



With many hands and heavy hearts, the firemen of the Andover Fire Department have been building a memorial for Firefighter Jim Graham, who passed away in November of 2013. The department used many donations made in memory of Jim to purchase and install a flag pole at the Andover fire station. A dedication will be held on Sunday, June 8, at 4 PM. Please join us in honoring Jim as we raise the flag for the first time.

Caption: Meaghan Barton. Photo: Jake Johnson

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## Town-wide Revaluation Updates All Properties to Market Value

Notice of new property value arrives soon

By Mark Stetson  
Avitar Assessment Supervisor

For tax year 2014, all Andover property values will be updated to market value as of April 1, 2014. With the real estate market fluctuating over the past few years, many of you will see your property values decrease; however, some may see them increase. Just because some values decrease, this does not mean that your taxes will decrease.

Taxes are based on the combined budgets for the Town, school and county. The tax rate is determined by taking those budgets divided by the overall value of the Town to arrive at a tax rate that will raise enough money to "pay the bills."

As you may recall, the front page

headline from the April Beacon read "Town Meetings Pass 2014 Budgets – Budgets rise 3.7%; Taxes could rise 10%." Unfortunately, there is no way to determine the impact of the update until after the values are finalized and until after the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) calculates the total amount of money needed to "pay the bills." That process takes place in the fall, usually in October, with the Town's tax rate the end result.

Enough about taxes, let's get back to the update. As part of this process, Avitar assessing staff members have visited every Andover property that sold in the past two years to verify that the physical data is accurate. This is important, as the sale properties become the basis for the new values.

If you have not already received  
See Revaluation on page 3

## Three Beacon Donors Win \$50 Visa Cards

Winners got "A Round Tuit" and donated by May 15

By Charlie Darling, Beacon staff

In 2013, about 350 Andover families donated to the *Beacon* – roughly one-third of the households in town.

So far in 2014, only 138 Andover families have donated in response to the Round Tuit envelope in the February issue of the *Beacon* and the brightly-colored reminder postcard we sent by mail at the end of April.

Hopefully, this article will serve as a crucial reminder to several hundred more families that without significant support every year from a very broad base of Andover households, the *Beacon* can't continue. If you can remember to send your donation soon, we won't have to contact you personally during the canvassing campaign in the fall.

So enough suspense already! It's time to announce the winners of the drawing from those who donated to the *Beacon* by May 15. Drumroll, please ....

Kathy Bennett ... Lauren Duquette ... Rich and Stephanie Gross – c'mon down! You've won a \$50 Visa card from the *Beacon* for getting "a round tuit" and making your 2014 donation to the *Beacon* by May 15. Please contact the *Beacon* at your convenience.

For everyone else who has sent their 2014 donation, thank you very much! Please "double down" on your support for the *Beacon* and make it a point to urge your friends and neighbors to send their annual donation soon!



The Air National Guard Band of the Northeast performs during Andover's Fourth of July celebration. Article on page 2.

## Fourth of July Fireworks Move to July 5 This Year

Same time, same place ... different day

Press release

Important news for Andover's annual Fourth of July celebration! **The fireworks will not be on the Fourth this year** – they will be on Saturday, July 5, at dusk.

Here's the rest of the schedule for Andover's biggest day of the year:

**July 3**

6:30 PM: Lowering the Flag,  
Girl Scouts, Village Green

**July 4**

Parade Theme: *Summertime*

7–10 AM: Andover Lions Club

Pancake Breakfast, AE/MS

8 AM–5 PM: Flea Market,  
Village Green

8–9 AM: Firecracker 5K Race Registration, Blackwater Park

9 AM: Firecracker 5K Race,  
Blackwater Park, rain or shine

9–11 AM: Parade Registration, Proctor Field House

9 AM–1 PM: Closest to the Pin Drive, Carr Field

9 AM–1 PM: Road Relics Car Show, Pizza Chef parking lot

10 AM: Opening Ceremonies, Re-

See Fourth on page 3

## Changes Needed to Improve the Town Beach

Plan on June 8, work on June 15

By Sophie Viandier,  
Andover Board of Selectmen

Let's get muddy now so we won't have to get muddy later!

Chaffee Beach is one of Andover's most visited spots in the summer, but recently it has lost a bit of its charm. Join Sophie Viandier on Sunday, June 8, from 1 to 3 PM to design our dream Chaffee Beach. We will look at how to address the drainage, improve the eating area, and make the place beautiful; then we'll implement the project the following Sunday, June 15, from 1 to 5 PM.

Join for whichever session(s) most interest you. We are in need of: townspeople who love the beach, pallets for boardwalks and picnic tables, perennial flowers, litter-pickers, hammers and nails, drills and screws, shovels, rakes, and other implements of creation.

If you have questions, comments, or items to donate, please e-mail Sophie at SGViandier@gmail.com or call 848-0171. Let's bring the beach back to life for the swimming season!

We'll meet at Chaffee Beach for both sessions. The rain location for June 8 is Sophie's house, Pay It Forward Farm, at 1129 Franklin Highway. The rain date for June 15 is Sunday, June 22.

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## Plans Just About Complete for Another Great Fourth

Music throughout the Fourth, fireworks July 5

By Judy Perreault

Fourth of July Committee

Plans are just about complete, and all involved are working hard to make this Fourth of July celebration the best.

There is a full day of activities, starting with the Andover Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at AE/MS. After breakfast, you can pop over to the Village Green and explore all the treasures that are for sale at the flea market.

The Firecracker 5K footrace gets underway at 8 AM for those who need a good run to work off those pancakes. Ceremonies on the Village Green begin at 10 AM with the Scouts raising the new flag; the invocation; and the National Anthem.

**Music All Day**

We are very excited to be offering music throughout the day. The morning begins with the Kearsarge Community Band, followed by the Air National Guard Band of the Northeast's High Altitude rock band. The New Hampshire Pipes and Drums band starts off the afternoon, followed by the Long Tail Monkeys and ending with the Fontones.

You can try your golf skills at the Closest to the Pin Drive held in the morning at Carr Field.

The Andover Road Relics Car Show begins at 9 AM at the Pizza Chef parking lot on Main Street. They have a number of activities planned. Our thanks to this group for volunteering to put out and pick up the trash barrels on the Village Green. We had three people answer our plea for volunteers, but we still need more for parking, parade line-up, and to train as parade chair.

**Parade at Noon**

The parade starts at noon with the Color Guard, Uncle Sam, the Bektash Band, the New Hampshire Pipes and Drums band, the Andover Lions' Concord Coach, Leapin' Lena, Captain Morrill's Company, and we hope lots of

floats, cars, and animals.

Remember, our parade theme is "Summertime." The prize money for theme floats is \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, \$50 for third, and \$25 for fourth. Prize money for vehicles and animals in the parade is \$50 for first place, \$30 for second, and \$20 for third.

Parade registration forms are available at [AndoverBeacon.com/Fourth-2014](http://AndoverBeacon.com/Fourth-2014); at Town Hall; or at parade registration on the Fourth. It is helpful if you get your registration in ahead of time. All vehicles in the parade have to have insurance, and any children under 18 need to have a registration form signed by a parent or guardian.

Judging for the parade is from 10 to 11 AM, and line-up begins at 11 AM. We have a lot of entries, and it takes a while to get them all in order.

The Children's Parade meets at 11 AM in front of the ProClaim building on Main Street. They will be judged, and prizes and ribbons awarded. They will have registration forms available.

Shortly after the music ends on the Village Green there will be a championship softball game on Corson Field.

**Donations**

We are still accepting donations, but the deadline for the program is Sunday, June 1. We are also raffling a beautiful red, white, and blue quilt (72" x 80") made by Rose Tilton and quilted by Linda Barnes of The Constant Quilter. You may call Irene Haley, Wanda Smith, Doug Phelps, Irene Jewett, Bob Ward, Beth Frost, or Judy Perreault for tickets. They will also be on sale on the Fourth.

The fireworks this year will be Saturday, July 5, at dusk. There are good views from behind the AE/MS and Carr Field.

For flea market space on the Village Green, contact Doug Phelps at 802 310-1045 or [DPhelps@us.ibm.com](mailto:DPhelps@us.ibm.com). For questions about the parade, call Judy Perreault at 735-5493. For any other questions, call committee chair Bob Ward at 735-5061.

## Air National Guard Band Performs on the Fourth

High Altitude Rock Band at 11 AM

By Judy Perreault

Fourth of July Committee

Unfortunately, due to government budget cuts we were not able to get the full Air National Guard Band of the Northeast to march in our Fourth of July parade this year. We are very pleased that they are sending their High Altitude Rock Band to present a concert on the Village Green. They will play from 11 AM to noon on the Fourth of July.

The band is now stationed in Pennsylvania, and we were very lucky that

they were able to work us into their busy schedule. Plan to come and give them a warm welcome.

The Air National Guard Band of the Northeast was originally formed in 1942 in Rapid City, South Dakota as the 53rd Army Air Forces Band. Federal recognition was extended to the band in 1949. The band has experienced numerous name changes and reassignments over the years.

In 2000, the band became known as the Air National Guard Band of the Mid-Atlantic, reflecting its expanded geographic area of responsibility. Recently, the geographic responsibility

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Tori Braley, Hannah Asbury, Vienna Marcus, and Ryelle Jenifer were among the sixth grade AE/MS students who created posters to express their gratitude to the men and women who serve in the military. The posters were given to the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton. Photo: Jane Slayton

**Revaluation from page 1**

one, very soon every Andover property owner will get in the mail a notice of the new value of their property. Should you have any questions, the notice will include a phone number that you can call to arrange to meet with an Avitar representative to discuss your assessment.

Instructions will also be provided to access the online database and review the information about your property and every other property in Andover, including the sale properties that were used to help establish the new values.

As part of this process, the DRA has some oversight responsibilities, which include visiting those sale properties to verify data accuracy and monitoring the hearing process. Once the update has been completed later in the summer, Avitar will deliver to the Town a manual that describes the process in detail. The DRA will also review that manual for compliance with applicable state law.

If at the end of the process you have any further questions or concerns, they should be addressed through the abatement process once you have received your tax bill in the fall.

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- viewing Stand
- 10–11 AM: Judging of Parade Entries
- 10:15 AM: Firecracker 5K Race Awards, Reviewing Stand
- 10:30–11:15 AM: Kearsarge Community Band, left of Stone Chapel
- 11 AM: Children’s Parade Forms, ProClaim Building
- 11:15 AM–Noon: Air National Guard Band, left of Stone Chapel
- 11:30 AM: Judging Children’s Parade
- Noon: Parade starts, Proctor Field House
- Noon: Patriotic Medley, Margo

- Coolidge and Nancy Tripp, Reviewing Stand
- 1:15–2 PM: NH Pipes & Drums, left of Stone Chapel
- 2–2:45 PM: Long Tail Monkeys, left of Stone Chapel
- 3–3:45 PM: Fontones, left of Stone Chapel
- 3:30 PM: Men’s Championship Softball Game, Corson Field
- 5:30 PM: Women’s Championship Softball Game, Corson Field

**July 5**  
Dusk: Fireworks (Rain date for fireworks only: July 6)

**Band from page 2**

of the unit was again increased and the unit’s name was changed to the Air National Guard Band of the Northeast. The band is based at Fort Indiantown Gap as part of the Regional Support Group to the 193rd Special Operations Wing stationed in Middletown, Pennsylvania.

Ten members of the band deployed to several undisclosed locations throughout the Middle East in 2010. This deployment was the first of its type for the Air National Guard Band of the Northeast. The band members performed well over 20 concerts in 40 days for allied and coalition forces, American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines, and Middle Eastern nationals during both military and civilian performances. The deployment raised the spirits of

thousands of audience members from across the globe and inspired patriotism and the American spirit in our friends from dozens of countries.

A traditional Air National Guard squadron, the band consists of 40 members, all traditional National Guard members with civilian careers who meet one weekend a month to rehearse and perform. Its ranks are filled with professional musicians, educators, students, administrators, salesmen, builders, and other professionals. The band has received many awards, including the Air Force Outstanding Unit award and the Pennsylvania Governor’s Unit Citation. Its annual concert tours have taken it to Germany, Holland, France, the Azores, Antigua-West Indies, Norway, England, Denmark, and throughout the United States.

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## Andover Road Relics Planning a Big Fourth of July

Also at Pizza Chef  
on June 8, 4 to 6 PM

By Judy Perreault  
Fourth of July Committee

The Andover Road Relics car club has had a busy month of May attending local car shows. On Sunday, June 8, they will sponsor a cruise night at Pizza Chef in Andover from 4 to 6 PM. All makes and models of cars are welcome.

Plans are just about complete for the Road Relics' Fourth of July show to be held at Pizza Chef in Andover. The fun begins at 9 AM and ends at 1 PM. All cars are welcome, new and old. There will be balloons for the children, and as cars arrive they will receive a ticket for

a drawing which will take place after the parade. There will be up to 10 prizes provided by donations from sponsors.

There will also be tickets on sale for a 50/50 drawing and raffle tickets for a Chevy 350 motor. The drawing for the motor will be on October 25. T-shirts will also be on sale.

John Keyser is busy crafting another original sculpture to be awarded to the best car of the show.

Those cars that wish to be considered for parade prizes need to be at the Proctor field house at 10 AM for judging. Some of the cars will be joining the parade from the Pizza Chef parking lot.

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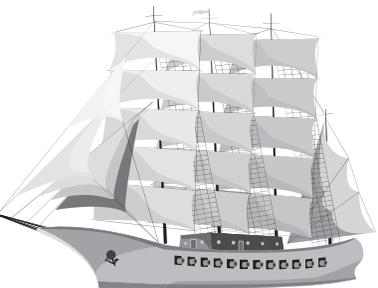
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Flood control payments  
face stiff opposition

By Mario Ratzki, NH Representative

Reconsideration: Having voted against a bill for two casinos – I made a promise to support only one casino – I asked for reconsideration of the vote on SB 366. Naturally, I am always torn between the supporters of no casinos and the supporters of one or more casinos. The no-casino vote brought in a 20-vote reserve, and that pretty much finishes that discussion for the foreseeable future.

SB 370, a bill from the Senate which would have restored 2012-2013 moneys owed to flood control towns out of a settlement payment from Massachusetts of \$1.12 million, came under strong attack from the Finance 1 committee. The committee of eight members – four Democrats and four Republicans – decided to Inexpedient-To-Legislate (ITL) this bill and send the money into the state's general funds. The subcommittee vote was 8-0, and the full committee adopted the ITL motion on an 18-2 vote.

David Karrick, Leigh Webb, Scott Burns, and others organized resistance. With Gary Richardson being able to help as best he could, being in the leadership – we were fighting both leaderships – our best hope was for a tabling motion. Any change to the bill meant

that it would have to go back to the Senate, where our flood control town (Salisbury) had more support. We failed by a vote of 161 to 183. We could not beat the leadership.

But the bill is not dead; SB 370 has been re-attached to another bill, HB 1282, about oil and gas contracts. Maybe both bills will survive, to the good.

We have had a couple of weeks of rest; the last session is Wednesday, June 4. There will probably be a special session in the summer or fall to deal with the MET tax "solutions." I will keep everyone posted.

### Election

I have decided to run again as Representative for Merrimack County's First District – Andover, Danbury, and Salisbury – as a Democrat. I respectfully ask for everyone's vote, both in the primaries and in the general election.

Registration as a candidate for office – State Representative, Senator, Executive Council, or Governor – takes place in town offices between Wednesday, June 4, and Friday, June 13. Please check with your local town office for their hours.

I am always available at 735-5440 or at [MarioRatzki@gmail.com](mailto:MarioRatzki@gmail.com). Yes, I have been remiss with e-mail. I got all the messages, and my only excuse is that I was under intense pressure for awhile. It is not much of an excuse, but I will take what I can get.





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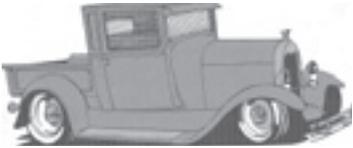
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**Beacon Editorial Board Needs  
 Three or Four Volunteers**

Help pick the stories for each month's *Beacon*

By Charlie Darling, *Beacon* staff

We need more people involved in picking stories for the *Beacon* each month, so we'd like to form an Editorial Board to meet early every month to plan the next *Beacon*. Would you consider volunteering a few hours each month to help the community have the most interesting, useful newspaper possible?

The Editorial Board's job will be to plan ahead so that everything that makes up the fabric of life in Andover – the many events, clubs, organizations, committees, businesses, personal milestones, celebrations, reminiscences, and much, much more – is on the *Beacon's* "radar screen" and gets covered at the right time and in the right way.

We need three or four volunteers for this board. Would you be willing to:

- Keep your eyes and ears open all month long for stories and photos that

should be in the *Beacon*

- Meet as a board once a month, probably the week after each *Beacon* comes out

- At that meeting, help select the articles and photos we need for the upcoming *Beacon*

- Help identify the right person to write a given article or take a given photo

- Get that person (or someone else) to agree to do it

- Stay in touch with them to be sure they turn it in by the agreed-upon day

If you'd be willing to do those things, you'd be making a big contribution to the vitality of the Andover community and to the long-term sustainability of the community's best source of local news and more: *The Andover Beacon* and AndoverBeacon.com.

Is this a way of giving back to the community that you'd enjoy? Please contact Charlie Darling at 735-6099 or Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com for more information. Thanks!

**Cancer Presentation Slated for June 6**

Three experts discuss risk, screening

Press release

Do you have questions or concerns about cancer? Please join us on Friday, June 6, at 7 PM at the Town Hall for a presentation and discussion led by experts in the field.

Some of the topics to be covered are:

- What is cancer?
- How does cancer develop?
- What are some risk factors?
- Other factors that increase risk?
- Does screening make sense?
- What can you do to reduce your cancer risk?

The speakers will be:

Lelah Talebian, Director, Community Health Education and Cancer Prevention at Norris Cotton Cancer Center, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

Whitney Hammond, Comprehensive Cancer Control Program Manager, State of New Hampshire Chronic Disease Coordinator

Dr. Monawar Hosain, New Hampshire State Cancer Registry Epidemiologist

The meeting is free to all. An RSVP to Vicky Mishcon at 735-6402 or to Cindy Benson at CindyBenson@tds.net or 321-9231 would be appreciated.

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## Our Common Role in Andover's Abundant, Clean Water

Town is fortunate to have several water bodies

### By the Andover Conservation Commission

As summer approaches, and as we welcome seasonal residents back to Andover, we become more aware of how fortunate Andover is to have within its borders several bodies of fresh water that contribute to our quality of life in many ways.

To remind *Beacon* readers of our common role in assuring continuing abundant clean water, the Andover Conservation Commission has prepared a series of three Q&A articles, beginning with this one. The articles will continue in July, with a focus on what residents and visitors can do to help preserve our lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams; and in August, with a focus on lake-friendly

boating and recreation practices.

**Q:** What water bodies are most important to the town?

**A:** In order of decreasing size, our principal lakes and ponds include:

- Highland Lake, at 211 acres, a cold-water lake in East Andover, stocked annually with trout, with a public beach for residents and a designated boat landing

- Bradley Lake, at 170 acres, a warm-water lake that provides drinking water to Proctor Academy, the Andover Elementary/Middle School, and about 125 homes in Andover Village, with an informal boat put-in, a 30-horsepower motor limit, and several other posted restrictions

- Elbow Pond, 62 acres, a warm-water pond with no designated public access, but small boats allowed

- Adder (or Hopkins) Pond, 26

**And over on Lake Sunapee ...**

In its 2013 annual report, the 116-year-old Lake Sunapee Protective Association addresses local environmental protection in this excerpt from its Vision Statement:

"The special qualities of the Sunapee Lake region contain the seeds of its destruction. Its beauty, its quiet vistas, its refreshing waters, and the recreational opportunities it offers are powerful magnets to many users. The impact of human behavior puts the watershed environment at risk.

"We are all its caretakers – all who live here, all who work here, all who visit here.

"We are responsible for the quality of our environment, now and in the future. Not every use of land or water is wise or sustainable. It is imperative that our lives and our community choices reflect a sensible balance between self-interest and the common good."

acres, warm-water, informal put-in, surrounded by Proctor Academy lands, camping permitted with permission from the Proctor land use manager at 735-6255

- Horseshoe Pond, 18.5 acres, warm-water, no public boating access, now divided by a railroad bed (part of the Northern Rail Trail) that provides good views and fishing access

- Cole Pond, 14.8 acres, warm-water, no public access, surrounded by Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club property

There's also a major river, the Blackwater, running west to east for more than 10 miles in the eastern half of Andover before turning south into Salisbury and eventually merging with the Contoocook River and then the Merrimack. Five of Andover's six principal lakes or ponds drain into the Blackwater. Highland Lake drains to the Pemigewasset River, which merges with the Winnepesaukee in Franklin to become the Merrimack.

**Q:** Why should we care about the quality of these water bodies?

**A:** Water is the life blood of the environment. It sustains us, our wildlife, our natural resources, our food sources, many of our recreational pursuits – everything. If we lose abundant clean water and our access to it, we lose just about everything that's vital to us. And it's all connected. Water flows: through

the air, on the ground, below ground.

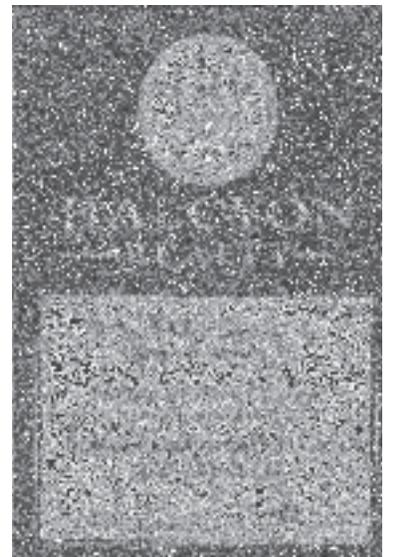
**Q:** Is there really anything to be concerned about here in Andover?

**A:** We've been blessed to this point. We're not aware of any major degradation of our water bodies, though some might have occurred briefly back when water-powered mills lined many of our streams. And our voluntary water-testing programs at Highland and Bradley Lakes and Cole Pond indicate continuing high quality. But as human activity increases, so does risk. As one example, phosphorus can enter a water body from septic systems, fertilizers, soaps and detergents, soil erosion, bird droppings, and dumping or burning leaves in or near a lake. Phosphorus in abundance can cause certain bacteria that are toxic to wildlife, pets, and people to bloom out of control.

And that's just one example of something to worry about. There are others, caused by pesticides and herbicides, oils and other chemicals, animal manure, and erosion. So while we've been fortunate not to have had serious problems in the past, with ever-increasing human impact on our watersheds there's a need for increasing awareness of water quality as well.

And then of course there's the impact of global warming. Whether you believe in a human cause or not, the data show the world is getting warmer, and faster than in the past. As the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Resources (NHDES) has observed, "The 2000s was the warmest decade in recorded history for New

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## Former Fire Chief Bryant Adams Mattered in Many Ways

He was “a strong thread in the fabric of Andover”

By Rene Lefebvre  
Chief, Andover Fire Department

Small towns often enjoy having a small group of people who, over a long time, become an important part of the fabric of that town. Bryant Adams was one such person for Andover.

Many of us often looked forward to spring and the beautiful grounds and flowers that were his home. His exceptional care of the lake and the dam we have taken for granted for many years. Anything Bryant did, he did well.

Many years ago, when the East Andover precinct was planning the new fire station, Bryant offered to do the electrical wiring and plumbing to help save money. As his deputy, I was recruited to help. Bryant and I had previously spent many hours working on fire equipment so I had a good idea of what to expect.

Bryant was a craftsman. He had a genuine gift for using tools and understanding the complexities of his craft. He gave and expected nothing less than perfection from any project he managed. Every wire I strung had to be straight, with no twists, even when our work was covered by a wall.

Bryant valued his tools and, though he used them hard, he respected their limits and expected them to last a lifetime. I too very much value the skill of a craftsman and would often watch Bryant. He was lucky; his talent was a gift he was born with.

Bryant was also a fire chief. For many years he took care of the fire station and the equipment as if it was

his own. We spent many late nights working on the trucks, making sure that everything was in order. Good enough was never the accepted rule.

Bryant often drove the first engine out, as he lived next to the station. We would arrive at the fire and find the engine ready to pump water. Bryant was an old-school chief who was concerned that small towns would not be



In 2013, Bryant Adams put the finishing touches on his meticulous repairs to the old pumping station on Maple Street.

Photo: Charlie Darling

able to deal with changes in the fire service that we all knew were coming. He was right. The changes required a tremendous effort.

Bryant never backed away from a challenge, and he inspired us to do the same. We are today a better department for his inspiration.

Bryant mattered to our town; he did not just live in it. There are many of us in Andover who have been helped in some way by Bryant; he generously shared his skills with others. We will all in some way miss Bryant. He has left behind a strong thread in the fabric of Andover.

*Bryant Adams died on December 28, 2013. A graveside funeral service was held on May 23, 2014, in Lakeside Cemetery, East Andover.*

## Water from page 8

Hampshire." The impact on our water bodies, NHDES continues, includes increased water temperatures, increased algae blooms and turbidity, more intense rainfall events, more dry weather, and lower water levels in the summer.

**Q:** You mentioned watersheds. What's a watershed?

**A:** Here's what the US Environmental Protection Agency has to say: "A watershed is the area of land where all of the water that is under it or drains off of it goes into the same place."

But it's more complicated than that. On its way to the sea, water flows through a series of successively larger watersheds. For example, there's an Adder Pond watershed, whose water flows into Adder Pond, which is part of the larger Blackwater River watershed, which is part of the larger Contoocook River watershed, which is part of the Merrimack River watershed, whose water flows into the Atlantic Ocean. Any one – or all – of these watersheds can be a source of water-quality degradation for its water body, and perhaps for every other watershed and water body downstream.

So we all live in one or more watersheds. What happens in Adder Pond

doesn't necessarily stay in Adder Pond.

**Q:** But if there are no problems here, why worry now?

**A:** As we're often told in these matters, it's a lot easier – and a lot less expensive – to prevent and preserve than it is to remediate and recover. That's why conservation commissions and planning boards throughout the state are involved in such activities as land preservation (for example through conservation easements), master plans, wildlife protection plans, and ensuring drinking water. They all deal with, at least in part, water conservation and protection over both the short and long term. And they all involve everyone at some point, since we all behave in ways that are either supportive of or detrimental to the quality of our lifeblood. We all drink the water.

**Q:** So to summarize?

**A:** It's been said that "water is the new oil." It's a finite quantity, and it's not evenly distributed around the globe. As writer-researcher Steven Solomon has written, "Alarming, societies are bifurcating into those with enough water and those without. Two in five people lack adequate sanitation, and over 1 billion don't have access to safe drinking water." We in New Hampshire are extremely fortunate in our abundance.

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## School Board Selects Firm for Sustainability Study

Katie Keyser  
joins SAU 46 staff

#### By the Andover School Board

Marinace Architects of New Hampton have been chosen by the Andover School Board for a "sustainability study to determine appropriate options for facilities maintenance and other district needs." The study was supported by voters at the recent Andover School District annual meeting.

Marinace Architects has specialized in educational facilities since 1974 and built a reputation for building well-planned, efficient facilities with an emphasis on excellent design, durable construction, and curriculum-driven plans resulting from extensive community involvement and feedback. Letters of recommendation were provided from Newfound Area School District, Pinkerton Academy, Bedford School District, and Keene School District.

Community input will soon be sought at public meetings, and the School Board will welcome your input. Detail facilities and curriculum studies began on May 20.

#### New Attorney

Attorney James O'Shaughnessy, now of the Drummond-Woodson's School Law Group, has been selected by the Andover School Board for representation in legal matters. This selection was made after interviewing candidates to succeed Attorney John Teague of Upton and Hatfield in anticipation of his retirement on June 30. Attorney

O'Shaughnessy is familiar to Andover residents and the School Board as assistant to Attorney Teague during Attorney Teague's tenure.

#### Changes at SAU 46

The School Administrative Unit (SAU) 46 Superintendent Transition Team met on April 28 to review important items necessary to a smooth transition of leadership in the following positions: SAU 46 Administrative Assistant and the departure of our MVHS principal, Mike Jette. The challenge of these changes requires clear priority setting of ever-changing needs.

Mike Jette, Merrimack Valley High School principal, accepted the position of assistant superintendent of the Bedford School District and will start in his new position on July 1. In 10 years as principal at MVHS, Mike has led the high school through major renovations and the implementation of the International Baccalaureate program. He helped MV become a better high school and supported individual students to further their education and career pursuits.

Katie Keyser, Andover resident and a former member of the Andover School Board, has been selected, from a large number of candidates, by Mark MacLean, our new superintendent, to be the SAU 46 Administrative Assistant. The scope of this position may be increased to include communications and public relations. She will be succeeding Dolores Moore, who will be retiring on June 30.



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## Prepare Now for State Primary and Election This Fall

June 3 is last day to  
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#### By the Andover Supervisors of the Checklist

A State Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, September 9, to choose candidates for Governor, Senator, and

House of Representatives. The last day to change party registration to vote in this primary is Tuesday, June 3.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Town Hall on June 3 from 7 to 7:30 PM to accept new voter registrations and change of party registration.

## POLICE BLOTTER

The Andover Police Department responded to 340 calls for service during the period of April 15 to May 14. The number of calls is higher due to more private and business checks for security. The following is a partial breakdown.

- Accidents: 3
- Warnings: 127
- Traffic Summons: 3
- House Checks: 91
- Business Checks: 21
- Dog Complaints: 7
- Fraud: 2
- Harassing Communication: 3

- Pistol Permits: 2
- Public Relations Talk: 1
- Suspicious Person: 5
- Assist Citizens, Motorists: 11

#### Arrests

- Shane Goss, 36, Franklin, criminal trespass, two Tilton warrants
- Kathleen Nix, 53, Windsor, Vermont, reckless operation
- Daniel Skoog, 34, Andover, operating after suspension, II
- Emily Tessier, 20, Northfield, operating without valid license; non-custodial arrest

## Road Agent is Picking Up Sand from a Tough, Icy Winter

New approach does a more thorough job

By John "Tiny" Thompson  
Andover Road Agent

Spring has finally sprung, and the remains of winter are visible to all of us. The Road Agent's crew has been sweeping the roads and picking up the mess.

Where we have been, the response has been very favorable. Where we have not been yet, I ask for patience; we will be there as soon as possible.

Last winter was very long, and we used almost double the 3,000 cubic yards of sand and salt mix that we normally do. Ice storms in January had us spreading for hours on end. This has left us, like most towns, with mountains of sand to pick up.

There are several reasons for cleaning the sand of the asphalt roads. First, it extends the pavement's life. Sand left on the road surface will degrade asphalt's life as much as 25% according to some studies.

Keeping the road surface clean also allows us to see and fix defects in the road surface such as cracks and pot holes. Also, loose sand on roadways is a public safety hazard and can make stopping much more difficult. It can cause vehicles to skid as well. Finally, over time the sand left on a road will fill ditches and cause drainage issues.

### Loader-Mounted Sweeper

This year we have opted to use a different technique than in the past. Instead of renting a mobile sweeper, we have opted to use a front-mount hydraulic sweeper on a loader.

There are several reasons for this. Mobile sweepers typically can't sweep very far off of the road surface. Steel bristles on these machines quickly scrub off all

grass as well as the sand. The softer fiberglass bristles on the loader-mounted machine allow us to clean much farther toward the ditch line.

Also, mobile sweepers do not always sweep as clean as a slower loader-mounted unit. The brushes on a mobile sweeper can miss spots, and the operator will not realize it because the broom is under and behind him. On the front-mounted sweeper, the operator can clearly see if there is dip in the road that didn't get swept clean. He can then back up easily and correct this.

Using the new approach, in most areas we have been able to clean places that we were previously unable to clean without the use of an excavator or backhoe. How much more sand are we picking up this year? Off Boston Hill Road we recovered almost 80 yards of debris. Typically, we would pick up three to four yards from this same road.

Many people have noted we are sending a backhoe out as well as a sweeper, and I would remind people that in previous years we did this as well to pick up the piles left by the mobile sweeper at what seemed like every intersection.

This year, however, because of the extensive use of sand last winter we are using the backhoe to scrape as much as we can off the road surface before the sweeper comes by. This reduces sweeper time and increases bristle life. I have noted that we are not alone in doing this, as I have seen several towns that rent mobile sweepers doing the same thing.

We also experimented with night sweeping in some areas to lessen our impact in certain areas where traffic and car parking makes it difficult to clean during the day, such as the school parking lot and Lawrence Street.

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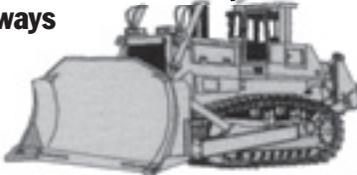
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## Selectmen Plan July Potluck for Town Staff, Volunteers

All Town committees, boards, etc. are invited

By Sophie Viandier  
Andover Board of Selectmen

For a small town of almost 2,400 residents, Andover has a powerhouse of volunteers and staff that keeps the town moving. From our Fire Department to the Conservation Commission, our dedicated neighbors and friends work every day to support the town and create a comfortable, safe, and beautiful environment.

It's a rare occasion that we all come together in the same place at the same time ... that one lovely night in March may not be enough. Why have a meet-

ing when you can have a party?

As a new Board member myself, I would love to get the chance to know my fellow decision-makers and planners and life-savers and money-counters and rule-enforcers in a different environment.

So we propose a potluck. A good, old-fashioned shindig to eat some of our neighbors' yummy grub. Hopefully we will stack functions over some good eats and hear each others' goals and visions of Andover so that we may integrate our ideas and polish this multi-faceted town into a shiny diamond.

We will be under the tent in front of Town Hall at 6 PM on Saturday, July 19. Hope to see you there!

## Selectmen Plan to Establish Bridge Maintenance Policy

Meeting on Monday, June 16, at 7:30 PM

By Jim Danforth  
Andover Board of Selectmen

Currently, Taunton Hill Road bridge over Mountain Brook has a "serious" substructure issue, and four other bridges have "poor" condition ratings. With very limited funds and a minimum eight-year period for State Municipal Aid, these bridges will have to be repaired using only Town funds.

In addition to addressing large-scale bridge repairs, Road Agent John Thompson is developing a list and estimates for non-structural repairs that are required for safe operation and main-

taining the required state bridge standards.

On Monday, June 16, the Andover Board of Selectmen will be addressing the issue of a bridge maintenance plan at 7:30 PM at Town Hall, with the goal of establishing policies for the maintenance of all Town bridges (including the Cilleyville-Bog Bridge, whose restoration fund is nearly exhausted).

If we have a revised estimate from New Hampshire DOT on the Lawrence Street bridge, it will also be on the agenda. If we exclude the Lawrence Street Bridge, the current estimate for addressing currently-known bridge deficiencies is between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

## Share Your Ideas for Economic Development Planning

LRPC could be a capable partner

By Jim Danforth  
Andover Board of Selectmen

A recurring theme at Town Meeting has been the need for a plan to encourage more businesses in Andover, in order to broaden the tax base and therefore lower taxes. I agree that we should be taking positive steps to encourage new business development. However, development and promotion of Andover's current resources like the Blackwater River, the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway, and the Northern Rail Trail should be our priority.

We should be meeting with and en-

couraging local businesses to expand and grow employment opportunities and encouraging investment in local services like a convenience store in East Andover or senior housing in the Village District.

The Lakes Region Planning Commission is a willing and capable partner in supporting both planning and execution of a comprehensive Economic Development Plan that will support our diverse and uniquely Andover town. With or without a plan, Andover will continue to develop and change. With a plan, it will be change for the better.

If you are interested in participating or sharing your ideas, please contact the Town Administrator at 735-5332 or [TAdmin@TownOfAndover.org](mailto:TAdmin@TownOfAndover.org).



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## Selectmen Face Twin Challenges of Rules, Enforcement

“Quagmire of rules” is daunting

By Jim Danforth  
Andover Board of Selectmen

After being elected as a selectman, I was surprised to find that few rules are clear, coherent, and or completely agreed upon. New Hampshire is not a home rule state, meaning that all local authorities are specifically limited to actions granted by the State Legislature. This limitation applies to Town Meeting as well; our state constitution does not grant any power directly to municipalities or towns.

While the state constitution does not address municipalities, in 1981 the New Hampshire Supreme Court did: “Towns only have such powers as are expressly granted to them by the legislature and such as are necessarily implied or incidental thereto.” (Girard v. Allenstown)

Adding to the complexity of running a town are state administrative rules, which are set by state agencies and have a similar effect as statutes passed by the legislature and rulings from the state courts. Unfortunately, no branch of state government produces a book incorporating and compiling the rules. Instead, towns like Andover are forced to rely on opinions, which vary and are often contradictory.

The role of the Board of Selectmen is first and foremost to act as committee, because individual members of the Board have no power to act. While the Board is charged to oversee committees, the oversight role is only administrative: to ensure that public meetings have taken place, that meeting notes are filed with the Town Clerk, and that monies expended by the committee have been approved by the committee.

Additionally, the Board works with elected officials like the Road Agent, establishing and ensuring that the policies and priorities are as discussed at Town Meeting and voted in the Town budget.

Two challenges faced by the Board that are equally daunting are the quagmire of rules and the ability to enforce policies even-handedly. The first step to meeting these challenges is to involve the community as much as possible. The second is to have clearly-written policies in place before starting enforcement. The next step is to aggressively seek universal enforcement of policies across the entire town.

The Andover Board of Selectmen invites your ideas, opinions, suggestions, and attendance at all of our meetings. Our town is facing many challenges and choices; your involvement will help us make the best choices we can.

## Selectmen to Discuss Town Maintenance of Private Roads

June 2 meeting also considers status of two lanes

By Jim Danforth  
Andover Board of Selectmen

Dodge Lane in East Andover, just beyond the church as you head toward Franklin, used to connect to Maple Street, offering residents a choice as to how to access Route 11. The Board of Selectmen has mailed letters to all the homeowners on Dodge Lane to see if they are in favor of re-establishing Dodge Lane's connection to Maple Street. Currently, the only access to Dodge Lane is off of Route 11, and the intersection is less than ideal.

This issue will be discussed on Monday, June 2, at 7:30 PM at Town Hall by the Board of Selectmen and will help develop a town-wide plan for future road projects.

Johnson Lane is a private way in the heart of Cilleyville that was once a

Town road. The owners have offered to return the road to the Town of Andover. This will be discussed on Monday, June 2, at 8 PM at the Town Hall by the Board of Selectmen and the Road Agent. This opportunity for public input will be the start of the process, which may culminate with a warrant article at Town Meeting in 2015.

The Board of Selectmen will also be addressing the maintenance of private roads by the Town of Andover. While New Hampshire state law bars the Town from spending public money on private roads, many New Hampshire towns have established a fee-for-service policy to address plowing and grading of private roads.

A third of the properties in the Town of Andover are located on private roads, and the Board of Selectmen invites your opinions and ideas on this issue. This will be discussed on Monday, June 2, at 8:30 PM at Town Hall.

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# TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Office Hours & Meetings

### OFFICE HOURS

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Fridays by appointment only  
**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

### 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

## School Board

### March 18

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Board Present:** Don Gould, Michelle Dudek, Anne Swayze, and Charlie McCrave

**Administration Present:** Mike Martin, Christine Barry, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton, and Judith Turk

**Public Present:** Tina Cotton

**Election of Chairperson:** Charlie made the motion that Don Gould continue to serve as the Andover School Board Chairperson until the full Board is available and a special meeting can be scheduled to hold the election. This will occur prior to the next full Board meeting. A 24-hour notice will be given for posting purposes. Michelle made the second. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

**Election of Vice-Chair:** Charlie made the motion that Michelle Dudek continue to serve as the Andover School Board Vice-Chairperson until the full Board is available and a special meeting can be scheduled to hold the election. This will occur prior to the next full Board meeting. A 24-hour notice will be given for posting purposes. Michelle made the second. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

**Appointment of Alternate Signer:** Dennis Fenton will remain in this position unless he chooses not to. Robin will confirm this. Charlie made the motion that Dennis Fenton will continue as the Alternate Signer. Michelle made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

**Good News:** Mike was grateful to be recognized at the annual School District Meeting. The meeting was successful and positive. The Merrimack Valley High School Girls Basketball Team was mentioned for their victory in the state championship. Two Andover students participated on the team.

## Old Business

**Transition Plan:** A meeting will be held on March 24 for the purpose of working towards a seamless transition to the new superintendent.

**Middle School Sports:** Mike stated that the Merrimack Valley School Board will continue with the current policy regarding Andover students and their participation in MV sports. Andover students can participate in sports where there are no cuts involved as vacancies allow.

He asked the Andover School Board for direction as to how to proceed. Michelle stated that clarification of the protocol involving criteria, requirements, and cut-offs should be defined. A smooth process is needed and should be put in writing. Logistics should include direct contact with the MVMS Athletic Director. This policy information can be sent to the parents and published on the Web site.

Mike suggested that this matter should continue to be placed on the monthly agenda until there is more clarification regarding this ongoing process.

## New Business

**Review of Annual School District Meeting:** The Board agreed that Betsy Paine did a great job as Moderator. The meeting was successful and positive, and there was unity between the Budget Committee and School Board. Don will write a follow-up letter to the community to express gratitude for their support.

**Facilities Study:** Michelle passed out a brainstorming list of building needs. Information will continue to be communicated through Google Docs.

Mike explained a process for the receipt of proposals and provided a suggested timeline for the steps involved with the building study. The plan is to draft a letter to architectural firms requesting proposals. The deadline for submissions will be April 15.

The Board will meet to review the proposals on April 17 and will potentially interview finalists on May 3.

**Board Chairperson's Report:** Don thanked the public for their support of See School Board on page 15

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

## Mark Your Calendar!

### JUNE

2: Board of Selectmen, 6  
2: Fire Dept Business Meeting, 7  
3: Building Permits, 6-7  
3: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30  
4: Fourth of July Committee,  
Andover Fire Station, 7  
10: Building Permits, 6-7  
10: Planning Board, 7  
10: Andover EMS,  
East Andover Fire Station, 7  
10: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7  
11: Conservation Commission, 7:30  
16: Board of Selectmen, 6  
16: Fire Department Training, 7  
17: Building Permits, 6-7  
17: Zoning Board, 7  
19: Library Trustees, Bachelor  
Library, 7  
24: Building Permits, 6-7

24: Planning Board, 7

### JULY

1: Building Permits, 6-7  
7: Board of Selectmen, 6  
7: Fire Dept Business Meeting, 7  
8: Building Permits, 6-7  
8: Planning Board, 7  
8: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7  
8: Andover EMS,  
East Andover Fire Station, 7  
9: Conservation Commission, 7:30  
15: Building Permits, 6-7  
15: Zoning Board, 7  
17: Library Trustees, 7  
21: Board of Selectmen, 6  
21: Fire Department Training, 7  
22: Building Permits, 6-7  
22: Planning Board, 7  
29: Building Permits, 6-7

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**School Board from page 14**

the proposed school budget for 2014-15. He commended the MVHS Girls Basketball Team for their state championship victory. He announced that the Senior Project Exhibition Night at MVHS will be held on March 19. He encouraged other Board members to attend.

A non-public session followed.

**April 1**

*Condensed from approved minutes.*

**Board Present:** Michelle Dudek, Anne Swayze, and Charlie McCrave

**Administration Present:** Mike Martin, Christine Barry, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton, and Judith Turk

The Board started by going into non-public session. After the non-public session, the public School Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

**Public Present:** Tina Cotton

**Good News:** Mike acknowledged and congratulated the Merrimack Valley High School High School Girls Basketball Team for their recent state championship victory. Erin Frost and Haley Adams are players on the team from the Andover School District.

**Old Business**

**Middle School Sports:** Mike met with Lorrie from the Merrimack Valley School Board (MVSB). The current policy will remain in effect, allowing for participation of Andover students in sports that do not cut players. Andover School District (ASD) parents who have made requests have been notified. An effort will be made to include ASD students if openings occur, and notices will be sent.

Michelle asked if a clear practice/policy has been established. Mike stated that the MVSB has not met since Andover's March meeting and discussion. Consistent communication with parents will be important during this process.

**Facilities Study:** Direct mailings of requests for proposals will be sent out with returns to be submitted by April 15. A work session will be held on April 17 to review the submissions.

**Bus Stop:** Mike has been working with involved community members along with the Andover Selectmen, exploring options involving the turnaround factor of school buses utilizing private land for this purpose during runs. Mike will continue to pursue a resolution, consulting the state for legalities and safety considerations.

**New Business**

**Calendar Waiver:** Jane presented a proposal to end the 2013-14 school year on June 20. Students will have exceeded

ed the number of hours required on this date. The Board passed unanimously a motion to request a waiver from the state to conclude the 2013-2014 school year for students on June 20, 2014.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mike stated that the Superintendent Transition Plan is in process.

**Conservation Commission**

**April 9**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Larry Chase (acting chair), Tina Cotton, Nan Kaplan, Derek Mansell; guest Sandra Graves. Absent: Chair Mary Anne Broshek, Jerry Hersey.

Re: scheduling a public presentation on Andover's natural resources by Chris Wells of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, Derek agreed to query Proctor Academy about the availability of the Old Stone Chapel.

**ASLPT update:** Nan reported that Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) collected 2013 annual reports from conservation commissions in its coverage area and agreed to distribute to Andover Conservation Commission (ACC) members via e-mail. She also reported that the ASLPT Outreach Committee, which she chairs, met the previous week and is planning a fall workshop, subject to be determined.

Members discussed their April 3 inspection of Highland Lake's Halcyon Island (at the request of the Board of Selectmen) to determine the health of its trees and the need for trash removal. Members Broshek, Chase, and Cotton were accompanied by Frank Baker and Earle Davis representing the Highland Lake Protective Association; Tim Fleury, forest resources specialist at the UNH Cooperative Extension; and Sophie Viandier representing the Board of Selectmen. No tree issues or trash accumulation were found. Earle mentioned that he has been removing trash from the island twice or more each year.

Tina reported that the Lakes Region Planning Commission is updating its master plan, mandated by state statute, and will need input from the Board of Selectmen on planned capital expenditures in the town and from ACC on environmental impacts.

Nan, who attended the annual "Saving Special Places" conservation conference on April 5, reported enthusiasm for the keynote address by conservationist Peter Forbes, representing the Center for Whole Communities in Vermont, and workshops on fundraising, the Merrimack River conservation plan, and wildlife protection.



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## Fifty Years Ago: June 1964

### Gardens destroyed by a hard frost

*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.*

**June 2, 1964**

Private David Newton, son of Mrs. Mildred Newton, arrived home the first of the week from Germany. David has been in the Army for three years and has received his discharge from the service. Welcome home, David.

The Fortnightly Club took two new members at their last meeting. They were Mrs. Emily Gulick and Mrs. Beth Frost. Hostesses were Mrs. Dora Newcomb and Mrs. Bryant Adams.

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**June 9, 1964**

It was voted at the last meeting to change the name and organization of the PTA to the PTO, an organization for our school and town. All proceeds will stay in town.

American Legion Crosby-Gilbert Post 101 and Auxiliary held Memorial Day exercises on Saturday at the monument on the Andover Town Common. Reverend Kelsey led the prayer and gave the address. Mrs. Doris Buswell directed the third and fourth graders in song, and Peter Chamberlain gave the Gettysburg Address. The firing squad was under the charge of Commander Gordon Lull. Flags were placed on the graves of all veterans, and markers were replaced on the graves where someone had taken them away last year. There is a heavy penalty for removal of grave markers.

The seventh graders will go to Canobie Lake. Those taking the children are Mrs. Gordon Lull, Mrs. Irene Jewett, Mrs. Leo Carpenter, and Principal of the School Perley Henderson Jr.

Franklin Schools have announced that, come next term, the days of the three Rs are numbered there. There will still be "Readin' and Ritin'," but "Rithmetic" will be replaced by "Modern Math," in the first three elementary grades. In this new system, based on achievement of skills rather than arbitrary advancement by grade, the student will learn not by rote but by understanding each concept as it

builds toward the next.

Charles H. Benson, 86, died on June 3 at the White Maple Nursing Home in Andover after a long illness. Mr. Benson was born in Colorado but moved to Andover 11 years ago from Quincy, Massachusetts. He was an exterior and interior decorator and painter. He was a member of the Blackwater Grange in Andover. The only surviving member of his family is his wife, Mrs. Pauline (Durgin) Benson.

**June 16, 1964**

Mrs. Perley Ordway received word that her son, Dale McLeod, has been promoted to Sp 5, 22 days before his discharge from the Army.

Cindy and Laurie Condon, Cheryl Fenton, Wenona Harding, and Jeffery Scott graduated from the Kiddie Korrner Kindergarten School in Salisbury on June 5 at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Maud Prince. The class wore blue gowns and white hats. Scott Ireland, Wendy Curtis, and Wayne Curtis were in the first year class. All these children are from East Andover and Andover.

Showing at the Regal Theatre in Franklin this week: The Horror of the Party Beach and The Curse of the Living Corpse. Notice: No person will be admitted unless they sign a waiver releasing Regal Theatre from all responsibility of Death By Fright. Special kiddie show on Saturday with free popcorn, balloons, Lone Ranger masks and Beatles trading cards. Enter a special coloring contest, and win a silver dollar!

Many local gardens were destroyed last week by an untimely hard frost.

Wedding anniversary congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poblencz on June 14. [It was their 34th anniversary.]

**June 23, 1964**

East Andover Volunteer Fire Company held its monthly meeting on June 10. Captain Sherman Taylor and Harland Wright of the Franklin Fire Department were present to give a demonstration with their dummy.

The company was called out one day last week to put out a fire by the home of Elizabeth Dodge, by the tracks. The fire was caused by sparks from a passing train.

Plans were made for the clean-up of the bathing beach and about the part the Fire Company will play in the Fourth of July celebration.

If anyone finds any turtles, Mr. Chaffee would like them for the Turtle Race booth.

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## Historical Society's Oral History Project is Alive and Well

New volunteers seek people to interview

By Suzy Norris  
Andover Historical Society

Here's an update on what's happening with the Andover Oral History Project begun in 1985 by Barbara Upton: It is alive and well!

Recently, Donna Blinn has joined forces with us. She is currently in the process of transcribing our considerable library of oral histories (a Herculean task) as well as tending to the technological aspects of the Oral History Project. Her facility with computer technology and her fascination with local

history and genealogy are huge assets.

Bob Norander has generously volunteered his expertise in converting our taped oral histories (over 70 of them) to CD form with the potential to be future audio files for a future Andover Historical Society Web site where one could just go online and listen. That's our dream!

In the meantime, if you want to listen to an interview, both town libraries have a catalog to the collection and copies of the interviews.

If you know someone who might want to be interviewed, or if you are that person, call Suzy Norris at 735-5369 or Donna Blinn at 401 474-3618.

## Jeff Warner: Banjos, Bones, and Ballads

A presentation about traditional music

By Suzy Norris  
Andover Historical Society

On Thursday, June 26, at 7 PM at the Highland Lake Grange Hall, the Andover Historical Society and the New Hampshire Council on the Humanities will host its first program of the year: Jeff Warner and his presentation "Banjos, Bones, and Ballads." The evening's entertainment is free and open to everyone.

Jeff is one of the foremost interpret-

ers of traditional music. He has performed widely and plays the concertina, banjo, guitar, and small pocket instruments including bones and spoons. "He inhabits a song in a way few singers can do," says the Royal Oak Falls Folk Club in Lewes, UK. Highlighting this program are tavern songs, banjo tunes, New England hymns, sailor songs, and humorous stories about traditional singers and their songs.

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## Training Session for Volunteer Land Stewards at ASLPT

Learn to monitor easements on June 11

Press release

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## Explore the Northern Rail Trail on National Trails Day

Choose from three tours on June 7

### Press release

Walkers and bicyclists are invited to explore historic landmarks along the section of the Northern Rail Trail between Potter Place and Danbury on Saturday, June 7, which is National Rail Trails Day.

The event is free and open to the public and will be held rain or shine. It begins at 10 AM at the Potter Place trail head kiosk, at the intersection of Routes 4 and 11 to the west of Andover village.

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Danbury Country store, two to two and a half hours later, having stopped along the way to find and admire mile and section markers, original stone box culverts, railroad telltales, a "hidden" stone arch bridge, and more.

The event is co-sponsored by the Wilmot Public Library (WPL) and the Friends of Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County (FNRT-MC). The project grew out of a WPL event this past February entitled Riding the New Hampshire Rail Trail: Photographic and Historic Documentation. During the February event, Wilmot photographer Charley Freiberg created so much interest in landmarks along the rail trail that attendees clamored for a field trip to see the sites in person during warmer weather.

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## Danbury Country Store Celebrates Customer Appreciation Day

June 28 event features 25 local vendors

**Press release**

Since 1875, the Danbury Country Store has served Danbury and neighboring towns as well as the traveling public. Opened shortly after the railroad came to Danbury, it has been a general store and gas station and offered rooms for rent in the upstairs. That was called the Central House, and the dance floor on the third floor is unchanged from when it was used for dances and local gatherings.

There have been numerous owners in the 139-year history of the building. The store sat idle after the death of owner Lillian Hastings in 1966. Myrl and June Phelps then purchased the store and, with the help of their 11 children, reopened it. They ran the store until 1978, and no one could have predicted that the Phelps family would buy it once again in 2012.

Many renovations were necessary, including a total rehabilitation of the interior to include a deli, public bathroom, new shelving, and coolers. The outside efforts involved a new foundation under the building, the addition of gas and diesel

tanks and pumps, parking, and easy access to North Road and Route 4. The store reopened on May 1, 2013 and is run by Audrey (Phelps) Pellegrino but still benefits from the help of the Phelps siblings.

Now named the Danbury Country Store, its purpose has not changed from the original days of providing food and beverage and necessities to Danbury and the neighboring towns and the traveling public. One thing that has changed is that we no longer wait for the railroad to come through, but instead enjoy the travelers on the Northern Rail Trail stopping in and enjoying the store as a Rail Trail Welcome Center.

On Saturday, June 28, the Danbury Country Store will be hosting a Customer Appreciation/Locally Made Day. We feel that we are very fortunate to have such wonderful customers and 25 talented local vendors who sell items at the store. This will be a day to showcase their wares.

Please join us for samples, displays, "old tyme" food, raffles, and fun! The Danbury Country Store is located at the intersection of Routes 4 and 104 in Danbury. Check us out on Facebook or call 768-3100.

## Repair and Improve Winslow Trail on National Trails Day

Saturday, June 7, at 8:30 AM in Wilmot

**Press release**

National Trails Day is Saturday, June 7. Join volunteers from Trailwrights, Inc. at Mount Kearsarge's Winslow State Park in Wilmot to help repair and improve the Winslow Trail from the Winslow State Park parking lot up to its junction with the Barlow Trail. It's also a chance to learn how trail best-practices make life both easier and happier. For more information, visit Trailwrights.org.

Trailwrights, Inc. will be partnering with the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development and with the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge (SRK) Greenway Coalition to perform needed maintenance on the Winslow Trail. Bring gloves, lunch, good footwear, and other clothing of choice. No experience needed. Tools are supplied. Bring your headnet for probable blackfly intervention.

The Winslow Trail is "off" the SRK Greenway, which uses the longer but less rocky and slippery Barlow Trail to the same destination. But the Winslow-

Summit-Barlow loop is one of the most popular trail loops in New Hampshire. It gets wear and tear by "over-loved syndrome." Trailwrights, Inc. built the Barlow Trail with local helpers in 1997. And Trailwrights has come back and helped the SRK Greenway on the Barlow and Summit trails since then. We like Trailwrights people. Let's help them help the trails.

**Lincoln Trail in July**

On Sunday, July 6, and Tuesday, July 8, prepare to help another group of trailworkers, the Student Conservation Association and their high school crew, as they work on the Lincoln Trail from Rollins State Park on the Warner side of Mount Kearsarge, on Greenway Trail #11. This event is part of our Quabbin-to-Cardigan summer -- for more information, visit Q2Cpartnership.org. For more information and trail maps of the SRK Greenway, visit SRKG.org.

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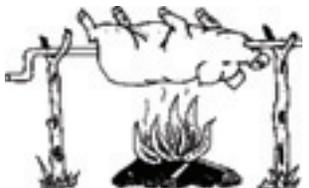
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**Youth Turkey Hunt**

**Above left:** Katelyn Barton got a 18.5-pound tom on May 3. Pictured are Dedo Barton, Katelyn Barton, and Stephen Barton. Photo: Melissa Barton

**Above right:** Ryan Barton shot a 15.5-pound turkey on May 4. Photo: Melissa Barton

**Below left:** Jared Frost got a 14-pound jake. Photo: Chuck Ellis

**Below right:** Hannah French, 12, had another successful Spring Turkey season this year. She's three-for-three, taking a bird in each of her last three years. This year, hunting with her grandfather Steve Kelley of Hill, she shot a 20-pound tom with a 10" beard and a 7/8" spur. Photo: Trudy French



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Students and adults from Proctor Academy worked for two hours on May 3 to rake the landscaping, move picnic tables, and float and secure a raft at the Wilmot Community Association's Timothy Patten Park on Shindagan Road in Wilmot. Left to right: Buz Morison, Proctor team leader; Sam Fisher; James Roan; Devin Herlitz; Matt Braley of Andover; Max Christian; and Rachel Seamans, WCA board member. Photo: Lindy Heim

**Proctor Community Service Groups Help Out at WCA**

**Spring clean-up at the Red Barn and Patten Park**

**Press release**

Twelve students and two instructors from Proctor Academy in Andover assisted the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) on May 3 with spring landscape clean-up at the association's two properties in Wilmot.

At Timothy Patten Park on Shindagan Road, the students raked the lawn and beach, moved picnic tables, and

floated and secured a raft. Workers at the park were Proctor team leader Buz Morison, Sam Fisher, James Roan, Devin Herlitz, Matt Braley, and Max Christian. "The students were wonderful to work with," said Rachel Seamans, WCA board member who coordinated the cleanup at the beach.

At the WCA's Red Barn on Village Road, students edged around shrubs, spread mulch, and picked up trash that a local black bear had spread in the woods behind the building.

Workers at the WCA's Red Barn were Proctor team leader Casey McCormick, Kyle Heller, Rowan Moynihan, Nick Sawaya, Cole Bickford, Chace Lewis, and Alex Van Raatle. "The boys worked really hard," said Kimberly Slover, WCA board member who coordinated the cleanup at the Red Barn. "By the end of the morning they had accomplished a great deal, and the landscaping looked great!"

This is the second year that students from Proctor Academy have helped the WCA with spring cleanup.

"It's amazing the amount of work the teams of students did for the WCA," said Ann Davis, president of the WCA, a community-based not-for-profit organization that has been bringing neighbors together in Wilmot for more than 50 years. "Volunteers are key to the WCA's success. We truly appreciate the nearly 30 hours of volunteer time the students and their advisors contributed to the WCA."

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Vic Phelps recently discovered these Andover School Registers and donated them to the historical society. You can examine them at the Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse on Saturday, June 8. Photos: Donna Baker-Hartwell



Ludwig Bstieler, UNH Associate Professor of Marketing (l) and Tom Gruen, UNH Chair and Professor of Marketing, pose with Meredith Cline '15 at her award-winning poster.

## Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse Opens for the Season

Newly discovered School Registers on display

By Donna Baker-Hartwell  
Andover Historical Society

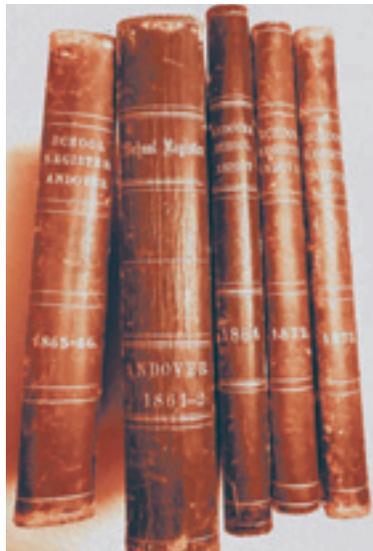
Sunday, June 8, from 1 to 3 PM marks the first Open House of the year at the Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse. The one-room schoolhouse, built in 1837, will be open the second Sunday of each month through October

Among the artifacts on exhibit this month will be five of the ten Andover School Registers (dated between 1861 and 1879) recently discovered in the home of Vic Phelps. The Phelps have generously donated the books to the Andover Historical Society. The books are filled with fascinating bits of information, including an inventory of each school – a list of books; the number, ages, and names of students; attendance records; subjects taught; teacher's comments; length of the semester; salary of the teacher; and more.

An example of information that was not known before the discovery of these record books is that in 1861, the Tucker Mountain School had a terrestrial globe costing \$2.06. It would be nice to find

one from this era to add to the school house exhibit. A quick search on eBay, and I discovered that the price has gone up considerably!

The Open House is free and open to all. Pat Baker's homemade cookies will be offered to visitors. For more information, call Donna Baker-Hartwell at 735-5586 or Pat Cutter at 735-5628.



Five of the ten Andover School Registers will be on display on June 8.

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## Meredith Cline Takes First Prize in Research Conference

Analyzed environmental constraints on business

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Press release

Meredith Cline, a junior Business Administration and Marketing major at the University of New Hampshire's Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics, recently presented her marketing research project, Analyzing the Effects of Environmental Constraints on Business, at the 15th annual Undergraduate Research Conference (URC), which was held from April 11 through

Meredith was awarded First Prize in the Marketing category for her poster presentation. Her study focused on an

See Meredith on page 22

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## FNRT Minutes, May 21, 2014

### Grant and two awards point toward the finish

Condensed from draft minutes

**Present:** Alex Bernhard, Steve Darling, Craig Heim, Lindy Heim, Myra Mayman, Charles Martin, Ellsworth Morton, Joyce Morton, Steve Rayno, Nita Tomaczewski, Bob Ward. Guest: Leon Nelson, Andover Snowmobile Club Trail Administrator

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve reported that donations have begun to arrive from our annual appeal. From this appeal and funds previously raised for trail construction, we should have funds sufficient to fulfill our 20% match requirement for the \$30,000 Recreational Trails Program grant that we were just awarded by the State of New Hampshire (see below).

#### Old Business

**Maintenance:** Alex reported that there is a sinkhole on the Grafton end of the line, beyond Ford Mill Road. Although it is in the Grafton County section of the Trail, the Grafton group may need our help.

Alex asked Leon Nelson for help from the Andover Snowmobile Club on several missing railings in the Andover section of the trail. Leon reported that they would be doing brush cutting and chipping on the trail in Danbury this summer.

We will be laying down the last mile of stone dust in Danbury this summer, from just south of Ford Mill Road to the Grafton-Merrimack County line.

**Recreational Trails Program \$30,000 application:** Construction from Boscawen to just north of the Concord line in Boscawen, and one mile to the Grafton County line. The good news is that we have been awarded the \$30,000 grant. This funding (plus our 20% match) will go to complete the 1.9 miles in Boscawen, a tougher section than previous because ties have to be removed, plus the one mile on the Danbury end.

**Pop-up Tent:** Steve Rayno reported on Piche's Ski and Sports' prices for a pop-up tent, including printed logo: \$675 to \$850. Bob wants to compare Belletetes' tents. It was voted to authorize Bob to spend up to \$860 for the best tent at the best price he can find. It's important to us to buy locally.

**Boscawen Questions:** Boscawen Old Home Day at Jamie Welch Park on Saturday, August 23. We will set up our table under their large tent to provide information as we do at Andover's Fourth of July 4 and the Potter Place Old Time Fair. We will need staffing from 11 AM to 4 PM.

**Finish Line Celebration:** Bob proposed that our finish line completion celebration be a separate event at Jamie Welch Park in Boscawen. First choice is Saturday, October 4; second choice is Saturday, October 11. Rain dates would be the Sundays following the Saturdays.

Bob will invite Governor Hassan when he goes to Concord to receive the Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Health Award. Bob is thinking of music, tents, refreshments, speakers, achievement awards, a walk and/or run and/or bike race on the trail. This is the end of 10 years of work building the entire 35 miles of trail from the Concord/Boscawen line to the Danbury/Grafton line.

**Thursday's Child Dinner:** We will hear about net proceeds in a month or so.

**Hotels on our Web Site:** We have already voted that hotels and inns should contribute \$50 annually in order to be on our Web site. Lindy suggests we have a Sponsorship page rather than Lodging. We will continue to discuss this, but in the meantime, our policy is as previously voted.

**Saleable Items with FNRT Logo:** Lindy showed sample hats and mugs. She will bring a specific proposal to next meeting.

**National Trails Day, June 7:** A bike ride and walk (with leaders) is planned in conjunction with the Wilmot Library starting at 10 AM at Potter Place, going to Danbury Country Store.

#### New Business

**Recreational Trails Program Achievement Award:** It's a national award from the Coalition for Recreational Trails, "the 2014 Annual Achievement Award for outstanding use of Recreational Trails Program funds in the category of Accessibility Enhancement" – and we have won! There will be an awards ceremony in Washington DC.

**Granite State Rail Trail Logos:** It was voted to post these logos at major trailheads. Nita asked to see the medalion before it's posted.

**Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Health Award:** Friday, May 30, in the Governor's Council Chambers to receive our award.

**Saturday, June 28:** Danbury Country Store will have a customer appreciation event. Since the Danbury Country Store is an official Welcome Center, the question arises whether we should have a presence. Lindy will follow up with Audrey and inform us by e-mail.

**Interpretive Signs:** Leigh Webb of Franklin Historical Society is planning to put up interpretive historical signs along the Trail. Nita has seen them and says they're excellent.

### Meredith from page 21

environmental constraint placed upon a local business, Las Olas Taqueria. The study included problem identification, qualitative and quantitative research, data analysis, and recommendations. Assistant Professor of Marketing Lin

Guo served as Meredith's advisor.

According to Meredith, "It was an honor to be chosen to participate in the URC. I enjoyed sharing my research, collaborating with my faculty advisor, and having the opportunity to present my work publicly. It was a valuable learning experience."

## Greg Hewitt Graduates with Honors from Westminster

Pre-law with Outdoor Education minor

Gregory Hewitt of Andover graduated with honors from Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah, on May 31. Greg received a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Political Studies/Pre-Law major, and a minor in Outdoor Education and Leadership. Honors are awarded to students who obtain a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Greg's summer plans include a return to a counselor position at Durango Mountain Camp in Colorado, a remedial program for students with dyslexia, coupled with great outdoor pursuits.



Greg Hewitt prepares to climb the face of a popular rock cliff, one of the skills he taught students as an Outdoor Trip Leader for Westminster College.



On May 8, Mary and Robert Ofenloch of Andover performed in a variety show at Woodcrest Village in New London. The theme for the show was The Roaring Twenties, so Mary sang two songs by George Gershwin: *Someone to Watch Over Me* and *The Man I Love*. Robert accompanied Mary and also played a piano solo by Nobuo Uematsu entitled *To Zanarkand* from the video game *Final Fantasy X*. The show is a tradition at Woodcrest and is held every other year. Activity Director Donna Baker-Hartwell of Andover organizes community members and the Woodcrest staff and residents in their participation, with costumes on loan from the New London Barn Playhouse.

Photo: Wynne DeMille

## Franklin Animal Shelter: Pet of the Month, June 2014

Tom needs a mellow new home

### Press release

This handsome guy is Tom! Tom came to the shelter after his previous owners moved and left him behind.

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This beautiful boy just needs someone to help him learn to love again. Tom should do fine with mellow kids, dogs, and other cats. Come meet this sweet guy, and see if yours could be his next

forever home!

If you'd like more information about Tom or any of the animals at the shelter, please contact us at 934-4132 or visit our Web site at [FranklinAnimalShelter.com](http://FranklinAnimalShelter.com).



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## Wilmot Farmers Market Opens on Saturday, June 28

Special art exhibit for opening day

**Press release**

The Wilmot Farmers Market opens on Saturday, June 28, at 9 AM with special art exhibits in tandem with the Wilmot Community Association's weekend event, Imagination Into Art. Local artists and artisans will exhibit their work at the north end of the Wilmot Green for this weekend only.

The Market boasts 25 full- and part-time vendors, including the new addition of Huckins Farm dairy products. Meat, produce, and baked goods as well as artisans working in several media including glass, pottery, metal, and jewelry will lend diversification to the offerings at the market.

Full-time vendors are Andrea's Quilted, Cardigan Mountain Soapworks, Cutting Farm, Emma Chase Design, Fred's Farm, Fruitcake Farm, Good Enough Farm, Grafton Glass,

Hazzard Acres Farm, Highland Lake Apple Farm, Huckins Farm, Huntoon Farm, Nana's Kitchen, Santa's Farm, Shaker Road Produce, Stevens Home-made, Two Mountain Farm, Veteran's Ecoworld, and Yiayia's Creations.

Naughty Nellie's Cafe from Andover will provide hot breakfast and lunch each week for market-goers who enjoy meeting friends for breakfast or lunch on the Wilmot Green.

Several musicians will provide entertainment on the bandstand, including Richard King, Folk Fusion, Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band, Mark Aldrich, Deanna Stiles, and Mark Cressy.

Non-profits, including the Wilmot Public Library and the Wilmot Historical Society, will be present on a part-time basis, and the popular education tent will feature something interesting each week.

Up-to-date information may be found at [WilmotFarmersMarket.com](http://WilmotFarmersMarket.com), or contact Donna Abair at 763-9105 or Mary Lloyd-Evans at 735-5058.

## Hérons Return to Fenvale Rookery

Beavers, turtles, kingfishers, and much more

By Lee Carvalho, for the Beacon

For many years, I enjoyed spying on the great blue herons nesting on snags in the beaver pond at Fenvale. Then a few springs ago, they didn't return, probably because there was not enough food left there to support them as they raised their young.

The good news is that they are back! On a recent walk I was pleased to see two nests in one snag, both with herons sitting on them.

For another hour or so I circumambulated the pond on a trail made years ago by Paul Fenton. From various points along that path I could see turtles sunning themselves on logs, a large tree with a low 10-inch waist sculpted by gnawing

beavers, a belted kingfisher working the edges of the pond, and a group of active yellow-rumped warblers. The trail crosses a rushing brook and winds through a beautiful mixed forest with dramatic rock outcroppings. The beaver dam at the east end is remarkable for its length and complexity.

How fortunate we are to have such an unspoiled property in Andover and to know that it will remain as it is for years to come! Back in the late '80s, when the Fentons were subdividing their property, they entered into a conservation easement agreement with the Town to protect the pond, its outflow stream, and the shores and wetlands of the Blackwater River in perpetuity. Paul tells me that he loved exploring that area in his youth and wanted to be sure it would stay just the same.

Fenvale is one of many local properties with a conservation easement. Using a mapping service from UNH called GRANITView, I count 33 blocks of conserved properties in our town. Some are held with Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), others with the Society for the Protection

of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF), and some by the Town itself, with the Andover Conservation Commission (ACC) as monitor.



Great blue heron. Photo: Lee Carvalho

The goals of these easements include maintaining scenic and open spaces, encouraging use of lands for agriculture and forestry, protecting significant natural areas, wildlife habitat, and historic places, and preserving resources and features. It's no coincidence that these goals are the exact same as five of the ten principles that guided Andover's Master Plan.

**Quabbin to Cardigan**

Many of us heard a presentation on May 12 by Chris Wells of SPNHF about the Quabbin to Cardigan (Q2C) partnership that is working to identify and protect prime conservation areas in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The region is bounded by Cardigan Mountain, the Quabbin Reservoir in central Massachusetts, and the Connecticut and Merrimack Rivers – a roughly rectangular region of nearly two million acres that includes Andover.

The talk, part of ACC's "Taking Action for Wildlife" initiative, was a good reminder of Andover's special location, bordering population centers and yet near one of the largest remaining areas of undisturbed, connected, ecologically-important forest in New England. If you have property that you want to preserve, don't hesitate to contact ASLPT, SPNHF, or ACC to learn more.

Paul built that trail around the pond at Fenvale and Wally Currier helped maintain it for years, but it needs attention now. Let me know if you'd like to join me for some trail work: [Andover-Naturally@gmail.com](mailto:Andover-Naturally@gmail.com).

### VOLUNTEER!

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*Quote For A Killer*, J.D. Mallinson  
*Harbor of the Heart*, Katherine Spencer  
*The Way Home*, Katherine Spencer  
*The Chance LP*, Robyn Carr  
*Heart of Texas LP Vol. 1,2,3*, Debbie Macomber  
*Blossom Street Brides*, Debbie Macomber  
*NYPD RED 2*, James Patterson & Marshall Karp  
*The Spirit Keeper*, K. B. Laugheed

*Carnal Curiosity*, Stuart Woods  
*Keep Quiet*, Lisa Scottoline  
*Chestnut Street*, Maeve Binchy  
*Other Story*, Tatiana DeRosnay  
*I've Got You Under My Skin*, Mary Higgins Clark

*The Kill Switch*, James Rollins

### Adult Non Fiction

*Woodworking*, John Kelsey

### Children's Titles

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*Wings of Fire Books 1,2,3,4 & 5*, Tui T. Sutherland  
*Fancy Nancy Just My Luck*, Jane O'Connor  
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### Adult Fiction

*Carnal Curiosity*, Stuart Woods  
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*Longbourn*, Jo Baker  
*Missing You*, Harlan Coben  
*NYPD Red*, James Patterson  
*NYPD Red 2*, James Patterson  
*I've Got You Under My Skin*, Mary Higgins Clark  
*Dead or Alive*, Tom Clancy  
*Family Life*, Akhil Sharma  
*The Target*, David Baldacci  
*The Collector*, Nora Roberts

### Adult Nonfiction

*The Bonobo and the Atheist*

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*This I Believe II*  
*The Ares Decision*, Robert Ludlum

## Through the Reading Glasses, June 2014

### Build fairy houses on Saturday, June 14

By Janet Moore  
Andover Libraries Trustee

The fairies are returning to Andover, and they'll need housing in town! Come with your children on Saturday, June 14 (rain date: the 21st), to construct special fairy abodes beneath the trees near the Andover Public Library. Bring materials suitable for earth-bound winged creatures who will need to rest comfortably every night.

Fairies adore creative homes built of sticks and stones and feathers and shells and flowers; wouldn't you? The Library will supply some materials; just no people-made toys, please.

Plan to arrive at 10 AM for a morning of fun and frolic. Grown-ups welcome! If you want to leap into the spirit of spirits, grown-ups, look up Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's short works on the Cottingley Photographs, which fairly ruined his reputation after the Sherlock Holmes opus.

Summertime, summertime, summer-summer-summer ... thinking about reading through the summer, kids? You should be!

The Andover libraries will offer summer reading programs for kindergarten through second grade; third through fifth grade; and a special middle school book club at the Bachelder Library for grades six through eight. The kindergarten through second grade

program will be held on Wednesdays at 10 AM from July 9 through August 6. The third through fifth grade group will meet on Saturdays at 10 AM from July 12 through August 9.

Patsy Power, Imagination Inn's Do-reen Perreault, and Priscilla Poulin from Andover Public Library will lead the children through all kinds of books and activities with a "Boom Fizz Read!" theme.

Gail Fitzpatrick's book club at Bachelder Public Library will meet on Thursday, July 10, from 6 to 7 PM and continue for four to five weeks. Personal and/or group choice is the key for this club, and Gail will be coming to visit AE/MS to spark interest so that books will be available at the first meeting.

Don't forget about the big "book sales" coming up in July. The afternoon of Thursday, July 3, is reserved for Andover residents in the Stone Chapel, while the doors will open to one and all the morning of July 4. If you have any books, DVDs, or CDs in good condition to contribute (no VHS tapes!), drop them at either library right away. See you around town.



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## Two Andover Artists Exhibit in Wilmot Show

Jay Koron and Holly Noyes, June 27 and 28

### Press release

Several local artists, including two from Andover, will participate in the Wilmot Community Association's (WCA) second annual Imagination into Art, an artists' exhibit and sale, on Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28, at the WCA's Red Barn, 64 Village Road, next to the US Post Office in Wilmot Flat.

The event will open with a reception and show from 4:30 to 7 PM on Friday, June 27 at the WCA's Red Barn. Imagination into Art will continue from 9 AM to noon on Saturday, June 28, at the WCA's Red Barn and at the Wilmot Farmers Market on the Wilmot Village Green on Village Road in Wilmot Flat.

Artists who will show their work – and some will also demonstrate their techniques – include Jay Koron and Holly Noyes of Andover; Dick Chase, Kristin Ash Chertikhin, Vlad Chertikhin, Caroline Fairless, Sue Finney, Ann Feeley Kieffer, David Lorden, Terry Moore, Nancy Schlosser, and Lynn Solomon, all from Wilmot; Jane Gold, New London; Myrl Phelps, Danbury; Nancee Leach, Springfield; and Steve Russell and Sue Russell, Newbury.

Several participating artists have donated an example of their work to be sold during a silent auction on Friday

evening.

"We are pleased to host a show that features so many of our very talented local artists," said Judy Hauck, WCA board member and organizer of Imagination into Art. "The works include beautiful handmade quilts, pottery, sculpture, and paintings in several media."

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served at the Friday evening reception. A \$15 donation per person is requested.

The WCA, which was established in 1963, owns and operates the Red Barn, a facility with a function room, commercial kitchen, and meeting rooms on Village Road in Wilmot. A private preschool, the Wilmot Learning Place, is a tenant on the lower level of the Red Barn. The WCA also owns and operates the Timothy Patten Park, where local community members enjoy summer recreational activities.

Activities sponsored by the WCA include the Black Fly Blitz, Imagination into Art, the Pie Breakfast, Harvest Home Luncheon, Scarecrow Decorating Contest, Halloween trick or treating for children, the annual holiday craft fair, and the Wilmot Express.

The office is open from 9 AM to noon, Monday through Thursday, and by appointment.

More information about Imagination into Art, facility rental, programs, and activities is available at 526-7934 or [WilmotCommunityAssociation.org](http://WilmotCommunityAssociation.org).

## Summer Music Associates Announces Schedule

Performances June 28 through September 13

### Press release

Summer Music Associates' 2014 season will include performances in New London by:

- the Boston Civic Symphony featuring 13-year-old violinist Ilana Zaks on Saturday, June 28, at the Sawyer Center Theater at Colby-Sawyer College
- local pianist and composer William Ogmundson with special guest Nicole Densmore, flutist, on Thursday, July 17, at the First Baptist Church
- the Walden Chamber Players performing Cuba: Music and Images from the Forbidden Island on Thursday, August 7, at the First

Baptist Church, with a pre-concert talk that begins at 6:30 PM

- the Newberry Consort of Chicago performing Crossbows: a 17th Century Violin Entertainment on Thursday, August 21, at the First Baptist Church
- the New Black Eagle Jazz Band on Saturday, September 13, at the Sawyer Center Theater at Colby-Sawyer College

All concerts begin at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$25 for adults or \$5 for students and are available by mail or phone, at [SummerMusicAssociates.com](http://SummerMusicAssociates.com), at the door, or (by cash or check only) at Morgan Hill Bookstore, Tatewell Gallery, and the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce. For more information, visit [SummerMusicAssociates.com](http://SummerMusicAssociates.com) or call 526-8234.

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## New London Barn Playhouse Announces 2014 Season

### *A Little Night Music* starts June 11

#### Press release

The award-winning New London Barn Playhouse presents its 82nd season starting with Stephen Sondheim's wildly romantic *A Little Night Music*, running Wednesday, June 11, through Sunday, June 22 and starring our very own Producing Artistic Director Carol Dunne. Considered one of Stephen Sondheim's masterpieces, this lush, sophisticated musical features the show-stopper *Send in the Clowns*.

We follow with Bob Fosse's devilishly funny home-run hit *Damn Yankees*, running Wednesday, June 25, through Sunday, July 13. Next, Carol Dunne will direct *Monty Python's Spamalot* for its region premiere, running Wednesday, July 16, through Sunday, July 27. This gloriously irreverent comedy is lovingly "ripped off" from the cult hit film *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.

Our midsummer offering is the charming *Over the Pub* by Tom Dudzick, running Wednesday, July 30, through Sunday, August 3. This heart-warming and hilarious play centers on an Irish family in the 1960s and is best described as a cross between Neil Simon and *Angela's Ashes*. We follow with Cole Porter's stunning classic, *Kiss Me, Kate*, running Wednesday, August 6 through Sunday, August 17. Our season finale is the claustrophobic psychological thriller *Dial "M" for Murder*, which inspired Alfred Hitchcock's chilling, classic film and runs Wednesday, August 20 through Sunday, August 31.

#### Monday Night Series

The Barn's hugely popular *New London Barn Intern Idols!* returns for another season. The Intern company splits into competing teams on select Monday nights, with each team singing their hearts out for the audience's votes. Each date features a different evening of musical competition.

**June 30:** *There's No Business Like Show Business*: a musical tribute to

America's legendary songwriter, Irving Berlin.

**July 21:** *Wish Upon a Star*: Classic stories and characters come to life in our Interns' tribute to all that is Disney.

**August 11:** *Interns' Choice*: Interns put together their own musical farewell revue.

Each *Idols!* evening offers two curtain times, at 5 PM and 7:30 PM.

#### Children's Theater Series

Composed of exceptionally talented local performers, the Barn's Junior Intern (JI) Company produces the Children's Theater Series throughout the summer. The Series includes five fully-produced shows; four appear on the Barn's mainstage, with one additional offering of a free outdoor production.

This summer, the JIs present:

- *When I Grow Up* on Thursday, July 3 at 11 AM and 2 PM
- *The Quiltmaker's Gift* on Saturday, July 19, at 11 AM and 2 PM
- *Musicville* on Thursday, July 24, at 11 AM and 2 PM
- *The Taming of the Shrew* on Sunday, August 3, at 3 PM in a free outdoor performance (Call 526-6570 for more information.)
- *Cinderella* on Thursday, August 14, and Saturday, August 16, at 11 AM and 2 PM

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## Andover Metal Craftsman Creates 2014 Ornament

Pays homage to  
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### Press release

The League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's annual ornament for 2014 is Whispers of Spring, a hand-formed cast pewter birch branch made by Kristine Lane of Andover and Paulette Werger, both juried in metal by the League.

Kristine and Paulette created the ornament to pay homage to the official state tree of New Hampshire. The white birch is one of the first trees to come into leaf, celebrating the emergence of spring. The ornament has a celery-colored ribbon for hanging on a tree or wreath.

Whispers of Spring ornaments are sold exclusively by the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen Fine Craft Galleries; the League's online store at NHcrafts.org; and at the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's Fair on August 2 through 10 at Mount Sunapee Resort. Each ornament is numbered as one of a limited edition and is signed by the artists. The ornament comes beautifully gift-boxed and sells for \$23.

This is the second annual ornament that Kristine and Paulette have collaborated on; their first was the 2002 annual ornament, Snow Crystal. They have been working together collaboratively since 1998 creating one-of-a-kind jewelry. "Paulette and I both draw inspiration from the botanical world, so Whispers of Spring represents our shared aesthetic," said Kristine.

### About the Makers

Kristine Lane of Andover creates metal jewelry that communicates her passion for the graceful botanical forms found in nature. She has been working as a studio jeweler for more than 20 years. "It is still as exciting today as the day I started," said Kristine. "Honing skills and discovering and developing new techniques keep my creative senses alive and constantly challenged."

She has been engaged in art since her first watercolor lesson at age four. She studied painting, drawing, and sculpture at Boston University's two-year Fine Art Core Program and then discovered a connection to metalsmithing while pursuing a bachelor of fine arts degree in jewelry design at Virginia Commonwealth University. "I was hooked instantly to the inherent

strength of metal and the associated challenges of working and manipulating it to create delicate forms," said Kristine.

She enjoys every aspect of creating a piece of jewelry, from design to fabrication. "However, there is no greater gratification in metalsmithing than being



Whispers of Spring is the second time the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen has chosen an ornament by Kristine Lane for its annual ornament.

told that one of my designs has become a client's favorite piece of jewelry," she added.

Paulette Werger of Hanover makes jewelry, vessels, and flatware that draw upon botanical imagery, mythology, and folk tales. "Form, texture, and pattern borrowed from my garden are the basis for the collage-like surfaces and simple volumes in my metalwork," said Paulette. Her neckpieces, rings, earrings, and beads combine a variety of materials including gold, silver, pewter, hand-cut gems, and pearls.

Paulette is originally from rural upstate New York. Her great-grandfather was a painter trained in the Hudson River School, who supported a family of 10 from his artwork. "Growing up, I was surrounded by my great-grandfather's paintings and the landscape that had inspired him. I spent many hours outdoors rambling through fields and woods, building tree forts and drawing pictures," said Paulette. "My family was not surprised when I was inclined toward art and, because of my great-grandfather's example, they were very supportive. The importance of the natural world has persisted in the narrative of my work."

Paulette received her BS in painting and sculpture from the College of Saint Rose and Skidmore College in New York, and her MFA in Art Metal from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

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## Andover Energy Group Minutes, April 29, 2014

### Presentation on Community Solar concept

*This meeting constitutes AEG's May meeting.*

New Hampshire Solar Garden presentation and discussion, Andrew Kellar. The speaker described the evolution of his business and noted that he was now pursuing opportunities to provide support to communities as they begin to look at Group Net Metering. This approach is sometimes referred to as Community Solar.

Under this concept, a solar photovoltaic (PV) array is installed at one location, and the benefits of this power is shared in a virtual and accounting sense with group members who are not actually connected to the PV array. All group members must be from the same utility. Group members receive payments from New Hampshire Solar Garden based on consumption as shown on their electric utility bill.

New Hampshire Solar Garden constructs and owns the PV array and arranges financing. They would lease land from a local group member.

New Hampshire Solar Garden is interested to partner with towns looking to use town assets (e.g. rooftops, landfills, or open land) to generate revenue. Towns could potentially be a group member. New Hampshire Solar Garden would seek a pilot with a town to offset their tax liabilities.

New Hampshire Solar Garden needs local community member participation to make the concept work. Their standard array size is 66 kilowatts. The size of the PV array and individual group members' consumption determines the number of members in a particular net metering group.

#### In Other News...

Jeff Dickinson reported that not until September will he be able to consider building a micro-hydro system on

Hameshop Brook. The Andover Village District will need to be involved. Larry will try to set up a meeting with Mike Vercellotti, Village District commissioner.

What is the next step with Community Solar Garden? Pecco Beaufays is ready to begin the process with his four acres. The Andover Energy Group (AEG) recommends that Sophie take the solar garden concept to the Andover Board of Selectmen.

Jeff, with the go-ahead from Marj Roy and others, will install the tankless water heater at Town Hall.

The Board of Selectmen is creating a new roads and bridges committee.

On May 8, New Hampshire Electric Co-op is sponsoring an Energy Solutions Seminar to be held at Church Landing in Meredith from 8 AM to 12:45 PM. Topics will include LED lighting technology, mini-split heat pumps, and financing.

On May 21, AEG will meet with Eolian Wind Power at 7 PM at Town Hall. They want to install metering towers to check for wind possibilities.

Larry Chase will attempt to write a proposal for a group hybrid vehicle purchase and present it to Pecco for delivery to Tilton AutoServ.

Susan Chase spoke on the school building structural analysis, a project funded by School District warrants. She will continue to attend meetings, many of which are open to the public. Susan also mentioned an Upper Valley consortium looking to build group solar purchases.

The Wood Fuel Association just got "a pot of money" to visit towns and talk about heating with wood and biomass. The committee recommends they come to Andover, via the Board of Selectmen.

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We meet next at Highland Lake Inn on Thursday, June 5, at 7 PM.

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## Andover Lions Do a Lot for Area Towns

Come join the fun in helping the community

By Joyce Egge, Andover Lions Club

The Andover Lions Club does a lot for the area, but many people have no idea what the Lions do! They think it's nothing but meetings. I thought about this and came up with some of the community service items that the Lions currently do. Here is a partial list:

- We support the Andover Food pantry.
- We give out scholarships to three deserving high school students.
- We perform state-of-the-art vision testing for preschoolers, which helps to prevent permanent damage later in life.
- We assist school nurses in providing much-needed sight and hearing testing.
- We get money-strapped folks free eye exams and free eyeglasses. Many of these people can't go to work because they do not have the glasses to be able to drive themselves.
- We provide emergency assistance to families who have lost their homes to fire.
- We host the Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast and provide food on the Village Green. We provide the Concord Coach in the parade at the Fourth of July celebration.
- Several times a year, we get together for breakfast then clean up the

roadside trash along Route 4 between Andover and Danbury.

• We sell food at the Musterfield Farm Day Fair and the Danbury Fair and host a free Halloween Open House for the children.

And who wants to miss the fun at the annual golf tournament or our newest upcoming event: our first annual Oktoberfest?

Besides the events mentioned above, we will again this year be spending a fun night at the Fisher Cats on July 17. It will include a delicious barbecue on the party deck and watching the game from some fantastic seats. Please call Bill Leber at 735-5144 to get your tickets. They are \$35 per person and are going quickly.

It's actually a lot of fun to get together and work as a group to provide all these services. But we can't do it without you. We need younger folks with energy and ideas to keep making this happen and to make new things happen! If you want more information, just ask any Lion. Or contact Dan Coolidge at 542-2187 or DanCoolidge@yahoo.com. Or join us at one of our meetings at Naughty Nellie's every other Monday at 6 PM. Reservations not needed!

It only takes a few hours a month, and you get to work with a host of great people doing great things for our community. It's fun, it's easy, and we're a great bunch to work alongside!

## Kellie St Jacques Heads a Relay for Life Team

One of many Andover participants over the years

By Kellie St Jacques, for the Beacon

Hello! My name is Kellie St Jacques, team captain of the Relay For Life Team at New London Hospital. We are called the NLH Health Nuts. I have lived in Andover all of my life, and I am glad to share with you my connection with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee.

I started working at New London Hospital in November 2011, and I heard about the relay team through e-mails and hospital flyers. I decided to join the team to see what it was all about and to meet new people.

I initially signed up to walk a few laps at the relay. When I got there, the entire experience was inspirational to me. There was music, games, food, and people of all ages there. People were walking the track, some in costume, and everyone was having a great time.

As the night went on and the track darkened, the ceremony started. There was a speech that touched everyone's heart and left us all quiet in thought.

As we walked the silent, dark lap in memory of those we have lost, we crouched to read the lit luminary bags that surrounded the track with the stories of loved ones, neighbors, and friends. It made me realize the importance of our support to people who have had to deal with cancer in their life.

In 2012, our New London Hospital Health Nuts team captain decided to step down. I did not want this team to lose out on this experience, so I stepped up to take on the role of team captain. I want to help educate people who are fortunate enough not to have had to go through an experience with cancer.

I was one of those people, and all it took was one relay for me to understand why people need our support and what it is all about.

The Relay for Life of Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee takes place this year on and Saturday, June 20 and 21, from 6 PM through 10 AM Saturday at the Kearsarge Regional High School, 457 North Road in North Sutton. For more information or to sign up or donate, visit [AndoverBeacon.com/Relay2014](http://AndoverBeacon.com/Relay2014).

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## Big Fundraising Opportunity for Andover Non-Profits

Special Olympics event should draw hundreds

### Press release

Thanks to the generous support of Proctor Academy, Andover has been selected as the venue for the first annual Rail Trail Run and Ride event being held on Saturday, September 27, to benefit Special Olympics New Hampshire (SONH).

A Family Festival on Proctor Academy's Carr Field will follow 100K and 50K bike races on the Northern Rail Trail from Andover to Enfield to Grafton, and 5K and 10K runs to Potter Place and Cilleyville Road. A 4.5-mile family bike ride will begin at Highland Lake Inn and travel the Northern Rail Trail to Proctor's Carr Field.

Organizers expect several hundred participants and guests to join in this public event.

We are looking for organizations and vendors of locally grown specialties to sell food and beverages at the event with a commitment that 50% of proceeds will be donated to Special Olympics New Hampshire.

So far, verbal commitments have been received from:

- The Andover Service Club for cakes and cookies
- The Andover Fire Department for a barbecue similar to their July event in East Andover
- The Highland Lake Apple Farm for apples and cider
- The Tilton-Northfield Rotary Club for a luncheon wagon

If your organization or business is interested in participating as a vendor in this charitable event, please contact Pecco Beaufoys at Highland Lake Inn at [Innkeeper@HighlandLakeInn.com](mailto:Innkeeper@HighlandLakeInn.com) or 735-6426. To participate in the event, visit [BikeReg.com/RailTrailRunOrRide](http://BikeReg.com/RailTrailRunOrRide). For more information, visit [SONH.org](http://SONH.org) or [Facebook.com/SpecialOlympicsNH](http://Facebook.com/SpecialOlympicsNH).

Special Olympics New Hampshire is an accredited program of Special Olympics International and is part of an international global movement that changes lives by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities through sport, promoting acceptance for all, and fostering communities of understanding and respect worldwide. SONH was founded in 1970 with the first State Summer Games at Phillips Exeter Academy.

## Sock Hop Fundraiser Coming to Blazing Star Grange Hall

Saturday, June 7, at 7 PM in Danbury

### Press release

Dig out that poodle skirt or find those old khaki pants, then polish your saddle shoes and slick back your hair before heading out to the Sock Hop at the Blazing Star Grange Hall on Saturday, June 7, in Danbury.

And before you do, be sure to stop by the Danbury Country Store, where there's a jar on the counter to hold requests for your favorite '50s and '60s songs.

Spinning tunes from 7 to 10 PM will be two local musicians, Carl Hultberg of Danbury and Tom Curren of South Danbury. Admission is by suggested donation of \$5. Every effort will be made to have the best '50s junk food

available.

Hultberg is Danbury's renowned recycling expert, poet, and musician, who has a vast background in jazz. His recently published book, *Rudi and Me*, is a biographical story of his grandfather, jazz critic Rudi Blesh.

Tom Curren, farmer, historian, and composer, is a member of the Good Old Plough, a vocal group that gave a benefit performance earlier in the season for the Grange.

The Sock Hop is the fourth in a series of musical fundraisers sponsored by the Blazing Star Grange Curtain Committee to provide funds and raise awareness for the restoration of a unique set of historical scenery that has graced the Grange hall stage for over 90 years.

For more information, visit [DanburyGrange.org](http://DanburyGrange.org).

## BORN

### Clarabell Emily O'Donohoe

Jacquelyn and Aron O'Donohoe's new daughter, Clarabell Emily O'Donohoe, was born at 2:46 AM on April 11 at home in East Andover. She was 6 lb 10 oz and 19" long. She joins her older sisters Geneva, 6, Danica, 3, and Laurana, 1.



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## EAVP Hosts Yard Sale for Children's Clothes, Toys

Saturday, June 7, from  
8 AM to 2 PM

By Elizabeth Janvin, EAVP Director

The changing of seasons brings the arrival and birth of animals, along with growth of flowers, plants, and trees. Spring is upon us at East Andover Village Preschool and has brought a breath of fresh air into our classroom activities and discussions.

In April, we observed and welcomed six ducks to our EAVP family. After nurturing and loving them for two weeks, we brought them to their forever home in Sutton. They will be coming back to visit us soon, and everyone has been speculating about how big they have gotten and what they will look like when we see them again.

At the end of the month we welcomed four caterpillars into our classroom. This offered us yet another opportunity to practice our observation skills, watching each day as they eat their food, become larger, and then move into their chrysalis. By the time you read this, we will have hatched up to four Painted Lady butterflies.

During classroom activities we sang, acted out, and learned about the life cycle and the parts of caterpillars and butterflies. We also used this time to discuss symmetry as seen on butterflies and experienced how a chrysalis might feel.

Our science area is truly alive now, as there have also been tadpoles added

to our classroom environment. Each day we continue to watch and observe them as they get bigger. We have taken the time to hypothesize about how big they will grow, when their legs will start to appear, and what kind of frogs they will be.

As they go through their metamorphosis we will explore their life cycle and observe the changes made to their bodies. There have already been discussions about other animals found in ponds and streams, which we foresee will continue as the year finishes out.

### Graduation

June is our last month together before our oldest group gets ready for graduation and their big transition to kindergarten. Graduation is set for Tuesday, June 17, at the Andover Congregational Church at 6 PM and will be a great evening of celebration.

Our last day of our preschool school year is Friday, June 20, and our Summer Camp program begins on Monday, June 23. If you are looking for some summer fun, please contact us at EAVP@tds.net or 735-5105. This summer we will be blasting off into outer space, exploring the depths of the ocean for Shark Week, and becoming secret agents.

With the end of our school year, the EAVP Advisory Board is seeking some new board members. We are looking for a Co-Chair, Mentor and Parent Representatives. If you would like more information, please contact the school at EAVP@tds.net.

We are also hosting a Yard Sale for children's clothing and toys on Saturday, June 7, from 8 AM to 2 PM. Please stop by the EAVP parking lot to check out all of the wonderful items that have been donated.

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## Andover High Reunion On Track for July 12

Bring memorabilia and gather in South Danbury

By Judy Poblencz Perreault, AHS '53

Time is fleeting, and our reunion is only a month away. We have to keep repeating the time and date so we don't forget, which seems to be something I do frequently lately.

Save Saturday, July 12, and plan to meet at the Ordway Recreational Area in South Danbury at 10 AM. Don't forget to bring your memorabilia and something for the pot luck lunch.

Here's some more news from our Blue and White Banner: I believe it is an Easter issue, as it has a bunny on the front cover.

On March 10, 1950, the eighth grade class went on an outing. It was a toboggan ride on Tucker Mountain near Shirley Henderson's home. (It must have been a winter like 2014.) After sliding, the class went to the Red Schoolhouse

and wrote their names on the walls with chalk. It ended with refreshments at a nearby home.

What struck me was the simplicity of the event. As I recall, a lot of our activities were like this. They didn't involve spending any money or travelling long distances.

There were skating parties and bonfires on the lake, sliding parties, hiking, and in the summer, hanging out at the lake and swimming. Spur of the moment seemed to have been our planning method. Everything seems so organized these days.

We also didn't have a lot of time. There were a lot of farms in Andover, and children were expected to help, and summer was a busy time on the farm. Many young people had jobs on farms and also at the local summer camps.

I guess each generation has different memories of their "Good Old Days." See you at the reunion.

## Soccer Sign-Ups Through June 30; Coaches Needed!

Heidi Murphy steps up as new director

By Nicole Donovan  
Soccer Director (retired)

With baseball season beginning to wind down, it's not too soon to start thinking about the upcoming soccer season.

Andover Recreation Soccer, a member of the Merrimack Valley Soccer League, offers individual skill development and competitive team play for Andover youth in grades one through six. First and second graders meet on Saturday mornings in the fall to work on basic ball-handling skills. The third through sixth graders continue to learn ball skills, rules of the game, and strategy techniques while competing in

games with teams from surrounding towns.

For the 2014 season, we will be in need of coaches for our boys and girls third and fourth grade teams and fifth and sixth grade teams. If your child will be playing this year, please consider coaching!

Registration forms will be sent home from AE/MS with the kids during the first week of June. There will be a live sign-up on Wednesday, June 18, at AE/MS prior to kindergarten graduation. As always, there is a financial incentive to register by Monday, June 30; the price goes up starting on July 1.

If you have any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to e-mail the new soccer director, Heidi Murphy, at [AndoverRecSoccer@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverRecSoccer@gmail.com).

## Statewide Meeting in Andover Makes Big Donation to SPCA

NHCHF gathering's theme "Once Upon a Time"

By Judy Perreault, NHCF

Members of New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family (NHCHF) from all over the state met at the Andover Elementary/Middle School for our annual Spring Fling. It is a time for meeting members from other clubs, presentation of upcoming programs, and to have some fun.

The theme of the meeting was "Once Upon A Time." Morning activities included refreshments provided by our local chapter, the Halcyon Seekers; a fairy tale trivia game; making fairy houses; and a story teller.

The fairy houses were a big hit. They are usually made in the woods in a secluded spot using all natural materials found in the area such as bark, twigs, stones, moss, pine cones, and nuts. They are supposed to attract fairies, but little woodland creatures also enjoy them.

This is a great activity to do with

children. Their vivid imaginations lead to some very creative houses. We did ours on a board and glued them together so they could be transported. The adults had just as much fun as kids do, and the results were varied.

In the afternoon, we had a program about what colors suit you best. We had models who were draped in a variety of fabrics to see which were most attractive.

The day ended with our famous brown bag auction. There were also accessories, books, and games for sale. Proceeds from this year and last totaled over \$500, and it was donated to the Concord SPCA to update their facilities and to care for the animals from all over the state.

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Andover fields three girls softball teams this season, and everyone's having fun!  
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## Girls Softball Tournament Comes to Andover

May 31 and June 1 at AE/MS and Blackwater Park

By Melissa Barton  
Andover Girls Softball

The softball season is off to a great start. We have three Andover Girls Softball teams this year.

Our U10 girls, the Andover Slammers, tied their first game this season against Winnisquam. After a slow start, they have come out strong with six great wins! Our biggest struggle is sharing pitching time, with most of the girls wanting to get in on the action. We are lucky to have so many who are willing to give it a try in the circle. Our bats are swinging, with lots of singles, doubles, triples, and a few home runs!

Our U8 girls, the Andover Stingers, have also been having a great season. They have one win, one tie, and two losses. We are working on hitting, pitching, and fielding. We have three veterans from last year helping show all the new girls the fun of the game.

Our t-ball team is full of energy.

Bringing three-to-six-year-olds onto a softball diamond can be lots of fun. Their faces light up when the ball comes their way. We are focusing on hitting, with the coach pitching to the girls.

We are always looking for new girls and parents to get involved in our sport. If you are interested, do not hesitate to get in touch with us at any time of the year. Our numbers have gotten smaller in the middle school level, and we would love for more girls to come out and play. All of our teams have beginners as well as girls who have been playing a long time, so don't be shy: Come out and play!

We are having a softball tournament on Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, at Andover Elementary/Middle School's Corson Field and at Howard George Field in Blackwater Park. The U10 and U8 teams will each be battling for first place in their division. We have five other teams coming in both divisions. It will be a fun weekend with lots of softball, and our concession stand will be running. Come out and enjoy the day with us!



## Proctor Ski Area Wins National Golden Eagle Award

Honors commitment to environmental sustainability

By Scott Allenby, Proctor Sports

The Proctor Ski Area, formerly known as the Blackwater Ski Area, has long played an integral role in the community of Andover's love of skiing. Olympians have trained at the small hill, including Sochi's Nick Fairall, Proctor class of '07. Thousands of young skiers have first learned to ski on ski area's three alpine trails, four Nordic ski jumps, and six kilometers of cross country ski trails.

Through the work of Howard George, Garry George, and many others, the Proctor Ski Area has evolved into one of the finest alpine racing and training facilities in the Northeast. This winter, the Dartmouth College, Brown University, and Boston College ski teams chose to train regularly at Proctor's facility.

While improvements to the grade and length of alpine training runs has been augmented to host top level skiers, the Proctor Ski Area also serves the Andover community. The Andover Outing Club and Andover Elementary/Middle School ski program took full advantage of the vastly improved snow conditions this year, inspiring another generation of alpine skiers, Nordic skiers, and ski jumpers to pursue their dreams.

Over the past year, Proctor's dedication to environmental sustainability has been evident in upgrades to its privately owned and operated ski area. This commitment was recently recognized as Proctor was awarded the 2014 Golden Eagle Award for Environmental Excellence. This award is granted by the National Ski Area Association and Ski magazine to ski areas that have demonstrated significant commitment to environmental sustainability in the operation of their ski area.

Proctor's selection as one of the top three ski areas receiving under 200,000 visitors a year is impressive. The award is a direct result of Proctor's overarching commitment to its Environmental Mis-

sion Statement and the commitment of people like Garry and Lynn George to the long tradition of providing Proctor's skiers and all visitors with exceptional ski conditions.

The improvements visitors saw in snow conditions this year can be attributed to a switch from diesel fuel to electric-powered compressors with a compressor docking station; the purchase and installation of 21 HKD SV10 Impulse Tower Guns; the purchase of a Turbo Cristal Fan Gun; the installation of six new GE PF400 Power Flood lights, bringing the total of lighting to 20 lights, replacing ones that were 15 years old; a new intake pump in the river; a new pump in the pump house; and 1,200 feet of new snowmaking pipe. These are just the highlights of the most recent round of improvements to the ski area.

The most recent project helped Proctor further achieve its Environmental Mission by reducing its annual energy consumption by 180,157 kilowatt-hours (kwh) per year. Annual compressed air usage went from 77,339,091 cubic feet per year with the old system to 11,041,434 with the new system, bringing our kilowatt usage from 210,161 kwh per year to 30,004 kwh per year.

Being able to run an average of 23 snow guns at one time (compared to an average of seven with the old system) has brought the hours of snowmaking operation from 504 hours with the old system to 157 with the new system. Snowmaking savings on diesel fuel has added to the economic impact of the project by saving over \$43,000.

The overall environmental impact of ski area improvements has been a total reduction of 180,157 kwh, or 140 tons of CO2. This is equivalent to the annual emissions from 26.5 passenger cars; the annual electrical consumption of 17 US homes; or 295 barrels of oil.

Congratulations to all those who have contributed to the Proctor Ski Area's success, not only this year, but through its long history of serving the Andover community.



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Jesse Niemyer and Shannon O'Donnell are shown participating in a hilarious game-show skit with the TIGER performers. Jesse and Shannon had to beat the clock and creatively use the recyclables on the floor, but of course there were obstacles. Photo: Heidi Unger

## Green TIGERRRR Performance Sent Important Messages

### PSU troupe caps AE/MS SHARE Day

By Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

AE/MS students were treated to a fast-paced and fun professional performance on SHARE Day afternoon on May 16. The TIGER ensemble from Plymouth State University performed Green TIGERRRR and shared key concepts that students could use to take action to improve the environment. Our goal is to promote environmental responsibility in our school community.

AE/MS has hosted TIGER before and knew their presentation would be top-notch. The previous performances included themes on bullying, friendships, and inclusion.

Green TIGERRRR was the title of the performance. TIGERRRR is an acronym, and each letter played an important part in the performance and was a key environmental concept:

- Take Action
- I Can
- Go Green
- Energy Efficiency
- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle
- Respect the Environment and Yourself

While students and adults doubled over in laughter during the performance, they were also getting an im-

portant message.

There were SHARE Day workshops in the morning that reinforced the environmental message. Kindergarten students reused old CDs for a Fish Workshop. Grades 1 and 2 used reused materials (newspaper, etc.) for the Recycled Painting workshop. The third-through sixth-grade Marble Workshop re-purposed paper towel tubes, cardboard, etc. to create intricate, elaborate, and imaginative marble raceways.

Students were also encouraged to bring their own water bottles for SHARE Day rather than counting on plastic water bottles being distributed. AE/MS recently replaced one of the main water fountains with a new fountain that has a faucet for filling water bottles. This makes it much easier for students to keep their own water bottles filled.

We will continue to remind and reinforce the ideas learned from Green TIGERRRR within our school. Children will be sharing the message throughout the community as well.

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# MERRIMACK VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC BOOSTERS (MUBO)

Third Annual Golf Tournament

## MVHS Music Boosters Host Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Saturday, June 7 in Loudon

### Press release

We will be hosting a golf tournament at Loudon Country Club. In addition to a great day of golf, there will be raffles and a delicious barbecue included in the day's activities.

Proceeds from this event support annual educational trips for the MVHS Music Department: Boston Pops, New York City workshops and Broadway shows, and performing in Disney World

every four years.

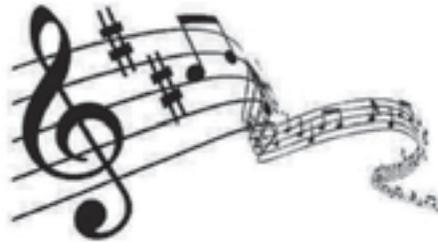
The cost of this event is only \$300 per four-man team or \$75 per person. This includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, meal, and various awards.

In addition to players, we need your financial support. We are looking for hole sponsors (\$50 for a business, \$25 for a student name) and donated items and/or services for the raffle.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or would like to help by making a donation, please contact Leighton Terwilliger at (978) 877-3222 or LSTerwilliger@tds.net, or Heidi Terwilliger at 735-6502 or HTerwilliger@tds.net.

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## AE/MS from page 40

before starting classes.

Kindergarten registration for 2014-15 was held on May 14. It was much fun meeting all the new soon-to-be kindergarten students and their parents. If you know of a kindergarten student who may be new to our community, please have them call our school so we can include them in the planning for next year.

The end of year also brings more assessments to AE/MS. Grades two through eight just finished NorthWest Educational Assessment tests. These consist of three short computer tests in reading, math, and language usage. Teachers have instant access to the results and can adjust instruction accordingly.

In addition, the fourth and eighth grade students are completing the state-mandated New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) science test. The NECAP takes three class periods to complete, and we do not get results for a while.

A lot of learning is taken beyond the classroom in May and June. The fourth and fifth grade students just returned from spending a day at the Belknap Mill. They had the opportunity to develop teamwork and problem-solving skills while immersed in mill life as it was in the Industrial Age.

Students took roles as workers in the mill yard, power house, finishing room, and assembly line. At the end of the day, they realistically (for the time period) earned a dime for their day's work.

Third grade students are research-

ing, creating, and compiling individual scientific guides to assist them as they explore the seacoast beginning with their visit to the Seacoast Science Center in June. One of the all-time interesting and traditional trips is to the Harvard Museum of Natural History. The learning from the school year comes to life for second grade students (and their parents) on this excursion every May.

Kindergarten and first grade students will take their active learning to Vermont. The kindergarten will spend a day at the Montshire Museum and the first grade students will be at Billings Farm and Museum. These are both great summer excursions for families as well.

Some of Mr. Murphy's science classes are involved in a No Smoking campaign. Public Service announcements are made daily and lots of thought-provoking posters adorn the school walls.

A proactive group of fifth grade students is trying to help the Franklin Animal Shelter before the school year ends. They are collecting cat food, dog food, cat litter, pet toys, and cleaning supplies for the shelter. Feel free to contribute.

If you are in the building please take time to walk through and enjoy the extraordinary art work displays. There are examples of the magical Dr. Seuss-type art and Georgia O'Keefe representations. The upper grades have some creative print making examples. There is also a beautiful Kindness Garden on the gym wall. All students and staff members have planted a paper flower in the garden depicting a kind act they have done or hope to do.

## SHARE Day from page 40

orating, Carving Block Prints, Cookie Baking, Climbing Wall, Creative Woodworking, Duct Tape Wallets, Fly Fishing, Golf, Hair Decorating, Horses, Improvisational Acting, Jewelry Making, Lacrosse, Marble Runs, Martial Arts, Miniature Civil War Figures, Mountain Biking, Notebooks, Paracord Survival Bracelets, Photographing the Unusual and Odd, Pinterest Party, Print-Shop, Reverse Decoupage, Reverse Tie Dye, School Garden, Soccer, Swing Dance, Zen Tang Ling, Woodlands Exploration, and Zumba. Don't they sound interesting and fun?

The first and second grade have six short workshops before lunch, including Kite Making, Recycled Painting, Pillow Making, Kick Boxing, Zentangle, and Yoga.

The kindergarten choices are short, engaging, and contain movement activities. Energy, enthusiasm, and excitement is all included and encouraged!

After the workshops, all students had lunch and then came back together for an assembly where they learned how they could take action and care for

their environment. In addition, some of the workshops shared their mornings. Students in the Zumba workshop did a quick performance, students who went fishing talked about their workshop and even had a huge horn pout to show, and we saw the finished products from the Hair Decorating Workshop.



**Mary Clough, Bruce Clough, and Garrett Niemyer spent time at the Andover Fire Station learning photography skills with Larry Chase on SHARE Day.**  
Photo: Lynne Tiede

School buses were loaded at the end of the day with tired students, kites, loaves of bread and bread dough, wooden stools, jewelry, photos, lots of creative art work, and possibly a fish or two. Students are already talking about what workshops to sign up for next year.

We are very appreciative to our community members who share their time, expertise, and passion with our students. Thank you!

# Congratulations, Proctor '14!



Sam Barrett



Nathan French



Jake Hubbard



Emi Morison



Monica Newton



Tucker Peters



Hallie Southworth



Maddie Trefethen

## Proctor Academy to Graduate Eight Andover Seniors

College plans range from NH to MN to AZ

Eight Andover students graduate from Proctor on Saturday, May 31.

- Sam Barrett will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York
- Nathan French will attend Bard College in New York
- Jake Hubbard will attend the Uni-

versity of New Hampshire

- Emi Morison will attend Macalester College in Minnesota
- Monica Newton will attend the University of New Hampshire
- Tucker Peters will attend Green Mountain State College
- Hallie Southworth takes a gap year
- Maddie Trefethen will attend Arizona State University.

A big *Beacon* "Thank You" to everyone who made the graduates' photos possible again this year. We couldn't have done it without:

- Ms Slayton, Ms Parenteau, and Ms Hildebrand for the AE/MS photos
  - Linda Proctor and Swenson Photography for the MVHS photos
  - Chuck Will for the Proctor photos
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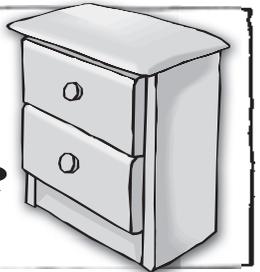
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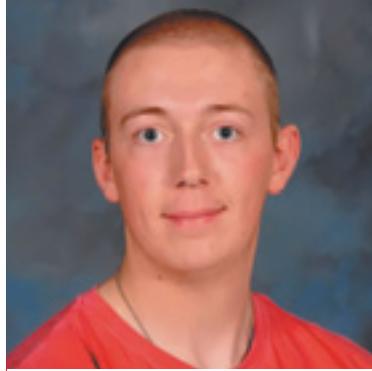
# Congratulations, MVHS '14!



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John Bates



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Devynne Dlubac



Logan Donovan



Brooke Ellis



Erin Frost



Kody Keller



Kyle Keller



Emily Lance

## MVHS to Graduate 16 Andover Seniors on June 21

Grads' plans include college, work, military, and travel

Sixteen Andover students graduate from Merrimack Valley High School on Saturday, June 21, at 10 AM. Here are their plans for the 22nd and beyond.

- Haley Adams - NHTI, Concord
- Katelyn Ashburn - St. Michael's College, Vermont
- John Bates - US Army
- Samuel Bentley - Working
- Jacob Champlain - NHTI, Concord
- Devynne Dlubac - Working
- Logan Donovan - Working; hopes

- to attend Fire Academy
- Brooke Ellis - Volunteer work and travel
- Erin Frost - Southern NH University, Hooksett
- Kody Keller - Undecided
- Kyle Keller - Working
- Emily Lance - LaSalle University, Philadelphia
- Seth Newton - NHTI
- Kyle Smart - Working
- Skyler Smith - Emmanuel College, Boston
- Rebekah Stearns - St. Anselm College, Manchester



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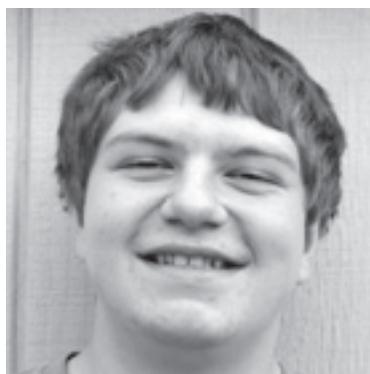
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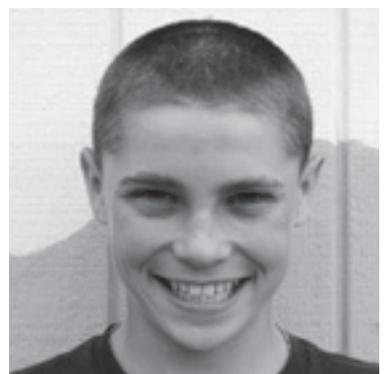
Koby Perreault



Tiffany Poulin



Bret Russell



Alan Thompson



Finn Weber



Luke Weber

## Andover Middle School to Graduate 18 Eighth Graders

Here's where Andover Middle School's Class of 2014 is headed:

- Betsy Abrahamson: Proctor
- Scout Armstrong: MVHS
- Katelyn Barton: Proctor
- Emily Bates: MVHS
- Aiden Cox: Proctor
- Alex Crucitti: Bishop Brady
- Aura Howe: MVHS
- John Maynard: MVHS
- Aarionne McMahon: MVHS
- Chloe Methven: Proctor
- Noah Newton: MVHS
- Collin O'Donnell: MVHS
- Koby Perreault: MVHS
- Tiffany Poulin: MVHS
- Bret Russell: MVHS
- Alan Thompson: MVHS
- Finn Weber: Proctor
- Luke Weber: Proctor





Ari Perry and her dad Mark pedal their way to school together on Bike to School Day at AE/MS. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

## Field Trips and Graduations Wrap Up the School Year at AE/MS

### Gov. invited to speak at kindergarten graduation

By Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

The 2013-14 school year is winding down, and planning is underway for the 2014-15 school year. Field trips and

schedule will allow it.

Our eighth grade students will graduate the following evening on Thursday, June 19. The 18 students will move on to Merrimack Valley High School, Proctor Academy, and Bishop Brady High School. We will miss not having them part of day-to-day life at AE/MS because their presence has always been positive, helpful, and encouraging to the younger students.

At the same time, it will be enjoyable for us to watch and see what their presence at their new schools will look like, as they have the potential to go places and accomplish a lot. Their graduation is at 6:30 PM on the 19th, and a special graduation speaker is coming.

Another successful SHARE Day is in the books. We appreciate Gisela Darling and the many volunteers brought together for an enriching and fun day every spring for our students. AE/MS is fortunate.

Big news – it did not rain on Bike To School Day this year! Over 100 students rode their bikes to school on May 7. Lots of bicycle traffic, fun, and excitement could be seen on both ends of the Rail Trail. Students reached their destination, parked their bikes, and came into the gym to enjoy music, fruit, and water

graduations are scheduled for June. Our first-ever full-day kindergarten class will graduate on Wednesday, June 18. This will certainly be a big event! Governor Maggie Hassen has been invited to speak. We are hopeful that her

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The AE/MS Bike to School event has no age limits! Sadie Gilman, the very youngest Bike to School participant, enjoys a fruit snack upon arrival at AE/MS.



Jim Clough and Colin Coolidge were fascinated to learn the process of crafting Civil War figures on SHARE Day. Don Gould assisted Richard Brewster in the process. Mr. Brewster has an extensive collection that he is always willing to share. Photo: Heidi Unger

## Wide Variety of Workshops Engage Students on SHARE Day

From Art through Zumba, it's tough to choose

By Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

AE/MS students enjoyed another wonderful SHARE (See How Arts Enrich Education) Day on March 16. Several new workshops were added for choices among the traditional favorites. Students spent the morning participating in engaging workshops. After lunch, the students came together for a presentation by the TIGER group from Plymouth State University.

SHARE Day would not be possible without the vast amount of support from the community. Gisela Darling has been the organizational genius behind SHARE Day for over 20 years. She gathers lots of help and support from within

the community.

The workshops for students in grades three through eight each last for two hours, although golf and fly fishing



One of over 100 photos that Mary Clough, Bruce Clough, and Garrett Niemyer took for the Beacon on SHARE Day. Photo: Mary Clough

are each double workshops. Students participate in two workshops.

Some of the offerings included: Bread Baking, Cake and Cupcake Dec- See SHARE Day on page 36



The AE/MS eighth grade students and their parents have done a lot of interesting fundraising over the years, but duct taping a teacher to the wall is a first. Mr. Jim "Good Sport" Tucker agreed to be adhered to the gym wall. Students, parents, and staff members bought strips of duct tape and worked together. The duct tape was all donated, so it was all profit and lots of fun! Front: Aiden Cox, Tiffany Poulin, Emily Bates, Katelyn Barton, Betsy Abrahamson, Finn Weber. Back: Collin O'Donnell, Chloe Methven, Scout Armstrong, Mr. Tucker, Alex Crucitti, Luke Weber, Noah Newton, Alan Thompson. Photo and caption: Jane Slayton

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