

\$1 Million In Improvements At Ragged Mountain Resort

Press release

Ragged Mountain Resort in Danbury recently announced over \$1 million in resort improvements for the upcoming winter season. Most notably, the Exhibition trail, under New Hampshire's only high-speed six-person lift, becomes the second top-to-bottom trail at the Resort with fully computerized automated snowmaking.

Fifty of the close to 150 new low-energy, high-efficiency snow guns will be placed on Exhibition, with the rest used to bury other trails and resurface high-traffic areas around the mountain. There will also be five new fan guns, plus a new pump that will push 25% more water onto both Ragged and Spear peaks.

"What this means for our guests

is that we will be able to make more snow, earlier in the season, with a goal of opening both peaks as early in December as possible," said Bob Ashton, President of Ragged Mountain Resort.

"Over the past two seasons, we've invested more than \$2 million into snowmaking upgrades. As we begin our future expansion and development, we understand how important a state-of-the-art snowmaking and lift system is for our customers and our success."

Season passes are currently on sale, with prices starting at \$419. Opening day is scheduled for Saturday, November 24. For up-to-date news, conditions, pricing, and events, visit RaggedMountainResort.com or call 877 467-5476.



50 YEARS AGO

NOVEMBER 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.

November 4, 1962

Santa Claus will be paying an early visit this year to the Regal Theatre. On Saturday and Sunday his new movie, *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians*, will be shown, and there will be gifts for all the children, as well as many surprises!

Congratulations go to Roy Downs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Downs, Sr., and to Kathy Keyser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keyser of Shaw Hill. The couple was married at the Andover Congregational Church on Saturday, October 30.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Perley Henderson, Sr., on their 35th wedding anniversary on October 30. A surprise party was held in their Andover home that evening.

November 11, 1962

Funeral services were held for Samuel Dalton of East Andover. Mr. Dalton, 88, born in South Durham, Quebec, had lived in Northfield for 30

years before coming to Andover four years ago. He was a woodsman by trade. He is survived by his wife, Ina (Downing) Dalton of East Andover, and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Rose Hislop, also of East Andover.

Mrs. McIntyre's second grade class had a Halloween party last week. The children played "Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin." Linda Thomas and Kevin Sleeper won the prizes.

November 25, 1962

Champagne's, the family store, in Franklin is selling boneless top of the round beefsteak for 88 cents a pound.

We had our first snowstorm over the weekend, so winter is upon us.

Deer hunting started on November 10, so be careful and make sure what you are shooting at. Richard Gronbeck shot a 160-pound buck this past week. Lucky deer hunters up to this date are Richard Martin, James Bailey, Allan Keyser, Lyman Currier, Charles Barton, Wallace Currier, Jane Currier, Larry French, Erving Nelson, Buck Albee, Keith Weed, George Miller, Bradley Lugtig, Fred Miller, and Jerry Hersey (a 125-pound seven-point buck – his first).



Andover Historical Society 2013 Calendar



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A History Mystery

Just for fun, Hal Crane of Roseville, California (whose exploits we all enjoyed in Walter Walker's On the Road in 1949 columns) sent along this riddle he composed in the form of a poem. Can you figure out what book Hal is referring to, and how the river got its name? Send your answers to the Beacon; we'll publish Hal's answers next month.

Blackwater

Blackwater; Blackwater!
Oh, river of my youth, how ominous your name!

And I can but wonder from whence it came.

For on your banks up near the Wilmot line,
In the old farmhouse that still proudly bears
Your name, as a boy I grew, and it was
Only clear water that I knew!

The answer lies in a book of history;
Visit there to solve this mystery.
And if to that book you go
Tell us why, that we all may know!

Wilmot Historical Society

By Lindy Heim

Wilmot Historical Society

The Wilmot Historical Society (WHS) will hold its Annual Meeting at the Wilmot Community Association's red barn next to the Wilmot Post Office at 64 Village Road in Wilmot Flat on Sunday afternoon, November 11, at 1 PM with a fun program to follow.

The meeting, including election of officers and changes to the by-laws, will take place at 1 PM, followed by a refreshment break. The program – "Foto" Fest – will follow shortly thereafter and will feature digitized photographs from the Wilmot Historical Society's collection as well as photos brought in by attendees, which will be digitized and shared via a large-screen

television.

Be sure to come early and bring a thumb drive if you would like to have your Wilmot pictures scanned for sharing with the Wilmot Historical Society.

There will also be displays from the WHS collection, WHS membership opportunities (for new or renewing members), live music, and refreshments. The Curiosity Shop will be open for business, selling the popular Donald Hall DVD as well as other WHS publications.

The event is being offered at no charge and is open to the general public. For more information, contact Marc at 927-4596 or MarcSDavis@tds.net.



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