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This choice edible has a taste and consistency similar to chicken and is usually cooked with grains or in soups.

Always ask a friendly mushroom expert to help you identify what you've picked before eating any other type of mushroom.

Loon Chicks on Bradley Lake

Good news from Bradley Lake! Tom and Rae Voss and George and Jane Diven confirmed in late July that the resident loon couple has successfully hatched a pair of chicks. While the arrival was worryingly late in the season, as of mid-August the young pair appears to be doing fine.

Dragonfly Appreciation

At least forty people turned out for "Dragonfly Appreciation Day" on July 31st at the property of Mary and Ed Hiller in East Andover. Led by Andy and Carrie Deegan, dragonfly experts and enthusiasts, participants captured

dragonflies in nearby fields and by Sucker Brook.

They learned that these fascinating creatures spend up to four years in a pond or marshy area, first as eggs and then during their nymph stage. When conditions are right, the nymph crawls out of the water up the stem of a plant, sheds its skin, and enters its adult phase. This is when we usually see dragonflies, as they fly about looking for food and a mate.

Fertilized females then find some calm water for laying their eggs and the cycle begins again. Adult dragonflies live for about two months when, as insectivores, they help keep mosquito populations under control.

Thanks to the Andover Conservation Commission for sponsoring yet another in their series of events, Taking Action for Wildlife.

Please remember to contact me if you have any questions or news about the natural world of Andover: Andover-Naturally@gmail.com.

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Pictures, yearbooks, programs, and other memorabilia were passed around amid lots of laughter and joking. Biographies written from questionnaires Sandra had sent out were distributed and approved by each member, and a note from Carol Hill Gallagher written to Margie Cook was also passed around.

Mr. Arnold Gross was our class advisor for three years, and our yearbook was dedicated to him. In a telephone interview with Sandra Harding in June, Mr. Gross caught us up on his life after AHS, and the interview was read by Sandra. A Reunion Yearbook will be assembled from everything brought to the cruise, and each class member will receive a copy, with an additional copy donated to the Andover Historical Society.

The buffet brunch was superb, with complimentary mimosas, and the staff treated us like celebrities. From the top deck we had a scenic tour of the lake and mountains and the chance to table hop, catching up here and there with each other.

As one member said "We sure don't look like we're old enough to have graduated 50 years ago." For a few hours, we were kids again.

A Short Biography of Arnold Gross

In a telephone interview with Sandra Harding in June 2013, Mr. Gross shared the following information.

Arnold James Gross was born on

January 17, 1937 at home in Beebe River, a part of Campton, New Hampshire. He graduated from Plymouth Teachers College (now Plymouth State University) in 1958, and Andover High School was his first teaching job. He received his master's degree from Hunter College in New York City and was also awarded a fellowship at Union College.

He married Laura MacNeill, who graduated from AHS in 1951, and they have two sons: Paul, living in Richmond, Virginia, and Peter in Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Gross are anxiously awaiting their first great-grandchild.

After leaving Andover, Mr. and Mrs. Gross moved to Ossining, New York, and he taught at Briarcliff, New York middle and high schools for 32 years and was team leader of Social Studies. He retired in 1994 at age 57, through a buy-out of his contract with the school, and Mrs. Gross, also a teacher, retired in 1992, also through a buy-out.

They are active in their Baptist Church and are part of the church's disaster relief organization. They were at 9/11 the second week after the towers collapsed and also went to Florida after Hurricane Charlie, where their church hosted up to 200 people and then procured a warehouse and an apartment building there for homeless refugees of the storm.

As part of their church visiting team, they visit retirement and assisted living homes as well as hospital patients. Mr. Gross is in a glee club with the YMCA and is planning a 1950s review (poodle skirts!) in August and is also part of a southern gospel quartet.

They sold Mrs. Gross' mother's home in Danbury and live in Franklin, Tennessee to be near their sons and their families, but travel to New England every fall to see the foliage and visit with old friends here.

I asked Mr. Gross what advice he would have given us at graduation if he had still been our advisor in our senior year. His reply was, "Remain true to basic values."

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