence

The Great Depression

By Walter Walker
For the Beacon

My son and I were in the Wilmot Town Hall to hear Rebecca Rule speak on the subject of Yankee humor. After a brief introduction and an explanation of what she was going to talk about, Rebecca said, "If you can remember the Great Depression, raise your hand." I was one of three who responded out of about 75.

Rebecca went on to say how when she spoke at a gathering of first through eighth-grade students, she had to explain what the Great Depression was, but when she spoke to a group of folks at a retirement home, everyone raised their hands.

At the time, I was too young to realize that the country was in a depression. My elderly grandfather still enjoyed good health and ran the small farm in Danbury that we lived on, like so many others during that time. He had two milk cows, a pair of white-faced oxen, a

pig, and a small flock of chickens.

My father, a very skilled carpenter who could also do blacksmith work, masonry work, painting, etc., was struck down by a rare disease called transverse myelitis that paralyzed him from the waist down. This overshadowed everything else and put a tremendous burden on my mother, who had given birth to my brother a few weeks before and then tried to care for her family and teach in a one-room schoolhouse a mile and a half away. This proved to be too much, and a former pupil was hired to help out.

While in a lot of ways I probably ate better in those mid-thirties than I do now, the medical and dental care was nonexistent. At the end of the day, my mother was too exhausted to supervise tooth brushing before bedtime, and I couldn't be bothered and paid for it in later years.

As word got around about my fa-
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Andover Historical Society

By Pat Cutter
Andover Historical Society

Spring is here, and our thoughts go to the opening of the museum on Saturday, May 26. Our changing annual exhibit is *Farms and Barns in Andover*, and that is also the theme for our 2013 calendar featuring old and new photos of Andover's special farms and barns.

Presently, we are in the process of gathering sponsors, then printing the calendar which will be ready for sale by the Fourth of July. In the past, our calendars have been well received and are an important fundraiser for the Society. Once again, Charlie Darling is lending his expertise.

Each month is sponsored by local individuals or businesses, without whose support this project would not be possible. Our thanks to all who have participated in the past and to those who will help for 2013.

On Wednesday, June 6, we welcome the fourth grade students from Andover, Webster, and Salisbury for their traditional annual visit. They will tour the station, the Emons store and post office, and the caboose, play games, and visit the garden. Then they will have lunch in Salisbury and enjoy a program sponsored by the Salisbury Historical Society.

Summer Raffle

This year's raffle will once again be a large basket filled with surprises from our local merchants, artists, and craftsmen. Raffle tickets will go on sale on the Fourth of July, and the winning ticket will be drawn in August at the Old Time Fair. Last years' basket was termed "bountiful"; this year, the term will be "stupendous." It really will be full of goodies.

Old Time Fair

Naturally, plans are in progress for our Old Time Fair on Sunday, August 5, this year. One evening in March, a group of Proctor students helped to organize and move heavy items at the freight shed, so we are prepared to welcome items for the auction and flea market. Just a phone call will arrange for pickup of gently used items. Please call Arch Weathers at 735-5989; Bill Cutter at 735-5628; Dennis Fenton at 735-5526; Chris Norris at

735-5120; Ed Hiller at 735-5690; or Tim Norris at 735-5369.

Please do not leave items at the freight shed! In the past, unwanted items have been left and we had to pay to dispose of them at the Transfer Station.

Building Maintenance

Last year, it was the station that got much-needed repair and paint. Hopefully, this year it will be the freight car. Research needs to be done to find the best approach to the removal of the rust and the proper primer and paint to use. Jeff Sanborn of Blackwater Auto Body, has agreed to share his expertise in this area with us and give advice when needed.

With an eye to another year's project, we have applied for a grant to fund an energy audit of the Lull House. For the renovation of that house into proper storage for our archives, we will have to apply for and receive a grant or grants. The energy audit is a good vehicle for planning purposes and for getting estimates of costs.

Fall Events

On Sunday, September 23, we will have another appraisal day with Dan Olmstead again as our visiting expert. This year it will be held at the East Andover fire station. In September, 2011 we all were treated to Dan's humor and knowledge as he gave pleasant surprises or dismal expectations to those who brought their treasures for evaluation.

To wind up the 2012 season, our annual meeting and pot luck supper will be held on Thursday, October 18, at the Highland Lake Grange Hall, where we will be entertained after dinner by Edie Clark, a regular columnist for Yankee Magazine (*Mary's Farm*). Her presentation is titled *Baked Beans and Fried Clams: How Food Defines a Region*.

This October event will be a nice way to wrap up the season, give ourselves a pat on the back, gather to eat yummy food and listen to Edie's tales over desserts and coffee. Again this talk is sponsored by the Andover Historical Society and the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is open to the public. Gathering at 5 PM, dinner at 6 PM, and speaker at 7 PM.

Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse Opens For Season On June 10

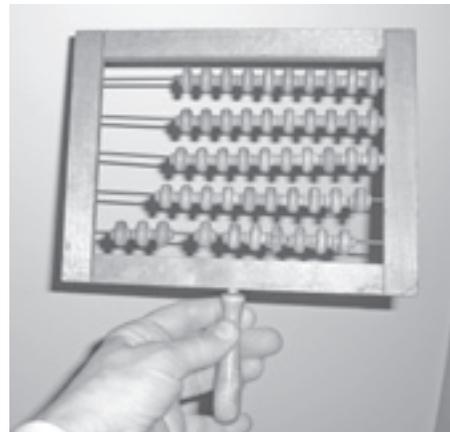
By Donna Baker-Hartwell
Andover Historical Society

On Sunday, June 10 from 1 to 3 PM the historic one-room schoolhouse will be open to the public.

In the 1800s, about nineteen one-room schools were operating throughout Andover. The Tucker Mountain School is the only one which remains nearly in its original condition. Fritz Wetherbee of New Hampshire Chronicle once said that he believes it is the best one in New Hampshire, if not in New England.

On display will be a collection of school books, slates, lunch pails, ink wells, pens, and our newly donated abacus.

Schoolhouse notecards, Re-enactment DVDs, and other items will be on sale. All proceeds support the Andover His-



This abacus was donated to the Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse collection by Mary Jane and Fred Ogmundson. One such abacus might have been used in the schoolhouse at some point to help in teaching arithmetic.

Photo: Donna Baker-Hartwell

torical Society. There is no charge for visiting. Pat Baker's homemade cookies will top off your visit.

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minutes of March 20 were reviewed. There was one change in the minutes. The appointment of alternate signer should be Dennis Fenton.

Background Checks

The Committee needs to look into costs and procedures for these essential background checks for all Recreation Committee members and coaches.

Next Committee Meeting

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 12, at 7:30 PM in the AE/MS Science Room.

School Board

April 3

Condensed from approved minutes

Board Members present: Don Gould, Katie Keyser, Michelle Dudek, Charlie McCrave, and Kent Armstrong

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings: The

Financial Report: IDEA funds were received.

Board Chairman's Report: Don Gould was a judge at MVHS Senior Project showcase. Senior projects will be shared at AE/MS on April 20.

Good News

Mike Martin spoke about the Senior Project and the hard work that all the students put into their projects.

New Business

Request for a Waiver: Jane Slayton proposed ending the school year for students on Monday, June 18. All were in favor.

Transportation: Robin Heins reviewed First Student's proposed new routes for the 2012-2013 school year. Administration will come back with data regarding the changes and will also work on policies.

Non-Public Session: The Board voted to go into non-public session to discuss staff nominations.

Andover Historical Society

Clean out your attic, garage and closets and donate items to the Andover Old Time Fair Auction & Flea Market!

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Andover Old Time Fair
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Mackenzie Donovan and Birch, an Alpine pack goat, pause for a photo before beginning work preparing the community garden in Boscawen for another growing season. Mackenzie and her brother Logan, both home-educated in Andover, enjoy helping out at Jessica Abbate's Healthy Herds Farm on Queen Street in Boscawen. Mackenzie has become an experienced goat handler, travelling with Jessica and the Healthy Herds team of handlers and goats to farmers markets all around New England to educate people about goats. The team also volunteers for work events like the Boscawen clean-up, and have even taken two goats on a hike to the top of

Mount Kearsarge. According to Mackenzie, the wethered males are quick learners, athletic, and as smart as dogs, though they can be mischievous, letting their natural curiosity get them into trouble. Birch is still in training at three years old and could live to be 15 or 20 years old.

Photo: Charlie Darling

Troublesome Bear In Cilleyville

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

There's a young bear causing trouble in Cilleyville. Twice last week it broke into Seth and Kate Kiedaisch's chicken house. On the first try it got a chicken; on the second, it found the chicken house well secured, so it broke a window to reach in. It ignored shouts and clanging pots and pans, but left grudgingly at the sound of a real gunshot.

This is just the boldest of the nuisance bear's adventures. Residents up and down Kearsarge Mountain Road report the usual stolen bird feeders and suet cages. At our house, the bear helped

itself to a quantity of chicken feed that we (used to) store outside our chicken coop. It's also been seen by the school bus stop on Cilleyville Road, and on another occasion Kate Kiedaisch and Dick Powers chased it up a tree, where it took a nap.

As residents remove temptations, hopefully the troublemaker will revert to digging up grubs and such, at least until the summer berries come along. But in the meantime, keep a wary eye out for this unwanted visitor. If you have problems and think New Hampshire Fish and Game can help, you can reach them at 223-6832. 

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June 14, 1962

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Henderson on the birth of a daughter June 5 at Franklin Hospital. Her name is Stephanie Jo.

June 21, 1962

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. David Addison on the birth of a daughter Terry Lynn, 6 lbs 5.25 ounces at New London Hospital June 6. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Downes of town.

Margaret Ann Blake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Blake of Andover, was married to Russell Jewell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jewell of New London, June 16 in the Proctor chapel. Mrs. Jewell is a graduate of Andover High School '60, and is employed as a file clerk with the United Life Insurance Company in Concord. The groom is in business with his father, operating a construction com-

pany in New London. The new couple moved into the Alan Keyser home on the Flaghole Road last week.

Mrs. Perley Ordway was very happy to talk with her son, P.F.C. Dale McLeod in Brussels, France one night last week. Dale is fine and the call came in very clear.

June 28, 1962

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Adams on a son born at New London Hospital June 22. Todd Douglas weighed 8 lbs. 8.5 ounces. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Biglow.

A former resident of Andover, Miss Mary Elizabeth Dargie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Dargie, was united in marriage to Theodore H. Moe, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. Moe, Sr. in Greenfield, Massachusetts. Mrs. Moe is a graduate of Andover High School and Keene Teachers College. She will be employed in the fall as a teacher in the town of Gilsum. 

Depression from page 16

ther's condition, neighbors went out of their way to help out. When Mr. Davenport saw my mother walking to her teaching on a cold, stormy winter day, he would turn around and take her to his house, which was only a stone's throw from the schoolhouse, claiming he had forgotten some papers he needed. And the mailman, John Currier, would bring the mail into the kitchen and pass on the latest local news before continuing on up into North Wilmot.

My father fought back from his illness the best he could. In the beginning, he begged my mother to shoot him because the 24-hour pain was so great, but over a long period of time he left his bed and went to a wheelchair, then a pair of crutches, and next two canes, and finally nothing. He had to learn to walk in a different way, as the damaged muscles in his legs would not lift them up as they used to, and thus he had sort of a rolling gait.

He realized he could not make a living as a carpenter again and decided to become a poultry farmer. With a lot of help from his father, and a little from the rest of the family, the barn that had been used to produce milk and beef was turned into a henhouse. During World War II, as we

kids got big enough to really help out, it provided a really good living.

After the war, however, as big corporations got into the poultry business, my father's income declined to the point where his income tax showed he was working for a dollar a day. At that point, after talking it over with the rest of the family, he decided to retire and collect Social Security under the disability section, which he could have done long before he did.

I was aware of my father's illness when I was very young but had no idea of the hell he and his wife went through until I was much older. I wanted to help, and I recall one nice day when my dad was cutting some alder for the kitchen stove, with probably a lot of help from his father. I found a hatchet in the woodshed, took it out to the cutting area, and showed Dad how I could limb the small trees he cut.

I'm sure he was very proud of me, until a miscue when that sharp blade carved off some skin, and I rushed into the farmhouse with tears and blood flowing until my mother stopped both. It was not a bad cut, and I was soon back helping, but without the shingling hatchet.

Next month, Walt recounts day-to-day activities for the family on the farm during the Great Depression. 

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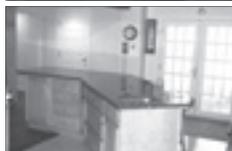
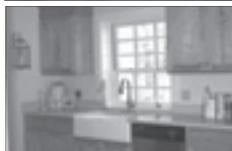
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Andover Naturally

Suckers And Lady's Slippers

By Lee Carvalho
Beacon volunteer

If you've spent time outside in the evening this spring, you've probably admired the planet Venus blazing in the western sky at dusk. Through the last days of May, Venus has been dropping into the glare of the sunset, and for the next six months it will appear in the morning sky.

Still, this beautiful planet has one more evening treat for us, and it's one you don't want to miss because it won't happen again in your lifetime.

On June 5, Venus will transit the face of the Sun for the second time this century; the next transit of Venus won't occur until 2117. Venus orbits the sun inside the Earth's orbit, which means it's possible for Venus to pass directly between Earth and the sun. That's exactly what is going to happen on June 5, when observers on Earth will be able to see what will look like a black spot moving across the sun's disk.

Be ready to watch starting a little after 6 PM, and hope that the sky is cloud-free. It's important that you take careful precautions when viewing the transit. Sunglasses are not enough to protect your eyes from serious damage; welder's glass, "eclipse shades," and pin-hole projections are among the safe options. Learn more about recommended procedures at SkyAndTelescope.com or Space.com.

The thrill of watching such a rare celestial event is further enriched by knowing the historical importance of the transit of Venus. For a fascinating summary of the physics and the history of the transit of Venus watch the 22-minute lecture by Jay M. Pasachoff, Professor of Astronomy at Williams College at pbk.org/home/playpodcast.aspx?id=772.

Suckers

Thanks to Kit Norris for letting me know about the activity in Sucker Brook in late April. From the rail trail bridge over the brook just west of Valley Road, I was able to observe large numbers of fish thrashing around in the nearby shallow water downstream.

According to Heidi Murphy of New Hampshire Fish and Game, "Suckers typically spawn in the spring right after the smelt. This year the smelt started spawning from Webster Lake up Sucker Brook around March 15. The run was good, and this is one of the only legal spots where fishermen can go to dip smelt. Also, suckers are one of the only fish you can try to harvest by bow and arrow."

Don Miller from New Hampshire Fish and Game told me that the light stripes visible along the sides of the fish are a secondary sex characteristic that appears only for a couple of weeks when the fish are spawning.

According to Don, the reason the

fish churn up the water with their tails as the eggs are released is to cover the fertilized eggs with a layer of gravel which increases the chances that the eggs will mature and hatch safely. Mary and Ed Hiller, who have property right on Sucker Brook, are aware of the suckers when they are spawning and noticed that it was earlier than usual this year.

What about eating suckers? Betty and Roger Henderson live near Sucker Brook, and Betty remembers how her kids used to enjoy spearing the suckers. She says they never ate them, but the kids fed them to the cats.

Kit Norris talked to a man on the trail who said he'd caught one the previous day, and they had it for dinner. "He said it was a bit bony, but tasted good – of course he grilled it with onions and peppers which makes almost anything palatable." Don Miller describes the fish as "palatable until summer" and adds that many people use suckers for fertilizer by throwing a fish in the bottom of each hole when planting tomatoes.

Lady's Slippers

If you find yourself traveling toward Hartland, Vermont in June, don't miss the chance to stop at Eshqua Bog Natural Area, where you can see a dazzling display of showy lady's slippers. The only other visitors when we were there last June were professional photographers who told us there is no other place with a comparable collection.

Steve and Gisela Darling just reported an exciting close encounter with a bald eagle. They were driving on Bridge Road when a huge bird flew up from the nearby field. It circled above them and then returned to field, so they had plenty of time to identify it as a female bald eagle. As you try to imagine what they saw, remember that the mature eagle has a wing span of nearly seven feet!

You can contact me at AndoverNaturally@gmail.com for directions to Eshqua Bog or to share your observations.



Lady's slippers. Photo: Lee Carvalho

YOUTH SPRING TURKEY HUNT



On April 29, 12-year-old Katelyn Barton shot a 19-pound jake during the annual New Hampshire Youth Turkey Hunt. She is pictured here with her dad, Dedo Barton (left), and her uncle, Darren Gove.



Tyler Burt, Steve Smith's grandson, got this bird on Youth Turkey Hunt weekend: 19.5 pounds, 9 1/2-inch beard, 3/4-inch spurs.



On April 28, Hannah French shot a 20.5-pound tom while participating in the Youth Turkey Hunt with her grandfather, Steve Kelly.

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There will be Monitoring Protected Properties training workshop on Wednesday, June 6, from 2 to 6 PM. The workshop will start with one hour of classroom instruction, and then you'll be outside for the remainder of the workshop. Wear hiking boots, and be prepared for bugs. We will meet at the ASLPT office at 71 Pleasant Street in New London. For more information or to register, contact Sue Andrews at 526-6555 or SAndrews@Ausbonsargent.org.

Spring Ledge Farm Tour

Join us on Sunday, June 10, from 4:30 to 6 PM for a tour of Spring Ledge Farm with Greg Berger and enjoy listening to our guest speaker, the former New Hampshire Commissioner of Agriculture, Steve Taylor.

Happy Birthday, Ausbon!

Grab your lunch and come to the party on the New London Common as we pay tribute to our namesake, Ausbon Sargent, on his birthday. There will be music and stories and entertainment reflecting on Ausbon and the New London Common that he purchased in 1985 and gifted to the town that we might continue to use and enjoy this open space forever. Bag lunches will be available at Ellie's, Hole in the Fence, Peter Christian's, Pizza Chef, and Subway. Join us on Monday, June 11, from 11:30 AM to 1 PM.



Winners of the Andover Fish & Game Club's Kids Trout Fishing Derby included (front) for longest non-trout species (a bass), Sam Ladd; (back) for second-longest trout, Shyann Shaw; for trout total length, Trinity Place; for longest trout, Trey Kierstead; for third-longest trout, Jarod Frost.

Photo: Amanda Gross

ANDOVER FISH & GAME KIDS SPRING TROUT DERBY

By Amanda Gross
AF&G volunteer

It was a perfect day for fishing on Saturday, May 19, at the Andover Fish and Game Club's (AF&G) 17th annual Kids Spring Trout Fishing Derby. The sun was shining down on the AF&G clubhouse, where hot dogs and refreshments were provided for all in attendance, and glistened off the adjacent Highland Lake Channel, where 79 boys and girls age 15 and under participated in the great sport of fishing.

The Channel was stocked the night before with 500 trout, 250 purchased by the Club and a matching amount provided by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. The public stocking



Braydon Burt, 13 years old, of Claremont gets ready to wet his line. Braydon is the grandson of Steve Smith of Andover. Photo: Gordy Ordway

At the Derby, a total of 112 fish were caught, including 91 trout, eight sunfish, seven bass, three hornpout, and three shiners. After the big event, raffle prizes, lucky prizes, and trophies were awarded to lucky participants. Every kid received a participation ribbon.

The trophy winners were as follows: Longest trout at 15 1/4 inches to Trey Kierstead, second longest trout at 15 1/4 inches to Shyann Shaw, third longest trout at 15 inches to Jarod Frost, total length of trout caught at 55 3/4 inches to Trinity Place, and longest non-trout species, a 13 3/8 inch bass, to Sam Ladd.

The Andover Fish and Game Club thanks everyone who donated time and supplies to make this event a successful and fun learning experience for the kids. Mark your calendars on Saturday, August 18, for the Club's next event, the Beef Barbecue and Chinese Auction, its biggest fundraiser of the year.



Ethan and Liam Fecteau were among the dozens of kids who helped stock Highland Lake on May 18.

Photo: Charlie Darling

was attended by a good crowd of interested kids and their parents. The kids, each equipped with a bucket of fish, helped Fish and Game Conservation Officer Heidi Murphy release the slippery beasts into the water.

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Through the Reading Glasses

Andover Libraries

By Janet Moore
Andover Library Trustee

Swat! Slap! Ouch! Bug Off! Exactly! Do I hear the sounds of black fly season and mosquitoes? Whoa, spring rains, little snow, and variable weather have combined to make sitting outside with a good book practically impossible for a short while. And as I mentioned to my last student-child, "Abs, it's always good to have a novel going."

Here are the latest novels. For young adults, Chris Lynch has produced another book, in his distinctive read-between-the-lines narration, this time a thriller: *Kill Switch. There Is No Dog* is Margaret Rosoff's attempt to explain God, only in this iteration, God is a teenage boy! The single word titles are always intriguing; try *Orchards* and *iBoy*.

Staying with the fiction genre, I noticed that Toni Morrison has just published *Home*, and John Irving has produced another delightful romp through secrecy and desire called *In One Year*. Hilary Mantel continues her exploration of Tudor England in *Wolf Hall's* sequel, *Bring Up the Bodies*.

American writer Kevin Wilson and British author Edward St. Aubyn get my awards for funniest write-ups in Amazon and the best title this year: *The Family Fang*, which is not a vampire novel but the story of two siblings forced by finances to move back in with their eccentric and artistic parents. St. Aubyn writes the Patrick Melrose novels, and you can start anywhere in the series.

Ken Follett's second entry in the Cen-

tury trilogy, *Winter of the World*, has recently hit the shelves. *Caleb's Crossing*, by Geraldine Brooks, of *March* and *People of the Book* fame, has recounted the determined efforts of a Wampanoag youth and the daughter of a Calvinist minister to have the boy admitted to Harvard. Based on a true story and set in the 1660s on the Vineyard, the story gives each a measure of hard-won satisfaction in achieving educational goals, albeit in different ways.

I'd be remiss in not mentioning the latest installment of Robert Caro's epic biography: *The Years of Lyndon Johnson: Passage of Power*. As the final book and second in non-fiction, I choose Isabel Wilkerson's *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration 1915-1970*, which dovetails well with Johnson's years and the Civil Rights movement.

Ask your librarians about these books, either to order through the Inter Library Loan service, or to order for the libraries "for keeps."

My yearly membership at another local library has just expired, and this time, I am not going to renew it. Priscilla Poulin, librarian at the Andover Library, and Michelle Bengivengo, librarian at the Bachelder Library, are thrilled to hear from their patrons and always aim to please.

I know a lot of you are downloading audio books and e-books, because our statistics show that reading happens anywhere, any time! Just keep your eyes on the road and your ear to the ground.

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Bachelder Library News

By Michelle Bengivengo
Bachelder Librarian
Sign Language Class for Kids This Summer!

Andover resident and Proctor student Michaela Trefethen will be holding a free American Sign Language (ASL) class for elementary children at Andover Public Library (APL) on Saturday mornings this summer. The one hour class will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 AM beginning on Saturday, June 30, and the last class will be on Saturday, August 4. Kids of all ages are invited to learn words, songs, the alphabet and how to count in ASL along with Michaela, who is currently working in Ms. Hildebrand's second grade class at AE/MS as her Senior Project and will be headed to Barton College in North Carolina in the fall to major in Deaf Education. Parents are welcome to stay and observe or to drop off their children for the classes.

Andover Book Club

Don't forget! The Andover Book Club (ABC) will be at the Andover Public Library at 9 AM on Saturday, June 9, for its first meeting. The book to be discussed this month is *My Name*

is *Memory* by Anne Brashares, and it is about a man who can remember his past lives and those of other people he meets, which should lead to some fun and interesting conversations. It's not too late to read it! Both Andover libraries have copies of the book on hand to lend.

Next month, the book will be *The Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett, which is a long one! If you'd like to get an early start, both libraries have a copy, and APL has an audio version on cassette. We hope to see you June 9!

Build a Fairy House

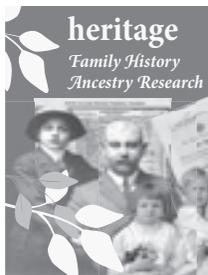
On Saturday, June 9, Andover Public Library will be hosting a flurry of fairy house building in and around the Library, the Annex, and the Andover Elementary/Middle School grounds. We ask that all participants have an adult accompanying them for this fun and creative construction project.

The group will meet at APL at 10:15 AM and will build until their house is done. Andover Library friend Lorraine Roberts and Library Trustee Chairperson Janet Moore will be on hand to help and take pictures of the fairy houses. We hope you can join us!

**Andover Public Library
New Acquisitions**

- The First Rule*, Robert Crais
- The Innocent*, David Baldacci
- I Died a Little Every Night*, Angel Costello
- Dinosaurs!*, Gail Gibbons
- I See A Kookaburra!*, Steve Jenkin & Robin Page
- Duckling Gets a Cookie!?*, Mo Willems
- A Wandering Heart*, Thomas Kinkade
- Magic Under Stone*, Jaclyn Dolamore
- The Rope*, Nevada Barr
- Force of Nature*, C. J. Box
- An Echo In the Bone*, Diana Gabaldon
- Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*, Mo Willems
- Giants Beware*, Jorge Aguirre
- Pip's Trip*, Janet Morgan Stoeke
- The Flying Beaver Brothers*, Maxwell Eaton
- Full Black*, Brad Thor
- Leprechaun in Late Winter*, Mary Pope Osborne

- A Good Night for Ghosts*, Mary Pope Osborne
- Forest Secrets*, Tracy Kane & Kelly Sanders
- Fairy Houses of the Maine Coast*, Maureen Heffernan
- The Sins of the Father*, Jeffrey Archer
- Guilty Wives*, James Patterson
- Trickle Down Tyranny*, Michael Savage
- Fifty Shades of Grey*, E L James
- Razor Sharp*, Fern Michaels
- The Whisper*, Carla Whisper
- As the Pig Turns*, M.C. Beaton
- The Shoemaker's Wife*, Adriana Trigiani
- What Doesn't Kill You*, Iris Johansen
- Limpopo Academy of Private Detection*, Alexander McCall Smith
- The Witness*, Nora Roberts
- The Big Cat Nap*, Rita Mae Brown
- Unnatural Acts*, Stuart Woods
- Death of a Kingfisher*, M. C. Beaton
- Fifty Shades Darker*, E.L. James
- Fifty Shades Freed*, E.L. James



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Artist Tom Barber of Andover recently donated his original oil painting of New Hampshire's most recognizable symbol to New London Hospital (NLH). Aptly titled *What Once Was*, the Old Man of the Mountain now hangs in the newly renovated Baker Memorial Laboratory waiting area and can be enjoyed by patients, visitors, and employees alike. The Friends of NLH Art Committee and NLH are grateful to Tom for generously contributing a unique and beautiful piece of New Hampshire history to the hospital's permanent art collection.

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"The whole town showed up ... and it made for an amazing video, with singing, dancing, incredible horseshoe throwing, and riding of antique motorcycles!"

Hippie Hill Music Video Premieres

Hippie Hill press release

Danbury is rockin' these days under the influence of singer and songwriter Lindsey Schust and her Ragged Mountain Band, who premiered their *Hippie Hill* music video May 25 in the Danbury Community Center. The event was free and open to the public.

Last summer, Lindsey wrote a song about Hippie Hill, the famous gathering spot in Danbury at the intersection of Routes 4 and 104. In September, she shot a video there using many regular Hippie Hill visitors as film extras. Lindsey and her uncle, film director Robert Grasmere, organized the event to feature Lindsey's newly-written song.

For the video shoot, Alan Brownell rounded up friends who owned pristine antique Harley Davidsons and one antique Indian (since the song mentions these motorcycles). According to Lindsey, "The whole town showed up, to our surprise, and it made for an amazing video, with singing, dancing, incredible horseshoe throwing, and riding of antique motorcycles! And the rest is history."

Members of The Ragged Mountain Band include Jim Schust on guitar; Lindsey and Grace Schust, vocals and percussion; Peg O'Neil, vocals and mandolin; BJ Entwisle, bass and vocals; and Emilie Meadows, banjo and vocals. Lindsey, Jim, and Grace are all from Andover. Jerry Bliss, the Schusts' neighbor in Andover, was part of the video crew.

The Old Time Fair in Potter Place last August was the world debut of Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band, and it was also the first public performance of *Hippie Hill* in this area.

For a peek at the video, go to YouTube.com and search for "Hippie Hill trailer." To listen to the song, search for "Hippie Hill.MP4."

About Hippie Hill

As soon as the weather warms up and the days grow longer, friends come out of hibernation and gather on Hippie Hill across from Dick's Village Store to hone their horseshoe-throwing skills and trade stories about what went on during those previous cold winter months.

And when the salt is finally off the road, bikers break out their beloved Harleys and Indians and head straight for Hippie Hill to meet with fellow bikers and share the camaraderie that has been the trademark of this gathering place for over half a century.

Lindsey captures this 50-year tradition in the lyrics of her new song, *Hippie Hill*.

Lately a new group of "bikers" has been added to the melange since the Rail Trail opened last year. At any given time, non-motorized bikes cruise by the back of the Hill as they head up to Grafton or down toward Potter Place, and they usually get a big "hello" from the group on the Hill.

Any questions may be directed to Lindsey Schust at SchustMusic@gmail.com.



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ANDOVER HIGH REUNION

By Judy Perreault
Andover High School '53

Here are a few memories from the December 1941 issue of Andover High School's *Blue and White Banner*, as America goes to war.

The editorial deals with America's entry into the war against the disciplined forces of "The Axis Powers" and how they ruled by fear and intimidation. It stressed that we should maintain the same discipline in our lives, but as a free choice. I don't know who wrote it, as this issue did not have a list of staff.

There was also an article on the history of the Red Cross and a plea for people to join. One of the main activities was making surgical dressings, and some of the students went to a meeting to participate.

News from the sophomore class was that the second-year Home Economics class took a field trip to the Dodge-Dover Woolen Mill in Bristol (now long gone). Several of the girls were making woolen skirts. I don't think they even teach this class anymore. In the '40s, this was an important skill, as many of the students married right out of high school.

Square dancing was popular, and Grant Charles, Marion Gilbert, William Lorden, and Calla Otto were attending on a regular basis.

Warren Kay Vantine Studios out of Boston had been contracted for the se-

nior pictures for the yearbook.

News from the class of '40: Many of the girls had married, some were in college. Teaching and nursing were the popular career choices. Other students were working at local businesses, and quite a few of the boys had enlisted in the armed services.

The basketball teams were facing off against Bristol, Enfield, Franklin, New London, Sunapee, Belmont, Tilton, and Penacook.

Betty Andrews '45 wrote a lovely poem, *Why Do We Love Christmas*. As the last stanza has a religious theme, I doubt it would be published today. It was a different era, when things of a religious nature were common in the schools.

AHS Reunion

A time for sharing more memories will be at the annual Andover High School reunion on Saturday, July 7, at the Ordway Recreational Area in South Danbury at 10 AM. There will be a brief meeting at 11 AM and class pictures. A wonderful potluck lunch commences around noon.

Bring a chair, food to share, and memorabilia. Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be provided. It is a great time to see former classmates and friends.

In case of rain, we will meet at the old high school, now the Andover Elementary/Middle School. 



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FRANKLIN OPERA HOUSE

Franklin Opera House press release

Music and fun will abound at The Franklin Opera House during the summer of 2012, from Dixieland jazz to Disney to Broadway to opera.

The summer season will begin on Saturday, June 30, with an evening of selected arias from favorite operas, presented by Just Love To Sing under the direction of Jane Cormier, with a curtain time of 7:30 PM.

Next up will be Dixieland jazz, on Friday, July 13, at 7 PM, featuring the Swift River Jazz Band, followed by another production by Just Love To Sing, *Dido and Aeneas*, on Saturday, July 21, at 7:30 PM, with a matinee performance on Sunday, July 22, at 2 PM.

Children's Theater

The Franklin Area Children's Theater will be busy at the Opera House during the summer as well, presenting an original production on Thursday, August 2, at 7 PM, followed by the well-loved Disney musical *Seussical Jr.* on Friday and Sat-

urday, August 17 and 18, with a curtain time of 7 PM each evening.

The Franklin Footlight Theatre will take the Opera House stage beginning on Thursday, August 23, with the delightful Broadway hit musical *Bye, Bye Birdie*, which will run through Saturday, August 25, as well as Thursday through Saturday, August 30 through September 1. All shows will begin at 7:30 PM.

Finally, taking a peek into the fall, the Opera House will present Maine humorist Tim Sample in what will surely be a hilarious evening of Down East humor on Saturday, September 15, at 7:30 PM.

For more show information or to purchase tickets, please visit FranklinOperaHouse.org. Tickets may also be reserved by telephone at 934-1901.

And that will be just a taste of what will surely be a busy, entertaining 2012-2013 theater season at your Franklin Opera House. 

Libraries from page 21

And speaking of the ground, remember the fairy houses. On Saturday, June 9, at 10:15 AM, right after the first meeting of the Andover Book Club at the Andover Public Library, we'll be heading over to the Annex woods to construct little houses by little people

for little creatures. Does that include binder's twine, I wonder?

Oh, want a special treat? Borrow a pass to The Fells at either Andover library and wander through someone else's flowerscapes. And start preparing for the Tuesday, July 3, book donation event at Proctor's Stone Chapel from 5 to 8 PM – for locals only! 

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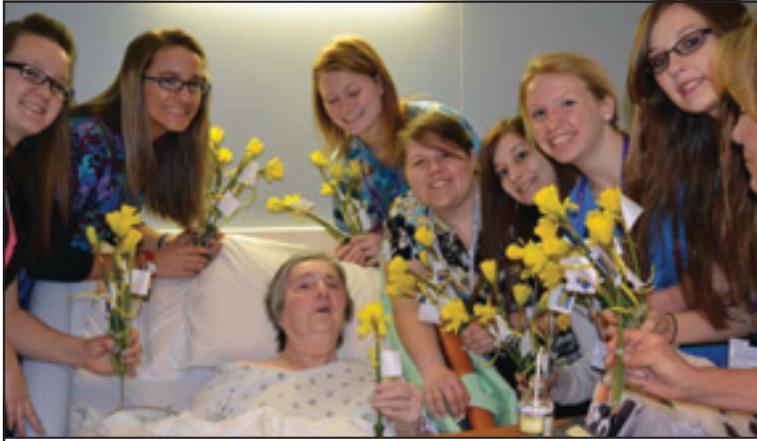
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Sugar River Technical School LNA students recently presented a daffodil to Adrienne Adams of Andover, a resident at the Clough Center at New London Hospital.

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Andover resident and former Concord hobby shop owner Bob Govostes has been repairing and selling post-World War II Lionel trains for 35 years. He got started early, having received his first set when he was one year old. He demonstrated some of his trains at the Upper Valley Model Railroad Show in North Sutton on April 22. Photo and caption: Lindy Heim

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A few of the 169 cotton dresses that the Wilmot Ladies Aid Society made and sent to girls in Africa. Photo: Lindy Heim

Wilmot Ladies Aid Society

By Lindy Heim

Wilmot Ladies Aid Society

The Wilmot Ladies Aid Society (WLAS) accomplished something unusual and wonderful over the past winter months. Led by its president, Connie Jordan, the group made a total of 169 little cotton dresses of varying sizes to be distributed to girls in Africa.

Here's the story. About a year ago, Connie read an article in a magazine about making dresses for African little girls. Shortly thereafter she saw another reference to the project in a Nancy's Notions catalogue which caters to sewers. The two signs led her to pitch the idea to the WLAS membership as a feel good, post-holiday project. Needless to say, it was enthusiastically embraced.

Using Connie's Classic Cover-ups' sewing studio in Wilmot Flat as the meeting place, instructions were given and patterns were handed out to five other sewers: Tootie Fleury, Barbara Sanborn, Mary Kay Huntoon, Rose Tilton, and Judy Rayno. Non-sewers donated bias tape and elastic. Fabrics came from WLAS project leftovers, personal supplies, and generous donations by two others: The Constant Quilter of Andover and Judy Rayno.

In just three months, a huge pile of all-cotton slip dresses that were sometimes lacy, ruffled, or pocketed, and ranged from size 3 to 12 with ties at the shoulders, was ready to ship. The shipment was sent through Nancy's Notions to an international relief organization called Little Dresses for Africa (LDFA) which in turn distributes the dresses to girls in orphanages, churches, and schools.

Among the 30 plus African countries LDFA supports are Burkino Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, and Zimbabwe. LDFA describes its mission as follows: "to change lives in Africa one little dress at a time ... to plant in the hearts of little girls that they are worthy!"

Are the girls thrilled with their dresses? Yes, LDFA reports on its Web site. When the boxes arrive, dresses are passed out and immediately pulled over shirts and taken home as prized possessions.

Merit Award Program

The WLAS is now taking applications for its 2012 Merit Award program. The WLAS has an 11-year history of supporting students from Wilmot interested in furthering their education after high school.

Popular fundraising activities of the WLAS that support this program are the ever-popular winter holiday Cookie Walk and two suppers sponsored by the WLAS at the Wilmot Bandstand scheduled this summer on Saturday, July 21, and Saturday, July 28, featuring its famous home-cooked entrees, sides, and desserts.

The first bandstand concert will feature Andover's Long Tailed Monkeys and Nick's Other Band, and the second concert will present folk crossover music by Sferes and White. A chili dinner is planned for the first dinner and a pulled pork sandwich supper for the second. Extra hot dogs and drinks may also be purchased. Offered at the bargain price of \$8 per plate, these suppers are a great value for the whole family. Mark your calendars so you won't miss either one of these special events.

For more information, contact Lindy at Lindy@HeimFamily.org or 526-6376.



Judging the entrants in the boat parade on Highland Lake each year is a serious matter, full of dignity and gravitas. Photo: Earle Davis

Summer Events Planned For Highland Lake

By Earle Davis
HPLA

It's hard to believe summer is here and we are ready to usher in another great season on Highland Lake. The Highland Lake Protective Association (HPLA) invites you to join us for activities around the lake. It's a good way to show your support for keeping Highland Lake a clean, safe, and healthy place to live and play, and to get to know your neighbors.

Each summer around the Fourth of July, the HPLA hosts a few events to celebrate our great nation's founding. With the Fourth falling on a Wednesday, our activities will be somewhat spread out this holiday. They will start with the lighting of the flares around the edge of the lake on Tuesday, July 3, at 9 PM. We'll lead our whimsical boat parade around the lake on the Fourth at 4 PM, when all boats large and small are invited to join the procession around the lake, and the best decorated

boat wins \$50!

Our annual ice cream social at the East Andover Fire Department follows on Saturday, July 7, at 7 PM. One of our key fundraising events, it's only \$4 per person for a large, delicious sundae, so come on by! Finally, our annual meeting will be at the end of July on Saturday, the 21st, at the East Andover Fire Station at 10 AM and will include the third HPLA Highland Lake photography contest.

The HPLA runs a volunteer water monitoring program to closely follow the quality of our lake water; provides lakeside services (including the Porta-Potty by the boat launch); supports our loons; and encourages invasive weed monitoring programs. All proceeds from the preceding fundraising efforts help defray these costs, and we appreciate the support we receive.

We hope you will join us in celebrating the summer on Highland Lake!



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ON-GOING EVENTS

Andover Historical Society Museum

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Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Andover Historical Society Museum

Sundays through Sun, Oct 7, 12:30 to 3 PM, Potter Place

Article: page 17.

Zumba Fitness

Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 PM, AE/MS

Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance fitness class. First class free, \$5 per class after that.

American Sign Language Class

Saturday, Sat, Jun 30, 10:30 to 11 AM
Andover Public Library

Michaela Trefethan will teach a free class to elementary school children. Article: page 21.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Proctor Academy Graduation

Sat, Jun 2, 10:30 AM

Free Fishing Day

Sat, Jun 2

Article: page 1.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Tue, Jun 5, 7 to 7:30 PM, Town Office

Last day to change party affiliation before state primary. Article: page 9.

Kearsarge Masonic Lodge

Thu, Jun 7, 7:30 PM

Masonic Hall, Potter Place

Meal information: 735-6412

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Fri, Jun 8, 7 PM, AE/MS Gym

Presented by the AE/MS fourth grade. Ad: page 47.

Swap Shop

Sat, Jun 9, 8 AM to 2 PM

Andover Transfer Station

Rain date June 16.

Andover Book Club

Sat, Jun 9, 9 to 10 AM

Andover Public Library

Book for June: *My Name Is Memory* by Ann Brashares. Article: page 21.

Building Fairy Houses

Sat, Jun 9, 10:15 AM

Andover Public Library

Build a fairy house using odd bits of nature. Article: page 21.

Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse

Sun, Jun 10, 1 to 3 PM

Article: page 17.

Andover Lions Club

Mon, Jun 11, 6:30 PM

Masonic Hall, Potter Place

Dinner at 6 PM, meeting at 7 PM.

AE/MS PTO

Mon, Jun 11, 6:30 PM, AE/MS

Andover Democrats

Tue, Jun 12, 7 PM, Andover Fire Station

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Andover Service Club

Wed, Jun 13, 11:30 AM

Old Courthouse Restaurant, Newport

Spring luncheon. Article: page 29.

AE/MS Eighth Grade Graduation

Thu, Jun 14, 6:30 PM

Blackwater Grange

Thu, Jun 14, 7:30 PM

Masonic Hall, Potter Place

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Mon, Jun 18, noon

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HUGS. Article: page 31.

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

Wed, Jun 20, 7 PM, Andover Fire Station

We Build It Forward

Sat, Jun 23

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Andover Lions Club

Mon, Jun 25, 6 PM

Masonic Hall, Potter Place

Meeting, 7 PM.

Andover Fish and Game Club

Tue, Jun 26, 7:30 PM

Clubhouse, East Andover

Article: page 20.

Book Donation Event

Tue, Jul 3, 5 to 8 PM

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Lighting of the Flares

Tue, Jul 3, 9 PM

Around the edge of Highland Lake

To celebrate our great nation's founding. Article: page 25.

Andover Fourth of July

Wed, Jul 4, Village Green

Article: page 3.

Boat Parade

Wed, Jul 4, 4 PM, Highland Lake

Best decorated boat wins \$50. Article: page 25.

Andover High School Reunion

Sat, Jul 7, 10 AM, Ordway Recreational Area, South Danbury

The reunion is open to everyone who attended an Andover school. Article: page 23.

Ice Cream Social

Sat, Jul 7, 7 PM, East Andover Fire Station

To benefit Highland Lake Protective Association. Article: page 25.



Gubernatorial candidate Jackie Cilley shook hands with Bill Bardsley, founder of the Andover Democrats, at the group's kickoff on May 15 of the 2012 election season. Photo: Dean Barker

Andover Democrats

By Janet Moore

Andover Democrats

"Is she here yet?"

"No, they went to take pictures at the Cilleyville-Bog Bridge."

Jackie Cilley arrived at the fire station in Andover after a photo op in, of course, Cilleyville, where it was also drizzling, the weather of the week. But the words she shared were anything but the message of the week.

Jackie will never take the "pledge," for example, citing it as an unfair burden on property owners, especially on those who have retired to fixed incomes. She speaks of living the life of her constituents; having been raised in Berlin, in a poor but hard-working and very loving family, she has moved ahead in education, opportunity, and family.

Moving "down state" to the University of New Hampshire for both undergraduate (as a working, single mom) and graduate degrees, she was invited to teach at the Whittemore School of Business. Once you've listened to her

articulate her ideas and responses to a variety of questions, you'll understand what a great teacher she was.

Having been defeated by "big money" in the 2010 race to retain her two-term seat in the New Hampshire Senate, Jackie is reaching out far and wide to the residents of New Hampshire in her campaign for governor. Knowing firsthand the cost of educating her own five children, she is making affordable higher education one of her top priorities. Attracting businesses that require highly skilled workers is another priority. How do we train and then retain the young people who will give a much-needed boost to our aging population?

This information session in the fire house was the first in our desire to introduce Democratic candidates to Andover residents. If you plan to vote in the September primary, you'd best do it as an informed voter. Stay informed, and stay in touch. If you have any questions about Jackie's campaign, go to JackieCilley.com. 

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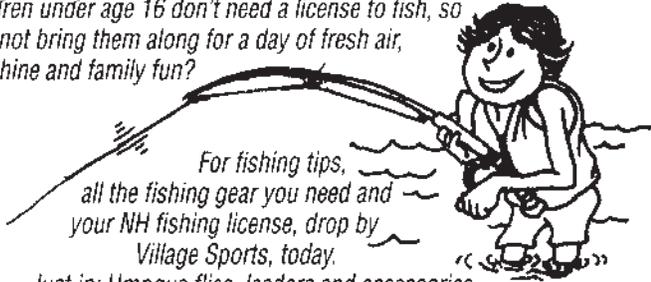
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At the Andover Service Club meeting on May 9, members played "Whose Mother Is This?" to celebrate Mother's Day. Pictured are Gerry Tobin, Margie Fenton, Nancy Davis, Jeanne Tate, and Nance Barrett.

Photo: Mary Ofenloch

Andover Service Club Scholarships - Since 1959

By Mary Ofenloch
Andover Service Club

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

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

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

This year, 10 students submitted application forms. "The quality of the applications is so high that we only wish we could have awarded more," said Diane Rice, chair of the Scholarship Committee. "Only five students will be receiving an award."

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

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

Income from the Andover Service Club Thrift Shop is the main contributor to the Scholarship Fund, as well as special fundraising events held throughout the year. You can help by supporting club fundraisers, or, if you are a woman, you may become a member of the Service Club. Memorial donations are also gratefully accepted. The Andover Service Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Andover Service Club News

By Joyce Egge
Andover Service Club

Our May meeting opened with a welcome from our president, Mary Ofenloch. Opening words were given by Jeanne Tate: "When God Created Mothers" by Erma Brombeck. The theme was celebrating Mother's Day and honoring our mothers.

A report was given on the results of our scholarship committee. They evaluated ten applications, and five recipients were selected. Their names will be released after the scholarships have been awarded.

Some new changes are in the works for the thrift shop. We had a successful trunk sale at Woodcrest Nursing Home

in New London at the end of last month. We can always use more good quality summer clothing items.

Our program consisted of guessing whose mother was whose among several photos brought in by the members and telling a story about these mothers. Wonderful refreshments were enjoyed by all as we studied these photos.

Our next meeting will be our Spring Luncheon on June 13 at the Old Courthouse in Newport. Our next year's budget and slate of officers will be voted on and hopefully approved at this luncheon. Look for us at our "A Slice for Scholarships" pie sale booth on the Green during the Fourth of July activities.

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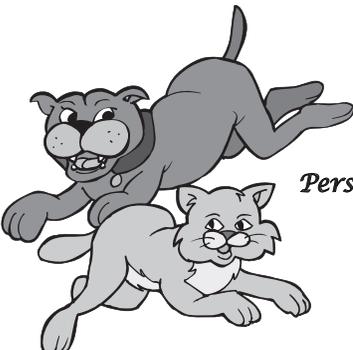
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Andover Energy Matters

Sustainable Brewing In Andover's Back Yard

By Larry Chase
Andover Energy Group

A friend passed along a copy of the April 15 edition of *Green Energy Times*, a Vermont bimonthly focusing on sustainability. The paper contained an article on the Flying Goose Pub and Grille, located at Routes 11 and 114 in New London. The article is reprinted below in slightly edited form with permission. For more information, visit GreenEnergyTimes.org or FlyingGoose.com.

Sustainable Brewing

By NR Mallery
Green Energy Times

“The brew pub was an energy hog, consuming \$75,000 in utilities a year. But when rates started to rise,” said Tom Mills, pub owner, “we decided to do the right thing – because it is important!” Concerned about the CO₂ levels in our atmosphere and keeping the business strong, after an energy audit they embarked on a carefully crafted strategy to reduce their energy consumption and carbon footprint, including improvements to the thermal envelope through air sealing and insulation, more energy-efficient lighting and refrigeration compressors, and a new air-balancing system for the kitchen where the stove hoods had been sucking the conditioned air out of the rest of the building.

Various incentive programs and lower prices on solar systems created an economically attractive opportunity to begin harvesting the sun's irradiance to help power the Flying Goose's operations. “Just the brewery part of our operations uses 2,000 gallons of 180° water per week,” said Mills. Aggressive solar thermal measures were taken with the January 2011 installation of 25 solar hot-water panels on their roof, making them the first solar-powered brewery in New Hampshire.

In November 2011 a 41.4-kW solar photovoltaic array system was also completed, adjacent to the pub, and now powers an estimated 30% of its electricity usage.

Mills says that they are still spending too much on propane and oil (fossil fuels) and is pursuing complementary heat-pump hot-water production, additional solar hot water panels, and an integrated biomass pellet boiler system.

Sustainability continues at the Flying Goose Brew Pub and Grille by recycling and respecting the environment. They give back to the community, buying locally, supporting local vendors, as well as participating in local events and activities, and supporting local organizations. One look at the supposed “basic pub menu” with creations by chef Jo Jo Paquin easily makes your mouth water and appreciate their support of their local resource for fresh ingredients.

Basic recycling is the norm, as well

as other unique ways to recycle wastes for re-use, including used fryer oil, re-used by a local contractor who converts it to biofuel to power his truck. Spent grain goes to a local farmer who uses it to feed his livestock. Environmentally friendly products such as biodegradable take-out containers, napkins, and recycled paper products are used throughout the establishment.

About the Flying Goose

The Flying Goose Brew Pub and Grille was awarded “Sustainable Business of the Year” in 2011, by the New London Energy Committee.

The pub has been brewing beer since 1996. Starting with three brews on draft, they now offer 17 handcrafted brews, accompanied by their very own root beer, using seasonal ingredients and local products. The owners harvest their own hops that grow through the summer, right outside of the dining room. You can even purchase their beer in 64-ounce returnable growlers.

The Flying Goose Brew Pub is a casual, family-friendly restaurant that is now managed by two of the three Mills children: Brianna and Brett. (Brianna's husband is chef JoJo Paquin.) Brewmaster Rik Marley came to the pub in September of 2009, with a passion and great dedication to the art of making beer. Since 2001, they have won 29 awards and medals for their championship beer. Sure sounds like it would be worth a short trip here in the Upper Valley to find out and to show support for this truly sustainable pub.

Statistics

- Solar contractor and renewable energy consultant: Russ Aney of Avid Solar
- 25 SunMaxx Titan PowerPlus SU-2 solar heat collectors, flush-mounted on the roof, producing 100 million BTUs of solar hot-water heating annually
- 41.4 kW of Canadian Solar modules paired with Enphase microinverters, offering module-level monitoring and a 25-year warranty, while generating 55 MWh of solar energy annually
- Combined 80 to 90 MWh of solar energy annually
- New: solar kiosk in lobby for public awareness
- After five months online, they produced almost 16.1 MWh of solar electricity, which could power over 532 houses for one day. They have offset over 11.1 tons of carbon, equal to over 285 trees! They have almost met the next goal, 16.2 MWh, which can power an entire stadium
- Over their expected lives, both the solar hot water and photovoltaic systems will provide energy at a lower cost than the Flying Goose currently pays for its propane, heating oil, and electricity. As energy prices keep rising, the savings will keep growing.



Left to Right/Back Table - Judy Perreault, Judy Hoeckle, Rose Tilton, Jane Martin, Nat Lively, Shirley Currier, Lois Thurston. Left to Right/Front Table - Pat Fleury, Pat Baker, Lisa Evans, Nance Barrett. Photo: Wanda Smith

New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault
NHCHF

The NHCHF Spring Workshop was held at AE/MS, and members from around the state gathered for our annual spring meeting.

After opening ceremonies and a get-acquainted game, we had the opportunity to bid on auction items. There were a variety of goods on display, but there are always a few that are very popular which results in some good-natured competitive bidding. At the end of the day, the high bidder goes home with the prize.

Donna-Baker Hartwell from East Andover presented a program on the acquisition and restoration of the one-room schoolhouse on Tucker Mountain Road in East Andover.

An early picture of the schoolhouse with the teacher and students sparked her life-long interest in the school and led to a lot of research, several restoration projects, and a DVD of a typical 1800s school day. The DVD was based on the old picture, and Donna worked very hard with other members of the community to make it authentic. The ladies enjoyed the DVD, and it brought back similar experiences of two-room schoolhouses that they attended in

their youth.

Donna also shared a number of antique schoolhouse items including slates, a bell, books, and copy books. At the end of the day, about one third of the attendees visited the school. The slanted floors are a unique feature of this building, and it is one of the best examples of a one-room schoolhouse in the state.

For a number of years it was owned by the Baker family but has since been donated to the Andover Historical Society. It is open on certain Sundays in the summer. [See the article on page 17 for more information.]

In the afternoon, the ladies had their choice of several activities including making fabric flowers, pressed flowers, holiday ornaments, parlor games, or working on projects for the National Conference which we are hosting in Manchester in the fall.

There was a flurry of activity at the end of the day as members made final bids.

The meeting met a number of the organization's aims of providing knowledge, skills, and leadership as well as forging bonds of friendship.

Visit our Web site at NHCHF.wordpress.com.

Blackwater Grange #152

By Bearnice Nowell
Blackwater Grange

Blackwater Grange #152 met on May 10 with 10 members and two visitors, Neil and Gale McDonald. He is our deputy spring visit.

It is with great sadness that we report that Ella Phelps has gone to the Grange above.

The Grange made a donation to Wilmot Farmer's Market to help pay

for live music during market days. The members enjoyed a lecture program.

The members observed a moment of silence for members lost: Ella Phelps, Dave Hopper, Janice Nolan, and Lana Nelson.

The members shared jokes and a poem written by Marjorie Huntoon for Mother's Day. The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 14, 7:30 PM at the Masonic Hall in Potter Place.

Wilmot Historical Society

By Lindy Heim
Wilmot Historical Society

The Wilmot Historical Society (WHS) history room in the Wilmot Town Offices next to the Wilmot Bandstand on Kearsarge Mountain Road in Wilmot Flat will be open for the season starting on Saturday, June 30, from 10 AM until noon. It will remain open those two hours each following Saturday while the Wilmot Farmer's Market is in operation through September 29.

In addition to the history room, the very popular WHS Curiosity Shop will have a booth at the Farmer's Market.

In its inauguration season last summer, the WHS Curiosity Shop sold vintage furs and jewelry, WHS publications, local maps, collectible china and bottles, and much more. Come back often, as stock changes weekly.

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Eric Therrien recently had surgery, and his son Zealen's first grade class at AE/MS made him a get-well banner. Originally, they were making a banner for him with snakes and the words "We hope you're feeling SSSSSSSS-Super ssssoon!" But Zealen said that his dad does not like snakes at all... but he does love fishing. So the class made a quick switch to a fish-themed banner that says, "Water you doing? We hope you feel better soon!"

GRADUATED: Corinne Cline

Corinne Cline graduated on May 12 from Hiram College in Ohio with a major in History and a minor in Political Science. She was inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society, and is a member of Hiram College's Alpha Society. She was a four-year recipient of the James A. Garfield Scholarship and Hiram Alumni Grant.



Jenn Coffey Nominated To Cutlery Hall of Fame

Press release

Blade Magazine editor Steve Shackelford confirmed the nomination of Representative Jenn Coffey to *Blade Magazine's* Cutlery Hall of Fame. Nominees are first submitted by the current living Hall of Fame members, who then vote to elect the inductee from among the nominations.

Though not inducted this time around, Jenn is profoundly honored for even being considered for such a singular distinction, the ranks of which include Bo Randall, William Scagel, and

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The Cutlery Hall of Fame recognizes knifemakers, authors, and persons who promote and support the industry. As a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, Jenn spearheaded groundbreaking knife rights legislation, propelling New Hampshire to pre-eminence as the nation's leading pro-knife state and setting the example for other states to follow. The nomination acknowledges Representative Coffey's steadfast defense of knife rights and her tireless industry advocacy.

Andover Congregational Church

By Judy Evans

Andover Congregational Church

Spring cleaning is completed, and the buildings and grounds look terrific! A clean-up day took place at the same time as the annual Plant and Bake Sale. Thanks to everyone who supported this event.

The men of the church cooked and served a lovely belated Mother's Day breakfast for the ladies on Saturday, May 19. Thank you, guys!

Sunday, June 3, will be the last day of Sunday School. On Sunday the 17th we will recognize dads and grads, and Sunday School awards will be presented along with Bibles.

Save the date! Vacation Bible School will take place from Monday, August 13, through Friday, August 17, from 9 AM to noon.

We continue to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries on the second Sunday of each month.

Third Sunday "Pass it On": If you would like to participate, please bring in new and/or gently-worn men's, women's, and children's clothing and shoes and other items that you are no longer using or need. These will be collected in the Highland Lake Grange Hall and distributed after worship. If there is

nothing that you can find use for, feel free to take things to give to others.

Opportunities for fellowship and ministry include Sunday prayer time beginning at 8:30 AM in the Upper Room before the worship service. Sunday morning worship begins at 9:30 AM followed by refreshments in the Grange Hall.

On Mondays at 10 AM there is a women's prayer group and Bible study. Men often meet for a Saturday morning prayer breakfast. Wednesdays at 9:30 AM we are studying 1 Peter at a morning Bible discussion group. At 7 PM on Saturday evenings, we meet for a church prayer meeting. Detailed information can be found by calling the church office at 735-5160, so you can feel free to participate in any way you may wish.

As always, everyone is invited to attend Andover Congregational. Don't be surprised to see motorcycles parked outside the church during Sunday morning worship time. Come as you are. Dress in your finest, or come in casual attire. God accepts you just as you are, where you are, right now. Know that you will feel welcomed at Andover Congregational, and you will probably see people you already know and definitely make new friends!

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Thank you to all who have helped us during Benny's hospitalization these past two months. We have been amazed at the caring concern, generosity, and support that we have felt from this wonderful community. A special thanks goes to those who have made it possible to modify our home to be wheelchair accessible: RP Johnson and their "We Build It Forward" program for taking the lead in donating materials for a ramp and coordinating everything we need for a new bathroom; Snow's Construction for widening two doorways; Jack Williams for building a ramp in one day; Ralf Platte for tackling the bathroom project on short notice; Dave Bates and his team for putting together two awesome benefits – a breakfast and a dinner; Echo Communications for advertising space; and countless other friends (as well as strangers!) who have offered to paint, clean, move furniture, mow the lawn, mulch the gardens, rake the yard, help with building projects, etc. We live in an amazing place. Welcome home, Benny!

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To the Benson and Peter's families I'd like to say, "Thank You!" Thank you for humbling yourselves and allowing this community to surround you with outstretched arms and open hearts. It takes a big man to swallow his pride and allow others to do for him what he has so long done for others.

When word got out that there were going to be fundraisers held for the two of you, it spread like wildfire. Well over 900 folks of all ages attended between the two events, and not a single person, business, or organization that took part did so in the hopes of gaining public recognition – a true testament to how many lives each of you and your families have touched over the years in our community.

As you both move forward, please know that there are hundreds of hands ready to steady you, in both good times and in bad, and that love surrounds both of you and your families in this time of need.

Health and happiness to you both.

Your friend,

David Bates

Highland Lake Protective Association Announces 2012 Photography Contest

By Earle Davis
HPLPA

Even a casual observer can see the photographic potential of Highland Lake and the surrounding area. Ringed by hills and mountains on all sides, the lake offers a variety of vistas and perspectives. From early morning fog over the water to blazing sunrises and sunsets to the abundant wildlife, photographers have plenty to work with. For the third year running, the HPLA will host a photography contest for local residents. With so much to capture on film, we look forward to new perspectives.

The HPLA photo contest rules are simple. Pictures must be taken within one mile of the lake's edge and should be recent (within one year) and not historical in nature. Both color and black and white photos are accepted. The photographs will be judged for quality, content, and beauty.

An amateur contest, we request that professional photographers not participate. You are on your honor to submit

photos that are taken by you and are of the Highland Lake area not other beautiful areas of New Hampshire and certainly not of Vermont, Maine, or Massachusetts. Entry deadline is July 8, and this year's winner will be announced at the HPLA Annual Meeting on Saturday, July 21, at 10 AM at the East Andover Fire Station.

Submit your entry photograph as a digital image to HLPAnh@gmail.com as well as sending an 8 x 10 print of the image to the above HPLA PO Box address. Your entry should include your name, age, address, e-mail address, and phone number. You may submit as many different photographs as you wish. The entry fee for each photo is \$2 to be included with your submission. The winner of the contest will receive half of the entry fees for the contest. The other half of the entry fees will be used to support water testing at Highland Lake. The HPLA will not own the images and will be happy to return to the owner any pictures submitted. Good luck!



Muster Field Farm Hosts Musical Fundraiser

Muster Field Farm press release

On June 23, Muster Field Farm will host its tenth annual musical fundraiser. This all-volunteer event, musicians included, helps support the historic farm and serves as a venue for the region's musical talent, both up-and-coming and tried-and-true.

This year's line-up includes Night Kitchen, The Click Horning Band, Doc Rogers, Buffalo Plaid, The Fontones, Sferes In White, The Moores, Gary

Robinson, Uncle Jimbo, and Derek Astles.

Enjoy burgers, hot dogs, snacks, and beverages (proceeds from food sales also benefit the farm), or pack your own picnic and beverages to enjoy. Gates open at 4 PM, music begins at 4:15. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$20 per family, available on site the day of the event.

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OBITUARIES

ANNA F. MOORE, formerly Anna F. Maguire, 90, died peacefully in New London at her home in the Woodcrest Village Assisted Living facility on April 25. She is survived by her husband, James B. Moore, also of Woodcrest Village; her two sons, James Maguire (Karen) of Marco Island, Florida, and John Maguire (Ellen) of Brookline, Massachusetts; her grandchildren, Kerry, Allison, Amanda, and Dylan; four great-grandchildren, Megan, Liam, Fiona, and Declan; and extended family members.

Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1921, she grew up in Ossining, New York, the daughter of Frank and Margherita Purpura. She married John H. (Bud) Maguire in 1941 and lived in Ossining until 1958, when they bought Quimby's Diner (later the Chicken Pickin' Restaurant) in Andover. She worked in the business and also taught part-time at Proctor Academy and managed their apartments in the former Farnum house. Widowed in 1978, she lived with her mother in their Andover home until her mother's death in 1985.

She married James (Jim) B. Moore in 1983, moving to their house on Gay Farm Road in New London in 1986. The Moore addition to her family added three more sons and two daughters: John, Michael, Brian, Margot, and Bette. Anna and Jim moved to Woodcrest in 2006.

Anna was active in civic associations including the Andover Service Club, Andover Historical Society, Red Hat Society and various committees at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

Friends called at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London on April 30. A funeral mass was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Potter Place on May 1, followed by a graveside service at Proctor

Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Service Club, PO Box 22, Andover 03216.

LAWRI BOARDMAN KIDDER, 50, of Salisbury, died on April 28, 2012 at her home. She was born in Hanover on September 23, 1961. She graduated from Londonderry High School and lived in Salisbury for the past 24 years. Lawri did housecleaning for many area families. She loved cats and reading. A wonderfully creative soul, she was constantly in awe of her children's artistic talent.

Members of her family include her husband of ten years, Rex Kidder of Salisbury; three children, James A. Landry, Daniel P. Landry, and Rebecca M. Landry, all of Salisbury; a grandson, Leo; and her parents, James and Jacqueline (Daniels) Boardman of The Villages, Florida.

A celebration of Lawri's life was held on May 2 at their home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salisbury Rescue Squad, PO Box 214, Salisbury 03268.

ELLA (PINARD) PHELPS, 83, of North Street, died on April 28, 2012 at her home. She was born in Wilmot Center on December 15, 1928, the daughter of Warren and Ethel (Grace) Pinard.

Ella lived most of her life in Andover and graduated from Andover High School in 1946. She and her husband, Victor, were partners with the Curriers, owning and operating Currier and Phelps, Inc. While Vic and Clyde Currier were busy at the garage, Ella and Shirley Currier

ran the Currier and Phelps Village Store for 20 years.

Ella was a member of the Blackwater Grange and the Andover Service Club. She volunteered for the Andover Historical Society. She enjoyed camping, yard sales, crafts, reading, bird-watching, and especially spending time with her family at various gatherings.

She was predeceased by siblings Ellsworth Dean, James Dean, Lewis Pinard, and Nettie Ludwig. Members of her family surviving include her husband of 64 years, Victor H. Phelps of Andover; three children and their spouses, Cynthia and James Alley of Londonderry, Karen and James Hanson of Claremont, and Douglas and Alita Phelps of Andover; six grandchildren, Jeffrey Alley and his significant other, Melissa Hardwick, Beth and her husband, Corey LeBreton, Suzanne Alley and her wife, Samantha Genier, Michael Hanson and his wife, Dr. Jennifer Holzinger, Katherine and her husband, Brian Cohen, and Tracey Phelps; six great-grandchildren, Matthew, Allison, Benjamin, Ella, Clara, and Allison; and nieces and nephews, including a special nephew and his partner, Steve Smith and Donna French of Andover.

Friends called at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London on May 2. A memorial service was held on May 3 at the funeral home, with burial following in Andover's Proctor Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Andover Emergency Medical Services, PO Box 61, Andover 03216.

BELFORD ARLINGTON RICHARDS, 86, died on April 29, 2012 at Franklin Regional Hospital. He was born in South Portland, Maine, on April 25, 1926, the son of Harold Scott Richards and Aria Gould Richards. He graduated from St. Paul's School in Concord in 1945.

Joining the US Marine Corps at 18 years old, Belford was one of the youngest Marines to serve during the end of World War II over the South Pacific as an



aircraft radar/radio operator and tail gunner. He attended the University of Michigan and transferred to Rollins College, Florida, where he graduated in 1953 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. While at Rollins College he wrote comic strip continuity for Leslie Turner, artist of the Wash Tubbs comic strip.

Belford traveled to England in the 1950s to do research on a book he was writing called *Forty on the Emu*. He returned to Portland, Maine in 1963 and was employed in advertising and became a Freemason. In 1974, he moved to Bradford, New Hampshire and has resided in Andover for the past 15 years.

Belford was an avid reader, collector of original comic strip art, and loved to travel, especially to the island of Gozo, Malta. He leaves behind Gail Gurnsey Richards, his wife of 25 years; two sons, Tyler Ford Richards and The Reverend Michael H. Richards; a daughter, Lizabeth McAllaster Tompkins; and numerous friends in both Europe and the US.

Friends called at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London on May 3. Calling hours were followed by a service at the funeral home. Friends and family gathered at the schoolhouse on Old College Road to celebrate his life. Private burial will be at the Pine Grove Cemetery, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Emergency Medical Service, PO Box 61, Andover 03216.

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KIMBERLY ANNE (UNDERHILL) MORIN, 44, a native of Salisbury, died on May 11, 2012 at the Fletcher Allen Health Care Center in Burlington, Vermont.

Kimberly was born in Franklin on April 28, 1968, the daughter of Robert E. Underhill, Jr. and Lynda M. (Charles) Underhill. She grew up in Salisbury and was a 1986 graduate of Bishop Brady High School and received her associate degree in business administration from the Concord Technical Institute. She also completed police standards training.

She formerly worked in the medical records department at the New Hampshire State Prison in Concord and more recently at RDI Marketing in Newport, Vermont. Kimberly had lived in Newport, Vermont for the past two years.

Her greatest passion was spending time with her family and many friends. She also enjoyed fishing and watching her children play sports.

Kimberly is survived by her husband, Ronald A. Morin, of Newport, Vermont; her parents, Robert and Lynda Underhill of Salisbury; two sons, Joshua Robert Gilbert of Tilton and Peter Michael Gilbert and his wife Jo-Anna of Fort Carson, Colorado; her daughter, Lyssa Elaine Gilbert of Hill; two brothers, Bryan R. Underhill and his wife Kelli, Stokesdale, North Carolina and Daniel J. Underhill and his wife Kelly, Austin, Texas; her half-sister Pippa D. Iverson, Lake Station, Indiana; her granddaughter, Ava-Lee Elizabeth Gilbert; and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Friends and relatives called at the Salisbury Congregational Community Church on May 16. Funeral services were held on May 17 at the church with Pastor Daniel J. Underhill, Kimberly's brother, officiating. Burial followed in Oak Hill Cemetery, Salisbury.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to ZAO Ministries, 2634 Cascade Falls, Austin, Texas 78738.

GERALDINE B. "GERRY" (McDONALD) KEYSER, 97, a lifelong resident of Franklin passed away Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the Mountain Ridge Genesis Eldercare, Franklin. She was born in Franklin on April 24, 1915, the daughter of John Henry and Winnie (Kirk) McDonald.

Gerry worked for many years at Tilton Leather, Franklin Mica, Verza Leather, and Brezner Tannery, and retired from Beede Electric. Gerry was very proud to be the oldest living member of the Franklin Congregational Christian Church, having been a member for 87 years. For over 25 years she was a foster grandparent at the Bessie Rowell School. Gerry was an over-60-year member of the Enterprise Rebekah Lodge #46 of Bristol and a member of the Ionic-Ragged Mountain Chapter #20 of the Order of the Eastern Star of Franklin. She was a longtime member of the Franklin Woman's Club and a former member and past president of the Apollo Senior Citizen Club.

Gerry was pre-deceased by her brothers; Malcolm, Millard, Raymond, Roland, and Sid McDonald. Gerry is survived by a son, William Keyser and his wife Althea of East Andover; a daughter, Sharon Henderson and her husband Jim of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; a sister, Ruth McDonald of Trenton, Florida, five grandchildren; Tracey, Stephen, Matthew, Arron, and Stacey; five great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held May 24 at the Franklin Congregational Christian Church with Gay Ellen Rayno of the Order of the Eastern Star officiating. Interment at Proctor Cemetery, Andover followed.

Memorial donations may be made to the Franklin Congregational Christian Church, 102 Lawndale Avenue, Franklin 03235.



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East Andover Village Preschool

By Elizabeth Janvrin
EAVP Director

The school year has come to an end at East Andover Village Preschool (EAVP), and while we are sad to say “goodbye” to our Preschool Two class, we are excited to see how they will grow at “the big school” as kindergarteners. Graduation was well attended by many friends and families. We re-enacted a favorite book of ours and sang a few songs about our accomplishments and our hopes for kindergarten. Our Preschool One class “slid” their way into Preschool Two and is quite eager to take on the role of the “older group” at EAVP. Everyone has grown in leaps and bounds over the year, along with making some great new friends.

On May 18, our Preschool Two group visited the Crete Family at Highway View Farm. Thank you for showing us all of the exciting aspects of your day and your farm! We had lots of fun.

Summer Camp

This June is the kick-off of a new

program to be offered at East Andover Village Preschool. Starting on Monday, June 11, we will be having a Summer Camp for children who are three to eight years old. Each week there will be a selected theme and exciting adventures.

For the month of June, we are headed to a tropical paradise and then traveling into the deep blue sea. We will also be working on the newest addition to our outdoor classroom environment – a garden. The garden will not only offer an outdoor learning experience but will also include family participation and a chance for home-school connections.

Toward the end of June, there will be a work day to assist in the construction and set-up of some of these features, along with other areas of the school that need some loving attention. We will also be working on our float for the Fourth of July parade.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Janvrin at 735-5105 or EAVP@tds.net. We are still enrolling for preschool and summer camp.

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IMAGINATION INN

By Doreen Perreault
Imagination Inn

It's hard to believe the school year is quickly coming to an end. We have watched our Bouncy Bears crawl, walk, and now run. Our Marvelous Monkeys are talking, creating, and stretching their independent wings. Our Tigers have roared their way through an adventurous year. Our Preschool Pandas have learned to write their names, have bounced like bunnies, cooked, created, and skated their way through the year. Our After-school Adventures celebrate the end of another great year at AE/MS.

At the Inn, we are excited to celebrate a very successful first year. We embraced our new friends, we watched them grow, we've been loved, we've been hugged, and we've been blessed. It's a bittersweet time as we send our preschoolers off to kindergarten, move our Bears to Monkeys, our Monkeys to Tigers and our Tigers to Pandas. Our little ones have grown.

Ice Cream Social

We will celebrate the end of this amazing year with all our families at our Family Night Ice Cream Social. We'll watch in awe as our children roam the school, making their own ice creams, parents mingling as a slide show runs

on the screen behind us. Our teachers will be smiling, proud of their children and realizing that another year has come and gone and hoping that in some small way, they have made a difference.

As I walked through our classrooms just today, I watched as a teacher carried a sleepy child, wiped another runny nose, cuddled a little baby, and tickled a preschooler's tummy. I watched as a teary child got a big hug and time to sit on an empty lap. I watched a teacher make a group of children laugh so hard their bellies hurt.

I have the privilege of watching, observing, and listening, and if there is anything that I have learned, it is simply this ... if you take the time to smile, to listen, to live in the moment, you'll make a difference every day.

As we venture toward summer, we must take a moment to say thank you. To our friends at Lake Sunapee Bank, who are always ready for our impromptu visits; to Michelle and our many story-telling friends at the local library; to our many new friends here on the Proctor campus; to our truly fantastic families; and to Amy, Trisha, Stacy, Karyn, Becky, and Ashley. Thank you for taking the time to smile, to listen, to live in the moment. You have made a difference.

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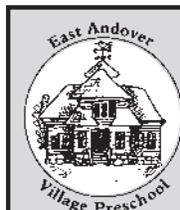
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Photo and caption: Diane Adams

Andover After School Program

By Diane Adams
Andover After School Program

We are ending our year here at the Annex with some exciting news. A mommy robin has decided to make our porch a home for her and her babies. We have made a sign to remind everyone to walk slowly and quietly so she won't abandon her nest. As of now, the eggs still remain intact. We have been watching and patiently awaiting the baby birds' arrival. I'm sure your children will have some news to share at home.

The school year is almost over. We here at the Andover After School Program would like to thank everyone for a great year. We are grateful for all of the support we receive from our families and the community. With next year quickly approaching, new and exciting plans are being made. We can be reached by e-mail at AndoverKids@gmail.com. We will also be checking our answering machine, so you can call 735-6566 with questions or leave a message. Happy summer vacation everyone; see you in August.

Julianna Baptiste Headed To Pageant

By Carmen Ayala
For the Beacon

Julianna Baptiste, an eight-year-old second grade student at Andover Elementary/Middle School, is headed to the US America Pageant.

On April 28, Julianna competed in her very first pageant, the Miss New Hampshire US America Pageant. It was a very busy day: meeting new friends, learning the walk, eating pizza, changing clothes, and fixing hair. Then it was show time!

Julianna's talent for the pageant was modeling, where she blew away the crowd and judges with the snap off of her sunglasses. It was priceless. She placed second runner-up and was given \$200 to be used toward Nationals.

Julianna was very impressed with her first trophy, so much so that as most others put their trophy down by their feet, Julianna just wanted to inspect it. She continued holding it as she went up

to get another trophy for overall modeling in her division.

Julianna is very focused when she has her mind set on something, and the crown is what she has her mind set on for Nationals. For her talent she will be singing *Rolling in the Deep* by Adele. She had been singing her heart out for her mom Carmen and dog Gizmo.



Julianna Baptiste has her mind set on the US America Pageant.

With Julianna being such a good student, her mom is more than happy to have her pursue this little chance that not many young girls have. Julianna's second grade teacher Michael Jensen writes, "Julianna is a wonderful young lady! She is a well-rounded student who is a pleasure to have in my second grade classroom. Julianna always raises her hand to be recognized, and

she participates in class discussions. Julianna is friendly, kind, hard-working, and very bright! I am very proud of her accomplishments! She is sure to have a very bright future ahead of her."

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Savannah Pease and Sadie Barton asked Coach Nick Fairall many questions during the interview for this article.

Nick Fairall: AE/MS Track And Field Coach

By Sadie Barton, AE/MS Grade 3 and Savannah Pease, AE/MS Grade 5

We recently had the opportunity to sit down and talk with Nick Fairall and learn more about him.

Nick is a second-year coach at AE/MS. Nick really enjoys working with the younger kids and especially likes to be able to give back to his community.

Nick is 22 years old and grew up in Andover. Nick attended AE/MS many years ago. Social Studies – or more specifically, history – was his favorite subject in school. Nick’s favorite book is *The Eight*, written by Katherine Neville, and his favorite color is blue.

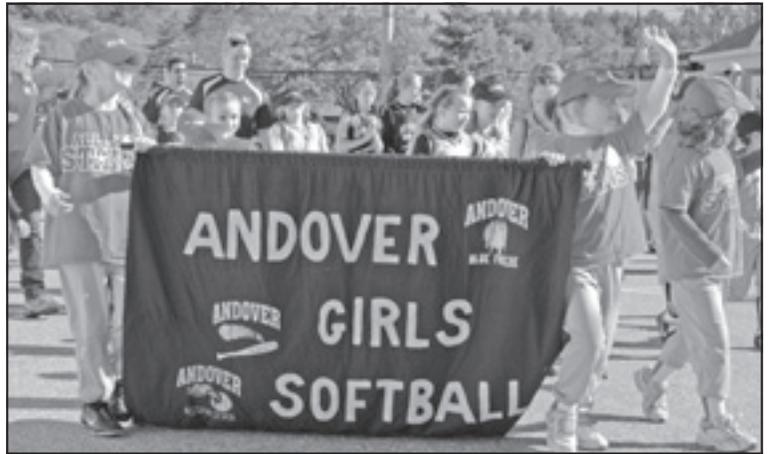
Nick is a super athlete and a member of the USA Ski Jumping Team. You might have guessed that ski jumping is also his favorite sport.

Nick has traveled all over the world with his ski jumping opportunities. He has been to Europe, Japan, Korea, and many more places.

“To help others and to be a good leader to those around me,” stated Nick when asked about his life goals.

Students, staff members, and parents are very happy that Nick Fairall is our track coach. He is the absolute best! Thank you, Coach Fairall!

Andover Baseball & Softball



Andover Youth Baseball and Andover Girls Softball held an opening day parade on May 12. Andover All Stars: Delaney Young, Emily Hackmann, Chloe Colby. Photos: Charlie Darling



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Third grade students recently met in the school garden to see what vegetables were already popping up. In addition to tending the school garden the third graders are trying to grow giant cabbages in their home gardens. Pictured are Galen Whitman, Katie Bent, Hawk McCord, Jazlyn Perkins, Colin Coolidge, Sadie Barton, Maddie Jewell, Mr. Hubbard, Jarrett Benson, Ayla Caron, Gavin Elliott, Cedar Kiedaisch, Ethan Meyerhoefer, Lilly Furtkamp, Emi Abrahamson, Ruth Anderson, and Kyleigh Fanny. Photo: Jane Slayton



AE/MS students and staff members proudly display their Earth Day 2012 t-shirts. Students found many ways to show care and concern for the environment through Earth Day activities. First grade students wrote books called If I Could Change the World and entered them in a PBS Kids contest. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

AE/MS Cabbage Contest

By Jay Hubbard
AE/MS third grade teacher

The third graders at AE/MS are planting giant cabbages provided by the Bonnie Seed Company. The plants are part of a nationwide annual cabbage contest.

Students all over the United States will be growing cabbages this summer. At the end of the growing season, each student will take a photograph of themselves with their cabbage. Each

participating school will pick a winning cabbage photo and submit it to the Bonnie Seed Company. The company will randomly draw a winner for each state. The state winner will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

The focus of the program for our Andover students is not the cash, but the experience of growing a delicious cabbage with their family and becoming a better gardener. Happy growing!



Emily Bates, Carmen Bates, and Alicia Smart presented Holly Gagne, Molly Kidane, and Joy Annas with candy and a sentimental note during Teacher Appreciation Week at AE/MS. Through the efforts of the PTO, teachers were greeted daily with special treats. Many parents sent baked goods to school every day for staff members to enjoy. It was very appreciated by the entire AE/MS staff.

Andover Recreation Soccer

By Nicole Donovan
Director, Andover Recreation Soccer

It's time to start thinking about the upcoming soccer season. Andover Recreation Soccer, a member of the Merrimack Valley Soccer League, offers individual skill development and competitive team play for Andover grades one through six. First and second graders meet on Saturday mornings in the fall to work on basic ball-handling skills. The third through

sixth graders continue to learn ball skills, rules of the game, and strategy techniques while competing in games with teams from surrounding towns.

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



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The AE/MS second grade held an evening Authors Tea to celebrate the wonderful job they did writing their partner fairy tales. In this photo, Damien Fuller reads his fairy tale to his grandparents, to whom he dedicated the book. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

Young AE/MS Authors Celebrate With A Tea

By Joy Annas
AE/MS Librarian

Second graders here at AE/MS have a right to be proud of themselves as well as of their teachers, Gretchen Hildebrand and Mike Jensen. A student from one class partnered up with a student from the other class to brainstorm ideas, compose, and illustrate their own books.

This process took many weeks and cooperative effort from the second grade authors. These wonderful books

were displayed in the library prior to our Author's Tea on May 8 and 9. Parents and relatives were invited to come to the library either Monday morning or Tuesday evening to have students share and read their books.

Refreshments were offered and shared by all. It was truly a celebration, and seeing how the students beamed as they shared their books and the proud smiles on the adult faces ... priceless!



AE/MS NEWS

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

May was a month for formal assessments: fourth and eighth grade students took the NECAP science test, followed by students in grades two through eight being administered NWEA testing. State testing is over now until next October.

NWEAs, which are much less time consuming than NECAPs, will be administered again at the start of the new school year. As a school, we find the NWEA information useful and are able to access the student data almost immediately after administration.

College Awareness Day

AE/MS students experienced their first College Awareness Day this spring. The day started with music as the Beach Boys' *Be True to Your School* could be heard throughout the building. Staff members wore college alma mater t-shirts, sweatshirts, or pins and took a few minutes in each class period talking about what college they chose and why. A panel discussion was held for the older students.

The day ended with two of our local high school seniors, Megan Hanscom and Michaela Trefethen, both of whom are graduating from Proctor, telling the students where they would be attending college in the fall and a bit about their planned course of study.

School Gardens

Our courtyard area went through a transformation over the last few days. Our vegetable gardens already have new green sprouts of life popping up amidst decorative flowers. Kat Darling and a few students tackled the garden beds on SHARE Day.

In addition, the eighth grade students planted annuals among the perennials bordering the stone wall. They also planted flowers around some of the trees in the courtyard.

But the biggest change occurred with Breanna Davis' senior project at Proctor. A beautiful garden is now situated in the corner of the front entrance. There are flowering bushes and perennials and it

all came together in one day.

Breanna will also be labeling the flowering plants so the students will learn both the common and scientific names for them. It is truly professional landscaping work. Many local businesses made donations toward the garden, and we are grateful for that. Stop



AE/MS fourth graders Trever Lima, Tori Braley, Chase Keyser, and Ronan Walsh rehearse *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The play will be presented on Friday, June 8, at 1:30 and 7 PM. All are welcome.

Photo and caption: Jane Slayton

by and enjoy our gardens!

Rock 'N Race

AE/MS had a large team run in the Rock N' Race in May. In addition to having a pleasurable evening, the team also raised over \$1,200 for the Payson Cancer Center in Concord. Thanks to all who participated!

The AE/MS track team just finished a successful season. A track celebration was held at the end of May which included parents and athletes. Maybe you'll get a chance to see our track superstars in the Andover Fourth of July Firecracker 5K footrace.

The AE/MS Band will be performing once again in the Wilmot Memorial Day Observance. This has become a nice tradition. The band will play in the Wilmot Community Association barn and then march to the monument. Former band members are also joining the group.

Theater At AE/MS

Two AE/MS theatrical productions are currently in progress. The second grade classes have been working on a musical titled *The Box*, which can be seen on Monday, June 11, at 9:30 AM.

See AE/MS on page 41

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Kathy Halliday-Hildebrand, a long-time AE/MS volunteer, is drowning in the thousands of Box Tops For Education collected by the students. All money raised through collecting Box Tops For Education goes toward new playground equipment. Box Tops For Education are collected year 'round, and checks are issued twice a year. Most recently, AE/MS received a check for \$1,640. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

AE/MS from page 40

The fourth grade students are immersed in Shakespeare and will perform *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Friday, June 8, at 1:30 and 7 PM. Be sure to catch a performance of each play!

The kindergarten class will officially become first grade students on Wednesday, June 13, at 6:30 PM. Come early for good seating!

The eighth grade graduation is Thursday, June 14, at 6:30 PM. This is a semi-formal occasion and is usually held before a standing-room-only crowd.

Seventeen students will be moving on to the next phase in their education. This eighth grade class will surely be missed by the teachers and students they will leave behind.

The graduation will be a very special evening with student involvement in the program. The ceremony ends with a slide show that begins with baby pictures of the graduates and then progresses to the present. Gretchen Hildebrand and Chris Connor compile this sentimental journey every year.

Field Trips And Fun

Eighth grade students will be very busy as the weeks lead up to their graduation. They will be visiting Ellis Island,

touring the Statue of Liberty, and riding the roller coasters at Six Flags in early June. The following weekend they will have an end-of-year barbeque and bonfire with plenty of outdoor activities.

The last day of school for students in kindergarten through grade eight is Monday, June 18. The morning will consist of cooperative and competitive outdoor games. Students and staff will enjoy the annual BBQ for lunch. Andover's number one rock group, the Long Tail Monkeys, will perform, followed by awards and closure activities back in the classroom.

A New School Year

Preparation is underway for the 2012-13 school year. A lot of work will be completed in the building in July and August. Some teachers are changing classrooms, and we are interviewing for a seventh and eighth grade Reading and Language Arts teacher and a World Language teacher. Time is also being spent transitioning our curriculum to meet the Common Core State Standards.

We are looking forward to Monday, August 27, when the school community comes back together for a brand-new school year after a well-deserved summer vacation.



Vito is a big hit at the AE/MS library.

Photo: Joy Annas

Vito The Black Lab Visits AE/MS Library

By Joy Annas
AE/MS Librarian

If you visit the library on Monday mornings at AE/MS you are in for a real treat. Vito a nine-year-old black lab will be waiting for a story to be read to him. If he enjoys the story he may lick your hand or wag his tail.

Jane Landenberger is Vito's owner; she adopted Vito when he was a small puppy. When looking for a dog of her own, she had the choice between a yellow lab from the Humane Society or Vito, a black lab with big brown eyes from the

Guiding Eyes for the Blind Association. Jane fell in love with Vito instantly.

Jane is an interesting woman to talk to; she has trained 14 puppies in the Guided Eyes for the Blind program. 12 of the dogs that she trained are currently serving blind folks. Jane enjoys meeting students, conversing with them, and listening to their stories.

When the students leave the library they always thank Mrs. Landenberger for coming and pet Vito. Jane remarks, "It is our pleasure to spend time with the students here at AE/MS!"

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2012 Proctor Graduates

Nineteen local students will graduate from Proctor Academy on Saturday, June 2, at 10:30 AM. Here is a list, including their plans for next year.

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Breanna Davis, Colby College, Maine. Elliot Fleming, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Caleb Frantz, University of New Hampshire. Jessica George, Johnson and Wales University, Colorado. Megan Hanscom, Ursinus College, Pennsylvania. Sage Morrison, New York University. Derrick Nowell, Baldwin-Wallace College, Ohio. Maddie Pfeifer, University of Alaska. Michaela Trefethen,

Barton College, North Carolina. Andrew Young, St. Michael's College, Vermont.

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Tucker Andrews, Plymouth State College. Stephanie Bonewald, Dickinson College, Pennsylvania. Peter Durkin, Union College, New York. Jen Ellms, Endicott College, Massachusetts. Tyler Graf, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, New York. Kate Kozain, Union College, New York. Rosie Snyder, Bates College, Maine.

From Wilmot, Kelsey Wilcox is planning a gap year, and Salisbury's Alex MacDuffie will attend University of New Hampshire.



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AE/MS eighth graders studied the civil rights movement then created posters to express what they had learned about tolerance.

AE/MS Students Illustrate Tolerance With Posters

By Andover Middle School teachers
"Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength." Tenzin Gyatso

During the second half of the second trimester, Mrs. Lemeris's eighth grade reading class was preparing to read the book *Roll Of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor. This Newbery Award-winning novel is about a black family living in Mississippi in the early 1930s and is narrated by the only daughter, nine-year-old Cassie. Before reading the book, the class read several non-fiction pieces about the Civil Rights Movement and the participants in this movement. They also viewed a documentary film about the era, and they discussed the importance of tolerance and how they could promote tolerance.

After completing the book, students were instructed to create a poster that made a statement about tolerance. Mrs. Lemeris asked art teacher Mrs. DeMinico for her assistance with this project.

In addition to helping students with their artwork, Mrs. DeMinico led a discussion about ethical behavior—respect, honesty, responsibility, fairness, and compassion. Both students and teachers concluded that ethical behavior leads to the next step, which is moral courage, and that a person who takes a risk of significant danger to help mankind

has moral courage. With these ideas in mind, the class began the project.

During the next week, the students designed their posters with a target audience in mind and with an understanding that the message of a poster must be clear to the viewers. Students were required to present a rough draft of their posters to the class. At that time they willingly helped each other revise and fully develop their ideas.

Mrs. DeMinico stated, "It is an important part of the process of art for students to show empathy toward each other." Mrs. DeMinico would stop in daily to check on the students' progress, critique their work, and bring in supplies for them to use.

When the posters were complete, students presented their final work to the class, explaining their target audience, the materials used, and what inspired their design. Mrs. Braley then laminated and framed the posters, and they are now ready to be shared with others.

Mrs. Lemeris and Mrs. DeMinico are very proud of these students, who embraced this "real world" experience and who demonstrated ethical behavior in their thoughtful thinking and in their collaboration with each other. They would also like to thank Mrs. Slayton and Mrs. Braley for their support in this project.

Proctor Girls Lacrosse Players Honored

Proctor Academy press release

Meaghan Sheehy of Wilmot, a sophomore attack on Proctor Academy's varsity girls lacrosse team, has been named as a 2012 Brine National High School All-American and has been selected to represent the New England Region in the 2012 Brine National Lacrosse Classic to be held in Boyds, Maryland on June 30 through July 3. The Brine National Lacrosse Classic brings the top 160 high school underclassmen lacrosse players in the country to one venue, where eight regional

teams compete to become the 2012 National Champion.

From the May 17 Concord Monitor

Proctor Academy's girls lacrosse team honored its four seniors, including Andover's Breanna Bonewald, prior to its final home game of the season, a 15-5 win over Vermont Academy. With a 9-4-1 record, Proctor heads into its final two games looking to secure the best record the team has posted in the past decade.

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Andover Student Receives Good Citizenship Award

By Chuck Will
 Proctor Academy

Michaela Trefethen, daughter of Amy and Mike Rheaume of Andover, received the Good Citizenship Award from the Mercy Hathaway White Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Presenting the award in Proctor's all-school assembly on May 3, Phil Goodnow cited the criteria of "dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism."

A high honor roll student throughout her career at Proctor, Michaela has volunteered extensively at Proctor, at Proctor's Day Care, and for local elementary school children. She offers a free summer reading program for local children, and she spent the month of May on a Senior Project teaching sign language



Phil Goodnow presented a DAR Good Citizenship Award to Michaela Trefethen. Photo: Chuck Will

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Eighth graders (back) Max Barrett, Ryan Barton, Nick Keniston, Emma Davis, Alyssa Smith, Adrian Bolte, Will Cox (in the barrel), and (front) Josiah Wagner and the new AE/MS rain barrel they painted. Photos: Jane Slayton



The Merrimack Valley High School band and chorus went to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida at the end of April. The band marched in one of the many parades at the Magic Kingdom Park. The chorus sang the following day at Downtown Disney. Both did a superb job and clearly enjoyed themselves in Florida. Students from Andover that participated were Nicholas Terwilliger in the band and Emily Lance, Katelyn Ashburn, and Trisha McDonald in the chorus. Pictured: Merrimack Valley High School band and chorus students at their hotel in Disney World. Photo: Paul O'Keefe. Caption: Nicholas Terwilliger

MVHS Grads Make Plans

MVHS press release

MVHS '12 graduates are heading in many directions after graduation.

Off to college in the fall are Danielle Adams (Keene State College); Chantal Caron (St. Anselm College, Manchester); Jesse Coffey and Edie Corey (Colby-Sawyer College); Brendan Coll, Ashleigh Fife, Ashley Lamson, Ashley Lloyd, Nicholas Shaw, and Jonathan Wagner (NHTI); Rhianna Newton (Clarion University of Pennsylvania); Joseph Rego (University of Arizona); India Thompson (Arizona State University); and Kyle Wiley (University of New Hampshire).

Adam Ellis will enter an electrician apprenticeship, while Savanna Donovan, Elise Goodwin, and Tyler Heath all plan to enter the workforce after graduation.



Billy and Jenn Coffey are proud to announce that their son, Jesse Coffey, will be attending Colby-Sawyer College in the fall.

AE/MS Eighth Grade Students Design Rain Barrels

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

The eighth grade students designed rain barrels to be used at AE/MS to collect rainwater to be used to water the school garden. This project was part of an overall unit regarding watershed education and water recycling.

The project started with an educational presentation by Andrea Lamoreaux and Robie Parsons from the New Hampshire Lakes Association. The discussion was on watersheds, pollution, and rain barrels, and students participated in hands-on activities. At the end of the workshop, the class received two rain barrels to design and paint.

Several students thought the results were interesting when they calculated their own water usage at WaterFootprint.org. There is an electronic survey that will calculate water usage after you provide your data.

Students learned that an average rainfall of one inch within a 24-hour period can produce more than 700 gallons of water that runs off the roof of a typical house. Much of the water runs from gutters onto surfaces that do not allow water to soak into the ground. The runoff collects and transports soil, pet waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizer, oil, grease, litter, and other pollutants. Polluted storm water contaminates local waterways. It can harm plants, fish, and wildlife.

The rain barrels are 55-gallon drums fitted with a vinyl hose, PVC couplings, and a screen grate. They are relatively simple to construct and sit conveniently under gutter downspouts.

The students will use the rain barrels to collect water from the roof runoff at AE/MS for use on the school garden. Rain is a naturally soft water and devoid of minerals and chemi-

icals. The garden should respond well and thrive!

The barrels will be on display at the Concord Market Days Festival on Thursday, July 19 through Friday, July



Brandon Jackson, Logan Marcus, Keith Davis, Austin Marceau, Riley Anderson, Ben Yusko, and Colby Benoit pose with a second AE/MS rain barrel. Missing: Liz Labrie.

21, in downtown Concord as part of an educational exhibit hosted by the New Hampshire Lakes Association before they return to the AE/MS courtyard to serve a useful purpose.

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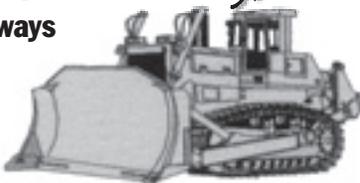
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- Mr. Jette, Linda Proctor, and Sarah Rogers for the MVHS photos
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- Robert Ofenloch and Bob Bussey, our *Beacon* volunteers, for prepping and laying out all the photos.

Thanks, one and all!



Ben Yusko



The AE/MS band played *God Bless America* and *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* during the seventh inning stretch at a recent Fisher Cats baseball game in Manchester. A good crowd from Andover attended the game. Pictured are Logan Marcus, Max Barrett, Carl Hubbard, Annika Johnson, and Betsy Abrahamson.

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Project next year, please contact me at Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com or 735-6099 so we can talk further.

Idea #2: Community-Based Fundraising

The *Andover Beacon* is a non-profit community newspaper, which means we rely on voluntary donations from individuals for a significant portion of our annual budget. The problem is that our fundraising efforts are, frankly, pretty anemic.

What we need is a really good plan for combining fundraising with our mission to give back to the community.

We have many ideas for events and projects that would make it easy and pleasant for people to donate to the *Beacon* and would, at the same time, help build a stronger community. But ideas aren't enough – we need your help in organizing the ideas, selecting a few good ones, and figuring out exactly how, when, and where to make each one happen.

If you're an MV junior who would like to gain valuable experience in community fundraising and in building stronger communities for your Senior Project next year, please contact me at Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com or 735-6099 so we can talk further.

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the ski area was affected by climate change because of our lack of snow on the mountain. This lack of snow significantly affected snow sports. Not only has climate change and extreme weather impacted Blackwater and other skiing mountains in the area but also

Proctor's maple sugaring season. It was cut short this spring due to lack of sap for tapping. My ultimate goal was to get people involved and aware that we are being impacted by climate change, and it is important to realize this. It was a great turn out, and I was so happy to see the community come together for a cause that includes everyone.

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The group always returns wet, muddy, jovial, and exuberantly sharing tales from their two-hour adventure.

Volunteers and workshop leaders arrived on SHARE Day very early to set up and prepare their materials. A table overflowing with delicious baked treats from Audrey Pellegrino's bakery in Bristol, Cornucopia, was the first stop after signing in. Students started their first workshop at 8 AM, followed by the second one at 10:15 AM.

After the morning workshops, students had bag lunches and ate with their classmates in the gym or outside on the playground. AE/MS staff members and SHARE Day volunteers enjoyed a scrumptiously delicious catered lunch from Laura Powers.

Following lunch, all the students gathered back in the gym to share their favorite parts about the morning with each other. We heard golf stories and tales of big fish and snapping turtles. SHARE Day creations were then left carefully placed on tables in the gym so that community members who attended the community spaghetti dinner that weekend would be able to see and enjoy.

Students went in two directions for afternoon entertainment. Master Storyteller Odds Bodkin regaled students in grades three through eight with his legendary storytelling. The younger

students were entertained by Magician Andrew Pinard. The magic show was thoroughly enjoyed by students and adults. The laughter could be heard on Main Street.

Students are already planning ahead as to what they would like for a workshop next year. One of the main reasons that SHARE Day continues to be such



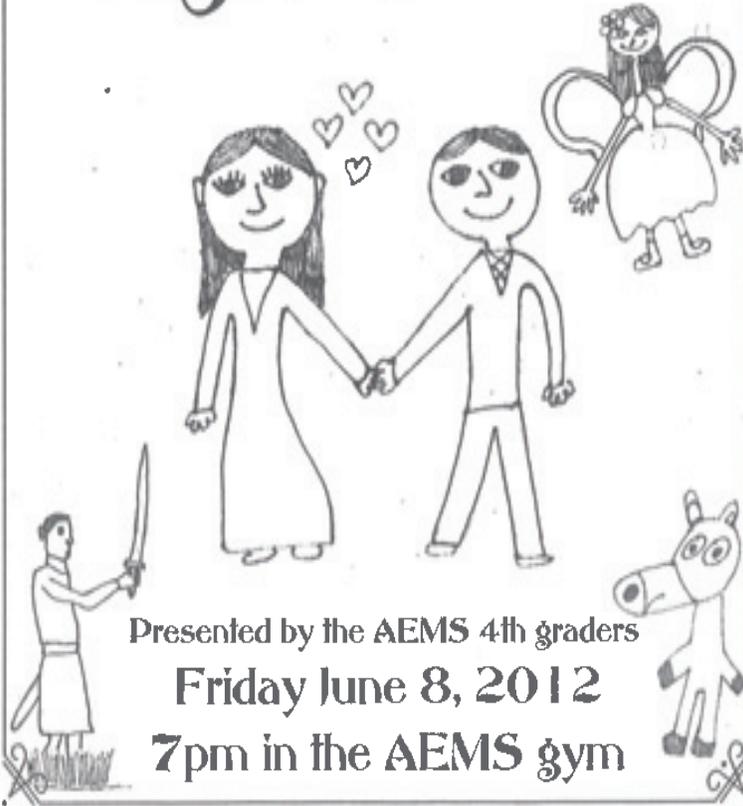
Humming and Drumming was a popular SHARE Day offering. Here, Kevin Barry, Carl Hubbard, and Noah Newton listen as Paul Hubert makes a point with his harmonica.

Photo: Charlie Darling

a special event is that it truly is a collaborative community effort. All of the activities, crafts, and lessons come directly from within our community.

The Andover community is fortunate to have so many talented and generous volunteers. Andover is also fortunate to have Gisela Darling and Jennifer Bent to pull all the talent and energy together every May into one fantastic day. If you haven't been part of the SHARE Day experience, consider joining us in May 2013 when we do it all over again.

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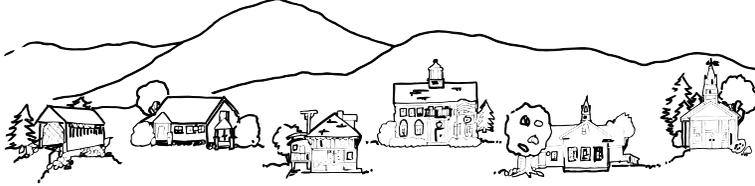
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Congratulations, all, from:

- The AE/MS Staff
- Erik & Sarah Anderson
- Nance Barrett
- Lee & Bert Carvalho
- Charlie & Sharon Darling
- Dana Darling
- Don & Marilyn Gould
- Heartwood Accounting Services
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- Melissa Newton
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- Reggie & Marj Roy
- Tucker Mountain Maple



Members of the Proctor and Andover communities turned out for this Earth Day photo with the Blackwater Ski Area in the background to raise awareness of climate change's impacts here in Andover. Photo: Mikayla Sweeney

Proctor Academy Raises Climate Change Awareness

By Mikayla Sweeney
For the Beacon

On Thursday, May 3, at 7 PM, Proctor Academy and some of the greater Andover community gathered on Carr Field to raise awareness about local climate change. The picture was taken by me, Mikayla Sweeney, a junior at Proctor, for my Environmental Social

Science class. There is a world-wide campaign on 350.org called *Connect the Dots*. It is all about connecting the dots between climate change and extreme weather. My picture was taken at the base of the Blackwater Ski Area to express how climate change has impacted the Andover community. This winter, See Proctor on page 47



As Stephanie Van Horn revealed the secrets of sushi on SHARE Day, Dillon Reed, Griffin Merriman, Jared Duquette, Nelson Makechnie, and Amanda Lauster followed along. Photo: Charlie Darling

Community Pitches In To Make Another Great SHARE Day!

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS Principal

"SHARE Day just keeps getting better every year!" was a comment I've heard over and over again from children and adults. That is quite a statement, considering that SHARE Day has been an annual event since 1987.

SHARE Day 2012 was held on May 18 and was an incredibly-packed day of art, athletics, nature, and music. Gisela Darling continues to be the energy and the master of organization behind the scenes, which in turn provides a wonderful experience for young and old.

Many community members, parents, Proctor Academy, and AE/MS faculty are involved in either offering a workshop or helping with a workshop. Recently we have noticed that many of the new volunteers are past student participants in SHARE Day who enjoyed the day when they

were in grade school and have returned to give today's students that same beneficial experience.

Some of the volunteers, Peter Southworth for example, have been volun-



Michelle Newton and Grace Delsignore were among the participants at Allison Barry's Whisper Wind Stables on SHARE Day.

Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

teering since the early days of SHARE Day. Peter continues to offer one of the most popular and coveted workshops — mountain biking. Students love following Peter along (and off) local trails.

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MVHS '13: HELP!

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

MVHS Juniors! When you start thinking about your Senior Project for next year, I hope you'll give a moment's thought to the possibility of helping *The Andover Beacon* with your efforts.

There are two very important projects I'd love to see someone tackle. Either one would be a big step forward for the *Beacon* and for the Andover community, but neither one is do-able with the *Beacon's* current resources and workload. That's where you could make a big difference!

Idea #1: Andover News Web Site

The *Beacon's* biggest handicap in serving the Andover community is that it's a monthly publication. Publishing only one issue a month is a huge limitation in trying to get important information to the community, whether it's something as big as a developing emergency situation, or something as humble as postponing a popular event by a day.

The best way to overcome this limitation is to turn *AndoverBeacon.com* into a proper news Web site. The technology to do that (I'm thinking of WordPress)

Wanted: an MVHS junior to focus their Senior Project on an Andover news Web site or on community-based fundraising events.

is free and relatively easy to use. But the planning and building of the Web site and the re-structuring of the *Beacon's* day-to-day workflow so the site stays up to date — those are both big issues that we simply can't tackle with our current resources.

If you're an MVHS junior who would like to gain valuable Web experience and experience with a non-profit community newspaper for your Senior Project, See MVHS '13 on page 47