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Why the Selectmen are Asking for a Road Construction Bond Now

Projects complete in one year, \$500,000 savings

By the Andover Board of Selectmen

Here's why the Selectmen think a bond to catch up on road construction projects (Warrant Article 6) is a good decision for Andover.

Oil Products: Costs of oil-based products are increasing every year, as does the price of paving.

Road Conditions: Deferring road/bridge improvement equals more deterioration and increased project costs.

Paving Costs: Current practice of paving approximately one mile of road per year is the most expensive option and the least cost effective way to improve paved roads. Bundling several years of paving projects reduces mobilization charges, material costs, and reduces the cost per mile of paving between 25% and 35%.

Bundling Projects: Pike Industries has confirmed an estimated saving of 25% to 35% when we bundle mul-

tiple projects together.

Bridges: Steve Liaikos, senior DOT Bridge Engineer, the Board of Selectmen, and the Road Agent visited bridges that require replacement (Kearsarge Mountain Road, Mountain Brook on Elbow Pond Road, and Hall Farm Road) and the Gale Road bridge, which needs to be removed before collapse. No state aid is available for these projects.

Interest Rates: Interest rates are at an historic low, so it's an opportune time to borrow money.

Plan A

Use a bond to complete multiple projects in a single year.

Amount raised by taxes:

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- 2015: \$158,000
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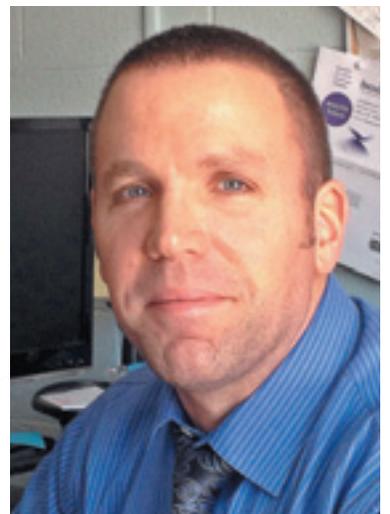
Steps up from #2 spot at Kearsarge district

Press release

The SAU #46 Board representing the Merrimack Valley School Board and the Andover School Board is pleased to announce the selection for the Superintendent of Schools position presently held by Dr. Michael Martin, who will retire on June 30. After a nationwide search, the committee has selected the Assistant Superintendent for the Kearsarge Regional School District, Mr. Mark MacLean.

Mr. Mark MacLean is presently the Assistant Superintendent for the Kearsarge Regional School District serving Bradford, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, and Wilnot. Mr. MacLean received his Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Educational Leadership from Plymouth State University in 2012. Prior to coming to Kearsarge, he served as the Dean of Academics at Alvirne High School. From 1996 to 2007, Mr. MacLean was a business/computer teacher and coordinator at Merrimack Valley High School.

The SAU #46 superintendent search process began this past summer with



Mark MacLean will become the new superintendent of the Andover and Merrimack Valley School Districts on July 1.

the formation of a search committee whose membership was appointed by both boards of the SAU. The search committee worked with the consultation of Bill Lander of the New Hampshire School Boards Association. The position was posted nationally.

Thirteen candidates applied for the position. Five were selected for semi-fi-

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AE/MS ski jumpers send their enthusiastic "GO NICK" cheers to Sochi for Andover Olympian Nick Fairall. The students are proudly displaying official Olympic banners and cow bells. David Reynolds, Alan Thompson, Emma Pine (note her gold medals), Katie Bent, Jazlyn Perkins, Sophia Reynolds, Kathryn Thompson, Elliot Asbury, Matt Reynolds, Elliott Norris, Jared Frost, and Aiden Cox. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

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New School District Superintendent Plans to Focus on Technology

Effective communication is top priority

By Daira Cline, Concord Monitor

From the February 4 Concord Monitor

In hiring Mark MacLean to be the new superintendent of the Merrimack Valley and Andover school districts yesterday, members of the committee charged with choosing the new leader of the 2,800-student district have said they are making the advancement of technology one of their foremost priorities.

MacLean, assistant superintendent of the Kearsarge Regional School District, was one of three finalists the 15-member selection committee considered. He will replace Mike Martin, who has led the district since 1999, when he retires at the end of the school year.

MacLean started his career as a teacher in Merrimack Valley schools. He left in 2007 to become the dean of academics at Alvirne High School in Hudson before becoming an assistant superintendent for Kearsarge.

“The candidates were all excellent, and they all had different skills,” said Lorrie Carey, chairwoman of the search committee and a member of the Merrimack Valley School Board. “I think what Mark brought was a real strong background in business and technology. One of our focuses at Merrimack Valley is technology – providing it for our students and using it

more effectively.”

MacLean, who is 44 and lives in Tilton, said he was excited about returning to Merrimack Valley and leading the district into a stronger technological future. MacLean said he prides himself on being available to the students and staff he serves.

“I’m letting people know that I am not going to be holed up in my office all day,” MacLean said. “It’s about kids. So if you’re not connected to the kids, but you’re making decisions for the kids, how are you going to know what it looks like from their end?”

The two other candidates for superintendent were Michael Jette, principal of Merrimack Valley High School, and Elaine Arbour, assistant superintendent of the Claremont School District.

Jette could not be reached for comment. Arbour said she wished MacLean well, and said she would continue her own search for a superintendent position.

“If their focus is on technology, then I think he will be a good fit for them,” Arbour said of MacLean. “Certainly, I’m very disappointed. I liked Merrimack Valley, but it’s important for it to be a good fit for both parties.”

Martin said he did not know MacLean and had no comment on his potential as a leader.

“I think we’re excited that the process is behind us,” Martin said. “They worked very, very hard to try and find

the right person for the job. They’ve taken this job very seriously.”

The superintendent search began last summer with national advertising that resulted in 15 original applicants. The search committee hired a consultant, interviewed school board members, held public forums and conducted repeat interviews with candidates.

MacLean had ideas for improving the school district’s use of technology at his interviews, Carey said, and he has a record of success in the Kearsarge district.

“I was taking notes during the interview in case he wasn’t chosen,” Carey said. “He’d already worked in a large, rural district and clearly he had worked through the planning and implementation of ideas, like ‘blizzard bags’ – we were really impressed with that one.”

Blizzard bags, which MacLean helped implement in Kearsarge, is the term used to describe the use of online technology to allow students to complete a day of school from home on what otherwise would be a snow day. This way students need not attend school as long into the summer.

“If school is closed, does it need to be closed? We can connect with students using technology and continue learning,” MacLean said.

MacLean said many students leaving high school do not have enough technical knowledge of multimedia, cloud-based technologies, computer graphics – of computers in general – to be successful job candidates and college applicants. He said he wants to teach students to use social media responsibly, so that their online postings of today do not hinder their successes of tomorrow.

“They need to learn to respect their digital footprint,” MacLean said. “It never goes away.”

MacLean’s salary is yet to be determined, Carey said. She said the average salary for a New Hampshire superintendent is between \$111,000 and \$135,000. She said Martin currently works part time and on an hourly rate, so his salary would not be an accurate indicator of MacLean’s.

“It won’t be \$135,000,” Carey said, laughing. “But we describe the superintendent of schools to be like a CEO. He is in charge of a \$37 million dollar budget.”

MacLean’s business knowledge and his experience at the superintendent level in a large school district helped to make him the final choice, Carey said. She said superintendents, in addition to having to know how to supervise teachers and staff, have to understand state and federal mandates, and deal with the budget, which she said is always a challenge.

“And the superintendent’s job is very political,” Carey said. “A lot of people don’t want to be superintendent because of the politics involved.”

MacLean said he can handle the politics.

“I’m a personable guy,” he said. “I like establishing effective relationships. Effective communication is probably the No. 1 priority – communications with the employees, communications with the community and communications with the parents.”

There is also the challenge of trying to advance technology in a largely rural school district where some towns do not have internet connectivity capabilities at present, Carey said.

MacLean said he is not concerned. “There’s not a challenge that scares me,” he said.

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nalist interviews, and three were moved forward as finalists. Community forums were held at the schools of all of the towns of the district to collect public feedback. All school board members were surveyed regarding qualities and



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qualifications. Finalists were chosen in December.

The finalists visited all of the SAU schools in Boscawen, Webster, Salisbury, Andover, Loudon, and Penacook and met the public at a community forum in January. The SAU board then collected feedback from all of the schools and the community forum. Visits were made by representatives of each school board to the finalist schools.

The board members felt all three candidates could bring valuable skills to SAU #46 and were impressed by the quality of all of the candidates destined to be future superintendents of schools in New Hampshire. After two and a half hours of discussions, the SAU board voted unanimously to select Mark MacLean, citing technology and business skills, candidate responses to interview questions, and central office experience. The SAU will begin planning meetings with district employees and the community to meet the new superintendent when his contract begins on July 1.



Meeting with fellow Andover residents at the home of an East Andover neighbor, Sophie Viandier (second from left), a write-in candidate for a seat on the Andover Board of Selectmen, listens to local concerns. Shown from left to right are Gisela Darling, Viandier, State Representative Mario Ratzki, Mary Hiller, and Andover Selectman Vicky Mishcon. Also vying for the seat on the Andover Board of Selectmen this year are Lenny Caron and Mary Anne Levesque. Voting will occur on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday, March 11, in the Andover Elementary/Middle School auditorium.

Caption and photo: Larry Chase



Democrat Mike Cryans visited Andover on January 27. According to his press release, "Mike Cryans is the Democrat running for Executive Council to fill Ray Burton's old seat. He's served 17 years as a Grafton County Commissioner, 16 of those years alongside Ray Burton, who was also a Grafton County Commissioner. Mike is making an effort during the campaign to visit every one of the 108 town and four cities of District 1 to highlight his desire to be an advocate for every corner of District 1 if he is elected."

Kenney Wins Republican Primary for Executive Council Seat

Faces Cryans in March 11 special election

By Charlie Darling, Beacon staff

According to the Associated Press, Joe Kenney defeated fellow Republicans Mark Aldrich and Christopher Boothby in the primary election on January 21 for the Executive Councilor's seat left vacant by the death of Ray Burton.

Kenney received 3,622 votes, in-

cluding 14 from Andover; Christopher Boothby received 2,622 votes, with 1 from Andover; and Mark Aldrich trailed the pack with 499 votes – nine from Andover.

Kenney next faces Democrat Michael Cryans (who garnered seven votes from Andover in his uncontested primary bid) on Tuesday, March 11, in the special election for the Executive Council seat.

Voting takes place in Andover at AE/MS from 11 AM to 7 PM.



Andy Prokosch heads home up Old College Road after digging out a place for a sap tank for one of Tucker Mountain Maple's tubing runs.

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Letters To The Beacon

Mistake in February Issue

I'd like to point out a sizable mistake made by *The Andover Beacon* in the February 2014 issue.

Instead of placing an article about an Andover athlete being nominated to an Olympic team on the front page of the issue, the *Beacon* staff inexplicably decided to relegate the article to page 34. While budget projections and semi-annual tax issues are a concern to all readers, I think we'd agree that a story about a local ski jumper being awarded the opportunity to compete in the Olympics is a much more captivating story line. This mistake hits close to home, since I grew up ski jumping in Andover. Not many communities have folks who can make this claim.

I feel that there are many things that make Andover unique that are simply not covered in *The Andover Beacon*. Over the course of my subscription, I have noticed that many issues of the *Beacon* are a boring re-hash of town meetings. Instead, the *Beacon* could consider offering interesting stories about members of the community or events taking place in and around Andover. There is simply too much going on in Andover to allow administrative headlines to crowd out a lot of the good events, stuff, and people of Andover.

Steve McNeil

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Her perspective and her interests are surprisingly mature for someone who is 21 – let's give her a chance to show what she can do!

Mary and Ed Hiller

Write In Sophie Viandier

As Andover residents, we enthusiastically endorse Sophie Viandier as a write-in candidate for Selectman. Sophie – born, raised and educated in Andover – will bring youth, energy, and new perspectives to the governance of our town. Please join us in support-

ing Sophie by writing her name in when you vote on Tuesday, March 11.

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Mike Cryans Running for District 1

Grafton County Commissioner Mike Cryans is running for the District 1 seat on the New Hampshire Executive Council. Mike was born and raised

in Littleton, right at the northern tip of Grafton County. After graduating from Springfield College in Massachusetts, he returned to teach at his hometown high school. He then turned to banking, beginning as an assistant loan officer and working his way up to the Senior Vice-President position of Dartmouth Banking Company, where he specialized in local business and home ownership financing.

Now residing in Hanover, Mike has been a Grafton County Commissioner for 18 years, most of those side-by-side with Ray Burton, whose untimely death has left an opening on the Governor's Executive Council. Mike believes, just as Ray did, that he can represent the people of not only Grafton County but also District 1 on the Executive Council.

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Ray and Mike found a great deal in common, despite their different political affiliations, so much so that the entire Burton family has come out to endorse Mike as their father's successor on the Council.

Keep Mike in mind when, as a resident of the southernmost section of District 1, you decide on new representation.

Janet Moore

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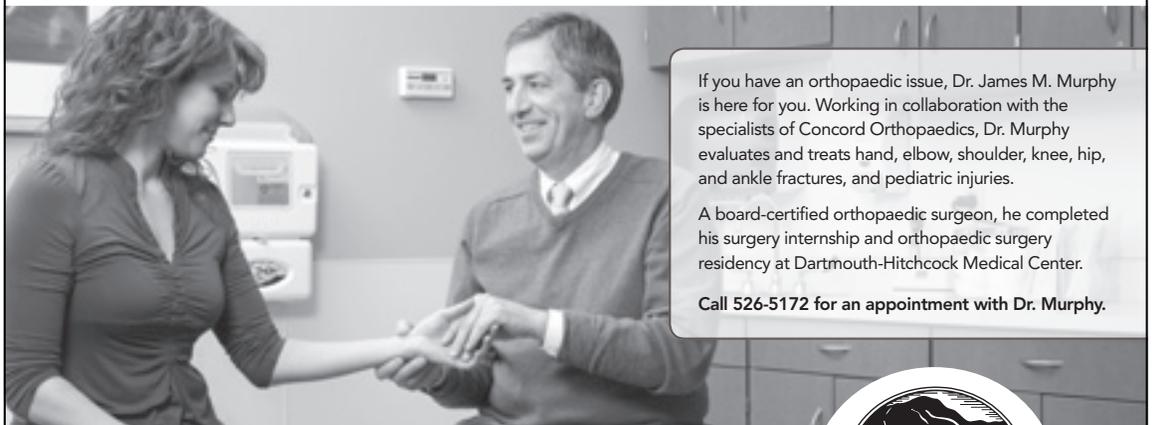
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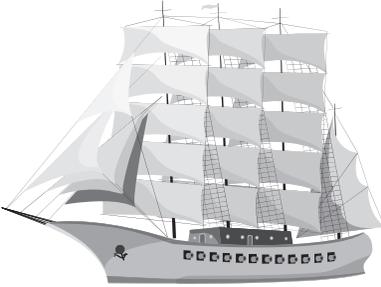
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Mario Ratzki Reports from Concord

Some bills pass, some bills fail

By Mario Ratzki, NH Representative

The pace has picked up tremendously in Concord, with the State of the State by our Governor, Maggie Hassan, and the announcement of a possible agreement on Medicaid Expansion with a New Hampshire label. The bill is being drafted, and we will vote on it before recess.

There have been a slew of defeated bills: GMO labeling, HB 660, was killed by an alliance of the Republican party and the House Democratic leadership concerned about labeling costs and the role of Federal law. The 162 reps who voted for it just wanted to know what was in our food.

The wind farm moratorium, HB 580, was struck down by a similar alliance.

Background checks, HB 1589, was slain by an alliance of Republicans mindful of their second amendment rights constituents, allied this time with approximately two dozen Democrats in purple districts. The idea was to close loopholes in gun purchases to ensure that fewer weapons would fall into the hands of the criminal, the criminally insane, felons, and domestic abusers.

Opponents were suspicious of the slippery slope towards a registry of weapon owners in the hands of the Federal government. In view of the recent NSA domestic spying scandal, who can blame them? The fact remains that 89% of the population of New Hampshire favored this bill, in-

cluding supporters of the second amendment who understood that denying felons, criminals, and domestic abusers the right to bear arms is common sense.

Bills passed: HB 569, which would favor energy projects that buried transmission lines in New Hampshire, a not-too-subtle shot at Northern Pass, went 171 to 139.

HB 485, allowing Keno to be played wherever alcohol is served. This gambling bill passed 202 to 141; yours truly was one of the 141. I just could not see kids exposed to this in restaurants.

Still to come: death penalty repeal; a couple of casino bills; medicaid expansion, of course; minimum wage (which I support); and a four-cent rise in the gas tax introduced by Senator Rausch, a Republican senator. This bill may pass this year, giving the DOT approximately \$28 million per year, which is less than one third of what the DOT needs.

I have been remiss in answering some e-mails, and I apologize. It has been a hectic schedule in the last month. That's my excuse, and I am sticking to it.

Last but not least, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) signing period has a Monday, March 31 deadline. Many have signed and are happy with the results. So here again are the contacts for people who can help you sign up: Donna Toomey at 934-1464 and Melanie Young at 228-6625. They are navigators for the ACA. Their services are free and confidential.

I am always available at 735-5440 and at MarioRatzki@gmail.com.

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Cryans Endorsed by the Burtons

I like to check out Web sites and learn about opposing candidates. Going to KenneyForNH.com, I learned that Joe Kenny has an A+ rating from the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance and an A from the NRA.

While some might find this the reason to vote for him, the connections of the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance to the Free Stater movement are disturb-

ing to me. The New Hampshire Liberty Alliance is listed as one of the top 101 reasons for Free Staters to move to New Hampshire. See FreeStateProject.org and NHliberty.org for more information.

New Hampshire has won many top honors in livability, best place to raise a child, safety, education, and well-managed government. These honors are due to the hard work and decades of thoughtful decisions by Democrats and old-time Republicans. I believe that the replacement for Executive Councilor Ray Burton (a great old-time Republican) should be someone who shares his values, and that person is Mike Cryans (MikeCryans.org).

According to the February 2 Union Leader, Mike Cryans has been endorsed by Ray Burton's brother and two sisters as the best candidate and one who will take care of District 1 constituents. I think he has proved that by coming to Andover twice already to listen to what is important to Andover residents.

For most of the time that Ray Burton was an Executive Councilor, he was also the county commissioner for Grafton County. Mike Cryans was the deputy commissioner, working with Ray for more than 10 years. Executive Councilor is an important position. Please be sure to vote.

Mary Anne Broshek

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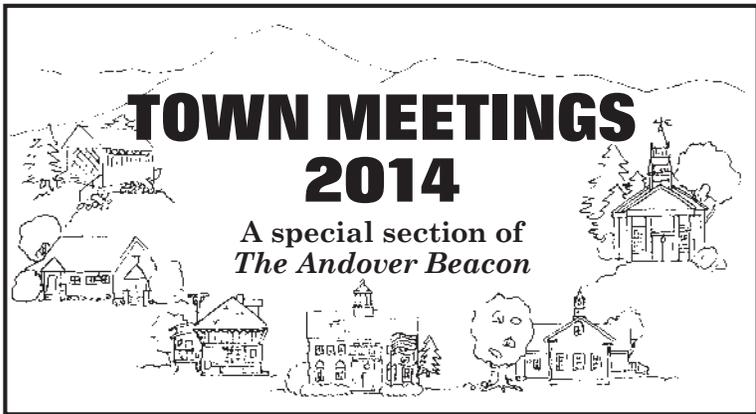
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TOWN MEETINGS 2014

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TOWN MEETINGS SPECIAL EDITION

By Charlie Darling, *Beacon* staff

This month, voters in Andover are called upon to make important decisions that will set our taxes and guide our town for the coming year. We'll elect over a dozen of our neighbors to positions in Town, School District, and state governing bodies, we'll decide about changes to ordinances, and we'll close the books on 2013 with the annual Town Report.

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

- Coverage of important issues we'll vote on, including:

- A \$1 million road construction bond (page 1)

- Planning to replace the Lawrence Street bridge (page 14)

- Buying a new police cruiser (page 14)

- Semi-annual tax billing (page 15)

- Zoning ordinance amendments (page 15)

- Coverage of local and state candidates (page 9) in the elections on Tuesday, March 11, plus sample ballots (page 8).

- The Town Warrant we'll vote on at Town Meeting (page 12).

- The School District Warrant we'll vote on at School District Meeting (page 16).

Important Dates

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

Thursday, February 27: Last day for new voters to register at the Town Clerk's office

Saturday, March 1: Supervisor of the Checklist available to correct the checklist and register new voters, Town Hall, 11 to 11:30 AM.

Monday, March 3: Andover School District Meeting, AE/MS Gym, 7 PM.

Monday, March 3: Andover Village District Meeting, Andover Town Hall, 7 PM.

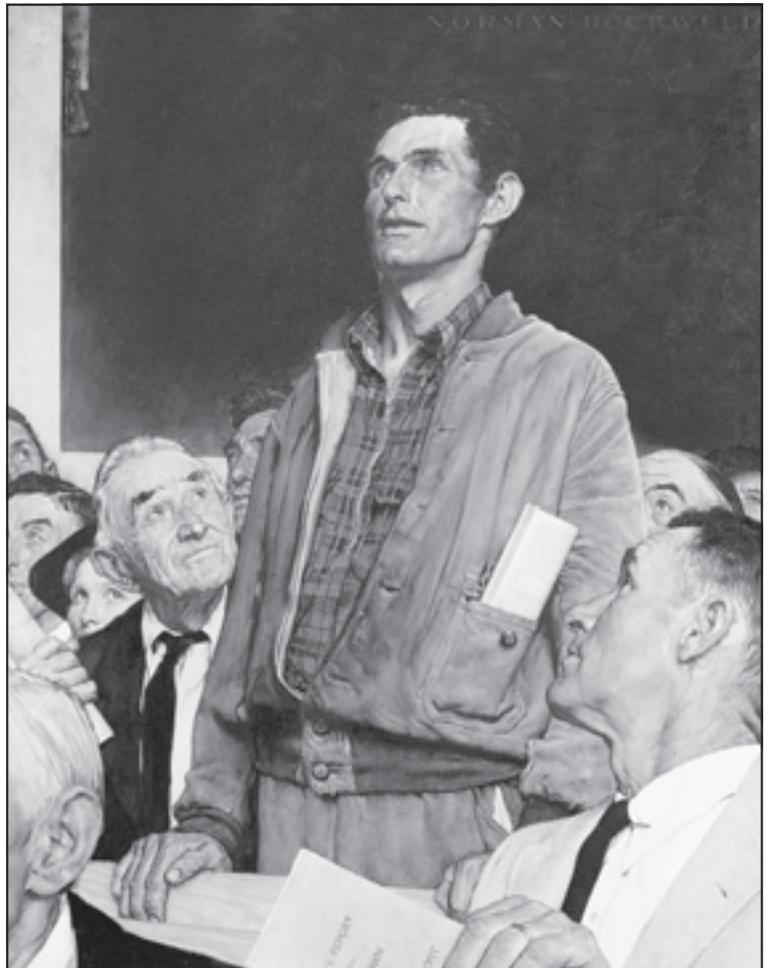
Tuesday, March 11: Voting, AE/MS Gym, 11 AM to 7 PM. Register to vote with valid ID.

Tuesday, March 11: Andover Town Meeting, AE/MS Gym, 7 PM.

Tuesday, March 18: East Andover Fire Precinct Meeting, East Andover Fire Station, 7:30 PM.

Wednesday, March 19: Andover Fire District Meeting, Andover Fire Station, 7:30 PM.

For more info, contact the Town Office at 735-5332 or TAdmin@TownOfAndover.org.



Norman Rockwell's famous *Freedom of Speech* painting, reproduced in the *Picturing America* collection at AE/MS, reminds us of the importance of participating in our annual meetings this month.

Norman Rockwell (1894-1978), *Freedom of Speech*, *The Saturday Evening Post*, February 20, 1943. Oil on canvas, 45 3/4" x 35 1/2". The Norman Rockwell Art Collection Trust, from the permanent collection of the Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge, Massachusetts NRM.org © 1943 SEPS: Licensed by Curtis Publishing, Indianapolis, Ind. All rights reserved. CurtisPublishing.com.

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Remember the Check-In Policy for Town Meeting!

Registered Andover voters will need to check in at Town Meeting to get an Andover Voter Card and a set of color-coded yes/no ballots. Check-in for Town Meeting will start at 6 PM.

During the meeting, if a show-of-hands vote becomes necessary, cardholders will vote by raising their voter card in the air. Only hands holding a current voter card will be counted.

For a ballot vote, a voter simply shows their Andover Voter Card to the ballot clerk and casts the appropriate colored yes/no ballot they were given at check-in. Each ballot vote will have a different colored ballot card. This procedure should speed things along!

"Remember," Moderator Dan Coolidge cautions, "you only get one Andover Voter Card and one set of yes/no ballots. If you lose them, they can't be replaced."

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

Town and School Officers Ballots

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

SELECTMAN
for Three Years

Vote for ONE

Mary Anne Levesque

Leonard Caron

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
for Three Years

Vote for ONE

Joanne Edgar

BUDGET COMMITTEE
for Three Years

Vote for TWO

Wendy Pinkham

Bill Bardsley

TOWN TREASURER
for Two Years

Vote for ONE

Shirley Currier

ROAD AGENT
for Two Years

Vote for ONE

John M. Thompson

Joseph Poulin

LIBRARY TRUSTEE
for Three Years

Vote for ONE

Deb Brower

TOWN MODERATOR
for Two Years

Vote for ONE

Dan Coolidge

CEMETERY TRUSTEE
for Three Years

Vote for ONE

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

SCHOOL BOARD
for Three Years

Vote for ONE

Kent Armstrong

SCHOOL CLERK
for One Year

Vote for ONE

SCHOOL MODERATOR
for One Year

Vote for ONE

Elizabeth Paine

SCHOOL TREASURER
for One Year

Vote for ONE

Shirley H. Currier

These are the zoning amendments on the ballot for Tuesday, March 11, 11 AM to 7 PM, at AE/MS.

Zoning Amendments Ballot

Article 2: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 to the Andover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to incorporate the provisions of RSA 674:33-a for equitable waivers of dimensional requirements where a violation is found resulting from good faith error or that has existed for more than ten years without enforcement action?

YES NO

Article 3: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 2 to the Andover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to delete provisions for the Board of Adjustment to set fees? If these provisions are deleted, the Board of Selectmen will have the authority to set fees for Zoning Ordinance Administration.

YES NO

Article 4: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 3 to the Andover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, to incorporate an updated process for Building Permits into the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Amend the Article titled "Administration and Enforcement" to provide for an appointed Zoning Administrator and Deputy Zoning Administrator, to replace the position of Building Inspector.

2. Insert a new Article titled "Building Permits and Certificates of Compliance" to create a process for the Zoning Administrator to issue Building Permits and Certificates of Compliance that require permit holders to adhere to the provisions of the Andover Zoning Ordinance relative to buildings and structures.

3. Insert a new Article titled "General Performance Standards" to specify the performance standards for buildings, structures, and related construction that requires a building permit.

YES NO

Article 5: Are you in favor of repealing the Andover Building Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The Planning Board has determined that the ordinance is obsolete and does not meet the requirements of current state law. The old Andover Building Ordinance is to be replaced by Amendment No. 3 to the Andover Zoning Ordinance, in Article 4, above.

YES NO

These are the Executive Councilors on the Special Election ballot for Tuesday, March 11, 11 AM to 7 PM, at AE/MS.

Executive Councilors Ballot

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. To Vote: Make a cross (X) in the square to the right of your choice. For each office vote for not more than the number of candidates stated in the sentence: "Vote for not more than ____." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.

2. To Vote by Write-in: To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space. Make a cross (X) in the square to the right of your choice.

OFFICE	DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE	REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE	WRITE-IN
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The Beacon asked every candidate running for a town or state office to submit 250 words and a picture.

Selectman

Mary Anne Levesque

My name is Mary Anne Levesque, and I'm a candidate for Selectman. It has been my pleasure and privilege to live in East Andover for the past 14 years and to enjoy not just the idyllic surroundings and wonderful people, but also the directly democratic form of government that makes life in a New Hampshire town so unique. I have consistently come to Town meetings, and likely many of you will know my voice.

Since I arrived in Andover, I have tried to contribute to the town in my own small ways. I have served as a Cemetery Trustee for four years and have served on the Budget Committee for two years. My time on the Budget Committee has given me a solid understanding of the functions and needs of the town government that I will bring to bear on the office of Selectman.

By way of background, I have an Associate's Degree in electronics and I've worked as an electronics technician. I've also been a line cook and an 18-wheel truck driver. Currently, I'm a technician working for the gas company.

I know what it's like to make ends

meet financially. I know the difference between a want and a need when it's hard to make ends meet – I think the Town needs to know this, too. When the Town spends excessively, taxes go up, and folks are having a hard enough time already. I am a hard worker, and I hope you'll give me the chance to work for you.

Leonard "Lenny" Caron

I have lived in town for over 25 years, but have been coming here as far back as I can remember.

I'm running for Selectman because I know that I can help in the areas where the town needs it most.

As some of you know, I come from a long history of loggers, lumbermen, and construction men. I served as your Road Agent, appointed in 2000 by the Board of Selectmen with very little budget left to operate on.

After that, I continued in the excava-



Order of Candidates on the Ballot

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

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

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

tion and timber trade. I've harvested a lot of timber here, and for some of you I put your houses in, including the foundation, plus changed leach fields and did land improvement. Then I took a job on, doing the same type of work in Wilmot for the last 11 years.

I'm against the million-dollar loan. Don't let low interest rates pull you in. We can do this ourselves with the budget we establish each year. Some of these projects don't have to be done start-to-finish in one year, and others we can buy the parts and pieces one year and put it together the next.

If we don't get a handle on this and start making our tax dollars work for us, we're headed deeper and deeper in the hole with only high taxes to show for it.

Folks, come out and vote, and be proud of your town and its capabilities. You can contact me at 735-5374.

Sophie Viandier (write-in campaign)

I feel blessed to have grown up in this community, to have gone through its school system, and to know I will be here for many years more. There's much about Andover that keeps me calling it home – most of all the collective ingenuity and diversity of our townspeople.

After an attempt at traditional schooling at Smith College, I returned to Andover in January 2013 and attended Yestermorrow Design/Build School in Vermont. I acquired a Sustainability



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Andover is the kind of town where everyone pitches in.

My name is Carla Levesque, and I am running as a write-in candidate for

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

I have a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Chaminade University of Hawaii. I have worked as an independent contractor providing home care support for individuals with disabilities for the last nine years. As such, I work out of my home and will be available during the day for the duties of a Cemetery Trustee. I would like to contribute my part to making Andover the kind of community we are all so proud to claim as our home.

**Write In Carla Levesque
for Cemetery Trustee**

Thank you for your support

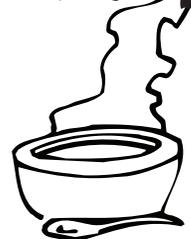
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Certificate and began renovating a small house in East Andover. In the process, I rediscovered the wealth of talent that exists in this town.

I am currently getting my degree online through project-based study. Exploring areas of economics, ecology, and sociology, I have learned to consider the many intricacies, strengths, and different viewpoints that make up a small community.

Last May, I had the opportunity to use this knowledge working on the Franklin Falls Project, which seeks to address economic disparities (by creating employment), social inequities (by providing multi-generational housing), and ecological damage (by improving biological diversity). The City Council has approved my design, and it is being implemented.

Last year, I directed a successful food program at the Penacook Community Center. We grew food for day cares, elderly centers, and food banks, which gave me insight into how community groups can work together.

These experiences taught me that long-standing challenges can be addressed through in-depth evaluation of current practices, collaborative efforts in creating a new vision, and meaningful action.

I intend to serve you as Selectman by listening and using an inclusive approach.

Budget Committee

Bill Bardsley

At age 84, I had to think twice - or maybe thrice - before filing to run for another term on the Budget Committee.

My decision to do so arose out of recognition of the growing pressures on the budget process as the Town and School District struggle to hold the tax rate at a reasonable level. This recognition combines with my perspective from more than 50 years of almost continuous service in one or another Town office or committee membership to make me think I still can contribute to the good of Andover's citizens.

The current Budget Committee consists of a healthy variety of capable people who work well together, take the mission seriously, and have constructive relationships with the Selectmen and School Board. I ask you voters to let me continue serving with this group.

Looking to the future, I encourage younger citizens to think about serving on the Budget Committee as mine and other seats become vacant. There is no other volunteer position in which one can be involved with or learn so much about what goes on in Andover and in which one may hope to have a little beneficial influence in so many possible directions.

Road Agent

Joseph Poulin

I live in East Andover, across the road from Highland Lake, with my wife and two sons, Colby and Bentley.

I have 15+ years of experience with the tasks that are required for being Road Agent. I have a successful business, Poulin Property Maintenance, that I have operated for five years.

Given the opportunity, I would continue to show you, rather than just state, how dedication, hard work, focusing attention to small details as well as big projects and maintenance schedules can make a huge difference to how the taxpayers' money is spent.

I envision making changes such as clean, selective brush and tree clearing on roadsides; creating a community day to clean debris from our roadsides; and work with Town and landowners to refurbish stone walls from years of damage from road grading and grade changes. Regarding snow plowing, I would like to use the Town's road grader to assist during larger storms. Although that takes time and money from contractors' trucks, it is the most beneficial to the taxpayers.

I truly appreciate your consideration and look forward to the opportunity of representing the Town of Andover with a great team of local people, a friendly face, and the drive to always work hard doing what's best for the town. I encourage you to contact me with any

questions or concerns you may have.

I would also like to thank the woman who devotes as much time and dedication into our business and this potential opportunity as I do, my wife, Samantha Poulin.

John "Tiny" Thompson

My name is John "Tiny" Thompson, a life-long resident of Andover. I would like your vote! And this is why: I have the experience and knowledge to do the job from working with Mark E. Thompson Excavating, with Mark Thompson for 12 years when he was Road Agent, and with Jon Champagne when he has been Road Agent for the past four years.

I will perform the duties of Road Agent with my crew by grading roads, filling potholes, cold patching, repairing or replacing culverts, cleaning ditches, doing snow removal, and ensuring safe, passable roads. Posting of load limits and road closings would also fall under my responsibilities as your Road Agent.

I have the equipment and the crew to do the job for you as Andover residents.

I am in touch with the everyday needs and concerns of the residents of Andover regarding their roads and safety. My work as the Road Agent of Andover from 2004 to 2008 and my experience working for Mark Thompson and Jon Champagne during their tenure as Road Agents has given me a unique perspective and experience on the work

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Friends and Neighbors

**My name is Mary Anne Levesque,
and I am running for Andover Selectman.**

**I promise I will work hard on your behalf.
I will bring frugality and common sense to town government,
and I will be responsive to your needs.**

**I now serve our town as a Cemetery Trustee
and as a member of the Budget Committee.**

**With your help, I look forward
to serving our town as a Selectman.**

**Vote for Mary Anne Levesque
for Selectman.**

Thank you for your support

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Ballot from page 10

to be performed as Road Agent.

When you elect me as your Road Agent, I promise to give my all to my elected position and make sure your roads are safe and your issues and concerns are fully addressed.

I would like the opportunity to ensure safety and well-maintained roads at a reasonable cost to the town. Please vote for John "Tiny" Thompson – Road Agent!

Town Moderator

Dan Coolidge

I have been Town Moderator for two years, trying to fit Ed Becker's size 19 shoes. I am running again to serve Andover. Don't confuse me with my brother Duncan, a selectman: I am the better-looking and much better fed brother.

My goals are straightforward: to run a fair, efficient Town Meeting where all can speak (and no one can speak too much!). I study the rules governing town meetings and attend Moderator's seminars to learn from other moderators. I try to be even-handed and keep things moving. I hope I generally succeed, and that I am reasonably quick to acknowledge my mistakes.

I have lived in Andover for three years now. I was previously Town Moderator in Bradford for several years. I am a practicing business, intellectual property, and patent attorney with offices in Keene and a home office in Andover. I serve as chairman of the Andover Zoning Board of Adjustment, and I am a member of the Andover Lions Club. I volunteer for the *Beacon* and, in better weather, the Swap Shop.

At this year's Town Meeting we will have at least two ballot votes, and the coupon system of balloting I introduced last year will get a chance to be tested. I think it will speed things along. We will have the same check-in procedure; once again to make sure only registered voters get to vote. It seemed to work well last year and not make people wait too long to check in.

Trustee of Trust Funds

Joanne Edgar

I am running for re-election as Trustee of Trust Funds. I have served as Trustee for the past three years and as Chair for the last two years. My education and experience as a Certified Public Accountant providing CFO consulting services is a good match for the requirements of the position.

I currently serve as Managing Partner of J. Edgar Group PLLC, a CFO Consulting Services firm (JEdgarCFO.com), and I am the acting Chief Financial Officer for Namtek Corp., Tandem Care LLC, and Oztek Corp., along with a half dozen other smaller companies.

I graduated cum laude from Plymouth State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. Prior experiences include Senior Accountant in the audit department at KPMG; Controller at Kinderworks Corporation; and Principal at Connor and Associates, PC. I have also served as Treasurer and Board President for Aids Response Seacoast, Treasurer for New Hampshire Women's Lobby, and President and Treasurer for Business Network International Noontime Networkers.

Library Trustee

Deb Brower

I am Deb Brower from up the hill at Bluewater Farm. I arrived in Andover in 2005 and have been busy since then with the project of getting Bluewater Farm into good working order. I have had lots of wonderful help with that.

I was asked to run for Library Trustee and am happy to do so. I love libraries and have since I was a child.

Libraries are about community, sharing, learning, and reading ... those things will always be important, everywhere in the world. Although we may use fewer physical books these



days, there is more writing and publishing going on than ever before.

Like all organisms, traditional libraries are diversifying to stay vital and useful to their communities. The Andover libraries are doing a great job of that, and I hope to help if I can.

See you at Town Meeting.

Supervisor of the Checklist

Douglas Phelps

I've been participating in the voting process for a few years as a voting clerk and found the job interesting and rewarding. I'd like to move to the next natural progression in the democratic process and contribute my time as a Supervisor of the Checklist.

I enjoy working with people and look forward to serving in any way I can.

Executive Councilor

Michael J. Cryans

I began my professional career as a teacher, passing on the gift of a quality education to the next generation at the very same high school in Littleton I graduated



from myself. Outside of public life, I hold one of the fastest times ever for a New Hampshire resident in the Boston Marathon. Over my 17 years as a Grafton County Commissioner, I've demonstrated that I'm no ideologue; I'm a bipartisan centrist who wants to get things done.

As your executive councilor I will:

- Provide strong constituent services for District 1
- Oppose Northern Pass unless it is buried
- Invest in our economy
- Strengthen our schools
- Protect our taxpayers and the middle class
- Fight for working families
- Oppose a state sales or income tax

I am deeply honored to have been endorsed by the late Ray Burton's family. His death was a huge loss for northern New Hampshire. For nearly 35 years, he dedicated his life to District 1, and for 16 years Ray and I worked side-by-side as Grafton County Commissioners helping folks with their problems and serving as strong advocates for northern New Hampshire.

My focus will always be protecting taxpayers and fighting for working families. I promise to push a pro-growth, low-tax, pro-business agenda that will help to jump-start our local economy and produce good paying jobs that will stay in the region.

I will be visiting communities all
See Ballot on page 13

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**Write in
Sophie Viandier
for Selectman**



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WARRANT ARTICLES - TOWN MEETING 2014

The polls will be open from 11 AM to 7 PM on Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

Articles 1 through 5, below, will be voted on during polling hours. By state law, Articles 1 to 5 cannot be voted on during Town Meeting, which begins after the polls close at 7 PM.

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

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 to the Andover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to incorporate the provisions of RSA 674:33-a for equitable waivers of dimensional requirements where a violation is found resulting from good faith error or that has existed for more than ten years without enforcement action? (By ballot during polling hours. See page 42 of this Town Report for the full text of Amendment No. 1.)

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 2 to the Andover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to delete provisions for the Board of Adjustment to set fees? If these provisions are deleted, the Board of Selectmen will have the authority to set fees for Zoning Ordinance Administration. (By ballot during polling

hours. See page 42 of this Town Report for the full text of Amendment No. 2.)

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 3 to the Andover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, to incorporate an updated process for Building Permits into the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Amend the Article titled "Administration and Enforcement" to provide for an appointed Zoning Administrator and Deputy Zoning Administrator, to replace the position of Building Inspector.

2. Insert a new Article titled "Building Permits and Certificates of Compliance" to create a process for the Zoning Administrator to issue Building Permits and Certificates of Compliance that require permit holders to adhere to the provisions of the Andover Zoning Ordinance relative to buildings and structures.

3. Insert a new Article titled "General Performance Standards" to specify the performance standards for buildings, structures, and related construction that requires a building permit.

(By ballot during polling hours. See page 42 of this Town Report for the full text of Amendment No. 3.)

ARTICLE 5: Are you in favor of repealing the Andover Building Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The Planning Board has de-

termined that the ordinance is obsolete and does not meet the requirements of current state law. The old Andover Building Ordinance is to be replaced by Amendment No. 3 to the Andover Zoning Ordinance, in Article III. (By ballot during polling hours.)

Once the polls close at 7 PM, Town Meeting will begin by considering Article 6 and the articles that follow.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000 to finance a capital project for design, engineering, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and repair of roads and bridges and related improvements throughout the town; and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with RSA 33; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the interest rate and other details of such bonds or notes; and, furthermore, to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$158,000 for one or more payments due before the end of one year after the date of issuance of the bonds. A 2/3 vote by ballot is required. If this article passes, Warrant Article 8 will be null and void. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will

raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$1,384,331) for general municipal operations as recommended by the Budget Committee. This appropriation does not include appropriations that are voted for in other articles. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150,000 to add to the Highway Project Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012. This article will be voted on only in the event that Article 6 does not pass. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200,000 to add to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund in anticipation of the replacement of Lawrence St. Bridge and to authorize the Selectmen to transfer said amount from the Unreserved Fund Balance. This fund will be used toward the Town's portion of a Federal Bridge Aid Grant. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to add to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to add to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to purchase a police cruiser and to enter into a loan agreement for five years in the amount of \$25,000 for said purpose; and further to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to add to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for the payment of the first year of the loan. 2/3 ballot vote required. If this article passes then Article 11 will be null and void. See Warrant on page 13

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Warrant from page 12

ticle 13 will be null and void. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article..

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,000 to add to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This article will be voted on only in the event that Article 12 does not pass. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to add to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to add to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to add to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to establish a Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19a for the purpose of maintenance of Town-owned buildings, and to establish the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend, and to raise and appropriate \$6,000 to add to the fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to establish a Forest Fire Emergency Labor Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19a, and to raise and appropriate \$2,0000 to add to the fund, and to establish the Board of Selectmen and/or the Fire Warden as agents to expend. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey title to real estate acquired pursuant to the Tax Collector's deed by public auction, sealed bid, or in such other manner as the Selectmen may determine as justice may require pursuant to RSA 80:42, the following

properties:

16-619-166 located on Franklin Highway (4.9 acres)

20-320-363 located on Bridge Street (11 acres)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200) for the purpose of continuing the street lighting on Flaghole Road in the Town of Andover, New Hampshire as installed on January 1, 2014 and to continue that street lighting indefinitely until specific rescission by vote at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Town. The Selectmen do not recommend this article. At press time, the Budget Committee's decision to recommend or not to recommend was not available. (Submitted by petition.)

ARTICLE 21: To see what action the town will take with regards to semi-annual property tax bills in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 76:15-b II. (Submitted by petition.)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will urge:

That the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations.

That the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation support such a constitutional amendment.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to New Hampshire's congressional delegation, and to New Hampshire's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the Selectmen within 30 days of the vote. (Submitted by petition.)

ARTICLE 23: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Ballot from page 11

across the district between now and March 11, and I look forward to earning your vote.

Joe Kenney

My name is Joe Kenney. I'm running on March 11 in the Special Election for Executive Council. I think it is very important that we have someone who has the experience to help constituents on Day 1. I will be able to pick up the phone and start answering questions and solving problems immediately for District 1 constituents.



- Served for 14 years in state government: Senator for six years (Chairman of the Transportation and Executive, Departments and Administration Committees) and House member for eight years (served on the Labor and

Commerce Committees)

- Served as Wakefield Selectman
- Worked in the private sector as a marketing director for an assisted living company and as a store manager

- Created a non-profit center for a senior meals site using a Community Development Block Grant

- Worked with Ray Burton on securing the \$2.6 million Scenic Vista project in North Conway to support tourism and economic development

I served 34 years in the United States Marine Corps, both active and reserve in the Persian Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan. I grew up in a small business family, worked at my family's restaurant, and understand the challenges of a family small business. I support tourism and love skiing.

Large industrial wind farms are not right for New Hampshire. We met our renewable energy goals for 2025. "Big Wind" is creating havoc on our landscape, property values, and represents a poor business model for New Hampshire. No Northern Pass, no Big Wind.

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ISSUES AT TOWN MEETING

Article Would Purchase New Police Cruiser Ahead of Schedule

Saves on maintenance by retiring old vehicles

By the Andover Board of Selectmen

Presently, the Andover Police Department has four vehicles:

- a 2013 Ford SUV
- a cruiser purchased in 2008
- a Suburban purchased used four years ago to be used only when a four-wheel-drive vehicle was needed
- an older cruiser used for construction detail work only and which is currently in need of repair

If we get rid of the oldest cruiser, we also get rid of the repairs. The Suburban is no longer needed, as we just purchased an all-wheel-drive SUV.

If we replace those two old vehicles with a new cruiser this year, we will have two new vehicles for patrol, and the 2008 cruiser for construction detail work. This reduces our maintenance budget and gives us reliable vehicles for our officers.

The Current Plan

The established every-eight-years police cruiser replacement plan has the Town buying the next new cruiser in 2016. The estimated cost of a new cruiser is \$27,000. Since we just purchased a new cruiser in 2013, we have zero dollars saved and would need to put aside \$13,500 in 2014 and 2015 to make the purchase in 2016.

Additionally, we are budgeting \$6,500 for repairs for the police cars in 2014, so for 2014 the net cost is \$20,000 per year for the cruisers.

A Better Plan

The Board suggests we buy a new cruiser in 2014 to replace the oldest and retire the Suburban without replacing it, reducing the maintenance budget to \$3,500 for the next three years.

A bank loan of \$25,000 would buy the cruiser for yearly payments of about \$5,000. An additional \$7,500 makes a total of \$12,500 to add to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. Add \$12,500 to \$3,500 for maintenance and you have a net cost of \$16,000 per year for the cruisers.

Summary: Option 1

This is the option based on the usual every-eight-year plan.

- Purchase new cruiser in 2016
- Raise \$13,500 in 2014 and 2015
- Annual maintenance budget: \$6,500 for older cars
- Net annual cost: \$20,000
- No savings toward next purchase

Summary: Option 2

This is the new option that the Selectmen recommend.

- Purchase new cruiser in 2014
- Pay off loan in five years
- Raise \$12,500 annually for five years
- Maintenance budget: \$3,500 for new cars
- Net annual cost: \$16,000
- \$37,500 in savings toward next purchase



Becomes a one-lane bridge until replaced

By the Andover Board of Selectmen

There has been a lot of talk about fixing the Lawrence Street Bridge, and the Selectmen were glad of the chance to

meet with Senior Bridge Engineer Steve Liaikos this summer to review the status of the bridge.

This bridge was built 84 years ago, in 1930, with I-beams and a concrete deck.

The abutments are stone and reinforced concrete. The total bridge length is 58 feet over the Blackwater River.

The bridge is not yet on the state's Red List of bridges, though it's close because of the condition of the abutments. The different components of a bridge are rated on a scale of 0 (failed) to 9 (excellent). This bridge was last inspected in 2012 and received the following ratings:

The condition of the concrete deck has a rating of 7, considered "good." There are light cracks and a pothole at the south end.

The superstructure – the painted steel beams – have a rating of 8, or "very good." There is "freckled rust" and some light peeling on the stringers.

The substructure – the concrete re-

inforced abutments – received a score of 5, or "fair." There is heavy surface spalling, which means the concrete surface is coming off in large flakes. Also noted was deterioration with rebar exposed on the south abutments and wing walls.

The abutments may not be good candidates for rehabilitation. Although the deck and I-beams are in good condition, replacing the abutments without removing the deck and beams would be more expensive than replacing the entire bridge.

We have submitted a request to the DOT for a replacement cost estimate. Once we receive the estimate, we can apply for bridge aid. The cost of the project would likely require federal aid, which may be available in approximately 10 years.

Federal Bridge Aid is similar to the Federal Economic Stimulus Program, in that a town would need to be ready with its share of the project cost when the federal aid becomes available. To that end, we will be asking to transfer \$200,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance into a Capital Reserve Fund which will be established for that purpose.

Once we receive the estimated total cost from DOT, we will be able to put together a plan for raising the money for the Town's share of the project. In the meantime, to slow the rate of deterioration, a weight limit will be posted, and the bridge will be posted as a one-lane bridge.



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

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ISSUES AT TOWN MEETING

Why You Should Vote Yes on the Zoning Amendments

Fix problems with current ordinances

By Paul Currier
Andover Planning Board

There will be four articles on the ballot this year that involve changes to the Andover Zoning Ordinance. Please vote yes on all four.

Article I will add provisions for "equitable waivers" into the Zoning Ordinance, allowing the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) to grant waivers in cases where a violation of the ordinance is found to exist, but the violation has either been there a long time or is the result of an unintentional, good-faith error. The legislature recently passed legislation allowing this type of waiver, and Andover should take advantage of this new legislation.

Article II is a housekeeping item that transfers the authority to set ZBA application fees from the ZBA to the Board of Selectmen, where the authority belongs.

And that brings us to the most important articles – Article III and Article IV. Together, these two articles will bring Andover's building permit process up to date and in line with current state law. Article III will revise the building permit process, incorporating the entire process into the Zoning Ordinance. In the past, some of the building

permit provisions were in the Zoning Ordinance and some were in the Building Ordinance.

Article IV will repeal the old, obsolete Building Ordinance. The parts of the old ordinance that are still needed and relevant are incorporated by Article III into the new process in the Zoning Ordinance.

People who need building permits will notice little change with the new process. "So," you may ask, "why do we need to change the building permit process anyway?" There are a couple of very good reasons.

First, the changes will get Andover out of the business of attempting to administer and enforce the state building code. The way current state law is written, Andover can't afford to do the job adequately, and the potential liability of an inadequate building code inspection process just would not be good for the town.

The old Building Ordinance was adopted long before there was a state building code, and now that state law requires following the International Building Code, it should be the state's job to administer and enforce it. Andover just can't afford to do it – we'd probably need a full-time building inspector, and the cost would be prohibitive.

Second, the changes will result in better administration and enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance, which is the appropriate function of our local building permit process now that building code matters are dealt with in state law.

So, please vote yes on all four articles that deal with changes to the Zoning Ordinance. The actual language for the changes to the Zoning Ordinance is in the Town Report at AndoverBeacon.com/Town-Report-2013, and you can also get a copy at the Town Office. If you have questions, I'd be glad to talk with you. You can call me at 735-5280, or send me an e-mail at PCurrier@tds.net.

Petitioned Warrant Article on Semi-Annual Tax Billing

Question of where authority lies

By the Andover Board of Selectmen

A petitioned warrant article has been submitted for the purpose of "seeing what action the Town will take with regards to semi-annual property tax bills in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 76:15-b II." This is somewhat confusing, because it references *semi-annual* tax billing in the text, but RSA 76:15-b II (cited in the petitioned warrant article) pertains to *quarterly* tax billing.

The law cited provides that a majority of the legislative body (the voters at Town Meeting) has the authority to adopt *quarterly* tax billing. The voters do not have the authority to impose (or discontinue) *semi-annual* tax billing, since the governing body (the Board of Selectmen) is the only body charged with that authority.

An article appeared in the December/January issue of the *Beacon* explaining the Board of Selectmen's vote in November to change from annual to semi-annual tax billing.

The Board of Selectmen (the governing body), using the authority given to them by RSA 76:15-a, voted to change to semi-annual billing to avoid the annual cost of borrowing and to improve the Town's cash flow throughout the year.

The reason the Selectmen, as the *governing* body, are given this authority is to prevent the possibility of a change in billing schedules from one year to the next by the voters (the *legislative* body) at Town Meeting, which would be disruptive to the budgeting process.

Why Change?

Analysis shows that the cost to the Town of borrowing money is not insignificant. From 2006 to 2012, the Town has paid \$79,602.70 in interest to bor-

row money in order to pay our bills.

Our financial year begins on January 1, but our tax bills for that financial year don't go out until the following November. The Town begins to run out of money in June, requiring us to borrow from the bank. Semi-annual billing will give the Town better cash flow and will reduce the need for the Town to borrow.

Analysis of the costs versus savings shows that with an average cost of \$11,000 per year in interest payments on the money we borrow versus \$2,532 to cover the cost of issuing a second tax bill, the savings to the town would be an average of \$8,468 per year.

How Does it Work?

Instead of receiving one bill in late November of this year for your entire 2014 property tax obligation, you'll receive one bill in June of this year for half of your 2014 property tax, and a second bill in late November for the other half. Payment for each of the two bills will be due 30 days after the bill is mailed, and the usual interest and penalties will accrue after the due date of each bill.

Because the tax rate is set in November by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA), the June tax bill is an "estimated" tax bill based on half of the previous year's amount. The November bill makes up the difference between the June bill and the new, actual rate set by DRA in November.

Andover's representative from the DRA has been telling us we're one of the last towns in New Hampshire to still be on an annual billing schedule, as most other towns have recognized and realized the benefits of not having to borrow money to pay their bills. The Andover Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to begin semi-annual tax billing in 2014.

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Bond from page 1

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Cost of Projects with Bond: \$1,106,000

Projects completed in one year, at 2014 prices.

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Move forward with road maintenance and bridge protection.

No significant increase to the budget.

Hire an expert "clerk of the works" to bid projects, supervise, oversee project budget.

"Non-lapsing appropriation" (five years, or until work is done, whichever comes first).

In two years, put finish coat on pav-

ing projects.

Plan B

Complete the same projects, but over 10 years

Amount raised by taxes:

2014 \$100,000

2015 \$130,000

2016 \$150,000

2017 \$180,000

2018 \$210,000

etc.

Cost of Projects without Bond: \$1,678,000

Projects completed over the next 10 years

Increased scope of projects due to deterioration over time

Inflationary cost increases

Mobilization costs every year

No discount from bundling projects

WARRANT ARTICLES - SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

School District Meeting starts at 7 PM on Monday, March 3, in the Andover Elementary/Middle School gym.

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

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

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

Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate

the sum of Four Million, Six Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty-Three (\$4,654,553) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officers and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of said district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums that are estimated to be raised from the state's equalization payment, together with other income. The School Board shall certify to the selectmen of Andover the amount to be raised by taxation of said town. (The School Board and Budget Committee recommend passing this article.)

Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Regular Education High School Tuition Expendable Trust Fund with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2014 undesignated fund balance (surplus). (The

School Board and Budget Committee recommend passing this appropriation.)

Article 6: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2014 undesignated fund balance (surplus). (The School Board and Budget Committee recommend passing this appropriation.)

Article 7: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the payment of the cost of Architect/Engineering Fees for a sustainability

study to determine appropriate options for facilities maintenance and other district needs. (The School Board and Budget Committee recommend passing this appropriation.)

Article 8: To see if the School District will vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, the retention of year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5% of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II. (The School Board and Budget Committee recommend passing this article.)

Article 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Andover Police Department

By Chief Glenn Laramie, Andover Police Department

The Andover Police Department handled 268 calls for service during the period January 15 and February 15. The following is a partial breakdown of some of the calls.

- Assist to citizens: 101
- Burglary: 1
- Domestic disputes: 2
- Traffic accidents: 3
- Civil issues/standbys: 3
- Motor vehicle traffic warnings: 71
- Suspicious person/vehicle: 5
- Thefts: 3
- Pistol permits: 2
- Traffic arrest: 1
- House checks: 82
- Fraud cases: 1
- Criminal threatening: 1
- Motor vehicle summons: 8
- Assist ambulance/rescue: 5

Arrests

Sophie Viandier, age 21, Andover, Non-custodial arrest, Operating without a valid license

Lee Hillsgrove, age 23, Danbury, Burglary/assault

Angela Chase, age 31, ID Theft, forgery

Chelsea Richford, age 17, Alexandria, Simple assault x 2, Accomplice to burglary

William Taylor, age 17, Danbury, Criminal trespass

Abigail Mahair, age 30, Andover, Electronic bench warrant

Kevin Azevedo, age 19, Danbury, Criminal threatening, Transport of alcohol



Tim Dow is Andover Police Department's new part-time officer. He joins APD after retiring from 27 years of full-time duty with the Franklin and Northfield police departments. For the last 24 years, Tim has been a DARE instructor.

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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Board of Selectmen

February 3

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Present: Selectmen Mishcon, Danforth, Town Administrator (TA) Roy, Road Agent Jon Champagne, John Thompson, Ed Becker, Mark Stetson representing Avitar, and Diane Frechette representing the Department of Revenue Municipal and Property Division. Selectman Coolidge was excused due to illness.

Ed Becker came to the Board to discuss the Board's decision to move to semi-annual tax billing. He referred to RSA 76:15-b II. TA Roy stated that RSA 76:15-b II discusses quarterly tax billing, and that RSA 76:15-b I discusses semi-annual billing, stating that it is the governing body's decision to issue tax bills semi-annually. Ed presented a petition warrant article to see what action the town will take.

Assessment Update

Diane Frechette from the Department of Revenue and Mark Stetson from Avitar reviewed the assessing update. The goal of the town-wide revaluation, required every five years by state law, is to bring property values to market value as of April 1, 2014. There is a deadline of October 1, 2014.

The option is there, and the Department recommends the Town ask for a bond; however, having worked for the Town for many years, no bond is required of Avitar. Key personnel working on the update will be identified. Stetson is the supervisor.

Communication utilities have entered into litigation with many towns because they feel their assessments are unreasonable. Utility assessments will be reviewed as part of the town-wide assessment.

TDS is the largest utility in Andover, and they have reached settlement. Settlement has been reached with TDS in the utility abatement appeal that was heard by the Board of Tax and Land Appeals.

Fairpoint has chosen to proceed with the Superior Court process. All towns will be consolidated into one case, for the most part. Electric utilities have al-

ways been assessed and probably will continue to be.

Properties being inspected as part of the assessment update are those that have sold this year. These values will be used as the basis for revaluation. Cyclical data verification has been completed.

Once preliminary values have been established, a notice will be sent to all taxpayers. Andover's equalization rate is 117 % as of April 1, 2013. Bringing assessments to market value does not mean they will be reduced by 17%. The general rule of thumb is one-third of the properties will go up in value, one-third will go down, and one-third will stay the same, as long as municipal and school spending remain level.

RSA 75:8a addresses five-year valuation. Avitar does all of the data entry.

Diane Frechette, Department of Revenue, stated that Avitar's system does a very good job of keeping the historical data. Some towns don't have the history and cannot go back when research is necessary.

The Department of Revenue performs residential monitoring of sales report. A yellow post card goes out to property owners who can decide whether or not to participate in the monitoring.

The Selectmen asked Mark Stetson to continue as the Town's representative at the Concord Regional Solid Waste Cooperative. Mark agreed to be Andover's voting member for another year. This will be the 19th year Mark has served as Andover's representative. TA Roy reported that Don Gross has agreed to be the Town's alternate member, as he has been for the past several years.

Road Agent's Report

The White Oak Road sandpit is working out well. Some street signs have been damaged, and some bridge signs have disappeared.

Morrill Hill Road Bridge project is still on hold because there is access on both sides. The State only does 10
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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, 8-12

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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
and August), 6:30, AE/MS

Mark Your Calendar!

MARCH

1: Supervisor of the Checklist,
11-11:30 AM

3: Board of Selectmen, 6

**3: SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEETING,** AE/MS, 7

3: Village District Meeting, 7

3: Fire Dept Business Meeting, 7

4: Building Inspector, 6-7

4: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30

5: Fourth of July Committee,
Andover Fire Station, 7

11: VOTING, AE/MS, 11-7

Register to vote *with valid ID*

11: Building Inspector, 6-7

11: TOWN MEETING, AE/MS, 7

11: Andover EMS,
East Andover Fire Station, 7

11: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7

12: Conservation Commission, 7:30

17: Board of Selectmen, 6

17: Fire Department Training, 7

18: Building Inspector, 6-7

18: Zoning Board, 7

18: E Andover Fire Precinct Meeting,
E Andover Station, 7:30

18: Andover Fire District Meeting,
Andover Station, 7:30

20: Library Trustees,
Bachelor Library, 7

25: Building Inspector, 6-7

25: Planning Board, 7

APRIL

1: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30

1: Building Inspector, 6-7

2: Fourth of July Committee,
Andover Fire Station, 7

7: Board of Selectmen, 6

7: Fire Dept Business Meeting, 7

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Fire fighters live in the real world, as most people do, so we need to realize that we can't do everything. We call it capability. We train to be prepared and capable to deal with the kind of emergencies we have here in Andover, given our population, geography, and climate.

One thing we do know is that, given the number of lakes, ponds, and rivers in Andover, the likelihood of a water rescue is high. For that reason, we have a boat and water safety equipment, and we do a lot of water rescue training. We feel that we are water rescue capable.

The problem is winter. We have ice and snow for several months of the year. My uncle claims, "We have snow eleven and a half months of the year, and the other two weeks we worry about it." Some years that seems true.

Until recently, we were not cold water / ice rescue capable and had to rely on help from other area towns – mutual

aid – to provide this service. While I am a true believer in mutual aid, time for the victim in freezing water is very short. Therefore, we have long wanted to bring this life-saving capability to our own department. The issue has been cost.

A few months ago we received a very generous donation for the purpose of purchasing cold water rescue suits and gear. After much research by Captain Jacob Johnson and his team, the gear and equipment was purchased.

The training, as you can imagine, is intensive, as we are required to enter the frigid water and deal with a very frightened victim. Thanks to Captain Jason Jenkins and several others from the Franklin Fire Department, the training was taught over two days.

I am very confident that should the need arise, Andover Fire Department is now equipped and capable of quickly performing a successful cold water / ice rescue.

But where did that donation come from? Well, that's my little secret. The added capability made possible by the people providing that donation is priceless. They have given us an opportunity to save a life that may have otherwise been lost. To them, from the Andover Fire Department, thank you. 

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bridge projects a year, and those with no access are of higher priority.

Selectman Mishcon reported that Andy Prokosh has talked with Hansen Bridges from New London. He invited Hansen to look at the bridges that are scheduled for repair and/or replacement this year.

John Thompson stated that Hansen Bridges was hired to work on the Dyers Crossing Bridge and because of a substantial problem, the company was asked to move on, and the work was finished by another firm. TA Roy will follow up on this.

Selectman Mishcon expressed her desire to be sure that timber bridges be investigated for use in Andover.

Jon reported he has spoken with Ed Constant regarding the drainage ditches on either side of his driveway. He and Ed discussed the fact that nothing can be done until warm weather, and paving decisions will effect what work is done on the ditches.

Warrant Articles

Selectman Mishcon reported that in 1997 the Town voted to retain the two Bradley Lake properties and designate them as a conservation area.

Selectman Danforth said the properties were assigned to the Conservation Commission for monitoring, and the Conservation Commission has never completed an annual report on the properties, as is required by law.

He said the Town owns approximately 13 undeveloped parcels of land, and anything we can do to limit costs and increase revenues should be looked at. He said Town Meeting took action, and Town Meeting should decide whether or not to rescind that decision.

Selectman Mishcon said she was surprised that communication regarding this matter has been via e-mail and no one has come to a Selectmen's meeting to discuss it.

Danforth said he feels there should be documentation on file for all properties, including those assigned to the Conservation Commission, and Town Meeting decisions should be part of that documentation.

TA Roy will request that one or two members of the Conservation Commission attend the February 18 Board

meeting to discuss the two Town-owned properties.

Roads

The Board discussed the need for more comprehensive information on the hired road agent issue. It might be best to revisit this in 2016. Each passing year will be more financially difficult if Andover does not move to the hired road agent plan.

The Board also discussed creating a directive for the Road Committee. Part of the directive should be to create a checklist of routine maintenance and to define the rationale for projects. The Road Committee may need to be chaired by someone who has done road work.

The Committee would make recommendations to the Selectmen, and the Budget Committee would be involved as well. It might be wise to talk with other towns that have already been through this process.

We have really good resources in Andover. People who have expertise should bring their specialties to the committee.

Street Lights

At their February 3 meeting, the Board voted to send a work order to New Hampshire Electric Co-op requesting removal of 12 street lights and the repair and/or upgrade of three others. Since there is a petition warrant article for keeping the street lights on Flaghole Road, the Selectmen decided to let Town Meeting make the decision as to whether or not those five street lights will be removed or left on, and they did not vote on that matter.

TA Roy presented a warrant article that was submitted by petition. This warrant article is titled "Resolution to Get Big Money Out of Politics."

Selectmen Danforth stated that Town Counsel is not negotiating the TDS proposed franchise but is comparing it to the current Comcast franchise. RSA 53-C:3-b I states that "No municipality shall grant any additional franchises to cable service within its jurisdiction on terms or conditions more favorable or less burdensome than those in any existing franchise within such municipality."

TA will request coverage maps from Comcast and TDS prior to the public hearing on February 18.

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The Board decided to use the traditional format for the 2014 Proposed Budget to be printed in the 2013 Town Report. A summary budget will not be used this year.

TA Roy reported on the property records filing project. She stated that the assessing/property files are the responsibility of the Town Administrator. It is critical that these files be in order for many regulations that will be put in place over the next few years, and this part of the project is the priority. When the files have been vetted and all necessary records have been added, the Planning Board files will be incorporated into the property files.

Pat Moyer is working diligently to accomplish these goals, and she is doing a great job. Pat is very familiar with the Planning Board requirements and will consult with Paul Currier, chair of the Planning Board, when the project reaches that point. Paul has requested that files the Planning Board is currently working on be segregated. Pat will be sure that is done.

Priority List for Open Items

Selectman Danforth reported that, after consultation with engineers and contractors, it appears that a pre-fab shed will be the most practical option for creating an enclosed space for Transfer Station employees to supervise the single-stream compactor-hopper. The operator must be able to see the entire single-stream operation and, due to safety requirements, cameras are not recommended. This building must be contiguous with the hopper, on the end of the hopper.

76 Bridge Road asbestos inspection proposal from RFP will be e-mailed to us on February 4.

The Town Administrator will search the 2013 Selectmen's meeting minutes to check for other open items.

Planning Board

January 14

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Paul Currier, Chair; Jon Warzocha, Vice-Chair; Nancy Teach; Pat Moyer; Duncan Coolidge, *ex-officio*

Also present for duration of ap-

propriate items: Dave Powers, Deputy Building Inspector; Colin Brown; Bob Ward; Vicky Mishcon; Andy Prokosch; Lenny Caron

Non-Binding Consultation: Colin Brown, agent for Ambrose Logging and James Gee, for an annexation

Application presented indicating the proposed annexation/lot line adjustment. The application was reviewed for completion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of deeming the application complete. A public hearing will be held on January 28 at 7:30 PM.

Non-Binding Consultation: Jon Warzocha for a proposed annexation on Route 4A

Warzocha recused, as it is his application. Warzocha presented a survey map which indicates the proposed annexation of 20 acres. Warzocha feels this meets the 4:1 width to depth ratio; however, Currier is unsure. After discussion, the Board was amenable to granting a waiver for the width to depth ratio specific to the configuration of the lot. Warzocha will present an application at the February 11 Planning Board meeting.

Public Hearing: Proposed Amendments to Zoning Ordinance and Repeal of Building Ordinance (Hearing to be conducted article by article)

Currier read the public hearing notice to those present, and the Board will accept verbal testimony at the hearing and written testimony during the next two weeks. These articles are to be presented to the voters at the March 2014 Town Meeting. The public hearing for Articles I and II (Repeal of Building Ordinance and amendments to Zoning Ordinance to create a new building permit process administered by a Zoning Administrator) was opened at 7:30 PM.

Prokosch asked what the actual wording in the Zoning Ordinance will be, and Currier presented copies of the wording to the public present. Currier explained that as he had six questions for Town Counsel, he is still awaiting a response. Currier will discuss with Town Administrator on plans to publish the wording. The public hearing on Articles I and II was closed at 7:41 PM.

The public hearing on Article III (Equitable Waivers) was opened at 7:42 PM. Currier explained that Equitable Waivers deal with dimensions rather

than uses of property and that the Zoning Ordinance will include Equitable Waivers. The public hearing on Article III was closed at 7:43 PM.

The public hearing on Article IV (Changes to Board of Adjustment process and criteria for Special Exceptions and Waivers) was opened at 7:44 PM. Prokosch stated that Additional Special Exceptions are not seen in other Zoning Ordinances and questions how the Board of Adjustment will handle them. Currier responds that the Board of Adjustment will still handle them the same way and reiterated the points from the Master Plan meetings and hearings; and the plan is to work on this for future town meetings.

Ward asked if Town Counsel should be notified for review. Currier responded that as it is not being changed at this time, the Board will not seek Town Counsel's input. Currier also indicated that there is a new Board of Adjustment, and housekeeping has been undertaken, and the Board of Adjustment will consider the Master Plan in their decisions.

Warzocha stated that this is a big task, and as the Zoning Ordinance does not allow for any commercial zoning, the Additional Special Exception is in place.

Ward asked if the Additional Special Exception was in the original Zoning Ordinance. Currier responded that the Zoning Ordinance authorizes the Board of Adjustment to grant an Additional Special Exception. Ward asked if there will be a warrant article for the Additional Special Exception for the 2015

Town Meeting, and Currier responded yes, that is the plan. The public hearing for Article IV was closed at 7:56 PM.

The public hearing for Article V (Changes to the process for Board of Adjustment fees) was opened at 7:56 PM. Ward stated that the process for Board of Adjustment fees is already the authority of the Board of Selectmen, and Mishcon agreed. The public hearing for Article V was closed at 7:57 PM.

Currier stated he feels the Board should pull Amendment 3, Article IV, and the Board agreed.

Non-Binding Consultation: Lenny Caron for proposed excavation operations off Bridge Road near the Blackwater River

Caron presented a map of the location and explained that he had previously received a Special Exception from the Zoning Board with the condition that the Planning Board has to deem the site appropriate for the use. He is currently looking for permission from the State for access over the railroad bridge; however, this access has not yet been arranged.

Caron gave a brief history of his process and identified the areas of excavation to the board. Currier asked if the Board of Adjustment approved only certain areas, and Caron responded no.

Warzocha asked if he would do a ledge pit also, and Caron responded that yes, he would like to do something with the ledge eventually.

Coolidge questioned what the Plan- See Planning on page 21

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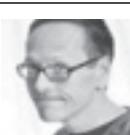
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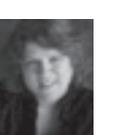
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Jay Fitzpatrick of East Andover (right), and friend Steve Tripoli of Sudbury, Massachusetts, read The Andover Beacon at the Atzompa Ruins in Oaxaca, Mexico. They recently spent two weeks in the state of Oaxaca, visiting the Pacific coast, mountain regions, and the city of Oaxaca and surrounding towns. Photo: Rafael Lem



Addison Bickford, Ada Grotnes, Jacqueline Janvrin, Ms. Carmen Bates, Eric Bates, Kaitlyn Stetson, Ms. Elizabeth Janvrin, Caleb Nelson, Seth Spaulding, Dayvane Huntton, Ms. Alicia Colby and Wyatt Barton all take a break from dancing at our annual Father-Daughter/Mother-Son Dance to make silly faces at the camera.

East Andover Village Preschool, February 2014

Manchester fundraiser on March 20

By Alicia Colby, EAVP teacher

February was filled with cold days and warm hearts at EAVP. The extreme cold was the perfect setting for our Arctic and Olympic themes in the classroom. The children explored the arctic by creating an igloo out of our loft, painting with ice, experimenting with blubber, and learning about Arctic animals. The weather kept us inside many days but we were able to bring the outside in by putting snow in our sensory table and allowing time for gross motor play.

We got caught up in the Olympic spirit at the start of the games. Many students have older siblings at AE/MS and had heard about our own Andover Olympians. We all imagined what we would like to participate in during the Olympic Games and worked at our literacy center to write and draw pictures in our journals as well as creating a class book titled If I Were in the Olympics. One of our favorite activities was

participating in Olympic training each morning; stretching and doing jumping jacks in morning meeting, getting our bodies and minds ready to perform like Olympians.

We were also fortunate enough to be visited by the Moose Man, Rick Libbey. During his visit, we explored his photography, listened to his stories, and learned about moose and other wild animals that roam through our backyards in Andover. Thanks for spending some time with us, Moose Man!

On Thursday, March 20, we are holding a fundraiser at Muse Paint Bar in Manchester. This event is a chance for adults to have an evening out and create a work of art. The event runs from 6:30 to 9 PM and costs \$45 per participant. EAVP will receive a portion of the evening's proceeds. If you are interested in attending this event, please visit Muse-PaintBar.com or contact EAVP.

EAVP is very proud of all the improvements we've been able to make to our school environment this year. We've been fortunate to be able to have our floors refinished, new steps for our porch built, add a loft to our classroom, and now introduce a new cubby system for student's jackets, backpacks, and sleep stuff.

Coming soon will be improvements and renovations to our entryway, where we hope to create a more functional and inviting environment. This spring and summer our playground will also be undergoing renovations!

Speaking of summer, we're already thinking about Summer Camp! We've narrowed down our theme weeks and hope that this year we will be able to add more special trips to our summer camp program. Our camp is open to ages 3 to 12 and offers a variety of activities including daily water play, arts and crafts, and themed activities. If you would like more information about camp or enrolling for the next school year, please call EAVP at 735-5105 for more details.

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ning Board is faced with, and the response from Currier was a complete Special Exception process, which includes the Planning Board determining whether the site is appropriate for the use. If it is deemed as such, a site plan review public hearing would be necessary, and any necessary local, state, and federal permits would be required to be obtained.

Coolidge asked if suitability has anything to do with access, and Currier responded that it has nothing to do with access.

Teach asked what the Board of Adjustment did with this, and Caron responded that they approved a Special Exception with the condition that the Planning Board find the site appropriate for the use.

Coolidge asked if there would be reclamation, and Currier responded that this would be required through state and local permits.

The Board voted to accept the application and will make a determination at the January 28 meeting.

January 28

Condensed from approved minutes

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

Also present for duration of appropriate items: Dave Powers, Deputy Building Inspector; Lenny Caron; Wayne and Brenda McDonald; Colin Brown; Roger Rodewald; June and Jim Lloyd; John and Jean Cook; and Jim Smith

Review and Discussion: Leonard Caron, proposed excavation operations off Bridge Street near Blackwater River: Site appropriateness determination for Special Exception

Wood Sutton recused as he was not present at the previous meeting. There being no discussion, the Board voted that the site is appropriate for the use. This is the final step in the Special Exception process for an excavation operation on subject property. This decision does not constitute Site Plan approval.

The next step is an Excavation Permit and Site Plan Review from the Planning Board. Mr. Caron was given a copy of Site Plan Review regulations and Excavation Permit regulations. Paul will send Mr. Caron the Site Plan Application and Excavation Permit application.

Discussion: Proposed warrant article for Planning Board authority to adopt regulations for site plan review, subdivisions, and excavation permits

There does not appear to be a record at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds that the Planning Board has been authorized to adopt regulations for site plan review, subdivisions, or excavation permits. The proposal is a Warrant Article to be voted on at Town Meeting which will affirm that the Planning Board has been previously given this authority by Town Meeting.

Public Hearing: Proposed annexation, property in Ambrose subdivision

on Currier Road. Review and decision to follow.

Currier advised the Board and the public that the hearing is for an annexation rather than a lot line adjustment as was indicated on the public hearing notice. Colin Brown explained the proposal of annexing seven acres from the Ambrose property to James Gee's property. The abutters present reviewed the plan and had no concerns. The public hearing was closed.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of approving the plan as presented.

Non-Binding Consultation: Roger Rodewald as agent for Wayne and Brenda McDonald, for a home occupation in the FA District, site appropriateness determination for Special Exception

Rodewald presented a plan of the property and indicated the proposal is to have a tanning salon which will include a 28' x 44' building, parking for 10 (nine standard 20' x 9' and one handicap), a lighted sign, and two exterior lights for the parking lot. A building permit was denied as a Special Exception approval is needed from the Board of Adjustment as this is the FA District.

The Planning Board needs to find the site appropriate for the use as an element of Board of Adjustment approval. Should the Board of Adjustment grant the Special Exception, the Planning Board will then conduct a Site Plan Review.

Currier indicated to the McDonalds that this would actually be a commercial business rather than a home occupation. Warzocha had concerns about the location of the proposed new well and the State right-of-way and advised the applicants that if the well radius goes into the State right-of-way, the well would have to be moved back or a "Well Release" from the State would be necessary. Warzocha made a motion to deem the site appropriate based on the proximity of area identified on the Master Plan for commercial and light industrial uses. Sutton seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of deeming the site appropriate.

The Board needs additional information to find that the proposed activity has adequate water and sewer. Applicants will return at the next meeting with the additional information.

Review and Discussion: Jon Warzocha for a proposed annexation for property on Route 4A

The Board will review the application at the February 11 meeting, and a public hearing is scheduled for February 11.

Review public comments and final edits: Proposed Amendments to Zoning Ordinance and Repeal of Building Ordinance

Public comment was received from Andy Prokosch and several revisions were made to the wording of the amendments of the Zoning Ordinance based on the review of Prokosch's comments. Nancy Teach will incorporate the revisions into the draft and circulate the edited draft for final review and inclusion in the Town Report.



Max, Nance, Keith, Maryn and Sam Barrett with the Beacon in Cassis, France. Sam is in France with the Proctor European Art term abroad, so the family went over to visit him.



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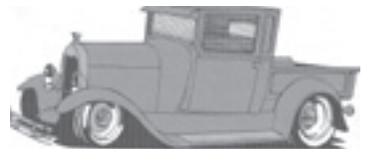
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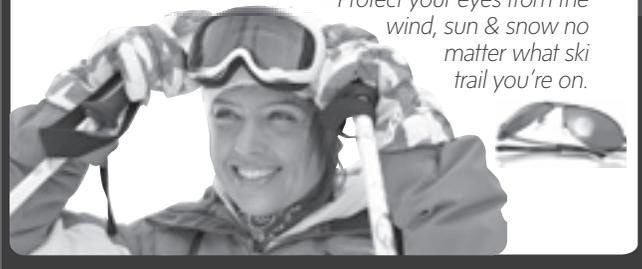
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Robins Have Returned for the Spring ... Already!

Days are rapidly getting longer

By Lee Carvalho
For the Beacon

In mid-February, as I write this article, the ground is covered with snow and the weather service is predicting that another 6" to 9" is on its way. Today, the temperature was a chilly 4° F at 7 AM.

Yet there are signs of spring. Larry

Chase was the first of many to report the return of robins. He sent me a photo taken on January 28 of robins under his apple tree on Chase Hill Road.

Perhaps the surest sign of spring is the lengthening of the days. And the reason we notice it now is because in March, the hours of daylight are increasing at their fastest rate. What does that mean?

In dark mid-December, we experience our shortest days: about nine hours of sunlight. Then the hours of daylight start to increase toward a maximum of about 15 hours in June.

However, the increase in daylight is not a steady, constant change. It begins s-l-o-w-l-y, and that's why January seems to share December's darkness. You hardly notice any change.

In February, the lengthening of days begins to grab our attention because the pace is picking up. By mid-March, at

the spring equinox, the change is as fast as it gets; the difference from day to day is noticeable.

The rate tapers off after that, so that while the number of hours of daylight continues to increase, it's less obvious. By late May the changes are happening s-l-o-w-l-y again as the first day of summer approaches, after which the length of a day begins to decrease.

This kind of repetitious behavior is modeled by the sine curve, which you may remember from high school math-

ematics. Another familiar example of this kind of periodic behavior is the motion of the ocean tides, or your height above the ground as you ride a ferris wheel.

Winter Hikes

East Andover resident Frank Baker III led a snowshoe hike for the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition in late January. Starting at the end of Tucker Mountain Road, Frank took the group on a bushwhack adventure

See Robins on page 25



Robins arrived by January 28 in East Andover to enjoy last fall's apples. Photo: Larry Chase



George Kidder recently celebrated his 87th birthday with his friends in the COA morning walking club. Left to right: Mary Demers, Harvey Best, Charlotte Clark (front), Rosie Best, Frank Haley, Reggie Roy, Roger Henderson, Mavis Newton, George Kidder, Mark Broderick, Deb Broderick, Bob Mickle, Sharon Mickle, Claire Moseley, Dick Hatten (back), Shirley Currier, and Dudley Moseley.



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Club president Gordy Ordway (right) presents an Appreciation Award to Marty Judd.

24" Pickerel Wins AF&G Fishing Derby

Annual kid's ice fishing derby on March 1

Press release

The Andover Fish and Game Club's Al Chadwick Memorial Ice Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, February 8, at Kezar Lake in North Sutton. The derby started at first light, and at the 1 PM end of the day, three \$75 prize winners for the longest fish of its species were declared:

- Shane Szilagyi, for a 24" pickerel
- Arthur Ruff, for a 13" perch
- Harvey Stinson, for an 18" bass

In addition, one lucky winner walked away with \$73 from the 50/50 raffle.

All told, 43 people participated, coming from as far away as Concord to fish. It was good weather and a good turnout. The Club thanks George Barton, Steve Smith, and Murray Smith for running the derby.

Kids Ice Fishing Derby

The 30th annual Willis Nowell Memorial Kids Ice Fishing Derby, for kids

March 1. (Bad weather date is Sunday, March 2.) Registration begins at 9 AM, and the derby runs from 9:30 to noon.

Tackle and bait will be provided, and there will be plenty of free food



Club president Gordy Ordway (right) presents an Appreciation Award to Red Soucy.

and drink. Lucky prizes, participation ribbons, and trophies will be awarded to the kids with the best catches. Come for a fun time with the family. Call 735-5311 with any questions about this derby.

Appreciation Awards

The Club has given well-deserved Appreciation Awards to Marty Judd, Red Soucy, George Barton, Butch McDonald, and Dave Henderson for working in and around the Clubhouse and for helping out at all our events and fishing derbies. The Club appreciates the time and effort the guys have put in.

Thank you as well to Club members and their families and to supporters of the Club, who donate time, money, and supplies to our events.

We are always looking for new members. Meetings are the last Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the clubhouse in East Andover.



Club president Gordy Ordway presents an Appreciation Award to George Barton.

15 and under, will be held on Eagle Pond in Wilmot (off of Route 4) on Saturday,



Surrounded by some of her fellow weekday-morning walkers in the Proctor Academy gym, Charlotte Clark (front row, third from left) posed on January 23 for an impromptu 90th birthday party photo. Participants included (front) Frank Haley, Claire Moseley, Charlotte, Roger Henderson, Jim Rayno, Shirley Currier; (middle) Debby and Mark Broderick; (back) Rose Tilton, and Red Soucy. January tally sheets, maintained by the Kearsarge Council on Aging's Walking for Seniors program, showed that Charlotte missed only a single walking weekday during the month of January. The program, open to all at no cost, operates year-round on weekdays between 8 and 10 AM. Photo: Harvey Best. Caption: Larry Chase

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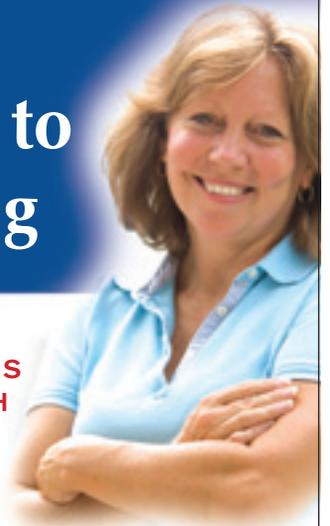
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Regional Lions Clubs Sponsor Family Symposium

March 29 at Manchester Community College

Press release

“Strengthening Our Community – One Family at a Time,” a Women and Families Symposium addressing today’s concerns of youth, health, environment, and disaster, will be held on Saturday, March 29, at Manchester Community College. The Lions Clubs of Multiple District 44 and Manchester Community College are sponsoring the event.

The symposium is free and open to the public. Speakers are expected to include Governor Maggie Hassan and Lions Past International Director Carolyn Messier. During the symposium, attendees are invited to participate in discussions regarding youth, health, the environment, and disaster preparedness through Lions International and in New Hampshire. The event will also include free childcare for children ages 4 to 12.

“One goal of Lions International President Barry Palmer is to increase Lions’ membership of women by 2017. Our symposium, geared toward women, will create an awareness of Lions’ efforts in New Hampshire,” said 44N District Governor Sandra Hurd. 44H District Governor Jim Robinson adds, “Our district has been encouraging

women for almost 30 years, however I’m not sure the general public is aware of that fact. Women represent 40% of the members of District 44H. We would like women to represent 50% of our membership by our 100th birthday in 2017. The Women and Families Symposium will be a huge first step in reaching that goal.”

“Helping Our Children” is part of the Lions Family and Women Symposium Program, a program for Lions Clubs worldwide to gather community members to discuss issues of relevance to families. As a result of the symposium, the Lions of New Hampshire hope to implement a program to meet some of the pressing community needs discussed by event participants.

Lions Clubs are humanitarian service clubs that have been active in the New Hampshire community for over 90 years. Their programs include providing vision and hearing assistance through Lions Clubs, and youth programs through Lions Youth Services.

To register for this symposium, please go to EventBrite.com, click Find Events, and search for New Hampshire Lions Women and Families Symposium; or e-mail NHLionsSymposium@gmail.com; or call Cheryl Ortega at 424-6184.

Andover Lions Club Looks for New Members in April

It’s time to involve more young adults

By Joyce Egge, Andover Lions Club

The Andover Food Pantry, sponsored by the Andover Lions Club and The Andover Beacon, continues to serve many folks in need and is a valuable resource in the community. We, as well as those who depend upon it, appreciate the support. The need never lessens, and it is our goal to continue to meet that need with the help of the community.

We will be meeting on Thursday, February 13, to discuss how we can better serve the community by providing more equitable and consistent distribution of food to those who really need it.

We thank all who bought calendar raffle tickets. We congratulate all our winners, who are listed below.

Rose Sale

We will be taking orders for our rose sale in February. The roses will be \$15 per dozen and will be delivered around the 21st of March. For more information or to order, see Lion Howard George.

As we age, we welcome new, younger members to our club. April will be our new member drive to bring quality folks into our organization. We know it is difficult for those who work and have families to volunteer, but the Lions do so much good for so many, we need to keep the effort going strong.

We have many diverse projects, so

hopefully there will be something of interest to a new member. Also we welcome new ideas on how to work more efficiently.

Calendar Raffle Winners

- \$350 Dave and Kim Sharp, Hebron
- \$50 Kathy Cate, Concord
- \$100 Jack Howard, Newport
- \$150 Kevin Rowe, North Sutton
- \$100 Cassandra Leonard, Maine
- \$50 Marge Leber, Andover
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Grange’s March Winter Market to Feature a White Sale

Buy a St Patrick’s Day meal, too

Press release

In order to clear out stock to make way for Spring inventory, various craft vendors at the Winter Farmers’ Market are having their first-ever End of Winter “White Sale.”

Some of the items on special are:

Sally’s Choice Jewelry is offering 20% off dragonfly and seahorse pendants, and Newfound Farm’s tunics are 50% off. This is an opportunity to pick up mittens, hats, dresses, and jewelry at great prices!

Although produce, meat, and bakery items are excluded, be sure to shop downstairs for your regular grocery items.

Come early, and have an Egg Mc-Grange breakfast at Bistro de L’ Etoile Enflamme, so you don’t lose out on the bargains. Corn chowder and pasta and meatballs are on the Bistro lunch menu, with another decadent dessert to enjoy with coffee.

The market is from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Blazing Star Grange Hall, located on North Road, just off the intersection of Routes 4 and 104, in Danbury.

For information, or to enroll in the Freebie-Demo opportunity, call Donna at 768-5579.

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

If you shop at the Grange’s downstairs food market, you’ve got a chance to put together a really special March 17 dinner!

Here’s a suggested menu, all from the Grange’s vendors:

- Lamb Stew (farm raised hormone- and antibiotic-free stew lamb from Autumn Harvest)
- Irish Stout Mustard as a savory (Nannie’s Canning Pantry)
- Purple potatoes and other veggies (Autumn Harvest Farm)
- Irish soda bread (Huntoon Farm)
- Milk and eggs, too! (from Huck-ins’ Farm Jersey and Guernsey cows)
- White chocolate shamrocks (Nannie’s Chocolates)
- Malbec wine (Haunting Whisper vineyard)

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The Good Old Plough -- Tom Curren of Danbury, Fred Ogmundson of Wilmot, and Don Towle of Alexandria -- has been singing together since 1986. The group will present a benefit performance at the Grange Hall in Danbury on March 1.

Grange Plans Fundraisers for Curtain Restoration

On Saturday, March 1, at 7 PM in the Blazing Star Grange Hall in Danbury, The Good Old Plough will perform music depicting the rise and fall of the New Hampshire hill farm. This benefit performance by area musicians is the first in a series over the next four months to raise funds and awareness to support the restoration of a complete set of hand-painted curtains that have graced



The Country Scene drop curtain by Egbert Foster is one of several panels to be restored with funds raised by the Blazing Star Grange.

the stage of the Grange Hall since 1921. A potluck supper at 5:30 PM will precede the concert. All are invited to enjoy the entertainment and food and learn more about the curtains and the project. Suggested donation for the concert is \$5. Any amount, large or small, will be welcomed. Snow date is Saturday, March 8. Under the direction of Curtains Without Borders, a Vermont nonprofit responsible for preserving many historic stage curtains in New England, the Danbury stage curtains will be restored this summer and ready for many more

years of use. "A beautifully painted and complete stage set produced by a New Hampshire scenic studio is a treasure," says Chris Hadsel, director of the organization. The grand drape, two backdrop scenes, and their complementary "ears" and flats were produced by Egbert L. Foster, a Manchester scenic artist. An advertising curtain featuring local businesses of the early 1930s will also be included in the restoration project. The Grange will showcase the curtains at the 100th Blazing Star Grange Fair on September 6 of this year.

Upcoming events include a benefit by Cardigan Mountain Tradition, a popular bluegrass band, on Saturday, April 19 at 7 PM. Wally Borgen's vaudeville troupe is scheduled for Saturday, May 10. Mark your calendars now for this exciting concert series.

All performances will take place in the Blazing Star Grange Hall located on North Road across from the fire station, near the intersection of Routes 4 and 104, in Danbury.

You may find more information about the project on the Grange Web site at DanburyGrange.org or contact Charlotte at 768-5501 or MaPaKettleNH@msn.com.

For more information about Curtains Without Borders, visit CurtainsWithoutBorders.org.

Applications for Lions Club Scholarships Due by April 11

Available from guidance counselors

By Joyce Egge, Andover Lions Club

The Andover Lions Club will be awarding scholarships to deserving college-bound high school students again this year. The Lions require 100% complete applications and will look at merit as well as financial need.

Applications can be obtained from

high school guidance counselors or by contacting Lion Dick O'Connell at 934-0245 or Lion Joyce Egge at 768-3838. A certified copy of the high school transcript and two letters of recommendation must accompany the application.

Deadline for submission is Friday, April 11; no extensions will be granted. Recipients will be notified on their awards night at the end of their senior school year.

BORN Beckett David Pontbriand

Beckett David Pontbriand was born on January 1, 2014 at 1:52 AM to Amber Lee and Kevin Pontbriand of Auburn, Maine. Grandparents Dave and Michelle Pontbriand and great-grandmother Virginia Helton are from Andover. The rest of Beckett's grandparents and great-grandparents are from Maine.

Robins from page 22

through the woods he knows well from years of hunting and exploring.

Over several miles, Frank identified tracks, pointed out a porcupine den, and led the hikers to the shore of remote and beautiful Weeks Pond. Within minutes he had a nice little fire going.

Everybody in the group was dazzled by Frank's wealth of knowledge and outdoor skills. The SRKG is grateful to Frank for a terrific day.

About 20 people showed up on February 9 for an outdoor event organized by Andover's Conservation Commission. Dave Pilla of Proctor Academy led a snowshoe walk in the woods behind Proctor's campus, looking for signs of wildlife. They saw places where deer had bedded down for the night as

well as tracks and feather evidence at a scene where a fox had eaten a bird. According to Mary Anne Broshek, chair of the Conservation Commission, the par-



Hikers help hike leader Frank Baker III build a small fire beside Weeks Pond during a late-January outing sponsored by the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Coalition.

Photo: Lee Carvalho

Participants enjoyed the outing thoroughly.

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Fifty Years Ago: March 1964

Town Meeting votes to sell the old Town Hall

Here's some old news from the Andover, East Andover, West Andover, Potter Place, and Cilleyville "gossip" columns of the Franklin Journal Transcript, selected by Heather Makechnie.

March 7, 1964

Richard Powers, Jr., of Potter Place, had the misfortune to dislocate his shoulder while skiing at King Ridge last week, and Sandra Nelson of Andover broke her ankle while skiing in Vermont.

Showing this week at the Regal Theatre, alongside Walt Disney's Son of Flubber, are a triple feature set of shows: Joy Ride, Hot Girl, and Speed Crazy.

March 14, 1964

At Town Meeting last week, in the midst of a snowstorm, the Andover voters decided to sell the Andover Town Hall – the one dated 1822. If the two were turned right side up, however, it would be 1872. And they also voted to purchase the railroad property in East Andover.

Andover was one of the few towns to lower its budget this year. The present appropriation is \$45,096.76 compared to last year's \$46,079.01.

A total of 334 voters were present and elected the following officers: John Whitcomb, Clerk; Harry Emerson, three years, and Ralph Chaffee, one year, Selectman; Victor E. Phelps, Treasurer; John Whitcomb, Tax Collector; John Jurta, Road Agent; Lawrence C. Rising, Amy Corkum, and Lorna Johnson, Library Trustees; Ralph Chaffee, Trustee of Trust Funds. Paul Fenton was elected Moderator and Marie Rising, Clerk.

March 21, 1964

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

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cloutier and

family of Franklin have moved into their trailer on the Flaghole Road.

The flu has hit the school and parents are asked to keep the children at home if they're coming down with it so it won't spread any further.

March 28, 1964

Andover Arts Class Ready For First Showing of its Work: Back last September, a group of Andover and East Andover folks started a series of art classes under the direction of Miss Betty Jean Bassett. They've been meeting regularly every Wednesday night since ... and now they're ready for the first public exhibit of their work.

"None of them has ever had any experience in Art," Miss Bassett said this week, "though they've been interested. The results of their efforts since September are amazing."

In subject matter, the drawings and paintings are mostly of local scenes, including the East Andover church, the Proctor church, the Cilleyville covered bridge, and other local scenes. Exhibitors include Grace Chaffee, Florence Thompson, Clara Kidder, Gertrude Brouthers, Myla Morse, Mrs. Robert Wilson, Marsha Condon, Harold Kidder, Lee Stevens, Ronald Bigelo, David Jewett, Miss Barbara Jewett, Miss Janet Stafford, Rufus Stacey, Nellie Mariani, and Mrs. Lee Locke.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Young celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Saturday, March 23, 1964 from 7 to 10 PM in the East Andover Library. Over 150 relatives and friends attended this celebration, and numerous greetings and gifts were received. Mr. Young was Road Agent in the town for several years, later entering the poultry business. He is presently retired.

The National Spelling Bee finals for this region will be held at the Elks Home in Franklin this Saturday. Miss Martha Burney of the fifth-grade and Irene Stacey of the eighth-grade are the two from Andover schools who will compete.

Many Questions Linger Around Weston Picture Gallery

East Andover marvel traveled the country

By Kenneth Reid
Andover Historical Society

In the 1840s, Mary Weston, the artistic daughter of a Hebron, New Hampshire Baptist minister, moved to East Andover with her new husband, 30 years her senior. Her husband Valentine had just retired from a successful business career in New York City. He was proud of his wife's artistic prowess, and upon their arrival in East Andover, he immediately began a construction project. He built his wife an elaborate "pre-fab" and portable traveling art gallery which could travel around the country to showcase her art work.

Their arrival in East Andover created quite a stir among the locals, and for the next two years while the Weston Picture Gallery was under construction, local town folks made frequent visits to his Maple Street residence to review and marvel at the progress.

In 1851, the traveling exhibition hall's tour was launched in northern New England. Just two years later, an advertisement announces the auction and sale of the building. Many mysteries and unfinished tales were left in the wake of this rather strange and bizarre story which occurred in early Andover's history.

The earliest known record of the Weston Picture Gallery appeared in a newspaper article in the Essex County Freeman on July 3, 1852. The article reports that in Salem, Massachusetts, the works of Mrs. Mary Bartlett Pillsbury Weston from East Andover, New Hampshire are on display.

An 1898 Franklin newspaper recounts the story of the Weston Picture Gallery, including its rise and fall. The Franklin article focuses a lot on the magnificence of the building and its construction. It was composed of 220,000 separate pieces of wood, mostly cut on a scroll saw and put together with screws in sections so it could be easily dismantled, loaded on train cars, and transported to the next city where the exhibit would be shown.

An early woodcut illustration (below) depicts what the gallery looked like. It was described as having a yard 64 by 41 feet inside the fence. There was a circular ticket booth through which patrons would pass to gain entrance to the gallery. The building was a circle 25 feet in diameter, and it was 55 feet tall. The dome was comprised of glass. The interior "was handsomely decorated, carpeted, mirrored,

and warmed, and in the evening lighted by an immense chandelier fourteen and one half feet in diameter."

Mrs. Weston was a prolific and accomplished artist and painted for more than half a century. Prior to 1850, she painted a large oil painting from the vantage point of Artist's Ledge in East Andover, which was later named Sunday School Hill. According to a descendant of Mrs. Weston, the hill is located "on Chase Hill Road going towards Marston Hill."

A descendant of Mrs. Weston described the painting in detail while standing in front of it. She describes the village of East Andover including churches, cemeteries, farms, buildings, and a train, with Ragged and Kearsarge Mountains appearing in the background. The painting was done when much of the landscape had been cleared, because she describes sweeping fields and stone walls going up the sides of the mountains.

Efforts to locate this painting are underway, and there is some reason to believe that it, along with other paintings by Mrs. Weston, are in the Smithsonian.

Information in the Andover Historical Society's files contains many bits of information from newspapers, diaries, scrapbooks, family member notes, written records, and records of oral history. As I have attempted to piece together these fragments, the characters of this very old story have begun to come alive.

I hope to consolidate this information and add a personal dimension to the previously written record. By doing so, I hope to recapture a small snippet of what life was like in Andover in the 19th century. If anyone should have any information to contribute regarding this subject, I would appreciate receiving it. Please contact Andover Historical Society president Pat Cutter at 735-5628.

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FNRT Minutes, January 15, 2014

Condensed from draft minutes

FNRT Board Members present: Alex Bernhard, Myra Mayman, Joyce Morton, Ellsworth Morton, Steve Rayno, Peter Southworth, Nita Tomaszewski, Bob Ward

Guests present: Chris Norris, Andover; Ricker Miller, East Andover; Representative Lorrie Carey, Boscawen; Elaine Clow, Boscawen; Lyman Cousens, Boscawen; Polly Dawson, Boscawen; Steven Green, Boscawen; Norman LaPierre, Boscawen; Cedric Dustin Jr., Bow; Hal Posselt, Canterbury; Dick Lemieux, Concord; Stephen and Joy Porter, Concord; Craig Tufts, Concord; Penny Wing, Concord; Representative Leigh Webb, Franklin; Ben Wilson, Hopkinton; Frank Gould, Lebanon; David Murray, Penacook

Lebanon: Mascoma River Greenway Coalition (MRGC) update and plans: Frank Gould, Co-Chair.

Frank discussed work on the final four miles of trail over the Connecticut River into Lebanon. Frank reports the MRGC is about two years into the campaign to raise the necessary funds (\$2.2 million) to build the trail. The trail will be ready to use by the end of the summer. It will be paved and runs along the Mascoma River for use as a transportation corridor joining the city. Four bridges will be built along this section of trail.

Boscawen to Concord: Recreational Trails Program Trail Building

2014 Boscawen to Concord construction application. Nita reported she's looking for a last few letters of support with the plan to submit the RTP application by the end of February.

Boscawen questions: "Finish Line Celebration." Suggested that we coincide with Boscawen Old Home Day at Jamie Welch Park, on Saturday, August 23.

Bob reviewed the start of the FNRT trail building in Andover and noted after about 30 miles of construction, we're closing in on the final section and we'd like to celebrate at the site. Bob introduced the idea of a celebration with possible details. We were invited to a Boscawen Old Home Day meeting (third Monday of the month) to continue the conversation.

Hanna Dustin Park Access and Development

Gerrish Depot building restoration: Who is interested, who could spearhead? How to coordinate with Boscawen town government and Boscawen Historical Society? FNRT has designated the Gerrish site as a trail head and would like to support a restoration initiative in Boscawen. Alex noted the DOT is interested in transferring the lease, and the county is also interested in giving up its claim.

Ben Wilson (Bureau of Historic Sites) spoke about his interest in historical state sites. Lee Webb spoke for the Franklin Historical Society and mentioned there is interest in restoration. Dave Murray spoke to the uncertain involvement of the Boscawen Snowmobile Club.

Merrimack River Greenway Trail (MRGT) update and plans: Craig Tufts and MRGT Board member. How can we link trails and coordinate with MRGT? Dick Lemieux spoke to the proposed Concord trails. There was a discussion about Pan Am's ownership of the railway right of way.

How can we coordinate with Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee? Nita mentioned that her group is monitoring the health of the river and has hosted free presentations about impacting/preserving the river.



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SRKG Announces Winter Hikes for March

Press release

Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition (SRKG) winter hikes are free to the public. Please call the volunteer hike leader to learn starting location and time. Be prepared for winter conditions: extra layers, hot drink, prepared for ice and snow. Hike leader may re-schedule for rain or other reasons.

Saturday, March 1: Mount Sunapee and Pillsbury State Parks. Gerry Gold, 526-2857. Snowshoe to Lucia's Lookout on Sunapee-Pillsbury Ridge from Andrew Brook Trail and

Lake Solitude in Newbury. 10 miles, difficult.

Sunday, March 9: In Newbury. Lisa Correa, (518) 281-1494. Snowshoe in Fishersfield Town Park on Old Post Road, opposite the Transfer Station. On the hilly Perimeter Trail. Two miles, moderate.

For SRKG information, visit SRKG.com. SRKG Trail Guides are available at local bookstores. The SRKG is an all-volunteer non-profit organization with members throughout the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge region and beyond.



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Through the Reading Glasses: March 2014

Welcome to winter-over and over again; as I write, the forecast speaks of more snow for mid-February. So I'll start you off with a book based in the Arctic wilderness of the Greenland ice cap. Yes, *Frozen in Time* is Mitchell Zuckoff's recounting of the survival saga of a downed World War II flight crew, but it's also the story of the modern search for the remains of one of the rescue crews.

If that's not inspiring enough to warm your heart, try *I Am Malala*, the 15-year-old author's own story of fighting for education and being shot by the Taliban in Pakistan. Malala has returned to the podium to spread her message to the world: Education for all is what will save us.

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Our last two offerings, question and answer sessions on the new health care provisions, and how recent Supreme Court decisions may affect you, have been held at AE/MS because they have larger meeting spaces. We may only be a co-sponsor, but we are not promoting a particular political views. The strength of any public institution, such as a library, is to reach all of the people.

Come join us when you next see a flyer around town, especially since both of our recent speakers will probably return for your edification.

Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

Adult Titles Fiction

Hundred-Foot Journey,
Richard C. Morais

Command Authority, Tom Clancy
Hazardous Duty, WEB Griffin
The Death Trade, Jack Higgins
Confessions of a Murder Suspect YA,
James Patterson
Looking for Alaska YA, John Green
The Pagan Lord, Bernard Cornwell
The Invention of Wings,
Sue Monk Kidd
Fear Nothing, Lisa Gardner
Stand Up Guy, Stuart Woods
River Road, Jane Ann Krentz

Labor Day, Joyce Maynard
Stormbringers, Phillippa Gregory

Adult Non Fiction

Glitter and Glue, Kelly Corrigan
The Reason I Jump, Naoki Higashida

Children's Titles

Muckers, Sandra Neil Wallace
The Red Umbrella,
Christina Diaz Gonzalez
Finn's Going, Tom Kelly
Nancy and Plum, Betty MacDonald
Ant and Honey Bee, Megan McDonald
High Time for Heros #51,
Mary Pope Osborne
Breyer Stablemates Series,
Elizabeth Mills

Boston Civic Orchestra Members Perform for First Friday

Friday, March 7,
in Sunapee Harbor

Press release

The community is invited to the Lake Sunapee Region Center for the Arts' First Friday program on Friday, March 7, from 5 to 7 PM at the Knowlton House in Sunapee Harbor. This evening's event will bring talented musicians to our area. All Center for the Arts events are free and open to the public. Join us for outstanding music and an opportunity to meet these talented musicians and vocalists. A reception with light refreshments will follow.

The Summer Music Associates will present an introduction to their 2014 season. Special guest musicians from the Boston Civic Orchestra will provide a preview of their June 28 performance at Colby-Sawyer College. The first hour will be dedicated to what promises to be a delightful performance and interview with the musicians. Attendees will then be invited to enjoy a buffet of appetizers and wine.

Summer Music Associates (SMA)

is a non-profit volunteer organization that produces four or five summer concerts and two Home Concerts each year in the New London area. The concerts feature chamber music, orchestral music, vocal and instrumental soloists, and jazz. SMA is 47% funded by its summer ticket sales, but relies heavily on contributions from individuals and businesses.

On the First Friday of each month, the Lake Sunapee Region Center for the Arts (CFA) hosts a series of free arts programs for the community which include gallery openings and receptions, classical and folk music nights, literary and poetry nights, as well as theater nights. Working with their business partners and the community, CFA continues to showcase local and regional talent in the Lake Sunapee area for the benefit of the artists, performers, residents, and visitors to our beautiful region.

The Center for the Arts is a volunteer organization that welcomes your participation. If you would like to become a member or make a donation, please find our membership applications, as well as a donation jar, near the entrance of each First Friday site. If you would like to volunteer, perform, or sponsor a program, contact us at 526-4444. For more information, please visit Center-ForTheArtsNH.org.



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South of Broad, Pat Conroy
Waiting for Wren, Cate Beauman
Counterfeit Agent, Alex Berenson
Dear Life: Stories, Alice Munro
Going Dark, James Hall
Serena, Ron Rash
A Long Way Down, Nick Hornsby
The Hundred Foot Journey,
 Richard C Morais

Adult Non-Fiction

*I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood
 Up for Education and Was Shot by
 the Taliban*, Malala Yousafzai
The Immortal Life of Ted Williams,
 Ben Bradlee Jr.
Mom and Me and Mom,
 Maya Angelou
*David and Goliath: /
 Underdogs, Misfits and*

the Art of Battling Giants,
 Malcolm Gladwell
Who Stole the American Dream?,
 Hedrick Smith

Children's Fiction

Wild Born, Brandon Mull
The House of Hades, Rick Riordon
Deadtime Stories:
Grampa's Monster Movies,
 Cascone, Annette and Gina
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Author, Activist Diane McWhorter to Speak at Colby-Sawyer

Race, freedom, and justice on March 20

Press release

Colby-Sawyer College's Cultural Events Committee will host Pulitzer Prize-winning author Diane McWhorter for a talk on Thursday, March 20, at 7 PM in Wheeler Hall at the Ware Student Center. The event is free and open to the public.

A journalist and commentator, McWhorter travels extensively to lecture on race, freedom and justice. She is the author of *Carry Me Home: Birmingham, Alabama—The Climactic Battle of the Civil Rights Revolution*, a dramatic account of the civil rights era battle in her hometown and her family's involvement. *Carry Me Home* won the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction, the J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize, the Southern Book Award for Nonfiction, and many other awards. In 2011, *Time* named *Carry Me Home* to its list of the 100 best nonfiction books published since the magazine's 1923 founding.

McWhorter's young adult history of the civil rights movement, *A Dream of Freedom*, was published by Scholastic in 2004 and is listed on *The New York Times'* nine "Notable Children's Books of 2004" and *USA Today's* "Best Children's History." Her work has also been anthologized in many collections.

A longtime contributor to *The New York Times*, McWhorter has written articles on race, politics, and culture that have appeared in *The Nation*, *Slate*, *The American Scholar*, *The Washington*

Post, *Smithsonian*, *Legal Affairs*, *Harp-er's* and *Boston Magazine*. She has been an adjunct instructor of creative nonfiction at Columbia University's graduate School of the Arts and is a member of the Society of American Historians.

Raised in Birmingham and educated at Wellesley College, McWhorter



Pulitzer Prize winner Diane McWhorter speaks at Colby-Sawyer College on March 20.

graduated *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Comparative Literature. She has received fellowships from around the world and is currently the AM Rosenthal Writer-in-Residence at the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics, and Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Join the Community Talent Show at Franklin Opera House!

Audition March 25 or 27
for March 29 show

Press release

It's time to turn the spotlight on you, at the 13th annual Community Talent Night at Franklin Opera House on Saturday, March 29, at 7 PM.

Talented folks of all sorts are wanted, and you need not be a resident of Franklin. But you do have to audition in order to perform. Auditions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, March 25 and 27. You'll find an application at AndoverBeacon.com/FOH-Talent-2014.

And, of course, people are needed to watch the performers, applaud, and cheer them on. Tickets are on sale at the box office daily from 10 AM to 2 PM or online at FranklinOperaHouse.org. Prices range from \$5 for children to \$12 for adults, with seniors paying only \$8.

Franklin's Community Talent Night is always a hit, and it will be once again. So, come on out, either to sing and play, or do some magic, or dance, twirl a baton, or show off some other talent, like watching those on stage.

For more information, please call Franklin Opera House at 934-1901.

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THE REST OF THE TOWN REPORT

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

To round out this annual update, the Beacon asked over 20 other organizations that serve our community for a short report on their activities in 2013. Here, in alphabetical order, is "the rest of the Town Report."

Andover After School Program

We provide a safe, friendly environment for elementary school children with an emphasis on friendship and fun!

The Andover After School Program (AASP) was established in 1994 and was later joined by the Andover Five Alive Program (AFAP), both New Hampshire State Licensed programs. The AASP is fully operational and is open to all Andover residents. This program provides care after school until 6 PM for children from kindergarten through sixth grade. The AFAP is no longer needed because our local school now has full day kindergarten.

Many thanks are in order for our board and staff and for program director Diane Adams, who joined in the fall

of 2010. Through their successes, the program is thriving near full capacity. We encourage all who are interested to contact us, as there are always changes in enrollment, and we maintain a waiting list. Currently, we have part-time openings.

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

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2013-2014 school year. We will be accepting registrations for next year in June. Please contact Diane Adams, Program Director, at 735-6566 or AndoverKids@gmail.com for more information. Please visit AndoverKids.org.

Andover Energy Group

The Andover Energy Group has two major goals: to identify ways to reduce the Town's energy bills; and to find and publicize ways to help group members and local residents reduce home energy costs via alternative energy technologies and energy-saving measures.

In 2013 we:

- Held three public workshops on residential geothermal energy systems, financing options for residential alternative-energy systems, and home

weatherization techniques

- Conducted a survey of town streetlights

- Met with town officials in Lempster and representatives of Iberdrola Renewables in Groton, to learn more about commercial wind power

- Met with representatives of New Hampshire Electric Co-op and with alternative-energy consultant EEI to learn about options for reducing energy costs in municipal buildings

- Held a teleconference with Little Green Hydro, a manufacturer of micro-hydroelectric systems, to learn how such systems might be utilized locally

- Hosted informational tables at Town Meeting and the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair

- Distributed the free newspaper *Green Energy Times* in Andover, New London, and Salisbury

We've assembled an e-mail list of more than 200 local residents interested in energy-related issues. If you'd like to be added to the list, please send your e-mail address to LBChase@aol.com. And watch the Beacon for upcoming events and energy-related information!

Andover Historical Society

2014's calendar is entitled "Potter Place Then and Now," with new and archival photographs of the village that grew up around the railroad station, now the Andover Historical Society's museum. Copies are still available.

Folks at the August Old Time Fair enjoyed magician Andrew Pinard, the Ragged Mountain Band, and traditional events: flea market, auction, farmers market, vendors, demonstrators, rides on the pumper car, food, and games for children.

Steve Taylor spoke at our public June meeting about one-room schoolhouses. The October dessert social featured Sarah Shea Smith who gave a fascinating presentation about the New Hampshire women who salvaged huge amounts of downed timber after the 1938 hurricane.

Luan Clark joined as Curator, and Larry Chase and Dane Loomer joined the Board of Trustees.

A work team repaired/replaced the windows at the Tucker Mountain School. Arch Weathers glazed new frames using the glass from the original windows. Brad Hartwell installed the windows and new sills. Daryl Baker underwrote much of the cost. It was a very significant effort, and our thanks go to all involved.

We are grateful for all the community support we received in 2013, and look forward to another good year. We rely solely on interested volunteers to continue the preservation of Andover's history. If you have time to give, please think of us. Contact Pat Cutter at 735-5268.

Andover Lions Club

Formed in November of 1954, the mission of the organization is to provide assistance to people in need, specifically those who are visually or hearing impaired. We sponsor projects that benefit the community and improve the lives of those citizens in need in Andover, Danbury, Salisbury, and Wilmot.

- Eye care and hearing aids have been provided to hundreds of people

- Scholarships, emergency funding, and the Andover Food Pantry

- Operation Kidsight, screening children between the ages of one and six years old for amblyopia. Now testing children at the Imagination Inn, East Andover Village Preschool, and the Wilmot Community Center

- Sight and hearing testing at the Andover and Danbury schools

Fundraising includes: calendar raffle sales, rose sales, basketball tournaments, Fourth of July pancake breakfast and food concession, and golf tournament. This year, we hope to organize an Oktoberfest with brats, beer, and a band.

The funds raised are spent on needs such as the Andover ball field;

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MORE TOWN REPORTS

Spaulding Youth Center; Andover Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts; Andover Food Pantry; Children's Halloween Party; Vision weekend, the Sight and Hearing Foundation, Brain Trauma, and camp for handicapped and underprivileged children.

We meet every second and fourth Monday at 6 PM at Naughty Nellies and welcome new members. Call 735-6140 or 768-3838.

Andover Service Club

The Andover Service Club (ASC), an organization consisting of dedicated ladies from Andover, East Andover, Wilmot, Danbury, New Hampton, Canterbury, New London, Franklin, Hill, and Springfield, meets the second Wednesday of the month. These ladies are volunteers who believe in service to the community. Meetings consist of business reports, a special program, and refreshments.

Fundraising events are held to raise money for the ASC Merit Scholarship Fund as well as community organizations such as The Andover Beacon, Andover Food Pantry, AE/MS, Andover and Bachelor Libraries, East Andover Village Preschool, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Kearsarge Area Council On Aging, Highland Lake Grange Hall Restoration, Child and Family Services, Danbury School, and Friends of the Northern Rail Trail. The ASC Thrift Shop, which sells clothing and accessories, is the major source of income.

Look for the ASC table on Town Meeting Day. We will be selling hot lunches, baked goods, coffee, and tea. Meet ASC members and learn about our organization.

Coming events are a field trip to Haunting Whisper Winery in Danbury, "Slices for Scholarships" on the Fourth of July, a bake sale in September at "Rail Trail Run and Ride," hot lunch on Election Day in November, the annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale, and others to be announced.

New members (young and old) are

always welcome. The next meeting is March 12 at the Masonic Lodge in Potter Place at 10 AM. E-mail Mary Ofenloch, President, at MaryO.ASClub@live.com.

East Andover Village Preschool

East Andover Village Preschool continues to grow and learn on Chase Hill Road. We have continued another school year of morning and full day preschool programs with our three teachers – Elizabeth Janvrin, Alicia Colby, and Carmen Bates. Each day children engage in hands-on explorations of their world and interests, questions, and ideas.

We added a Summer Camp program with weekly themes, explored our community with multiple field trips, and engaged in daily water play and nature walks on the Rail Trail along with an afterschool program.

We began fostering a love for gardening and nutrition with our own gardens. We receive visits from our traditional Santa at school, showcase our singing in our Winter Wonderland Show, and celebrate our families with a dance. This year we will increase the size of the playground and add a bike track and climbing hill when weather permits.

Our preschool program is licensed by the State of New Hampshire. Our curriculum objectives and assessments remain under Creative Curriculum and Teaching Strategies Gold, which are aligned with the New Hampshire Kindergarten Readiness Indicators and the New Hampshire Early Learning Standards.

We are in the registration process for our 2014 summer program and 2014-2015 school year. Contact Elizabeth Janvrin at EAVP@tds.net or 735-5105 for more information.

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

We improve, maintain, and promote the Northern Rail Trail as a four-season multi-use trail through Merrimack County. About 10 miles of the Trail go through Andover, con-

necting West Andover, Potter Place, Andover Center, and East Andover.

In the past year, activities supporting the trail included: For Andover's Fourth of July celebration, Tom Frantz organized the Firecracker 5K foot race on the Trail, and Peter Southworth organized a raffle. S&W Sports of Concord and the Highland Lake Inn of East Andover contributed prizes, with additional support from Jake's Market and Pizza Chef. On July 23 and 24 we hosted the New England Handicapped Sports Association and Boston Veterans Administration's trail ride.

With a \$30,000 grant from the State and equipment donated by Ben and Peter Crowell of New London, in October we added almost four miles of trail to reach Jamie Welch Park at Depot Street in Boscawen. Chris Norris supervised the construction, and Nita Tomaszewski of Franklin was project administrator. In addition, we refinished one mile north of Danbury Town Garage to Ford Mill Road.

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

Immaculate Conception Church

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

Events during the year include the Spaghetti Supper (now 33 years old), our Spring and Fall Rummage Sales, and our annual Strawberry Shortcake Festival each year on the Fourth of July. Dozens of parishioners help to make each event wonderful.

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

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

Our Lady of Fatima Church in New London is our sister church and also has many wonderful events in between ours. These include the upcoming St.

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Andover Energy Group: February 6

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Gisela and Steve Darling, Larry and Susan Chase, Jeff Dickinson, Andy Prokosch, Janet Moore, Vicky Mishcon

We began with public lighting. The Selectmen voted to turn off 12 NHEC lights. The Flaghole Road lights, five in all, have become a petition warrant article to be voted on at Town Meeting. The lights in question are property of PSNH.

Commendations go to Susan and Vicky for carrying out the survey. Perhaps the town skating rink, by the library, should employ motion detector lights. Vicky will check on the proposed lights for the Transfer Station; solar might be a possibility.

Should we staff a table in the gym on Town Meeting day? The consensus was a resounding "yes," as long as we have some exhibit that grabs people. We should contact Ken Wells. Larry has photos from field trips and home installations that would make an inspiring display.

We may be replacing the hot water heater in the bathroom in Town Hall with a tankless unit. Jeff to investigate alternatives.

Andy gave a report on Town bridge replacements. Mike Hansen, from Hansen Bridges, toured the so-called problem bridges with Vicky and Andy and explained how his company could

replace our deteriorating ones with timber bridges. Timber bridges fit in with the rural/small town environment and are longer-lasting; they are constructed from renewable materials.

Next, we talked about the municipal energy plan possibilities, points of discussion stemming from two meetings earlier this year at Town Hall with Town officials, interested citizens, and energy company representatives. The Town needs a committee to investigate long-term energy needs for the municipal and school campuses – as a beginning.

Energy consultant EEI has offered to do a free preliminary assessment of energy needs, especially now that the audit has been completed. We want to get the process started and would likely begin with a request to the Board of Selectmen.

In the fall, we would like to offer another open house for alternative energy-updated houses. On Town Meeting Day, we can approach interested on-lookers with a quick survey: who would like to come to a residential wind energy workshop?

We threw out possibilities for future road trips.

Other Business: On September 27, a Special Olympics event at Carr Field might provide us with a place to showcase Andover Energy Group interests, according to Pecco Beaufays.

We meet again at the Darlings' house on Thursday, March 6.

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Patrick's Day Dinner, and a Holiday Fair in November. Their schedule is Saturday at 5 PM and Sunday at 10:30 AM.

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

Kearsarge

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

KUUF meets on Sunday mornings at 11 AM in the Stone Chapel at Proctor Academy from the beginning of September until the end of June. The Consulting Minister is Reverend Bill Nelson. Sunday School and child care are available. KUUF has the following purposes:

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

On most Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM we have an Adult Education class.

KUUF helps local food banks, has a Meditation Group, and holds a monthly book discussion. We participate in the September CROP walk, help those in need through the UU Service Committee and local families recommended by the VNA, help supply backpacks with school supplies to Andover children, and collect funds to support the Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministry. The Social Concerns Committee updates the Volunteer Opportunities in the Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee Area brochure.

A concert will be held in June. Other social activities occur throughout the year. Visit KUUFnh.org.

New Hampshire

Circle of Home and Family

We stayed true to our mission of "enriching the lives of home and family through knowledge, skills, leadership, and self esteem." We have

sought knowledge with our monthly programs which included Isle of Shoals, Gluten Free, Number Please, Plants, and The Victorian Era.

Our members' skills are many, and they are willing to share them. As program presentation rotates through the group, leadership abilities are evident.

We support our community by donating to the Andover Food Pantry, the Andover Service Club's Thrift Shop, and by helping at the AE/MS Holiday Shoppe. We provided and decorated over 700 bags for this event as well donating gifts and assisting the children with their shopping.

We look forward to another informative and productive year. For information, contact Judy Perrault at 735-5493.

Proctor Academy

Now in its 166th year, Proctor Academy is an innovative college preparatory enrolling 360 students. In 2013-2014, Proctor enrolls 79 day students, of which 33 are Andover residents. Students come to Proctor from 13 countries and 26 states. General inquiries may be directed to the Communications Office at 735-6213, or the Admission Office at 735-6312.

Sixteen girls and two faculty families moved into a new dormitory on December 2. Whimsically named "Sally B" in honor of a retiring trustee and benefactor, the new residence is located at 56 North Street. The other capital project of interest to townspeople is a set of improvements to Proctor Ski Area. A switch from diesel to electric compressors saves \$43,000 annually, while reducing noise. New, efficient lighting and snow guns result in dramatic decreases in electricity use.

Proctor is elevating and promoting community service on campus, in the local area, and through summer trips to distant locales. We actively seek opportunities to help local organizations and townspeople through service. People needing assistance with chores (such as moving firewood, clearing brush, painting projects, etc.) are encouraged to contact Community Program director Adam Jones at 802-999-0066. Visit the program's Facebook page at Facebook.com/PACCommunityProgram.



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It's Time to Apply for Andover Service Club Scholarships

Applications are due by May 2

By Diane Rice, Andover Service Club

The Andover Service Club is pleased to announce that the application process for the 2014 Scholarship awards has begun.

Scholarship applications are available at the Andover Elementary/Middle School, Proctor Academy, Merrimack Valley High School, and the Andover Service Club Thrift Shop. They may also be downloaded from The Andover Beacon's Web site at AndoverBeacon.com/ASC-Scholarship.

Awards are based on academic performance, character attributes, and community involvement, and not on financial need. Graduating seniors and adults entering or continuing their education at a college or a professional or technical school are eligible to apply.

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must have a close tie to the town of Andover. Details of the residential requirements are available in the application packet. All applications and supporting material must be post-marked by May 2, 2014 in order for the application to be considered.

New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family: February 2014

Group explores cooking for one

By Judy Perreault, NHCHF

We started our year with the program Cooking For One. Many people who have gone through the circle of life find themselves a family of one again and find it hard to scale down their cooking. They have lots of leftovers, boredom, and wasted food.

Scaling down a recipe can be tricky. How do you add half an egg? It seems one large egg is one quarter cup. You beat the egg slightly, take out two tablespoons, and save the rest in the refrigerator for another recipe.

Another tip, if you like crock pot cooking, is to buy a smaller size crock pot and reduce the recipe. Don't heat up your oven for just one serving - buy a toaster oven. It is perfect for small servings.

Prepared salad mixes are great for one person, and bagged frozen vegeta-

bles are handy, as you can pour out one to two servings. If you cook too much, there is always the option of packaging it in portions and freezing for use at another time.

This program came with some great recipes. A fun one is Chocolate Cake in a Mug (microwave), one serving: 1 mug (12 oz), 4 T all-purpose flour, 4 T sugar, 2 T baking cocoa, ½ tsp baking powder, 1 egg, 3 T milk, 3 T vegetable oil, 3 T chocolate chips (optional), splash of vanilla. Add dry ingredients and mix well. Add egg and mix. Pour in milk and oil and mix. Add chocolate chips (optional) and vanilla, and mix. Bake 3 minutes. Cake will rise over the top, but that is okay. Allow to cool. Tip out onto plate. This recipe is based on a 1,000 watt microwave. It may take more time if your microwave is not as powerful.

If you would like to join our group, we meet the third Monday of the month at noon. Call 735-5493 for more info.

Franklin Animal Shelter Pet of the Month: Boo Boo

She could lose a few pounds

Press release

This big girl is Boo Boo!

Boo Boo is a lovely domestic, short hair, grey tiger cat. She is about eight years old, and she is spayed, litter box trained, and current on all her vaccinations.

Boo Boo can be a bit reserved at first but seems to warm up to people once she feels secure. She is quite independent, but she doesn't mind a good scratch on the head either.

Boo Boo has obviously eaten well over the years and is a bit overweight. She is currently on a diet, and her new owner will need to watch her food intake for a while.

Boo Boo will probably be fine with other pets, if introduced slowly. However, older children would be best.

Come see Boo Boo at the shelter and



see what a sweet feline this girl is! If you'd like more information about Boo Boo or any of the animals at the shelter, please contact us at 934-4132, or visit FranklinAnimalShelter.com.

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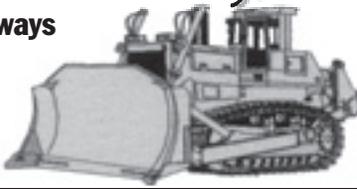
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Fight Childhood Cancer: Get Your Head Shaved!

March 29, 4 PM, at Proctor Academy

Press release

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is the largest private, volunteer-driven charity fighting childhood cancer in the United States. It raises both funds and awareness of childhood cancer through head-shaving events across the nation.

On Saturday, March 29 at 4 PM, several dozen people (perhaps many more!) will sit for haircuts at Proctor Academy's Farrell Field House at 12

Field House Lane in Andover. Some "shavees" are sponsored by friends and relatives. Others are contributing their own donations.

First responders, firefighters, police officers, and military troops have been a big part of St. Baldrick's from the beginning. Thousands have added head-shaving to their public service. To date, 10 Andover firefighters have signed up to have their heads shaved, and likely more will follow.

You are invited to be a hero to children fighting cancer by attending in any capacity, whether you have your head shaved, sponsor a shavee with a donation of any size, or simply join the excitement of this great cause!

To sponsor a shave, simply go to the St. Baldrick's Web site at StBaldricks.org and type "Proctor Academy" into the "Search for people or events" box at the top of the page. Then click the "donate" button next to your favorite shavee.

For addition information, contact Chris Young at 735-6258.



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Michaela Trefethen

Perfect 4.0 at Barton College

Press release

Michaela Trefethen was one of only four out-of-state students named to the President's List for the fall semester at Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina. Being on the President's List means she compiled a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester.



Ms. Stacia Martin and Ms. Pamela Veeder of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Natasha Mariah Martin, to Nicholas John Marrone, son of Al and Diane Marrone of Sandown, New Hampshire. Ms. Natasha Martin is also the daughter of Mr. Germano Martins and his wife, Kathleen Martins, of Hooksett. Ms. Martin, a graduate of Rivier College in Nashua, is a Discovery Solutions Coordinator at EBSCO Information Services in Ipswich, Massachusetts. Mr. Marrone, a graduate of Castleton State College in Castleton, Vermont, is a Retirement Consultant at Putnam Investments in Andover, Massachusetts. A September wedding is planned.

Michael Donovan Earns High Honors at UNH

Press release

Michael Donovan of Andover has earned High Honors for the fall semester of the 2013-2014 academic year at the University of New Hampshire.

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



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OBITUARIES

CLINTON WAYNE PATTEN died January 17, 2014. He was born on March 9, 1931 in East Andover, the son of Harold and Florence (Tenney) Patten. He attended Andover and Franklin High Schools.

He lived on the Concord Heights for over 63 years; living on East Sugar Ball Road and then Pembroke Road since May 1976. He worked for the State of New Hampshire Highway Department, Brezner Tannery, Concord Lumber (20 years), Bank of New Hampshire (now known as TD Bank) as a courier; most recently, part time for Concord Union School District as a bus monitor and special needs van driver.

He was married to Maxrene (Dale) Patten for 58 years prior to her passing in 2008.

He leaves his son and daughter-in-law, Past City Councilor and State Representative Richard (Dick) and Debra Fournier Patten; his daughter, Miss Debra Patten, Concord; his sister-in-law, Mrs. Irene Spaulding, Concord; his brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Martha Patten, Salisbury; sister-in-law, Katherine Patten, Salisbury; adopted grandchildren, Juan Aceros, Jacksonville, Florida; Christopher Hillsgrove, Exeter; Jennifer Boulay, Troy; James Lord Jr., Florida; Tyler Martel, Concord; his several grandchildren;

nieces and nephews; cousins, including Robert Patten, Bristol; Kenneth Patten, Alexandria; Albro Patten, Concord. He leaves several grand-nephews and nieces. He also leaves close friends Mrs. Janice Boynton, Dunbarton; Mrs. Geraldine Marquis Harrington, Concord; John Lorden, Webster; and Mrs. Veronica Fournier, Concord.

He was predeceased in addition to his wife, Maxrene by his daughter, Sandra Lee; his parents, Harold and Florence Patten; brother, Clement Patten; sisters, Thelma Patten and Evelyn Hoyt.

He was a 45-year member and Past Master of Concord Grange #322; member of Merrimack County Pomona Grange, New Hampshire State Grange, and National Grange. He served as a member of the State Grange Membership Committee and Past Director for the New Hampshire State Grange Agriculture Committee.

He was a communicant of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Concord and served on the Concord Christmas Parade Committee for 40 years.

He loved his summer camp that he built with his wife Maxrene in York, Maine on Scituate Pond; the road was named after the family. He always loved gardening at his home, on Pembroke Road. He would take numerous vegeta-

bles grown in his garden to neighbors. He enjoyed country music, especially Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson. He also enjoyed watching Boston Red Sox baseball. His favorite college football team was the Nebraska Cornhuskers, although the Michigan Wolverines were a close second. He enjoyed eating meals at Windmill Restaurant and Veano's Italian Kitchen, Pembroke and Makris Seafood. He and his late wife enjoyed square dancing at Fortune's Barn, Bradford, or Daniel Webster Grange Hall.

Calling hours were held on January 19 at Bennett Funeral Home in Concord. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on January 20 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Burial followed at Blossom Hill Cemetery. There was a gathering in the Parish Hall at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church following the burial.

Donations may be sent to Concord Grange c/o Mrs. Yvonne Crocker, Treasurer, 33 Christian Avenue for the 100th anniversary that he was going to help plan; or the Concord Fire Department, Retired Firefighters Fund, Horseshoe Lane, Concord. Messages of condolence may be offered at BennettFuneral.com.

CHERI P. BATES passed on to be with our Lord on Monday, January 27, at New London Hospital surrounded by

her loving family. Cheri fought a six-year battle with Alzheimer's and finally succumbed to pneumonia.

Cheri was born in Salem, Massachusetts on April 3, 1967, the daughter of Loretta (Raymond) Bates and William S. Bates.



Cheri graduated from Concord High School in Concord in 1988 with the Special Education Class.

Cheri participated in the Special Olympics and won a Gold Medal in the 50-yard run and the softball throw representing Essex County in the Massachusetts Olympics.

Cheri worked full-time at New London Hospital for 16 years in the laundry until six years ago with the onset of her sickness. Cheri was the first Cross Bearer at the Immaculate Conception Church in Andover, a position she held for over 30 years. Her hobbies were riding her three-wheeler and swinging on her swing while listening to her music on her headset. Cheri was a special angel sent

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The history and association between the two firms goes back many years with the previous owners, Walton Chadwick and Clinton "Junior" Bartlett. They were business competitors but remained good friends throughout their lifetimes. Walt died in 2002 and Junior in 2008. We are fortunate that Stephen Robertson, a longtime funeral director in Newport, remains as manager of Newton-Bartlett.

We are very grateful for the opportunity to serve this wider community and appreciate the support and friendship of so many friends and neighbors.

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from God above to spread her love to everyone she came in contact with, which she did for over 46 years. Cheri loved everyone and everyone loved Cheri.

Cheri is survived by her parents, Loretta and William Bates of Andover; three brothers: Thomas Bates and David Bates of Andover and Mike Bates of Lakeland, Florida; and two sisters: Amy (Bates) Cushing of New London and Rebecca (Bates) Smart of Andover.

The funeral Mass was held at the Immaculate Conception Church on Church Lane in Andover on February 1. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Immaculate Conception Church in care of Our Lady of Fatima, 724 Main Street, New London 03257.

HAZEL I. (HOLT) BROWN, 91, of New London, died Friday, January 31, 2014 at The Clough Center in New London. Hazel was born in Andover on November 27, 1922, the daughter of Jesse M. and Iva H. (Braley) Holt. She graduated from Concord High School in 1940. She worked for Fitch Murray Drugstore in Concord as a waitress for several years and also at the Poly Susan Bakery in Concord for about 10 years. Hazel worked as a waitress in the dining room at Colby-Sawyer College.

She lived in Hartford, Connecticut for 23 years and while there had been a technician at the Institute for Living, retiring in 1987. After her retirement, she moved to New London



and worked at the First Baptist Church in the office for several years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of New London and was a member and the first desk volunteer for the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging. Hazel volunteered for Meals on Wheels. She used to

like to crochet and decorate cakes.

She married Robert Brown in 1955, and he died in 1991.

Family members surviving include a niece, Isabelle Terk of East Middlebury, Vermont and two nephews, James Holt of Reva, Virginia and Timothy Holt of Troy, New York; many grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces, and great-grandnephews; and many close friends.

A celebration of Hazel's life was held on February 5 at the First Baptist Church of New London. Burial will be in Proctor Cemetery, Andover, in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, PO Box 336, New London 03257, or to Council on Aging, PO Box 1263, New London 03257.

MARGARET ROSE (LAPLANTE) PAQUETTE died at Lakes Region General Hospital on February 1, 2014, following a three-month fight against cancer.

Margaret was born on June 10, 1938, in East Andover, one of seven children of the late J. Benjamin and Dorothy (Hersey) Laplante. Mrs. Paquette was a graduate of Franklin High School, attended Plymouth State College of the University of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Vocational Technical College, Laconia. In addition to being a mother and homemaker, Mrs. Paquette worked at the Laconia Peoples' Bank and the Nighswander, Lord, Martin PA of Laconia, from which she retired in 1997, after 18 years of service.



Mrs. Paquette was a long-time member of the Lakes Region General Hospital Auxiliary, and member and four-year past president of the Lakeport Woman's Club. She served several terms as a trustee of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation.

Mrs. Paquette was a communicant of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, St. Andre Bessette Parish, of Laconia.

Family members include her husband of 56 years, F. Andre Paquette; a son, Jean-Pierre Paquette and his wife, Kelly, of New London; two daughters, Lisette McCarthy and her husband, Ron Parizo, of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, and Monique Scharlotte and her husband, David, of Concord.

She is also survived by three sisters, Helen Duchesne of Bristol, Irene Hoffmann and her husband, George, of Indianapolis, and Rita Norander and her husband, Robert, of East Andover; and seven grandchildren, Teagan and Tyler McCarthy, Benjamin and William Scharlotte, and Katherine, Elise, and Gabrielle Paquette; one great-granddaughter, and many members of the extended LaPlante and Paquette families.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a brother, J. Benjamin LaPlante of Franklin; two sisters, Eleanor Kehoe of Norwich, New York and Janet Mayo of Cincinnati; and three grandchildren, Francis, Michelle, and Meghan McCarthy.

There were no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on February 14 at Sacred Heart Church of St. Andre Bessette Parish, 291 Union Avenue, Laconia. Following the Mass, there was a reception for family and friends at the Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon St. East, Laconia. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mrs. Paquette's name may be made to The Belknap Mill Society, 25 Beacon St. East, Laconia 03246; to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Meghan McCarthy Research Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline MA 02445; or to the Dame Scholarship of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 7312, Gilford 03247-7312.

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Proctor Awaits Plans for New Dining Hall

Classic New England look, with views

By Chuck Will
Proctor Academy

Proctor is in the early stages of planning a new dining facility. The current dining hall, which occupies the south end of Farrell Field House, was originally assumed to be a temporary site following the loss of the Cary House dining facility to fire in April, 1977.

Over the years, however, the current Cannon Dining Hall received both cosmetic and structural improvements, including a mezzanine dining level and (twice) reconfigured entrance. Over these same years, however, the student and adult population of the community grew by approximately 30%. The need for a new, more spacious facility has been agreed upon for years.

The key, of course, is funding, and a dining facility is an expensive undertaking! To enable a successful capital fund-raising drive, the school has hired Maclay Architects of Waitsfield, Vermont to create conceptual renderings and plans for consideration and future refinement.

Known for energy efficient, environmentally responsible designs, Maclay is currently considering a stand-alone facility of approximately 18,000 square feet situated immediately to the south of the existing dining hall with a seating capacity of 350 to 400. They favor a two-story structure with a classic New England look and feel, with views to the south toward Proctor Ski Area and to the east toward the center of campus and the pond area. The interior will likely feature interactive food serving stations at which diners can custom order meals at grill and stir-fry stations, a pizza oven, deli bar, etc.

The prospect of the new dining facility has enabled the school to consider related master planning issues for the west end of campus, including parking, student pathways, open space and green area, drainage, and the interaction between athletics, nutrition, and dining.

Timing? The project is currently in the schematic design phase, which is anticipated for completion early this summer. Beyond that, a construction calendar will have to wait for the successful completion of the fund-raising initiative.



Cousins Roger and Jerry Hersey on their Andover conserved property.
Photo: Matthew Hersey

Remembering Roger Hersey

The Hersey Farm was one of his special places

By Rita LaPlante Norander

Reprinted from ASLPT newsletter

Roger Hersey, an Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) land donor, died on May 12, 2013 at age 64, after a four-year battle with multiple myeloma, a form of bone cancer.

Roger grew up in Hartford, Connecticut, and spent the last 30 years of his life in Middlefield, Connecticut, where he and his wife Nancy, raised their five children. After working for the state of Connecticut as facilities manager in the judicial department for 19 years, Roger retired, and along with his wife, founded Auto Body Specialties, Inc., thus following his childhood passion for classic cars and trucks.

Roger was a caring and supportive husband, who valued his time with his family, and he thoroughly enjoyed playing with his grandchildren.

The Hersey Farm in East Andover was one of Roger's special places, and his eyes would light up at the mention

of New Hampshire and the farm. Roger was proud of his heritage and was a faithful attendant at the Hersey Reunion. He was its treasurer for 40 years, and in 1997 Roger hosted the 100th reunion at the Hersey Farm.

Roger's grandparents, Nannie and Guy Hersey, purchased the farm in 1904. They eventually turned the farm over to their son, Samuel, and he in turn to his son, Roger. With this much family history at stake, Roger was dedicated to preserving the farm and its legacy.

Roger and his cousin Jerry, who owns the neighboring farm, worked together with the Andover Historical Society to list the Hersey Family Farms on the National Register of Historic Places, an honor which was achieved in 2008. Jerry, a long-time member of the Andover Conservation Commission, placed his 268 acres of fields and forest land into a conservation easement with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust in 2007.

With Jerry's encouragement and help, Roger began the process for a similar easement on his 55-acre farm. In November of 2010, this goal was achieved, thus ensuring that the picturesque open fields and scenic views of Roger's farm would be protected forever.

The legacy of the Hersey Farm continues today, as Roger's daughter, Lori Hersey, is now the fourth-generation owner of the farm. She and her husband Tom and their sons Owen and Aaron are just as committed to preserving the farm and its history as those in the family who have come before them.

Rita, a former teacher, grew up in East Andover and lived in Massachusetts for 49 years with her husband Bob. In 2012, Rita and Bob retired and moved into Rita's childhood home, which has remained in the LaPlante family since 1929. Rita especially enjoys local history and family genealogy.

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The AE/MS kindergarten celebrated the 100th day of school on February 11. All year, the students have been counting the days and building up to the 100th day. This was a good opportunity to practice counting to 100. To celebrate, the kindergarten dressed up like 100-year-old people. (They were the most energetic elderly people one could imagine!) They also brought in 100 items to share with the class.

The class did jumping jacks and hopped for 100 seconds, followed by 100 seconds of silliness, and then 100 seconds of silence. The students also stacked 100 cups and made a necklace with 100 beads. The day was full of fun and learning about the number 100!

Mrs. Witt's class (above): Back - Lydia Thisell, Ollie Grotnes, Indira McIntyre, Anna Warzocha, Mrs. Fadden, Zach Dudek, Ethan Dukette, Vanessa Guptill. Front - Miss Demello, Ryleigh Perry, DeLana Adams, Asa Gilman, Dylan Menard, Ben Newton, Damien Jenifer, Dominick Delaney, Cilla Abrahamson, Jon Grodin, Mrs. Witt.

Mr. Kidder's class (below): Back - Myles Keyser, Mrs. Fadden. Front - Declan Bison, Ella Labrie, Hayden Considine, Nathan Bain, Dan Shedd, Hannah Churchill, Tai Ferland, Caleb Moriarty, Hayden Moriarty, Emma Raymond, Eva Harbour, Carter Wheeler, Mr. Kidder, Chance Thibault, Billy Caron.



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On January 31, the AE/MS Chorus had an exciting performance opportunity at the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester. Our students were selected to sing *God Bless America* to kick off an exciting match between our top-seeded Manchester Monarchs and the second-ranked Binghamton Senators.

Our students, accompanied by Mr. Stewart on guitar, sang beautifully as the entire arena watched and listened. We were even displayed on the giant video monitors over center ice! After our impressive performance, we settled in to watch the Monarchs score the first five goals on their way to a 5-1 win over Binghamton.

Special thanks to our hard-working chorus members, Mrs. Slayton, Mrs. Parenteau, Ms. Braley, and everyone else who made such a wonderful evening possible!

Pictured are Sadie Duquette, Ruelle Jenifer, Maddy Brayshaw, Aidan O'Donnell, Dillon Reed, Ethan Davis, Gloriana Brown, and Emmi Abrahamson. Missing from photo are Savannah Drewry and Hannah French.



Andover Rec Basketball has come to a close this season with the fifth- and sixth-grade boys taking home the championship. They played hard all year and won the Quad Valley Tournament 46-41 against Sunapee. Pictured are Coach Chuck Keyser, Clay Farley, Ethan Myerhoeffer, Dillan Reed, William Furtkamp, Coach Darryl Furtkamp, Hunter Hawks, Caleb Chevarie, Chase Keyser, Ronan Walsh, Riley Keezer, Jarrett Benson, Aiden O'Donnell, Cyrus King, and Coach Roger Keezer. Caption and photo: Emily Furtkamp

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Alicia Barry, Katie Nelson, Taylor Drewniak, Leah Brodie, Terry Stoecker, Allison Barry, and Jacqui Morris (kneeling) pause on a snowy day for a photo with two of their horses. The big white one is Clint, a rescue horse.

Photo: Chuck Will

Area Students Enjoy Winter Horsemanship at Whisper Wind

Rehabilitating Clint,
a rescue horse

By Terry Stoecker, Proctor Academy

Nine students from Proctor Academy come together as one to comprise Proctor's Winter Horsemanship program. Of this group, two students hail from Andover and one from New London. The group meets six days a week at Whisper Wind Stable on Flaghole Road in East Andover. Owner of the stable and Head Coach of the team Allison Barry claims, "This activity is not for the faint of heart, as New Hampshire winters are challenging for horses and their riders."

For Winter Horsemanship, we are rehabilitating a rescue horse and his four-year-old miniature horse companion. We are focusing on all aspects of horse ownership and care. Our other activities include ski joring, trail riding, driving the carriage and the sleigh depending on weather, and fostering a rescue horse from Live and Let Live Farm.

Live and Let Live Farm Rescue is an animal shelter that rescues abused and unwanted animals. They provide either a forever home or a temporary home for each and every one of their animals. Live and Let Live currently holds over 100 rescued animals. Volunteers from all around come together to work with the animals on the farm. The farm allows animals who were never given a chance to now get another chance at loving care.

Proctor's Winter Horsemanship students have varied abilities and experiences which offer unique and diverse methods of training and riding. The goal of the team is to learn about caring for horses in addition to riding and handling them when the weather permits. Each and every one of the Proctor students have a different view and different ways of handling our horses. By bringing all of our methods together, both the horses and the team members

learn more about each other.

This winter, the team has banded together in order to bring our rescue horse Clint into the program. Clint is a ten-year-old draft cross in need of love and guidance. Our goal is to work together as a team to rehabilitate Clint and provide necessary veterinary care, farrier work, and training to enable him to find his forever home.

We picked Clint up from Live and Let Live on January 15. Within just two days, he went from "playing hard to get" to just standing in place and letting each of us halter him up and take him for a walk. As we continue to work with him, it is clear that he remembers his past and is a quick learner. As each day with Clint passes, we start to see the light at the end of the tunnel for him.

As Clint continues to learn from us, he betters his chances of finding the forever home and loving owner that he has needed and wanted for a long time now. As a team, we like to think that we are making this kind horse's sad past fade away and his great future become a little more clear.

Clint's care and expenses are covered by donation. The Winter Horsemanship team worked together to sell 100 Live and Let Live Farm calendars for \$15 each, as well as ask around for donations to help cover his expenses. We sent over \$600 to Live and Let Live as a donation and to cover the cost of the calendars that we sold.

Any help to care for Clint may be made to the Winter Horsemanship program at Whisper Wind Stable or to Live and Let Live Farm Rescue. Any donations for Clint's foster care are much appreciated by Clint, the Winter Horsemanship team, and Live and Let Live farm. Donations for Clint's care and professional training can be sent to Whisperwind Stable, 647 Flaghole Road, Andover 03216 or call 934-2139.

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fruit leaves), ants on a log, yogurts, and lots of healthy breads and muffins.

Diners made donations and the second grade students discussed and voted to donate \$227.61 to the Franklin Animal Shelter.

I should also mention this breakfast was scheduled and rescheduled several times due to snow days. Parents went above and beyond to help even amidst the date changes. One super-powered grandmother even delivered peanut butter and heart sandwiches after spending the night and early morning hours with her daughter at the hospital where she delivered twins. That's certainly above-and-beyond effort by a family!

Chinese New Year

Fourth grade students with their elaborate handmade, festive dragons accompanied by our talented band, enthusiastic eighth grade students, and teachers in ornamental garb snaked their way through the building for the annual Dragon Parade. We are always happy to celebrate Chinese New Year and then enjoy an incredible Asian-themed lunch in the school cafeteria.

"Enough already – No more snow days!" can be heard over and over again by teachers, parents, and yes, even students. Middle school students were especially not pleased to lose last Friday as it meant the loss of a ski day and a Valentines dance. And second grade students and teachers were quite irritated at having their Healthy Heart Breakfast rescheduled over and over again. However, the snow is beautiful, and I have heard of many great adventures enjoyed by students on snow days.

Please know that the decision to cancel or delay school is not taken lightly and is made by Superintendent Michael Martin after consulting with road agents, bus companies, weather forecasters, and others, often beginning the day before an event. The decision is based entirely on the safety of the students in Andover and the Merrimack Valley School District.

As of today we have had one delayed opening and five snow days. It could always be worse. I remember the 2007-2008 school year, when we had ten snow days and nine delayed openings! We do seem to pick up a lot of snow days in February and at least one or two in March. Stay tuned...

You have probably seen some of the creative "Snow Day" recordings that have gone viral. Check out the AE/MS Snow Day Slide Show. It can be found on our Web site at AEMSeagles.org. It was made by very creative and talented AE/MS staff members.

Parent Breakfast

Parent Breakfast was a great success! We are very appreciative to the Johnson and Bonk families. The real maple syrup and delicious yogurt was due to their generosity.

Our eighth grade students toured Merrimack Valley High School recently. The MVHS athletic director and

counselors will now visit our school to talk with eighth grade students about sports options, arts involvement, and help with course selection.

The annual School District Meeting is Monday, March 3, at 7 PM in the school gym. It is at this meeting that the budget is voted upon for the 2014-15 school year. You must be present to vote.

Entertainment for students will be provided in the middle school classrooms. There will be age-appropriate board games and movies. School staff members and eighth grade students are helping to entertain so that families may attend the meeting.

Projects are coming in and big assignments have all been completed, as we are now just a day away from the start of vacation. We are also in the middle of Spirit Week. Every day has a theme, culminating with Beach Day on Friday. The day before vacation, students are treated to snow cones at the Andover Beach (usually known as the gym). Spirit Week is planned and run by our Student Council members.

Donation from BJ's

BJ's Wholesale Club in Tilton recently partnered with us for their Adopt-A-School Program. We will be receiving a check for \$500.00 and a free one-year business membership. The money will go into our playground fund, and the membership will help our PTO with purchasing items throughout the year for fundraisers and events. This was a nice surprise!

A spirited and successful basketball season has ended for our middle school students. As always, good sportsmanship ruled the courts wherever our Andover Eagles played. While we hate to see basketball season come to an end, we do look forward to spring track practices with our Olympian, Coach Nick Fairall.

Snow days even played havoc with the Friday Ski Program this winter. There will be one more ski day on Friday, March 7. We are appreciative to the Town of Andover, Proctor Academy, and lots and lots of volunteers for making skiing, snowboarding, and skating available to our students.

National Pi Day will be recognized at AE/MS on Friday, March 14. There are math activities planned throughout the day for all students. Older students will be teaching younger students, and there will be many different pi contests. How many digits can you recite? And of course, there will be a pi-themed lunch!

AE/MS Class of '23

We are looking for members of the 2014-15 kindergarten class. If you know of Andover children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2014, please send them our way. We are excited to welcome another kindergarten class! Parents should call AE/MS for registration information.

Mark your calendar – *Honk!*, a play based on Hans Christian Andersen's *The Ugly Duckling*, is planned for Thursday, March 27 and Friday, March 28. There will be two evening performances. Tickets are available at the door. We anticipate a full house on both evenings.



Another capital project recently completed at Proctor is a set of improvements to the Proctor Ski Area. A switch from diesel to electric compressors saves \$43,000 annually while greatly reducing noise. New, efficient lighting and snow guns result in dramatic decreases in electricity use. (Pictured is one of the new high-efficiency snowmaking guns in use.) Future plans call for expanded snowmaking and lighting to benefit cross-country skiers. Caption and photo: Chuck Will

New Proctor Dorm, "Sally B," Opens on North Street

Finish work went right to the end ... and beyond

By Chuck Will, Proctor Academy

Sixteen girls and two Proctor faculty families moved into a new Proctor Academy dormitory on December 2. Whimsically named "Sally B" in honor of a retiring trustee and benefactor, the new residence is located at 56 North Street. This location provided convenient access to services including electricity, town water, and steam from the biomass plant that serves most of the campus.

The new occupants had to share

space during working hours with finish carpenters and painters, as the job was not quite complete at the start of winter term! No matter: the students, dorm parents, and their families are very happy in their beautiful new living space.

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Back: Coach McCarthy, Koby Perreault, Alan Thompson, Bret Russell, Ezra Jenifer, DJ Rankins, Coach Tucker. Front: Zack Cronin, Nelson Makechnie, Teigan Friedrich, Keygan Sweeney. Photo: Jen Bent



Back: Coach Tucker, Jared Frost, John Maynard, Noah Newton, Alex Crucitti, Collin O'Donnell, Coach McCarthy. Front: Cam Donovan, Devin Barton, Matt Bent, Jack Newton, Myles Powers. Photo: Jen Bent

AE/MS Basketball Wraps Up a Great Season

By AE/MS Athletic Department

The AE/MS middle school basketball teams completed the 2013-2014 season with a great deal of excitement and fun. The team hosted two games with Indian River. The night began with the boys White Team stepping onto the court first. In the first quarter, the team played well. Defense was solid, and rebounding was the key. The White Team ended the first quarter only down by two points.

In the second quarter, the team had a few key turnovers and were out-rebounded. This allowed Indian River to take control of the game. The boys continued to battle throughout the game, but in the end Indian River was too much.

The boys Blue Team played the second game of the night. It was a game full of great passing and hustle. The team played three solid quarters.

In the fourth quarter, Indian River came out charging and pulled ahead by four points. The boys traded baskets back and forth, but lost steam in the end, losing by only four points. Both teams showed a lot of heart and hustle.

The girls team and boys Blue Team were back at it the following night, with some exciting basketball for the

Andover Eagles as they traveled to Franklin to take on the Hurricanes.

The boys started the night with a tough first quarter, ending with 14 point deficit. They rallied in the second quarter and began gaining on the Hurricanes. Things really improved with great rebounding and hustle led by Noah Newton, Alex Crucitti, and Collin O'Donnell. This allowed our seventh graders - Matt Bent, Cam Donovan, Jack Newton, and Jared Frost - to play great defense. The Eagles pulled within one point with eight seconds, left but in the end the Eagles just ran out of time. It was a tough loss, 38-37.

The girls team played a great game, with solid defense and perfect passing. The girls jumped to a lead in the second quarter and never looked back. Every one helped with the win. Hannah French, Hayley Heath, and Emily Bates with their key rebounds, Tiffany Poulin with nice defense, then the guards - Lexi Emeny, Katherine Thompson, Maddy Brayshaw, Tori Braley - rallied our defense to hold off Franklin. With Kate Barton leading the way in scoring, the Eagles ended the game with an eight point advantage.

The Eagles next played host to the Kearsarge Cougars. The girls began



Back: Coach Tucker, Hannah French, Katelyn Barton, Emily Bates, Tiffany Poulin, Haley Heath. Front: Kathryn Thompson, Lexi Emeny, Madisyn Brayshaw, Tori Braley. Photo: Jen Bent

the night taking on the hard-charging defense of the Cougars. Neither team could hold the lead as they swapped baskets through the first three quarters. In the fourth quarter, the Cougars pulled to a three-point lead. The Eagles rallied with minutes left, but in the end fell short, losing by only five points.

The boys game was all Eagles as they jumped to an early lead and never

looked back. The Eagles controlled the game with great defense and excellent passing. The boys White Team played a solid game, and everyone contributed to the win. Way to go, Eagles!

The Andover Eagles went on the road to take on the Warriors from Ashland. The boys began the night a little flat. The team pulled together and began to play some solid basketball. At the end of the first quarter, the Eagles found themselves down by 10 points. Led by Alan Thompson, DJ Rankins, and Ezra Jenifer, the Eagles pulled within four points in the third quarter.

With great teamwork, the Eagles gained the lead in the fourth quarter. The lead was swapped back and forth until the end of the game. With a tie score, the Warriors went to the foul line with 2.8 seconds on the clock. Ashland moved ahead by one point. The Eagles were not done. Calling a quick time out and mapping out a long court play, Ezra Jenifer inbounded the ball to DJ Rankins, who buried the game-winning basket. Final score: 43-42.

The girls took the court for the sec- See Basketball on page 43

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Future Olympians gathered in the winter of 1997-98. Back left is Carl Van Loan; back right is Jed Hinkley and Coach Tim Norris. Front left is a young Nick Fairall.

Olympics from page 44

Carl Van Loan's Nordic combined career took off during his time at Proctor, when he was named the Junior National Champion in cross country skiing as well as the Junior National Champion in Nordic combined skiing. Immediately following his graduation from Proctor, Van Loan moved to Steamboat Springs, Colorado and joined the US Nordic Combined Ski team.

Between 1998 and 2006, Van Loan represented the United States in four world championship races and two Olympic games and won twelve cross country ski races in the World Cup B Nordic Combined circuit, including a gold medal at the 1999 World Junior Championships and a silver medal at the 2000 World Junior Championships. Van Loan now runs his own personal training business and continues to give back to the Nordic ski community as a coach.

Jed Hinkley, a native of Andover and son of long-time Proctor faculty members Bert and Dani Hinkley, grew up competing with Van Loan (a native of Webster) before joining him on Proctor's Nordic and Ski Jumping teams during their shared time at Proctor in the late 1990s.

Hinkley competed on the World Cup B Nordic combined circuit with Van Loan and also qualified for the 2002 US Olympic Nordic Combined team. In addition to his bid to the 2002 Olympics, Hinkley's seven-year stint on the US Nordic Combined Ski team included four World Junior Championship Teams, the same 1999 and 2000 World Junior Championship results as Van Loan, and the 2003 World Championship team.

Hinkley is now a high school chemistry and biomedical sciences teacher in Aurora, Colorado, where he continues to cycle and ski.

Now Fairall's journey has come full circle, as he recently visited the Andover Elementary/Middle School and spoke to students about the challenges he has had to overcome during his competitive ski career. Fairall shared similar thoughts with the Proctor community last Friday, highlighting the devastation he felt after being the last athlete cut from the 2010 Olympic Ski Jumping team.

"I was crushed, but was also surrounded by friends and family who

helped me get over that devastation and recommit to my goals." Fairall went on to implore Proctor's students not to be put off by adversity, but rather to embrace it, to work through it, and to allow it to make you a stronger person in the end.

While Van Loan, Hinkley, and Fairall represent three Olympians trained by Tim Norris at the Proctor Ski Area and the Andover Outing Club, former Proctor snowboarder racer Sarah (Hamor) Greensfield '00 also represented the United States at the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics when she foreran for the Women's Snowboard Racing team. Following her years racing at Proctor, Greensfield went on to race competitively on the national level before being placed as an alternate on the 2002 Women's Snowboard Racing team.

Greensfield has gone on to have a successful career as an entrepreneur and business consultant living in southern New Hampshire's seacoast region.

Additionally, fellow Andover resident Chris Lamb (ski jumping) narrowly missed the 2014 Olympic team, while Kris Freeman (Nordic skiing) will represent the United States and Andover in the Olympics for the fourth time after competing in the 2002, 2006, and 2010 Olympics, a truly remarkable accomplishment for the 33-year-old who competes as a distance Nordic skier despite having Type 1 Diabetes.

Congratulations to all Proctor alumni who have represented the United States at the Olympic levels. Thank you for the example you have set for current athletes, and for recognizing the role Proctor played in your careers! 

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Senior Project at MVHS Focuses on Food Drive

Brooke Ellis involves AE/MS students

By Brooke Ellis, MVHS '14

Every senior at Merrimack Valley High School is required to do what is referred to as The Senior Project. Going into it, all I knew was that I wanted to use this opportunity to help those in need in my community.

After researching hunger in the United States, I found that although there are many federal and state organizations that help fight hunger on a large level, the importance of a food pantry on a local level is huge. With that in mind, I challenged myself to do this project.

For me, helping to organize a food drive at Andover Elementary and Middle School meant that I would have the opportunity to both work with and also involve the students in doing some good for our community. The obvious problem facing food pantries is that food is

constantly running out, therefore there is always a need for food to be donated.

On Friday, February 7, I had the privilege of visiting an assembly at AE/MS to share with the whole school the importance of food pantries and the details of my project. To spice things up a bit for them, I made it a competition among classes. The prize for the class that brings in the greatest number of items to contribute will be an ice cream party.

Food will be collected in each classroom from February 17 to March 7. At the end of the food drive, students will have the opportunity to bring the food from the school to the food pantry and stock the shelves. Hopefully, this experience will open the students' eyes to see the problems surrounding hunger in our community.

I am very thankful to have the outstanding help and support of the staff at AE/MS. 

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ond game of the night. In the first quarter, the girls played well, showing great defense that helped them pulled ahead by four points. With scoring led by Kate Barton and Lexi Emeny and great rebounding by Hannah French, the Eagles held off a hard-charging Ashland team in the second quarter. The team in the second half continued to move the ball well and push it up the court, pulling ahead by 10 and never looking back. The final score was 28-19.

The Andover Eagles hosted the second annual basketball invitational tournament. The teams consisted of Campton, Ashland, Indian River, and our own seventh grade boys playing for the Eagles.

The boys started out well, taking on Campton. With a game filled with lead changes, the Eagles fell to a four-point loss. The boys rallied and came back to win the next two games, sending them into the finals to take on Campton once again.

Campton had not lost a game all day. But the Eagles would not be denied. They pulled together as a team, with great passing and hustle on defense,

and jumped out to an early lead. The lead grew in the second half, and the Eagles pulled away with a 14 point win over Campton. With that final effort, the boys were able to crown themselves champions of the day.

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

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

All teams hope to finish the season with their traditional challenge game against the parents, followed by a potluck dinner and awards ceremony.

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

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The AE/MS second grade presented another successful Healthy Heart Restaurant again this year. Emily Babbitt, Ellie Welch, Arienna Perry, Jason Koziol, Chloe Colby, Moriah Sorois, Dylan Heller, Wyatt King, (hidden: Cameron Chevarie and Elliot Asbury), Ella Noyes, Dylan Hammond, Trinity Delaney, (hidden: Damion Letourneau), Delaney Young, Jeremiah Dashnaw, Oliver Andrews, Grace Plante, Miles Hurlbutt, Norah Carlson, Jeremiah Mock, Luke Demers, Braeden MacKenzie, Xavier Fredette, and Emily Hackmann. Missing on this day: Colton Howe, Eliza McDonald. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

Second Graders Present Healthy Heart Restaurant

... plus more news from AE/MS

By Jane Slayton
AE/MS principal

The second grade classes opened their always-popular Healthy Heart Restaurant before vacation. Third graders and staff members were very happy customers. All diners reported their hearts felt healthy and happy after eat-

ing the nutritious breakfast.

Second graders learned organization skills, math skills, and how to serve the public. There was an extraordinary display of healthy choices made and delivered by second grade families. Menu items included organic fruit smoothies, deviled eggs from Andover chickens, pineapple flowers (flower made from pineapple with a grape center and star-

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Dakota Shedd Attends Medical Conference

Selected for academic excellence

Press release

Dakota Shedd, daughter of Jeremy Shedd of East Andover and Jennifer Michael of Penacook; and Anna McFarlin,



Dakota Shedd was selected to attend a medical conference in Washington DC.

daughter of Jessica and Jack McFarlin of Penacook, represented Merrimack Valley High School at last month's 2014 Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Washington DC.

This was a three-day intensive conference for high-achieving high school students interested in the field of medicine. Students attended workshops with leaders in the field of medicine and medical science, including Nobel Prize recipients and National Medal of Science recipients. They learned about the latest breakthroughs in medical science, including genetics, cancer research, and prosthetics.

Both students were nominated based on their commitment to academic excellence and their passion for the field of health science. In addition, Anna was the recipient of a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to help defray costs to attend this event.



Nick Fairall addressed Proctor students and faculty before heading to Sochi to compete in the Olympics. Photo: Chuck Will

Nick Fairall Continues Proctor's Olympic Tradition

AOC, Proctor develop winter sports stars

By Scott Allenby, Proctor Athletics

Nick Fairall's visit to Proctor's Academy's assembly last Friday created much enthusiasm around the upcoming Olympic games. What makes Fairall's journey as a ski jumper even more intriguing is the connection he has to former Proctor students and Olympians Carl Van Loan '98 and Jed Hinkley '99.

As a young six-year-old ski jumper

working under legendary coach Tim Norris at the Proctor Ski Area, and as a member of the Andover Outing Club (AOC), Fairall watched Proctor students Hinkley and Van Loan compete during their high school years. Both Hinkley and Van Loan would go on to compete as members of the US Nordic Olympic team; Van Loan in the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Games and in the 2006 Torino games, and Hinkley in the 2002 Salt Lake City games.

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Don't Miss Girls Softball Sign-Ups!

Last chance is Saturday, March 8

By Melissa Thompson
Andover Girls Softball

Reminder: don't miss the Andover Girls Softball sign ups. Cut-off date is Saturday, March 8. You don't have to be a resident of Andover to play. We hope to offer T-ball for under 6, plus teams for eight and under, under 10, under 12, and under 14.

Practice is twice a week until games start, then once a week. Practices are any times after school up to dark, and games are weeknights at 6 PM and

some Saturdays. The season ends about the time school gets out.

Our next meeting will be held at AE/MS on Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 PM. Anybody interested in coming to see what it involves, we would love to have you get involved. Our meetings run about an hour, and we have some board positions to fill: vice-president, fundraising committee, ballfield committee, and parent reps. These girls need a strong program to keep going.

See our posts on Facebook under Andover Girls Softball, or call or text Melissa at 455-4622 or tmelissa68@yahoo.com.



AE/MS teacher and basketball coach Jim Tucker (center) joined other area teachers to face the Harlem Wizards -- and their good-natured horseplay -- in a benefit game for Haley Roy, an MVHS sophomore recently diagnosed with lymphoma. Photo: Leighton Terwilliger