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Thanks to Lewis M. Allison for the photo of the Cillyville-Bog Bridge.

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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 SWAP SHOP
REUSABLE ITEMS IN WORKING CONDITION

PLEASE no
ELECTRONICS, or PORCELAIN FIXTURES!

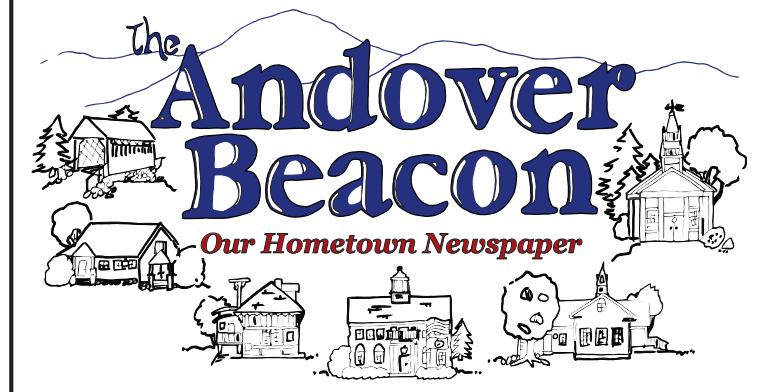
FIRST ONE OF THE SEASON!

YARD TOYS
BOOKS & RECORDS
UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE,
TIRES, WINDOWS, DOORS,
PORCELAIN FIXTURES.

The Swap Shop will be open on Saturday, May 11 from 8 AM to noon and welcomes (before noon) reusable items in working condition like toys, clothing, books, bicycles, and kitchenware. Please, no upholstered furniture, tires, windows, doors, electronics, or porcelain fixtures.



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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