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2012 Town Report Published in New Size

More room for text and numbers; same cost

By Carly Strathdee, *Beacon* intern

The Andover Town Report underwent apparent and essential changes this year, increasing from 5.5 by 8.5 inches to 8.5 by 11 inches, the size of standard letter paper. The Board of Selectmen made the decision as a solution to a major problem: how to fit considerably more information in the Town Report without spending significantly

more money.

Past Town Reports were bound in a method that could only handle 120 pages plus the cover. However, the 2012 report surpassed this limit. The Board of Selectmen considered multiple solutions, including a new binding technique, which would have cost substantially more money; and decreasing font size, which would have diminished readability. The Board's decision to increase page size saved about 14% of the cost and improved readability. 

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Eric and Leonard Johnson fired up the evaporator at Tucker Mountain Maple for the first boil of 2013 on February 16. Photo: Heide Johnson

Maple Weekend on Tap for Andover Sugarhouses

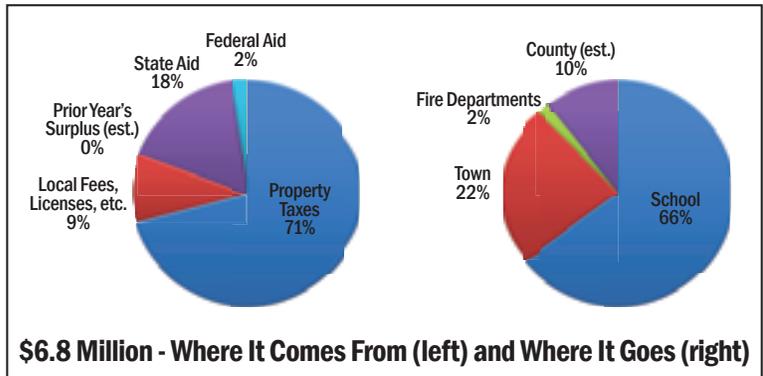
March 23 and 24 is New Hampshire Maple Weekend

Press release

The 2013 maple season is underway for Andover sugarhouses. Local sugarmakers as well as other producers around the state have begun the annual ritual of converting the clear sap into

the liquid gold we all love: maple syrup. Governor Maggie Hassan has declared Saturday, March 23, and Sunday, March 24, as New Hampshire Maple Weekend. Maple Weekend is an annual open house held by the maple producers of the state to showcase their amber-colored liquid jewel and the products

See *Maple* on page 3



2013 Budgets Set for Annual Meetings

By Charlie Darling, *Beacon* staff

Budgets for 2013 for the Andover School District, the Town, and the Fire Departments have been finalized by the Budget Committee and will be presented to voters at the annual meetings. The finalized budgets are the same as discussed in detail in the front-page article in the February issue of the *Beacon*. (Old issues of the *Beacon* can be read online at AndoverBeacon.com –

click the “Beacon Archives” link.)

The net 2013 Town budget, including recommended warrant articles, is up by about \$123,000 from last year's comparable figure. The net School Budget recommended by the Budget Committee is up from last year by about \$146,000. The bottom line for Andover taxpayers, including small decreases in the fire department budgets, is an overall

See *Budgets* on page 2

New Check-In Policy for Town Meeting

Quick ballot votes, legal show-of-hands votes are the goal

By Carly Strathdee, *Beacon* intern

Town Moderator Dan Coolidge has set in place a new check-in policy for Town Meeting that has been adopted by many other New Hampshire towns to improve the legality of show-of-hand votes and to speed up ballot votes.

The new policy will require Andover residents to get an Andover Voter Card and a set of three color-coded yes/no ballots when they check in upon arrival at Town Meeting that evening. Check-in for Town Meeting and the new voter card and yes/no ballots will be available after 6 PM.

During the meeting, if a show-of-hands vote becomes necessary, cardholders will vote by waving their voter

card in the air. Only hands holding a voter card will be counted.

If during Town Meeting a ballot vote becomes necessary, the new check-in policy will really earn its keep. Instead of lining up for a 45-minute check-in process, voters will simply show the ballot clerk their Andover Voter Card and hand in one of the yes/no ballots they were given earlier.

“Remember,” Dan cautions, “you only get one Andover Voter Card and one set of yes/no ballots. If you lose it or forget to bring it to Town Meeting, it can't be replaced.”

The new check-in policy will be a big change for many residents; however, Town officials have been working to construct a smooth and quick-moving process which will benefit the Town and the voters. 

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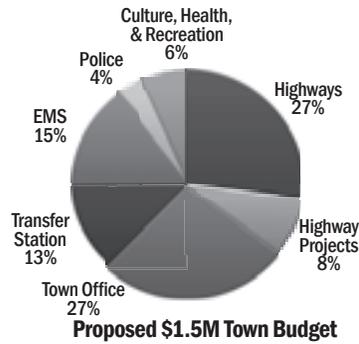
2013 Tax Rate

This early in the game, it's impossible to say exactly how much these budget increases, if approved by School District Meeting and Town Meeting, will impact Andover tax rates this fall. At this time of year, there are always at least two major unknowns when thinking about the fall tax rates:

Revenue: The Selectmen, the Budget Committee, and Town and School District Meetings together have quite a bit of control over "the budget," but "the budget" is primarily about expenses. None of us have much control at all over the other half of the equation, which are the revenues that the Town and the School District receive.

Turn to pages 18 and 19 of the Andover Town Report 2012 (see page 1 of this issue of the *Beacon* for

information on how to get your copy, or read the Town Report online at Bit.ly/YvXPAR) and you'll see that there are hundreds of thousands of dollars the Town takes in every year to reduce property taxes. Page 72 of the Town Report lists well over a million dollars



of revenue that the School District receives.

But you'll notice that the 2013 revenue figures are just projections. At this time of year, no one can say for sure what that the actual total revenue for the coming year will be.

Merrimack County: On page 25 of the Town Report, you'll see that 15% of our 2012 property taxes went to running Merrimack County. But unlike the Town and School District expenses, we don't get to decide how much we spend on county expenses. Instead, the county tells us how much we owe, and they don't tell us until close to the end of the year. So there's another big number (over \$712,000 last year) that's up in the

air at this point.

When we do hear from Merrimack County later this year, the news may be much the same as last year. Writing on page 12 of last month's *Beacon*, Merrimack County Commissioner Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh said that the proposed county budget for this year is within about a quarter of a percent of being flat-funded (i.e. the same total amount as last year).

Town Budget

The proposed 2013 net budget for the Town, including warrant articles, is up almost 9% over last year. Pushing the numbers up this year are:

- **Highways and Bridges Projects:** up \$62,500. The Road Agent will be tackling four of the most problematic town roads this year.
- **Town Office:** Budgeted higher this year, as explained in the front-page article in the February *Beacon*. Almost \$15,000 has been added for additional staff expenses; \$14,300 for improved computer systems and services; and \$10,000 for a proper emergency generator installation.
- **Andover Police Department:** Expenses are up about \$20,000, which includes the increased cost of benefits and money for hiring an additional part-time police officer due to new state limitations on the number of hours our existing part-time officers can work.

The net 2013 Town budget, including warrant articles, as recommended by the Budget Committee and the Selectmen, is up by about \$123,000 (or 9%) from last year's comparable figure.

Town Meeting votes every year on the Budget Committee's proposed budget (the highlighted figures on pages 14 through 17 of the Town Report). But the Selectmen can also propose their own set of budget figures each year in the column to the left of the Budget Committee's figures, and the meeting is free to consider the merits of each figure.

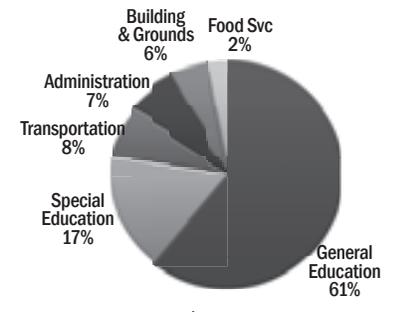
This year, the Selectmen and the Budget Committee agree on all the budget figures, as well as on all the warrant articles, so the bottom-line recommended budget from each is the same.

School District Budget
The Budget Committee's proposed 2013 net budget for the Andover School District, including warrant articles, is for a total appropriation of \$4.50 million. This proposed budget shows an

increase of nearly \$146,000 (3.4%) over the net appropriation of \$4.35 million voted for 2012.

Contributing to the increase in the Budget Committee's recommended budget this year were:

- **Regular Education:** up about \$135,000
- **Special Education:** increases in benefits and Special Ed tuition total about \$32,000
- **Teachers' Contract:** about \$36,000 in step-only increases kick in this year
- **Buildings and Grounds:** about \$10,000 less for maintenance, re-



pair, and electricity

The Andover School Board's proposed budget differs from the Budget Committee's on several points this year. The School Board's proposed budget (the third column of figures on pages 69 through 71 of the Town Report) includes about \$64,000 to fund an additional fourth grade teacher next year. The Budget Committee's figures (the fourth column, highlighted) don't include that additional money.

The two bodies also differ over Warrant Article 6, which would provide another \$64,000 to change the kindergarten at AE/MS from a half-day program to a full-day program.

Attend the Meetings!

To be a part of the decision process regarding the school budget, plan to attend the annual Andover School District meeting on Monday, March 4, at 7 PM in the Andover Elementary/Middle School gym.

The Town budget will be discussed and voted on at the annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, at 7 PM in the Andover Elementary/Middle School gym. All voters are urged to attend both these important meetings to participate in the discussions and to vote on the appropriations.

TAX DELINQUENCIES

As of December 31, 2009, the Andover Tax Collector reported \$500,113 in unpaid property taxes owed to the town. As of December 31, 2010 the figure was \$385,007, down 23% from a year earlier. As of December 31, 2011 the figure was \$507,972, up 32% from a year earlier. For this year, the December 31, 2012 figure was \$510,735, up about half a percent from 2011.

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Basking in a cold February sun, Proctor Academy's new 273-panel solar array should generate 90,000 kilowatt hours a year, avoiding 139,000 tons of carbon that fossil fuels would spill into the atmosphere.

Photo: Charlie Darling

Proctor is Latest Area School to Add Solar

“Substantially more cost effective” than fossil fuel

By Kenston Dearborn, for the Beacon

Two local schools have seen the value in making a commitment to harnessing solar energy. Both Colby-Sawyer College in New London and Proctor Academy in Andover are prime displays of harnessing the sun's abundant energy while not spewing waste into the atmosphere or into the environment.

You can see Proctor's solar array when you drive through Andover. Both schools also serve as prime examples of other ways in which waste can be reduced in day-to-day activities.

At Proctor this can be seen when viewing the white smoke that billows from a stack that used to spew the smoke of coal from the early 1930s until 1962, when oil-burning furnaces were installed to feed Proctor's campus-wide steam plant.

In 2008, Proctor supplemented the 1962 oil furnaces with the Walt Wright '49 Biomass Plant, which operates at approximately 700% greater efficiency than the oil furnaces. In one week, the plant burns almost 100 tons of locally-harvested wood chips, which cost approximately the same as one day's worth of #4 fuel oil. Today, 21 Proctor

buildings are heated by locally-grown wood as opposed to coal or oil.

At Proctor, 273 US-made panels generate 90,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a year, offsetting 139,000 pounds of carbon that would have otherwise been pumped into the atmosphere.

Colby-Sawyer College has 517 panels on the roofs of four campus buildings. The installation of the 127 kW solar array is a significant step toward the college's long-term goal of becoming a carbon-neutral campus by 2050. The college anticipates a 197,990-pound reduction in its carbon emissions in the first year alone.

“With the tremendous reduction in solar electric panel prices since 2008,” the two schools illustrate how “solar power is actually substantially more cost effective than traditional fossil fuel-based power generators,” says Steve Condon, sales and marketing manager with ReVision.

Colby-Sawyer was first, but both schools used ReVision Energy in Exeter to invest in solar power. At Proctor, the Wilkins Meeting House is used for solar because it's aligned within five degrees of solar south. The array at Proctor is very new; it was just powered up on January 2.

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made from it.

Nearly 100 sugar houses – including Tucker Mountain Maple at 224 Tucker Mountain Road in Andover and Wychwood Farm, 42 Shaw Hill Road in Andover – will be offering samples of syrup, maple products, and refreshments.

Wychwood Farm will be open from 9 AM to 5 PM on both Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24, for Maple Weekend. Both days, Don and Lorraine Cline will be offering refreshments and, at 1 PM each day, there will be a snowshoe tour or hike (depending upon snow cover) of the farm's sugarbush.

Tucker Mountain Maple (TMM)

will be open from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday and will be offering coffee and donuts to the early visitors. In addition, Tucker Mountain Maple will be open from 10 AM to 3 PM on Sunday with a complimentary cookout starting at noon. Follow TMM on Facebook for details on when they'll be boiling during other times in March.

Join the fun at a local sugar house. Producers will be happy to discuss how sap is turned into syrup. Experience the centuries-old craft, and taste why pure New Hampshire maple syrup has long been a delicious harbinger of spring.

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His interactions with us – and with the individuals involved – were thoughtful and compassionate. In addition, he assisted us in updating security features at the shop. We feel very grateful to

have such quality law enforcement resources available.

Thank you, Officer Shaw!

Linda S. Barnes
Antiques and Artisans Too

Opinions on specific warrant articles appear this month in the **Issues at Town Meeting** (page 10) and **Issues at School District Meeting** (page 13) sections.

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Flu Vaccines: Know the Facts

By Laura Condon, New Hampshire Director of Advocacy for National Vaccine Information Center

The flu reports have been non-stop this season. You can't miss them on the radio, on the TV, or even in *The Andover Beacon*. Last month there was an update on flu count for all schools within the district. It seems that diagnosed flu cases in local schools are few or non-existent. That's great news.

There was additional advice from New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) promoting the flu shot. At that time it was reported that there were 14 "influenza-related" deaths. The public should be aware that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and DHHS utilize a calculated average of pneumonia deaths as "influenza-related" deaths, even if the individual never had the flu. Unfortunately, this misrepresents the risk that flu presents.

Death from various causes can be found at the CDC National Vital Statistics Reports. The 2011 preliminary reports indicate that in the US, 52,136 died of pneumonia, but only 1,532 died from influenza. DHHS's report that an average of 25,000 people die each year due to influenza is not an accurate representation of the facts.

It has often been reported that vaccination is the best and/or most important step to take to prevent the flu. However, there has been no scientific study comparing vaccination to the many other healthful and safe measures an individual can take to prevent flu and promote wellness. A healthy lifestyle, a

nutritious diet, plenty of water, exercise in the sunshine, sufficient sleep, stress reduction, hand washing with soap, and staying away from sick people are all proven, safe, and effective measures to prevent not only the flu but other illnesses as well.

For those who wish to consider influenza vaccination, it is important to consider the value and the risks of this medical procedure. While flu shots are given out like candy everywhere you turn, the public should be aware that vaccines are no assurance of protection and are associated with risks to health from side effects. The decision to vaccinate or not is a serious medical decision.

While it is required that every patient be provided with a Vaccine Information Sheet (VIS), that information is limited and condensed. Every vaccinator should also have available for you the prescribing information provided by the manufacturer. It would be good to ask for that information and then go home and read it and consider if you have further questions before consenting to vaccination.

You may consider these resources as well:

- National Vaccine Information Center
- Centers for Disease Control

We all play a role in preventing the spread of illness by keeping ourselves healthy and strong, be it by healthy lifestyle practices or vaccination. The important thing is to ask questions so you can make the best decision for yourself. Get the facts. It's your body. It's your health.

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Lois Fierro's name was misspelled in the list of artists from the 1970s that appeared in the December/January article about the Creative Arts Association of Andover. We regret the error.

Correction

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Mario Ratzki Reports from Concord: February 2013

The main event in Concord this week (February 11 to 17) was the unveiling of Governor Hassan's budget for fiscal years 2014-2015. I have a copy of the budget summary and would be glad to lend it to anyone interested.

In this budget, the governor will make some assumptions about revenues; for instance, a raise in the cigarette tax and a windfall from a new casino. The budget is then forwarded to the Ways and Means Committee in the House, where committee members cannot make these assumptions because they do not know whether the bills (cigarette tax increases, casino revenues) will pass the House and the Senate. So the governor's budget at this point is a "wish list," an approximation of the final product.

Nevertheless, some general highlights:

- Full restoration of funds for community colleges
- Partial restoration of funds to the university system
- Increases in psychiatric beds
- Partial restoration of children's programs
- Expansion of Medicaid (\$2.5 billion

of federal funds)

- Full funding of \$1.9 billion in aid to local schools
- Doubling the research and development (R&D) tax credit for businesses
- \$19 million for career and education centers
- \$18 million in additional charter school funding
- \$46 million in building aid for schools
- \$45 million in catastrophic aid for schools
- Hiring of 10 new state troopers
- Three new attorneys for the Attorney General's office

These are just some of the highlights. Keep in mind that these numbers reflect the full funding amount, including new increases in some cases.

So now the real fun begins: a mountain of bills to consider. House bills go to the Senate, and Senate bills to the House in what is aptly called "cross-over."

On a lighter note, I would add that the atmosphere in the House is still congenial, although we killed the "right to work" bill in a pretty much partisan vote. I believe eight Republicans joined Democrats in doing so, but it would have been higher than that if the bill had had any chance of passing. Politics!

Coming soon: casino bills and road toll/gas tax bills. I will keep you posted. I am always available at 735-5440, or e-mail me at MarioRatzki@gmail.com.

My next monthly meeting will be in Danbury on Thursday, March 28, hopefully with Senator Forrester and Representative Karrick. If you plan to attend, contact me for confirmation.

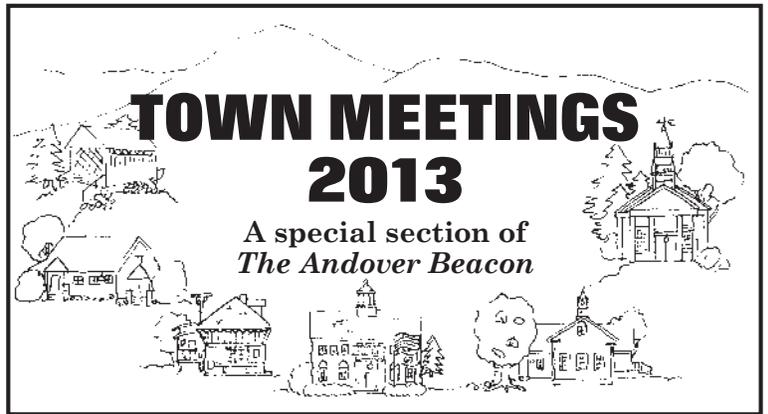
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SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

March 4, 7 PM

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TOWN MEETINGS SPECIAL EDITION

By Charlie Darling, *Beacon* staff

This month, voters in Andover are called upon to make important decisions that will set our taxes and guide our town for the coming year. We'll elect over a dozen of our neighbors to positions in Town and School District governing bodies, and we'll close the books on 2012 with the annual Town Report.

This month's *Beacon* coverage of this very important season includes:

- A summary of the budgets we'll vote on at School District Meeting and Town Meeting – Page 1.
- A facsimile of the ballots for Town and School District voting – Page 7.
- Profiles of many of the local candidates for office – Page 8.
- Discussion of issues that will appear on the Town Warrant – Page 10.
- The Town Warrant we'll vote on at Town Meeting, annotated to make the official language easier to understand – Page 11.
- Discussion of issues that will appear on the School District Warrant – Page 13.
- The School District Warrant we'll vote on at School District Meeting, annotated to make the official language easier to understand – Page 14.
- Reports on 2012 from many of the

organizations that serve our community, rounding out the annual "snapshot" of Andover that appears in the 2012 Town Report – Page 25.

Important Dates

Here are the dates you need to keep in mind in order to participate fully in this important time of year:

Saturday, March 2 – Supervisor of the Checklist available to correct the checklist and register new voters, Town Hall, 11 to 11:30 AM.

Monday, March 4 – Andover School District Meeting, AE/MS Gym, 7 PM.

Monday, March 4 – Andover Village District Annual Meeting, Andover Town Hall, 7 PM.

Tuesday, March 12 – Voting, AE/MS Gym, 11:00 AM to 7 PM.

Tuesday, March 12 – Andover Town Meeting, AE/MS Gym, 7 PM.

Tuesday, March 19 – East Andover Fire Precinct Annual Meeting, East Andover Fire Station, 7:30 PM.

Wednesday, March 20 – Andover Fire District Annual Meeting, Andover Fire Station, 7:30 PM.

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These are the Town and School District officers on the ballot for Tuesday, March 12, 11 AM to 7 PM, at AE/MS.

Town Officers Ballot

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

SELECTMAN
for Three Years

Vote for ONE

John Duncan Coolidge

Jeffrey D. Miller

Howard L. Wilson

LIBRARY TRUSTEE
for Three Years

Vote for TWO

Janet Moore

Susan Chase

BUDGET COMMITTEE
for Three Years

Vote for TWO

Mary Anne Levesque

Edwin R. Hiller

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR
for Three Years

Vote for ONE

Joanna Sumner

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
for Three Years

Vote for ONE

CEMETERY TRUSTEE
for Three Years

Vote for ONE

Mary Anne Levesque

School District Officers Ballot

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary School District officers for the year ensuing.

SCHOOL BOARD
for Three Years

Vote for TWO

Anne E. Swayze

Charles S. McCrave

SCHOOL CLERK
for One Year

Vote for ONE

Christie Coll

SCHOOL MODERATOR
for One Year

Vote for ONE

SCHOOL TREASURER
for One Year

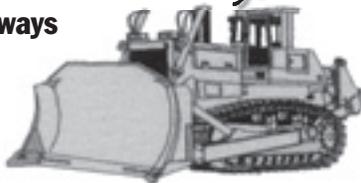
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ON THE BALLOT - MARCH 12, 2013

The Beacon asked every candidate running for a state or county office to submit 250 words and a picture.

Selectman

John Duncan Coolidge



I'm Duncan Coolidge, and I'm running for Selectman. I have been a resident of Andover for more than 30 years, so many of you may already know me. I'm running because I care greatly about this town and with my judgment, experience, and willingness to tackle complex problems, I would like to offer my service. Our small town is a wonderful community, and I am so glad that we made our home here among all the good people of Andover.

As a candidate for Selectman, I want to share my perspective on the job. With our town's limited financial resources, living within our means is simply an essential reality. Complying with a host of state and federal requirements is necessary to avoid fines and service restrictions, and thoughtful planning and careful attention to frugal implementation can minimize costs. Everyone must be represented fairly so all of us have equal access to what our town has to offer. At the same time, each of us must respect and accept the responsibilities that go along with membership in our community.

There are many challenges, and I think new approaches to old problems are needed. Careful advance information gathering and planning need to be done in addition to addressing the day-to-day community needs. We can save money by thinking ahead – not beating out brushfires. As an example, developing an appropriate area of town-owned land to attract desirable manufacturing businesses can improve our tax revenue base. I think this is a better way to address our financial needs than continuing to rely so heavily on family property taxes. It can also provide local job opportunities for residents and reduce their commuting expenses.

I am hoping to serve you as a selectman, and if elected, I will work hard to repay your confidence serving everyone with respect and fairness. Best regards to all, Duncan

Jeffrey D. Miller

I joined the East Andover Volunteer Fire Department in 1993 at the age of 17, after attending Vermont Technical College for a year and a half, then returning home to Andover. I have worked in a variety of fields and now run my own business doing carpentry and landscaping.



Order of Candidates on the Ballot

New Hampshire RSA 656:5-a defines the order in which candidates' names will appear on the ballots. For the sake of consistency with the ballot, the *Beacon's* On the Ballot section follows the same scheme.

The essence of the RSA 656:5-a scheme is that as an election draws near, the Secretary of State's office picks a random number for each possible number of candidates in a race. The candidate whose position in a specific race's alphabetical list of candidates matches the random number chosen for races with that number of candidates becomes the candidate who is listed first on the ballot. The ballot for that race continues from that point in the alphabetical list, wrapping back to the beginning of the list to include all the candidates.

In other words, if candidates A, B, and C are running against each other and the Secretary of State randomly selects the number 2 for races with three candidates, then the candidates will appear on the ballot in this order: B, C, A.

My company, Miller Property Maintenance, has worked for the Town for the last four years.

I have been a member of the Andover Rescue Squad since 1998. I have also been a member of the Fourth of July Committee, and I am a Cub Scout Den Leader.

I feel that we have a lot of challenges on the plate for the Board of Selectmen, and I am willing to serve as long as the town will have me. I moved to Andover when I was six and have seen the changes we have made for better or worse.

I hope to approach the job of Selectman with a common-sense attitude. I hear from people a lot of concerns regarding the budget and will do my best to keep budgets as low as possible.

However, there are a lot of items that the town has put off until it could better afford to deal with them. We as a town will have to address these issues in the coming years. We probably are in no better place to afford some of these items now as compared to when they first cropped up, but unfortunately, our roads and bridges can no longer wait.

Howard L. Wilson



In that the Federal Reserve has been ordered to keep the printing presses running night and day printing as much inflation as the economic ignoramus at the top of the federal heap doesn't know a thing about, the expenses of the Town will continue to climb even while the value of the dollar declines.

I would thank the Budget Committee for their efforts to keep the budgeted amounts level even while failing to keep expenses level due to the loss of value of the dollar.

Yes, the complaint will be leveled against me that the Board of Selectmen is not much of a platform as a federal office. Yet if no one complains, nothing will happen anywhere especially by our beloved Federal Government.

I am certain that everyone reading this statement has watched the steady climb of gas prices being the most visible sign of inflation's effects. Yet if you check in grocery stores, even discount stores, you will see the cost/price condition.

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tion as well. If nothing is done soon, this nation will become a Socialist Banana Republic led by an individual who has been less-than-truthful and transparent about his birth as a foreign national with large amounts of fraud to put him where he is at present and a congress that seems to fear him enough that they are unwilling to remove him from office for his lack of citizen status.

Library Trustee

Janet Moore



I hope to continue as a Library Trustee for at least another three years. My work in a high school library has certainly prepared me, as have years of teaching English and reading voraciously, for promoting all that is wonderful about public libraries. The Andover community has increased its usage of both libraries in the past two years as the two libraries have increased their offerings of programs, technology, and new books. I love being a part of the town this way and will continue to keep these warm and welcoming places accessible for everyone.

Susan Chase



I'd welcome the opportunity to serve on the Library Board of Trustees, helping the libraries confront the challenges of the digital age and continue to develop as vital community resources. Now that we live just up the street from the Bachelier Library in East Andover, we've given up our membership in the New London Library, realizing that our little local libraries do an amazing job with few resources. There's always something that interests me on the "new books" shelf, I enjoy the Andover Book Club discussions, and both librarians are glad to request any book through the state's inter-library loan program.

I've served as an alternate trustee this year and have gotten interested in trying to "tighten up" the Bachelier Library building to reduce high heating costs. We're currently seeking estimates on insulating the building and installing a new, high-efficiency boiler, hoping to qualify for rebates offered by New Hampshire Electric Co-op to help offset the costs of energy efficiencies that will save money in future years.

I'm a fairly new year-round resident of Andover, having spent many summers at our camp on Bradley Lake. Three years ago, my husband Larry and I decided it was time to make our home here full-time, and we've happily settled into our old farmhouse.

Budget Committee

Mary Anne Levesque



My name is Mary Anne Levesque. I was born and raised in Massachusetts. In my career I have been an electronics technician, driven semi tractors, and delivered liquid natural gas. I currently work for Liberty Utilities as a Technician A or "Foreman."

In every job I have given my best efforts. I believe in hard work and responsibility.

Thirteen years ago, I came to Andover and the town of Andover welcomed me. Perhaps you have seen me at Town Meeting, or on Highland Lake or at the Fire Department Christmas tree sale.

In 2010, when no one ran for Cemetery Trustee, I volunteered. In October of 2012, I was asked to replace Mr. Keyser on the Budget Committee when he was unable to fulfill his term, and again I volunteered.

I believe it is up to each person to do what they can to make this town better for us all. I would like to continue to serve my town to the best of my abilities, and so I ask you to vote for me, Mary Anne Levesque, for Budget Committee and Cemetery Trustee.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Joanna Sumner

Many of you know me because you come into the office to take care of vehicle registrations, to license your dog, or to pay on your property taxes. I have been serving as Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the past year and Deputy for the previous five years. New residents come in to establish residency, register to vote, or re-title their vehicles. I love seeing everyone. I love saying, "Welcome to town."

Even though the State Department of Labor has required us to secure our office, we do not personally feel it necessary to lock out our friends and neighbors. However, we must comply. You will still be greeted with a smile and treated with respect and dignity.

I will continue to work hard to make licensing your dog, titling your new vehicles, paying your taxes, registering to vote, or getting a marriage license as pleasant and efficient as possible.

I thank you in advance for your support.

School Treasurer

Shirley H. Currier

I am running for a seventh term as Andover School District Treasurer. I am a graduate of Hesser Business College and did the accounting for the Andover Village Store and Currier and Phelps

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ISSUES AT TOWN MEETING

Here's what you need to know about the Town warrant.

By Vicky Mishcon, Board of Selectmen

This introduction of Andover's 2013 Town Warrant will give you important background information and justifications of an unusually long list of warrant articles. (Unusually long for Andover, that is. Many towns have much longer lists!)

The first five articles are housekeeping. Some will be familiar (Article 1: "To choose all necessary officers..."), and others are required by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration to establish or renew the Town's authority to conduct certain business.

Article 2: To issue tax anticipation notes. This allows the Town to borrow money until we receive tax revenue at the end of the year.

Article 3: To allow the Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend unanticipated money from government or private sources without further action from Town Meeting. Without this article, the Town could not accept and expend in the same year.

Article 4: To allow the Selectmen to accept gifts of personal property offered to the Town for public purposes.

Article 5: To authorize the Tax Col-

lector to accept pre-payment of taxes.

Article 6 is the Town Budget. This year, there is no difference between the Selectmen's recommendations and the Budget Committee's proposals. Both support and recommend the full budget as presented in the Town Report.

Article 7 is asking the voters to expand the purpose of the Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund. The fund was initially established to build up reserves for the Town's 20% portion

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When you go to Town Meeting and School District Meeting this year, remember this:

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of large projects requiring State Building Aid. State Building Aid money is not as available as it once was. After the Morrill Hill Road Bridge project this year, the next State aid won't be available to Andover until 2022.

With the condition of our bridges steadily deteriorating, the Selectmen would like to be able to tap into the

Bridge Capital Reserve Fund if an emergency repair is needed that our operating budget cannot accommodate. To that end, we are asking the town to vote to expand the purpose of the fund to include "Town Bridge Improvement Projects and State Bridge Aid Improvement Projects, and to appoint the Selectmen as Agents to Expend."

Article 9 addresses money needed for road improvement projects. This year, the request is to allow the Town to expend up to \$150,000 on the following projects:

- Overlay (top coat) of Bradley Lake Road
 - Improve Apple Crest Lane with pipes, gravel, ditching, and repaving
 - Restructure Pancake Road with gravel, a 2" base, culvert pipes, and repaving
 - Ditching and top coat of Mill Road
- Articles 8 and Articles 10 through 16 are all related to putting money into the Town's capital reserve funds.

Article 17 addresses last year's reorganization of the Recreation Committee. In the interest of improving accountability and ease of bookkeeping, the Selectmen and the Recreation Committee are asking the voters to allow them to create a revolving fund for the purpose of receiving fees and charges for programs and services.

Instead of raising taxes to cover the cost of programs such as ski, basketball, soccer, and swim programs, the fees will go directly into the revolving fund and can be expended for the same purposes.

Article 18 will allow the Recreation Committee to expend money from the Blackwater Park Fund to work toward completing the park building.

Article 19 asks to allow the Selectmen to expend money from the Cileyville-Bog Bridge fund for repairs to the covered bridge. This fund was established by a committee which was created to raise money to preserve the bridge. As the committee is no longer active, the Selectmen would like to be-

come "agents to expend" so that the funds will be available for additional repairs.

In 2012, the Department of Transportation found the stone supports to be deficient and ordered the Town to close the bridge to pedestrian traffic. The Town repaired the stone supports with money from the highway budget.

Article 20 is on the warrant for several reasons. Some residents who have thought about installing wind or solar energy systems have said they wouldn't follow through if the installation would be taxed. Others have already installed their systems and have asked about tax exemptions.

The Andover Energy Group, a local non-governmental committee, has recommended that Andover provide a renewable energy tax exemption to encourage and enable more people to install renewable energy systems. It is one small step that we can take locally to help promote alternative (non-fossil fuel) energy use in our state.

The New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning has provided sample wording for the warrant article pursuant to RSA 72: 61-72. You will notice that the article calls for exempting the total assessed cost of the installation only, and that it does not reduce the property assessment for tax purposes. By implementing it as a tax neutral policy, homeowners do not have a disincentive of higher property taxes for installing a renewable energy system, and since there is no net reduction in municipal tax revenues, other taxpayers in a municipality are not affected. Eighty-five New Hampshire cities and towns have already adopted RSA 72: 61-72.

This article is for solar and wind energy installations only.

Article 21 is on the warrant because the Town has not adjusted the values for the Elderly Tax Exemption since 2006. To be eligible, a senior's assets cannot exceed \$75,000 (excluding the home in which they reside). Assets include, but are not limited to, all other real estate

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WARRANT ARTICLES - TOWN MEETING 2013

The following are the warrant articles that the Andover Town Meeting 2013 will vote on. Background information is provided, where appropriate, in square brackets [].

Voting for the election of officials will be open on Tuesday, March 12, from 11 AM to 7 PM at the Andover Elementary/Middle School gym. As soon as the polls close, Town Meeting will begin to consider the following warrant articles.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot)

[This happens by ballot voting from 11 AM to 7 PM on Tuesday, March 12, in the AE/MS gym.]

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize indefinitely, or until rescinded, the Selectmen to accept the provision of RSA 33:7, to issue tax an-

icipation notes. (This is a housekeeping article only.) (Majority vote required.)

[Because New Hampshire is not a "Home Rule" state, the town must periodically cite specific New Hampshire laws as the source of the town's authority for the way it does business. That's what this year's "housekeeping" warrant articles (Articles 2 through 5) accomplish.]

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of RSA 31:95-b providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the Town Meeting, unanticipated money from a State, Federal, or other Governmental unit or a private source which becomes

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owned, bank account balances, CDs, IRAs, mutual funds, stocks, bonds, automobiles and all other goods which are owned and saleable.

If qualified, a person 65 to 74 years of age would see the assessment on their home reduced by \$40,000 for a property tax savings of \$739. At 75 to 79 years of age, the assessment would be reduced by \$60,000 for a savings of \$1,109. At 80 years and older, the reduction would be \$70,000 for a \$1,294 savings. (Savings amounts are based on a tax rate of \$18.46.)

In 2012, five Andover residents qualified for a total reduction of \$180,000 in assessed property value. The reduction saved the five residents a total of \$3,328 in taxes. Assuming 75 cents per \$1,000 change in budgets or revenue, that savings for seniors added about \$2.50 to the tax bill of a typical \$200,000 property in Andover. If the warrant article is approved, we don't anticipate the number of qualifying residents to change significantly next year.

Highway Maintenance Study Committee (Warrant Article 22) By Andy Guptill

As many of you know one, of the largest portions of our town budget is our highway system. Our road agent and his predecessors, in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen, have on numerous occasions pointed out that next to our school, it is our largest investment and biggest chunk of our tax bill. In tough times, it becomes the easiest target for cuts, and we have continued to "kick the can down the road" over time, causing a serious deterioration in this investment.

I do not believe that one person or board has the answer to solve this problem, however I do believe that we as a community need to have a serious fact-based discussion to come up with

viable and efficient solutions. At the March 12th Town Meeting, I will make a motion from the floor under the final warrant article, entitled "other business," to adopt a referendum instructing the Selectmen to form a committee of those residents knowledgeable in highway infrastructure and/or municipal finance to research possible changes to our highway maintenance system and report back to Town Meeting in 2014 with their findings and recommendations. (Items under this article are not legally binding, however historically the Selectmen honor the wishes of the voters, as they work for us.)

My hope is that this committee would work similarly to the committee that researched our fire departments and come back with several options for the voters to choose from, as I feel that in several instances in the past, many voters would have supported some changes, just not the changes that were presented as a single option.

We have many people in town who are very knowledgeable in this field. To present a good plan to the town, it will take solid fact-based numbers, with everything placed out for each option. If we are willing to have this open, civil discussion, I believe that we as a community can do just as was done with our now more-efficient single fire department and move toward a better, more-efficient community.

I hope you will support this motion. Remember: voting in favor of it is not a vote to change anything. It is simply a vote to look into our options going forward as a community.

Ballot from page 9

Garage for 30+ years. I have also been the treasurer for the Andover Fourth of July Committee for over 25 years, as well as treasurer for the Andover Historical Society. I enjoy this type of work, and would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, March 12.

available during the fiscal year. (This is a housekeeping article only.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of personal property which may be offered to the Town for any public purpose, pursuant to RSA 31:95-e. The Selectmen must hold a Public Hearing before accepting such gift(s), and the acceptance shall not bind the Town to raise, appropriate, or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any such personal property. (This is a housekeeping article only.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes pursuant to RSA 80:52-a. (This is a housekeeping article only.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-six Dollars (\$1,309,936) which represents the operating budget. (This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[This is the usual "approve the budget" warrant article. The amount mentioned in this article does not in-

clude any of the amounts mentioned in any of the other warrant articles. The amounts of all the warrant articles that pass (including this one) get added together to determine the final 2013 Town budget.]

[See "2013 Budgets Set For Annual Meetings" on page 1 of this issue and the complete Town budget on page 14 of the Andover Town Report 2012 for details.]

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to expand the purpose of the existing Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund to include funds for Town Bridge Improvement Projects and State Bridge Aid Improvement Projects, and to appoint the Selectmen as Agents to Expend. (This requires a 2/3 vote.)

[This article expands the purposes for which money in the fund can be used and lets the Board of Selectmen use money for the fund's purposes without further action by Town Meeting. See page 10 for more details.]

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to add to the Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund. (This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[The Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund... See Warrant on page 12

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tal Reserve Fund is intended primarily for rehabilitating a Town bridge every five years or so (though that intent may be modified this year by Article 7, above). This article adds to the fund. The December 31, 2012 balance in this Capital Reserve Fund was \$154,159.]

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the completion of road improvement projects with \$50,000 to come from the previously established Highway Projects Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012. (This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[The "raise and appropriate" language in this article is a legal requirement. As the article notes, \$50,000 of the \$150,000 has already been raised in last year's budget. The article proposes to withdraw that \$50,000 from the Highway Projects fund (December 31, 2012 balance: \$50,000) and raise the remaining \$100,000 through this year's budget.]

[See page 10 for more details.]

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,440 to fund the third year of the town-wide revaluation. (This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[In prior years, the strategy has been to set aside a sum in the Revaluation Capitol Reserve Fund (see Article 11, below) in one warrant article, and then in a second warrant article to withdraw from the Revaluation Capitol Reserve Fund whatever sum is needed for the coming year's revaluation work.

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration doesn't

like that approach, so this year's warrant articles raise the year's revaluation requirements from taxes in Article 10 and deposits just the net of the "annual set-aside" amount minus the "needed this year" amount to the Revaluation Capitol Reserve Fund in Article 11.]

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,110 to add to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[The Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund is intended to spread over five years the impact of the approximately \$155,000 the Town must, by law, spend every five years on property valuation updates and revaluation. The December 31, 2012 balance in this Capital Reserve Fund was \$37,128.]

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to add to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[The Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund is intended primarily for replacing the Town's road grader in about 15 years. The December 31, 2012 balance in this Capital Reserve Fund is \$68,221.]

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to add to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund. (This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[The Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund saves towards eventual equipment repair or replacement or necessary improvements to the Transfer Station. The December

31, 2012 balance in this Capital Reserve Fund was \$50,290.]

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of the purchase of a new police cruiser, with \$18,000 to come from the previously established Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[The "raise and appropriate" language in this article is a legal requirement. As the article notes, \$18,000 of the \$25,000 has already been raised in prior years' budgets. The article proposes to withdraw that \$18,000 from the Police Cruiser fund (December 31, 2012 balance: \$18,009) and raise the remaining \$7,000 through this year's budget.]

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to add to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[The Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund saves toward replacing the Andover Emergency Medical Service's \$175,000 ambulance every 12 to 14 years, next due probably in 2016. The December 31, 2012 balance in this Capital Reserve Fund was \$25,000.]

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the purpose of repairing damaged stones, grass seeding, and the completion of the survey work at the East Andover Cemetery and to repair two water line leaks in Proctor Cemetery. This will be a special non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32.7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or December 31, 2018, whichever is sooner. (This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[The "non-lapsing" language in this article is special legal language required to appropriate money for a project that may not be completed by the end of the year.]

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II. The money received from fees and charges for recreation programs and park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the general fund unreserved fund balance. The treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Selectmen and the Recreation Director. These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes.

[Unlike Capital Reserve funds, which get their revenue primarily from taxes, Revolving Funds can get their revenue from fees and other ordinary revenue paid to the Town. This article would establish a Revolving Fund for the Recreation

Committee; earmark fees the Committee charges as belonging to the fund; and allow that money to be spent for recreation purposes without further action by Town Meeting.]

[See page 10 for more details.]

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Recreation Committee to expend \$15,400 from the previously established Blackwater Park Fund for the purpose of completing the building at the Blackwater Park. (This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[The December 31, 2012 balance of the fund was \$15,979.]

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to designate the Selectmen as Agents to Expend from the Cilleyville Bog Bridge Fund, and further, to allow the Selectmen to expend funds for the purpose of maintenance and repair of the bridge without further action from Town Meeting.

[The December 31, 2012 balance of the fund was \$7,216. See page 10 for more details.]

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through 72:68, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with one or more solar energy systems and/or wind energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statutes.

[See page 10 for more details.]

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Andover, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 to 74 years of age, \$40,000; for a person 75 to 79 years of age, \$60,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$70,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of no more than \$30,000 if single, or if married, a combined income of no more than \$40,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. The combined net asset amount for married persons shall apply to a surviving spouse until the sale or transfer of the property by the surviving spouse or until the remarriage of the surviving spouse.

[See page 10 for more details.]

ARTICLE 22: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

[See *Highway Maintenance Study Committee* on page 11 for information about some business that is planned to be brought before the meeting at this point.]

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ISSUES AT SCHOOL MEETING



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Full-Day Kindergarten (Warrant Article 6)

By Judith Turk, AE/MS Assistant Principal

According to current research, about 20% of our children come to the kindergarten classroom at age five with the reading and math skills of a three-year-old, and another 20% possess the skills

of a four-year-old upon their entrance. For this reason, kindergarten teachers begin the first day of school attempting to supplement and remediate the needs of 40% of their delayed students. This scenario is predicted to continue throughout the educational career of these students.

If a student has a strong foundation, they will continue to demonstrate skills

on or above level, and if not, they will most likely have challenges. Achievement gaps in both math and reading are already evident before the first day of kindergarten (Fielding, Lynn, Extraordinary Parents, 2009).

Child development studies indicate that the impact of learning and development is most prevalent in the preschool years. Opportunities for learning need to occur in these early years, otherwise the child may have difficulty developing a specific skill at a later time.

Schools have held the responsibility of providing programs that will allow struggling students to “catch up,” beginning in kindergarten and continuing through high school. It is an escalating challenge for our educators.

Developmental Delays

There are several factors that contribute to these developmental delays. When a child is deprived of a language-rich environment, has limited social interactions, and has not been exposed to problem-solving opportunities, they are not prepared for the expectations and dynamics of the typical and traditional classroom.

The amount of language exposure varies among children. Some children have been read to and have been spoken to consistently in their home, and others have been limited. A child who is read

to daily absorbs several more hours of structured language than the child who does not have this opportunity.

Some children have attended preschool programs and have received a background of skills to enhance what has occurred in the home. Other children have been more limited and isolated in their family upbringings.

Our Andover community is fortunate to have quality preschool settings accessible to our children. Some families, however, do not have the ability or have made the decision against enrolling their children in these programs.

No Child Left Behind, Core Curriculum Standards, and Statewide Assessments have demanded a higher level of rigor for even the youngest of students. Academic skills are required in defining expectations for entrance to kindergarten. Literacy skills include: knowing the shapes and sounds of 12 to 15 alphabet letters; repeating and hearing beginning and ending sounds in words; having a 5,000-word vocabulary, and speaking in complete sentences, to name a few.

Math skills involve: counting by rote to 20; recognizing numbers of objects to 10; naming and sorting shapes by color and size, among others.

There are other academics along with

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WARRANT ARTICLES - SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The following are the warrant articles that the Andover School District Meeting 2013 will vote on. Background information is provided, where appropriate, in square brackets [].

School District Meeting starts at 7 PM on Monday, March 4, in the Andover Elementary/Middle School gym.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the District will vote to accept the reports of Officials, Agents, Auditors, and/or Committees as printed in the School District report.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to make application for, to accept and expend on behalf of the District any and all advances, grants, or other funds for educational purposes which may now or hereinafter be forthcoming from the United States of America and its agencies or from the State of New Hampshire and its agencies.

[This article must appear every year to authorize the School Board to accept and spend the state and federal aid it anticipates being available in a given year.]

ARTICLE 3: To see if the District will authorize the School Board to accept and expend on behalf of the District private gifts and contributions for

educational purposes.

[This article must appear every year to authorize the School Board to accept and spend private donations in a given year.]

ARTICLE 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million, Four Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$4,448,386) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officers and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums that are estimated to be raised from the state's equalization payment, together with other income. The School Board shall certify to the selectmen of Andover the amount to be raised by taxation of said town.

The Budget Committee recommends passing this article. The School Board recommends passing a budget in the amount of Four Million, Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$4,515,386).

[This article raises the money to run the district and is worded according to regulations set forth by the Department of Revenue. The

amounts mentioned do not include any of the amounts mentioned in any of the other warrant articles. The amounts of all the warrant articles that pass get added together to determine the final 2013 School District budget.]

[The Budget Committee and the School Board each recommend a different budget. See "2013 Budgets Set For Annual Meetings" on page 1 of this issue and the complete School District budget on page 69 of the Andover Town Report 2012 for details.]

ARTICLE 5: To see if the School District will approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Andover School Board and the Andover Education Association, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits:

2013-2014	\$36,142
2014-2015	\$29,657
2015-2016	\$30,027

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,142 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

The School Board recommends passing this article.

[Once School District Meeting approves a collective bargaining agreement, future budget-year amounts will appear in each future year's budget.]

[This budget-year's amount, however, couldn't be included in this year's budget because School District Meeting hadn't approved the agreement yet. So this warrant article asks the meeting to both approve the agreement *and* raise and appropriate the amount stipulated for this budget year.]

[The Budget Committee didn't vote on whether to recommend or not recommend this article.]

ARTICLE 6: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$64,428) to fund a full-day kindergarten program. The Budget Committee does not recommend passing this article. The School Board recommends passing this article.

[See page 13 for more information.]

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

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social skills that are expected to be mastered before kindergarten begins, such as remaining on task, following directions, and cooperating with peers (taken from Grade Level Expectations/Common Core State Standards, December 2012). With the exception of those children who have severe disabilities, most can learn

these basic skills before entering school, but many do not.

In order to learn, a student must be able to communicate through reading, writing, speaking, and receiving language. It has been stated that in the period between kindergarten through the third grade, a student learns to read, and beginning in the fourth grade a student reads to learn. Educators have the re-

sponsibility of teaching students to read early and read fluently. It is the foundation for all other skills. Therefore, it is relevant to provide as much intervention as possible to achieve this goal for each student at the primary level.

From the economic standpoint, investing in early education programming and supportive services can prevent long-term expenses in the area of Special Education. As students develop skills and self-confidence in their abilities, they become more motivated towards learning. In the future, there will be lower dropout rates, and a higher percentage of students will move on to postsecondary educational opportunities. Schools are expected to prepare our students to become productive and competent employees, having acquired the necessary skills to contribute to society. Supporting our early education programs is an investment in our future.

Warrant Article

A warrant article will be proposed to the taxpayers of the Andover School District at School District Meeting on Monday, March 4, asking for support in appropriating funding for the salary and benefits of a kindergarten teacher. The hiring of this position will allow the district to offer a full-day kindergarten program.

Full-day kindergarten has many advantages, including a smoother transition to the first grade. Students develop self-esteem and stamina, ready to approach the routine and structure of the years ahead. The "whole child" instructional approach received in the full-time kindergarten program benefits students

academically, socially, artistically, and physically with multisensory activities and lessons. Teachers are able to provide more observation time of individual students and are able to focus on any potential learning issues, developing intervention strategies. More time is spent on reading instruction compared to what is available in a part-time program.

From the perspective of Special Education professionals, early intervention is a preventive strategy towards further learning challenges, and this can be accomplished for many students if enrolled in a full-time kindergarten program.

In the February 2013 issue of *The Andover Beacon*, Andover Elementary/Middle School Kindergarten Classroom Teacher Laura Witt describes the time constraints of her current program, being able to devote approximately 90 minutes daily to core academics in a "typical" week. For the 40% of students mentioned above who enter school below grade level, there is extra time, teaching, and guidance required to support their areas of deficit beginning on that first day of school.

To accomplish this, along with providing for the needs of the average child and the student in need of enrichment challenges, is an enormous task. Preparing our children by providing them with a solid foundation through the provision of time and resources is not an aspiration, but a necessity. Our goal as educators is to help each and every child to become successful. Community support is relevant in advocating for School District Warrant Article 6. "It takes a village."

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Andover Fire Department: March 2013

March weather tough to predict

By Rene Lefebvre,
Chief, Andover Fire Department

March is the month of town meetings, where the amount of our next tax bill is decided, and it is the season of mud. Makes you wonder if there is some poetic relationship lurking there somewhere.

March is also the season of melting snow and excess ground water. Along with the spring rain, are flooded basements far behind?

While a flooded cellar is not a life-threatening emergency, it can weaken a foundation and, at best, become a real pain to deal with. If you have had flooding in the past, it's time to dig out the sump pumps to clean and test them. A sump pump is not much more than an impeller, a motor, and a switch. Each is prone to corrosion and will fail from sitting over the dry season.

To test, simply place the pump in a five gallon bucket of clean water, and turn it on. If the pump drains the water in a few seconds, you are all set. Otherwise, repairs or a pump replacement are required. A word of caution when you test your pump: Be sure to connect the discharge hose, and point it away from yourself. Otherwise "wet and wild" will explain your situation and your mood.

A new pump sitting on your shelf at home is very inexpensive insurance against the frustration of a flooded basement. We keep sump pumps in both stations, should you find yourself in trouble.

March weather is tough to predict. We could be buried in snow, or mud,

or enjoying an early, warm spring. Considering that the weather seems to be doing strange things, we need to be vigilant.

High snow amounts can build up around vents and cause unsafe conditions in our homes. Simply take a walk around your home, inspecting each vent for visibility. If you can't see the vent, then the fumes may have trouble blowing through the snow. This is especially true for clothes dryers and gas heaters.

The new pellet stoves have a more complex vent system. Fresh air is drawn in the outside tube, and fumes are vented out the center tube. They are usually mounted up several feet high and should be safely above normal snow levels. However, drifting snow should be checked. If you are unable to check your vents, please call us, and we will do an inspection.

Fire Departments Merged

I wanted to give a full report on the status of the fire departments' merger, but there is very little to report on that front. We are operating day-to-day, handling emergencies and minor calls as they occur. Meetings are about training and the business of our fire department. In short, we are operating as you would want your fire department to.

We did not expect that there would be major issues, but even dealing with the minor ones has been routine. We are truly lucky to have department members focused on the needs of our community and the support of the town we serve.

See you at the School District Meeting on Monday, March 4, and at Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 12.

Fourth of July Committee Starts New Celebration Plans

By Judy Perreault,
Fourth of July Committee

The Andover Fourth of July and Events Committee is making plans for the 71st annual Fourth of July celebration. The Quahog Fife and Drum band will be returning this year. We missed their appearance last year. Their period costumes and music add a very patriotic feeling to our parade.

We are pleased that the New Hampshire Pipe and Drum Band will also be marching in the parade. Their plaids, pipes, and drums add that Scottish flair. They will also be performing on the green after the parade. The Kearsage Community Band will once again entertain us in the morning on the Village Green.

We expect all the usual activities to take place on the Village Green, as well as the flea market, the Andover Lion's Club breakfast, and the Firecracker 5K footrace. We are working to bring all our old favorites like the Andover Lions' stagecoach, Leapin' Lena, Captain Morrill, and the Bektash band to Andover on the Fourth.

We are hopeful that the Air National

Guard Band of the Northeast will be able to appear this year. We are still in the negotiation process.

We should have decided on the theme by the next issue of the Beacon, so folks who wish to enter a float can make plans. Remember, there are money prizes for various entries in the parade.

For insurance purposes, the Fourth of July Committee has been appointed as an advisory committee to the Town of Andover. We have been working for several months to work out the details. Our operations will remain much the same, except for certain functions. We will not be a line item in the Town budget, so we will still be looking for donations to support this event.

Insurance requirements have also increased. Now all vehicles in the parade will have to provide proof of insurance. As most people have it, all it requires is a little advance planning. We hope this will not deter entries to the parade.

We as a committee are working very hard to keep the Andover Fourth of July Celebration, that was started so many years ago, a yearly event.

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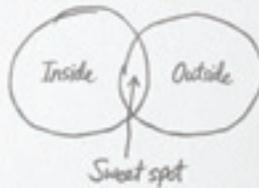


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Fifty Years Ago: March 1963

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.

March 7, 1963

Sgt. First Class Roland Jeni has been visiting at his home in Potter Place for the past two weeks, arriving from Germany where he was serving with the US Army as a cook. He left Monday for Fort Leonard Wood Missouri and a new assignment.

Thirty relatives and friends were at Roger Henderson's Saturday evening to celebrate his birthday.

March 14, 1963

Andover High Queen Crowned

Queen of the Andover High School Winter Carnival was Ms. Sharon Jewett shown here as she was formally crowned by last year's queen, Miss Rebecca Tilton.

Joan Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barnes, was given a birthday party last Thursday in the afternoon with six of her friends. Joan was five years old. She opened many gifts, and favors were given to all present.

Miss Esther Stafford has been home for a while helping her mother while her father is in the hospital. Mrs. Stafford and all her family were cut and bruised in an automobile accident March 6 on the Salisbury North Road. Her car skidded into Bernard Shaw's school bus. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

A group of East Andover and Andover children will be on the Uncle Gus TV Popeye show on Channel 9 on March 18.

Twila Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Henderson, celebrated her fifth birthday March 4 with a few of her friends and relatives at her home. Twyla opened her gifts, and all the children played until refreshments were served.

The fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders took part in the Manchester Union spelling bee contest. The fifth through sixth grade winners were: first place, Martha Burney; second place, Brenda Dukette; and third place, James Shanellaris. Seventh through eighth graders were: first place, Irene Stacy;

second place, Rosalene Thisell; and third place, Brenda Kimball. The top winners will go to Franklin on March 30 to compete with other country winners. We wish them all luck.

Andover High School held their carnival last Friday. The theme was *Fantasy of the Sea*. The snow sculptures were made on the same idea. Skiing and skating races were held. Many thanks to Proctor Academy for the use of their ski tow and skating rink. The carnival came to a climax in the evening with the Carnival Ball with a capacity crowd at the high school gym. The hall was decorated in light blue and green with a background of the stage painted in a sea scene done by Miss Betty Bassett. The queen, Miss Sharon Jewett, and king, Ronnie Bigelow, were crowned by last year's queen, Rebecca Tilton. The princess and prince were Miss Irene Stacy and Richard Hoyt. Crown bearers were Colleen Currier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Currier, and Jean Brothers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brothers. Congratulations go to the king and queen, and many thanks to all who helped make this carnival a success.

March 21, 1963

A community house in a little New England town can be literally that. Take, for instance, Salisbury. They have a small community house on the North Road, and all the folks in the community aim to have a part in its physical upkeep by working together. Right now the ladies in the area are braiding a grandmother's rug. It will be a little over 9 x 12 when done, and it is all wool, too. In another two weeks, the ladies anticipate completing the rug and then will make it available to a buyer and use the proceeds to improve the physical features of this old community house.

Originally the community house was the old Baptist Church in East Andover, and it was moved to its present location in 1926 for use as a community house. The old pews from the church are in the present community house, which in days gone by has seen a lot of activity. Members of the community house club

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Reminiscence

Lose a Minute, Save a Life

By Tim Frost, for the Beacon

Once again, reflecting back to the earlier days of my family insurance agency, I refer to the days of the billboards beside the highways. As a kid in the late '40s, a large 12' x 14' sign sat on the side of the road on Cemetery Corner here in East Andover. Back then, the corner was referred to as Dead Man's Corner, Swamp Curve, and/or Cemetery Corner.

My dad, Atherton W. Frost, erected the sign sometime in the '30s. He rented the space from the landowner for two dollars a year. The sign said, "Lose a minute, Save a life. AW Frost Agency, Franklin, NH, Phone # 280."

Travelers coming east used this sign as a landmark when giving or getting driving instructions. When they saw the sign, they knew they were in East Andover on Highland Lake.

The corner claimed many victims. Vehicles often didn't make the curve and ended up either in the swamp on one side or the swamp on the other side. When they called for help, they would refer to the sign, and whoever was coming to

their aid knew exactly where they were.

One time around Halloween, some young "gents" tore the sign down and put it into the swamp. The area police found the culprits, and they (and their parents) were instructed by the judge to repair the sign, repaint it, and put it back up where it belonged. (The judge happened to be a good friend of AW, who had taught the judge how to fly fish.)

In the early '60s, the property upon which the sign stood was sold to a person from Long Island. The new owner promptly instructed Mrs. Frost (my mom) to take the sign down. He said, "I didn't move up here to look at a billboard." So the sign was taken down.

Many locals became upset about this, and they boycotted the little diner that the new owner had opened just down the road. A picture of the sign was in the local and state newspapers telling the story. But I guess that was what is known as "progress." Many of the locals told the new owner he should perhaps move back to New York.

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anticipate bringing back the memories of yesteryear with dance card parties and other activities that were associated with the community house in the past.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. George Finnie on the birth of a daughter at Franklin Hospital last week. The Finnies live in the former Charles Putney home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cloutier and family of Franklin have moved into their trailer on the Flaghole Road.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Day on the birth of a son at the New London Hospital on Monday. This is their third son. Mr. Day is a teacher at Andover High School, and they live in the house by Bryant Adams.

Mrs. Donald Crisp, Chairman of the March of Dimes for Andover, announced that \$126 was collected. Those helping Mrs. Crisp were Mrs. Gertrude Brouthers and Miss Betty Bassett for East Andover, Mrs. Leo Carpenter and Mrs. Margaret Fenton for the Plains and Salisbury Road, Mrs. Reba Powers and Mrs. Lorna Johnson for Potter Place, and Mrs. Dolly Smith and Mrs. Virginia Hutchinson for Andover. Many thanks go to all those who helped make the Dime March a success.

March 28, 1963

Many Andover residents were shocked yesterday to learn from a bulletin posted at the Franklin and Tilton plants of JP Stevens and Co that a sister plant, the Stevens Marland plant in Andover, Massachusetts, will cease operations shortly "due to economic and competitive conditions particularly due to the unfair and burdensome competition from low-cost foreign imports. It

has become necessary to discontinue the operation of the Andover, Massachusetts plant after the work in process has been running out and operations of that plant will be discontinued. The company definitely plans to continue the operations of the Franklin plant. This decision is unavoidable in view of the losses which the Marland plant has sustained over the last several years due to the disastrous effect of imports from low-wage countries."

The golden anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L Young was observed with an open house Saturday, March 23, from 7 to 10 PM in the East Andover library by their four children and families. Over 150 relatives and friends attended the celebration and numerous greetings and gifts were received.

Steele and Twila Henderson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Henderson; Forest Burney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burney; Joan Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barnes; Tina, Twila, and Gary Currier, children of Mrs. Carolyn Currier; and Heather Keyser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Keyser, were on the *Uncle Gus* TV show March 18.

Little Steele Henderson celebrated his third birthday at a party in his home given by his mother, Mrs. Roger Henderson. Steele opened many gifts. Refreshments of cake, ice cream, and punch were served.

Cheryl Fenton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Fenton; Debbie Coffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Coffin Jr.; and Kendall and Bruce Currier, children of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Currier, were seen on the *Uncle Gus* TV show in Manchester, March 18.

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Andover Fish and Game Club News: February 2013

By Gordy Ordway

Andover Fish and Game

Special thanks to Steve Smith and Bob Harrington for running the Al Chadwick Ice Fishing Derby on Kezar Lake. It went real well, considering

headquarters.

There were 34 brave fishermen who showed up for the derby despite the cold and windy conditions. Arthur Heino had the longest pickerel at 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (nice fish!). Brian Pierson had the big perch at 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", and Roddy Tanner had a nice bass at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". It was a lot of fun. See you next year.

Kent Gustafson, Deer Project Leader for the State, spoke at our February meeting and answered our questions regarding hunting seasons, new laws, and how the deer herd is doing.

If anyone is interested in sending their kids to Barry Conservation Camp – the Club is sending three kids this year – please get a hold of Reggie Roy at 998-4827 as soon as possible, or any other officer of the club, or come to the next meeting for more information.

Anyone is welcome at our Club, any time, to listen to our programs. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 PM. If you would like to join the club or pay your current dues, see Kathy Kelley or call her at 934-4961.



Reggie Roy received an appreciation plaque from AF&G for his years of dedicated service. As Club treasurer, he spends a lot of time on the Club finances. Photo: Gordy Ordway

the cold and windy weather. The Club would also like to thank Murray Smith for letting us use his bob house as derby

see Kathy Kelley or call her at 934-4961.

ASLPT Hosts "Woods Forum" for Local Landowners

A chance to share ideas, concerns with others

Press release

Are you a landowner of significant acreage, say 25 acres or more? Have you ever wished you could get together with other landowners in your area to discuss topics of common interest, like how to handle passing your land on to the next generation; how to share your love of the land with your grandchildren; how to attract wildlife to your property; or how to deal with wildlife issues like beavers flooding a woods road?

If so, please join ASLPT for its first

Woods Forum on Thursday, March 21, from 7 to 8:30 PM at the ASLPT offices on Pleasant Street in New London.

With help from a Northeast State Foresters Association grant, we will be hosting five Woods Forums for landowners to gather with each other, have a short presentation on a topic of interest, and engage with fellow landowners on topics and questions they choose.

Come to any of our five meetings – two more are scheduled for April and July. Please contact Nancy Smith at 526-6555 or NSmith@AusbonSargent.org if you plan to join us.

Andover Libraries Prepare To Resume Book Club

By Janet Moore, Library Trustee

Our two librarians, Michelle Bengivengo and Priscilla Poulin, are gearing up for another round of the ABC's this spring. That's right, the Andover Book Club will take off again soon, and we hope you will join us. See Priscilla and Michelle for details and to pass along reading suggestions.

Don't forget to come to Town Hall on Friday, March 22, at 7 PM to learn about the Matryoshka, the painted wooden Russian nesting dolls. Marina Forbes will share a lovely presentation, and dessert will be served.

As for new books out and about, here's a selection designed to appeal to a variety of tastes. Karen Russell, author of *Swamplandia!*, has just written a short story collection; how does *Vampires in the Lemon Grove* sound? *The Burgess Boys* is Elizabeth Strout's next excursion into the treacherous waters of Maine families, after the success of *Olive Kitteridge*. Ann Leary, wife of comedian and actor Dennis, gives us *The Good House*, a look at the possibility of contemporary Salem witchcraft.

American Sniper – The Autobiog-

raphy of the Most Lethal Sniper in US Military History, by ex-Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, seems especially poignant, given his recent death. *A History of Fu-*

Time for ABC 2013!

The Andover Book Club (ABC) will be meeting in March to take suggestions from current and interested members about when and where the ABC should meet and what books should be read in 2013 ... we are open to any and all suggestions! If you'd like to be part of this friendly and fun reading group, please join us and let your voice be heard on Wednesday, March 13, at the Andover Public Library at 7 PM. Refreshments will be served.

ture Cities, by Daniel Brook, takes an in-depth look at St. Petersburg, Shanghai, Mumbai, and Dubai.

Finally, on the recommendation of both daughters, I read Gillian Flynn's *Gone Girl*, a dynamite police procedural, and the plot twist halfway through will knock your socks off!

Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

Adult Titles

The Round House, Louise Erdrich
The Twelve Tribes of Hattie, Ayana Mathis
Sullivans Island, Dorothea Benton Frank
Return to Sullivans Island, Dorothea Benton Frank
Unfinished Business, James Van Praagh
Little Earthquakes, Jennifer Weiner
Two Graves, Preston & Child
The Last Runaway, Tracy Chevalier
Play Dead, Harlan Coben
Suspect, Robert Crais
Until the End of Time, Danielle Steel

Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker, Jennifer Chiaverini

Watching the Dark, Peter Robinson
1356, Bernard Cornwell
Collateral Damage, Stuart Woods
Betrayal, Danielle Steel
Kinsey and Me, Sue Grafton
The Charity, Connie Johnson Hambley
Bared to You, Sylvia Day
Reflection in You, Sylvia Day

Children's Titles

The Birchbark House, Louise Erdrich
The Snowy Day, Komako Sakai
The First Day of Winter, Denise Fleming
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Fred Marple Comes to Andover on April 20

By Mary Ofenloch, President, Andover Service Club

The Andover Service Club (ASC) is presenting a family-friendly production, Fred Marple of Frost Heaves, New Hampshire starring Ken Sheldon, on Saturday, April 20 at 7 PM in AE/MS. Admission at the door is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students 6 to 16, and under 6 are free. Proceeds will benefit the Andover Service Club Merit Scholarship Program.

Fred, also known as humorist and songwriter Ken Sheldon, has appeared on New Hampshire Chronicle and in the pages of Yankee Magazine for which Sheldon writes a regular humor column. Fred is also the star of the Internet video hit Yoga for Yankees featuring such innovative poses as Downward Scratching Dog and other genuine New England poses. He is a graduate of the Frost Heaves Academy and the East Coast School of Knife Sharpening and Carburetor Repair.

As part of the evening's entertainment, Fred will introduce some of the local businesses in Frost Heaves including the Frost Heaves House of Pizza (home of the New England Baked Bean Pizza) and the Bait and Beauty Salon. "We don't actually have much industry in Frost Heaves, personal or otherwise," says Fred.

Fred will present the latest news from Frost Heaves including the results of the most recent election and town meeting, the proceedings of the Frost

Heaves Regional Economic Council, and more.

You'll also meet some of the town's notable citizens including Sophie Hamilton, 94-year old organist at the Frost Heaves Community Church ("She's slowing down," says Fred), Homer and Elmer Cratchet (two brothers who are a few crackers shy of a box), and Edith "Telegraph" Wyer, Town Clerk, among others.

The evening will also feature humorous songs and sing-a-longs for those who feel so inspired. "You don't have to sing if you don't want," says Fred. "We ain't going to force no one."

For 54 years, ASC has been awarding merit scholarships to high school seniors and continuing education college students who reside in Andover or East Andover or who are children or grandchildren of ASC members who reside in Andover, East Andover, Danbury, Wilmot, Hill, New London, New Hampton, Canterbury, Bristol, Concord, Franklin, and Springfield. Community support of ASC programs such as Fred Marple is necessary for the continuation of the ASC Scholarship Program. The ladies of ASC wish to express our sincere gratitude to the members of the local and surrounding communities who have supported us in the past and continue to support ASC events. It is the hope of the ASC members that the Club will continue in service to the community for another 54 years.

Laura Powers Offers Five-Week Cooking Class in Wilmot

Press release

Laura Powers, founder of Extraordinary Taste Catering of Andover, will offer a series of five cooking classes from 7 to 9 PM on Wednesday evenings starting on March 20 at the Wilmot Community Association's (WCA) Red Barn, 64 Village Road, next to the post office in Wilmot Flat.

This hands-on, practical class will guide participants through planning, preparing, and presenting a five-course dinner. No experience is required – only a desire to learn.

"We will create dishes that look as great as they taste, become better informed on wine pairing, and build a beautiful table-scape," said Laura, the winner of the 2009 Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce's Chocolate Challenge.

Classes will be conducted in the WCA's fully equipped commercial kitchen. Enrollment is limited to eight participants. Registration is required by Monday, March 18. For the \$100 fee, participants receive copies of all the mouth-watering recipes, a chance to taste all the prepared foods, hints on shopping wisely for the best ingredients, culinary techniques, and kitchen safety.

Laura will discuss a different course each week. The fifth session, on April 17, will feature a cooperative dinner

served on a beautifully decorated table. The class syllabus includes:

Week 1 – Appetizers: Eggplant, roasted tomato and smoked mozzarella croustade, and goat cheese-stuffed dates wrapped in prosciutto.

Week 2 – Soup/salad: Spiced lentil and tomato soup and arugula and romaine salad with watermelon, cucumber, red onion, and feta cheese.

Week 3 – Main course: Herb-infused marinated and grilled lamb, Yukon gold potato, and parsnip gratin and green beans with sundried tomato pesto.

Week 4 – Dessert: Individual white chocolate cheesecakes with lemon curd and raspberry coulis.

Week 5 – Table-scape and cooperative dinner. All five courses will be served.

After earning a bachelor of fine arts degree from Colby-Sawyer College in 1989, Laura, who lives in Andover, chose to express her creativity in the form of culinary arts, gaining vast experience in more than 25 years in the food service and catering industry. Her cooking philosophy is grounded in the belief that even the simplest food, when prepared carefully, can be healthy, great tasting, and beautiful.

Registration for the cooking class is available through the WCA at WCA@tds.net or 526-7934.

Bachelor Library New Acquisitions

Adult Titles

The Odyssey of KP2: An Orphan Seal, a Marine Biologist, Terrie M Williams

Private Berlin, James Patterson

The Shadow Woman, Linda Howard

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The Painted Girls, Cathy Marie Buchanan

Sarah's Quilt: A Novel of Sarah Agnes Prine, Nancy E Turner

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A Higher Call: An Incredible True Story, Adam Makos

Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker, Jennifer Chiaverini

Speaking from Among the Bones: A Flavia DeLuce Novel, Alan Bradley

Touch and Go, Lisa Gardner

The Woman from Paris, Santa Montefiore

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Hungry Ocean: A Swordboat Captain's Journey, Linda Greenlaw

The Aviator's Wife, Melanie Benjamin

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A Week in Winter, Maeve Binchy

Alex Cross, Run, James Patterson

The Dressmaker, Kate Alcott

The Night Ranger, Alex Berenson

Until the End of Time, Danielle Steel

The Hare with Amber Eyes, Edmund de Waal

Firefly Island, Lisa Wingate

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The Very Fairy Princess Follows Her Heart, Julie Andrews

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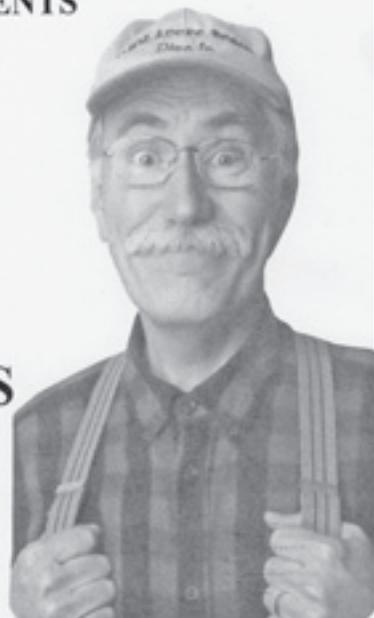
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Since the last snow storm, I had been thinking about photographing the reflections of snow-covered evergreens in a slow-moving river. On Jan. 16 we got about six inches of new snow and when I woke up the following morning, I could see the sun was coming out. Morning sun, a new blanket of snow. All I needed was a slow-moving river.

So I headed over to the Blackwater River and took a couple of shots behind the Green Crow lumber yard. Then I went east toward town and to my right I could see the river and a possible opening in the trees. And the sun was just beginning to illuminate the tops of the trees along the riverbank. I parked at the pull-off area and walked back east about 50 yards or so, looking for an opening with a safe place to stand near the water without falling in. I made it down the rip-rap using my tripod to stabilize myself

What a sight! I had driven by this site hundreds of times in the last 25 years but this was the first time I had seen this section up close. The reflection of the sky was a deeper blue than the sky itself. I tried to figure the best way to compose the scene and shot horizontally then vertically.

This image is actually a vertical panorama, consisting of four separate shots from left to right and overlapping, all stitched together in Photoshop. A winter wonderland, to be sure. Beauty surrounds us, if we take the time to seek it out.

Photo and caption: Jay Fitzpatrick



The staff at Granny Judy's Kitchen is waiting to serve you. Left: Ben Cloutier and his wife Lisa. Right: Yvon Cloutier and his wife Judy.

Photo: Charlie Darling

Granny Judy's Kitchen Opens a New Function Room

Stop in for made-from-scratch breakfast and lunch.

By Heather Makechnie, for the Beacon

"I don't usually tell you what to do, but I just want to point out that one thing around this house is expanding, and one other thing is shrinking. The two things are our bank account and your waistline. I'll let you decide which is which, and I'll let you decide what to do about both."

So saying, Judy Cloutier left her hus-

band Yvon (pronounced "Ivan") sitting on the couch, where he had lounged since retiring from his bank job four months earlier. "It didn't take long," chuckles Yvon, "to figure out what she meant."

"Shortly thereafter, some words popped right off an advertising circular I was reading," says Ivan. "Although the ad didn't specify where the little cafe was, I felt strangely compelled to make the inquiry. I immediately re-

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Concert to Raise Funds for Animal Shelter

Press release

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Founded in 2002 by the Granite State Animal League, FAS has received hundreds, counting easily over a thou-

Join us for our next fundraising event: Concert for the Animals at the Elks Lodge, 192 Central Street, Franklin, on Saturday, March 23, from 6 PM to midnight. Enjoy good music, food, door prizes, and a raffle, all for \$10.

sand, of dogs and cats since its inception. Last year, FAS placed 75 dogs and
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DeLana Adams, Damien Jenifer and Jack Parris ice skating at the Teddy Maloney Rink at Proctor. See the Imagination Inn article on page 31. Photo: Doreen Perreault

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ognized the voice on the other end; it was the owner of a small restaurant in West Franklin, the very one who had previously sold us another restaurant in Bristol.”

The deal was clinched within hours, and the Cloutiers became the proud operators of Granny Judy’s Kitchen at 71 North Main Street in West Franklin, where Yvon and Judy, their youngest son Benjamin, and Benjamin’s wife Lisa now serve made-from-scratch, love-stirred-in, down-home breakfast and lunch.

The building has at various times been a five-and-dime store, an IGA grocery, a post office, beauty shop, chiropractor’s office, and neighborhood restaurant. It took a bit of reconstruction, but the Cloutiers turned it into a lovely, relaxed atmosphere for dining. Parking is a breeze.

New Function Room

Now, after seven years of operation, the Cloutiers have bought out the other half of the building and expanded their

facility. The additional room is open on Sundays and for private functions, taking the slack from the closure of Mr. D’s and Neil’s restaurants just up the road. This lends a positive tone to the currently soured economic climate and a new venue for Franklin and neighboring communities like Andover.

Says Yvon, “We serve ten different kinds of Judy’s muffins. We always have fresh fruit salad on the table for breakfast. Our signature pot roast dinner has all the fixings and is a large enough portion that the remainder can go home for supper. Our soups and chowders are heavenly, and even our breads are cooked right here by us. No one can beat our lobster roll! We have an extensive and creative menu, and all meals are made to order. The doors open at 6:30 AM. We start serving lunch at 11 AM. Join us for Sunday brunch, and consider reserving Granny Judy’s new dining room for your organization’s next meeting or for your family reunion.”

You can reach Granny Judy’s Kitchen, 71 North Main Street in West Franklin, at 934-4404. 

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cats into new homes and returned 32 to their owners.

FAS receives its animals from the City of Franklin and its citizens but adopts to good homes without geographic restrictions. Pets are surrendered due to family moves to non-pet friendly dwellings, by owners who can no longer care for them, are abandoned, or may be received due to neglect or cruelty.

Stray animals are brought in and are often reunited with their happy owners. More often, pets must find a new place to call home. FAS is defined as a “no-kill” facility and, therefore, its primary mission is to find an appropriate “forever home” for the animals in its care. In rare cases, animals may be moved to other shelters to afford them a new audience.

Caring for the darling critters isn’t cheap. Veterinarian services (shots, surgery, medicines, spaying or neutering) are a major expense, then there’s food, cat litter, operating expenses, and three part-time staff positions. FAS receives a budget allocation from

the City of Franklin and generates revenue through Surrender, Adoption, and Kenneling fees. These funding sources cover about 50% of costs; the remainder is generated through donations and fundraising events throughout the year.

FAS’s all-volunteer Board of Directors is comprised of citizens and business people from the community. Other volunteers do laundry, help with fundraising and community events, assist in pet care, and facilitate obtaining items for the shelter’s Wish List. Manager Wendy Douglass takes care of daily operations and can be contacted during business hours at 934-4132 or gsalfranklin@yahoo.com.

Students at AE/MS recently adopted FAS as a worthy charity, collecting pet food, litter, blankets, towels, and toys. Other items constantly needed by the shelter include gift cards, paper towels, Frontline for dogs and cats, and disinfectants like Simple Green. The Wish List can be found on FAS’s Web site at FranklinAnimalShelter.com. Opportunities to make direct donations to FAS can also be found on the Web site. 

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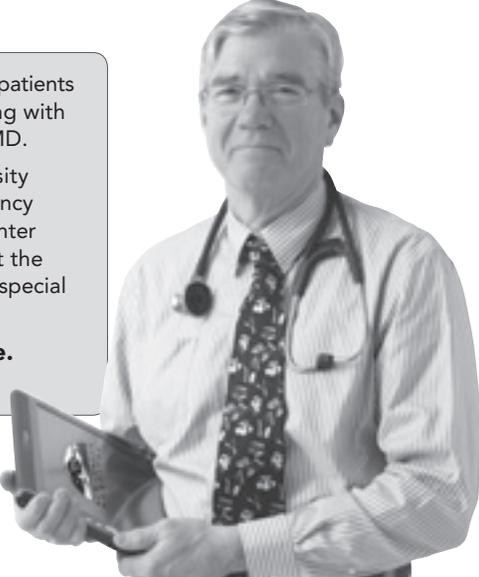
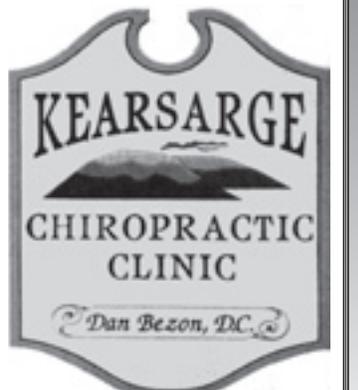
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THE REST OF THE TOWN REPORT

The annual Town Report includes reports from all the Town committees, boards, commissions, and other entities that form our local government. It also includes reports from some agencies and organizations that serve our community.

To round out this annual update, the Beacon asked over 20 other organizations that serve our community for a short report on their activities in 2012. Here, in alphabetical order, is "the rest of the Town Report."

Andover After School Program

Andover After School Program (AASP) and Andover Five Alive Program (AFAP) provide a safe, friendly environment for elementary school children with an emphasis on friendship and fun!

AASP was established in 1994 and was later joined by AFAP, both New Hampshire state licensed programs. They are separate non-profit 501(c)3 organizations run simultaneously in the AE/MS Annex and have the same board of directors. The two programs complement each other and provide comprehensive childcare for Andover children.

Many thanks are in order for our board, staff, and program director, Diane Adams, who joined in the fall of 2010. Through their successes, the program is thriving near full capacity. Though space is limited, we encourage all who are interested to contact us, as there are always changes in enrollment, and we maintain a waiting list. Currently, spaces are available in both the morning and afternoon kindergarten Five Alive programs.

The building has received many recent renovations, including a complete upgrade to the plumbing and electrical systems in the house.

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2013-2014 academic year. Please contact Diane at 735-6566 or AndoverKids@gmail.com for more information, or visit AndoverKids.org.

Andover Congregational Church

Andover Congregational is a community church for people of all kinds to seek and serve God in worship, ministries, obedience, and fellowship.

Grounded in the truth of God's Word, we teach and live the message and insights of the historic, Christian faith, while allowing for differences among believers.

We gather on Sunday morning for worship and continue in more personal weekly groups. These include home discipleship groups for prayer and study, and Tuesday Evenings for Growth and Discovery – including the Alpha course and our "Beta" courses (e.g. Hearing from God).

Most Saturday evenings we had prayer service, and we held joint praise and prayer services with other congregations, women's and men's groups, and special Holy Spirit conferences. We are being equipped to use our gifts for the ministries and callings God has given each of us.

During the year: Prayer Teams ministered Sundays after worship; LIFE (for Middle Schoolers) met in the fall in the Grange Hall; singing took place monthly at the Peabody and Mountainview nursing homes; funeral receptions were provided by ladies from the church; and special collections were taken, including the Deacons Fund to assist the needy in our community.

We desire to answer our calling to reach out with God's love. Sunday worship is at 9:30 AM; seekers and believers, welcome! For information, call 735-5160.

Andover Energy Group

The Andover Energy Group (AEG) is an informal organization of local volunteers interested in learning about and implementing renewable energy sources and energy-efficiency techniques in area homes, businesses, and institutions. Formed in June 2011, we meet on the first Thursday of each month.

AEG-sponsored activities in 2012



The Andover Girl Scouts.

included "Button-Up" home weatherization workshops in January and February, an Energy Awareness Day in November that included six local "open houses" showcasing energy-efficient and alternative-energy installations, and informational tables on Town Meeting day, primary voting day, and presidential election day.

In January 2013, we hosted a solar workshop for homeowners that drew an audience of about 80. In the remaining months of the year, we're considering additional alternative-energy workshops: a workshop on financing alternative-energy installations, additional weatherization demonstrations and workshops, and an effort to put together a "group purchase" proposal for negotiation with an alternative-energy installer.

For more information, contact Larry Chase at lbchase@aol.com.

Andover Girl Scouts

Our Girl Scout troop is having a terrific year! We have a huge troop this year, with 23 girls participating from kindergarten to fourth grade. We are learning about cultures around the world through the World of Girls curriculum provided by the Girl Scout Council. The girls are working towards earning several badges.

We have been busy with a variety of activities. As a troop, we created cards for the nursing home in New London during the holiday season. We just finished our cookie sale, which was a huge success with 2,292 boxes of cookies sold. The money earned from this sale will help us with several activities, and the girls picked some activities to do for the community with the money raised. The girls decided to give back to the community by donating items for the Franklin Animal Shelter. We are thankful for all of the support we have received from the school, community, and the Girl Scout Council to make our troop a huge success.

For more information about the Andover Girl Scout Troop, please contact Jessica Pine at 735-5735.

Andover Historical Society

2012 was good to us. First priority – Painting of the freight car. The job was finished in time for our August Old Time Fair.

Next priority – The conversion of
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the Lull house in Potter Place into work space was assisted by a grant from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund which allowed an energy audit to be conducted. The audit is helping us to consider options for moving ahead.

Other 2012 milestones:

- Our 2012 fund-raising calendar, "Mills and Manufactures," was well-received, and our 2013 edition, "Farms and Barns," sold out.
- A photographic exhibit in the railroad station featured the "Farms and Barns" theme.
- Three local fourth-grade classes visited the railroad station and general store in June.
- New postcards feature the station sporting its new colors.
- August Old Time Fair was a success. The auction did especially well helped by articles from the estate of Dorothy Lorden.
- Antiques Appraisal Day was held in September.
- Annual meeting and potluck dinner in October featured New Hampshire author, Edie Clark.
- Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse got a complete facelift.

In summary, we accessed 171 new items including a small New Hampshire pocket almanac printed in 1807 and donated by Tom and Rae Voss. We are financially sound and grateful for all our support. We welcome additional

supporters. Visit our Web site AndoverHistory.org.

For more information, contact Pat Cutter at 735-5628 or Pres@AndoverHistory.org.

Andover Lions Club

Formed in November of 1954 by a group of service-minded people from the Andover community, the Andover Lions Club was officially chartered by Lions Clubs International in March of 1955. The mission of the organization is to provide assistance to people in need and specifically those who are visually or hearing-impaired.

In the 56 years of the club's history, members have been active in sponsoring projects that benefit the community and improve the lives of those citizens in need in Andover as well as in Danbury, Salisbury, and Wilmot. Eye care and hearing aids have been provided to hundreds of people in the area. In addition, help is given in the form of scholarships, emergency funding, and sponsorship of the Andover Food Pantry. The Andover Lions Club is an early supporter of Operation Kidsight, a program that uses special cameras to screen children between the ages of one and six years for amblyopia. For the older grade-school children, the club members offer sight and hearing testing at the Andover and Danbury schools. The Andover Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are sponsored by the Andover Lions.

Raising funds has consisted of cal-

endar raffle sales, rose sales, basketball tournaments for middle school children, a Fourth of July pancake breakfast and food concession on the Green, and Concord Coach rides and displays. These funds are used to provide three higher-education scholarships of \$500 each. They also support several Lion-sponsored activities including Vision Weekend, the Sight and Hearing Foundation, and Brain Trauma, a camp for handicapped and underprivileged children. Funds also support local activities such as the Andover ball field, Spaulding Youth, Andover Boys Scouts, and the Andover Food Pantry. The Andover Lions meet every second and fourth Monday at 6 PM at Naughty Nellies. The Andover Lions Club continues to strive for better service to the community and welcomes new members. If interested, please call 735-6140 or 768-5543.

Andover Service Club

The Andover Service Club (ASC) is an all-volunteer, 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The mission of ASC is to be of service to the people of the community and state and to broaden and strengthen the social and intellectual life of members. Any woman who is interested in service may become a member of the club. Annual dues are \$7.

Hundreds of Andover high school and continuing education students have benefited financially from the ASC scholarship program. ASC also contributes to the Andover After School Program, The Andover Beacon, AE/MS, Andover Food Pantry, Andover and Bachelor Libraries, Andover One Wheelers, East Andover Village Preschool, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Kearsarge Council on Aging, Lake Sunapee VNA, Highland Lake Grange Hall Restoration, Danbury School, Child and Family Services, Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, Andover Children's Christmas, and Flowers for Shut-Ins.

ASC runs the Thrift Shop, located by AE/MS. Proceeds from the sale of almost-new clothing and accessories are income for the ASC Merit Scholarship Program.

Fundraisers to support our work include raffles, Proctor Birthday Cake project, dinners for the Masons, luncheons at Election and Town Meeting days, in-house auctions, treasure and bake sales, Thrift Shop sales, Thank-giving pie sales, Pumpkin Festival, memorials, and donations.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, September through June, at 10 AM. For more information, contact MaryO.ASClub@live.com.

East Andover Village Preschool

East Andover Village Preschool continues to grow and learn on Chase Hill Road as part of the Andover Congregational Church property. Our continuing teachers are Elizabeth Janvrin, Alicia Colby, and Carmen Bates, and we have welcomed Lois Magenau to our teaching team. We have morning and full-

day preschool programs for children ages three years to five years.

Our program is licensed by the state of New Hampshire. Our curriculum objectives and assessments remain under Creative Curriculum and Teaching Strategies Gold, which are aligned with the new Common Core Standards.

We have added a Summer Camp program with weekly themes, explored our community with multiple field trips, engaged in daily water play and nature walks on the Rail Trail. We have begun fostering a love for gardening and nutrition with our own gardens and this spring are beginning the Early Sprouts Curriculum created at Keene State College. We continue to receive visits from our traditional Santa, showcase our singing in our Winter Wonderland Show, and celebrate our families with a dance. Every day, children engage in hands-on explorations of their world and interests, questions, and ideas.

We are currently in the registration process for our 2013-2014 school year. Please contact Elizabeth Janvrin at EAVP@tds.net or 735-5105 for more information.

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

We improve, maintain, and promote the Northern Rail Trail as a four-season multi-use trail through Merrimack County. About 10 miles of the Trail go through our Town connecting West Andover, Potter Place, Andover Center, and East Andover.

Activities supporting the Trail were significant and varied. Last spring, RP Johnson and Son repaired the information kiosk and built a bike rack at Potter Place. For Andover's July Fourth, Tom Frantz organized the Firecracker 5K foot race on the Trail and Peter Southworth organized a raffle. S&W Sports of Concord and the Highland Lake Inn of East Andover contributed prizes with additional support from Jake's Market and Pizza Chef. Steve Rayno organized a bike raffle at the White Water Festival in Franklin in January.

With a \$30,000 grant from the State and equipment donated by Ben and Peter Crowell of New London, in November we added more than three miles of trail to reach Gerrish Depot next to Route 3 in Boscawen. Chris Norris supervised the construction, and Nita Tomaszewski of Franklin was project administrator.

The Trail needs financial support and help throughout the year. Donations may be made at fnrt.org. For further information, call President Bob Ward at 735-5061 or Vice-President Alex Bernhard at 735-5071.

Immaculate Conception Church

Immaculate Conception in Potter Place is a small church with a full house each Sunday. Our only mass is at 8:30 AM, and everyone who attends becomes special, and we are all connected.

Events during the year include the Spaghetti Supper (now 33 years old), our Spring and Fall Rummage Sales,

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and our annual Strawberry Shortcake Festival each year on the Fourth of July. Dozens of parishioners help to make each event wonderful.

All of the proceeds from our fundraisers support several efforts to provide assistance to anyone we hear about who is in need. We have Catholic Charities and Loaves and Fishes as our main outreach programs and several smaller groups who provide Food Baskets several times a year to those in need. We also assist the Andover Food Pantry whenever we are asked.

All our events provide the funding for services to the community. The Church helps hundreds of people in New Hampshire each year.

Our Lady of Fatima Church in New London is our sister church and also has many wonderful events in-between ours. These include the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Dinner and a Holiday Fair in November. Their worship schedule is Saturday at 5 PM and Sunday at 10:30 AM.

For more information, contact Loretta Bates at lcwbates@tds.net.

Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

KUUF meets on Sunday mornings at 11 AM in the Stone Chapel at Proctor Academy from September through June. The consulting minister is the Rev. Bill Nelson. Sunday School and child care are available. KUUF has the following purposes:

- to worship and create a welcoming and nurturing community
- to support and care for one another
- to explore, reflect, and grow spiritually
- to understand our differences
- to feel safe to share our deeply-held thoughts and values
- to support collective service to the larger community and to celebrate together our traditions and our lives with all their sorrows and joys

Sunday at 9:45 AM we have an adult education class now studying the world's major religions.

KUUF helps local food banks, has a meditation group, and holds a monthly book discussion. We participate in the September CROP walk, help those in need through the UU Service Commit-

tee and local families recommended by the VNA, help supply backpacks with school supplies to Andover children, and collect funds to support the Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministry (KREM). The Social Concerns Committee updates the Volunteer Opportunities in the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Area brochure.

A concert is being planned for a Saturday evening in June. Other social activities occur during the year. For more information, visit KUUFnh.org.

NH Circle of Home and Family

NHCHF met regularly in 2012. At our luncheons, we socialize and make new friends while enjoying delicious sandwiches and desserts. Our mission is "enriching the lives of home and family through knowledge, skills, and leadership."

During the year:

- We explored the history of soup – with samples.
- The Magical Three taught us to make cleaning products from items found in the home.
- We took an armchair visit to Ireland, complete with an Irish dinner followed by Irish coffee.
- We hosted the state spring workshop at AE/MS and provided the refreshments. Donna Hartwell spoke about the restoration of the one-room schoolhouse in East Andover. This was followed by a site visit.
- Spring brought a meeting on gardening tips and a plant swap.
- In June, we discovered the benefit of hugs.
- In September, we learned a little bit more about one-room schoolhouses.
- In October, we planned our programs for 2013.
- In November, we shared helpful hints, mostly about food.

Our state organization hosted a National Conference in Manchester. We had a chance to show off New Hampshire to the rest of the nation.

We draw our members from Andover and surrounding communities. We meet the third Monday of the month at noon from September to June. Interested parties may call 735-5493 for more information.



Nancy Tripp acted as auctioneer as the rest of the membership looked on and bid on items. Photo: Joyce Egge

Andover Service Club Celebrates Valentine's Day

By Joyce Egge, Andover Service Club

Our February meeting opened with a welcome and words from our president, Mary Ofenloch. Since it was close to Valentine's Day, Mary read some poems on love. She also noted that we had three consecutive special days this month: Lincoln's Birthday, Ash Wednesday, and Valentine's Day. She honored one of them with the recitation of the Gettysburg Address.

Although we had a good turnout of 24 members and one guest, we have several members with health issues. We wish them a speedy recovery.

We have placed our scholarship applications on the Beacon Web site, at the Thrift Shop, and at the schools. Completed forms are due by May 1, 2013.

We have a wonderful program planned for April 20 which will be open to the public. We have a humorist who goes by the name of Fred Marple performing a widely-acclaimed comedy show. He hails from the fictitious town of Frost Heaves, New Hampshire, and is extremely clever in the manner in which he presents his

material. It is a show that should not be missed, and one that will be talked about for months to come. Please join us at the Andover Elementary/Middle School on April 20 at 7PM. We have kept the price down to a mere \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and children under 6 years old are free. It is a family-appropriate show so bring the whole family for a night of good cheer and laughter.

The Thrift Shop is continually undergoing a transformation and is full of great bargains. We will be starting to put in our summer clothes, so be sure and check us out.

Don't forget to come by our tables on Town Meeting day, March 12, for our delicious lunch consisting of chowders, soups, breads, and other baked goods. We are pleased to provide this service, and all proceeds go to fund scholarships.

Our program was our annual auction which is always a source of good fun, great bargains, and enjoyable fellowship. Our program next month will be a trip to King Arthur Flour in Norwich, Vermont.

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Time To Apply For Andover Service Club Scholarships

By Diane Rice, Andover Service Club

The application process for 2013 Andover Service Club (ASC) scholarship awards has begun. Scholarship applications are available at AE/MS, Proctor Academy, Merrimack Valley High School, and the ASC Thrift Shop in Andover. They may also be downloaded at Bit.ly/W7otQu. Awards are based on academic performance, character attributes, and community involvement. They are not based on financial need.

Graduating seniors and adults entering or continuing their education at a college, professional, or technical school are eligible to apply.

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must have a close tie to the town of Andover. Details of the residential requirements are available in the application packet. All applications and supporting material must be post-marked by May 1, 2013 in order for the application to be considered.

Andover Knitting Club Adds New Members

By Holly Gagne, Andover Knitting Club

The Andover Knitting Club which meets on Monday afternoons has added new members this winter. Not only does it have new students from grades three through seven, but Anne Hewitt and Jean Whatley have joined us as well.

Anne is a para-educator at the school and active community member. Jean is a volunteer who hails from New London. Both contribute so much with their expertise, lively conversation, and ideas.

Won't you join us as well? For details, contact AE/MS at 735-5494.

Andover Lions Club News: February 2013

By Joyce Egge, Andover Lions Club

The Andover Lions were unable to meet due to slippery roads on February 11.

The speaker for the second meeting in January was Eric Wiswall, owner of the Haunting Whispers Vineyard in Danbury. We were also delighted to have Erin, his wife and CEO of his company, attend the meeting. They explained how they started in the business, some of the process for making wines, and their exciting plans for expansion. They sell their wines in several grocery stores as well as the Danbury Grange market and at their vineyards.

Our rose sale has begun. We will be selling tickets during Town Meet-

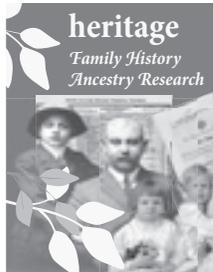
ing Day voting as well as through the members. The roses will be delivered on Saturday, March 23. Look for our table at the Town Meeting Day voting to purchase tickets and to get more information on what we are all about.

The Andover Lions will be awarding three scholarships to deserving college-bound high school students. Applications can be obtained from the high school guidance counselors or on The Andover Beacon Web site at bit.ly/X9DKA. They will be awarded to the recipients at the end of the school year.

We will be hosting an Open House on April 22 at 6 PM at Naughty Nellie's and welcome all interested parties to attend.

Andover Lions Club January 2013 Calendar Raffle

Day	Name	Town	Winnings
1	Doug Leber	Los Angeles	\$350
2	Candice Spalding	Andover	\$50
3	Riley Anderson	Andover	\$50
4	Mark Stetson	Andover	\$100
5	Mark Stetson	Andover	\$150
6	Tommy Miller	Wilmot	\$100
7	Lewis Barton	Andover	\$50
8	Betty Egge	Northfield	\$50
9	Patrick Barton	Andover	\$50
10	Jim Goody	Andover	\$50
11	Wayne Hammond	Franklin	\$100
12	Jerry Clough	Gilford	\$150
13	Tessa Lue Cyr	East Lebanon, Maine	\$100
14	Deb Phelps	Danbury	\$50
15	Kate Coolidge	Andover	\$50
16	Katie Ambrose	Somersworth	\$50
17	Billy Hefler	Newton	\$50
18	George Hill	Danbury	\$100
19	Pete Sorette	Franklin	\$150
20	Mac Minard	Clancy, Montana	\$100
21	Lehmkuhl	Westfield, New Jersey	\$50
22	Mark Sikora	Sunapee	\$50
23	Jim Henderson	Andover	\$50
24	Al Robertson	Tilton	\$50
25	Joyce Egge	Danbury	\$100
26	Paul Demers	Danbury	\$50
27	Jill O'Connell	Franklin	\$100
28	Glen Haley	Andover	\$50
29	Dale Cook	Danbury	\$50
30	Roxanne Bowker	Littleton	\$50
31	Lois Diamond	Canaan	\$400



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NHCHF Begins Year With Isles of Shoals

By Judy Perreault, NHCHF

We began our new year with a program about the Isles of Shoals. Nancy Barrett, our leader, had attended a conference there and was so taken with the islands and its history that she wanted to share her information with the Halcyon Seeker members.

So many times we are so anxious to go other places we miss what is in our own backyard.

There are nine islands ten miles off the coast of New Hampshire that make up the Isles of Shoals. Some of the islands were used by Native Americans as seasonal fishing camps and were first settled by Europeans in the early 1600s. They were an important fishing area for the British and French colonies.

At one time the vast quantities of fish caught off the Isles of Shoals caused large communities to be located on the islands. These communities exported fish to Europe and the Caribbean and on return trips brought wine, sugar, tobacco, and other goods back to be stored in warehouses on the Isle of Shoals and Strawberry Bank for subsequent sale to other communities. In Europe, Shoal fish were highly prized and brought high prices.

The Isle of Shoals was originally part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, which eventually lost it to New Hampshire and Maine.

The first township (1661) was established on Appledore Island (previously called Hog Island) with a population of

600 people. It is the largest island, consisting of 95 acres. It is now the site of Shoals Marine Laboratory and is run by Cornell University and University of New Hampshire. It is located in Maine.

The second largest (Star Island, New Hampshire) is 46 acres and has a hotel, chapel, and some other original buildings. It is used mainly for a conference center. Smuttynose (Maine) is the next largest island of 25 acres. It is unpopulated but has two small houses on it. It was the site of a famous murder of two women in 1873.

In 1679, eighty families moved from Appledore to Star Island to avoid Maine taxes.

Over the years, fishing declined, and in 1775 forty-four families were forced to relocate to Rye, New Hampshire due to the war.

The islands were pretty much abandoned until the middle of the nineteenth century, when a summer hotel was built on Appledore. This was followed by the Ocean House Hotel on Smuttynose and the Oceanic on Star Island.

Other islands comprising the Isles of Shoals are owned by New Hampshire, Maine, and some privately.

Now a good portion of the Isles of Shoals is owned by the Star Island Corporation and hosts conferences on Star Island.

It was a very interesting program and well presented.

We are thinking of taking a trip there this summer.

Town Crier Welcomes News From Andover Organizations

By Susan Chase, Concord Monitor Correspondent

Susan Chase, the Andover "Town Crier" correspondent for the *Concord Monitor*, reminds Andover organizations and individuals that she welcomes notices of upcoming events and other items of potential interest to *Monitor* readers from Andover for publication in the "Town Crier" section of the paper each Sunday. Organizations that would

like publicity for their events can reach Susan by phone at 735-5135, by e-mail at SRFChase@aol.com, or by mail at PO Box 311, Andover 03216.

In order to meet the *Monitor's* Wednesday deadline for the Sunday edition, residents need to provide all relevant information to Susan by end of day each Tuesday. She cautions that the *Monitor* does not guarantee that all submissions will be published.

College Honors

Meredith Cline of Andover has earned High Honors for the fall semester of the 2012-2013 academic year at the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business and Economics. Cline, a sophomore, is majoring in Business Administration and Marketing. In addition, Cline was recently named Assistant Manager at FroyoWorld in Durham.

Michaela Trefethen earned a spot on the Dean's List for the fall semester at Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina.

Michael Donovan of Andover has earned Honors for the fall semester of the 2012-2013 academic year at the University of New Hampshire.

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance. Highest Honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.



Meredith Cline

Andover Energy Group Screens *Surviving Progress*

By Susan Chase, Andover Energy Group

Area residents are invited to a showing of the 2012 documentary *Surviving Progress* on Wednesday, March 6, at 7 PM in the library of AE/MS. The film is sponsored by the Kearsarge Area Transition Initiative and the Andover Energy Group.

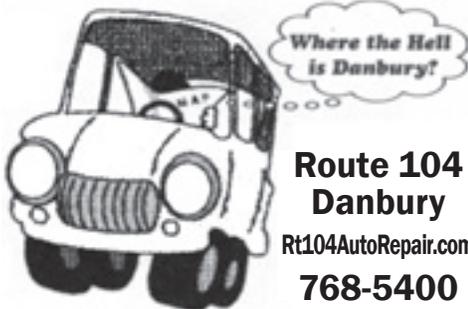
Surviving Progress poses the challenge of how we best use finite resources to meet growing needs without destroying our environment or our civilization in the process. As Ronald Wright, whose best-selling *A Short History of Progress* inspired this film, says, "In the past, we could use up a region's resources and move on. But if today's global civilization collapses from over-consumption, that's it. We have no back-up planet."

The Andover Energy Group is an informal organization of volunteers interested in learning about renewable energy sources and energy-efficiency techniques for local homes, businesses, and institutions. The Kearsarge Area Transition Initiative encourages the nine towns in the Kearsarge area to develop a greater reliance on local resources – food, energy, and human resources in particular – to address the impacts of global issues such as economic insecurity, environmental instabilities, and dependence on non-renewable energy.

A discussion period will follow, and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Susan Chase at 735-5135 or SRFChase@aol.com.

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Born: Sadie Adelia Gilman

Sadie Adelia Gilman was born on February 8, 2013. She joins big sister Asa, big brother Sam, and Mom and Dad (Sarah and Brian) of Andover. Maternal grandmother is Sandy Bartlett of Webster and paternal grandparents are Stephen Gilman of Loudon and Judy Gilman of Concord.

Sadie weighed 9.5 lbs and was 20.5 inches long. The family is all excited she's finally here! Pictured are Sadie and big sister Asa.



On one of the snow delays we had all of our Five-Alive's here at one time. This is a rare occasion. They were very happy to be together!

Photo and caption: Diane Adams

After School Program Enjoys Winter, Celebrates Chinese New Year

By Diane Adams, Director, Andover After School Program

Andover After School Program has been in full winter attire. We have added sledding and fort building to our list of activities. The nor'easter was enjoyed by the children a bit more than the adults, I'd say!

February was filled with a lot of love, hearts and penguins. We also made groundhog puppets and celebrated Chinese New Year with some noodles and chopsticks and a colorful dragon mask. Most of the noodles ended up on their shirt instead of in their mouth.

We had a few delays and snow days. We were glad to be open for all of these. We had quite a crew here on a couple of snow delays. The attendance on these days showed us how much the early de-

lay opening is needed. I'm glad we can provide this service so parents can still get to work on time.

We were open on February vacation on various days and will be open on April vacation. If you are currently enrolled in our Andover Five Alive Program or Andover After School Program, you may sign up for any or all days of April vacation. We are open from 8 AM to 4 PM all week. You can sign up for one day or all five. Even if you only attend a couple of days a week to the program, you may take advantage of these days. If you have any questions about this service, feel free to call 735-6566 and ask for Diane.

In like a lion, out like a lamb! Stay warm everyone, spring is on its way.

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In like a lion, out like a lamb! It's hard to believe that on Wednesday, March 20 we will be welcoming spring. Wonder if anyone is going to tell Mother Nature?

During the month of March we will be setting up traps in hopes of catching

Club offers. It's always a fun morning meeting and discovering new friends.

March will be a month filled with hopping bunnies, spring colors, and pastel Easter eggs. We will be wiggling our noses, flopping our ears, and hopping our way down the rabbit trail.

Easter arrives in late March this year – so signs of spring will be everywhere. Children will be tip-toeing their way through the tulips, decorating eggs, and going on an egg hunt. We will be donning our bunny ears, eating carrots, and growing whiskers as we say goodbye to winter and hello to spring.

Our Bouncy Bears are growing and are enjoy exploring time in the older Monkey classroom. The children are loving the climbing structure, indoor sandbox, and many new toys. Warmer days have us enjoying the outside playground, taking stroller rides around the campus, and running in the football field.

The Bouncy Bears and Marvellous Monkeys have become quite creative painters. Whether they are using their hands, paint brushes, or popsicle sticks, children are enjoying the chance to discover and feel the different textures. Hands-on fun is always key here at the Inn. Splashing in the water table, bringing snow inside to scoop, and playing with ice cubes are just some of the fun ways our youngest children have been celebrating the winter season.

Summer and fall enrollment is already underway. Should you have any questions, are interested in visiting the Inn, or would like additional information, you can call the Inn at 735-5900.



Cilla Abrahamson and Paige Orcutt ice skating at the Teddy Maloney Rink at Proctor.

ourselves a leprechaun. The nursery and preschoolers set the bait and with any luck we will catch our mischievous little friend. We have a great time decorating and creating our traps.

Last year, despite our best efforts, we did not catch our little friend. He did leave us a few magical coins and a message that he would return again next March. With any luck he will follow the rainbow to our pot of gold and we will finally "catch us a leprechaun."

On Wednesday, March 6 we will be welcoming members from the Andover Lions Club for their Operation Kid Sight program. This is just one of the many wonderful programs the Lions



The Andover Boy Scouts on a camping trip in December: Hayden Buswell, Kyler Pilla, Jared Frost, Dillan Reed, Chase Davis, Matt Bent, and Keygan Sweeney.

Andover Boy Scouts To Meet In March

A meeting of the Andover Boy Scouts will be held at the Andover Annex (the Hamp House) adjacent to AE/MS, on Monday, March 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Any boy who has completed grade five or is 11 years old is eligible to sign up. Meetings are subject to change in location and times as activities such as swimming, riflery, wilderness survival skills, and CPR classes are planned for the spring. Due to the changing schedule, if unable to come to the March 4 meeting, contact Brian Reynolds or Doug Bent. Boys who like the outdoors, camping, and hiking and would like to learn new skills such as first aid, wilderness survival, and emergency preparedness are welcome to join.

Since September the boys have been hiking and camping once a month including the winter months, and we would like to thank the Woodlands Office at Proctor Academy and Dave Pilla for the use of the cabin this past

winter. During these campouts, the boys have learned how to find a place to camp, set up camp (setting up tents in all weather, including rain and winter cold), and start a cooking fire without using matches or a lighter. As leaders, we are there to guide and help the boys; but it us up to them to plan and execute activities such as campouts on their own.

We are fortunate that several members of the community who are involved in health care and law enforcement and a former military survival school instructor have volunteered to help teach the boys their particular skill.

Unfortunately, some of our boys lack camping supplies, and the troop is always in need of used camping supplies. If you would like to donate camping equipment, please call Brian Reynolds at 545-4102 or Doug Bent at 735-5847. As always, momentary donations are also appreciated.

School Matters!

The *Beacon* needs volunteers to help gather school news, especially news of our Andover students at MVHS! If you can help, please call 735-6099.



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EAVP Explores the World of the Post Office

By Elizabeth Janvrin, Director, EAVP

February was a busy month at East Andover Village Preschool, with many discussions around family and friendship. We started off the month with appreciating our families in our second Parent Appreciation Week. Families wore their children to work with homemade buttons, enjoyed breakfast during drop-off time, and enjoyed a night of dinner and dancing. Thank you to all of our families for your support!

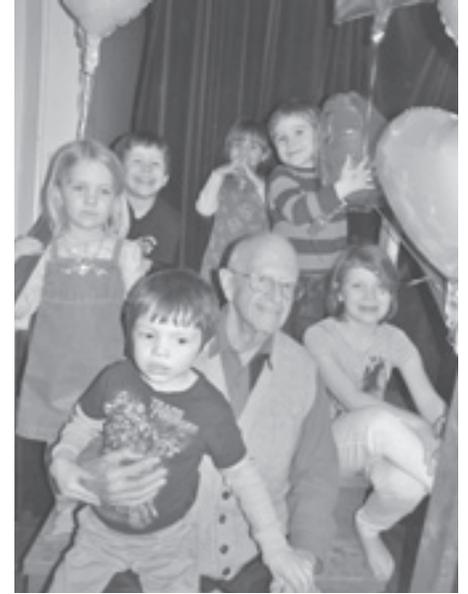
Our discussions and explorations revolved around the post office and mailing letters. We read *Flat Stanley* and made our own self-portraits to mail home. Chris Grotnes, one of our fathers, came in and explained the process of package delivery with UPS. Everyone enjoyed sharing stories of packages being delivered and opening our special package that he brought with him.

Mail has been arriving from around the state, country, and world, as we continue to explore post offices, along with an introduction to geography. We are eager to see the other letters and postcards that we will receive. Painting with bubble wrap, writing letters to other friends, and exploring stamps are some other activities that have been enjoyed as well.

The arrival of the fresh new snow brought many exciting activities to our program as well. It came inside for sensory tables and colored water fun. We used it with boiled-down maple sugar to make sugar on snow which led to excitement and observations of "it's hardening," "it's sticky," and "it's good." Outside on the playground, there has been snowmen making, sledding, snowball throwing, and snow building,

all great fun in the winter.

When we return from our February break, we will dive into the world of fairy tales. Props and puppets will be brought in for the retelling of stories



Dance attendants take a break from dancing for a photo opportunity: (Top left, clockwise) Garrett Barton, Vanessa Guptill, Wyatt Barton, Madison Colby, Don Gould, Ryleigh Holt, and Ryleigh Perry.

and varied versions of the same tale will allow for comparing and contrasting. There will be art experiences, science observations, and mathematics play as we explore each tale in depth. In the block area, pictures of castles and different building materials such as cardboard and brick blocks will be added to extend our thoughts and structures.

Registration for our EAVP Summer Camp with daily water play and weekly themes such as "Cruising to the Caribbean" and "Digging for Dinosaurs" has begun. We are registering for our 2013-2014 school year as well. Please contact Elizabeth Janvrin at EAVP@tds.net or 735-5105 for more information.

OBITUARIES

BRUCE A. WOOD, 60, passed away on January 7, 2013, in Homosassa, Florida after a sudden illness.

He was born on June 18, 1952, in Manchester, to the late Norman J. Wood and his surviving mother, Lorraine (Pluff) Wood. He moved to Florida nine years ago with his partner of 13 years, Richard Gosselin. While residing in New Hampshire, he was employed by Milford Lumber Company in Milford as an accountant.

He loved animals, arts and crafts, and had an exceptional green thumb. His true passion was spending time with his family and friends. He had a contagious smile and a personality that was adored by many.

Left to cherish his memory are his

son, Jason A. Wood and his wife Heather, of Andover; his daughter, Tiffany D. Dumensil and her husband John, of Manchester; his seven grandsons, Brandon, Deklan, Tristan, Teigan, Devin, Johnathan, and Christian; his two granddaughters, Olivia and Gabby; five brothers, Norman J. Wood Jr. and Scott Wood of Manchester, Wayne Wood of Homosassa, Timothy Wood of Goffstown, Douglas Wood of Glade Hill, Virginia; and one sister, Jane Wood of Manchester; also many nieces, nephews, and his former wife of 27 years, Diane (Paris) Carey of Manchester.

A memorial gathering was held on January 31 at Phaneuf Funeral Homes and Crematorium in Manchester, with

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a service following in the funeral home chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of America, 2100 L Street NW, Washington DC 20037. To view an online memorial, go to Phaneuf.net.

WADE BROOKS CUSHING WEATHERS, age 96, of New London, died peacefully in his sleep Sunday January 27, 2013 at New London Hospital's Clough Center.

Born on December 28, 1917 in Short Hills, New Jersey, to Edna Cushing Weathers and Niel A. Weathers, the third of seven children, Wade graduated from Deerfield Academy and Williams College with a BA in Mathematical Sciences. During his years at Williams, he developed a love for flying which led him to a career with Pan American Airways as a navigator and pilot. Wade flew the famous Pan American Clippers, including the Boeing B314 "flying boats" between New York, neutral Portugal, and Brazil, during World War II, where his navigational skills were highly valued during those early days of trans-oceanic commercial flight. He also flew supplies to isolated Berlin during the critical post-war Berlin Airlift. Following his career at Pan Am, Wade joined the Edo Corporation, a pioneering manufacturer of floatplane pontoons and aviation electronics, where he became a vice-president of sales.

Wade and his wife, Audrey Strassenburgh Weathers, were married on February 16, 1946, both employees of Pan Am at the time. Having raised their five children, they moved to New London in 1975 and continued to spend summers on Lake Sunapee where he and his family had enjoyed decades of fond memories at the family home, Bredablik, since his early childhood.

Walking, hiking, and golf were favorite pastimes, and Wade shared his life-long passion for the game as a volunteer golf coach of the Kearsarge Regional High School team, where he was affectionately known as "Granfather."

Wade is survived by his four children, Wade B.C. Weathers, Jr. of Charlotte, Vermont, Niel F. Weathers of Andover, Margaret B. Weathers of New London, and Prentice F. Weathers of Newport, Rhode Island; six grandchildren, Brooks and Tyler Weathers, Niel Weathers and Blair Weathers McClay, and Bliss and Elizabeth Weathers; two great-grandchildren; and his sister, Edna W. Dennis of Annapolis, Maryland.

He was predeceased by his wife, Audrey Strassenburgh Weathers, and daughter Audrey Weathers Wallace; a sister, Marion W. Grassi; and brothers Niel A. Weathers, Prentice C. Weathers, Brantley P. Weathers, and Eliot B. Weathers.

A memorial service was held on February 16 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, New London.

The family is sincerely grateful for

the superb care and kind attention of the Clough Center staff. Contributions in his memory may be made to: The Clough Center, New London Hospital, 273 County Road, New London 03257; or The Bredablik Family Fund of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, PO Box 683, Sunapee 03782.

To sign an online guestbook, please visit ChadwickFuneralService.com.

PAUL GARDNER BENSON, known to friends and family as "Benny," died peacefully at home in Andover on January 31, 2013, just short of his 59th birthday after a brave and hard-fought battle with cancer. He lived and died surrounded by the love of family and friends, guided to the very end by his heart for God and for people.

Benny was born in Concord, Massachusetts on March 25, 1954, and spent his early years in Concord and Acton, Massachusetts. He moved to New London at age 10 when his father became co-owner of The Country Press, a small print shop in town.

Benny grew up playing soccer and basketball, and enjoyed endless hours downhill skiing at King Ridge. He attended Kearsarge Regional High School in North Sutton and went on to earn a degree in Bible at Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts.

Benny began working at his father's print shop during high school, then made it his profession for 30 years after college. He eagerly embraced the introduction of computers to the printing industry and enjoyed desktop publishing and graphic design work, as well as the relationships he built over the years with his co-workers at this small family-owned business.

Outside of work he was active in Christian ministry, always involved in leading Bible studies or youth groups, bringing people from area churches together for worship or study. His other passion was soccer, a sport that he played at the varsity level during high school and college, and then in local summer and winter leagues through his 40s. Benny also coached soccer at both Proctor Academy in Andover and at Kearsarge Regional High School for many years.

In 2005, Benny left the printing business to pursue his passion for mentoring and ministering to youth and adults, becoming the assistant pastor and then interim pastor of the church that he and his wife Cindy attended for many years, Grace Outreach in West Lebanon. Benny was eventually asked to become the New Hampshire regional coordinator for campus ministry for The Navigators, an international ministry based in Colorado Springs. This allowed him

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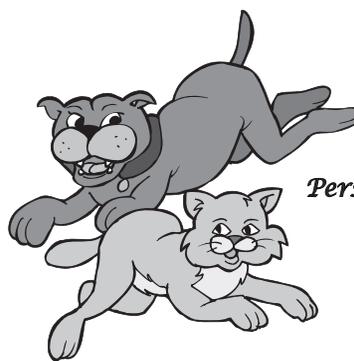
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to mentor students full time at both Colby-Sawyer College in New London and Dartmouth College in Hanover.

Benny was known for his hearty laugh, positive attitude, and ability to make people feel welcome and accepted in his presence. The home that he and Cindy shared in Andover for 28 years was always filled with friends, family, and the many college students that he and Cindy "adopted."

Benny found great meaning in mentoring young people and encouraging them to grow in their gifts and confidence by loving them unconditionally and challenging them to reach their potential, whether it be on the soccer field, in a small group discussion, or a one-on-one meeting over lunch to talk about the big issues of life and faith. He modeled a life of integrity, simplicity, loyalty, hope, faith, and love.

Benny is survived by Cindy, his wife of 35 years; two daughters, Caren Swanson of Durham, North Carolina and Lindsey Allenby of Andover; two sons-in-law, David Swanson and Scott Allenby; three wonderful grandchildren, Clara Swanson (7), Camden Allenby (4), Micah Allenby (2), and an Allenby granddaughter is due on his birthday, March 25; his father, Gardner Benson and step-mother Ellen, of New Lebanon, Ohio; his brother, David Benson and sister-in-law Diane, of East Andover; a niece, Carmen (Jeremy) Palmquist of East Andover; and a nephew, Jon (Meredith) Benson of Beverly, Massachusetts. He was predeceased by his mother, Emma Harvey Benson, who died in 2006.

As a tribute to Benny's life, and in lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to the "Benny Fund for Campus Ministry" at Lake Sunapee Bank, PO Box 274, Andover 03216-0274. (Please make checks payable to "LSB," with "Benny Fund for Campus Ministry" in the memo line.) This fund will be used by the two local churches Benny was most closely associated with, First Baptist Church of New London and Well-spring Worship Center in West Lebanon, to benefit Colby-Sawyer students and Dartmouth students. The purpose of the fund will be to forge a closer connection between the churches and their respective campuses.

Donations can also be sent to KREM (Kearsarge Region Ecumenical Ministries), a fund started by area churches to help needy families and individuals in the Kearsarge region by meeting practical needs, something Benny cared deeply about. Checks can be made out to "KREM" and sent to PO Box 1465, New London 03257.

A service of remembrance and celebration will be held at the First Baptist Church in New London at 3 PM on Tuesday, February 12, followed by a reception.

Benny's story and updates from his family can be found at CaringBridge.org/visit/BennyBenson.

STEPHEN W. PROCTOR, 53, of Amesbury, Massachusetts, passed away Tuesday evening, February 5, at the Kaplan Family Hospice House after a courageous battle with cancer surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Rutland, Vermont, January 10, 1960, he was the son of Howard W. and Patricia G. (Little) Proctor of Andover and was a graduate of Henniker High School, class of 1978, Johnson and Wales University, class of 1982, and New England College, class of 1991.

Mr. Proctor had worked for Varian Semiconductor Equipment in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Steve was a member of Unity on the River in Amesbury and St. John's Lodge, A.F. & AM in Newburyport, Massachusetts. He was a Cub Scout leader and enthusiastic Little League coach. He was also an accomplished harmonica player who played with various area bands. Steve enjoyed cooking and woodworking and was an avid Red Sox fan. But most of all, Steve was a loving family man who enjoyed hosting gatherings at his home.

In addition to his devoted wife, Kathryn (Brown) "Kathy" Proctor of Amesbury and his parents, he leaves behind his two sons, Matthew H. Proctor of Amesbury and James R. Proctor of Goffstown; his daughter, Tanya L. Proctor of East Andover; his three grandchildren, Damien, Nathan, and Makayla, all of Keene; his two brothers, Stuart K. Proctor and wife Lisa of Newbury, and Christopher J. Proctor and wife Melissa of Emmett, Idaho; two nieces and a nephew, Elizabeth, Aidan, and Sophie Proctor of Newbury; his father-in-law, Roger Brown and wife Ellen of Clifton Park, New York; and mother-in-law, Margery Reading and husband George of Taos, New Mexico; along with many dear friends and neighbors. His passing has left a void in the hearts of those who knew and loved him, but his legacy will live forever.

Visiting hours at the Paul C. Rogers and Sons Family Funeral Home, Amesbury, were on February 10. A Masonic Service was held the same day. A Celebration of Life gathering was held on February 11 at the Unity on the River, Amesbury. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Matthew H. Proctor Education Fund, The Provident Bank, PO Box 37, Amesbury Massachusetts 01913; or to the Amesbury Little League, c/o Steve Proctor, PO Box 104, Amesbury Massachusetts 01913.

GLADYS I. (SOUSA) SLACK, 80, of Tilton, died Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at the Concord Hospital following a period of failing health. Gladys was born in East Andover on July 9, 1932, daughter of Frank and Lovina (Keniston) Sousa. She spent her youth in the Andover area, later moving to Belmont where she schooled.

She had been a resident of Tilton for over 60 years. She worked for many
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years at the former Tilton Endless Belt Company in Tilton and later was a machinist at the Wyman-Gordon Company in Northfield. During the 1960s and '70s, Gladys worked as a CNA at Franklin Regional Hospital. Gladys was a longtime active member of the Calvary Independent Baptist Church in Tilton.

She was predeceased by her a brother, Roger Richardson, and sisters Geri Harris and Rena Dussault. Her husband, James P. Slack Jr., died in 1991.

Her family includes her daughter, Deborah J. Rucker and her husband Michael of Franklin; son, Jody P. Slack and his wife Debra of Sanbornton; four grandchildren, Amy Lamanuzzi, Jodi McElroy, Bree Boediarto, and Brandon Rucker; five great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

A service was held on February 23, at 11 AM, at the Calvary Independent Baptist Church, 128 School Street in Tilton. Spring burial will be in the family lot at Park Cemetery in Tilton.

Those wishing may make memorial contributions in Gladys' name to the Calvary Independent Baptist Church at PO Box 22, Tilton 03276. For more information, go to SmartFuneralHome.com.

GARY PAUL MASON, 56, of Andover, formerly of Needham, Massachusetts, died on Sunday, February 17, 2013. Beloved husband of Diane L. (O'Leary) Mason. Dear father of Gary P. Jr. and Jeremy D. Mason, both of Andover. Beloved son of Louise (Farrow) Mason and the late David A. Mason of Needham. Brother of Sandra L. LeMay of Needham, David A. Mason Jr. and his partner Michael Jimerson of Centerville, Donna L. Eaton and her husband David E. of Yarmouthport, formerly of Needham, and Cindy J. Willis and her husband Douglas of Easton, Massachusetts. Also survived by several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and -nephews.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, March 2, at 11 AM at the Andover Congregational Church, 1 Chase Hill Road, Andover. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Gary's name to the Concord Regional VNA, 30 Pillsbury St, Concord 03301.

RAYMOND C. POWERS, 95, a lifelong resident of Derry, died on February 20, 2013, in the Pleasant Valley Nursing Center in Derry.

Mr. Powers was born in Derry on December 5, 1917, a son of the late Charles and Maude (Cote) Powers. He

served with the US Army during World War II.

Mr. Powers retired from Sundeen Refrigeration in Manchester, where he worked as an appliance technician for 30 years. He was a communicant of St. Thomas Aquinas Church and a member of the K of C Council 3023, both of Derry. Mr. Powers enjoyed camping, hunting, photography, and travelling.

He is survived by two daughters, Kathleen J. Powers of Derry, and Sandra M. Williams and her husband Richard of Andover; three grandchildren, Karen Gosselin of Sunapee, Jerry Williams of Concord, and Sandra Williams of Hartland, Vermont; two great-granddaughters, Summer Gosselin and Natalie Chute-McGee; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Irene J. (Latulippe) Powers in 2004.

Calling hours were held on February 25 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch Street, Derry. A liturgy of Christian burial was celebrated on February 26 in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Avenue, Derry. Burial with military honors followed in Holy Cross Cemetery, Londonderry. To send a condolence or for more information, visit PeabodyFuneralHome.com.



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Andover Outing Club Shines at Home, Away Meets

By Tim Norris, Andover Outing Club Reynolds finished right together at 7:18 and 7:19.

Andover Outing Club (AOC) kids all improved at our first home meets, which went off without a hitch. The day saw two long-standing girl's records broken, with Jazlyn Perkins setting a new mark on the K10 with a 5-meter jump and Sophie Reynolds broke the record on the K18 with a 10.5-meter jump. Both records had previously been held by Samantha Veasey. (K18 means that the jump is designed so that a jumper can safely jump 18 meters before the hill starts to level out.)

The third race of three laps saw Carl Hubbard winning in 6:59, with Henry Johnstone of Carlisle, Massachusetts second in 7:25. The only high school skier, Warren Bartlett of Bishop Brady, finished four speedy laps in 6:41.



AOC Results
Jazlyn Perkins was 1st for the K10 girls, Katie Bent was second, Eliza Guiliani was 3rd, and Emma Pine was 4th.

For the K10 boys, Mark Roberts was 1st with a 5.5-meter ride, and Bode Fanjoy was second. On the K18, Sophie Reynold's two jumps of 10.5 meters led the day.

In the boys U11 (under age 11) group, Dave Reynolds led the field with an 11-meter jump. Jake Mckerley was close behind, edging Matt Reynolds with better style points. Noah King was 5th. On the K38 jump, Hopkinton's Ian McCluskey won the high school class with a long ride of 33.5 meters. AOC's Warren Bartlett was close behind with two jumps of 31 meters.

Nordic Combined
Nordic Combined means jumping and cross-country skiing in one event. It was the first race for many of the skiers. The first race of one lap was won by Sophie Reynolds with a time of 3 minutes, 18 seconds. Mark Roberts was ten seconds back, and Jake Mckerley was 3rd.

In the second race of two laps, Caleb Gilbert of Salisbury, Connecticut was first with 5:28. Dave Reynolds and Matt

Cross Country Skiers: Matt Reynolds, Dave Reynolds, Henry Johnstone, Sophia Reynolds, Jake Mckerley, Mark Roberts, Carl Hubbard, and Warren Bartlett.

Bartlett of Bishop Brady, finished four speedy laps in 6:41.

Lebanon's Three Hill Meet
Here are the AOC results from February 3:

On the K10, Sophie Reynolds again won the girl's meet with a winning combination of distance and style. Emma Pine had her best day jumping, in third place.

In the boy's K10 – U11 event, Matt Reynolds edged Noah King by half a point.

In the K25 – U11 event, Dave Reynolds jumped to third place with two jumps of 14 meters, and Jake Mckerley was fourth with 10.5 meters.

On the big K50 hill, AJ King was fourth with a 30-meter jump, and Warren Bartlett was sixth with 29 meters.

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Andover Middle School Enjoys Another Great Basketball Season

Teams show excitement, improvement on the court

By Andover Athletic Department

The AE/MS middle school basketball teams completed its 2012-2013 season with a great deal of excitement and fun. The teams capped of their season with a celebration night with the parents.

Sunapee Lakers

The Sunapee Lakers came to town. The AE/MS girls started the night off well, at the end of the first half trailing by only six points. With great shooting from Kaitlyn French and Kate Barton, the Lady Eagles pulled within two points. But in the end, the well-skilled Sunapee team was too much for our girls, and they end the night with a 32 to 42 loss.

The AE/MS boys came ready to play. With great defense by Kevin Barry and rebounding and leadership from Matt Braley and Hunter Bonk, the game remained very close.

With 9.9 seconds left on the clock, the team was down by one point. Matt Braley drove the lane and was fouled. Matt was able to tie the game and send it into overtime.

The boys went into an overtime game without their leading scorer of the night, Matt Braley, who had fouled out of the game with 2.2 seconds left of regulation time. The Eagles were not done. With a lot of heart and hustle, they rallied to a victory led by a hard-charging Kevin Barry, who scored the points needed to keep us on top. What a great win for the boys!

Indian River

The second game of the week was against Indian River Middle School. The AE/MS girls started the night a little flat, getting behind by 12 points in the first quarter. The Lady Eagles charged back to within two points by the end of the third quarter.

With our two leading scorers of Kaitlyn French and Kate Barton, the ladies were able to pull ahead in the fourth quarter, and they never looked back. The Heart and Hustle award goes out to Kenzie Emeny for her fantastic defense – without her 16 steals, the girls would

not have been able to pull off such a great victory.

The AE/MS boys played well in the first half, staying with a good, skilled defensive team. Leading scorer Matt Braley putting in two three-pointers helped bring the boys close in the third quarter. But in the end, the boys lost steam and watched as Indian River pulled away to give them a heart-breaking loss.

Goshen Lempster

The Andover Eagles played their final game of the season against Goshen Lempster. The AE/MS girls took the floor with a lot of excitement. Goshen Lempster jumped out to an early lead. The girls battled back in the second half, but in the end fell short. They showed a lot of heart and hustle in the second half.

The boys started a little slow but turned it around in the second quarter, gaining the lead and never looking back. With great passing and hustle on defense, the boys ended the season with another win.

The season ended on a very high note for both teams. The boys' coaches noticed the improvement in the team's defense and solid offense that pushed them forward to show growth in the teams abilities on the court. Coaching staff was very impressed with their team's work ethic in practice to improve their basketball skills.

The girls had a very successful season. They did this with a true team effort. Each member on the team contributed to a successful season. With great sportsmanship and hustle, the girls team had an enjoyable season to watch.

Kids vs. Parents

Both teams finished the season with their traditional challenge game against the parents. This was followed by a pot-luck dinner and awards ceremony. The games were filled with smiles and fun. The celebration was capped off with awards presented to the teams for completing a season full of growth and success. Way to go, Eagles!

The coaches would like to thank the fabulous parents for their help in making this another great season.



Valentine's Day took a bizarre turn when Katie Bent brought in false mustaches for everyone in her fourth grade class at AE/MS. Back: Hawk McCord, Gavin Elliot, Ruth Anderson, Kyleigh Fanny, Madison Jewell, Malori Haraburda, Mia Smith, Grace DeSignore, Nautica Belmosto, Jazlyn Perkins, Katie Bent, and Sadie Barton. Front: Jarrett Benson, Cedar Kiedaich, Ayla Caron, Ethan Meyerhoefer, Lilly Furtkamp, Emily Abrahamson, and Juliette Adams.

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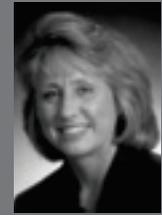
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Ronan Walsh was the AE/MS Geography Bee finalist and winner. From left to right: Braden Babbitt, Carl Hubbard, Finn Weber, Alex Crucitti, Ronan Walsh, Devin Barton, Trever Lima, and Lexi Emeny

AE/MS Holds Annual Geography Bee

By Jim Tucker,
AE/MS social studies teacher

The Geography Bee became center stage for ten geography wizards of Andover Elementary/Middle School this past week. The title of AE/MS Geography Bee Champion is a much-coveted position.

The competition began with every student in grades five through eight competing for a spot in the second round of the Geography Bee. With questions ranging from world geography to United States geography, the challenge for the students was at a very high level.

In the second round it was fifth graders Trevor Lima and Ronan Walsh; sixth graders Lexi Emeny and Devin Barton; seventh graders Alex Crucitti and Finn Weber; and eighth graders Brandon Babbitt and Carl Hubbard.

The finalists faced each other head-to-head with a supportive audience of their fellow classmates. This was in the same open format as the preliminary rounds.

The students put forth a fabulous effort, and the competition was full of entertainment. In the end, fifth grader Ronan Walsh rose through the ranks to win the final round and earn the right to call himself Andover 2012-2013 Geography Bee Champ.

The next step for Ronan is to submit a written test and hope the he makes the grade to be selected to compete at the state level. The staff, students, and the Andover community want to wish Ronan Walsh "Good Luck!"

Stay tuned to the world of geography for the announcement of our next year's champion. Keep studying those geography facts, and get ready for next year's fun-filled competition.

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The third grade students at AE/MS have been reading a biography on Helen Keller and discussing her life. Activities have included written responses such as creating journals recording events from her perspective, experiencing what it feels like to be blind or deaf, and studying Braille.

One group frosted cupcakes and then decorated them with M&Ms to form Braille letters. The cupcakes were manipulated to spell, then read, different words. Later, students enjoyed eating their hard work and even took some home to share with family members.



AE/MS fourth and fifth grade students and teachers Linda DeMinico (art), Kristy LaRoche (fourth grade) and Paul Hubert (music) staged a Chinese New Year celebration for the whole school. Photo: Heidi Unger

AE/MS Celebrates Chinese New Year 4711

4711 is the year of the snake

By Linda DeMinico, AE/MS art teacher

Happy New Year! Chinese people recently celebrated the New Year, which is now 4711. In Chinese culture, the zodiac is a part of the celebration. This is the year of the snake. Our fourth grade students heard the story of the good dragons who, during a time of no rain, helped the Chinese people by making it rain. Crops became plentiful. The dragon is now one of the most famous mythical animals in their culture.

The fourth grade made paper dragon puppets. They had many details such as the long “grandfather” whiskers, snake scale textures on the body, small deer horns, and a lion’s tail. For fourth graders, creating this paper dragon was quite a challenge. They all were successful.

On February 21 we had our dragon parade. We walked to each classroom with our dragons, some teachers, and

several band students and fifth graders. These students played drums and other festive instruments thanks to Mr. Hubert.

A window in each classroom was opened to let out all the bad luck and to welcome the good luck of the mythical dragon parade. The children enjoyed sharing their dragon puppets, and the students and teachers of AE/MS had the privilege of enjoying a joyful holiday from another culture. Ms. Unger took photos of the event so that we can all enjoy seeing our parade once again.

To add to the festivity, our school chef, Ms. Young, created a delicious Chinese lunch, with a fortune cookie for all!

Gung Hae Fat Choi, or Happy New Year. There are now videos of Chinese New Year 2013 in Chinatown, NYC, on YouTube. Their parade was three days after ours. They feature the lion parade and the dragon parade.

Thank you to all who helped us celebrate this international holiday!

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Student Council members, who have been particularly creative this year.

A spirited and successful basketball season has ended for our middle school students. Additional games and tournaments were scheduled this year, to the delight of players and fans. As always, good sportsmanship ruled the courts wherever our Andover Eagles played. We were all sad to see season come to an end. However, Coach Nick Fairall is ready to start track practices!

We are appreciative to the Town of Andover, Proctor Academy, and lots and lots of volunteers for making skiing, snowboarding, and skating available to our students. Another great winter activity season has ended.

Keep those Box Tops for Education coming in! We collect Box Tops year round – we never stop! All money raised will go toward playground equipment and further development of the park area. Those ten-cent Box Tops add up fast!

Incredible art work is displayed throughout our building. When you

are here for School District Meeting or Town Meeting, please enjoy the artistic displays.

The annual School District Meeting is Monday, March 4, at 7 PM in the school gym. It is at this meeting that the budget is voted upon for the 2013-14 school year. You must be present to vote on the budget and warrant articles. Babysitting is provided at the school. School staff members and eighth grade students are helping entertain children.

Voting for School District officers, including two seats on the Andover School Board, takes place on Tuesday, March 12, from 11 AM to 7 PM in the school gym. For more details about voting, School District Meeting, and Town Meeting, see the special section starting on page 6.

We are looking for members of the 2013-14 kindergarten class. If you know of Andover children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2013, please send them our way. We are excited to welcome another large kindergarten class! Parents should call AE/MS for registration information.

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AE/MS students used aides devised by the teachers to learn to skate on Fridays at the Proctor hockey rink.

AE/MS News: February 2013

By Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

I love our school! Where else can you start the morning at the Healthy Heart Restaurant run by second graders, then enjoy a Chinese New Year Dragon parade featuring fourth grade students with their elaborate, handmade, festive dragons accompanied by our talented band and teachers in ornamental garb, then enjoy an incredible Asian buffet in the school cafeteria, and finally end the day with endearing visits by students delivering valentines and chocolate?

Life doesn't get much better!

Projects are completed and tests have been taken. Science Opportunities for Excellence are due, and units are coming to a close. We are days away from vacation. We are also in the middle of Spirit Week. Every day has a theme, culminating with Beach Day on Friday. The day before vacation students are treated to snow cones and a day at the Andover Beach (usually known as the gym). Spirit Week is planned by our

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The Andover Players, the AE/MS Drama Club, spent a Saturday running a bake sale at the AE/MS Basketball Tournament to make money for supplies and props for their upcoming play, Alice in Wonderland. The Andover players are appreciative to all those who donated baked goods and time for the bake sale. Pictured are: (Front) Ryelle Jenifer, Tempest Pryzbyla, Tori Braley, Vienna Marcus, and Riley Keezer; (Back) Jared Duquette and Gloriana Brown

AE/MS Eats at Second Grade's Heart-Healthy Restaurant

New foods include elephant toes

By Gretchen Hildebrand, AE/MS

AE/MS second graders once again put on quite a spread for their annual heart-healthy restaurant. In preparation, the students had to study about what foods are healthy and what makes a balanced diet. They practiced the math of adding money and making change. Finally, they had to make the decision of what they each wanted to provide for the restaurant and how to make the menu attractive to the visitors.

Both old favorites like shrimp cocktail, smoothies, and fruit kabobs; and new entries such as hearty chicken

soup, elephant toes, and pickles made the restaurant the yummiest ever. Third graders were invited (as they had been the servers last year), and all AE/MS staff were encouraged to attend or order take-out. The children voted this year to give the money raised by the restaurant to the American Red Cross. We have a check on the way to them in the amount of \$215.35!

Mr. Jensen and Ms. Hildebrand thank all the moms who came to help, and the moms and dads who helped with the food. The second graders "grazed" all day on the leftovers, went home exhausted and full, and performed a great service to the school and the Red Cross.

Planning Under Way for AE/MS SHARE Day

See How The Arts Reach Everyone

By Gisela Darling, SHARE Day Coordinator

SHARE (See How the Arts Reach Everyone) Day will take place at the Andover Elementary/Middle School on Friday, May 17.

SHARE Day was started in 1989 by the small, but very active, PTO and has been a fun day for the students ever since then. This special day brings artists, craftspeople, and musicians from Andover and surrounding communities into the classroom.

It has been a long tradition to invite

community members to come into the school and share their talents by offering a workshop in crafts or arts-related hobbies. Workshops in the past have ranged from basketmaking to weaving. Different sports workshops also have been offered to the students.

Volunteers are also needed to assist the workshop leaders or help the lower grades with their activities.

Please call Gisela Darling at 735-5681 or Principal Jane Slayton at the school if you would like to help. All workshops need to be in place by the beginning of April to allow time for the information to be sent home to families and for students to make their choices.

Proctor Students Organize an Andover Food Pantry Fundraiser

Chuck Will, Proctor Academy

During the second week of February, the Proctor Student Leadership group organized an Andover Food Pantry fundraiser. Students sold paper hearts in the dining hall during lunch on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of that week, with the different classes competing to see which one could buy the most hearts. Faculty and staff got involved as well.

Halfway through the first day, the leadership group quickly ran out of hearts, proving that they had tapped into something good! It turned out to be the most successful Student Leadership fundraiser in recent years.

The hearts were sold for 25 cents and then taped on the wall of the dining hall. The grand total raised of \$350 is being donated to the Andover Food Pantry in the name of the Class of 2016.