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Fourth of July Celebration Needs Your Donations!

Volunteers needed to canvass friends, neighbors.

By Judy Perreault
 Fourth of July Committee

Spring is officially here, but there is snow on the ground. Those hot July days seem very far away, but not for the Andover Fourth of July Committee.

We have been meeting all year to work out all the details of being a town committee. With most of that behind us, we are turning our attention to our

annual fundraising.

Traditionally, the month of May begins our efforts. Under the leadership of Irene Jewett and Wanda Smith, a team of dedicated volunteers canvass the town, street by street, for donations for the Fourth of July celebration. There are numerous expenses, but fireworks and bands take up most of our budget. A complete financial accounting is in the annual Town Report.

In the past, Andover residents have
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The Road Agent and his crew crushed gravel at the Andover Transfer Station the week of April 15. The material will save the Town a lot of money on future road projects around town.
 Photo: Charlie Darling

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Andover Fire Department Trains in Empty Proctor Building

By Rene Lefebvre, Chief,
 Andover Fire Department

Training is one of the best tools we have to learn new skills and improve the ones we have. Training needs to accomplish the goals of the task, but it also must be informative, interesting, and hopefully fun. That is an easy statement to make, but one that in real life is more difficult to do.

In Andover, we all share a responsibility for conducting training. However, we rely very heavily on our training committee. This team does the research, contacts guest instructors, and spends a lot of time planning the drills.

Thanks to Proctor Academy, we were recently invited to use a building for training that was to be demolished to make way for a new dorm. Franklin, Salisbury, and Wilmot joined us for a day of training. A smoke generator was used to create the blinding conditions of a real fire without the risk to neighboring buildings.

Many of our team worked on the roof of the building conducting venting operations. Hiding a training dummy in the building for crews to find in a zero-visibility atmosphere is a challenge, as our team has become very good at retrieving lost fire victims.

Watching the young members rap-

pel from the second story using ropes is always a thrill for the chief, and a relief when they are finished. My role for this day was as the safety officer. I get to be the pain for the members of the crew as I make sure all gear is used properly for their own safety.

To be honest, Andover has a very



The Andover, Franklin, Salisbury, and Wilmot fire departments trained at a former Proctor faculty residence last month.

Photo: Jake Johnson

mature and safety-conscious team. Most of my time was spent watching the crews train and, with more than a little pride, watch our volunteers that are actually very good firemen. These people know what they are doing.

How do you know when training is successful? The smiles, laughter, and a confidence in their step are my measure. The training committee did a great job. I think most everyone had a blast.

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National Emergency Medical Services Week

May 19 through May 25 is a great time to thank all the people our community relies upon for help when the unthinkable happens: our fire departments, police department, and – in honor of National EMS Week – the Andover EMS team, whose members we list below.

Andover EMS Team

EMS Chief John Kinney, EMS Deputy Chief Greg Stetson, EMS Lieutenant Jeffrey Clark, EMS Captain Jennifer Coffey, John Bridgmon, Jon Collette, Chuck Ellis, Stephen Fecteau, Philip Hackmann, Brad Hardie, Jason Jenkins, Tim Joyce, Rene Lefebvre, William "Mac" MacDuffie, Heather Makechnie, Jeff Miller, Andrew Perkins, and Ben Seaver

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Make Plans to Help with Town Clean-Up Week

No sign-ups this year – just get out there!

By Mary Anne Broshek
Conservation Commission

Here we are again! The piles of snow are melted, but what appears underneath is not a pretty sight around our beautiful town.

Although we have some new beautiful sprouting grass and crocuses, there are also lots of cans, bottles, and other debris on the roadsides. It's time to help out the roadsides and clean up all those nasty items that have blown around our yards and streets.

An important part of Andover's

Town Clean-Up Week is a street-by-street litter clean-up in honor of Earth Day and in conjunction with New Hampshire the Beautiful. Everyone can be part of this community-wide clean-up. We all know what roadsides look like after the snow is gone, so get a group together, or go solo

Blue bags to put the trash in have been supplied by New Hampshire the Beautiful and can be picked up at the Town Hall or the Transfer Station. While the focus of the clean-up is on May 4 through May 11, clean up can occur at your convenience. But do plan on finishing up by May 21.

Our Road Agent, Jon Champagne, has once again generously offered to pick up the blue bags along roadsides. Recycling is encouraged, but not mandatory, for this project. Most important is to clean up our beautiful town. 

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Four Marching Bands on Tap for Fourth of July Parade

"Fairy Tales" is the theme for parade floats.

By Judy Perreault
Fourth of July Committee

"Fairy Tales" is the Fourth of July theme for 2013. For various reasons, we couldn't manage a town voting this year, so the committee picked the theme. It is one that, in the past, has received numerous votes.

There are many ways to portray this theme. We hope to see many creative floats in the parade this year. It is a fun family activity and also good publicity for your club, business, or organization. Remember, there is prize money for the four best floats. First is \$100, second is \$75, third is \$50, and fourth is \$25. Adherence to the theme will be one of the judging criteria.

This year we are also offering prize money for animal and vehicle entries. For each of the two categories, first is \$50, second is \$30, and third is \$20. We hope to see some classy cars, trucks, motorcycles, and tractors as well as some handsome horses, oxen, and other animals.

Four Marching Bands!

We are happy to report that we now have four marching bands for the parade. The Bektash Drum and Bugle Corps, Bluff Point Quohog Diggers Band, New Hampshire Pipe and Drum Band, and the Air National Guard Band of The Northeast will be here. This may be the last time we see the latter band, as the one in New England has been disbanded. A band from Pennsylvania is completing their commitments. In the future, this band will be serving the entire Northeast.

You can also look forward to seeing the Concord Coach make its way down the parade route which, by the way, begins at the Proctor Field House on Field House Lane, off Main Street.

You may register your parade entries on the day of the parade. Remember to bring a copy of your insurance, or have your insurance company send it to jrplmp1234@yahoo.com. It just takes a phone call. Parking is limited in the staging area, so only parade entries are allowed.

We encourage the children to participate in the parade by dressing up and decorating their bicycles, carriages, and wagons. The leaders will be giving out ribbons in various age categories.

This year, the parents of children under 18 years old must sign a permission slip for their children to be in the parade (insurance again!). Leaders will have the forms available. Children meet at the ProClaim building, next to Pizza Chef on Main Street, and they join the parade as it comes onto Main Street from North Street.

For those peppier folks, the Firecracker 5K race will be taking registrations at Blackwater Park. The route utilizes the Rail Trail.

We couldn't start the day without the Andover Lions Club pancake breakfast. You can waddle away from their tables and check out the tables at the flea market on the Village Green. Howard Wilson is in charge and is taking orders for spaces. Call him at 735-5427 and reserve your spot.

Any parade questions, call 735-5493. For other questions, call Bob Ward at 735-5061. 

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been very generous, and we appreciate your support.

For the last several years we have been running in the red, but in 2012 we

actually came out slightly ahead. Part of this was due to the proceeds from the quilt raffle and the Boy Scout collection on the Village Green. We also were missing one of our bands.

When you donate by May 31, your name is listed in the official Fourth of July program. Of course we will accept donations anytime; the deadline is just for the program.

You receive a receipt for your donation, which is tax deductible. If for some reason your house is missed or you are not at home, please call Wanda at 735-5434 or Irene at 735-5271. They will be happy to make arrangements to get your donation.

Can You Help Canvass?

Irene and Wanda could use some more volunteers. If you can help, please give them a call. It is only once a year, and you get to meet your neighbors. I've actually made some new friends this way.

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Mystery solved! The little girl in the 1996 photo on the cover of the Andover Town Report 2012 is Stephanie Gross' granddaughter, Brittany Rollins.

Mystery Solved! Town Report "Cover Girl" Identified

She's 19 years old and about to get married.

Nobody seemed to know the name of the happy little girl on the cover of the *Andover Town Report 2012*. The photo was taken on March 2, 1996 at the Andover Fish and Game Club's annual Kid's Ice Fishing Derby. We figured that if she was two years old then, she'd be about 19 years old now.

We asked in the April issue for help identifying her, and here's the e-mail we received from her grandmother, Stephanie Gross:

"The Mystery Girl is our granddaughter, Brittany Rollins. She was almost two in the picture. Her 19th birthday was March 16 this year. Her father (my son), Matt Rollins, is the pair of legs behind her. They were and still are from Bristol. Brittany went to every Andover Fish and Game Club Ice Fish-



Jessie Gibbs and Jessica Rollins will be married on May 4 in Tennessee. Brittany, the granddaughter of Stephanie Gross, was on the cover of the Andover Town Report 2012 in a photo from 1996, when she was almost two years old.

ing Derby until she was about 12. "I have attached a 'now' picture of her and her fiance, Jessie Gibbs. They are getting married on May 4 and moving to Tennessee."

Thanks, Stephanie. And congratulations, Brittany!



Officer Dan Shaw of the Andover Police Department poses with the department's new police cruiser, purchased after Town Meeting approved the funds in March. It's a Ford Police Interceptor Utility model, which gives the department a second vehicle with more-than-two-wheel-drive capability. To save money, much of the police equipment from the old cruiser was removed and installed in the new cruiser. Photo: Charlie Darling



The Parsonage, a 19th-century extended cottage on Proctor Academy's campus on North Street, was used until recently as a faculty residence but has since been gutted in preparation for demolition and the construction of a new dormitory. The school made the facility available to the safety services teams from Andover, Franklin, Salisbury, and Wilmot for training exercises on April 7. Photo: Meghan Barton

Fire from page 1

Fire Permits

It is once again fire permit season. A permit is required for all outside burning. The basic rules are that with a permit you are allowed to burn brush, leaves, or grass. The permit is valid from 5 PM through 9 AM each day for the life of the permit. Material larger than five inches is too large and not allowed. The pile should be less than four feet high, and it is a good idea to have a garden hose ready should the wind pick up. You may burn

during day with a permit if it is raining. Camp and cooking fire permits are issued for the season; however you must have a proper fireplace. We will inspect the fireplace prior to issuing a permit. This year, permits will also be issued at the Town Office. A Warden or Deputy Warden will be out that evening to inspect the burn pile. Permits may be obtained from Warden Stephen Barton at 735-5984, or Deputy Wardens Fred Lance at 735-5122, Chuck Ellis at 671-8059, and Rene Lefebvre at 934-2197.



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Mario Ratzki Reports from Concord: April 2013

House passes budgets with less downshifting of costs

By Mario Ratzki
NH House Representative

The main event occurring in Concord recently was the adoption of the operating and capital budgets in the House. The operating budget (the day-to-day operations of the State), HB 1 and HB 2, passed on a mostly partisan basis, 194 to 172 and 193 to 166.

The revenues used in this budget did not include the Governor's \$80 million fee for a casino. The finance committee was forced to cut slightly less than \$60 million from the Governor's budget to make up for it. The casino bill coming from the Senate, SB 152, will be under scrutiny by members of the House Ways and Means and Finance committees starting on Tuesday, April 16 at public hearings in Representatives Hall at the State House.

Some highlights of the operating budget (with emphasis on town aid):

- \$5 million was added to help offset county costs. Unfortunately, we were unable to completely reverse the last two years of downshifting, and Merrimack County will have to come up with approximately \$1 million. We hope that with revenues coming in stronger than expected recently, we will be able to completely arrest the downshifting and finally reverse it. We do have to stay within expected revenues and present a balanced budget, which this is.

- \$5 million increase in the distribution of the Meals and Room Tax revenues to the towns. This does reverse the downshifting.

- Another \$5 million to fully fund drinking water, waste water, and landfill projects for 60 towns across the state.

- HB 617, the road toll/gas tax, was reduced to 12 cents over three years and would bring a total of \$183 million in direct block grants to the towns over 10 years for road and bridge repairs. Concerns over the raiding of dedicated funds for other purposes were alleviated by an amendment which strictly prohibited such action.

- In general, community colleges were fully funded. The University system got \$47 million more than last year, LCHIP got \$5.3 million, the Department of Safety got nine additional state troopers.

The capital budget (maintenance

and construction) was the responsibility of my committee, Public Works and Highways. The State Treasurer sets the available amount to be used (\$125 million), funded by the bonding of general and highway funds. We came in at \$124 million. The members voted 19 to 0 (including minority leader Chandler) to accept the final product, and the House passed our budget in a bipartisan fashion by a vote of 285 to 68.

Some highlights of the capital budget:

- \$38 million for a female state prison. Prompted by a lawsuit and the lack of adequate facilities, we decided that a location behind the Concord male prison, which would allow for the sharing of trained staff, made the most sense.

- The renovation of two CTE centers, one in Whitefield and one in Salem.

- The construction and renovation of five liquor stores. No one will be surprised to know that these investments pay for themselves within three years.

- The funding of the E-Court initiative, as well as video conferencing for the Judicial branch, to facilitate access to the court system.

- For \$2.5 million of state funds, we were able to get approximately \$10 million in matching federal funds for the National Guard.

Of course, this report cannot do justice to the scope of the state operational and capital budgets. The Senate side is in the process of weighing in with its priorities, which will surely alter the whole picture in yet unforeseen ways. But so far, the House has managed to provide a budget which is balanced and based on realistic revenues. I hope these revenues will increase as the economy rebounds.

My focus remains on halting and reversing the downshifting to the towns and providing relief to our school budgets through increased state aid. I have more information available and will be happy to share it.

My next constituent meeting will be in Andover on Monday, May 13, at 7 PM in the Town Hall. I can be reached at 735-5440 or at MarioRatzki@gmail.com.



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Town Clerk's Office Closed for Two Days in May

Also: Property tax pre-payment; dog tags

By Joanna Sumner
Town Clerk and Tax Collector

The Town Clerk's office will be closed on Wednesday, May 22, as both Wanda and I will be attending a training session offered by the state Department of Motor Vehicles. We will also be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. We will be open as usual on the last Saturday of the month: May 25.

If you still have not licensed your dog, please do so before the end of the month. Late fees will be applied starting in June.

Prepaying Property Taxes

Andover is one of the few communities left in the state that sends tax bills only once a year. This creates an un-

even cash flow for the Town and leaves the Town in a position to have to borrow funds until the next bill is sent.

Many of us find that paying a large property tax bill at the end of the year is a difficult burden. To lessen this burden, the Town Clerk's office does give you the opportunity to make payments in advance of your annual tax bill.

You do not have to be locked into a set amount each month. You can make a payment as often as you like and in any amount that is convenient for you.

Park Plates

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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Planning Board

March 26, 2013

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Jon Warzocha, Chair; Paul Currier, Vice Chair; Nancy Teach; Pat Moyer; Don Gould; Wood Sutton; and Duncan Coolidge, *ex-officio*.

Joint Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Board of Selectmen Work Plan

The work plan was discussed and Currier stated that a Web committee for the Town Web site has been created, and the committee needs to convene to review Web site necessities.

It was determined that a database of all properties in town which includes any actions (hearings; decisions; conditions) by any board needs to be created.

The Building Permit Application was reviewed in order that the Planning Board can provide feedback to the Building Inspector.

Potential committee members for each section of the work plan were discussed, and those potential members will be contacted.

Conservation Commission

March 13, 2013

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Members Larry Chase, Nan Kaplan, Tina Cotton, Sandra Graves, Jerry Hersey (acting chair); member-designee Jason Dudek; visitors Frank Baker, Pat Moyer.

Excused absent: Mary Anne Broshek (chair).

February minutes were approved as amended.

A mailing forwarded by the Town Administrator asked the Andover Conservation Commission (ACC) to consider donating a scholarship to allow a local child to attend a summer conservation camp sponsored by the New Hampshire 4-H Club. Jason volunteered to get more information from 4-H, and Frank volunteered to contact the Andover Fish and Game Club to get information about its scholarship dona-

tions. No decision was reached about an ACC sponsorship.

Old Business

Pat volunteered to check with Draft Master Plan Committee chair Paul Currier on availability of the plan narrative, and on progress to post the plan on the Town Web site.

Frank acknowledged that he had been asked about his interest in becoming an ACC member, and was present to indicate his interest.

Members discussed the Andover Town Clean-Up campaign usually co-sponsored by the Conservation Commission and the Town. While no votes were taken, recommendations were made to simplify the project in acknowledgement of many individual residents doing clean-up on their own.

Potential new members were discussed and plans made to contact individuals to determine interest.

Wildlife Action Plan Project

Nan reported that she had acquired names and addresses of landowners in the Bog Pond area in preparation for planning a "wildlife event" in that area. Names and addresses of landowners in other focus areas have not yet been acquired.

Members congratulated Jason and Mary Anne for the design of the ACC informational table at Town Meeting Day, which asked visitors to locate wildlife they had seen in town, and to identify the wildlife habitat where they lived.

A list of possible wildlife projects – updated from discussion at the February meeting – was handed out. Members can use this list to determine if there are projects they would like to be involved with.

A status report is needed for the forestry management workshop. County Forester, Tim Fleury, is the contact.

See Cons Comm on page 8

Office Hours & Meetings

OFFICE HOURS

- Town Office:** Mon-Fri 8:30-1
- Town Clerk & Tax Collector:** Mon & Wed, 9-2
Tue & Thu, 1:30-6:30
Last Saturday of month, 9-11
- Building Inspector:** Tues, 6-7
- Andover Library:** Mon, 6:30-8:30
Wed, 9-12 & 6:30-8:30
Thu, 12:30-4:30 • Sat, 10-12
- Bachelor Library:** Tues, 9-12:30 & 6:30-8:30
Thu, 6:30-8:30 • Fri, 1:30-5
- Transfer Station:** Wed, 7-6 (7-5 during Standard Time)
Sat, 7-5
- Swap Event (May-Oct):** 2nd Sat (rain date: 3rd Sat)
Transfer Station, 8-2

MEETINGS

- At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted*
- Board of Selectmen:** 1st & 3rd Mon, 6
 - Planning Board:** 2nd & 4th Tue, 7
 - Zoning Board of Adjustment:** 3rd Tue, 7
 - Conservation:** 2nd Wed, 7:30
 - Recreation Comm:** 2nd Tues, 7, AE/MS Science Room
 - Library Trustees:** 3rd Thu, 7 (except Jul & Aug), Andover Library or Bachelor Library
 - Fourth of July:** 1st Wed (Feb-Jun & Aug), Andover Fire Station, 7
 - Andover & East Andover Fire Depts:** 1st Mon, Business, 7; 3rd Mon, Training, 7
 - Andover EMS:** 2nd Tue, 7 East Andover Fire Station
 - School Board:** 1st Tue (except July), 6:30, AE/MS

For more information, call the Town Office at 735-5332.

Mark Your Calendar!

MAY

- 1: Fourth of July Comm, 7
- 6: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 6: Fire Depts Business Meeting, 7
- 7: Building Inspector, 6-7
- 7: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30
- 11: Swap Shop, Transfer Station, 8-12
- 14: Building Inspector, 6-7
- 14: Planning Board, 7
- 14: Andover EMS, East Andover Fire Station, 7
- 14: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7
- 15: Conservation Commission, 7:30
- 16: Library Trustees, 7
- 20: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 20: Fire Depts Training, 7
- 21: Building Inspector, 6-7
- 21: Zoning Board, 7

- 22: Town Clerk's Office **CLOSED**
- 25: Town Clerk's Office **OPEN**, 9-11
- 27: Town Clerk's Office **CLOSED**
- 28: Building Inspector, 6-7
- 28: Planning Board, 7

JUNE

- 3: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 3: Fire Depts Business Meeting, 7
- 4: Building Inspector, 6-7
- 4: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30
- 5: Fourth of July Comm, 7

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Fifty Years Ago: May, 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.

May 2, 1963

Andover Man Escapes Explosion: Reginald Matana of Andover escaped with his life and without injury when he instinctively jumped from his car just before it exploded last Monday. The gas tank on Mr. Matana's 1955 sedan let go and dragged along the paved surface of the road, generating sparks that ignited the escaping gas fumes, causing the car to explode and catch on fire. The tinder dry brush along the side of the road smoldered, but was quickly brought under control by Salisbury Fire Department, which is housed but a short distance away.

Much sympathy to the family of Mr. Robert McIvor, who passed away last week. Funeral at Chadwick Funeral Home. Burial at Lakeside.

The Andover Women's Bowling League held their annual banquet Saturday evening at the Laconia Tavern. There were 101 guests and members present. Winning Team – the Sociables; Millie Newton, Florence Thompson, Linda Shampney, Yvette Shaw, Joyce Rand – Captain.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shank of Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Taylor and baby have put their trailers on Beech Hill.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene (Pauline Barton) French on the birth of their new son born at Franklin Hospital this week.

May 9, 1963

Dr. W. H. Norton, who has maintained an office in Franklin, and used to have an office in Andover, has retired to Concord.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bliss on the birth of a son at Franklin Hospital April 29.

Weirs Drive-in is featuring a bonnie

new film; Follow That Dream with Elvis Presley.

May 16, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parks are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances, to Wayne Wheeler of Sutton. The wedding will take place June 1. They also announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessie Parks Fortune, to Mr. Elwood R. Davis of Agawam, Massachusetts. A July wedding is planned.

The Wm. J. Orkin catalog is available to anyone interested in their fine line of fried marbles for making necklaces, cuff links, earrings, tie clips, sweater clips barrettes, rings, etc.

The burial of Mrs. Hazel Flanders was held Saturday at Proctor Cemetery.

May 23, 1963

Much credit goes to the East Andover Fire Department for their quick action at the Herbert Holden home last Wednesday evening. The chimney was on fire and caught the wall and did damage to the attic. The Holdens very much appreciated their help and thank the firemen for their fine work.

Mrs. Willis and son from Franklin have moved their trailer on the land they recently purchased from Henry Fagon on Flaghole Road. Henry has sold some more of his field and more trailers will be put on the land.

May 30, 1963

A regular meeting of the Boy Scouts will be held in Legion Hall at Potter Place every Monday night, with the new Scoutmaster, Howard George.

Paul Fenton, Jr. has gone to work for US Department of Agriculture. Paul will be in a training program for eighteen months, after which he will be located somewhere in New England.

The East Andover Fire Company was called to a fire at Ragged Lake Boys Camp Sunday evening. With quick action the fire was kept under control. A small building, a platform, and some brush was destroyed.

Cons Comm from page 7

Mary Anne offered to write an overview article for the April Beacon.

Members suggested possible dates of May 4, June 1, July 6, and August 3 (all Saturdays) for a wildlife inventory walk to be led by Emma Carcagno of UNH Cooperative Extension. These dates will be provided to Emma. (Note: Subsequent to meeting, Nan has decided to coordinate with Emma on wildlife inventory walk for Bog Pond area).

Larry agreed to contact Andover resident Rick Libbey (aka "Mooseman") re: possible participation in the Wildlife project.

No other scheduling or specific events were determined for the priority areas or potential school projects.

Recreation Committee

March 5, 2013

Condensed from draft minutes

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

The meeting focused primarily on the design and construction materials of the Blackwater recreation building as detailed below.

- Design: Stickbuilt
- Siding: Hardyplank
- Roof: 30 year shingles
- Mechanical: Space for electrical, water, and irrigation pump when that project can be completed.

After the Committee discussed the design and looked at drawings of the building, it was moved, seconded, and approved that the building design be accepted by the Committee.

Following the vote to approve the building design, the Committee discussed the importance of getting it built before baseball season was fully underway and the need to expedite construction.

If the building passes Town Meeting, the Committee decided it would

ask for standing permission to purchase supplies as needed from the Board of Selectmen. A specific individual will do all the buying. All invoices must go through Alan Hanscom. There are no other expenses anticipated for the spring season.

Pat Frost will be in charge of the construction project, with Justin Carey supporting Pat. Pat wants to put together a strong crew and put up the building in a weekend or two in April.

Additional Funding

The Committee wishes to empower a committee member to speak to the issue of the \$8,000 of donated money that was paid to the State of New Hampshire for the triangle of land that the Blackwater Park parking lot sits on. That money was donated to support the Recreation Building. If the Town is willing to reimburse the Recreation Committee this \$8,000, there will be ample funds to complete the irrigation project for the two Town fields which would allow them to be watered without the use of expensive, treated Town water.

Ice Rink

Kurt Weber has committed a lot of time to keeping the ice rink snow free. Recently, after three hours spent with a snowblower, he was only about two-thirds done with clearing snow from the rink. Kurt thought that 10 kids with shovels was a much better way to go, but there is no easy answer. He wanted to get the hydrant fixed.



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Historical Society Needs Volunteer Stationmasters

Minding the Potter Place museum is fascinating work.

By Carly Strathdee, Beacon intern

Interested visitors and exciting stories drive experienced Andover Historical Society volunteers to work as stationmasters at the Society's Potter Place museum during the summer months, but more volunteers are desperately needed to keep the museum open.

The village of Potter Place used to be one of the hubs of Andover, home of a general store, a hotel, transportation stables, and most importantly, a train station, part of the Boston and Maine Railroad. The last train ran in 1965, but thanks to the Andover Historical Society, the Potter Place train station and its museum of Andover and railroad history is still open on weekends from Memorial Day to Columbus Day to interested Andover residents and visitors.

The railway was constructed in 1848 and ran straight through the homestead of famed magician and ventriloquist Richard Potter. The station at "Potter's Place" became vital to the area, as it brought in students, farmers, businessmen, and tourists. With the recent construction of the Northern Rail Trail on the old rail bed, tourists still make their way through Potter Place on bikes and on foot, exploring the countryside.

Pat Cutter, president of the Andover Historical Society, and her team of volunteers maintain both the general store and the Potter Place museum during the summer and fall, offering a glimpse into the history of Andover. Willing residents act as stationmasters, volunteering a few hours each summer to sit in the office, watch over the building, and answer any questions visitors may have.

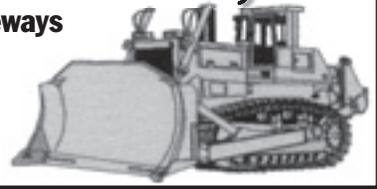
"The stationmaster's office is just the way it would have looked," Pat notes. "I give our volunteer stationmasters an orientation, and we have all the information hanging on the walls. If it's a nice day and there are people around, it can be a very fun time for the stationmasters. There are still people who live here who remember taking the train down to Franklin to see the movies."

As such a large contributor to the Andover community, many longtime residents have fond memories surrounding Potter Place, but some tourists have stories as well. Pat recalls, "The granddaughter of the last real stationmaster in Potter Place lives out of state, but she was back visiting, and she came to the museum and shared her memories of coming here when her grandfather was working."

To learn more about volunteering as a stationmaster in the Potter Place museum, contact Pat Cutter at 735-5628 or Pres@AndoverHistory.org.

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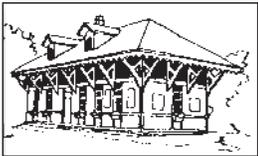
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- Ed Hiller - 735-5690
- Arch Weathers - 735-5989
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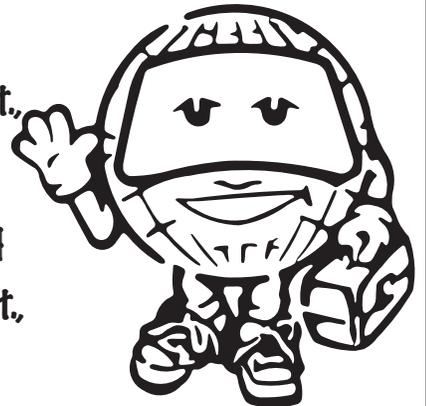
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Community Bike Tune-Up and Swap Event in New London

Saturday, May 4,
noon to 3 PM

Press release

A "Community Bike Tune-Up and Swap" event will take place on the New London Town Green on Saturday, May 4, from noon to 3 PM. Sponsored by the Kearsarge Valley Transition Initiative, the event will include two brief "Do-It-Yourself Basics" workshops from 12:30 to 12:45 PM and from 1:30 to 1:45 PM.

Throughout the day knowledgeable neighbors will be available to provide tune-up tips and suggestions, and professional repair expertise and new biking gear will be available from the Village Sports shop. The event is free and open to the public.

Residents are encouraged to bring extra or outgrown adult or children's bikes in good working condition to the "swap" anytime between noon and 3 PM. A limited supply of free bike helmets (kid's sizes), pamphlets on bike safety, and highway reflectors for bikes and shoes will be distributed by the New London Police Department. Live music will be provided by popular local

musician Ben Dobrowski.

If you are in need of a bike or you have a bike for donation that you would like to have picked up, please contact Candis Whitney at 877-0031 or Candis-Whitney@gmail.com. In-person donations will receive a coupon to Pizza Chef, Hole in the Fence, or Arctic Dreams, all located across from the Town Green. This event will take place rain or shine and a few pop-up tents will be available in the event of precipitation.

The Kearsarge Valley Transition Initiative encourages the nine towns in the Kearsarge Valley 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. Its members include Colby-Sawyer College students, faculty, and staff, as well as residents from surrounding communities.

For more information, or to RSVP, visit MeetUp.com/Transition-Kearsarge/events/102219452/ or KearsargeTransition.wordpress.com

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail: April 17, 2013

Present at the meeting: Steve Darling, Lindy Heim, Craig Heim, Ellsworth and Joyce Morton, Tom Frantz, Mike Loomis, and Bob Ward.

Correspondence. The Stannard and Dorothy Dunn Trust made a generous donation to FNRT.

Old Business

Technology. Web site is up-to-date, Facebook page is recording a lot of positive chatter.

Strategic planning. All presently serving officers and board members will be contacted to see if they are willing to serve another year. All present said yes. At the June 19 meeting (our annual meeting), elections will be conducted and our strategic plan will be revisited.

Fourth of July Firecracker 5K. Brian Reynolds will be race director this year. Tom Frantz, who launched this very popular and fun fundraiser, will assist him. It will operate largely as it has in the past, with railroad spike prizes going to the winners.

Land and Water Conservation Fund. Bob Ward made application, but found out via NH DOT that the Northern Rail Trail is not eligible due to the land being cited for future rail use by the federal government.

New Business

Upcoming meetings and events. On Thursday, April 25, FNRT will enjoy being the featured organization for the Coach House Restaurant's Thursday's Child benefit dinner.

The May monthly meeting has been

cancelled.

Annual Appeal mailing. The envelope-stuffing party will take place at the Highland Lake Inn at 2 PM on Wednesday, May 1.

National Trails Day Fun Ride/Fun Walk. FNRT has scheduled a fun ride/walk starting at Gerrish Depot, Route 3, Boscawen starting at 10 AM on Saturday, June 1, in celebration of National Trails Day. There is considerable parking available onsite. Efforts will be made to publicize the event and to encourage other groups to participate.

The Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Health is launching an effort to promote healthy activity on June 1 with a project called "The 90 Mile Challenge," says Mike Loomis, initiative leader. Signup opportunities will be offered at the FNRT fun run/fun walk on June 1, and the project will be promoted on FNRT's Web site and Facebook page.

Craig Heim reported on the status of fundraising for the final six-plus miles of trail building, with the goal of completing the trail in 2013. The successful RTP application and the \$5,000 award from the Stannard and Dorothy Dunn Trust are major boosts to our goal of funding and completing the trail this year.

Ellsworth Morton is continuing to work with National Lumber of Boscawen to build an informational kiosk similar to the one at Potter Place. It will be located at the Gerrish Depot trail head.

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Kid's Trout Fishing Derby on May 18

By Amanda Gross, AF&G volunteer

Winter may still be lingering on in April, but hopefully it will feel like spring in time for the Andover Fish and Game Club's (AF&G) 18th annual Kids Spring Trout Fishing Derby in May. The two fishing derbies held each year by AF&G are a great way for kids to have fun with their families while learning about the outdoors and the great sport of fishing.

The Derby will be held on Saturday, May 18, on Highland Lake in East Andover. The event is for kids 15 years old and under. Registration starts at 7 AM at the Clubhouse by the Channel, and kids may fish from then until 11 AM. Food and drinks will be provided, and lucky prizes, ribbons, and trophies

will be awarded. Please bring your own fish poles and bait.

Help Stock the Channel

On Friday, May 17, around 5 PM, the Channel will be stocked with trout by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Heidi Murphy. All kids are welcome to come and help toss the wriggling fish into the water.

As always, thank you to everyone who attends our fundraising events throughout the year, making it possible for the kids' fishing derbies to happen. And thank you to everyone who donates their time, money, and supplies to all our endeavors.

If you have any questions about the Kids Spring Trout Fishing Derby, please call 735-5311.

First Annual Wellness 5K Run and Walk is Coming!

Saturday, May 25 on the Rail Trail

Press release

The public is invited to participate in the First Annual Proctor Wellness 5K Road Race and Fitness Walk (strollers welcome!) on Saturday, May 25 at 9:30 AM, starting at Carr Field. Proceeds (\$10 per runner/walker or \$25 per family if more than two participate) go to

support Proctor Academy wellness programs. The course is 3.1 miles of relatively flat rail trail.

Awards will be presented to both male and female participants in seven age categories. Free T-shirts will be presented to the first 200 entrants. Registration begins at 8:30 AM, or you can register online at this informative Web site: proctoracademy.org/5k

Conservation Groups Urge House to Protect Loons from Lead

Press release

The Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) and New Hampshire Lakes Association (New Hampshire LAKES) held a press conference on Tuesday to call for House passage of Senate Bill 89 which would protect loons from toxic lead fishing sinkers and jigs (hooks with a lead weight molded onto them). The bill recently passed the Senate by a unanimous vote, and it will soon be considered by the House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee. The groups were joined at the Legislative Office Building by the bill's prime sponsor, Senator Jeanie Forrester (R-Meredith), and several cosponsors of the bill from the House and Senate.

Survival of adult loons is the most important factor in ensuring the continued viability of New Hampshire's small loon population. Unfortunately, between 1989 and 2011, at least 124 adult New Hampshire loons—a threatened

species—have died from lead poisoning after ingesting lead fishing sinkers and jigs. The loss of these adults has had a significant negative impact upon our state's loons.

Harry Vogel, LPC's Executive Director, explained that loons do not breed until their sixth or seventh year of life on average, and a loon pair produces an average of one surviving chick every two years in New Hampshire. Vogel said, "In any population of animals with those life history characteristics, the key to maintaining a viable population is to keep adults alive so that they have many opportunities to reproduce over their lifetimes."

After a record number of 11 loons died in 2010 after ingesting lead tackle, LPC and partners began a comprehensive study of loon mortality in New Hampshire. The study found that lead fishing sinkers and jigs caused nearly half (49%) of the adult loon mortality between 1989 and 2011.

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Through the Reading Glasses: May, 2013

By Janet Moore, Library Trustee

Watch out, readers, *The Vampire in the Lemon Grove*, brought to you by Karen Russell, has arrived at your library. Need help? *Call the Midwife*, by Jennifer Worth, is a wonderful story turned into a BBC series. Need serious assistance? Mitch Rabb and his gang of covert CIA operatives storm through Afghanistan in Vince Flynn's latest, *The Last Man*.

If you're stuck between a rock and a hard place, try Fritz Wetherbee's new book, *New Hampshire Rocks*, as seen on WMUR's *New Hampshire Chroni-*

cle. And at the end of the day, let Sherri Rinker help put you and your family to sleep with *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site*.

Speaking of family, author Deborah Wiles has written a trilogy about the life and times of a small southern town. *Each Little Bird That Sings; Love, Ruby Lavender; and The Aurora County All-Stars* represent all that is good about towns just like ours and present dilemmas we have all faced as children, e.g., what to do when the all-star game is set up against the town's historical pageant, and you're supposed to be in both. 



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Bloodfire Quest: The Dark Legacy of Shan, Terry Brooks
The Butterfly Clues, Kate Ellison
Carry On, Warrior: Thoughts on Life Unarmed, Glennon Melton
The Diviners, Libba Bray
Leaving Everything Most Loved, Jacqueline Winspear
Life After Life, Jill McCorkle
Night Moves, Randy Wayne Wright
Widow's Tears, Susan Wittig Albert
The Burgess Boys, Elizabeth Strout
Don't Go, Lisa Scottoline
Tapestry of Fortunes, Elizabeth Berg
Unintended Consequences, Stuart Woods
The World Without You, Joshua Henkin
I Can't Complain: (All Too) Personal Essays, Elinor Lipman

Out of My Mind, Sharon M. Draper
Taken, Erin Bowman
Taking Eve, Iris Johansen
Whiskey Beach, Nora Roberts
Pharmacology, Daphne Miller
The Golden Egg, Donna Leon

Children's Titles

On the Night You Were Born, Nancy Tillman
Shatter Me, Tahereh Mafi
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Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site, Sherr Duskey Rinker
Maniac Magee, Jerry Spinelli
Bear in Underwear, Todd H. Doodler
Earth Day, Birthday!, Maureen Wright
My Dad Thinks He's Funny, Katrina Germein
Stink and the Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smackdown, Megan McDonald
Stink: Solar System Superhero, Megan McDonald
Colossus Rises, Peter Lerangis
Have You Filled a Bucket Today?, Carol McCloud
How to Draw 101 Animals, Dan Green
Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story, Linda Sue Park
Sleep Like a Tiger, Mary Logue

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Adult Titles

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The Hare with the Amber Eyes, Edmund DeWaal
Vampire in the Lemon Grove, Karen Russell
The Sound of Broken Glass, Deborah Crombie
Leaving Everything Most Loved, Jacqueline Winspear
The Striker, Clive Cussler
The Midwife, Jennifer Worth
Call the Midwife #2, Jennifer Worth
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Calculated in Death, JD Robb
Breaking Point, CJ Box

Bloodfire, Terry Brooks
The Fast Diet: Lose Weight, Stay Healthy, and Live Longer, Michael Mosley

Children's Titles

A Perfect Time for Pandas, Mary Pope Osborne
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Caillou: My Bedtime Story Box, Chouette Publishing
Emeraldalicious, Victoria Kann
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Carol Altieri Wins Poetry Honor

Press release

Carol Leavitt Altieri was a winner of the 2013 White Buffalo Native American Calf Award for her poem *Molly Ockett, Indian Doctress*, which she entered in the 2013 White Buffalo Native American Poet Laureate poetry contest. All winners' poems will be pub-

lished in the forthcoming *Gifts of the Great Spirit, Volume IV "Legends"* edition.

Carol, who attended Andover High School, lives in Madison, Connecticut and is a retired teacher of literature and environmental studies. She has received numerous awards for her poetry. 

Pemi Choral Sings of Love Offered and Received

Three concerts from May 9 to 12

Press release

The Pemigewasset Choral Society opens its 41st season with a series of three concerts beginning on Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 PM at the Gilford Community Church. This performance will be followed with concerts on Friday, May 10 at 7:30 PM in Franklin at St Paul's Roman Catholic Church and Sunday, May 12 at 3 PM at the Hanaway Theater in Silver Cultural Arts Center at Plymouth State University. All concerts are open to the public with admission by donation in Gilford and Franklin. General admission at Plymouth State University is \$10. Tickets are available in advance by calling 535-ARTS. Remaining tickets will be available at the door.

Under the direction of Leslie Mc-

Donnell and assistant director, William Gunn with pianist, Catharine Dornin, our program, titled *Love Offered – Love Received*, uses the gift of song to express this most necessary of human emotions. Join Pemi as we perform songs that reflect the many dimensions of love lost and love gained. The concert includes pieces ranging from *A Choral Reflection on Amazing Grace* arranged by Roger Ames and Howard Helvey's *In Heavenly Love Abiding* to the Gershwin hit *Someone to Watch Over Me*. The program ends with a heartfelt tribute to song in *The Awakening* by Joseph M. Martin as we offer our love of singing for your enjoyment. Do something nice for your "loved ones" and bring them to one of our concerts.

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Tom Barber Exhibits at Zero Celcius Wealth Studio

Part of "First Fridays" Micro-Gallery tour on May 3

Press release

Join us for great art, light refreshments, and a chance to meet the artists at the CFA Micro Galleries in New London. The galleries are: the New London Inn, Zero Celsius Wealth Studio, and Country Houses Real Estate. Each is located on Main Street in New London, and many First Friday attendees enhance their evening with a walking tour to each gallery! Each Center for the Arts Micro Gallery features the art of regional artists, working in a variety of media.

Tom Barber of Andover, a graduate of the Art Institute of Boston, will exhibit at the Zero Celsius Wealth Studio. Receiving his draft notice the year after graduation, he became an Army medic and served in Germany during the late 1960s. Upon discharge he headed to Switzerland to climb the Matterhorn. "It was a soul liberating experience."

Returning to the US, Tom became a recognized illustrator of sci-fi and fantasy. He was named Best Professional Artist of the year by the New England Science Fiction Convention in 1976.

Then life changed. Overwhelmed by business and personal turmoil, Tom grabbed his duffel, a bottle of rum, and bought a one way ticket to Arizona. The open spaces inspired him and the honkey-tonks soothed his soul. He settled in and began to paint.

Returning to the east coast in 1984, he settled in Andover, where he writes and continues to explore through his painting. Tom's works are displayed in galleries from coast to coast and are in private collections world-wide.

The Micro Gallery at the New London Inn will host Eric Peterson and Grant Hacking.

Eric Peterson graduated with honors

from Massachusetts College of Art and Design and has a PhD from Harvard University. He has worked as a graphic designer, art director, and graphic arts instructor as well as, for the past 20 years, a mental health counselor. Eric's art is in pastel, oil pastel, watercolor, and collage. Since 2008, he has been making gelatin mono-prints incorporating a variety of materials, methods, and techniques into his images. Eric is currently interested in transfers, where he combines digital images, original art, and ephemera into collages. His art has been exhibited throughout central and southern New Hampshire.

Grant Hacking was born and raised in South Africa, where his parents were both professional artists. He recalls observing his father at the easel. It was later in life before he recognized he had learned many of his technical skills, as well as exhibiting and marketing skills, from his parents. He moved to the United States in 1990 with his wife and two daughters and has made his home in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

He has great pleasure depicting diverse animal life native to the African continent. His oeuvre now includes figurative work, architecture, coastal scenes, and landscapes. "What I really paint is nature. When the weather is good, I enjoy painting *en plein air*. When the chill winds of winter arrive, I return to my studio, where painting my memories of Africa instills a sense of warmth."

The Micro Gallery at the Country Houses will host Joanne Boudreau. Joanne is both a figurative and landscape artist. She works in watercolor, charcoal, and mixed media. She is inspired by both classical music and natural beauty. Joanne's most recent work is a departure from representational images to a more abstract sense of motion.

Spring into Warner, Jump into the Arts

Warner Arts Festival on Saturday, May 18

Press release

The Warner Group of the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes spring with a family-oriented arts festival in Warner from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, May 18. The town will be filled with art, music, crafts, and more for all to enjoy.

Local artists will demonstrate and musicians and dancers will perform at venues along Main Street. See performances by Click Horning at Main Street Bookends, Marek Bennett at BeezInk, and Walking Bear Singers at the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum tent at Sugar River Bank. Watch dance demonstrations and workshops by the

Kearsarge Conservatory for the Performing Arts in Town Hall.

Everyone can be a part of the arts by helping to create a group mural at BeezInk.

There will be lots for kids to do with crafts and activities throughout downtown.

Look for a good springtime deal at the Warner Historical Society barn sale and the Pillsbury Free Library and Main Street Bookends book sales.

Rollins State Park will be open that day, so plan to include in your day's activities a hike up beautiful Mt. Kearsarge.

For more information, email siw@KearsargeChamber.org or check KearsargeChamber.org, the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce Web site, for a complete listing of activities, times, and places.

Shaw Brothers at Franklin Opera

May 4 show is at 7:30 PM

Press release

New Hampshire's musical ambassadors for nearly 50 years, the Shaw Brothers will bring their family-friendly New Hampshire show to Franklin Opera House on Saturday, May 4 with a curtain time of 7:30 PM.

Rick and Ron Shaw, from New Hampshire's North Country, have performed locally, nationally, and internationally since the 1960's. As members of the Brandywine Singers, they toured New England during their University of New Hampshire days. It was the Brandywine Singers who brought the Coca-Cola theme, *I'd Like to Teach the World To Sing*, to a world-wide audience.

Their original song, *New Hampshire Naturally*, was voted New Hampshire's theme song during the 1970s and *The*

Day The Tall Ships Came was a highlight of the tall ships' sailing into Portsmouth Harbor to celebrate America's bi-centennial.

Now, following an absence of several years, The Shaw Brothers return to Franklin Opera House, where a full house is anticipated.

Reserved seat tickets for the Shaw Brothers' May 4 appearance are now on sale by calling 934-1901 or online at FranklinOperahouse.org. Adult seating is \$22, with seniors and children at \$20.

Located in the City Hall building in the center of Franklin, Franklin Opera House is the Lakes Region's premiere destination for the highest quality live entertainment. There is ample free parking all around the Opera House and no obstructed-view seating.

Please come and welcome the Shaw Brothers back to the Franklin Opera House stage.



The North Country Chordsmen, a barbershop chorus based in Hanover, performed during the regular Sunday morning service at Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (KUUF) at Proctor Academy's Stone Chapel in Andover on April 14. The chorus was directed by Dan Falcone. A coffee and social hour followed the service. KUUF meets Sunday mornings at 11 AM from September through the end of June. For more information, visit KUUFNH.org. Photo: Sally Bergquist

NHCHF Shares Recipe for Taiwanese Treat

By Judy Perreault, NHCHF

In April we did not have our regular monthly meeting, as we attended the state spring workshop. With the approach of summer we would like to share one of our Taiwan recipes that was so delicious.

Ingredients

4 cups of ice cubes or crushed ice
4 tablespoons condensed or evaporated milk

Syrup

1/2 cup dark brown sugar
1/3 cup water

Toppings

1 cup diced mango
1 cup diced kiwi
4 strawberries, sliced into pieces

Heat up a saucepan over medium heat and bring ingredients in syrup to a boil, stirring continuously. Turn off heat as soon as the dark brown sugar dissolves. Set aside, and let cool.

Shave the ice cubes or crushed ice in a blender. Divide the shaved ice equally into four ice cream cups. Add one tablespoon of condensed milk and two tablespoons syrup into each shaved ice. Top each shaved ice with 1/4 portion of diced mango, 1/4 portion diced kiwi, 1/4 portion of strawberry. Serve immediately.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 20, when we will be having a plant swap. If you would be interested in joining our group, or for more information, call 735-5493.



Blackwater Grange: May 2013

By Bernice Nowell
Blackwater Grange

Blackwater Grange #152 met on April 11 with seven members attending and Master Nowell presiding.

The meeting draped the charter in memory of Pauline Corson and Tyler Grace.

Marcia McWethy reported that she

rescued an eagle and took it to someone who cares for wild animals. The members enjoyed a program, quizzes, and poems.

The next meeting of the Blackwater Grange will be on Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 PM in the Masonic Hall in Potter Place.



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Wilmot Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale

May 25 at the Old Firehouse in Wilmot Flat

Press release

The Wilmot Garden Club is holding its annual plant sale from 8 AM to noon on Saturday, May 25th of Memorial Day Weekend at the Old Firehouse next to the Wilmot Post Office in Wilmot Flat.

A huge variety of annuals from Jolly Farmer greenhouses, full and ready to plant in your garden, will be delivered earlier in the week. Additionally, there will be a giant assortment of locally dug and hardened perennials on hand. All plant material is tagged to be sold at

fundraising prices.

The Wilmot Garden Club uses funds raised by the plant sale to beautify the town of Wilmot and to award a scholarship to a graduating KRHS student serious about wishing to pursue studies in a horticulture related field after high school.

Wilmot Garden Club members will assist shoppers at the plant sale, and there will be convenient parking. Don't miss this chance to get the prettiest plants in town! And, plan on spending Memorial Day Weekend in Wilmot where many fun things will be happening! For more information, e-mail Lindy@HeimFamily.org or call 526-6376.



The audience was attentive and asked good questions at the Andover Energy Group's Geothermal Workshop on April 6. Photo: Maria Glorioso

26 Attend Workshop on Geothermal Energy Systems

Tapping the earth's heat for sustainable energy

By Maria Glorioso
Andover Energy Group

The Andover Energy Group, a local organization of volunteers, conducted its Geothermal Workshop on April 6 in the Andover Town Hall meeting room.

The workshop was presented by two experts in the field who explained the "magic" of residential geothermal energy systems, which capture the nearly constant 50- to 55-degree temperature trapped below the earth's surface and use it to heat and cool the home.

Bill Wenzel of Bill Wenzel Heating and Air Conditioning, a certified installer and member of the International Ground Source Heat Pump Association, along with Dan Grace of Capital Well Clean Water Center, one of New Hampshire's most experienced geothermal well installers, provided and illustrated a "Geothermal 101" session.

The audience of 26 people seemed very interested in the presentation, which was extremely informative and allowed for a lively discussion. Many very pertinent questions were answered in depth and with candor by both presenters.

Literature pertinent to geothermal applications, as well as other energy conservation material, was readily available, and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The Andover Energy Group appreciates all who attended and looks forward to further enhancing the knowledge base for sustainable energy use.

The workshop can now be viewed in a video that can be accessed at any time at Andover.NH.us. The one-and-a-half-hour program was produced by local videographer Tina Cotton for the town's local cable channel, Comcast Channel 8.

The video of the workshop is also available on the *Beacon* Web site.

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Danbury Grange Presents Home Gardening Program

Plus roast pork dinner on May 18

Press release

Step up to the plate and join the movement toward sustainability in your community by attending the first of four Living Sustainably programs at the Danbury Grange.

On Saturday, May 18 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM in conjunction with the annual roast pork dinner, Gardening for Home Food Production will inform diners and visitors about building a healthy garden, including pest management, irrigation, water catchment, worm farming, composting, and hoop houses.

Local community farmers and gardeners will answer your questions and provide information on how to make your garden the best ever this year using sustainable and organic methods.

Jennifer Larochelle of Danbury Elementary School will showcase the new

garden that elementary students are creating, and Danbury winter market vendors Suzanne and Ray LeBlanc of Autumn Harvest Farm will give expert advice for establishing and maintaining home gardens.

Home Depot in Tilton has loaned sample parts of what is needed for an irrigation and water catchment project, and Bill Woodger will be on hand to get you started on your own worm farm.

The Grange hall opens at 4:30, with dinner beginning at 5 PM. The presentation runs continuously from 4:30 until 6:30. You do not have to attend the dinner to enjoy the presentations!

Come and be informed and, if you are enticed by the aromas coming from the Grange kitchen, stay and have a great home cooked pork dinner too!

Danbury Grange Hall is on North Road, just at the junction of routes 104 and 4. For more information, contact Phyllis at 744-2332.

Franklin Community Day Brings Fair, Parade, and More

Saturday, May 11, in Odell Park

Press release

The Ninth Annual Choose Franklin Community Day will be held on Saturday, May 11, rain or shine. This year's event will take place at Odell Park, located on Memorial Street in downtown Franklin.

Activities will begin at 10 AM on Saturday when booths, games, and food concessions open for the day. The Squam Lake Natural Science Center will present New Hampshire Wildlife shows at noon and 1:30 at the Proulx Center – shows are free courtesy of Franklin Savings Bank! The Laser Tag/amusement area will also open at 10 AM. Prices for the area are as follows: Laser Tag: \$5 for half-hour sessions; Amusements area – including bounce house, giant slide, and more: \$10 for an all-day wristband or \$1 per ticket; Spin Art: \$2. This area is partially sponsored

by The Community Bridges Family Support Council and Members First Credit Union.

This year's parade/event theme is "Volunteers – The Heart of the Community". The parade will step off at Franklin High School at 10 AM and proceed easterly on Central Street to Smith Street where it will turn and continue to Odell Park.

The fair continues from 10 AM to 3 PM and will include games, craft booths, food vendors, and entertainment. Many area service organizations and businesses will participate with raffles, giveaways, etc.

Entertainment includes White Tiger Karate demonstrations at 11:30 and 1:30; yoga demonstrations/class by Riversong Yoga at 11 AM and 1 PM, Jim Barnes, Balladeer at Noon and the Rodney Pitman Magic Show at 2:15 PM. The Franklin Elks Lodge will present awards to the winners of their Drug Awareness Essay and Poster contests at 2 PM.

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Kittie Wilson (pictured) of Pleasant Lake helped Donna Baker-Hartwell prepare the floating loon nest for Highland Lake. This year, the focus was on making the nest more enticing in hopes that a breeding pair would use it.

Photo: Donna Baker-Hartwell

Loon Nest on Highland Lake Gets Special Treatment

“Interior decoration” may entice a mating pair this year.

By Donna Baker-Hartwell, for the Beacon

April 21 was a beautiful Sunday afternoon to be on Highland Lake. “Our” loons have returned! The ice has been out a little over a week.

For the past three years the floating nest, made at the New Hampshire Loon Preservation Committee (NHLPC) Center, has been offered to the pair and turned down. Perhaps the interior decoration was not enticing enough. So I called on Kittie Wilson of Pleasant Lake for guidance. Kittie knows what a desirable nest site should look like and has been volunteering for NHLPC for

years. What an amazing lesson I got as to how to prepare the platform for occupancy! Kittie showed me the steps in building a cozy environment using natural materials and plants.

The final addition was a clump of Forget-Me-Nots that Kittie brought from her home. She explained, “These are for us and the loons to remember that we are in a partnership. We humans want to help them to be successful. Every chick matters.”

The floating nest has been anchored on the east side of the island. Now we will wait to see if we have finally got it to the loons’ satisfaction.

Thank you, Kittie for an amazing lesson and for all of your support.

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Relay for Life to Rally on New London Town Green

Showing what hope looks like!

Press release

In 1985, one man who wanted to make a difference in the fight against cancer ran 83 miles in 24 hours. Now 3.5 million Americans follow in his footsteps by participating in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. On Sunday, May 5 on the New London Town Green, Relay runners from Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee will demonstrate how their commitment to end cancer brings hope and healing.

Because cancer has touched everyone in our community in some way, volunteers from the Relay For Life of Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee will gather on the New London Town Green from 11 AM to 3 PM on Sunday, May 5 for an event for the whole community, to share why they Relay. Luminaria will be set up to honor those who have battled the disease and in remembrance of loved ones lost. Teams will set up campsites, preview their fundraisers, and there will be baked goods for sale. They invite everyone in the community to come sample cookies and learn how

anyone of any age and ability can help fight cancer.

“Being a part of Relay For Life means showing the world that there is hope after cancer. We are gathering on the Green on Sunday to let the the Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee community know that this is what hope looks like... and invite everyone to join us and find out why we all Relay,” says Relay For Life Co-Chair, Bri Trow.

The Relay For Life of Kearsarge Lake Sunapee enables the American Cancer Society to support local services and resources for cancer patients and their families. Funds also support critical cancer research and community education programs designed to teach people how to reduce their risk of developing cancer.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service. To become involved in the Relay For Life event please call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit RelayForLife.org/KLSnh

Summer CSI Program at LRGH for Teens

Press release

LRGHealthcare is proud to once again offer local teens an opportunity to participate in the popular ‘CSI’ (Caring Student Intern) Program.

CSI is offered to teens between the ages of 15 and 18 who have an interest in learning about careers in healthcare. Participants will learn medical skills such as taking blood pressure and respirations, first aid, and more. Students will also be introduced to various departments throughout the hospital that provide medical services. Upon completion of the CSI program students are eligible to volunteer on nursing floors, working directly with LNA’s (Licensed

Nurses Aides).

This year we will offer two one-week sessions of the CSI program. Students will have the choice between Week #1: July 15 – July 19 or Week #2: August 5 – August 9. Both sessions will be held at Lakes Region General Hospital. Wednesday of each of these sessions will be held at Franklin Regional Hospital. CSI is open to students from all local school districts.

Space is limited. For more information or to request an application, please contact the Office of Volunteer Services at 524-3211, ext. 6720 or visit LRGH.org to download an application. All applications are due by Friday, June 1.



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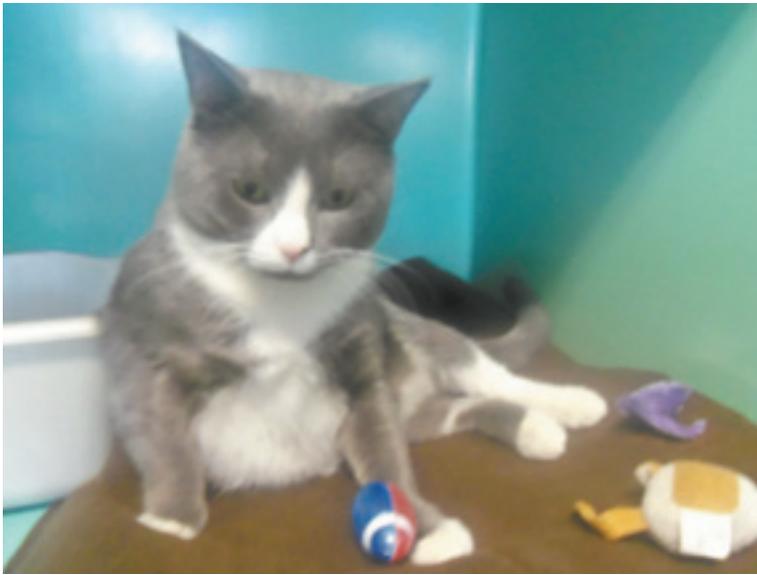
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It's hard to believe this guy is still here – he is just such a wonderful cat! Buddy should be okay with other pets. His easy-going nature would make him a great addition to almost any family. Come visit him at the shelter and see what a great cat this guy is!

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Robert Ofenloch, Evelyn Davis, and Joyce Egge perform a humorous skit entitled "MomCare" with actor Ken Sheldon as "Fred Marple of Frost Heaves, NH." Photo: Mary Ofenloch

Fred Marple Show Raises Scholarship Money

Service Club event gets local folks up on stage

Press release

On April 20, the Andover Service Club (ASC) presented a production of *Fred Marple of Frost Heaves, New Hampshire* at AE/MS. This was a benefit for the ASC Scholarship Fund. Fred, played by humorist Ken Sheldon, performed skits with volunteers Lorraine Roberts, Mary Demers, Evelyn Davis, Joyce Egge, Marcus Johnson, Robert Ofenloch, and ASC President Mary Ofenloch.

With a number of short monologues on the history and residents of "Frost Heaves," he interspersed his original songs, such as *Chicken in the Bathroom* and his demonstration of *Yoga for Yankees*. The volunteer actors performed Fred's "commercials" for *Kitty-Kat Personal Heaters*, *Yankee GPS*, *Mom-Care*, and *Elmer Sings Simon and Garfunkel*. Three door prizes of Ken Sheldon's CDs and DVDs were awarded. He closed the show with a sing-a-long of *God Bless America* in response to the tragedy at the Boston Marathon.

Everyone had a great time.



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Jay started with baby chicks from The Barn Store in Salisbury.
Photos: Jay MacArthur

Raising Free-Range Chickens in Andover

Roaming chickens lay better eggs

By Jay MacArthur
For the *Beacon*

Are free range chicken eggs really any different than store bought? And are you tired of those watery, pale eggs without flavor? Let's take a look at the free range story.

Contrary to popular belief, you don't need a huge farm to raise your own chickens in Andover. All you need is a yard for them to roam in, and they will find the

See Chickens on page 22



Upper Valley Humane Society Presents: Roho, Milo, and Maya

Press release

Maya, Milo, and Roho are a ready-made canine family who would jump at the chance to expand their tribe! They're five-year-old basset hound/dachshund mix siblings who have always stuck together through thick and thin, and finding a new home is just another adventurous chapter in their life together. Milo is a good brother to the two females and helps them overcome their seeing and hearing impairments by acting as their personal guide.

Not to naysay an iconic super-family like the Brady Bunch, but these three really outdo them by a mile, and they

want to share their life with you. We're talking about an already stellar love multiplied times three, here. If you love love, you really can't pass up meeting these three! For more information, contact 448-6888 or info@UVHS.org.



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right things to eat on their own. I have found that living near the Blackwater River flood plain is perfect.

A year ago, I purchased 12 baby chicks from the Salisbury Barn Store from Katie, who was very helpful in getting me all the chicken necessities. To my surprise, you don't need much, and only a few dollars gets you started.

I found it very interesting and fun watching them grow from a small chick the size of a mouse to a full grown bird in such a short time. I also find them to be smart and friendly.

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Around the World with The Andover Beacon



Donna H. Blinn of East Andover took along a copy of the Beacon when she traveled to Loveland, Colorado to attend a three-week training program in March.

Andover Family Practice



Barbara Wood, APRN

Amy Schneider, MD

Welcome back Dr. Amy Schneider

With Dr. Schneider's return, the Andover Family Practice will now be open five days per week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning the week of March 3, 2013.

- Barbara Wood, APRN will be in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Dr. Schneider will be in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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George and Susan Rochon, Sarah Whitehead, Roger and Kitty Kidder, and Rex Kidder were in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, with The Andover Beacon recently. Pictured are George, Susan (holding the Beacon), Kitty, and Roger.



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Dr. Amy Schneider in Ireland.

Photo: Dane Loomer

Dr. Schneider is Practicing in Andover Again

Medical adventures took her to Hawaii, Ireland

By Carly Strathdee, *Beacon* intern

Dr. Amy Schneider has returned to the Andover Family Practice on Lawrence Street with a wealth of new experiences and perspectives after practicing medicine in rural Hawaii and Ireland.

her husband in 2011, Schneider felt it was time for a change. LRGHealthcare took over the practice, and Dr. Schneider set out for adventure.

She became involved in programs for locum tenens (“locums”), which are temporary positions for healthcare professionals. Dr. Schneider had always wanted to try practice in other places and also wanted to practice outside the United States. She decided to apply for an Irish medical license, and while waiting for that to come through, she had the opportunity to do a locum in a rural community in Hawaii.

The Hasegawa General Store in rural Hana, Hawaii.

Dr. Schneider was located in Hana, a town about the size of Andover, located in eastern Maui. “Hana is one of the most remote areas in the state,” Dr. Schneider explains. “There is one winding, single-lane road that goes there, and it takes about two hours to get there. See Schneider on page 25



The Hasegawa General Store in rural Hana, Hawaii.

Dr. Schneider graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1978, opening her Tilton practice three and a half years later. In 2004, she and much of her clientele relocated to Andover, becoming the first medical practice in town in over 30 years. Upon the retirement of



Elizabeth Towle of Alexandria, Flower Coordinator for the Andover Congregational Church, admires the traditional flowered cross on Easter Sunday. Before the worship service begins, people go up front and place flowers in the cross. Photo: Robin Visser

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and a half hours to get to the hospital or supermarket.”

Dr. Schneider worked in the local health center, located in the old hospital. “There were two physicians,” she explained. “I covered from 8 AM Monday morning to 8 AM Thursday morning, in the clinic all day and on call for all emergencies.”

As a result of the remote location, Dr. Schneider experienced many challenges. “Hana attracts a large alternative population, people who want to get off the grid,” she noted. “There were a lot of people who didn’t like traditional medicine and would only come in for grave emergencies. There were also a lot of tourists who tended to be more into adventure, so there were many accidents. I saw a lot of lacerations and broken bones, things I wouldn’t see around here because people would go to an emergency room at the hospital. There was also a lot of chronic illness there, such as asthma, hypertension, diabetes, and gout.

“In a way, it was easy and comfortable practicing [in Andover]. I was used to things, and nothing that walked in the door would surprise me.

“Being in Hana, I got used to surprises. There were things I will never see again: centipede bites, man o’ war stings, and major surfing injuries.” Dr. Schneider concludes, “It was a very different environment. It was stressful, but

wonderful.”

On to Rural Ireland

Ireland also proved to be a unique experience with a medical system much different than the United States. “Most physicians saw between 40 and 50 patients per day, so you learn to be very tolerant and efficient. If patients wanted to see a specialist, they had to wait. Some things took time, but everyone got the care they needed.

“Even though it was busy, the physicians seemed very happy there, less stressed than the United States. The system is organized well enough that doctors can go away on vacation for a week or two.”

In fact, most locums in Ireland only last for one week, just enough to cover vacation time for physicians. Dr. Schneider spent her first week in Tullow, a town just southwest of Dublin, but travelled north soon after. “We went up to County Donegal, the northernmost county. I was on the Inishowen Peninsula in a town called Buncrana, just 20 minutes from Londonderry, Northern Ireland. The facility had two semi-permanent locums from South Africa who would travel home for a month at a time. I filled in for one of them.”

Along with professional experience, Dr. Schneider also enjoyed the newfound cultural experiences. “When we first were driving up to Buncrana, there was a woman on the side of the road with produce from her farm. You can only buy potatoes in a 50-pound sack.

We were only going to be up there for five weeks, and there’s no way I would ever have gone through so many potatoes here, but that was the smallest bag she had.

“You know, I’m in this place, and these are fresh potatoes that just taste totally different than what we have, and you start eating like the people there. We had mashed potatoes every night. So we actually finished the bag in three weeks.

“I just love travelling and living in an

area so I get to know the community. We got to experience things differently and understand the culture better.”

Dr. Schneider has now returned to the local practice with a new breadth of experience, both professional and personal. But further locums are not in Dr. Schneider’s foreseeable future. “I would love to keep doing things like this, but right now I feel it’s time to be here for a little while. I’m working two days a week back here, and I’m going to be doing that, until I’m not.”

Dean’s List: Megan Hanscom

Megan N. Hanscom was named to the Dean’s Honor List at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, for the fall 2012 semester, achieving a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

Lee Murray Memorial Fund to Name a Bridge in Lee’s Honor

Lee Murray had been Road Agent in New Boston for 16 years before moving to Andover in 2004. Lee moved to South Carolina in 2011, and died in September, 2012.

His New Boston employees have started a Lee Murray Memorial Fund to raise money to purchase a plaque to name one of the bridges Lee and his crew built in New Boston.

Lee was very proud of the work his crew had done in building the timber bridges in New Boston. The bridge on

Lyndeborough Road didn’t have a name, and his employees felt dedicating it to Lee would be a way of honoring him.

For anyone wishing to contribute to the Lee Murray Memorial Fund, it has been set up at the TD Bank. Any TD Bank, including the two branches in Tilton, can accept a donation. People have to ask for the Lee Murray Memorial Fund. If there is any confusion, any TD Bank branch can call the TD Bank in New Boston, as the tellers there all know about it.



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Elizabeth Stearns Inducted into Honor Society

A junior at Stonehill College in Easton, Massachusetts, Elizabeth Stearns was inducted into the Stonehill College Honor Society Lambda Epsilon Sigma on April 17.

The purpose of the society is to recognize and promote scholarship. Juniors and seniors who have attained a 3.5 cumulative grade point average are invited to apply for consideration.

Acceptance into the society is based on evidence of academic achievement, of a pursuit of learning that extends beyond the classroom environment, and of an ability to communicate effectively through writing.

Elizabeth has also been accepted to the Criminology Honor Society at Stonehill College and the National Communication Association Honor Society – Lambda Pi Eta.



Our open house breakfast was a success. We would like to thank everyone for stopping in. Also, thank you to my staff, board members, and volunteers for all of your help. The Five-Alive kids worked hard at decorating our building with their creations. This month we made rain hats, flowers, windmills, and planted flowers for Mother's Day. In cooking class, the two favorites were honey bee cookies and pizza squares. We also dedicated a week to learning about the ocean. We started some sea monkeys and made whales and octopuses.
Caption: Diane Adams

Frank Haley Strides Toward 90 at Blind Awareness Walk

Top fundraiser for eight years running

By Laretta Phillips
For the Beacon

As Frank Haley strides towards his 90th birthday in August of this year he also is making plans for his 9th walk for Blind Awareness on June 8, 2013. Frank and his wife are often accompanied on this walk by daughters-in-law Norma Haley and Vicki Haley and his granddaughters Katie, Moriah, and Shannon Haley.

For the past eight years Frank has been the top individual donor for this event. His total for the past eight years is approximately \$32,538. This money brings services to many of New Hampshire's blind population throughout the year.

The Walk-A-Thon is a 3K walk

throughout Concord's historic district to the State House. Every year for weeks prior to the walk, Frank and his wife Ann spend a great deal of time driving around and seeking donations. Frank said "people are usually pretty generous and without their donations he would not be able to do this."

Watch for Frank or contact him and help him celebrate these great milestones by donating to this wonderful event: 735-5319.

The New Hampshire Association for the Blind provides vision rehabilitation services for New Hampshire people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired.

For more information about the New Hampshire Association for the Blind or to make a donation contact them at 224-4039 or Services@SightCenter.org.



Andover Boy Scouts got a chance to practice some winter camping in March.

Boy Scouts Go Winter Camping, Learn CPR

Donations of used camping gear welcomed

By Doug Bent, Scoutmaster

A meeting of the Andover Boy Scouts will be held at the Andover Annex (the Hamp house) adjacent to AE/MS on Monday, May 13, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Any boy who has completed the fifth grade or is eleven years old is

perature dipping into the teens.

The scouts learned CPR with help from AE/MS School Nurse Christine Frost

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



The scouts learned CPR with help from AE/MS School Nurse Christine Frost.

eligible to sign up.

Meetings are subject to change in location, times, and activities such as orienteering, first aid, and wilderness survival skills. Due to the changing schedule, if you are unable to come to the May 13 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.

Winter Camp

Troop 489 was able to winter camp in March with a nice 16-inch base of snow. The boys set up tents in the snow and had to set up individual patrol cooking fires.

Although the boys set up their tents in the snow, they did not have to sleep in them, due to the use of the Proctor cabin. Three of the boys, however, did sleep in the tent that night, with the tem-

perature dipping into the teens. to Christine Frost and to a generous monetary contribution from an anonymous donor, all the boys from the troop are now certified in the use of CPR and the AED device.

The troop would also like to say "Thank you!" for the generous contribution of scout camping equipment from Wallace Scott. We are always looking for gently-used camping equipment such as tents and sleeping bags. If you would like

to donate equipment or make a monetary contribution, please contact Brian Reynolds at 545-4102 or Doug Bent at 735-5847.



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Ada Grotnes, Asa Gilman, and Liam Fecteau play with Shivery, our first duck to hatch.
Photo and caption: Elizabeth Janvrin

EAVP Welcomes a Brood of Ducklings

By Carmen Bates, EAVP

As I write this article, I am sitting next to our incubator awaiting the arrival of our ducklings. Eighteen Pekin duck eggs were placed into the incubator on March 18 by the students. Then they asked numerous times, "Are the ducks here yet?"

It has seemed like forever (28 days), but we are now in the final stretch, and by the time you read this, we will have seen the wonder of ducks hatching! At the time of publication, we have three ducks that have hatched.

The students have learned all about ducks. They have worked hard to care for the eggs and prepare for the ducklings. They have experienced gentleness, patience, and disappointment, as some may not develop into healthy ducks.

The whole experience is very beneficial to the children's learning process. The teachers model the diligent care it takes to make this happen, and they fos-

ter the excitement of the event. Just today, we candled the eggs, and the children could see the air sack, the darkness of the duck, some veins, movement, and maybe even a little heart beat. Truly, even to an adult it has to be amazing!

As the ducks developed inside their shells, there were fairy tale explorations and stories told. The children walked like ducks and learned about the rain-forest.

The children did our Hop-a-Thon and sang songs. The ducks must have wondered where the children went when the building grew quiet. They were outside playing in mud, or home resting. As much as we awaited the sound of the ducks' peeping, surely they awaited the sound of the children.

We had a family carnival night on Tuesday, April 16, and enjoyed the ducklings and family fun together! We enjoyed eating hot dogs and popcorn, along with playing bean bag tosses and bowling.

Upper Valley Humane Society Open House was a Success

By Sierra Provost, AE/MS third grade

On March 28, the Upper Valley Humane Society hosted an open house to celebrate Homeless Pet Week. There were lots of animals up for adoption, which even included bunnies. Some of the activities included story time with Smeagle the Beagle, a stuffed animal clinic with Dr. Rothe, and tours of the shelter. During the open house weekend, 13 pets were adopted.

When an animal comes into the shelter, the staff evaluates the animal for any medical problems. Sometimes an animal can be at the shelter for months getting healthy and ready for adoption. To prevent pet overpopulation, each pet is spayed or neutered before leaving the shelter.

During the past year, more than 700 lives were saved just at this one shelter. You can help by being a foster family, adopting, or donating money or items on the wish list. On Sunday, May 19, there will be a pet walk in Lebanon to benefit the shelter.

For more, visit UVHS.org.



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Bob and Mary Ofenloch Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

By Robert Ofenloch
For the Beacon

Fifty years ago, on May 25, 1963, Mary T. Volz married Robert P. Ofenloch in St. Pancras Roman Catholic Church in Glendale, Queens, New York.



They met in 1962 while they were both employed at Equitable Life Insurance Society in New York City. Robert was a traveling auditor and Mary worked in the Accounts Receivable Department, where part of her responsibility was to review the expense accounts of the traveling auditors.

They have three children: Marianne, a retired sergeant with the New Jersey Park Rangers; Monica, wife and mother of three; and John, husband and father of two.

Bob, Mary, and their grandson, Rob-

ert, moved here to Andover from their home in Andover, New Jersey in 1999. Mary joined the Andover Service Club (ASC) in 2001 when her friend, Margo Coolidge, encouraged her to join, meet new friends, and serve the community.

Mary has been president of the ASC for the past two years. Bob and Robert are members of the Our Lady of Fatima Men's Club. Bob, Mary, and Robert are communicants of Our Lady of Fatima/Immaculate Conception Parish.



"Moving here to Andover was one of the best things we've ever done. The people are so nice, friendly, and caring," they say. "We hope to spend the rest of our lives here. We pray that we will have many more years of peace and happiness here in Andover."



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OBITUARIES

LOUISE ANN VILANDRY, a beloved wife and mother, died at the age of 50 on Sunday, March 24, at her home in Edinburg, Virginia surrounded by her family.

Louise was born in North Carolina on August 5, 1962. She was the daughter of Joseph Roger Vilandry and the late Priscilla Mary Michaud Vilandry. She later moved to New Hampshire where she lived most of her life. She was a member of VECCA.

Louise is survived by her loving husband, Keith Sullivan of Edinburg; two daughters, Michelle Vilandry of Andover, and Lacey Vilandry of Edinburg; a stepson, Jason Sullivan of Allen, Texas; a sister, Linda Chagnon; two brothers, Robert and Mark Vilandry; and two granddaughters, Juliette Adams and Lily Vilandry-Ricker.

Condolences may be sent to dellingerfuneralhome.com

Sign the Guest Book at nvdaily.com/obituaries

MICHELE D. KETTIG, 60, of Franklin died on March 27, 2013 at the New London Hospital. She was born in Titusville, Pennsylvania on May 10, 1952 and received her Nursing Degree from Youville Hospital.

Michele had previously worked for

many years at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon and later for Jarit Instruments. Most recently she had been employed by Case Medical as a Nurse Consultant.

Michele had also helped her husband in the operation of the Andover Arms Guest House in Andover.

She enjoyed all day shopping sprees with her family and friends, going to yard sales, and vacationing in Aruba. Michele was predeceased by her parents, Frank and Lois (Linde) Ward and her sister and brother-in-law, Lynn and David Arnold.

Members of her family surviving include her husband of 35 years, Ricky Kettwig of Franklin; a daughter, Heather Kettwig; a brother, Mark Durette; and a grandson, Ethan Meyerhoefer, all of Andover; and several nieces and nephews.

There are no calling hours, and private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New London Hospital (Med-Surg and Special Services Departments, where Michele received excellent care), 273 County Road, New London 03257. To sign an online guest book, visit ChadwickFuneralService.com.

JEANNE S. (DOWNES) FLYNN, 90, of Manchester, died on April 13, 2013 at Maple Leaf Healthcare Center in Manchester.

She was born in Andover on March 7, 1923, the daughter of Ellon W. and Edna A. (Austin) Downes. She worked for Jewell Instruments, retiring in 1985.

She is survived by three sons: Thomas Dymont of Hooksett, Tony Morgan of Connecticut, and Bruce Morgan of Rochester; and several grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

A graveside service was held on April 18 in Lake View Cemetery, Andover.

FAYE M. (SULLIVAN) PARRIS, 71, died Saturday, April 13, 2013, at Hackett Hill Nursing Home in Manchester. She was born in New London, on October 11, 1941, the daughter of Joseph and Gertrude (Maloney) Sullivan. She graduated from Wilmot High School.

Faye worked in Admissions at the

New London Hospital and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon. She lived in Andover, and from 1994 to 2003 had resided in Lebanon before moving to Hooksett. She had resided at Hackett Hill for the past five months.

She was a former member of the Andover Rescue Squad and was a member of the Andover Historical Society.

Faye loved being surrounded by family, especially her grandchildren; creating arts and crafts; and spending time at the beach. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard P. Parris.

Members of her surviving family include three daughters, Debbie Cutting of Penacook, Doreen French of Northfield, and Kelli Warren of Londonderry; eight grandsons; two granddaughters; a sister, Ruth White of Portland, Oregon; a niece and a nephew.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in Proctor Cemetery, Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover EMS, PO Box 61, Andover 03216 or to the SPCA, 130 Washington Street, Penacook 03303.

GRACE (THOMAS) GUPTILL, 96, died Saturday, April 20, 2013, at Presidential Oaks in Concord.

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She was born in Northfield on June 15, 1916, the daughter of William Bruce and Florence (Flint) Thomas. Mrs. Guptill spent her early years in Northfield and later moved to Plymouth, where she graduated from high school and was in the first class to receive a bachelor's degree in 1936 from Plymouth State College.

She did substitute teaching in the 30s and 40s and then took a position in Gilmanton Corner for three years. After that she taught in Franklin until she turned 60, at which time she decided to be a nanny. Mrs. Guptill worked in the Concord area for 20 years staying with five different families.

She lived in Northfield from 1944 to 1957, spent 30 years in East Andover, and then had lived in Concord for the past 25 years.

She liked to read and do crossword puzzles. Mrs. Guptill stayed very active and attended concerts and lectures well into her 90s.

She was predeceased by her husband, Leo Guptill, and a grandson, Michael Guptill. Members of her family surviving include two sons, Thomas Guptill of Concord, and Albion Guptill of Zephyrhills, Florida; a stepson, Colin Guptill of Tucson, Arizona; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Chadwick Funeral Home, 235 Main St., New London, on Thursday, April 25, 2013, from 5 to 7 PM A funeral service will be held Friday, April 26, 2013, at 11 AM at the Andover Congregational Church in East Andover. Burial will follow in Lake View Cemetery, East Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to Andover EMS, P.O. Box 61, Andover, New Hampshire 03216.

MR. RUFINO "RUDY" PATULEIA, 60, of East Andover, died at his home on April 21, 2013.

He is survived by his beloved wife of

30 years, Rosanne Patuleia; a son John Anthony Cronin and his wife Courtney of Andover; daughters Christina Patuleia of Peabody, Massachusetts; Sarah and Stephanie Patuleia of Andover; three grandchildren, Olivia M. Glines, Xavier M. Gebo, and Zackary R. Vadeboncoeur, all of Andover; two brothers, three sisters, a longtime friend, and brother Jose Varela; and several nieces and nephews.



Rudy loved to paint pictures, watch wrestling, and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He also liked to make pizza every Saturday, play Spellbound, make people laugh, and always gave a hug when needed. He was a very caring, kind, and gentle man, was well respected and loved by many.

Rudy loved to joke around making people laugh but was a great friend and father to those he loved. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Rudy was employed by Webster Valve in Franklin for several years. He previously worked as a taxi driver in Massachusetts, and a barber and hair stylist.

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Press release

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Neal Meagher Heads Ledyard Office

Press release

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Neal graduated from Hesser College in Manchester with an Associate's degree in Business Administration. Neal and his family live in Enfield.



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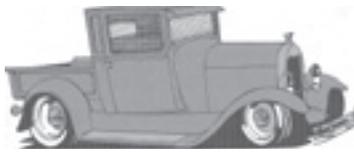
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RP Johnson and Son brings community together

Press release

In honor of RP Johnson and Son's 112-year anniversary, the company is again sponsoring a community-wide event of public building, repairing, and community service-related projects on Saturday, June 15, in the towns surrounding its Andover and Sunapee locations. Community members can sign up for the event and choose a project during the company's Saturday, May 18, Customer Appreciation Event, or online at WeBuildItForward.com. It is also possible to create an event and register it as a part of the celebration.

On Saturday, June 15, teams of people will head out into the community to take on their We Build It Forward projects. The projects may take the shape of yard clean-ups, weatherizing a house, small renovation projects, or painting. The total list of ideas will be posted on the Web site as it continues to grow.

For more information about RP Johnson and Son or this event, call 735-2116. To sign up for We Build It Forward projects, visit WeBuildItForward.com.

More Details

Reason: To serve others

Needed: Volunteers, Project Ideas & To Get The Word Out

Date of Event: June 15, 2013

Action: Call 735-2116 (Sue Johnson)

The Big Questions

Do you know any group, person, or

organization that is in need and has a wish for some help?

What projects can we do for our community?

What can we all accomplish in one day of helping others?

Who needs help in town? Help us make a list. Does someone need a handicap ramp? What about a small roof repair? Could a senior home use a fundraiser? We're calling on leaders and community members to join us in this mission.

Can you volunteer and recruit others to as well?

Project Criteria

1. It must be something they can't do for themselves.

2. It has to be something that really helps people.

3. We all help do the projects together as a way to appreciate those who have helped us before.

We are currently contacting business owners, families, and friends so they can become sponsors and volunteers for this exciting one-day event. As the event comes closer, we will assign roles and tasks to all who volunteer, and it is all based on how each person wants to help.

Community Service is Important

RP Johnson is on a mission to raise awareness of how everyone can serve each other and serve our communities with our "We Build it Forward" outreach event. It's time for radical gratitude and commitment to service!

Huckleberry Propane Adds to Generator Installation Team

Press release

Huckleberry Propane & Oil LLC, a local family-owned and operated propane and oil delivery and service company, has welcomed Andy Warren, master electrician, as the newest team member.



ity to be a true one-stop shop for purchasing a new backup power generator. Being able to handle both the electrical and the propane side of a new generator purchase – all in one location – is unparalleled in the industry.

"This commitment to having Andy Warren on staff shows our commitment to our customers," noted David Huckins, owner. "With Andy on staff, our customers won't have to coordinate multiple contractors when purchasing a new generator, which means the customer will save money."

Currently, Mr. Warren lives in Boscawen, and he is originally from Salisbury. Prior to joining Huckleberry Propane & Oil LLC, Mr. Warren was working for Stephens-Marquis Associates. He obtained his Master Electrical license in 2011.

Huckleberry Propane & Oil LLC is now a 12 person company located in Boscawen that has been delivering oil since 2001. Huckleberry significantly expanded its operations in 2009 with the construction of their propane storage facility in Loudon. Now there is further expansion with the addition of the Kohler Generator line.

Andy Warren will be a vital member of the new Kohler Generator installation and sales team. Bringing Andy on board has given Huckleberry the abil-

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RP Johnson Celebrates 113 Years with Customer Appreciation Event

Demonstrations, food, and prizes on May 18

Press release

In celebration of the company's 113-year anniversary and four generations of service to the community, RP Johnson and Son, Inc. announced a Customer Appreciation Day set for May 18 and a community event called "We Build It Forward" that will take place on June 15.

The Customer Appreciation event will be held at RP Johnson and Son in Andover, where the company has provided building materials to the community for more than a century. The "We Build It Forward" event will have volunteers work on projects that will take place throughout area towns, encompassing a variety of private and public building, repair, and community service-related projects.

"My grandfathers were community-focused from the first day of our founding, and this is a great way, especially during these tough economic times, to not only honor their legacy in hardware and building materials, and my father's, but it's also a way to bring us all closer as a community—to find creative new ways to appreciate, serve, and build up the cities and towns where we have done business with our friends for more than a century," said RP Johnson and Son's fourth-generation president, Steve Johnson.

RP Johnson and Son is known for its innovative drive-thru lumber yard, state-of-the-art technology, and open-book management program.

"Paying attention to what our community, employees, and customers need is how we carry out the company's legacy of caring. But we can't do it alone," Johnson said. "We need the community to get as many people involved in these very special projects as possible. Everyone can participate, even if it's in a small way."

RP Johnson and Son commits many dollars and employee hours to other community causes, including youth programs and scholastic programs—always for organizations that keep dollars

in the local community. "Our customers have supported us for generations, and this is our way of giving back to them, as well as to our own employees who live in Andover and Sunapee," Johnson said.

At the Customer Appreciation Day on May 18 from 7 AM to 5 PM, members of the community are invited to visit the Andover location of RP Johnson and Son, where they can take tours of the drive-thru lumber yard and millwork showcase, see vendor demonstrations, enter to win prizes, kids can work on building a special project, and get free popcorn and balloons for the children. Coffee and donuts will be available in the morning, with hot dogs and soda during lunch time.

During the Customer Appreciation event, members of the community also will be urged to sign up for "We Build It Forward" projects that take place on June 15, when teams of people will take on projects like fundraisers and yard cleanups, fixing park shelters, or painting an entire house. Members of the community can also sign up for the event online at RPJohnsons.com/webuilditforward and WeBuildItForward.com. The total list of ideas will be posted on the Web site as it continues to grow.

For more information, call 735-2116 or visit RPJohnsons.com. 

Carnutz Car Club in Town For Cruize-In at RP Johnson

Customer Appreciation on May 17, 5:30 to 7:30

Press release

As part of its 2013 Customer Appreciation Event, RP Johnson and Son is hosting a Cruize-In Night at its Millwork Showcase in Andover on Friday, May 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Customers can enjoy free food, vendor displays and demos, do-it-yourself tips, raffles, give-away prizes and the CarNutz of Newport car show. Proceeds from the event will benefit David's House in Hanover and RP Johnson and Son's "We Build It Forward" Community Outreach Program.

Customers can visit vendor booths to learn about TimberTech decking, Benjamin Moore paints, Allan Block and Belgard Pavers, Everlast Roofing, tools, and more. Local vendors – including Floorcraft, Nutritionally Yours, a Mary Kay consultant, an interior designer, and more – will be on hand to pamper the women, give demonstrations, and answer questions.

The Carnutz Car Club

The Carnutz Car Club was started by Wayne Boardman and Merle Sargent in the spring of 2007. They both had experiences good and bad with car clubs over the years. So they agreed, why not give it a shot? The first meeting was held, offi-

cers were elected, and some ground rules were set. Their plan is first and foremost to enjoy their cars and trucks!

David's House

David's House is the dream of a little boy named David Cyr who passed away in 1984 after a long struggle with acute lymphocytic leukemia.

During David's frequent visits to the children's hospital in Hanover, his father Dick met many parents who slept in their cars or in chairs in their child's hospital room, unable to afford any length of stay at a nearby hotel and unwilling to leave their child's side. Likewise, each time David was discharged, he begged his parents to take the other kids in the pediatric departments with them to their safe, comfortable home in nearby Vermont.

Within a week of David's passing, the Cyrs and their friends and family had already begun raising money for David's House. The seed money from which this wonderful organization has grown was David's own \$300.78 (in spare change, allowances, and birthday money stashed around the house). Whenever Dick had asked him what he was saving for, David replied, "For a special reason, Dad." David's House opened its doors to guests in 1986, and since then, that "special reason" has served over 12,000 families from around the world! 

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NHEC Recognized as EPA Energy Star Partner

Press release

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recognized New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) and a collaborative of other New Hampshire utilities with a 2013 Energy Star Partner of the Year Award for outstanding contributions to energy efficiency services and information.

NHEC is part of a collaborative of four New Hampshire electric utilities (NHEC, PSNH, Liberty Utilities, Unitil) that provides a wide range of energy efficiency programs for New Hampshire residents and businesses under the NHSaves brand name. For its part in providing energy efficiency programs and solutions to its members, NHEC was recognized at an awards ceremony held March 26 in Washington, DC.

NHEC and the collaborative were honored specifically for the delivery of the Home Performance with Energy Star program and the Energy Star Homes program. Since its start in 2009, the Home Performance with Energy Star program has weatherized more than 2,000 New Hampshire homes and saved more than 42 million lifetime kilowatt-hours of electricity and 956,000 lifetime MMBTUs from oil, natural gas, kerosene, coal, and

wood.

NHEC and the collaborative have also helped more than 6,000 new homes achieve the Energy Star certification for energy efficiency since 2002. Based on US Census data, more than one in three new New Hampshire homes earn the Energy Star label. Over the past 10 years, the New Hampshire Energy Star Homes Program has been the driving force behind the Energy Star Home market share growing from 2% in 2002-2003 to 36% of new homes built in 2011.

The Energy Star Partner of the Year Awards for Energy Efficiency Program Delivery are selected from the nearly 20,000 organizations that participate in the Energy Star program. Energy Star was introduced by the US EPA in 1992 as a partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. Over the last 20 years with help from Energy Star, American families and businesses have saved more than \$230 billion on utility bills and prevented more than 1.8 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

NHEC is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving 83,000 homes and businesses in New Hampshire.

Patriot Inn at Danbury Targets Grand Opening in June

Former Inn at Danbury will take on historical theme

Press release

It was *Newhart* that inspired Bill Kennedy to be an innkeeper and it was his looming retirement from the military after 29 years as a Security Policeman that started his quest for an inn. Linda and Bill Kennedy found the perfect opportunity in Danbury where they plan to open a gift shop and specialized bed and breakfast in the coming months.

Bill's crusade to find an inn began with an internet search in 2007 to find inns for sale in the New England area but when the Inn at Danbury with its German Cuisine popped up for sale at \$895,000, Bill knew it might be some time before he found one in his price range and that was available when he retired. To gauge the market Bill put the Inn at Danbury in his favorites list and monitored the drop in price hoping to use it as a baseline. What he never expected, was this inn would continue to drop and was bank-owned by the time he retired. A few lucky events occurred and they moved in November of 2011.

Bill and Linda are social, and this is a great venue to interact with people, but they also realize that this requires a big commitment of time and money. The inn suffered some neglect and still re-

quires some major renovations to get it ready. They are undaunted as they make the necessary renovations leading to the target opening in June. Currently the Inn is occupied by them, their two Weimaraners, a Shi Tzu, and two cats. They are visited quite regularly by some of their 14 siblings or local and military friends.

They changed the name to The Patriot Inn at Danbury, capitalizing on Bill's appreciation for history, and they are mulling several new names for the restaurant/bar when that opens. Linda set her sights on another passion: She will open a gift and thrift shop which is an extension of their current on-line business and previous collectibles business where they operated/owned Sports Fan-Attic in North Hampton. The first phase will be the gift shop, followed by the opening of the themed rooms for functions such as corporate retreats, weddings, reunions, or group functions. The inn is currently equipped with six themed (Victorian, Rose, African Journey, European Gasthaus, Wild West, and Victory) ready rooms. They plan to push this to 11 rooms by the fall. The third phase will be to open the restaurant/bar and swimming pool to guests.

There were many furnishings left with the inn, but Linda and Bill have accumulated many antiques during his military travel, and they are busy placing and reorganizing based on the period of the furniture, which ranges from 1880 to Art Deco pieces of the 1920s and '30s. With his interest in history, Bill wants to maintain the period atmosphere and is considering holding period events such as revolutionary, civil war, and World War II balls or reenactments. There is plenty of work ahead, and much of this is still a dream. Bill admits he also has other professional ambitions such as teaching, coaching, and mentoring, because he is not quite sure what his calling is. His love of children, the elderly, animals, and people in general could sway him into another professional venue. Another run for Governor or political office? He doesn't rule it out, but for now his focus is on the Patriot Inn at Danbury!



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Black Fly Blitz Sign-Up is Underway

Press release

Serious runners, casual competitors, stroller-pushing parents, and avid walkers should mark their calendars for the Wilmot Community Association's (WCA) ninth annual Black Fly Blitz 5K starting at 9 AM – an hour earlier than previous years – on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, in Wilmot Flat.

Online registration, which closes at noon Saturday, May 25, is available at wilmotcommunityassociation.org.

Until May 25, race registration is free for children eight years and younger; \$15 for youths 9 to 17 and adults 65 and older; and \$25 for adults 18 to 64.

On race day, registration for adults 18 and older will increase by \$5. Day-of-registration opens at 7 AM, May 27, under the registration tent on the Town Green at the intersection of Kearsarge Valley and Village Roads in Wilmot Flat.

For the second consecutive year, coaches and members of the Kearsarge Regional High School track and cross country teams will be assisting the WCA on race day. Acknowledging the value of the volunteers' time, the teams will receive a portion of the race proceeds.

"We are delighted to be able to assist with this event," said Peter Angus, coach at KRHS. "This collaboration is a win-win for our teams and the WCA."

The 3.1-mile, 5K, scenic course is a clockwise loop that starts on Village Road and continues on Shindagan Road to Cross Hill Road to Campground Road and then to Village Road. It is a relatively flat course over slightly undulating terrain. Water will be available at the mid-point of the race. Runners will receive beverages, fruit, and bagels after the race.

Awards will be presented at 10:30 AM at the Wilmot Bandstand on the Town Green next to the Wilmot Town Office Building at 9 Kearsarge Valley Road. The Cloud Duo will play classic rock and country music. Activities for children will include face painting and games. Non-runners may purchase food at the event.

The Black Fly Blitz is the WCA's largest fund-raising event of the year. Proceeds support the organization's operations and activities. Events organized by the WCA for its Golden Jubilee include summer puppet and mask-making workshops and a pie breakfast on July 13; a dramatization of Old Turtle and the Broken Truth on August 24; Harvest Home Luncheon on September 28; Halloween trick or treating; the Annual Holiday Craft Fair on December 7, and the Wilmot Express on December 8.

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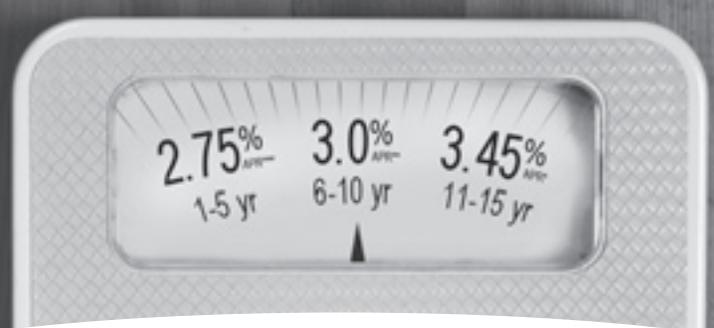
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Golf Tournament to Raise Funds for MVHS Music Trip

May 18 tee-off at Loudon Country Club

Press release

The Merrimack Valley High School (MVHS) Music Boosters, which provides support to the band and chorus, is having its second annual golf tournament on Saturday, May 18 at Loudon Country Club. The cost is \$75 per person, or \$300 per 4-man team, and includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, meal, and various awards.

The proceeds from the event will be used to help send the MVHS music department (band and chorus) to New

York City in 2014, where they will participate in special music workshops, perform, and attend orchestra performances.

Financial support can also be offered by sponsoring a hole, which is \$50 for business and \$25 for students' names in the band or chorus; or by donating items and/or services for a raffle.

If you are interested in playing in the tournament, sponsoring a hole, or making a donation, please contact Leighton Terwilliger at 978-877-3222 or LSTerwilliger@tds.net; or Heidi Terwilliger at 735-6502 or HTerwilliger@tds.net.

MVHS News: April 2013

Press release

Kimball Jenkins School of Art hosted the Art Concord Youth Exhibit. Among the MVHS students who had their work exhibited is Devynne Dlubac of Andover.

There were two locations. The opening reception of the exhibit was on April 19 at Kimball Jenkins in the mansion. Also, on April 19 and 20, approximately 100 pieces of art were exhibited at the vacant space between The Bagel Works and The League Gallery in Concord, thanks to Mark Ciborowski.

MVHS Math Team

The MVHS Math Team finished out its season in February. The team placed

fifth out of 13 teams in the large school division in the Lakes Region Mathematics League overall standings. Spencer Cote came in fourth for senior scores and tied for 13th overall. Andrea Bardley tied for fourth for juniors and tied for seventh overall. Braden St. Jacques came in third for Grade 9 students and tied for fifth overall.

Alyssa Radcliffe, Rebekah Stearns of Andover, Corey Boisvert, Dillan Dumont, Elizabeth Charity, Rachael Howell, and Emily Stearns also placed in the top half of all students participating. About 150 students competed in the league this year.

Opening Day for Softball and Baseball Starts with a Parade

Saturday, May 11
at AE/MS

Press release

Opening Day for softball and baseball this year is Saturday, May 11. The traditional parade begins at 8:30 AM at AE/MS, with the teams walking from the school to Blackwater Park.

The day will be filled with competition, with softball on Corson Field at AE/MS and baseball at Blackwater Park. The softball U6 (under six years old) team plays at 9 AM, U8 at 10:15 AM, U10 at 12:30 PM, and U14 at 2:45 PM.

Andover Girls Softball (AGS) is still looking for more parents to get involved on its board. "Please get involved," says AGS president Melissa Thompson. "We lost people on our board because their kids have moved on to high school, and now it's time for younger people and fresh new ideas. So get involved – not for us, but for the girls."

For more information, contact Melissa at 455-4622.

Andover Girls Softball Home Games

- May 2: U14, MVMS, 4:30
- May 4: U14, Hill, 9
- May 6: U14, Franklin, 6
- May 7: U8, Meredith, 6
- May 9: U10, Meredith, 6
- May 11: Opening Day Games all day
- May 12: U14, R&B, 9
- May 13: U10, Franklin, 6
- May 14: U14, Winnisquam, 6
- May 17: U14, Concord Orth, 6

- May 19: U14, Kingswood, 9
- May 21: U14, KRMS, 4:30
- May 28: U10, Franklin, 6
- May 30: U10, Winnisquam, 6
- June 1: U6, Grizzlies, 9
- June 1: Tournament TBD
- June 2: Tournament TBD
- June 4: U8, Winnisquam, 6
- June 5: U14, Hill, 6
- June 8: U6, Terrapins, 9
- June 8: U8, Winnisquam, 10:15

Andover Girls Softball Away Games

- May 4: U6, Franklin Odell, 10:30
- May 4: U8, Franklin Odell, 11:15
- May 4: U10, Franklin Odell, 1:45
- May 6: U6, Franklin Odell, 5:30
- May 6: U10, Franklin Daniell, 6
- May 8: U14, Hill, 6
- May 14: U8, Sanbornton, 6
- May 15: U10, Sanbornton, 6
- May 20: U6, Franklin Odell, 5:30
- May 20: U14, Hill, 6
- May 20: U10, Franklin Odell, 6:30
- May 21: U8, Sanbornton, 6
- May 22: U14, Winnisquam Middle, 6
- May 23: U10, Sanbornton, 6
- May 29: U8, Sanbornton, 6
- May 29: U14, Franklin Daniell
- May 31: U8, Prescott Park Meredith, 6
- May 31: U14, Martin Field Concord, 5:45
- June 1: U10, Hill, 2
- June 2: U14, Towle Field, 4
- June 3: U 10, Hill, 6
- June 4: U14, Kearsarge Middle, 4:30
- June 5: U10, Prescott Park, Meredith 6
- June 8: U10, Franklin Odell, 1
- June 9: U14, Kingswood, 2

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MS bands. Students will have the opportunity to perform what they have learned this year with other band members.

Testing, testing, testing... Students in grades four and eight will have their science skills tested in May as part of New Hampshire's NECAP assessment. This is not as intensive as the fall testing and should not take more than three class periods. Also in May, grades two through eight will complete NWEA testing for reading, math, and language usage. NWEA math scores are used for placement in freshman math classes at MVHS. Scores are used by teachers as a comparison tool for growth and give us information on our curriculum coverage. NWEA's are administered in the fall and spring. The second grade students are only tested in the spring. The testing takes three class periods.

We are gearing up for SHARE Day. SHARE (See How Arts Reach Everyone) Day is Friday, May 17. Students in grades three to eight picked their top four workshop choices before vacation. Students in grades one and two have the day organized for them by their teachers. First through eighth participate in hands-on workshops all morning and then enjoy a picnic lunch. In the af-

ternoon students will have a chance to share what they created and then enjoy entertainment together. We are very excited that the Baker Valley Band will perform for us. They are a large wind band which includes AE/MS music teacher, Paul Hubert. Volunteers are always welcome for SHARE Day.

Field trip season has started. The fourth grade students will attend Education Day, sponsored by the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, which will include a baseball game and educational displays. The fourth grade students are also looking forward to the annual Historical Society Round-Robin. They will tour historical societies in Andover, Salisbury, and Webster and then share lunch with fourth grade students from Salisbury and Webster. The second grade classes will take their traditional excursion to the Harvard Museum of Natural History. This trip is enjoyed immensely by students, staff members, and parents. It is an incredible day of learning. The fifth grade students are looking forward to their visit to the historic Belknap Mill built in 1823. This art and history center is the oldest unaltered brick textile mill in the United States.

Kindergarten Graduation is June 12. AE/MS Eighth Grade Graduation is Thursday, June 13. Field Day is Monday, June 18.

By Jane Slayton Principal, AE/MS

April is Poetry Month at AE/MS. All students in grades one through eight choose and memorize grade-appropriate poems. They practice at home, they practice at school, and then they recite and are scored at the preliminary level. All students are scored on a rubric that they have worked with in the classroom throughout the process.

It is always difficult to judge, but only a few finalists from each grade can be chosen to recite at Poetry Night.

Poetry Night is an entertaining but long evening. It seems like the rigor, length, and caliber of the poems increase each year. The students always do an amazing job!

It is not always easy to get up in front of an audience and recite, but many of our students have become quite comfortable speaking in front of a crowd. Every year I have adults tell me that they wish they'd had the opportunity to recite and perform when they were in the early grades, as it would have helped them later in life. Poetry recitation is an important skill.

Here, in alphabetical order, are the finalists:

Grade 1 – Bent

- Oliver Andrews
- Katie DelSignore
- Emily Hackmann
- Delaney Young – alternate

Grade 1 – Wiley

- Braeden MacKenzie
- Jeremiah Mock
- Arienna Perry
- Jason Koziol – alternate

Grade 2 – Hildebrand

- Jane Anderson
- Kalee Keyser
- Lagan Salathe
- Ani McIntyre – alternate

Grade 2 – Jensen

- Andrew Croteau
- Zealen Therrien
- Caleb Warzocha
- Bruce Clough – alternate

Grade 3 – Hubbard

- Anthony Hammond
- Sasha MacKenzie
- Shannen O'Donnell

Jesse Niemyer – alternate

Grade 3 – Peters

- Garrett Niemyer
- Rylee Sweeney
- River Turnbull
- Cassidy Piroso – alternate

Grade 4

- Juliette Adams
- Lilly Furtkamp
- Maddie Jewell
- Jazlyn Perkins – alternate

Grade 5

- Hannah Asbury
- Riley Keezer
- Tempest Przybyla
- Vienna Marcus – alternate

Grade 6 – Edmunds

- Hannah French
- Britta Johnson
- Nelson Makechnie
- Alexis Cate – alternate

Grade 6 – Murphy

- Samantha Parkman
- DJ Rankins
- Sofia Weber
- Lexie Emeny – alternate

Grade 7

- Betsy Abrahamson
- Gloriana Brown
- Finn Weber
- Scout Armstrong – alternate

Grade 8

- Annika Johnson
- Cope Makechnie
- Jacqui Morris
- Kenzie Emeny - alternate



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The AE/MS track team.

Photo: Jennifer Bent

AE/MS Track Season is Off and Running

By Andover Athletic Department

The school year seems to be flying by, which means we are gearing up to start the track season. The season began with our first practice on March 25. Grades six through eight will be representing the school at four meets this year.

Coach Nick Fairall will be returning to Andover for his fourth season with the team. With his great energy and knowledge of the sport, the athletes are sure to soar this year. Coach Fairall motivates students in a fun fashion that makes getting fit for track an enjoyable experience. The school is truly honored to have him be a part of the team.

Coach Fairall has been joined by two assistant coaches and one returning Andover alumna. Coach Virginia Clabby will be helping out for a second year.

She is a former student athlete from Merrimack Valley track. Coach Clabby continues to be a great support of skills and talent to help bring the best out of the athletes at Andover.

Coach Brian Reynolds is an avid runner who competes in many events

AE/MS Track Schedule

April 19: Bow
 May 1: Merrimack Valley
 May 6: Bow
 May 16: Belmont
 All meets start at 4 PM.

himself, including this year's Boston Marathon, and he has brought that experience to the team.

An alumna of AE/MS, Maddy Pfeifer, has given up time from her spring break help Coach Fairall prepare the team members and motivate them to set goals and reach for them.

Check the school Web site for updates of the team's success and changes in the schedule. Go, Eagles!



The AE/MS morning kindergarteners helped raise money and awareness for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

AE/MS Students Raise Over \$1,500 for Leukemia Society

Students donate their prizes to the Society, too.

By Christine Frost
 AE/MS School Nurse

Students at AE/MS collected \$1,587.70 in a three-week Pennies for Patients program for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) is dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. The mission of LLS is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma; and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

The AE/MS Student Council coordinated this community service project. They encouraged their peers to donate spare change by hanging posters, making daily announcements, and organizing spirit days that would allow students to wear a hat in school for \$1, or use their iPod at lunch for \$2.

As a reward for fundraisers' efforts, LLS offers a pizza party to the class that raises the most money and a \$75 gift certificate to any school that raises

more than \$1,500. The students at AE/MS chose to donate the cost of the pizza party and gift certificate back to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The following classrooms raised between \$100 and \$199 and will receive a Bronze pennant for their classroom: Kindergarten, Mrs. Bent's first grade, Ms. Hildebrand and Mr. Jensen's sec-



The AE/MS Student Council spearheaded a Pennies for Patients drive that raised over \$1,500 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

ond grades, Mrs. Peters and Mr. Hubbard's third grades, Mrs. LaRoche's fourth grade, and Mrs. Kidane's fifth grade. Mr. Murphys sixth grade class raised \$253.95 and will receive a Silver Pennant.

Congratulations to all – Every Penny Counts!

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Jessica George of Andover, Proctor '12, is now a freshman at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, where she starts at first base for the softball team. In an April 22 conference double-header, Jessica had an RBI hit in the first game and in the second game broke a 2-2 tie with a two-run homer. The Wildcat's 4-2 victory wrapped up the regular season with a 24-16 record and a berth in the conference quarterfinals.

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month of April. Teachers and administrators were able to get a peek at what the future holds. The children are very excited to attend the big school next year and even more excited to ride the school bus. We are thrilled to have this new group of students and their families join our school community.

Speaking of kindergarten, we are always in need of good quality Dr. Seuss books, Bob books, and other early reading books. If you are spring cleaning and looking for a new home for books, please consider AE/MS.

Our Student Leadership team has organized a spring cleaning for the school grounds. Weather permitting this will take place at the end of April and beginning of May. There is always a lot to do, but with all of us working together we can tackle most anything.

Congratulations again to the AE/MS Student Council for their successful Pennies for Patients fundraiser. Students lugged in pounds and pounds of coins and a \$1,587 donation was made to the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Well done, Student Council!

Three seniors returned from MVHS before vacation to share their senior projects with the middle school students. Marissa Laro, Kristie Perrault, and Stephanie Croteau were very informative, and in addition to their project synopsis they also shared valuable advice for a successful freshman year. The middle school students were extremely attentive and asked great questions of the seniors. Senior Project expectations and the timeline was clarified for the seventh and eighth grade students.

This winter the students have had the opportunity to walk in the morning before the day begins. Students have been scurrying into building and joining their friends as they do laps around the gym. There is music playing and a very enthusiastic walking group. Students begin walking when buses arrive (7:30) and continue until the first bell at 7:40. It has been an energizing way to start the day. Now that the nice weather has returned the students will get their morning exercise outside before the day begins.

The number of students who eat school breakfast has increased with the walking program. All students are welcome to have breakfast at school. It is a “grab ‘n’ go” breakfast that can be brought to the classroom. Some of the breakfast items are: cereal, yogurt, muffins, smoothies, fruit, warm pretzels, breakfast burritos, and various types of croissants, all served with milk or juice.

It is great to see students starting to ride their bicycles to school again. Getting exercise before the school day starts is great for learning! However, please be sure your child is safe on the road. Cyclists must have helmets on while on school grounds, including the skate park. It is a law for riders who are under 16 years of age to wear helmets. Please be extra alert on the roadways as there is increased bicycle traffic now. The gates on both sides of the building are closed to make the play area safer.

Our second spring concert will be held on Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 PM. The April concert was intended as a showcase for kindergarten through fifth grade. Each class had two songs to perform. That night was festive, fun, and appealing to all ages in the audience. The May concert is focused on the AE/MS

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MVHS '14: HELP!

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

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

Idea #1: Andover News Web Site

The *Beacon* has launched AndoverBeacon.com, big, timely news Web site that serves the community of Andover. This could be the starting point for projects in journalism, photojournalism, Web site management, or even computer programming.

If you're an MVHS senior who would like to gain valuable experience in 21st-century news publishing on the Web and in print for your Senior Project this year, please contact me at Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com or 735-6099 so we can discuss ideas for a project in this area.

Idea #2: Community-Based Fundraising

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

fundraising efforts are, frankly, pretty anemic.

What we need is a really good plan for combining fundraising with our mission to give back to the community. We have many ideas for events and projects that would make it easy and enjoyable for people to donate to the *Beacon* and would, at the same time, help build a stronger community. But ideas aren't

Wanted: an MVHS '14 student to focus their Senior Project on the Andover news Web site or on creating a community-based fundraising plan.

enough – we need your help in organizing the ideas into a coherent, long-term community-based fundraising plan.

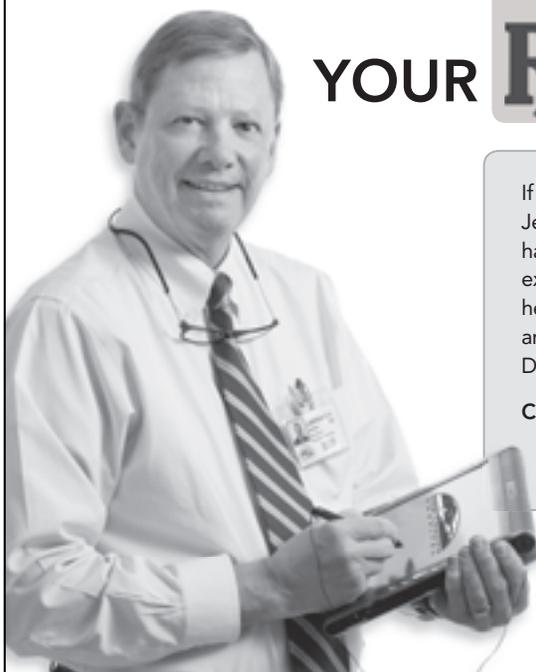
If you're an MV senior who would like to gain valuable experience in fundraising planning and in building stronger communities for your Senior Project this year, please contact me at Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com or 735-6099 so we can talk further.

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AE/MS eighth grade. Back: Brandon Babbitt, Jim Lloyd, Brandon Wood, Hunter Bonk, Matt Braley, Kaitlyn French, and Jared Duquette. Middle: Kevin Barry, Curtis Chamberlin, Cope Makechnie, Brandon Richardson, Kenzie Emeny, Jacqui Morris, Ainsley Goodwin, Annika Johnson, Shyanne Goodbread, and Kris Feehan. Front: Deklan Friedrich, Griffin Merriman, Alissha Smart, Logan Farley, Chelsea Thompson, and Maya Haynes. On the ground: Jeramiah Proulx and Noah Berry. Photo: Jennifer Bent

AE/MS Looks Ahead to a Busy End of School Year

By Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

The cabbage plants have arrived for third grade students – It is now official that spring must be here! Each student receives one mega cabbage plant to bring home and plant in their own garden. The plants are hardy and indestructible. Students then enter the nationwide Third Grade Cabbage Contest in hopes of winning a \$1,000 college scholarship

but maybe more importantly to grow the largest cabbage ever and then take a creative photograph of it to bring back to school at the end of the summer. I am already looking forward to seeing the mega cabbage photos!

Kindergarten registration brought 30 eager and enthusiastic four- and five-year-olds into the building during the

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At the Imagination Inn, Afterschool Adventurers Abby Bentzler, Emma Chadbourne, Addie Pine, and Olivia Bentzler created a fairy house. Photo: Jessica Houghton

Rebekah Stearns Pursues Sports, Academics with Success and Passion

Rebekah Stearns, a junior at the Slogics of Sutton. Merrimack Valley High School (MVHS), has again achieved high honors at MVHS during the most recent academic quarter. Rebekah is a member of the National Honor Society and has been a Key Club member since 10th grade. Rebekah will be the Key Club president for 2013-2014. She is also an outstanding “Mathlete” on the Math Team at MVHS. Rebekah has volunteered for many events at MVHS and has been involved in several drama club presentations.

Rebekah is also a member of the MVHS Varsity Field Hockey team and MVHS Varsity Girls Lacrosse Team. She is currently a coach-in-training for the MV Blue Storm Sports Youth Girls Lacrosse program. Rebekah is also a USA Hockey Level 1 Referee and in training for US Lacrosse youth lacrosse officiating.

Rebekah participates in the Granite State Elite Lacrosse program (a two-year member) and previously participated in the Seacoast United Lacrosse club league and New London Outing Club. Rebekah credits her lacrosse skills and passion to



Rebekah Stearns, on the field for MVHS lacrosse. Photo: Katherine Stearns

Studies Program for Summer 2013 and will attend this intensive academic program for five weeks this summer.

If You're Proud of Our Schools and Our Students, Please Show It!

Every year in June, *The Andover Beacon* publishes photos of eighth graders graduating from Andover Elementary/Middle School and of Andover students graduating from Merrimack Valley High and from Proctor Academy. This year, the *Beacon* is asking for help in underwriting the cost of publishing not only these photos but also the many articles and photos about our schools and students it publishes all year long.

If you could make a special gift of \$10 (more or less, as you see fit) **by May 15**, we will be happy to include your name on the list of well-wishers who send congratulations to all our students and to the community that supports their success. The special message and list of well-wishers (a mock-up is shown here) will appear in the June issue of *The Andover Beacon*. The special message reads:

“**It Takes A Village** to advance a class of capable, confident, caring students to the next grade every year. In honor of the entire community’s achievements in this area – and most of all, in honor of the students themselves – the following have helped underwrite the *Beacon’s* continuing coverage of our schools.”

If you’d like to help (anonymously, if you prefer), please get your special gift to the *Beacon* **by May 15**. Thank you!

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